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Above, Chris and Terri Casey clean the windows lining the Corner Block shortly after taking ownership of the building.

## Local Couple Takes On Corner Block Building

by *Tori O'Dell*

"If you had told us six months ago that we were going to purchase the Corner Block Building, we would have just laughed," said Terri (Miller) Casey, a Montgomery County native who, alongside her husband Chris Casey, became the newest owners of the historic building that has long sat unused on the corner of Wood and Main Streets in downtown Hillsboro, in June 2022. "Of all the historic buildings located downtown I always thought that the Corner Block Building would be the first to be restored but it has continued to languish while the buildings surrounding it are one-by-one returning to their former glory."

A relic of ages past, the historic building has been falling into disrepair for decades and many community members had resigned themselves to the belief that the structure would crumble before a new owner was found. A travesty as the building is considered a rare landmark, with its seamless mixture of architectural types. Dutch Colonial, Gothic and Queen Anne elements blend together to create a space that commanded admiration in its heyday and continues to exude a sense of awe even in its derelict condition. Originally built in 1894 by John M.

Whitehead and Amos Miller, the Corner Block Building served as Hillsboro's first library and reading room. It later housed the Knights of Pythias lodge, as well as a combination of commercial ventures (department stores, hardware stores, an undertaking office and dental office) and residential living spaces throughout its more than a century of existence. Most recently it has housed little more than pigeons and bats, but despite the monumental commitment that came with signing the contract, The Corner Block Group, LLC, operated by Chris and Terri Casey, took a leap of faith to purchase the building with the goal of saving and restoring it for future generations.

Originally from the Hardin area, Chris moved to Hillsboro from Chatham when he and Terri married in August 2021. Like his wife, he fell in love with Hillsboro's small town charm and wanted to be a part of the city's revitalization efforts.

"Terri and I were walking down Main Street one evening, shortly before we were married, when I told her that I really wanted to purchase a building downtown," Chris admitted. "Little did I know that 30 days later the old Hamilton Hotel, the current home of Century 21 and Bre's Beehive, would be up for sale.

I was lucky enough to purchase the building shortly after it was listed. Terri and I were happy working on updating the building and really thought that the Hamilton Hotel would be it for us."

"We had no intention of taking on another project," Terri interjected, with a laugh. "Chris and I were sitting at our favorite spot, near the glass garage doors, at The Opera House Brewing Company one evening, looking over at the Corner Block Building and having our regular discussion that 'someone needed to do something to save the building before it was too late.' Tony Marcolini, the owner of the Opera House, came over and joined the conversation. He looked at us and said, 'Why don't you and Chris just do it?' We both started laughing and gave a laundry list of reasons why we weren't the ideal buyers: We aren't wealthy people; we don't have the kind of trade skills needed to take on a renovation of that scale.... We kept listing all of the reasons we shouldn't take on a project of this scale to each other over the next few weeks. I spent 15 years thinking that someone was going to fix up the Corner Block Building and it is a surreal, and sobering feeling to realize that it is us."

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## Still Time To Register For Old Settlers Fun Run

Registration is officially open for the 2022 Old Settlers four-mile Fun Run and two-mile Fun Walk to be held on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by the race at 8 a.m. The race/walk will begin at Wood Street, one block

east of Hillsboro's downtown signal lights.

Runners will participate in a four-mile race with a staggered start based on age and gender. The out-and-back run will start from just east of Main Street, heading toward the Hillsboro

Sports Complex and Hillsboro Country Club, looping back from the old lake park area. The course is slightly hilly and ends with a short sprint to the finish line after the toughest hill.

There is one water station at approximately the

one-mile mark. The four-mile participants will pass it twice. The first ten finishers of the race are recognized as the top ten and get to choose prizes donated by the sponsors based on order of finish.

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## Nokomis Council Hears From Cross Over Ministries

by *Ben Schwarm*

At the regular July 25 meeting of the Nokomis City Council, council members took time to hear from representatives from Cross Over Ministries as it continues its outreach campaign across the county.

Jodi Reynolds of Nokomis and Dawn Young of Hillsboro have been raising awareness for the ministry's mission of helping find mental health and substance abuse services for Montgomery County residents who are searching for help.

Having already spoken to the councils

from Litchfield and Hillsboro, the two addressed the Nokomis City Council Monday night, highlighting the plan to establish The Living Room. The Living Room would be a place of solace for those facing difficult times because of mental strain or substance abuse challenges.

Mayor Michael Holliday and Commissioners Derek Durbin and Jocko Nash listened intently about the organization's plans and challenges. Several follow-up questions were posed as the delivered remarks were completed.

With Commissioners Lou Stauder and

Michael Glenn absent from the meeting, it was a rather perfunctory council session. While monthly revenues were reviewed and votes were taken to approve bills, discussion on the city water system, the possible hiring of an administrative consultant and an agreement with the Montgomery County Animal Control were all tabled until the next meeting.

Action was taken to approve business district funds for heating and air conditioning work for two local businesses, the Town Pump Bowl and the New 2 You shop at 114 West State Street.

## Hillsboro Council Hires New Attorney

by *Ron Deabenderfer*

Hillsboro has a city attorney again after the contract with Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, PC was ratified by a 3-0 vote Tuesday evening, July 26; Finance Commissioner Katie Duncan abstained and Utilities Commissioner Kendra Wright was absent. The law firm is represented locally by Hillsboro native Chris Sherer whose office is on South Main near city hall.

The fee structure calls for the city to pay a flat fee of \$1,100 per month; in return Sherer will be at the two regular council meetings per month (no matter how long they last), will be available for 30-minute conferences with city officials before and/or after those meetings and will participate in ten-minute phone calls with a designated list of officials.

If a service isn't covered by the aforesaid conditions (examples are special meetings, committee meetings, preparation of ordinances, court appearances, negotiations, and defense of the city if legal claims are brought against it), then the fee is \$180 per hour.

The other agenda items were covered quickly. A back-to-school 5K fun run/walk was approved by a 4-0 vote; a Business District grant of \$3,000 to Barb Jackson, the owner of the building which once housed Tunes, was approved unanimously after the Moran Development Company gave its approval; and the council agreed to post internally (to see if anyone wants to switch departments) a soon-to-be vacancy in the Parks and Public Properties/Street Department because a current

employee has accepted a job elsewhere.

Hurst-Rosche's Jeremy Connor discussed a Request for Proposals (RFP) and the bidding process needed to initiate a drawdown of the older city lake. The advantages to lowering the water level (it's necessary before state-mandated repairs to the spillway can occur, will help control erosion, will help access to the antiquated system already there, and may help with intentions to remove silt from parts of the lake), are four fold. The old, in-place piping system can't be used because of fears the valve won't close once it's opened; if so, the drawdown would be more dramatic than wanted. The vote to proceed was 4-0.

Tabatha Hamilton, with four years of experience as a police dispatcher in Gillespie, was recommended by the Police and Fire Board to fill the next vacancy of a dispatcher's position in the Hillsboro Fire Station.

The last vote on the agenda was to cancel the August 9 meeting because access to city hall will be limited due to street closure as the city prepares for the Old Settlers celebration.

Kevin Brink, the county employee who produces maps for various purposes, has prepared a proposal for a municipal flag for Hillsboro which he is willing to share. He also suggested the city have a map on hand to outline where residents could go in case of a natural disaster.

Parks and Public Properties Commissioner Fred Butler detailed activities of that department.

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## Sorento Homecoming To Kick Off This Friday

Members of the Sorento community will gather for the annual summer celebration, which will kick off this Friday, July 29.

The Sorento Homecoming weekend will begin with a Car Cruise on Friday, July 29. The line-up will begin at 5:30 p.m. just south of the carnival. Car enthusiasts should gather on Main Street at 6 p.m. to delight in the various classic cars that will be on display.

The first 25 participants will be the lucky recipients of a Car Cruise dash plaque.

For more information about the cruise, call 217-313-5258.

Following the Car Cruise, entertainment will be provided by the classic rock band *Hard Drive* who will take the stage at 6:30 to 11 p.m. With over 65 years of combined experience, the band offers a large selection of popular hits from several different eras.

The annual festivities will continue on Saturday, July 30, with rides, raffles, food and entertainment.

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**Old Settlers Days Returns**  
Look inside today's edition of *The Journal-News* to find a copy of this year's Old Settlers tab with all the information about the celebration!



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Pictured above, in front, from the left are Montgomery County board members Bill Bergen and Vice Chairman Patty Whitworth; Marcia Sailsbury, treasurer for the Montgomery County Republican Central Committee; Montgomery County State's Attorney Andrew Affrunti; US Representative Mary Miller; Wayne Rosenthal, candidate for state representative for the 108th District; Montgomery County Board Chairman Evan Young; Blaine Wilhour, state representative for the 110th District; Tom DeVore, candidate for Illinois attorney general; and Roberta Meyer, secretary of the Montgomery County Republican Central Committee.

In back are Montgomery County board member Jeremy Jones; Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser; Montgomery County Board member Mark Hughes; Montgomery County Sheriff Rick Robbins; Montgomery County Board member Doug Donaldson; Jason Plummer, state senator for the 55th District; Montgomery County Board member Andy Ritchie; Judge Mike McHaney, candidate for appellate court judge in the 5th judicial district; Steve McClure, candidate for state senate in the 54th District; Montgomery County Board member Ethan Murzynski; Montgomery County Circuit Clerk Danny Robbins; and Tyson Holshouser, precinct committeeman.

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## Republicans Rally At Annual Lincoln Day Dinner

Nearly 300 gathered on Saturday, July 23 for the 50th annual Lincoln Day Dinner, hosted by the Montgomery County Central Republican Committee at the Litchfield Community Center.

Master of Ceremonies Montgomery County Sheriff Rick Robbins welcomed everyone and introduced Michelle Amyx, who sang "God Bless America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." Robbins also honored Bob Hermsmeyer of Litchfield, who helped to start the dinner 50 years ago and has been in attendance for every one.

Montgomery County Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Brian Patton offered both the invocation and the benediction to close the program.

Milanos Catering provided the prime rib dinner.

Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser introduced members of the Montgomery County Board who were present at the banquet.

Montgomery County board member Jeremy Jones, who also serves as the co-Vice Chairman of the Montgomery County Central Committee, introduced this year's guest speaker, US Representative Mary Miller. Jones also recognized precinct committeemen in attendance.

Miller thanked everyone who put the annual event together and introduced her husband, noting they will soon celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary.

"We are fighting for the

next generation," Miller said. "We need to elect fighters to help us in that mission."

Other speakers at the dinner included Wayne Rosenthal, who is running for state representative of the 108th District; Jason Plummer, who is running for state senate in the 55th District; Steve McClure, who is running for state senate in the 54th District; Judge Mike McHaney, who is running for appellate court judge in the 5th Judicial Circuit; Tom DeVore, who is running for Illinois attorney general; and Blaine Wilhour, who is running for state representative in the 110th District.

Following the remarks, lucky winners were drawn for the 50/50 raffle and door prizes.



US Representative Mary Miller was the guest speaker at this year's Lincoln Day Dinner.

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## School Board Committee Plans To Meet Tuesday

The Hillsboro School Board Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the unit office in Hillsboro.

Agenda items include summer maintenance and construction projects as well as a potential high school building project.



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It's not Throwback Thursday, but the newspaper sure looks like it! Due to some electrical problems with our printing press, this issue of *The Journal-News* will be printed in black and white, as were many issues of our Monday paper. We are currently hard at work to find a solution to the problem, and we appreciate your patience as we work to fix it.

The printed copies will appear in black and white, however, the e-edition, on our website ([www.thejournal-news.net](http://www.thejournal-news.net)) will remain in full color.

The Litchfield Fire Department is reminding local residents that West Edwards Street from Jefferson Street to Madison Street in Litchfield will be closed until further notice. Officials from Ameren are on site cleaning up contaminated dirt.

As students begin to register for school this fall, it's time to start gathering up all those school supplies. The Hillsboro United Methodist Church is hosting a Back-to-School Blessing Bash this Sunday, July 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Church members will be passing out free school supplies, as well as personal hygiene items to students. Local students must be present to pick up the supplies. Free haircuts will also be available during that time.

The yellow poles may not yet be up on Main Street, but volunteers with the Old Settlers Association are finalizing plans for this year's celebration, Aug. 6-7 and Aug. 10-11. Food vendors are still needed for the Aug. 10-11 dates, and the deadline to sign up is Aug. 1. For more information, call 217-254-0752.

And don't forget to pick up your advance ride tickets. Sheets of 24 are now on sale for \$20 per sheet, and tickets will be \$1 each during the celebration. Advance tickets are available at Bank of Hillsboro, *The Journal-News* and CNB Bank and Trust, all in downtown Hillsboro. Only cash or check will be accepted.

And speaking of rides, volunteers with the Sorrento Homecoming are preparing for this year's celebration July 29-30 in downtown Sorrento. Friday's line-up features a car cruise at 5:30 p.m. and live entertainment from 6:30 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, the annual parade begins at 6 p.m., with a line-up at the school at 5 p.m. Live entertainment continues from 7 to 11 p.m. Advance ride tickets are available at the water office.

Grab your water shoes for the fourth annual Glenn Shoals Lake Club Aqua Run. Registration will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, with a race time of noon. All participants must be over 21. Food will be available for purchase at the South Marina.

The Autism Support Connection (TASC) is hosting a special training on Monday, Aug. 1, at The Coop, located at 106 W. Steward Street in downtown Hillsboro.

Parents and educators are invited to attend a free training session on using and modeling the LAMP program for individuals with an AAC device.

Don't forget that this weekend marks Harry Potter's birthday! And the Litchfield Public Library is ready to celebrate. They will host a special event on Friday evening, July 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. The fun includes games, crafts and more throughout the evening, and even Muggles are invited to participate.

It's pageant time! The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce is hosting three pageants this weekend. A new Miss Litchfield Chamber of Commerce, Junior Miss and Little Miss will be crowned on Saturday, July 30, in Simmons Gym at Litchfield High School. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the pageant begins at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, and kids ages 12 and under are admitted for free. Come join the fun and cheer for your favorite contestants!

And it's a celebration 50 years in the making, as the Morrisonville Bull Frog Jump contest hops off on Friday afternoon, July 29, beginning at 3 p.m. The entry fee is \$3. This year's Morrisonville Homecoming and Picnic also includes pageants, fireworks, live entertainment, a parade and more. Visit their Facebook page for a complete schedule.

## Amateur Radio Groups Host Event On Aug. 13

Amateur radio operators and radio-controlled model plane enthusiasts from across West Central Illinois and beyond will gather at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a family-oriented event.

The event will reflect the cross-over interest in radio communications shared by both popular hobbies. It is sanctioned by the national organizations of both groups, the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

The day will feature displays, seminars, an indoor and outdoor flea market, radio-controlled aircraft exhibits, prize drawings, amateur radio license testing and more.

Hourly forums will begin at 8 a.m. with a presentation on the construction of amateur radio antennas, followed by a visual tour of nationally-known ham radio operator Craig Thompson's K9CT Contest Station in Tivoli at 9 a.m. The Sangamon Valley Ra-



dio Controlled Flyers club will talk about their activities that include regular flights of their radio controlled airplanes at Holmes Field, south of Lake Springfield, at 10 a.m.

Following the flyer's club, Thom Bebee, manager for ARRL's Illinois Section, will provide a round-up of the league's state and national activities beginning at 11 a.m.

Breakfast and lunch will be available. Admission is \$5 and children ages 16 and under are free.

It is jointly sponsored by the Macoupin County Amateur Radio Club, Montgomery County Radio Club in Hillsboro, Springfield-based Sangamon Valley Radio Club and Sangamon Valley Radio Controlled Flyers and Okaw Valley Radio Club in Greenville under the umbrella of the annual West Central Illinois Hamfest.

The Macoupin County Fairgrounds is located at 21149 Rt. 4 in Carlinville. For more information, visit [www.wcillhamfest.com](http://www.wcillhamfest.com).





## Pigg, Greene Exchange Vows In Spring Ceremony

Megan Ryan Pigg and Zachary Steven Greene were united in marriage in a spring ceremony on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Holy Family Parish in Litchfield, with the Rev. Dan Willenborg officiating.

The new Mrs. Greene is the daughter of Steve and Mollie Pigg of Litchfield. Her husband is the son of Dale and Sara Beal of Litchfield and Jeremy Greene of St. Louis, MO.

Vocalist for the wedding ceremony was Kathy Skinner, accompanied by Lisa Stieren.

Attending the bride were matron of honor Emilia Vaske of Albany, MO, maid of honor Hannah Niemann of Litchfield and bridesmaid Amy DeWerff of Nokomis.

Those standing up for the groom were best man Jacob Greene of Litchfield and groomsmen Nathan Shade of Litchfield and Kevin Pigg of Springfield.

Rilynn Vaske of Albany, MO, served as the flower girl for the ceremony, while Jamison Greene of Litchfield was the ring bearer. Guests and family members were seated by ushers Nicholas Bergman and Dustin Libbra, both of Litchfield.

A graduate of Litchfield High School, the new Mrs. Greene graduated from Fort Scott Community College. She is currently employed in the insurance department at Litchfield Family Practice Center. Her husband is also a graduate of Litchfield High School, and he is currently a journeyman carpenter with Springfield Local 270.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Litchfield Community Center.

After a honeymoon trip to Tennessee, the couple is making their first home in Litchfield.

## Birth

Aaron and Katherine Dokken, of Butler, announce the birth of their daughter, Myrielle Dawn Dokken, born at 6:01 p.m., on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and measured 19.5 ins. long.

Myrielle is welcomed to the world by her older sisters, Gwenyvere Rose Dokken, age three years old, and Verity Star Dokken, age one year old.

Maternal grandparents are Greg and Lisa Kuechler of South Range, WI. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Janet Dokken of Lake Nebagamon, WI.

Paternal great-grandparents are Jim and Hilda Dokken of Willmar, MN, and Elmer and Marilyn Kirkpatrick of Bushton, KS.

## Hiltopper Classmates Meet For 75th Birthday

Members of the Hillsboro High School class of 1965, along with their spouses/partners, will celebrate their 75th birthdays on Saturday, Aug. 13.

COVID cancelled the 55th anniversary class reunion in 2020, and rather than wait three years for their 60th, Jennifer (Kimbro) Hendricks, Kathy (White) Wynn, Paula (Clotfelter) Ruot and Nancy (Bliss) Slepicka decided to have a birthday party.

The informal gathering will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Slepicka's home, located at 403 W. Tremont Street in Hillsboro. Guests are urged to bring their favorite beverage, a dish/appetizer to share and a portable camp chair.

Reservations are requested by Friday, Aug. 5, by calling Slepicka at 217-556-9449 or by email to [kathleen.wynn@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.wynn@gmail.com).

## Food Pantry Experiences Great Need For Donations

Harvest of Hope Food Pantry in Hillsboro is in need of items for their food pantry.

An increased number of people use the food pantry and they are in need of donations.

Some things that can be donated are boxes of cereal, hamburger helper, canned tuna, chicken and pasta (like SpaghettiO's, Beefaroni and ravioli), canned soups, jars of applesauce, boxes of pasta or potato side dishes, canned vegetables of all kinds, and cans of beans of all kinds, jars of spaghetti sauce, Manwich and chili, boxes of noodles, jars

of peanut butter, jars of jelly, kids' snacks and baking essentials like flour, sugar, cake mixes and frosting. Bread, meats, cheese and milk, as well as garden produce, are also needed.

Call or text 217-560-7533 to arrange for delivery/pick up of your donations or to arrange for a time for you to drop them off. Monetary donations are also appreciated and may be mailed to Harvest of Hope Food Pantry, c/o World Harvest Church, PO Box 543, Hillsboro, IL 62049.

## Senior Achievers Will Hold Breakfast Meeting

The Senior Achievers will next meet on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro, for breakfast.

Nancy Johns will speak at the meeting and share compelling stories about her trip to Addis Ababa, capitol of the African nation of Ethiopia. The cost of breakfast is \$12.

Those interested in attending are asked to make a reservation by calling Lou Ellen at 217-820-5568 by Thursday, July 28. Those that did not

sign up at the July 12 meeting are encouraged to call to reserve a space. Anyone that has already signed up and is no longer able to attend is asked to call Lou Ellen to cancel their reservation.

The Senior Achiever policy states that members must pay in advance of the monthly breakfasts. Refunds and credits are only offered to those who call Lou Ellen to cancel by the Thursday before the upcoming breakfast.



## Huber, Murray Unite This July In Hillsboro

Maggie Huber and Dylan Murray, both of Hillsboro, were united in marriage on Saturday, July 23, at the First Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro with Pastor Matt Ferguson officiating.

The new Mrs. Murray is the daughter of Todd Huber and Lori Saathoff-Huber of Hillsboro. Her husband is the son of Brian and Stormie Murray of Mulberry Grove and Michael and Alicia Badman of Palmer.

For her special day, the bride selected a dress at Elegant Brides in Edwardsville and her bridal bouquet was made by Grace Anderson.

The bride chose her childhood friend, Macey Eddington of Hillsboro, as her maid of honor. Other bridesmaids included childhood friends Grace Anderson of Columbia, Mackenzi Lawson of Indianapolis, IN, Hannah Deming of St. Louis, MO, and Emma Dixon of Hillsboro; high school friend Annie Patton of Reno, NV, and college friends, Shelbi Paul of Edwardsville and Emy Doucette of Belleville.

Her husband chose his childhood best friend, Tyten Nalley of Hillsboro, as his best man. Other groomsmen included his brothers, Dalton Murray and Trevor Badman, both of Palmer; his friends,

Chase Vickery of Edwardsville, Trevor Hartman of Hillsboro, Drake Paden of Hillsboro and Tony Perfetti of Hillsboro; and his brother-in-law, Dane Huber of Hillsboro.

Hailey Murray and Alanna Saathoff served as flower girls for the ceremony, and Kade Murray and Grayson Brewer were the ring bearers. Ushers for the ceremony were Garrett Stritzel and Kasten Campbell.

The new Mrs. Murray is a 2018 graduate of Hillsboro High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in 2022 from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and is currently a sixth grade math teacher. Her husband is a 2016 graduate of Hillsboro High School. He is currently employed as a correctional officer.

Prior to the wedding, a rehearsal dinner, catered by the groom's aunt, was held at The Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs. After the ceremony, a reception for approximately 350 guests was also held at The Event Center of Montgomery County.

Following a honeymoon trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple will make their first home in Hillsboro.

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Reonna, Mom, Noni, is on the mend. We look forward to her returning home. She, in her own way, leads the way.

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## TASC Session To Focus On AAC In Classrooms

TASC (The Autism Support Connection) will host an educational training session for parents and educators of individuals that use AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) devices on Monday, Aug. 1, at The Hilltop Coop.

The free session will be led by Lauren Fuller, speech language pathologist at Teamwork Rehab, and will center on implementing the LAMP

Words for Life program in the classroom setting. Those interested in attending the session are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early.

For more information contact the support group at [tascillinois1@gmail.com](mailto:tascillinois1@gmail.com) or call Lynn Sellers 217-556-9535 or Kim Draper 217-710-3598.

The Hilltop Coop is located at 106 W. Seward Street in downtown Hillsboro.

## Breast Cancer Support Group Meets Monday

The Montgomery County Breast Cancer Support Group will be meeting on Monday, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church, 537 Rountree Street

in Hillsboro.

For more information, call Tina Hagemeyer at 217-246-6126 or Tracey White at 217-825-4945.



## Trinity Lutheran Church In Nokomis Hosts VBS

Local children embarked on a special "road trip" during Vacation Bible School week held July 11-15 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Nokomis. As part of the week's activities, they took a trip across the United States to learn about God's love at each destination. A total of 56 children were enrolled with 33 having perfect attendance, and there were 25 staff members to help make the event a success. To end the week, the church held a picnic on Friday, July 15, that was enjoyed by all.

## Hillsboro Area Hospital To Host August 9 Drive

Hillsboro Area Hospital will host a Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside Fusion Gym, 1210 E. Tremont.

To donate, contact ImpactLife Springfield at 1-800-747-5401 or visit [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) and use code 60126 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](http://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 June 14 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.



## Youngsters Learn About Community Involvement

Montgomery County Health Department Prevention Specialist Peggy Fox presented another Anytime Friends program at Nokomis Public Library on Monday, July 25. The theme of this week's program was community involvement. Local children participated in story time, a craft and an activity based on the theme at hand. Fox, at right, is pictured with participating youngsters as they work on their craft. The final Anytime Friends program of the summer will be held Monday, Aug. 1. The theme for next week will be bullying.



## Sherers Take Newspaper On July Trip To Florida

Sisters Chloe Sherer, at left, and Mia Sherer of Hillsboro, took a copy of *The Journal-News* with them on a July trip to Florida. They are pictured above on a beach in St. Petersburg, FL, with Jayden Ott, son of former local residents Tobin and Amanda Ott, who now live in Orlando, FL. In addition to soaking up the sun on the beach, the Sherer sisters spent two days at Walt Disney World, enjoying the rides at Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center. They also enjoyed a dinner with Mickey Mouse at the Garden Grill, where Tobin works.

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Boys - three years; Girls - three years  
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Foods may be dropped off at tent on courthouse square between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awarded at 1:30 p.m. Entries to be picked up at 3:30 p.m.  
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All entries must submit a form to be eligible for prizes.  
(Entry Forms also available at *The Journal-News*)

## Hillsboro Council

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Besides the routine, and issues at the pool seem to be routine, they started work on the Firemen's Clubhouse in City Lake Park, but the rainy weather this week has postponed those efforts. Page Tree Service was called to remove a limb that had fallen on a camper in Sherwood Forest; they also removed a few other limbs that were deemed to be dangerous. The Irving Silt Basin was mowed.

The Streets Department removed an abandoned lead water line on West Wood, did blacktopping, brick replacement (on Broad Street), milled spots on Oak Street, and used the duroatcher as needed. They installed a meter pit on Center Street. As mechanics, they repaired a squad car and a Parks' Department dump truck, and as a carcass-removal service, they picked up the raccoon that didn't make it safely while crossing Shelbyville Road.

Public Safety Commissioner Jerry Gregory reported the Police Department received 224 calls between July 12 and July 26; 18% (40) of those calls concerned traffic stops. Thirty-seven were requests for property checks. Wednesday and Saturday were the days with the most calls (37 each). Gregory also provided a sheet showing how much money firefighters have donated back to their cause from their per-call checks since 2000 through 2021; the total is \$270,236.

Mayor Downs gave Utilities Commissioner Wright's report. The Illinois EPA sampled Glenn Shoals Lake water for cyanotoxins on July 21 (cyanotoxins can be produced by algae bloom); traces of two toxins were found, but

a sampling of tested water showed the treatments had removed the toxins. One more test will be conducted in mid-August; after that the threat will be passed.

Lead and copper samples were collected last week. The bids for the Huber Drive project were opened the morning of the council meeting. Hurst-Rosche will review the bids.

She (and Mayor Downs) praised the Street Department for work completed under trying climatic conditions as they installed an underground pipe at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The USDA will be in town on Tuesday, Aug. 2, to examine the current sewer plant. The USDA has to approve the need for a new plant before any grant money can come Hillsboro's way.

The mayor noted in his report that tuck pointing has started on the Corner Block Building; he cautioned other building owners that their needed work needs to be done before cold weather arrives. He also said that Petersburg Plumbing was to be in town the day of the meeting for further work on the Hamilton Street/West Wood Street intersection, but the rain caused another postponement. He hopes they will reschedule for this week.

City planner Sarah McConnell said the Town Hall meeting set for this Friday had to be postponed because the main speaker, Cory Jobe, had a scheduling conflict; hopefully it'll be rescheduled for the first half of September. She is working with a team to relaunch the "Head to Hillsboro" website.

Because the Aug. 9 meeting was cancelled, the council will meet next on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. in city hall.



Chris and Terri Casey, the newest owners of the Corner Block Building, are determined to save the iconic landmark. Above is a photo of the historical building before the streets of downtown Hillsboro were paved.

## Corner Block Restoration

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Where the Hamilton Building had been well maintained over the years, the Corner Block Building was not and the couple knew going in that taking on the massive renovation project would propel them out of their comfort zone. Both are good at project management and knowing where their individual levels of expertise and skill sets end, and are approaching the restoration with a sense of realism and armory of advice from professional tradesmen. The couple also has additional priorities that take precedence over the large-scale restoration, including their growing family and careers, and they anticipate that their project will take longer to complete as a result. The Caseys are not acting with a finished project in mind, and have a simple answer for those clamoring to know what they plan to do with the building. Terri explained. "The overall goal is to save the building, which means our top priority is making sure it is structurally secure." "Our first goal is to make the building safe enough that we can take the fence down. That will require some structural fixes, so the first sign of progress anyone will likely see is someone on scaffolding or in a lift truck doing masonry work."

The couple is approaching the renovation in phases and each are in agreement that the first phase, fixing structural issues to save the building, is the most critical. They are also in agreement that it is

more than they can do all by themselves and plan to utilize skilled tradesmen and work closely alongside them.

Phase one is to address safety issues and to make the building structurally secure and sealed-up from the elements so that it will last another hundred years. Phase two includes laying groundwork for plumbing and electricity and looking at where to place internal walls and windows. Phase three is the finishing phase, and while they are not yet allowing themselves to envision the building in that stage, they do think the Corner Block will once again be a mixed space with retail shops and residential apartments.

"Honestly, at this point our vision for what the building will become is completely wide open. Chris sent me a link to a gorgeous hanging chandelier with a text that said, 'Wouldn't this be beautiful in a big shop.' And I said, 'Yes, but I can't think about that right now because I am watching a pigeon knock a brick out of the building as we speak,'" said Terri, with a self-deprecating laugh. "The light fixture is as far as we are going to dream about a finished space at this stage because each of the phases is expensive and it is going to take a lot of prayer, hope, and hard work to get us to stage three."

While they have a network of family and friends to help them manage the day-to-day aspects of the project, the local couple welcomes support from the community to assist them in saving the history-laden

piece of Hillsboro.

"We really weren't prepared for just how supportive the community would be. People have been coming up to thank us and we don't feel like we deserve that yet," Terri stated. "Integrity and ethics are values that are very important to both Chris and myself and it means a lot that people have put their faith in us."

She went on to explain that while many people have volunteered to come in and help the couple, the building is not safe enough for the general public yet. While The Corner Block Group, LLC is not a non-profit, they can accept gifts, monetary contributions and in-kind donations, such as use of equipment, tools, materials, professional services, building trade services and waste removal.

"We know that it takes a lot of trust to send someone money and we want to make sure that people know we will use any donations to further our goal of saving the building," said Terri. "We want to make sure that we are good stewards of any funds entrusted to us by adhering to income/sales tax rules, as well as being transparent with those who do contribute that gifts to Corner Block Group, LLC, are not tax-deductible. Chris and I both know that handling other people's money requires a lot of trust and we will make sure that any gifts are used wisely and honestly."

Currently members of the community can contribute to the large-scale restoration project online at

<https://corner-block.square.site/product/donate/1>, via Venmo @cornerblock, or by mail to Corner Block Group, LLC, 278 Clear Springs Ln, Hillsboro, 62049. Those interested in making an in-kind donation can contact the Caseys at [cornerblockbuilding@gmail.com](mailto:cornerblockbuilding@gmail.com). The couple is also working on merchandise such as t-shirts and other Corner Block memorabilia.

"Chris and I aren't living in a fantasy world. We knew the scope of the obstacles we would face when taking on the Corner Block Building before we bought it, and we walked away from the signing with a deep sense of sobriety about the project that lay ahead of us. We know that there will be times when things don't go as planned and that we are going to get knocked down, probably multiple times, before the building is finished," said Terri. "However, we are the kind of people who like to take on a challenge and there is no reason for the Corner Block Building to fall down. Chris and I are both optimistic because the building is in local control now and if we get in over our heads we are going to make sure that it gets into the hands of someone who will continue to restore it. The Corner Block Building is a huge part of Hillsboro's history and we want to make sure it is a part of its future too."

Those interested can keep track of the Corner Block Building's progress through the Corner Block Building and Corner Block Preservation Group on Facebook.



## Hillsboro Library Hosts Indoor Farm Day Fun

As part of the ongoing Summer Reading Program, Hillsboro Area Public Library hosted an indoor farm day activity on Monday, July 25. Library Director Shelley Kolb teamed up with Rebecca Smith of the Ag in the Classroom program and library member Connie Smith, for a morning full of live animals, farm activities, tractor toys and more. Pictured above, Rory Fath tries his hand at shearing a pretend sheep. Other activities included milking a pretend cow, a matching game about where food comes from, a petting zoo, a tractor matching game and a play barn.

## Sorento Homecoming

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The parade will be held at 6 p.m. with line-up beginning at 5 p.m. at the elementary school.

The *Strugglers*, another local band that plays country and old time rock 'n' roll

numbers, will hit the stage immediately following the parade on Saturday.

Local residents will have an opportunity to win big as the community will hold a raffle drawing at 9 p.m. Saturday. The raffle features over 40 items, with most being cash

prizes, and the individual does not need to be present to win. Tickets for the drawing may be purchased at the Homecoming Association Food Tent.

Carnival rides will be offered all weekend for youngsters eagerly waiting for their summer thrill. Advance

tickets are on sale now, ten for \$25, at the Sorento water office in the municipal building. Bingo will also be held both nights for those interested in trying their luck at the popular game.

## Old Settlers Fun Run

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The race is chip-timed and ribbons will be given to the

top three finishers in each division based on chip time.

The two-mile fun walk is an out-and-back event on the same course. Running is not allowed on the two-mile walk. All walkers will start at the same time and ribbons will be given to the top finishers in each division.

Restricted items include bi-

cycles, skateboards, baby joggers, roller skates or blades, other wheeled conveyances, animals (other than seeing eye dogs) and headphones.

An entry application may be picked up at *The Journal-News*. Those interested can also register online at [www.mmmultisport.com](http://www.mmmultisport.com) (choose Old Settlers under Race

Results), or mail to M&M-MCCA, c/o Randy Rieke, 850 Edgewood Drive, Hillsboro, IL 62049. Online registration ends Aug. 3.

All of the proceeds from the annual event benefit the Montgomery County Cancer Association. Questions may be directed to Randy Rieke at [ranr63@aol.com](mailto:ranr63@aol.com).

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## Seven Compete For Old Settlers Queen Title

Seven beautiful young ladies are competing for the title of 2022 Old Settlers Queen. They have been hard at work this summer selling raffle tickets, which helps to support the annual Old Settlers celebration.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and the lucky winners will be drawn following the queen's coronation on Aug. 10. Prizes this year are \$750 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

The new 2022 Old Settlers Queen will be crowned on Wednesday, Aug. 10, in downtown Hillsboro after the Queen's Parade, which starts at 7 p.m. Retiring queen 2021 Old Settlers Queen Jade Christian will pass on her crown to the new queen. Christian is the daughter of Bill and Heidi Christian of Hillsboro.

Photos for all the pageants this year were taken by Ashley Christ Photography. They are on display at The Dressing Room in downtown Hillsboro. Photos are also on display at CNB Bank and Trust in downtown Hillsboro, where monetary voting is available for this year's Miss Photogenic.

This year's queen candidates include Marah Huber, Anna Jackson, Emily Maguire, Kyleigh Reynolds, Melissa Rufus, Anastasia Thompson and Aliyah Trader.

**Marah Huber**  
Marah Huber is the 15-year-old daughter of Krista Huber and the late Jamey Huber of Hillsboro. She will be a junior this fall at Hillsboro High School.



Melissa Rufus

At HHS, she has been a cheerleader for three years, served on Sources of Strength for two years and served as the secretary of the freshman class.

Outside HHS, she is a member of the First Christian Church in Hillsboro, 4-H and the Hiltop Yearbook Club. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, cheering, shopping, swimming, going on walks, listening to music, meeting new people and animals and watching scary movies.

She has previously held the titles of 2013 Little Miss Witt and was Little Miss Cindy Lou Who. After high school, Huber plans to attend college to become a veterinarian.

**Anna Jackson**  
Anna Jackson is the 18-year-old daughter of Harry Jackson and Jody Jackson of Hillsboro. She graduated from Hillsboro High School in May 2022.

During her time at HHS,



Anastasia Thompson

she was part of the scholar bowl team, Anime Club, FC-CLA, Interact Club, National Honor Society, Sources of Strength and Debate Club.

She enjoys gardening, art, anime, travel, food, fishing and flower pressing. This fall, she plans to attend Lincoln Land Community College for general study, then transfer to Illinois College. She hopes to be a registered nurse.

**Emily Maguire**  
Emily Maguire is the 17-year-old daughter of Leanne Tumpach and Robert Maguire of Hillsboro. She will be a senior at Hillsboro High School this fall.

During school, she has been part of the soccer program from kindergarten through tenth grade, softball from kindergarten through seventh grade, track and field for sixth and seventh grades, basketball for fifth and sixth grades and the scholar bowl team.

She is a member of the



Aliyah Trader

Calvary Baptist Church and enjoys playing darts. After high school, she plans to attend Lincoln Land Community College to get her associates degree in nursing before transferring to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to earn her bachelor's degree.

**Kyleigh Reynolds**  
Kyleigh Reynolds is the 16-year-old daughter of Angie Vogel of Hillsboro. She will be a senior at Hillsboro High School this fall.

During her time at HHS, she is part of the soccer team and National Honor Society. She also plays indoor soccer during the year.

She enjoys four-wheeler riding and spending time with her nieces and with her friends. After high school, she plans to major in criminology or law with a minor in psychology.

**Melissa Rufus**  
Melissa Rufus is the 17-year-old daughter of Shauna and Cody Rufus of Hillsboro. She

graduated from Hillsboro High School in May 2022.

During her time at HHS, she spent four years on the soccer and cheerleading squads, and served as captains of both. She also played scholar bowl for two years and indoor soccer. She served as the freshman representative on the Homecoming Court and was emcee of that her senior year. She was also on Prom Court and is an Illinois State Scholar. Rufus served two years on National Honor Society, one year on Student Council and as the secretary of the sophomore class.

She enjoys trail riding, spending time with family and Lonny, going to the lake and making art. This fall, she will attend Illinois College, where she will be a cheerleader and major in education.

**Anastasia Thompson**  
Anastasia Thompson is the 14-year-old daughter of Ashley Thompson of Hillsboro. She will be a sophomore at Hillsboro High School this fall.

At HHS, she is part of the choir, where she worked on the stage crew for the *Legally Blonde* operetta and sang at St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.

She enjoys singing, drawing and dancing and hopes to become an elementary school teacher someday.

**Aliyah Trader**  
Aliyah Trader is the 18-year-old daughter of Brandon and Angelica Trader of Hillsboro. She graduated from Hillsboro High School in May 2022.

During her time at HHS, she was involved with the softball team, Student Council, National Honor Society, choir and operetta, cheerleading, band and scholar bowl.

She is a member of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church and works at Sweet Addictions and Bank of Hillsboro. Trader has been taking piano lessons since fourth grade. She loves biology, babysitting and swimming.

This fall, she will attend Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to study cell biology. She hopes to become a geneticist.

## Sec. Of State Expiration For Driver's License

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses, ID cards and learner's permits are being extended until Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022. The previous extension was set to end on Sunday, July 31.

As a result, expired driver's licenses, ID cards and learner's permits will remain valid until Dec. 1, so customers do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

White's office expanded online renewals for expired driver's licenses and ID cards and continues to mail letters to eligible customers. The letter provides driver's license and ID card holders with a unique PIN needed to renew online instead of visiting a facility and waiting in line. Customers may call 217-785-1424 to confirm their eligibility for online renewal or to obtain their PIN. They may also visit <https://apps.ilsos.gov/renewal/dlid/eligible.jsp> to look up their eligibility status.

Customers who must visit a facility include first-time driver's license or ID card applicants, first-time REAL ID applicants and drivers ages 75 and older who are required by state law to visit a facility when renewing their license.

White continues to encourage people to conduct other business online at [ilsos.gov](https://ilsos.gov). In addition to driver's license and ID card renewals for those who qualify, online services include obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, ordering a driver record and purchasing license plate stickers.

White noted his office is also extending the expiration dates of Restricted Driving Permits (RDPs) to December 1, 2022 for those that expired on or after Dec. 1, 2021 through December 1, 2022.

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

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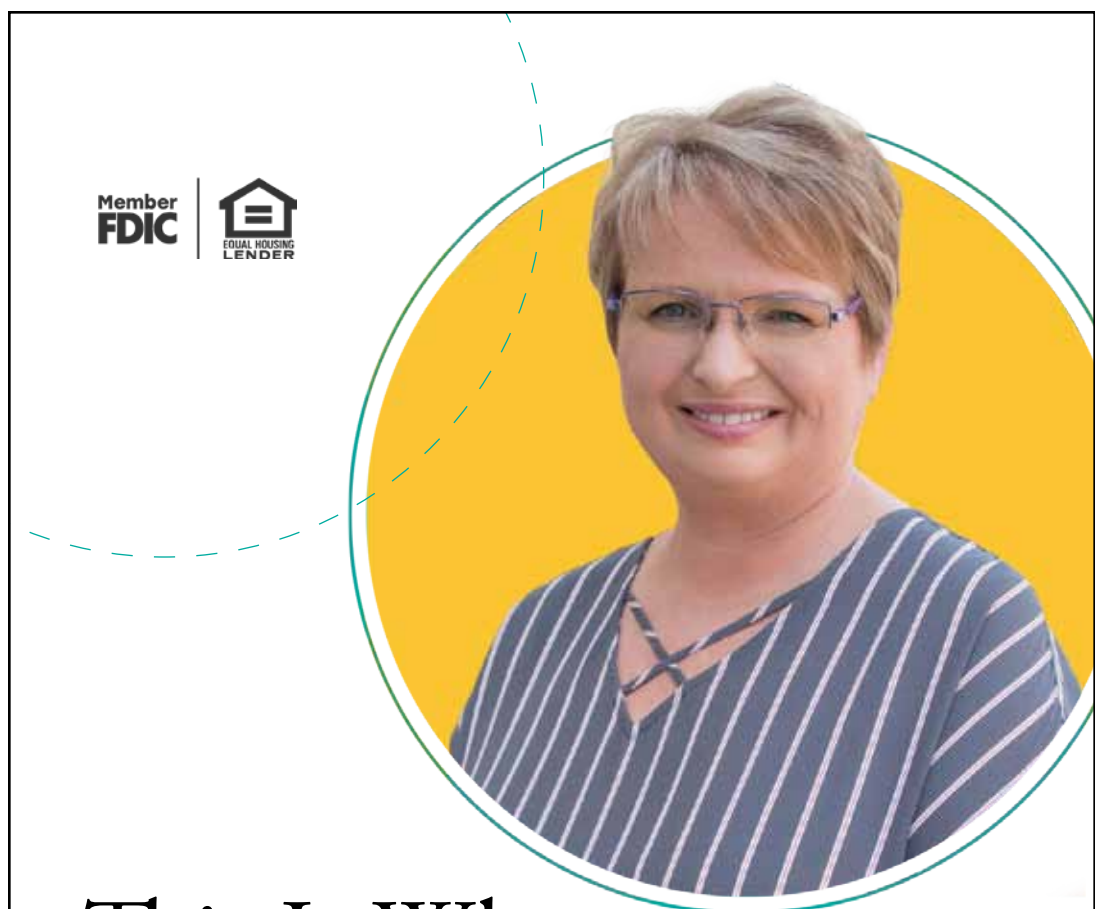
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Pictured above, 2022 Miss Montgomery County Fair Queen Madalynn Kraus assists Payson Smith with her "I Am" poster while in the background, Prevention Specialist Peggy Fox helps Paxton Sidwell with his.

### Self-Esteem The Focus At F-W Library

This week's Montgomery County Health Department program, presented by Prevention Specialist Peggy Fox, focused on self-esteem on Tuesday, July 19, at Farmersville-Waggoner Public Library.

Fair Queen, assisted Fox with the program and read the children's book, *A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon. Paxton Sidwell and Payson Smith attended and discussed various ways of liking yourself as a person. They each selected words to describe themselves from a variety of descriptions provided by Fox.

To end the program, Fox and Kraus helped each child draw life-sized outlines of themselves. They colored and pasted their word choices on their "I Am" posters. Cookies and juice were served as this week's snack.



### Lincolnwood Parking Lot Gets Facelift

"The parking lot project is nearing completion," said Panhandle School District Superintendent Aaron Hopper. The parking lot outside of Lincolnwood High School in Raymond underwent a much-needed facelift this month as the district addressed different improvements they could make while students are on summer break.

Delarent Construction of Wilsonville was tasked with the job after the bidding process earlier this spring, and they began the work on July 18. According to the superintendent, the parking lot was to be completed earlier this week; however, the weather did not allow for that to happen (que the rain puddles above). Once the construction crew adds striping, it will be finished and ready for students and faculty to return this fall.

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## Dragoo Ready To Lead Purple Panthers

After a ground-breaking season in 2021, a swell of anticipation is building among players and fans as the 2022 Litchfield Lady Panthers return to the volleyball court on Thursday, Aug. 25, at Nokomis. This year's varsity lineup returns three senior standouts who hope to lead the team to a regional championship title, an accolade that eluded them last year as they finished runner-up to the Pana Panthers in the Carlinville Class 2A Regional Tournament.

While the nucleus of last years starting varsity roster will contain familiar player names, there has been a change in leadership as both head coach Abby Carlson and junior varsity coach Mitchell Hughes resigned their positions from last year while freshman coach Kari (Walch) Dragoo assumed the role of head coach. Dragoo anticipates adding two additional coaches pending board approval.

A 2013 Litchfield High School grad, Dragoo distinguished herself as a multi-talented athlete having lettered in volleyball, softball and basketball. In addition to her new position as a head coach, she has coached the LMS seventh grade volleyball team for the past six years and will continue in that role. Under the tutelage of Coach Carlson, Dragoo served as an assistant coach for one year.

"I learned so many things from Coach Carlson and I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to benefit from her knowledge of the game," Dragoo said. "But it is a new season and as head coach of the volleyball program I am prepared to give it everything I have with positive energy within a positive atmosphere." Dragoo's love of the game began immediately after she started playing at a young age. "It did not take me long to

figure out that I really liked to hit the volleyball. I am a bigger girl so I found that going up for a block and putting it back down was exciting for me as well."

Although she shares her team's dream of winning a regional championship, she is focus on putting together a winning season. Last year's Lady Panthers finished the year with 13 wins and 13 losses and placed fifth in the South Central Conference with a 4-4 mark.

"I think it is realistic for this team to have a winning season and also achieve their personal goal as regional champions but I am leery of saying that and jinxing it," the young coach said. "I truly believe if they stay consistent and don't allow anything to stand in their way, they can have it all."

Dragoo pointed out that often times one of the biggest distractions with girls is discord among team members, which directly affects their chemistry. She believes that team harmony is a must if you are going to work together as a successful unit.

"I tell my players they may not be friends away from the court but as a player, they can be a very good teammate on the court and the definition of a good teammate is someone who will sacrifice their body on the court for their teammate and the team."

When speaking of good will and harmony as it relates to team chemistry, Dragoo credits former LHS volleyball coach Gena Elliott as having the biggest influence on her coaching career.

"Gena was the type of coach who meant business but she also knew how to joke around. She knew who respected her and she returned that same admiration to her players. I learned so much from her," Dragoo said. "She was consistent. I want my players to

know what they can expect from their coach. I will consistently show up for them and it is my hope they will do the same for me."

Dragoo also praised her former coach for being influential in building team involvement and team bonding.

Dragoo holds very high expectations for this team and she has made the girls aware of that.

"We are coming off a hot season and I know that every team in the surrounding area was pretty shocked last year to see Litchfield High School competing at a much higher level than had been in previous years. While I am excited by the upcoming season, I am a little bit overwhelmed in the sense that I don't want to let them down. I want them to know that I am here for them and I also want parents to know that I will be here for their daughter," she added.

Her expectations are soundly based on the belief that when any player takes the court, they need to be both mentally and physically prepared.

"I want the girls to know we are not in an extracurricular activity; we are here and we are committed," she said. "If you show up and you don't want to give me your time then more than likely I will not be inclined to give you my time."

The first-year coach said she is very thankful for her seniors, each of whom she describes as very strong players.

"We also have strength in our juniors," she said. "I am very conscious of the fact that we will lose those seniors at the end of the season so we are constantly coaching to prepare our younger players for the next level. However, our focus is this year. I come to this position ready to coach and the girls know that."

Dragoo cited herself as the team's biggest cheerleader. "I want the girls to know

what I expect from them and in turn I want them to know what they can consistently expect from me. I pride myself in being a big communicator and we talk about communication both on and off the court," she added.

Dragoo said she has averaged between 18-20 players who have attended summer weight training, conditioning and open gym time.

"A player is not going to become their best by practicing two hours a day every day," Dragoo said. "If you want to see the difference then you have to be the difference. The girls who voluntarily showed up this summer demonstrated a genuine commitment to improving and they were willing to make that sacrifice in order to attain their goal."

"They have really demonstrated great determination and as a first-time head coach and coach it is gratifying to see," she added.

In addition, she had several girls who attended summer camps and a handful of players who played club volleyball, each of which add to the development of player skills and game knowledge.

"In club ball a player may have five or six coaches who work on a specific skill and I'll take all the help I can get because I know there is always room for improvement," she said.

When asked about her coaching philosophy, she said it begins with mental toughness.

"I instill in my players that they cannot be totally successful without mental toughness so we start with building resilience. As their coach, it is my duty to remind them of the little things that matter and can make a difference, such as going up and faking a ball hit. Volleyball is not just bump, set and spike. It can be an offset screen, spiking, hyping up your team or help-



After coaching at the middle school and assisting at the high school level, 2013 Litchfield High School grad Kari (Walch) Dragoo is ready to take over as the Purple Panthers' head volleyball coach when the season kicks off on Aug. 25.

ing to ensure there is team chemistry," she said.

Dragoo also believes the team will have to mix it up.

"In the past we have gone to one particular player and I just think we need to move away from that mentality," she said. "That is why we brought in a former LHS volleyball player, Cara Pence, who is working with our players on hitter/setter connections. We know Carlee Harmon is going to hit one way while Gina Painter is going to hit differently."

"That same scenario carries over for Blair Johnson who is taller than Annika Rhodes," she went on to say. "One is going to want shoots and the other prefers lobs. It is all a matter of the setter and the setter runs the show. Emma Walch is a pretty good hitter also, but I want her setting. Of course that doesn't

mean we won't mix it up a bit."

Dragoo said the varsity will run a 5-1 offense (five hitters and one setter) while the junior varsity will operate in a 6-2 offense (six hitters and two different setters) for more reps.

And so it begins on August 25, the inaugural season for a young head coach who promises positive energy, consistency from her position, communication, belief, encouragement and anticipation of success for a goal-oriented team that has the potential to set the standard for future LHS volleyball teams.

The Lady Panthers will be bolstered by an excited fan base who is eager to cheer for the purple and the white. Whichever way the season unfolds, sit back and enjoy the skills, talent and competitive nature of the 2022 Lady Panthers!

## REID READS

Nokomis native Reid Detmers picked up right where he left off in his first start after the All-Star break and helped the Los Angeles Angels to a 9-1 victory in Atlanta on Sunday, July 24. The victory was his first since the no-hitter on May 10.

The Angels staked the University of Louisville product to a 5-0 first inning lead and Detmers took it from there. In five innings of work, Detmers threw 90 pitches, 52 of which went for strikes as he walked two, struck out six and scattered just three hits.

Detmers didn't allow a hit until the fourth inning, giving up a walk in the first before two 1-2-3 innings in the second and third. The Braves loaded the bases in the fourth on singles by Dansby Swanson and Austin Riley, plus a walk to William Contreras, but Detmers got out of the jam with a ground ball to third and allowed just one single in a quick fifth inning to end his day.

Since returning from a



Reid Detmers

one-outing stint in Triple A, Detmers is 1-0 with an ERA of 1.06 and 19 strikeouts in 17 innings pitched. His next start is scheduled to be at home on Saturday, July 30, against the Texas Rangers.

Reid's younger brother, Parker Detmers, has also had a good July. The Glenwood senior was one of 40 athletes invited to the USA Baseball 18U National Training Camp. The final 20-man roster will be announced on Sept. 2, before the team competes in the World Baseball Softball Confederation U-18 World Cup.

THE COLLEGE REPORT • by Daniel Chamness

## Brockmeyer Made The Most Of Her Time At SIUC



There are approximately 30,000 people in Montgomery County.

And two former NCAA Division I basketball stars from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Separated by 20 years, Abby Brockmeyer, a Lincolnwood graduate, and Molly McDowell, a Nokomis graduate, will go down as two of the finest players in SIUC history. Both are on various top 10 statistical lists at the school.

"It proves that no matter how small an area is, it can produce tremendous athletes that can compete at the highest level," said Brockmeyer of the success of the two Montgomery County natives. "I think it also shows younger generations that anything is achievable if you put your mind and body to it."

Brockmeyer not only earned a bachelor of arts at the school, but also a master's

degree. As a women's basketball player, the Saluki player finished as one of the top five scorers in history.

The 6'1" post player scored a total of 1,592 points during her four plus years with SIUC. She had over 1,000 points to start the year, 1,087 points to be exact. She would start her final year in 27th place on the scoring list.

To score her career point total, she nailed 567-of-1,178 from the floor and 396-of-609 from the charity stripe. All four of those hit the top 10. She was second in both free throws made and free throws attempted.

Her field goals made and field goals attempted were both ranked 10th. She also hit the career leaderboard in rebounds per game (8.19) and blocked shots (137). She was seventh in rebounds per game and fourth in blocked shots.

The former Lincolnwood/Litchfield player, as a result of a co-op agreement between the two teams, appeared in 133 games for SIU-Carbon-

dale. Of those 133 games, 101 were starts. She averaged 11.97 points per game. She finished her career with 1,089 rebounds, 190 assists and 143 steals.

Of her field goals, 62 were from beyond the arc. She averaged in double figures every year that she suited up. In four of the five seasons, she led SIUC in rebounds per game, total rebounds and blocked shots.

She finished the 2021-2022 season as the MVC Player of the Year. In the five years she suited up for the Lady Salukis, they posted overall winning records and in two of those years, they posted winning records in the league.

They were the best in her final season, posting a 21-10 overall record. They won the overall season title in the conference with a 15-3 mark. Overall, they were 78-68. In the Missouri Valley Conference, they were 47-43 during Brockmeyer's career.

"Teamwise and personally, the final season was the best season," said Brockmeyer. "When we won the outright MVC title, there were lots of tears of joy and so many hugs. That was preceded by the worst season. I had to spend so much time quarantined the entire year and I also twisted my ankle. I was out for several weeks. With the ankle sprain and testing positive for COVID, it was a mentally and physically draining season for me."

The former Lancer/Purple Panther player finished her career on three single season leaderboards. As a freshman, she hit six Saluki freshman

top 10 leaderboards and hit another five as a sophomore player, as the Salukis rank the best performances in the those two underneath classes. Following the 2017-2018 season, she was named the MVC Freshman of the Year. She also was named the MVC All-Defensive Team following the most recent season.

The daughter of Korey and Dana Brockmeyer of Raymond earned her accounting degree in 2021. One year later, she would earn her masters degree in accountancy. For her work in the classroom, she was named a Missouri Valley Conference Scholar Athlete. She currently working in the St. Louis office of Sikich. She gained employment with the firm on June 6 and has been working remotely as an auditor.

"My best friend (Makenzie Silvey) and I started together at SIUC, played Amateur Athletic Union basketball together and now are finishing together," said Brockmeyer. "She was the outside threat and I was fortunate she was there at the same time I was. She has been my roomie and best friend since we entered college. She has an excellent basketball IQ. Together on the floor, we clicked and had great chemistry. Makenzie made me a better player. In addition to her, I want to express how grateful I am for so many people that made these last five years and my basketball career possible. The experience shaped me into the person I am and the person I want to be. I could not be happier I went to SIU-Carbondale and had these experiences."

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## Local Riders Scramble For Top Spots At Fox Valley

A large group of riders from the *Journal-News Motorsports* area were in Wedron on July 16-17, as Fox Valley Off Road hosted a gran prix and hare scramble, with the later held in conjunction with WFO Promotions.

In Saturday's gran prix, Austin Burns of Carlinville finished second in the 12-29 C class and in the 85/SM class, while Mt. Olive's Jake Frizzo also raced in the 85/SM class and finished ninth. Jake's dad, Brandon Frizzo, also raced on Saturday, finishing sixth in the 40+ B class.

On Saturday in the hare scramble, Jhak Walker of Morrisonville took second in the AA class, finishing just 13 seconds behind pro Tanner Whipple.

In the 98-Open B class, Zach Duff of Donnellson was fourth, while Ryan Komor of Litchfield was 11th. Komor's brother Alex took third in the 201-Open C class, with Ford Klocke of Bunker Hill finishing fifth.

In the other adult classes, Mike Robinson of Carlinville was third in 30+ B, Jim Komor of Litchfield was 13th in 40+ C and Ken Matway of Gillespie was fourth in 60+.

In the youth classes, Jhorjie Walker scored a fifth place finish, running 10 laps in 30:40 in the 50cc Sr. class. The young Morrisonville racer's

brother Jhacek ran in the 50cc Jr. class and ran seven laps in 32:52.

Another pair of siblings, Carlinville's Dawson and Rylan Wise, took home a pair of eighth place finishes, with Dawson in the 65cc Beginner class and Rylan in the Super Mini class.

The next WFO Promotions Hare Scramble will be on July 31, at Exit 7 Motorsports Park in Colona.

### July 16 at Wedron Fox Valley Off Road Gran Prix

**12-29 C:** 2. Austin Burns (Carlinville) 4/1

**40+ B:** 6. Brandon Frizzo (Mt. Olive) 6/6

**85/SM:** 2. Austin Burns (Carlinville) 2/2; 9. Jake Frizzo (Mt. Olive) 9/9

### July 17 at Wedron Fox Valley Off Road Hare Scramble

**AA:** 2. Jhak Walker (Morrisonville) 9 laps, 1:56:24

**98-Open B:** 4. Zach Duff (Donnellson) 11 laps, 1:45:16; 11. Ryan Komor (Litchfield) 9 laps, 1:38:25

**201-Open C:** 3. Alex Komor (Litchfield) 5 laps, 1:29:42; 5. Ford Klocke (Bunker Hill) 5 laps, 1:32:16

**30+ B:** 3. Mike Robinson (Carlinville) 7 laps, 1:56:57

**40+ C:** 13. Jim Komor (Litchfield) 5 laps, 1:47:01

**60+:** 4. Ken Matway (Gillespie) 5 laps, 1:33:54

**50cc Sr.:** 5. Jhorjie Walker (Morrisonville) 10 laps, 30:40

**50cc Jr.:** 11. Jhacek Walker (Morrisonville) 7 laps, 32:52

**65cc Beginner:** 8. Dawson Wise (Carlinville) 14 laps, 42:59

**Super Mini:** 8. Rylan Wise (Carlinville) 4 laps, 1:05:36



Dale Kuhnert (left) presents Treyton Kuhl with ASA Shooter of the Year honors for the second consecutive year at the ASA State Championships in Pekin on Sunday, July 24.

## Kuhl Shooter Of The Year For Second Straight Year

For the second straight year, Butler archer Treyton Kuhl took home the Archery Shooters Association (ASA) Shooter of the Year award at the ASA Illinois State Championships.

In order to qualify for Shooter of the Year, competitors had to compete in at least five qualifiers and the state championships. Kuhl, who competes in the young adult open male division, finished first at the Decatur qualifier and second at the Effingham, Rend Lake, Panther Creek (Springfield) and Buckstop (Brownstown) qualifiers, before heading to

the state championships in Pekin on July 23-24.

At the state competition, Kuhl picked up 271 points to finish second to champion Beau Laswell, who had 281. Last year, Kuhl was third overall at state with 281 points, just behind Laswell (290) and Myles Barnett (297).

In ASA shooting events, points are awarded by where the arrow hits on the animal targets and range from zero points for a miss to 12 points for the smallest rings on the target. Kuhl had two hits inside the 12-point ring during the state competition.

## Walker Grabs Three Wins In NEPG Series

Even after missing the first two rounds of the 2022 NEPG National Enduro Series, Morrisonville's Jhak Walker still finds himself in solid position to finish in the top five for the second year in a row.

Walker, who finished first in the 200 B class last year with eight wins in the nine round series, races in the 250 A class and is on a three-race win streak in the series.

At the Lead Belt National Enduro on May 15, in Park Hills, MO, Walker finished the six sections in 2:14:59.741, good enough to put himself in first in the 250 A class by more than five minutes. Walker also finished 17th overall, beating out several AA and NE Pro riders.

Walker's father, Jeremy, also competed at the Lead Belt Enduro and finished 11th in the 40+ A class with a time of 2:50:15.214, good for 108th overall.

Another father and son combo, Gillespie's Darold and Collin Johnson, raced in Missouri as well. Collin finished ninth in the Open A class and 49th overall with a time of 2:30:44.436, while Darold was 132nd overall and 20th in the 50+ A class with a time of 3:08:12.601.

In other local results, Litchfield's Ryan Komor finished 16th in Open B and 194th overall with a time of 2:24:32.087, while Brandon Frizzo of Mt. Olive was

third in the 45+ B class and 195th overall with a time of 2:24:51.568.

Carlinville brothers Rylan and Reece Frankford also competed, with Rylan finishing 25th in Open A and 272nd overall with a time of 1:46:37.268 and Reece finishing 12th in the 200 B class and 298th overall with a time of 2:04:21.490.

### Cherokee National

Walker's second win came on June 12, at the Cherokee National Enduro in Greensboro, GA. The young Morrisonville rider took 14th overall in addition to his win in the 250 A class, running the six-section course in 1:57:08.414. Jeremy Walker also competed, finishing seventh in the 40+ A class and 108th overall with a time of 2:20:40.598.

### Rattlesnake National

The third leg of the victory trifecta came on Sunday, July 24, at the Rattlesnake National Enduro in Cross Fork, PA.

Walker ran a time of 1:59:43.276 to take the top spot in the 250 A class and 14th overall. Chase Landers of Monterey, TN was Walker's closest competition in the class, running a 1:59:50.395 to finish seven seconds back.

Landers and Walker are currently 1-2 in the overall standings, with Landers holding a 29-point edge, 119 to 90.

Jeremy Walker finished 10th in the 40+ A age group, running a time of 2:26:05.580 to finish 126th overall in a race that had 535 competitors. In the overall standings, Walker is sixth with 47 points, while Sam Forrester leads the 40+ A group with 141 points.

Round six of the NEPG National Enduro Series, the Grassman National Enduro, will be on Sunday, Aug. 21, in Chandlersville, OH.

## Johnson Wins In Rosedale

Gillespie racer Collin Johnson took first in the Open A class in the PM Bike division on Saturday, July 16, at the Midwest Cross Country Series event in Rosedale, IN.

Johnson ran a 2:00:02.050 for seven laps to beat out Mario Tonchev of Noblesville, IN, by just over two minutes. This was Johnson's second win in

the Midwest Cross Country Series in three attempts.

The young Gillespie rider was joined by his father Darold, who finished second in the Super Senior 50+ A class, running a time of 2:03:43.902 for six laps.

Overall, Collin Johnson finished fourth in the PM Bikes, while his dad finished 20th.

## Sports Booster Drive To Benefit Toppers

The Hillsboro High School athletic teams are preparing for a successful 2022-23 school year, and the Hillsboro Sports Boosters are trying to make sure the Toppers have all the tools necessary to do just that.

The Hillsboro Sports Boosters are hosting a membership

drive to help raise money for all of HHS' athletes and athletic teams. For \$20 supporters can become Topper Silver Members and will receive recognition on a banner, in the sports book and in the newspaper, plus a Topper decal. For \$40, Topper Gold

Members get all of the above, plus a Topper Pride Yard Sign.

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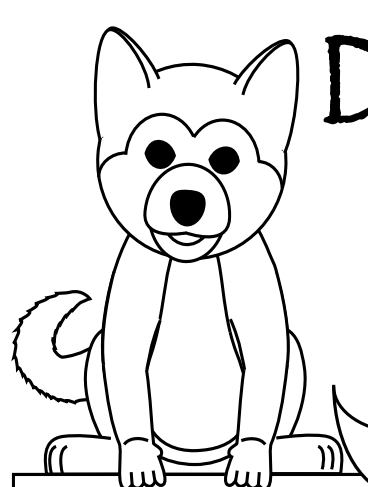
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## Dog Days of Summer

Hot, sticky days that make us sweat! Days when nothing seems to be happening...*dog days of summer!*

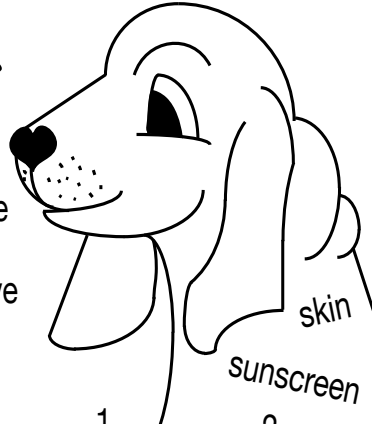
Dog days are here when the Dog Star, Sirius, appears over the horizon just before sunrise. At one time, people who were superstitious thought Sirius drove dogs mad in the heat of the summer. Sirius shines with a bluish-white light. It is the brightest star in our sky besides our sun. Sirius is in the constellation Canis Major, the Great Dog. Try to keep cool!

- Tips to Keep Cool:**
- drink lots of water
  - visit an air-conditioned library or mall
  - slow down
  - keep shades drawn
  - use fans
  - wear light-colored clothing

Where I live we have hot summers. We are used to the heat, but lately it's been **too hot**. I've been feeling as sick as a dog. **Woof!**



Did you know that dogs don't sweat the way humans do? Although dogs have a few sweat glands, they cool off mainly by panting.



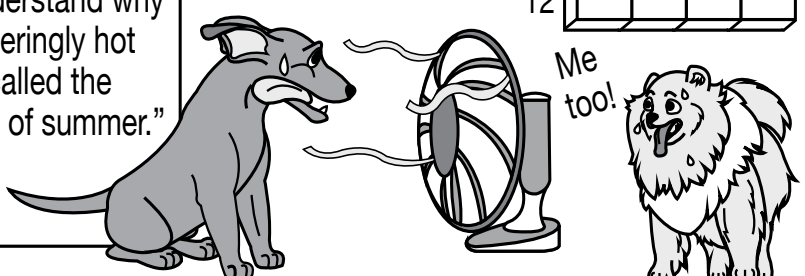
The **hottest** place in the U.S. is Death Valley (CA, NV). Temperatures there have been recorded above 130 degrees F.



A star is called a "sun" if it is in the center of a solar system.

refrigerator, feet, fans, dumps, plants, land, mosquitoes, bars, kickstands, you

I don't understand why these blisteringly hot days are called the "dog days of summer." I'm so miserable!



- The hottest days of the year are here and...**
1. \_\_\_\_\_ are tossing and turning, trying to sleep.
  2. pesky \_\_\_\_\_ are buzzing and biting.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ are wilting from lack of rain.
  4. air conditioners hum and \_\_\_\_\_ whir.
  5. garbage and trash \_\_\_\_\_ are smelling bad!
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ is parched because there is a drought.
  7. chocolate \_\_\_\_\_ are melting.
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ is protecting our skin from the sun's rays.
  9. bicycle \_\_\_\_\_ are sinking into heated tar.
  10. our \_\_\_\_\_ is running overtime to keep food cold.
  11. our bare \_\_\_\_\_ are cooling on the green grass.
  12. our \_\_\_\_\_ is sweating to cool our bodies.

**Sighting the Dog Star**

Start What stars can you see where you live?

Finish

Help us find our way to see the Dog Star, Sirius!

**It's Hot! It's Sweltering!**

How many different words do you know that help you to express *how hot it is*? Fill in the blanks below with letters from the key to spell out 12 different ways to describe the temperature rising.

I hum along to keep food cold, such as iced tea, ice cubes and frozen treats! Who am I?

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### Colors of Heat, Danger and Warning!

The color red is bright. It is sometimes used to communicate heat or danger. The color yellow is cheerful and warm. It is sometimes used to warn or protect. Put a circle on items that are often yellow. Draw an "X" on items that are often red. Then, below each picture, mark the box that tells what the color means.

a warning

you must stop your car

is hot

a warning at a crossroad

so it is cheerful

warm and fuzzy

a friendly wink

is smiling

a greeting

so it is easily seen in traffic

- Safety items are often made with light or bright colors: white, yellow, orange and red. Circle "yes" or "no" for the statements below:
1. Fire trucks are often red or yellow. **yes no**
  2. Hard hats are often yellow or bright orange. **yes no**
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# Out & About

4B - Thursday, July 28, 2022

## VAC Plans To Meet Monday In Hillsboro

The Montgomery County Veterans Assistance Commission will hold a regular monthly executive committee meeting on Monday, Aug. 1, at 1 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex Building, 201 South Main in Hillsboro.

Agenda items include 2023 budget proposal, and the budget hearing which is set for Aug. 18, at 10:10 a.m. under new business.

The Aug. 1 meeting is also available online at [meet.google.com/jam-dzmz-vmw](https://meet.google.com/jam-dzmz-vmw).

The next full commission meeting will be Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Joint Conference room. The next officers' meeting will be Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. also at the Joint Conference room.

## Hillsboro To Host Free Junior High Tennis Camp

A free tennis camp will be held at the Hillsboro Sports Complex on Aug. 1-5, for any students in sixth, seventh or eighth grade.

The camp will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and campers are asked to bring a tennis racquet and water bottle.

To register, please contact the Hillsboro Junior High office between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 217-532-3742.



## Litchfield Pickers Market Draws Crowd

There were plenty of treasures to be found at the Litchfield Pickers Market (above) on Sunday, July 10. The nice weather, combined with great music and good food made it an event that all ages enjoyed. There are still vendor spots open for the next pickers market on Sunday, Aug. 13. Message the "Visit Litchfield Illinois" page on Facebook to reserve a space. Live performances by *B&B Strings* (9 to 11:30 a.m.) and *Skibbereen* (noon to 3 p.m.) are sure to draw a crowd.



## Deputy O'Brien Receives Promotion

On July 20, Montgomery County Sheriff Rick Robbins promoted Patrol Deputy Sheriff Tom O'Brien to the rank of sergeant. The ceremony took place in the Montgomery County Courthouse and was attended by several of Sergeant O'Brien's co-workers and family members. Montgomery County Investigator Brett Holliday had the honor of pinning the sergeant chevrons on O'Brien's collar. Above, O'Brien, at left, takes the oath administered by Sheriff Robbins.



## Health Dept. Helps Navigate Emotions

Peggy Fox (standing) teaches the Anytime Program to a full house at Doyle Public Library in Raymond on Thursday, July 14. The social-emotional education program is hosted by the Montgomery County Health Department and offered at every library in Montgomery County. The weekly classes focus on emotions, self-esteem, empathy, problem solving and more.



Above, students enjoy playing a game during the Anytime Friends program at Doyle Public Library. The weekly program is facilitated by Peggy Fox, with the Montgomery County Health Department and is offered every Thursday afternoon, from 2 to 3 p.m., at Doyle Public Library.

## Wild Goose Chase Poker Run Takes Flight On September 10

Be it a truck, a car, a motorcycle or anything else quasaroadworthy, drivers looking for a chance to cruise won't want to miss the fourth annual Wild Goose Chase Poker Run on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Organized by Chris Morris in honor of his father, the late George "Goose" Morris, the Wild Goose Chase Poker Run will start at Midway Bar and Grill in Harvel, with registration starting at 11 a.m. to noon and the poker run leaving Harvel at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Stops will be announced the day of the run, but previously

the route has visited establishments in Farmersville, Auburn, Pawnee and Springfield.

The event will also feature a 50/50 raffle, silent auctions and giveaways all day. All vehicles are welcome to participate, with a \$20 entry per vehicle. Proceeds from the event go to the George Morris Vocational Scholarship, which benefits Lincolnwood High School students who are planning to attend a technical or vocational school after college.

For more on the event, go to [www.facebook.com/WGCPokerrun](https://www.facebook.com/WGCPokerrun) or call Chris Morris at 217-341-9571.

## Scooter Club Will Raise Funds For Bark Park

The Iron Peds scooter club invites the public to join them for Quarter Bingo to raise money for the second phase of the Bark Park, a Litchfield Park District dog park located in Davis Park on the corner of Seneca and Van Buren streets.

This Barkin' Bingo fundraiser takes place Friday, August 12. Doors open at 6 p.m. - games kick off at 7 p.m. The fundraising fun takes place at the Litchfield Community Center.

There will be door prizes,

affle baskets and games of chance such as a lotto tree. If you'd like to donate a scratch-off ticket of any denomination to help, or donate money towards the purchase of some tickets, contact Debbie at 314-956-2105 or [dskhjc@gmail.com](mailto:dskhjc@gmail.com).

Popcorn and water will be for sale at the event. Otherwise, bring your own drinks and snacks. There is no entry fee, and feel free to come and go as you please. All ages are welcome.

## Mt. Zion Lutheran To Host Worship Services

Pastor Cynthia Munker will lead worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 31, in the sanctuary at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield.

The services will be broadcast on 96.9 FM and livestreamed to the church's Facebook page.

Scriptures for Sunday Colossians 3:1-11, and Psalm 49 1-12. The gospel for study will be Luke 12:13-21. The congregation will sing the hymns "Oh, Sing to the Lord," "Be Thou My Vision," "Come,

Let us Eat," and "God of Grace and God of Glory."

The church's Mission Beyond their Walls for July is Litchfield Coats for Kids.

"It seems a little early to think about winter coats, but we want to make sure the good folks at LCfK have plenty of lead time with the dollars they need to provide this much needed ministry," said Pastor Munker. "We welcome your generous support."

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



## Schwab Descendants To Gather For Reunion Aug. 7

The descendants of Sebastian Schwab will gather for their annual reunion on Sunday, Aug. 7, at Maverick Steaks and Spirits in Litchfield. Family may begin gathering at 11 a.m., and the official starting time is 11:30 a.m.

No carry-in food or drinks allowed. Those attending are asked to go through the line to pay as it is a "dutch treat." Family members are encouraged to bring old and new family group photos of their branch to share.

## State Retirees Plan Meeting

Members of the AFSCME Sub-Chapter #87 will hold their next meeting on Monday, Aug. 8. The meeting will be held at Arpeggio Winery in Pana with a potluck luncheon

at noon, followed by the meeting at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact President David Spinner at 217-324-2018 or by email at [Bspinner@consolidated.net](mailto:Bspinner@consolidated.net).

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### This Week ...

- 1/4 Pound Burger
- Herb Chicken Sandwich
- Chicken Caesar Salad
- Catfish
- Irish Nachos



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**FOOD VENDORS WANTED**  
**AT OLD SETTLERS CELEBRATION IN HILLSBORO**  
**Wednesday, August 10 & Thursday, August 11**  
**Deadline: August 1st**  
For more information, call 217-254-0752.

**Thank You**  
**The Montgomery County Antique Farm Equipment Show Committee would like to thank everyone who donated or contributed to the success of the tractor and equipment show that was held on July 23 & 24 in Ohlman, Illinois.**  
Special thanks to Dennis Aumann for the use of his auction site area and all the extra work he put into getting ready for the show. All was appreciated.  
Also thanks to those who purchased pedal tractor raffle tickets in support of the Montgomery County Cancer Association.  
**Thanks To All From The Show Committee**

**BACK TO SCHOOL Blessing Bash!**  
**A Community-Wide Event**  
The Hillsboro United Methodist Church will be passing out free school supplies and personal hygiene items to local children for the upcoming school year.  
Students must be present.  
Free hair cuts will also be available.  
Hillsboro United Methodist Church  
537 Rountree St., Hillsboro  
Sunday, July 31 • 2 to 4 p.m.

**SORENTO HOMECOMING**  
**July 29 & 30**  
**Food ~ Rides ~ Raffles**  
Fri. • Car Cruise (line up at 5:30 on south end of carnival **Hard Drive** • 6:30-11 p.m.)  
Sat. • Parade at 5 p.m. (line up begins at 6 p.m. at the Elementary School)  
**The Strugglers** • 7-11 p.m.  
**Advance Ride Tickets: 10/\$25**  
**Available at the Water office**  
**Day of event tickets: \$3.50 each**

# AFSCME Retirees Hear About Veterans' Programs

by Joyce Shelton

On Tuesday, July 12 the AFSCME Sub-Chapter #87 Retirees met at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau building in downtown Hillsboro.

There were 12 members present and eight participated virtually.

President David Spinner welcomed everyone present including some new members and those on Zoom. He started out by announcing that this would be the last time Louis Gosland, executive director of the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans (IARA) would be hosting Zoom for the meetings. Gosland is moving to Kansas to start a new job. He thanked him for all his hard work and wished him well.

Spinner asked the group to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, he asked for a moment of silence for members who have passed away. The current monthly membership has declined from 723 to 721.

Spinner stated that the July AFSCME meeting in Decatur was an annual "Honor the Veteran" celebration. It was highlighted by guest speaker Clyde Wilson who served in Vietnam in the Army to protect Marines by defusing land mines. He was awarded the Bronze and Silver medals for his service. Wilson was honored with the Quilts of Valor Foundation award.

Spinner introduced Dick Breckenridge, executive board member from Taylorville who was present at the Decatur meeting. He stated that the Quilts of Valor award is given to comfort and heal servicemen, wound-

ed warriors and veterans touched by the war for their time and years of service. It was very emotional when the quilt was placed around the recipient's shoulders.

Becky Spinner said Krystie Able, a new organizer for IARA, gave a monthly legislative update at the Decatur meeting. Able stated that "The Build Back Better Bill" which passed will allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices for all Americans, and place a \$2,000 per year cap on Medicare out-of-pocket costs. She mentioned they are continuing to work on the Bill of Rights.

Breckenridge introduced Carlos English, special guest speaker and Veterans' Service Officer for the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs in Springfield. English told everyone that the office in Springfield is a one-story building. All employees are employed by the state. At this time, they are short-handed and doing a re-organization. He stated that all questions and benefits related to veterans are also on the VA website.

He said the Veteran Assistance Office can assist veterans with an ID card. It is a basic ID card with no picture on it to be used for veterans' discounts. The federal website has an ID card with a picture on it.

He stated that you can file disability claims and pension claims too. Just gather all the information and documentation along with a letter from a physician saying what is needed.

English brought up the subject of pensions. A death pension is a benefit paid to eligible dependents of deceased war-time veterans. If

you are a surviving spouse or unmarried child of the deceased veteran and your countable income falls below a yearly income under a \$14,000 limit (they can only count out-of-pocket expenses such as healthcare and medications), you are eligible.

There is an automatic pension if the spouse passes and was a veteran through the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). His office has all the records. The National Record Center personnel from St. Louis has records you can obtain for yourself.

His department will assist any veteran in obtaining their discharge papers (DD214), service records, medical records, medals, ribbons and awards. He said that the State of Illinois offers a one-time bonus for veterans who served honorably during a time of war.

Certain medals are needed to qualify. Veterans or their survivors may apply at their nearest service office on the website. There is a form to fill out and a one-time check for \$100.

He spoke with regard to VA healthcare and stated they would check your income; single, married, disabled for services available to veterans such as primary care, specialty care, and mental health care. Your medication would be mailed to you the same time every month.

Regarding education, English related that his office doesn't handle the GI Bill. You would need to go to the website or hotline. However, you can apply for college or graduate degree programs, career-training certificate courses, apprenticeships and

on-the-job training benefits.

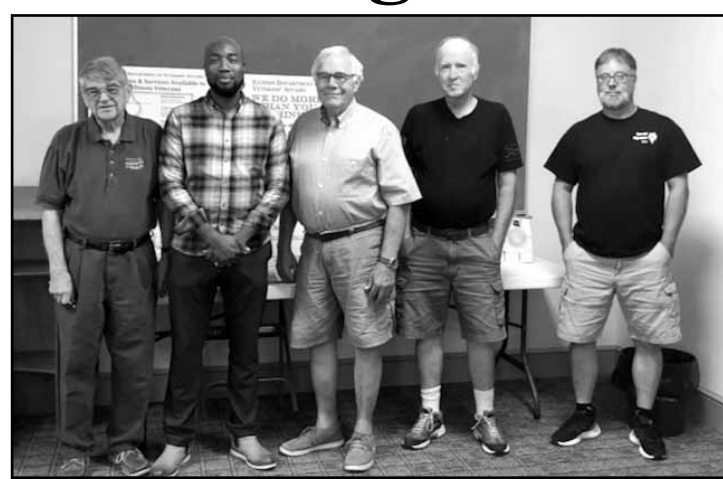
His office helps with employment for state and federal jobs. First, they would have to certify the DD214. For example, if you were getting out of the guard or reserves you could apply for employment. However, they do handle education for child or spouse of a deceased veteran. There are many scholarships available to apply for.

For burial benefits (including cremation) you need to communicate with the funeral service and the cemetery official. Certain benefits are available to assist with the burial expenses of deceased veterans. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will furnish a headstone or marker, upon request, without charge for the unmarked grave of a veteran.

They also provide bereavement counseling to all family members of service members. For reimbursement you would need a statement to apply and fill out for benefits whoever's name is on payment for burial.

English stated that the VA home loan guaranties are designed to help veterans, reservists and unmarried surviving spouses obtain homes and refinance loans and the spouse can apply for such benefits. Illinois is one out of only seven states that has property tax exemptions. You must fill out the tax exemption form yearly in case your percentage changes.

He went on to say that for the disabled veteran there is a standard Homestead Exemption that provides a reduction in a property's EAV to a qualifying property owner. A \$2,500 homestead exemption is available to a veteran



Pictured above, in front, from the left are President David Spinner, guest speaker Carlos English, Dick Breckenridge, Gordon Sheehan and Michael Bergbower. Not pictured were Alan Holman, Kathryn and Harold Long, Donna Spencer, Guylia Grigsby, Kim Fleming, Becky Spinner and Joyce Shelton.

with a service-connected disability of at least 30 percent, but less than 50 percent; a \$5,000 homestead exemption is available to a veteran with a service-connected disability of at least 50 percent but less than 70 percent.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs office provides one card for hunting, fishing and camping. Eligible veterans, all former Prisoners of War, and immediate family when accompanied by the veteran, are exempt from camping admission fees at parks under the control of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

English told the group that fishing and hunting licenses are issued for disabled veterans who are receiving 10 percent or greater service-connected compensation, or total disability pension benefits. The veteran may obtain this license from the IDVA by providing disability documentation.

To conclude his presenta-

tion, English handed out his business card, a Vet Center card, a brochure from the Vet Center and a brand new booklet from the State of Illinois (only printed for Illinois State Fair) outlining all Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs benefits.

The next meeting is a combined August meeting at the Arpeggio Winery, located at 778 N. Highway 51 in Pana. The celebration and potluck luncheon will begin at noon on Monday, Aug. 8. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. with featured speaker, James Hurtt, American Mining and Safety Engineer, first responder and EMT from Vincennes University. He will speak regarding the leading causes of fires in the home.

Directions to Arpeggio Winery are 778 N. Highway 51 in Pana, and look for the sign on the right side of the highway. Any member or retired senior is welcome to attend this event.

### THURSDAY EVENING

### JULY 28, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC Press Your Luck (N)	Generation Gap (N)	The Fatal Flaw - A (N)	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Nightline					
	CBS Law & Order (TV14)	SVU: "Once Upon A"	Organized (TV14)	Local (35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden					
	NBC MasterChef (TV14)	Welcome to Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local (35) Tonight Show (N)	Late Night					
	FOX Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)						
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E The First 48 (TV14)	Accused: Guilty or (N)	Interrogation Raw (N)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)					
	AMC Sixteen Candles (84, PG) ★★	Molly Ringwald.	Fast Times at Ridgemont High (82, R) ★★	Breakfast Club (85)	Deepest Catch (TV14)					
	ANIMAL Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Tyler Perry's The Oval					
	BET (5:00) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Tyler Perry's The Oval					
	BRAVO Southern Charm (N)	Southern Charm (N)	Watch What Began	Billy Madison (95, PG-13) ★★	Adam Sandler.					
	CARTOON Hill	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Dad					
	CMT Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Boondocks					
	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°					
	COMEDY The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N)					
	DISCOVERY Sharks! (TV14, N)	Shark House (N)	Monster Mako (N)	Tiger Queen (TV14, N)	Sharks! (TV14)					
	DISNEY Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Miraculous					
	E! (5:00) Movie	Welcome	Welcome	Family	Nightly					
	ESPN ESPN Films	ESPN Films Loyalty.	ESPN Films	SportsCenter	SportsCenter					
	ESPN2 (6:00) The Basketball	Basketball	Streetball	30 for 30 And 1 Midtape.	Streetball					
	FOOD Restaurant: Impossible	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Me or the Menu (N)	Beat Bobby					
	FREEFORM The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The 700 Club (TV 6)					
	FX Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06, PG-13) ★★	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06, PG-13) ★★	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters					
	HGTV No Demo Reno (N)	No Demo Reno (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters					
	HISTORY Alone: "The Ice Up"	Alone: "Winter's Grasp" (TV14, N)	Alone: "The Ice Up"	Alone: "The Ice Up"	Alone: "The Ice Up"					
	LIFETIME Rizzoli & Isles (TV14)	Rizzoli & Isles (TV14)	Rizzoli & Isles (TV14)	Rizzoli & Isles (TV14)	Rizzoli & Isles (TV14)					
	MTV Jersey Shore (TV14, N)	Ruckell Shore (N)	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous					
	NEWSNAT NewsNation	Dan Abrams Live	Banfield	NewsNation Tonight	Dan Abrams Live					
	NICK Hustle	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends					
	PARMT Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Yellowstone (TVMA)					
	SYFY Batman Returns (92, PG-13)	Michael Keaton.	Batman Forever (95, PG-13) ★★	Val Kilmer.	Batman ★½					
	TBS Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Frontal					
	TGM Mysterious Island (61, NR) ★★	Michael Craig.	Gojira (54, NR) ★★	Akira Takarada. (45)	Monster Challenged World (57)					
	TLC Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	My 600-lb Life (TV14)	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper					
	TNT (15) Kingsman: The Secret Service (15, R) ★★	Colin Firth.	Quinn	Quinn	Step Brothers (08) ★★					
	TRAVEL Paranormal Caught on Camera: "Glitch" (N)	Fright Club (TV14, N)	Fright Club: "Glitch"	Paranormal: "Glitch"	Paranormal: "Glitch"					
	TV LAND Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens					
	USA Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Austin (N)	Chrisley					
	VH1 (6:00) Titanic (97, PG-13) ★★	Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet.	Grease (78, PG) ★★	John Travolta.	Grease (78, PG) ★★					
<b>PREM</b>	HBO Westworld: "Zhangz" (16, R) ★★	Blue Bayou (21, R) ★★	Justin Chon.	Irma Vep	Mind Over Murder					
	MAX Dragon Blade (15, R) Jackie Chan.	(45) 47 Ronin (13, PG-13) ★★	Keanu Reeves.	(45) You, Me and Dupree (06) ★★						
	SHOW Bill & Ted	Bad Santa 2 (16, R) ★★	(05) The Chi (TVMA)	Supreme Team (TVMA)	Flatbush					

### FRIDAY EVENING

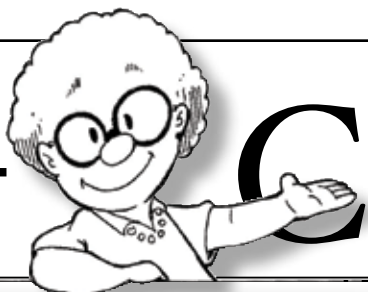
### JULY 29, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC Shark Tank (TV14)	(01) 20/20	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline					
	CBS Secret Celebrity (N)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Local (35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden					
	NBC American Ninja Warrior: "Seminals 2" (TV14)	Dateline NBC	Dateline NBC	Local (35) Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night					
	FOX WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)						
	ION Hawaii Five-0 (TV14)	Hawaii Five-0 (TV14)	Hawaii Five-0 (TV14)	Hawaii Five-0 (TV14)	Hawaii Five-0 (TV14)					
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)					
	AMC Jaws (78, PG) ★★	Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw.	Jaws (78, PG) ★★	Roy Scheider.	Pit Bulls & Parolees					
	ANIMAL Pit Bulls & Parolees	Pit Bulls & Parolees	Pit Bulls & Parolees	Pit Bulls & Parolees	Pit Bulls & Parolees					
	BET Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Tyler Perry's Sistas					
	BRAVO Despicable Me 2 (13)	Despicable Me (10, PG) ★★	Steve Carell.	Despicable Me 2 (13)	Despicable Me 2 (13)					
	CARTOON Hill	Hill	Futurama	Futurama	Dad					
	CMT Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom					
	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	CNN Special Report					
	COMEDY The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office					
	DISCOVERY Jaws vs. The Blob (N)	Clash of Killers (N)	Shark Women (N)	The Great (TV14, N)	Jaws vs. The Blob					
	DISNEY Villains (N)	Ultra (N)	Raven	Raven	Villains					
	E! (5:00) Movie	Welcome	Welcome	Family	Family					
	ESPN (6:00) The Basketball	The Basketball Tournament: "Quarterfinal" (Live)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter					
	ESPN2 (6:00) NFL Football	CFL Football: British Columbia Lions at Saskatchewan Roughriders (Live)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter					
	FOOD Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners					
	FREEFORM Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy					
	FX The Hangover (09, R) ★★	Bradley Cooper.	The Hangover Part II (11, R) ★★	Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms.	Ted (12)					
	HGTV My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery					
	HISTORY Ancient Aliens (TV14)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (TV14)	Ancient Aliens (TV14)	Ancient Aliens (TV14)					
	LIFETIME Castle: "Setup" (TV14)	Castle: "Countdown"	Castle: "Life to Lose"	(03) Castle (TV14)	Castle: "Setup" (TV14)					
	MTV Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous					
	NEWSNAT NewsNation	Dan Abrams Live	Banfield	NewsNation Tonight	Dan Abrams Live					
	NICK Prodigy	Prodigy	Friends	Friends	Friends					
	PARMT Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Yellowstone (TVMA)					
	SYFY Warehouse 13: "Trials"	Warehouse 13 (TV14)	Warehouse 13 (TV14)	Warehouse 13 (TV14)	Warehouse 13 (TV14)					
	TBS Men in Black III (12, PG-13) ★★	Will Smith.	(05) Central Intelligence (16, PG-13)	Kevin Hart.	Frontal					
	TGM Barry Lyndon (75, PG) ★★	Ryan O'Neal, Marisa Berenson.	90 Day Fiance: "More to Love" (TV14)	The Family Channel	90 Day					
	TLC 90 Day Fiance: "More to Love" (TV14)	Dr. Pimple Popper	90 Day Fiance: "More to Love" (TV14)	90 Day Fiance: "More to Love" (TV14)	90 Day Fiance: "More to Love" (TV14)					
	TNT (6:00) Bad Boys II (03, R) ★★	Martin Lawrence.	All Elite Wrestling	Tag (18, R) Ed Helms, Jake Johnson.	Tag (18, R) Ed Helms, Jake Johnson.					
	TRAVEL Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures: "Hallways" (TV14, N)	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures					
	TV LAND Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens					
	USA John Wick (14, R) Keanu Reeves.	John Wick: Chapter 2 (17, R) ★★	John Wick: Chapter 2 (17, R) ★★	John Wick: Chapter 2 (17, R) ★★	Chicago Fire (TV14)					
	VH1 (6:00) Save the Last Dance (01) ★★	Step Up (06, PG-13) ★★	Drinking Tatum, Janna Dewan.	Save Last Dance (01)	Save Last Dance (01)					
<b>PREM</b>	HBO (15) Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (01, PG-13) ★★	Real Time Maher (N)	Rehearsal	Real Time (TVMA)	Rehearsal					
	MAX Real Steel (11, PG-13) ★★	Hugh Jackman.	Shall We Dance? (04, PG-13) ★★	Richard Gere.	(05) Spare Parts (15)					
	SHOW (5:30) Stillwater (21, R)	NYC Point Gods (22, NR)	The Chi (TVMA)	Flatbush	NYC Point Gods (22)					

### SATURDAY EVENING

### JULY 30, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC Home Videos (TV14)	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune (TV14)	Shark Tank (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)					
	CBS FBI: Most Wanted	48 Hours (TV14)	48 Hours (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)					
	NBC Furious 7 (15, PG-13) ★★	Vin Diesel, Paul Walker.	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)					
	FOX MLB Baseball: "Reg1 Coverage" (Live)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)					
	ION SVU: "Brother" (TV14)	SVU (TV14)	SVU: "Missing" (TV14)	SVU: "Dearly Beloved"	SVU: "Dearly Beloved"					
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E The First 48 (TV14)	First Blood (TV14, N)	Panic 9-1-1 (TV14, N)	The First 48: "Deadly"	The First 48 (TV14)					
	AMC (6:00) Pearl Harbor (01, PG-13) ★★	Ben Affleck.	Forest Gump (94, PG-13) ★★	Tom Hanks, Sally Field.	Homestead Rescue					
	ANIMAL Homestead Rescue: "Sweet Home" (TV 6)	Homestead Rescue: "Mississippi" (TV 6)	Homestead Rescue: "Mississippi" (TV 6)	Homestead Rescue: "Mississippi" (TV 6)	Homestead Rescue: "Mississippi" (TV 6)					
	BET Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie					



**Announcements**

**Notices**

ORDER SELF INKING return address, Queen of Hearts name w/ number stamps, Notary stamps etc. The Journal-News, 217-532-3933

**Employment**

**General Help**

NEED SOMEONE 4 hrs. a day, 2 days weekly, light house work, help with elderly lady. 618-616-3066 or 217-313-2161. Calls only.

**For Rent**

**Apartments**

TWO BEDROOM apartment, Litchfield. Income stability is a must. 217-324-3283

**Bus., Office Rentals**

FOR RENT: Office space at 419 S. Main, Hillsboro, formerly Taylor Kay Art Gallery. 217-710-6384 or 217-710-7319.

**Houses**

NICE TWO BEDROOM house in Coffeen. \$600 per month plus deposit. 217-710-4604



**Merchandise**

**Furniture**

MATTRESS DIRECT: Twin mattress \$169, full \$199, queen \$249, special order king mattress \$369. L&W, across from Litchfield Walmart.

**Miscellaneous**

SELL YOUR UNWANTED treasures in the Journal-News classifieds. 217-532-3933

75 CENT newspaper bundles, The Journal-News. Great for pets, etc.

**Pets & Supplies**

TWO MALE Doberman puppies, 14 weeks old for sale. 312-330-8696

**CONCRETE FLATWORK**  
217-971-5077

**Services**

**General Services**

SEWING MACHINE Repair: John Compton, 217-563-2443, 217-377-5307.

PROFESSIONAL PRESSURE washing houses, buildings, roofs, fences and decks. Insured and bonded. 217-710-9587

5 GALLONS filtered water \$1; bag or bulk ice. 611 N. Monroe, Litchfield. Twice the Ice machine.

**Transportation**

**Pickups & 4x4s**

USED TRUCK, 2000 Chevy 4x4 K1500 Silverado. \$1500 OBO. 269-221-0036

**Traffic Court**

- Cohl M. Chartrand, 25, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Olivia K. Ellis, 56, of Litchfield, expired registration.
- Brendon R. Flack, 23, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Gary J. Frank, 52, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- John K. Orzel II, 49, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Matthew W. Page, 18, of Hillsboro, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Rae L. Rangel, 38, of Sorento, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Candy L. Zebrauskas, 47, of Raymond, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Nicholas A. Dunn, 27, of Litchfield, driving under the influence, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, headlight/taillight.
- Curtis R. McCormick, 38, of Litchfield, canceled/revoked/suspended registration.

**Fire Calls**

**Vehicle Accident**  
Members of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Fairground Avenue at 12:03 p.m. Friday, July 22.  
Fifteen personnel responded and were back in service at 12:30 p.m.  
**Railroad Ties Smoking**  
The Witt Volunteer Fire Department, staffing two apparatus, was paged to a report of railroad ties smoking on South Hirst Street at 2nd Street at 8:25 p.m. Wednesday, July 20.  
Upon arrival, responders extinguished the ties and reported the incident to Union Pacific. The fire department was back in service shortly thereafter.

To learn more about Heartland Gallery events:  
[heartlandgallery.org](http://heartlandgallery.org)

**GARAGE SALE**

HUGE MULTI FAMILY garage/barn sale: Household, holiday, primitive, crafts, girls 41-6t, boys 8-10, misc. Aug. 6, 8-2 p.m., 1801 Klar Ave., Hillsboro. Strausbaugh

GARAGE SALE: This could be YOUR ad. 217-532-3933

MULTI-FAMILY garage sale Friday, July 29, 4 to 8, all day Saturday. Boys size S, men small to XL, women small to 3XL. 305 W. Water St., Hillsboro.

RESCHEDULED: MULTI-FAMILY yard sale: July 30, 8 to ?, 28 Tremont Terrace, Hillsboro. Strollers, kids clothes, household items.



**Grant Approved For Officer Trainings**

At the most recent Crime Stoppers meeting, a grant was approved to Chief Talon Burton of the Nokomis Police Department. This grant will be used to provide lifesaving first responder training for Nokomis and other Montgomery County officers. Due to law enforcement budget issues, the Crime Stoppers board is proud to be able to assist in officer training.

Pictured left to right are Crime Stoppers Vice President Jim Morgando, Grant committee chairperson Lynn Hearn, Nokomis Police Chief Burton and Crime Stoppers President Gerald Brand.

**Court**

- Tanya L. Bauer, 48, of Sorento, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Saturday, July 16.
- Tonya L. Burdell, 38, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of criminal trespass to a residence on Wednesday, July 20.
- Kristin R. Fox, 39, of Hillsboro, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Saturday, July 16.
- Jessica E. Jenkins, 30, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Monday, July 18.
- Oliver W. Marit, 59, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of forgery on Wednesday, July 13.
- Candy L. Zebrauskas, 47, of Raymond, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Saturday, July 9.
- Cody R. Bain, 29, of Litchfield, was charged with criminal trespass to a field on Friday, July 8.
- Justin M. Trueblood, 23, of Litchfield, was charged with criminal trespass to a field on Friday, July 8.
- Jeffrey J. Wagahoff, 52, of Granite City, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of meth delivery on Wednesday, July 20, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail with a credit of 147 days served, 36 months of probation, drug and alcohol treatment, fined \$75, plus court costs. Additional felony charges of meth delivery, possession of meth and unlawful possession of a controlled substance were dismissed.
- Cornelius D. Staple, 36, of Chicago, pleaded guilty to an amended felony charge of possession of a stolen firearm on Thursday, July 14, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail with a credit of 115 days served, 24 months of probation, fined \$5,000, plus court costs. A felony charge of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon was dismissed.
- Joshua R. Thiessen, 37, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of meth delivery on Monday, July 18, and was sentenced to six years in prison with a credit of 248 days served, two years of mandatory supervised

release, fined \$75, plus court costs.

• Nicholas B. Gerl, 40, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of harassment on Friday, July 15, and was sentenced to two years in prison with a credit of 418 days served, one year of mandatory supervised release, fined \$5,000, plus court costs. He also pleaded guilty to violation of an order of protection, and was sentenced to 364 days in jail with a credit of 364 days served, fined \$75, plus court costs. An additional felony charge of harassment was dismissed.

• Felony charges from December 2021 of driving on a revoked or suspended license against Jimmy S. Chenoweth, 40, of Nokomis, were dismissed on Wednesday, July 13.

• Felony charges from April of forgery against Joshua A. Barry Weathers, 39, of Kouts, IN, were dismissed on Friday, July 15.

• Shelby R. Morgan, 26, of Mt. Olive, pleaded guilty to retail theft on Thursday, July 14, and was sentenced to two days in jail with a credit of one day served, fined \$200, plus court costs. An additional misdemeanor charge of criminal trespass to land was dismissed.

• Charges from December 2020 of retail theft against Robert L. Tackaberry, 45, of Litchfield, were dismissed on Tuesday, July 12.

• Charges from February of resisting a peace officer against William O. Webber, 22, of Alton, were dismissed on Friday, July 22.



**Hillsboro Fire Department Trains On Ladder Truck**

Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department pulled out their ladder truck during their training on Monday night, July 19. The volunteer firefighters took turns manning the ladder truck and stated that being 102 feet in the air makes for some great pictures.

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

**VACANCY NOTICE**  
**Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3**  
Position: Full-Time Classroom Teacher's Aide-Junior High  
License: Current Para Professional Certification or willingness to obtain certification with district assistance  
Job Description: Working with junior high age children in the classroom  
Salary: Teacher's Aide Salary Schedule  
Submit Application/Resumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to: Donald VanGiesen, Principal; Hillsboro Junior High School; 909 Rountree Street; Hillsboro, IL 62049; email to: [dvangiesen@hillsboroschools.net](mailto:dvangiesen@hillsboroschools.net); phone (217) 532-3742  
Application Due Date: August 8, 2022  
We do not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap.

**VACANCY NOTICE**  
**Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3**  
Position: Computer Application Teacher-Junior High  
License: Illinois Professional Educator's licensure with appropriate 6-12 computer applications or computer science endorsement OR career experience that could lead to CTE licensure  
Job Description: Instructing Junior High students in computer applications  
Salary: To be determined by the Board of Education  
Submit Application/Resumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to: Donald VanGiesen, Principal; Hillsboro Junior High School; 909 Rountree St.; Hillsboro, IL 62049; Email to: [dvangiesen@hillsboroschools.net](mailto:dvangiesen@hillsboroschools.net); Phone (217) 532-3742  
Application Due Date: August 3, 2022  
We do not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap.

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

**HELP WANTED**  
Looking for someone to TAKE CARE OF PETS and LANDSCAPING including flowers/trees. PART-TIME IS O.K.  
Send resumé to: Department D  
P.O. Box 100  
Hillsboro, IL 62049

**VACANCY NOTICE**  
**Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3**  
Position: Full Time Classroom Teacher's Aide at Beckemeyer  
License: Current Para Professional Certification or willingness to obtain certification with district assistance  
Job Description: Working with Elementary age children in the classroom  
Salary: Teacher's Aide Salary Schedule  
Submit Application/Resumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to: Zach Frailey, Principal; Beckemeyer Elementary School; 1035 Seymour Ave.; Hillsboro, IL 62049; Fax to: 217-532-5142; E-mail to: [zfrailey@hillsboroschools.net](mailto:zfrailey@hillsboroschools.net); Phone (217) 532-6994  
Application Due Date: August 1, 2022  
We do not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap.



Pictured above, from the left are Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District employees Melissa Cauble and Gabe Osborn; Directors Dennis Hand, Dave Pastrovich, Jason Anderson and Ken Suslee and Associate Director Dick Lyons.

**Local Conservation Leaders Attend Conference**

Directors and employees of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) recently attended the annual Meeting and Summer Training Conference of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Springfield.

They attended sessions on new conservation programs including the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), the Illinois

Cover Crops Initiative (ICCI) and Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources (STAR); sessions on watershed planning and soil health.

The guest speaker was Rick Clark, an Indiana farmer who has found success in implementing a growing system on his 5,100 acre farm which is strictly organic, using zero tillage and no chemistry.

Clark promoted many different practices and provided data to support the use

of them. He stated that he understood his methods as a whole would not be feasible for all farming operations.

However, individual aspects like no-till and cover crops are easily adaptable for most farming operations and improve soil health and water quality in all areas of agriculture.

An annual highlight of the meeting is honoring SWCD directors for years of service. This year, Jason Anderson of Montgomery County was honored with a ten-year certificate.

**Crop Condition**

There were 5.6 days suitable for field work during the week ending Sunday, July 24.

Statewide, the average temperature was 78.8 degrees, 2.3 degrees above normal. Precipitation averaged .94 inches, .09 inches below normal.

Topsoil moisture supply was rated 16 percent very short, 19 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated 17 percent very short, 15 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

Corn silking reached 81 percent, compared to the five-year average of 80 percent. Corn dough reached 17 per-

cent, compared to the five-year average of 19 percent. Corn condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 18 percent excellent.

Soybeans blooming reached 55 percent, compared to the five-year average of 69 percent. Soybeans setting pods reached 20 percent, compared to the five-year average of 36 percent. Soybean condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 46 percent good, 15 percent excellent.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The Board of Education of Panhandle Community Unit School District No. Two, 509 N. Prairie Street, Raymond, IL 62560, is now accepting bids for a One (1) 71 Passenger, Saf-T-Liner C2, 2023 Model Year School Bus as outlined in the specification requirements which may be picked up or requested from the Panhandle Unit Office.

Please contact Jason Wagahoff (217) 229-4215 for more information. Bids must be received by 2:45 p.m. on August 9, 2022. Bid opening will be at 3:00 p.m. on August 9, 2022 at the Panhandle Unit Office.

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**Nokomis FFA Attends Leadership Camp**

Nine Nokomis FFA chapter members attended the Southern Illinois University FFA Leadership Camp on July 11-13. The FFA members made new friends, participated in numerous leadership activities, toured the SIU campus and overall had a great time. The group is looking forward to returning next year and extends its gratitude to the SIU Ag Ed Department for hosting the camp. Pictured above, in front, from the left are Nora Patton, Olivia Tosetti, Summer Spencer and Kennley Kirk. In back are Kalya Davis, Austin Davis, Kyle Reynolds, Rylee Waterman and Mattie Johnson.

**NASS To Release August Ag Yield**

At the beginning of each month from August through November, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey farmers across the U.S. asking for acres harvested and expected yield for their fall harvested crops.

On Aug. 12, NASS will publish estimates based on these surveys for each crop in each state, along with national estimates.

NASS encourages farmers to respond online, at [agcounts.usda.gov](http://agcounts.usda.gov), or by mail. Results will be published in Crop Production reports at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 MADISON COUNTY  
 IN THE MATTER  
 OF THE ESTATE OF  
 NORMA M. BIROS,  
 Deceased.  
 No. 2022-PR-147  
**CLAIM NOTICE****

Notice is given of the death of Norma M. Biros of Hillsboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 11, 2022 to Zane Dudley, of Staunton, IL as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Erik Hyam of Silver Lake Group, Ltd. of Litchfield, IL 62056.

Claims may be filed within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred as to the estate which is inventoried within that period.

Claims must be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Madison County Courthouse, Edwardsville, Illinois, and copies mailed or delivered to the Administrator and to his attorney.  
 Erik Hyam  
 IL Bar No. 6311090  
 Attorney for Administrator  
**Silver Lake Group, Ltd.**  
 314 N. Monroe, P.O. Box 98  
 Litchfield, IL 62056  
 Phone: (217) 324-6147  
[erik@silverlakelaw.com](mailto:erik@silverlakelaw.com)  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Central Illinois Storage will be holding a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. **SALE WILL TAKE PLACE AT [www.storage treasures.com](http://www.storage treasures.com).** Property being sold includes all contents in units of the following:

<b>Litchfield</b>	L233	Janie Miller	L29	Kevin Young
<b>Nokomis</b>	N63	Barbara Krager		
<b>Morrisonville</b>	14M	Kollin Rogers	33M	Joshua Bailey
<b>Hillsboro</b>	H166	Lori Loskot	H177	Lori Loskot
	H232	Amber Lee Riley		

Auction (8 units) August 11, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.  
**Central Illinois Storage, Carlinville, IL 62626 • 217-854-3492**

**ONLINE AUCTION  
 CAULK TRUCKING**  
 Bidding open now through  
 August 9 • 6:00 PM  
 216 State St. • Irving, IL

Lance & Kenda Caulk have owned and operated Caulk Trucking Inc for 30+ years and have decided to retire and sell the Trucks & Trailers the Company used as well as a collector truck and a couple tractors they used on the family farm. There will also be some tools added.

Inspection Date: August 5, 4PM-6PM  
 Pick-up Date: August 11, 10AM-4PM  
 Auction manager: Kent Aumann

Bid now at:  
**AUMANNAUCTION.com**  
 217-563-2523  
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**ONLINE AUCTION  
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 Bidding open now through  
 August 4 • 6:00 PM  
 104 North 6th Street • Witt, IL

**APPROX. 1,700 SQFT LARGE 4 BEDROOM, 1 BATH  
 Location, Location, Location.. Check out this great  
 Family home located next to the Lions Club Park!!**

Open House: August 1, 4PM-6PM  
 Auction manager: Kent Aumann

Bid now at:  
**AUMANNAUCTION.com**  
 217-563-2523  
 Buyer's Premium: 10%

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

**SAT, JUL 30 - 9 a.m.** for the Floyd "Tuffy" & Marilyn Taylor estate located at 318 N. Maple St., Irving. Live onsite auction of vehicle, guns, coins, collectibles, primitives, sewing, jewelry, furniture, tools, etc. 17 wagons sale day. Will be running 2 auction trucks. Eric White, auctioneer, 217-556-2135. Go to [www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com) Auctioneer #13756 to view 325+ pictures.

**SAT, JUL 30 - 9 a.m.** for the Carl Chrisman estate located at 367 E. 1550 Ave., Vandalia. Farm equip., trucks, mowers, butchering equip., tools, outdoors, misc., appliances, furniture, household. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

**MON., AUG. 1 - 7 p.m.** Bidding ends for online auction of the Jim Anderson estate, located at 2306 N. 17th Ave., Litchfield. Viewing Jul. 30, 10 a.m.-noon. Pickup/check-out Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-noon. 2017 Toyota Tundra 1794 Edition truck-24.425 mi., '88 JD 4450-super sharp, '95 JD 310D trackhoe, Kubota ZD 1211, Hyster propane lift-nor running, shop equip., tools, etc., 6x12 utility trailer, 7x14 McCormick hay frame wagon w/sides, Holland Legend gas grill, much more. Jim Anderson estate-Lou Ellen Anderson, seller, Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507, mikercrabtreeauctions.hibid.com.

**THURS., AUG. 4 - 6 p.m.** Bidding ends for online auction of 104 N. 6th St., Witt. Approx. 1700 sq. ft. 4BR/1BA, next to Lions Club Park. Auction mgr: Kent Aumann. Open house Aug. 1, 4-6 p.m. [aumannauction.com](http://aumannauction.com). Aumann Auction, 217-563-2523.

**SAT, AUG. 6 - 9 a.m.** at 614 N. Chiles St., Carlinville. Live onsite auction of John Deere mower, Stihl trimmers and blower, power and woodworking tools, Craftsman tool chest, brand name tools, wrenches, sockets, vise, pneumatic tools, Lincoln welder, welding supplies, shop equip., BB guns, hunting equip., metal patio furniture, washer, gas dryer, deep freezers, children's furniture, household goods, and Pyrex. Russell Rhodes, seller. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, mikercrabtreeauctions.hibid.com, mikercrabtreeauctions.com, 217-473-2507.

**SAT, AUG. 6 - 9 a.m.** at 1561 Hastings Cemetery Ave., Mulberry Grove for Ralph Rivera. 20 acres w/mobile home, a few hand tools, some household. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

**TUES., AUG. 9 - 6 p.m.** Bidding ends for online auction for Caulk Trucking, 216 State St., Irving. Inspection Aug. 5, 4-6 p.m. Pickup Aug. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Trucks, trailers, collector truck, a couple of tractors, some tools. Auction mgr: Kent Aumann. Bid now at [aumannauction.com](http://aumannauction.com). Aumann Auction, 217-563-2523.

**WED., AUG. 31 - 6 p.m.** Bidding ends for online only machinery auction. Bid Aug. 9 at 5 p.m. thru Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. All items must be delivered to Micenheimer Auction Lot, 4.5 mi. S of Taylorville by Mon., Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. Micenheimer & Meyer Auction Services, James Micenheimer & Cory Meyer, auctioneers, 217-820-9324, 217-710-5642, micenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com, micenheimerandmeyer.com.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of John W. Mullen, formerly a resident of Montgomery County, Illinois, on May 29, 2022. Letters of Office were issued out of the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois, on the 12th day of July 2022 under Case No. 2022-PR-38 unto Elvin John Mullen whose address is: Elvin John Mullen, 64 Fox Lane, Coffeen, Illinois 62017, and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Cullison of 220 South Main Street, P. O. Box 188, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

Claims may be filed within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

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

Elvin John Mullen,  
 Personal Representative of  
 the Decedent's Estate  
 By: Stephen R. Cullison  
 Cullison & Vandever  
 Law Office  
 220 S. Main St.,  
 P. O. Box 188  
 Hillsboro, IL 62049  
 (217) 532-5432  
 Registration No. 00555592  
[cullisonlaw@consolidated.net](mailto:cullisonlaw@consolidated.net)  
 18-3T

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**VILLAGE OF COALTON  
 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING  
 APRIL 1, 2021 THROUGH THE END OF MARCH 31, 2022**

I, Sandy Jachino, Treasurer of the Village of Coalton, Nokomis, Illinois say that the following statement to be the best of my knowledge to be correct for the reporting of fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 through the End of March 31, 2022.

**General Fund Total Liabilities & Equity \$385,938.** Income: Property Tax \$11,530, IL Replacement Tax \$749, State Income Tax \$43,314, Sales Tax \$25,883, State Use Tax \$11,845, Gaming Tax \$10,821, American Rescue Plan Act \$19,460, Farm Rent \$6,648, Interest \$478. All other income less than \$2,500 totaling \$1,503. General Fund Expenses: Salaries and Payroll Taxes \$30,873, Legal & Accounting Services \$6,650, Electric & Gas \$3,975, Insurance \$5,768, Street Expense \$6,533, Repairs and Maint. \$8,704, Mowing Expense \$3,024. Expenses less than \$2,500 totaling \$2,791.

**Water & Sewer Fund Total Liabilities & Equity \$0.** Transferred to EJ Water. Income from Water-Sewer \$29,714. Expenses: Salaries & Payroll Taxes \$1,590, Cost of Water \$10,510, Attorney & Legal Fees \$10,169. Other Water Expense less than \$2,500 totaling \$95. Sewer Treatment \$8,049, Sewer Salaries & Payroll Tax \$1,590, Bond & Int. \$4,455. Other Sewer Expense less than \$2,500 totaling \$1,100.

**Moto Fuel Fund: Total Liabilities & Equity \$36,082.** Income from Motor Fuel Allotment and Interest \$22,438. Balance on Hand as of March 31, 2021: General Fund \$385,938. Water Sewer Fund \$0. Motor Fuel Fund \$36,082. **TOTAL ON HAND END OF MARCH 31, 2022: \$422,020.**

Sandy Jachino, Treasurer of Village of Coalton  
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## LHS Students Attend Clinic For Color Guard

Two Litchfield High School students honed their Color Guard skills at a Smith Walbridge Clinic July 12-15. Students Olivia Reid, at left, and Myka Fenton had the opportunity to develop a strong fundamental base of performance techniques, then learn how to create their own routines and build upon their skills after they leave the clinic. They learned how to transfer what they learned to their peers back home.

The Color Guard Clinic is designed for multiple levels of instruction for brand new or experienced performers looking to hone skills in flag or rifle. From body movement, flag, rifle, and saber, students will be challenged to both expand on their current skills while learning new techniques in other areas of Color Guard.

Smith Walbridge's Color Guard Clinic gives new and returning students the opportunity to advance through

the levels of instruction provided year to year. Three to four levels are offered based on enrollment and class size.

Instructors emphasize a strong fundamental base of performance techniques. All students are shown techniques in body movement, dance, and marching integration.

The Color Guard Clinic has built-in section teamwork, discipline, and motivation to encourage leaders to work with peers. Afternoon electives provide current or future leaders techniques and tools to help lead when they return home.

Students have the opportunity to learn new skills through a multitude of electives and classes provided during the clinic. Students can choose to pursue dance, leadership, style shows, care/maintenance, and additional routines in flag, rifle and saber.

Litchfield High School students Olivia Reid, at left, and Myka Fenton participated in a Smith Walbridge Color Guard Clinic this July.



## Seniors Stay Healthy At Doyle Public Library

Panhandle area seniors (above) have been taking advantage of the new exercise programs offered at Doyle Public Library in Raymond. The seniors meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the hour-long physical fitness programs, geared towards strengthening their bones, muscles, eyes and even morale. Using the library's technology, the seniors follow along with a video series geared specifically towards older adults. The instructional exercise videos are also posted on the "Doyle Public Library" page on Facebook for those that are unable to attend in person. In addition to the weekly exercise classes, Doyle Public Library hosts an adult book club from 5 to 6 p.m., on the second Monday of each month.



## Covert Couple To Join Staff At Zion Lutheran

Zion Lutheran School in Litchfield will be welcoming Chris and Susie Covert to its teaching staff for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Covert will serve as the seventh/eighth grade home-room teacher and Mrs. Covert will be the new morning third grade and afternoon fifth/sixth grade teacher. The couple met while teaching in Oklahoma and have spent the past eight years in Indianapolis.

Zion Lutheran School continues to accept registration forms for the upcoming school year. For more information, call 217-324-3166.

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22 CHEVY SILVERADO K2500 LT L154, Duramax, crew, cherry red  
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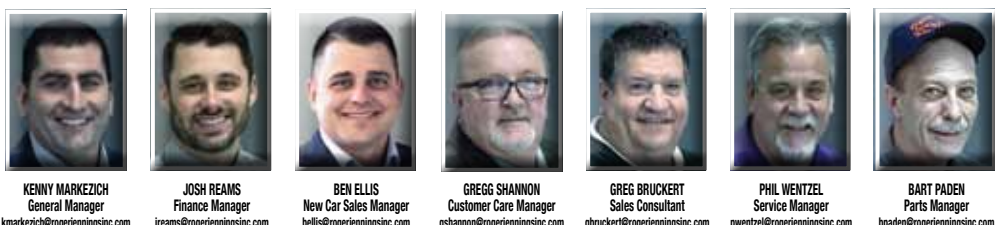
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19 Chevy Colorado LT Y6988 Crew cab, silver, 42k ..... \$33,900	19 Chevy Traverse RS Y6983 FWD, silver ice metallic, 23k ..... \$38,900	19 Chevy Equinox LT Y6976A FWD, tungsten metallic, 35k ..... \$25,900	21 Chevy Colorado ZR2 Y6979 Crew cab, black, only 5k ..... \$CALL
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18 Jeep Compass Latitude Y6964A FWD, black, 56k ..... \$22,900	20 Buick Envision Y6910 FWD, Essence, white, only 15k ..... \$34,834	19 Chevy Equinox LT Y6931 FWD, summit white, 28k ..... \$25,876	19 Ram 1500 Big Horn Y6933 Crew cab, diamond black, 14k ..... \$43,383
21 Dodge Durango Citadel Y6982 AWD, black clearcoat, 26k ..... \$49,900	20 GMC Sierra K1500 Elevation Y6967 Dbl cab, pacific blue, 22k ..... \$45,900	16 Chevy Traverse LTZ L147A FWD, tungsten metallic, 68k ..... \$25,900	20 GMC Terrain SLE Y6974 FWD, satin steel, only 7k ..... \$32,900
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