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Someday We'll Find It, The Rainbow Connection

Individuals across Montgomery County were treated to an extra-special occurrence, a double rainbow, following the storms that traversed across the area on Sunday evening, Aug. 28. The rarest type of rainbows, double rainbows (also known as twin rainbows) share a base and are formed when sunlight is reflected twice within a raindrop. Twins, but not identical, the arcs of the secondary rainbow are opposite of the primary rainbow and move from violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. *Journal-News* reader Holly Lanthrip took the beautiful photo above of a full double rainbow at her home just outside Hillsboro. Eagle-eye viewers will notice the bolt of lightning across the middle of the photo as well. There may not have been a pot of gold at the end of this rainbow, but, gauging by the number of photos posted by residents that were lucky enough to spot the rainbows, Montgomery County is certainly full of lots of dreamers.

Photo courtesy of Holly Lanthrip

Nokomis Park Board Holds Meeting On Pool

by Ben Schwarm

A light crowd, but very engaged group of Nokomis residents participated in an open meeting held by the Nokomis Memorial Park Board to discuss the progress of rebuilding the park's public swimming pool.

The iconic pool, which has been in the city's Memorial Park for decades, has fallen into disrepair over the years and is in need of major reconstruction in order to meet the newer, more stringent requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

The board began planning for the pool work more than two years ago, pre-pandemic, receiving estimates on what a

new pool and other water features would cost. According to Park Board President Brad Janssen, the initial estimate for a new swimming pool, water slide, splash pad and diving board was approximately \$700,000. Now, after the COVID-related complications of inflated material costs, work shortages, and supply chain snags, the most recent bid was \$791,000 just for the swimming pool.

The board hired Benton and Associates out of Jacksonville to do the engineering, planning and permit work for the project. After COVID-related delays, the plans are moving again. The delay now is waiting for IDPH to grant the permit. According to Benton and Associates' Greg Hillis, all

of the paperwork has been submitted and several follow-up questions by IDPH have been answered. Receiving swimming pool permits from the department has been becoming a slower, much more deliberate process over the last few years, according to Hillis.

Due to the rising costs of the project, Janssen informed the group that decisions had to be made to be able to continue the work in a cost-efficient manner. The existing bid, submitted by Trotter and Associates out of Macomb, included costs of \$791,000 for the pool, \$275,000 for the splash pad, \$75,000 for the diving board, and \$59,000 for the water slide.

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Witt Homecoming To Start This Saturday

The 116th Witt Labor Day Homecoming Celebration will kick off this weekend, Saturday, Sept. 3, Sunday, Sept. 4, and Monday, Sept. 5. The annual end-of-summer celebration features all the favorites, BBQ, funnel cakes, Pronto Pups, Lemon Shake-ups, kids activities, the classic doll stand, dunk tank, live music and more.

Bounce Houses will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday; 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday; and from noon to 3 p.m. on Monday. The Witt Area Historical Museum Open House will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday; and noon to 3 p.m. on Monday.

The Labor Day celebration will start bright and early with the Witt Labor Day 5K

fun run/walk. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and runners will take off at 9 a.m. from the grandstand. A portion of the proceeds are donated to the Montgomery County Cancer Association.

Festivities will continue with the Witt High School Alumni reunion, which will be held in the Witt Lions Club Building. Registration and social hour is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a banquet at 6 p.m. To reserve a seat for the banquet contact Barb Goltko at 217-594-2883.

Elvis Himselvis will perform live from 7 to 9 p.m. at the bandstand. *The Stingers* will close out the evening's entertainment from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Beer Pavilion.

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Raymond Celebration Begins Thursday Night

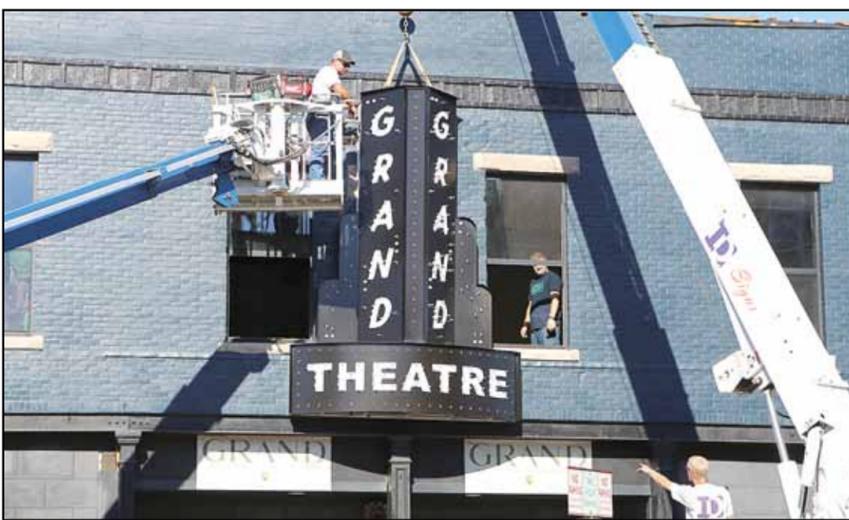
The 65th annual Raymond Celebration begins today, Thursday, Sept. 1, through Saturday, Sept. 3, and is sure to provide fun for all ages.

Carnival rides will open from 5-9 p.m. on Thursday and from 5-10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Advance tickets are on sale (\$25 for a sheet of ten) until the start of the carnival this afternoon at FNB, Bank and Trust, West End and Shell in Raymond or by contacting the "Raymond Independence Day" page on Facebook. Tickets will also be available for purchase during the celebration at a cost of \$30 per sheet of ten or \$3.50 per ticket. The Raymond Celebration Association will hold a bike drawing at 8 p.m. on Thursday night, and at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday

nights - must be present to win. The Beer Tent will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The celebration will kick off on Thursday evening with a welcome from Mayor Denny Held at 6 p.m., from the stage. The 2022 pageant candidates will be introduced at 6:30 p.m. Little Miss candidates are Evelyn Goebel, Amelya Walch, Lucy Wagahoff, Katie Brown, Adelyn Nicol, Zoey Robinson and Emmersyn Snyder. Little Mr. Muscle candidates are Wyatt Jenkins, Colton Owens, Freddie Wagahoff, Emmett Mitchelar, Owen Meisner, Zeke Meisner, James Carriker and Foster Millburg.

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Sign Marks New Downtown Theatre

Hillsboro's re-invented downtown took a very visible step forward on Wednesday morning, Aug. 31, when the retro-neon Grand Theatre sign was installed high above the sidewalk to mark the soon-to-open theatre venue, which will be used for both live theater performances and on-screen entertainment. The sign was the dream work of Julie Eisentraut of The Orpheum family, brought to life by Judy Zumwalt of Toots Tubing in Hillsboro, and installed by ID Signs of Springfield. "Only a few weeks out," Jeff Eisentraut said of the new theatre's opening date. "Hillsboro now has a theatre district," remarked one passer-by as the sign was going up.

Journal-News Photo

HHS Students Earn National Honor

Hillsboro High School students have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs.

These national recognition programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process.

Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

Students honored this fall include Adison Pollard (NRSTA), Alexander Sticha (NRSTA), Annabelle Wright (NRSTA) and Saul Quiroz Garcia (NHRA).

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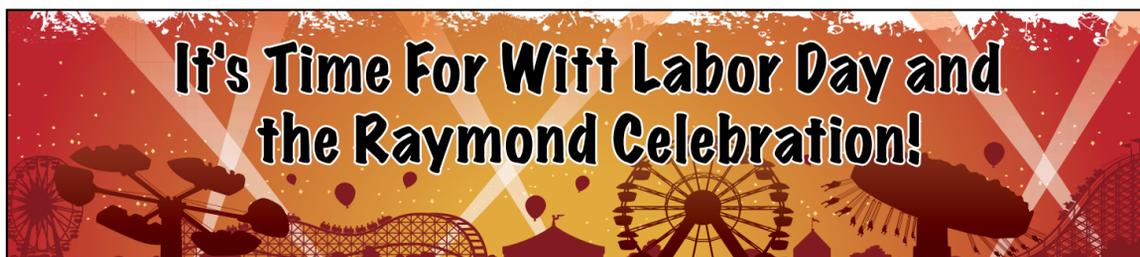


Four Hillsboro High School students earned national recognition this fall through the College Board National Recognition Programs. Pictured above, from the left are Alexander Sticha, Annabelle Wright, Saul Quiroz Garcia and Adison Pollard.

students have earned this recognition. We are very proud of them for their achievements in their classrooms and on College Board assessments," said Patricia Heyen, Hills-

boro High School principal. "These programs help students from underrepresented backgrounds stand out to colleges during admissions."

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LHS Student Honored In Patriotic Art Contest

Claudia Deren, a student at Litchfield High School, earned first place in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest in April. Her artwork was then advanced to VFW Auxiliary state judging and was displayed at this year's Illinois State VFW Convention in June. At state, Deren's artwork was viewed by hundreds of attendees and took home honorable mention. The annual art contest is sponsored nationwide by the VFW Auxiliary.

Sparklight Among Top Fastest Service Providers

Sparklight®, a leading broadband communications provider, was recently named to PC Magazine's list of the top 10 Fastest Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in the nation for the second consecutive year.

The leader for rigorous, lab-based comparative reviews of internet products, PC Magazine tested ISPs across the country based on upload and download speeds via PCMag Speedtest from June 1, 2021, to June 7, 2022.

"We're incredibly honored to once again be ranked by PC Magazine as one of the top 10 Fastest ISPs in U.S.," said Julie Laulis, President and CEO. "We continue to invest in our infrastructure to ensure our customers have access to a state-of-the-art network designed to support the high-speed internet needs of our customers and communities - today and in the future. Whether they are working, learning, gaming or

streaming from home, we are pleased to provide our customers with a seamless, best in class experience."

Sparklight currently offers speeds up to 1 gigabit for residential customers and up to 5 gigabits for business customers over its fiber-powered network. With investments of nearly \$950 million over the past three years, the company is laying the groundwork to launch speeds as fast as 10 gigabits (10G) and beyond.

Delivering speed ten times faster than today's networks, 10G will transform the customer experience, creating new possibilities for smart cities, connected homes, virtual and augmented reality and business.

Earlier this year, Sparklight was named among the top 10 on PC Magazine's Best Gaming ISPs list for 2022.

For more information about Sparklight, visit www.sparklight.com.

Bond County Students Dismiss Early Sept. 2

Bond County Community Unit School District #2 will have a student attendance adjustment on Friday, Sept. 2.

Students will be dismissed early for a school improvement teacher workshop. Greenville Elementary and the Pocahontas Center will dismiss at 12:30 p.m., Greenville Junior High will dismiss

at 12:35 p.m. at the high school will follow at 12:51 p.m.

On Friday, all Bond County KRP students will have a remote learning day. There will be no in-person KRP classes.

In addition, there will be no school on Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day. School will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Hillsboro Town Hall Will Center On Tourism Goals

Hillsboro area business owners and community members alike are invited to attend a town hall meeting on Friday, Sept. 9, at the Abbey on Broad, located at 202 S. Broad Street in Hillsboro.

This will be the first in a series of meetings meant to bring active community members together to discuss how the city's next step in its ongoing revitalization efforts: building a tourism base.

Doors will open at 5:15 p.m., with the town hall to begin at 5:30 p.m. The informal meeting of minds will feature guest speaker, Cory Jobe, Great Rivers and Routes, as well as a question-and-answer panel.

Questions can be directed to Sarah McConnell at economicdevelopment@hillsboroillinois.net or 217-663-7490.



Glass Takes Newspaper On Trip To Branson, MO

While on her trip to the popular vacation destination, Sue Glass of Hillsboro stopped by the Hollywood Wax Museum on Monday, Aug. 22, to see the king of rock and roll himself, Elvis Presley, and took a copy of *The Journal-News* with her. She and her daughter, Christine McCulloch of St. Clair, MO, enjoyed visiting attractions as well as relaxing in Branson, MO, for a few days.

City of Litchfield To Begin Oiling, Chipping Sept. 7

The City of Litchfield Street Department will be oiling and chipping the roadways beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7 to Friday, Sept. 9, weather permitting.

The streets affected are as follows: N. Illinois Ave., from Union to Henrich and from Henrich to Clark; E. Park Place, from Montgomery to the dead end and from Chestnut to Franklin St.; N. Walnut St., from Union Ave. to Chapin; N. Chestnut St., from Union Ave. to Hauser; N. Van Buren St., from Union Ave. to Hauser; E. Hauser St., from State St. to the dead end; E. Weir St., from Harrison to State St.; N. Jefferson St., from Union Ave. to Clark; S. Adams, from Union Ave. to Tyler Ave.; E. Columbia Blvd., from Weir St. to the north dead

end L&W; W. Eilerman Ave., from E. Columbia to Old Rt. 66 and from Old Rt. 66 to S. Grant St.; S. Grant St., from Eilerman to Tyler and from Tyler to Buchanan; S. Lincoln St., from Tyler to the dead end, from Tyler to Buchanan St. and from Columbia Ave. to St. John.; S. Grant St., from Columbia to the dead end; S. Douglas St., from St. John to the dead end; S. Brown St., from Columbia Ave. to St. John; E. South St., from State St. to Chestnut; E. Seneca St., from Van Buren to Monroe; and E. Jones St., from McKinley Ave. to State St.

Litchfield residents should not park on these streets after 7 a.m. during this project. Through traffic should pay attention to flaggers.

Middle School Offers Goodies To Raise Funds

Litchfield Middle School will kick off their annual fundraiser with Mrs. Fields Fundraising and The Cheesecake Factory Bakery. Students will begin selling these products today, Thursday, Sept. 1, and the fundraiser will end on Thursday, Sept. 15.

There are two easy ways to participate. Those interested can fill out an order form if they have a specific student they wish to purchase from or can order online at <https://onlineorders.mrsfieldsfundraising.com/litchfieldms-fall2022/cookies>.

The annual fundraiser supports student rewards, treats and supplies.

Weather Forecast

Thu 01	84°/63°	Partly Cloudy	6%
Fri 02	85°/64°	Partly Cloudy	6%
Sat 03	88°/64°	Partly Cloudy	9%
Sun 04	87°/65°	Partly Cloudy	16%
Mon 05	84°/65°	Partly Cloudy	24%
Tue 06	84°/64°	Scattered Thunderstorms	45%
Wed 07	82°/64°	Scattered Thunderstorms	39%

Journalisms

News About People and Events of Interest Throughout The County

The tradition of Labor Day was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century, becoming a federal holiday in 1894. A national holiday, it pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is observed on the first Monday in September.

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 5, the next edition of *The Journal-News* will not be published until Tuesday, Sept. 6. The deadlines for both advertising and news items is Saturday at noon. In addition, the Hillsboro office will be closed on Monday, but will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday.

After more than a week of hints and clues, the Hillsboro High School music program has revealed the operetta for the coming school year. This year's students will be performing *Mamma Mia!* based on the musical catalog of ABBA. The production will be held April 20-23, and includes a new Sunday matinee this year.

Everyone loves a parade! And after nearly 800 days of leukemia treatment, Declan Treece of Raymond and his family are celebrating in a big way. Treece will have his final dose of chemo on Sunday, Sept. 4, and family and friends are hosting a parade by his home to help him celebrate.

Anyone wishing to join the fun may line up at 5:30 p.m. at the Pope Auction parking lot, located at 823 N. O'Bannon Street in Raymond. The parade will turn left onto Springfield Road and drive right by Treece's house at 414 N. Springfield Road. Declan will be outside the house with his family and can't wait to wave at everyone who drives by!

Hillsboro football fans are joining the cause to help a former teacher, who now works in Pana, during the football game this Friday night. Brody Haston, the young son of Adam Haston, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. Haston is currently the athletic director at Pana High School, but was previously a junior high math teacher and coach in Hillsboro.

When the Hiltoppers travel to Pana on Friday night, both teams will be wearing green ribbons on their helmets. Fans are asked to wear green to the game as well. Donations will be accepted at the gate for the Haston family, and an autographed football signed by both teams will be auctioned off as well that night.

St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro is hosting a bake sale as part of the Queen of Hearts drawing this Thursday evening, Sept. 1, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at The Abbey on Broad. Proceeds will benefit the family of Seth and Jessie Huber of Hillsboro, whose two-year-old son, Simeon, has been diagnosed with leukemia. Free will offerings will be accepted for baked items. In addition, there will be a basket raffle.

It's a celebration 43 years in the making! Mary Ann Rimini is retiring from Bank and Trust in Farmersville after more than 40 years of dedicated service and hard work. Community members are invited to stop by the Farmersville branch on Thursday, Sept. 1, to wish her good luck and enjoy some refreshments.

Organizers with the Sherwood Forest Campground Forest of Terror are sad to report that this year's event and future events have been canceled due to new state requirements. Volunteers thank everyone who has supported the event over the years, both guests and campers. They had fun putting it together and made many wonderful memories.

Harvest of Hope Food Pantry volunteers have announced the dates for September service. Their delivery truck was unloaded on Wednesday, Aug. 31, and organizers are grateful to volunteers who stepped up to help.

Food pantry days in September will be Sept. 3 and Sept. 7, by appointment only. To make an appointment, call 217-560-7533. Volunteers are also needed to help hand out food on those dates. Organizers are grateful to everyone who supports the ministry through volunteering and financial contributions.

Litchfield nurse Lauren Hernandez has been recognized by HSHS St. Francis Hospital during the month of July. She was recipient of the "Good Catch" award and was presented with a certificate and a cup. Hernandez said she is thankful for the wonderful place where she works and the ability to serve her community.



Lauren Hernandez

Dometic is excited to bring people of all ages to Lake Lou Yaeger in Litchfield for the first Dometic Day, scheduled to be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the lake. The inaugural event will feature a fishing tournament and free kids' derby for youth ages three to 15 years old. The tournament boat launch is scheduled for 6:30 a.m. at Marina #2 on Lake Lou Yaeger. Fishers will have until 2:30 p.m. to reel in a prize-winning catch. The kids derby will run simultaneously from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Registration is set at \$75 per boat with max of two participants per boat. Participants can register online at the Sierra Parts website at www.sierraparts.com/dometicday. Those interested in participating in the kids' derby can also register online. Day-of registration for the fishing tournament will be open from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. the morning of the tournament. Registration for the kids' derby will also be open from 5:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.

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Obituaries

Cheryl L. Skinner, 77 Homemaker

Cheryl L. Skinner, 77, of Nokomis, died on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, at her home surrounded by family.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Skinner was born Nov. 21, 1944, to Cletus and Norma (Carlock) Sanders. She married John W. Skinner on June 6, 1962, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 2020.

She graduated from Nokomis High School with the class of 1962. She was a member of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Skinner was a homemaker, and her greatest love was her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to sit on her porch and visit with her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Kimberlee (Jim) Wilson and Julee (Kelly) Johnson, both of Nokomis; three grandchildren, Shaylee Wilson, Kacey Johnson and Jayme Johnson; two great-grandchildren, Lilah and Wesley Watkins; and her brother, Alan L. (Kristy) Sanders of Nokomis.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Skinner was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Diana Hertz; and brother, Brian Sanders.

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

Virginia Coufal, 92 Arrangements Pending

Virginia Coufal, 92, of Hillsboro, died on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, at 2:15 p.m. at Hillsboro Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Arrangements are pending at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro. A full obituary will be published in a future edition of *The Journal-News*.

Thomas J. Phillips, Jr., 90 Newspaper Publisher

Thomas J. "Tom" Phillips, Jr., 90, of Pana, died on Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, in Heritage Health in Pana.

Visitation is set for Friday, Sept. 16, from 9-11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pana. A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m., followed by memorial mass at 11:30 a.m. with the Rev. Rodney Schwartz officiating. Private inurnment will be at a later date at Calvary Cemetery in Pana.

Mr. Phillips was born March 20, 1932, in Pana, to the late Thomas J. Phillips, Sr. and Della (Comerford) Phillips. He married Doris Elizabeth Christner on June 16, 1956, in the rectory of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Pana, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 20, 2016.

He is a graduate of Pana High School, class of 1951, and attended Eastern Illinois University for a year before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. He then served on active duty for four years and retired from the reserves as Chief Petty Officer after 32 years of service. At age 23, he began his career with the *Pana News-Palladium* in 1956.

Journalism was his life and hobby. He got an early start to his career as co-editor of the Pana High School newspaper, the *Pana Pacer*, his senior year. He honed his craft while serving in the Navy, eventually being assigned to the Public Information Office of the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet.

He and his wife were the owners and publishers of the *Pana News-Palladium* for more than 50 years. They were also owners and publishers of the *Nokomis Free Press-Progress*, *Assumption Golden Prairie News*, and the *Morrisonville Times*.

He is a past president of the Illinois Press Association and The Southern Illinois Editorial Association. He was a member of the National Newspaper Association and was awarded the NNA President's Award for distinguished service to community journalism. He was past vice-president of the Illinois Press Association Foundation and was instrumental in the construction of the IPA's headquarters just south of Springfield.

He was awarded the Illinois Press Association Distinguished Service Award and was inducted into the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Journalism Hall of Fame as a Master Editor. He is a past president of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Throughout his career, he was the winner of numerous writing awards at both the state and national levels.

Through the influence of his Pana newspaper, he single-handedly raised nearly \$100,000 to repair the roof and flooring of Kitchell Park's historic Chautauqua Pavilion in the early 2000s and saved Pana's Illinois Central Railroad switching tower with his individual purchase of the property. He helped fund the Pana Labor Day Parade for many years with his newspaper "Pennies for the Parade" campaign.

He was a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pana, and 4th Degree Knight with Pana Knights of Columbus Council #896. He was the past president of the Pana Lions Club, Pana Chamber of Commerce, and a charter member of the Pana Community Hospital Foundation Board. He was also a member of the committee which helped to purchase the hospital from the Sisters of Misericorde, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

He was selected as Grand Marshal of the Pana Labor Day Parade in 1997 and was the recipient of the Pana Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award and Pana Elks Lodge 1261 Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award. He served as president of the Christian County Elderly Housing Authority and oversaw the construction of Parkway Apartments in Pana. He received the Christian County Economic Development Corporation's Service Award in 2004.

He was a member of the Pana Lions Club, Pana American Legion Post, Pana AMVETS Post, Korean War Veterans and Catholic War Veterans. He served on the Pana Police Pension Board and was secretary of the organization for many years.

He was a Christian County Deputy Coroner for 24 years. Mr. Phillips is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth A. "Beth" (David) Bennett, Madison, WI; son-in-law, Tom Latonis of Pana; grandchildren, Alicia Phillips Bennett (Alex) Dingee, Nicole Phillips (Josh) Bonn and Jacob Thomas Latonis; three great-grandchildren, Joshua Dean "J.J." Bonn, Jr., Ellie Nicole Bonn and Archer James Dingee.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Cynthia J. "Cindy" Phillips-Latonis and Patricia M. "Trish" Spracklen; and an infant grandson, Thomas Phillips Latonis.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the Sacred Heart School and will be accepted by McCracken-Dean Funeral Home, who is assisting the family.

Helen E. Barnes, 101 Homemaker, Farm Wife



Helen E. (Ring) Barnes, 101, of Hillsboro, died on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Hough Funeral Home in Raymond. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Ralph Ward officiating. Burial will be held at Morrisonville Cemetery.

Mrs. Barnes was born Sept. 24, 1920, in Atwater, to John Henry and Opal Blanch (Banning) Ring. She married Glenn Leroy Barnes on March 1, 1941, in Nokomis, and he preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker, farm wife and worked at the Nokomis Dress Factory.

Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Butler Union Church. She is survived by her children, John Barnes of Reading, MA, and Glenda (husband Rick) Williams of Springfield; grandchildren, Rebecca (husband Brad) Slightom Heacox of Bloomington and Larry (Gene) Slightom, Jr. of Butler; three great-grandchildren, Savannah and Shannah Slightom and Jesse Baugh; two great-great-grandchildren, Tinley Rae Slightom and Maeva Shea Jett; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Barnes was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Charles Ring; daughter-in-law, Liz Barnes; and granddaughter, Teresa Slightom.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Butler Union Church. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.houghfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth A. Minder, 89 Worked For Tosetti



Elizabeth Anne Minder, 89, of Pawnee, died on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022, at Nokomis Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Funeral Mass was conducted Saturday, Aug. 27, at St. Rita Catholic Church in Kincaid with the Rev. Piotr Kosk officiating. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery in Pawnee. Curry Funeral Home in Pawnee assisted the family.

Ms. Minder was born Dec. 22, 1932, in Pawnee, to William S. and Mary E. (Fitzsimmons) Minder.

She was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church in Kincaid. Before joining St. Rita, she was an active member and tireless volunteer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pawnee for many years, devoting many hours of service to the church, including participating in the choir. During her career, Ms. Minder worked as the office manager for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in its Springfield branch. After she retired, she worked part time for Tosetti and Associates in Nokomis.

She was kindhearted and generous, helping those in need when and where she could. She enjoyed opening her home to her many nieces and nephews, hosting holidays, campouts, bonfires and reunions.

Ms. Minder is survived by her brother, John C. (wife Carolyn) Minder of North Venice, FL; sisters-in-law, Helen and Sandra Minder; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Joseph, William "Skip" and James Minder; and two sisters, Jane Barry and Barbara Adcock.

Memorials may be directed to St. Rita's Catholic Church, 30 St. Ritas Court, Kincaid, IL 62540. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.curryfh.com.

Gary M. Matevey, 82 U.S. Army Veteran



Gary M. Matevey, 82, of Gillespie, died at 10:26 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Private family services will be held. Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Matevey was born on July 29, 1940, in Litchfield, to Michael and Helen (Herrin) Matevey. He married Patricia Ann Campbell Matevey on Oct. 12, 1968, in Benld. Mr. Matevey was a veteran of the U.S. Army after having served during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He was retired after having been a ballistics tester for Olin Corp. In his youth, Mr. Matevey played football, basketball and track. He was the 100 yard dash State of Illinois Qualifier and still holds the 100 yard dash record at Gillespie High School. Mr. Matevey received numerous dog of the year awards with the Field Trial of Illinois. He was a charter member of the Macoupin County Field Trials Club where he also had served as president, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Matevey was an avid field trials enthusiast, hunter and fisherman. He was an Illini and Chicago Cubs sports fan. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Matevey is survived by his spouse; siblings, Jim (Jo Ann) Matevey of Midway and Suzanne (Kenny) Fritzsche of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law, Mildred Campbell Stettens; and brother-in-law, John T. Campbell.

Memorials are suggested to Gillespie-Benld Area Ambulance Service or the donor's choice. Condolences may be left online at www.kravanyafuneral.com.

Wayne Edward Law, 85 Enjoyed Wordworking



Wayne Edward Law, 85, of Litchfield, died at 4:45 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022, at his home.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service, on Friday, Sept. 2, at the Litchfield Assembly of God Church. Funeral services will begin at noon at the church with the Rev. Jeff Martin officiating.

Mr. Law was born on Sept. 17, 1936, in Litchfield, to Isaac and Velma (Grimmet) Law. He married the former Naomi D. Brewer on March 19, 1960; she survives. Mr. Law

was employed for 10 years in the signaling department of the Wabash/Norfolk, Western Railway and Morton Buildings in Litchfield for 30 years. He retired from R.P. Lumber as a yard foreman in 2009. Mr. Law was a member of the Litchfield Assembly of God Church, where he served on the church board. He enjoyed camping, woodworking, fishing, putting in a nice garden and spending time with his grandkids.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Law is survived by his son, Edward (Melody) Law of West Frankfort; daughters, Maleah Raynor of Gillespie and Rulene Kuchar of Raymond; nine grandchildren, Kimberly (David) Vachata, Kelly Law, Kyle (Trista) Law, Austin (Teresa) Raynor, Blake (Ashlynn) Raynor, Christopher (Sarah) Raynor, Lacey Raynor, Jacob (Valerie) Kuchar and Jayden Kuchar; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Bill Raynor; six brothers, Earl Law, Joseph Law, Clarence Law, Harold Law, Russell Law and Harley Law; and three sisters, Lula Mae Savage, Dorothy Law and Mary Belle Jones.

Memorials be directed to the Litchfield Assembly of God Church. Condolences may be left online at www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Janette Triplett, 49 Mental Health Case Manager

Janette Lynn Triplett, 49, of Tallahassee, FL, formerly of Litchfield died on July 25, 2022.

Family and friends are invited to attend a remembrance ceremony at a later date in Tallahassee, FL. Neptune Society is assisting the family.

Mrs. Triplett was born on April 19, 1973, in Washington, PA to John G. and Sheryl G. Bandy. She grew up Litchfield, before relocating to Tallahassee, FL, with her husband, son, daughter and mother in 2016.

A 1995 graduate of Blackburn College, Mrs. Triplett used her degree in psychology as a mental health case manager for the Montgomery County Health Department in Hillsboro for more than 20 years.

She was actively involved in taking great care of her family, friends and her pets, and loved to actively bless others with her love language of giving gifts. Mrs. Triplett had a heart to see others find joy in who they are or in who they will become.

She was known for speaking her mind and sharing her truth with a sense of urgency. She had a gift of making lasting friendships that were centered around her honesty and integrity. Mrs. Triplett will be remembered by her quick witty remarks that brought everyone she met to instant laughter and joy. Her deep love for animals was by far the unspoken joy to God's delight.

Mrs. Triplett is survived by her husband, Charles Triplett, son Kelson L. Triplett, daughter DeShaye L. Triplett and her mother and friend, all of Tallahassee, FL.

She was preceded in death by her father John G. Bandy in 2004, maternal grandparents Floyd Braye and Virginia (Powis) Braye and paternal grandparents John G. Bandy, Sr. and Florence (Stranahan) Bandy.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.neptunesociety.com/location/tallahassee-cremation for the Triplett family.

Baptist Church Plans One-Day VBS Event

The Mt. Olive Baptist Church will host a one-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) event on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children ages four to 12 are welcome to join in the fun. The theme for VBS is "This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls."

A free lunch will be served and participants will enjoy games including Gagaball, prizes, a bounce house, crafts and much more.

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

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Young And Kenny Marry This August In Hillsboro

Meagan Young and Nicholas Kenny, both of Coffeen, were united in marriage this summer in a private ceremony on Aug. 24, 2022, in Hillsboro with their parents and their daughters, Nova and Millie. The new Mrs. Kenny is the daughter of Bradley and Dawn Young of Hillsboro. A 2004 graduate of Hillsboro High School, she graduated in 2008 from Anderson Univer-

sity with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She is currently self-employed.

Her husband is the son of Leo and Beverly Kenny of Coffeen. A 1997 graduate of Hillsboro High School, he earned his bachelor of science degree in 2003 from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He is currently employed as a pharmacist for CVS.

World Harvest Church Will Continue To Serve

With lots of talk about the recent selling of the World Harvest Church building, at 102 S. Main Street in Hillsboro, Pastor Shawn Huber assures its congregants and the community that the church is not closing.

Services have been temporarily moved to the Outreach Center, where the World Harvest Food Pantry is located, at 109 S. Hamilton Street. The non-denominational services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

Attendees are instructed to use the parking lot across the street from the Bank of Hillsboro's drive-up branch, and to use the door with the awning over it.

Births

Garrett and Kellie Wilhelm, of Hillsboro, announce the birth of their daughter, Maddaline Nicole Wilhelm, born at 2:08 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 8 lbs., 2 ozs., and measured 20.5 ins., long.

Maternal grandparents are Jon and Beth Hinckley of Litchfield, and Steve and Beth McDaniel of Pittmer, MO. Paternal grandmother is Wendy Webb of Pevely, MO.

Maternal great-grandparents are Pete and Sue Hinckley of Litchfield, Polly Wand of Litchfield and Elizabeth Griffen of Naperville. Paternal great-grandparents are Roger Wilhelm of Poplar Bluff, MO, and Diane Jeffers of Butler.

Benjamin and Katherine Berry, of Litchfield, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Ellen Berry, born at 2:17 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and measured 19.5 ins., long.

Olivia is welcomed to the world by her big sister, Camie Michaelis, 12 years old.

Maternal grandparents are Rick and Billie-Jo Lambert of Carlinville. Paternal grandfather is Ronnie Berry of St. Louis, MO.

Paternal great-grandmother is Georgia Nolden of Litchfield.

Greenwood Family Sets Reunion Date

The 80th annual Greenwood family reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Methodist Church annex in Coffeen.

A potluck dinner will start at 12:30 p.m. Guests are asked to bring a treasured remembrance of their parents or grandparents for show and tell. Family members are also reminded to keep track of any births, deaths and marriages for 2020 and 2021 to update the lineage records.

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Above, young girls participate in various princess crafts during the Raymond Princess Party.

Raymond Girls Dress Up For Princess Party

Dozens of local girls slipped on their prettiest dresses and headed to the Living Center in Raymond for a special Princess Party on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 21.

The event was hosted by the Raymond Celebration Committee for grades preschool to third.

The girls enjoyed wearing their dresses, getting their nails painted, different themed crafts and some delicious snacks.

Attendees were encouraged to bring a canned good

to donate to the Panhandle Food Pantry or school supply item to donate to the Panhandle School District.

The reigning royalty, 2021 Miss Independence Avery Pope, 2021 Junior Miss Independence Raina Cunningham and 2021 Little Miss Sage Mulvaney, will retire their crowns this weekend at the Little Miss and Little Mister pageant Friday, Sept. 2, at 6:30 p.m. and the Junior Miss and Miss pageant Saturday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m.



In true princess fashion, Evelyn Goebel dressed as Scottish princess Merida from Disney Pixar's film Brave.

Art Guild Will Create Quilts At Meeting

The Montgomery County Art Guild (MCAG) will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church basement.

This month, participants will paint small decorative Christmas barn quilts. Material cost for a 12" square board will be \$5. Anyone who wants to paint a large outdoor barn quilt instead, may do so, but must provide their own wood.

Participants should bring the following materials to the workshop: pencil, eraser, ruler or yardstick, rags or paper towels, small containers with lids for paint, assorted sizes of brushes, an apron or wear old clothing, green or blue painters tape, a hair blow dryer and a plastic tablecloth.

There is no membership fee to attend MCAG workshops and all are welcome. For more information visit the "Montgomery County Art Guild" page on Facebook or contact montgomerycoartguild@gmail.com.

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Calvary Baptist Church Resumes Ignite Groups

Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro will resume its Ignite Groups on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. A light meal/snack will be served just before the start of the group at 6 p.m. Children ages four to fifth grade and youth from sixth to twelfth grades are welcome to attend. The church offers rides to those interested in participating. To schedule a pick-up, contact Bonnie O'Guinn at 217-825-4752. For more information, email Florence Rozmislowicz Clark at rozmislowicz@gmail.com.

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 Voter registration is being conducted at the Montgomery County Clerk's Office at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, Illinois, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4 P.M., excluding holidays. Appointed Montgomery County, IL Deputy Registrars may also register voters through that date.

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Little Miss Witt Contestants

Candidates for the Little Miss Witt pageant, in front, from the left are Briella Osborn, Lilliana Smith, Graysie Stone, retiring 2021 Little Miss Witt Karsyn Jones, Marlee Wrachford, Kinzlee Cooper and Alayna Gilbert. In back are Mila Heldebrandt, Aleeha Gilbert, Addie Stone, Korra Smith and Hadley Kennedy. Not present for the photo was Lylah Holbert.



Miss Witt Contestants

Candidates for the Miss Witt pageant, in front, from the left are Lauryn Miller, Joplin Hartman and Chloee Kenny. In back is retiring 2021 Miss Witt Mia Sherer.

Witt Pageants Take Stage This Sunday Night

This year's 116th annual Witt Labor Day Homecoming celebration kicks off Saturday, Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 5.

One of the highlights of this year's celebration will be the pageants on Sunday evening, Sept. 4, beginning at 5 p.m. on the stage in downtown Witt.

Four pageants will be held including Little Miss Witt, Little Mister Witt, Junior Miss Witt and Miss Witt. There will also be a crowning of a Tiny Mister Witt.

Meghan Maretta is the pageant director. Also helping with the pageants will be retiring royalty, 2021 Miss Witt Mia Sherer, 2021 Junior Miss Witt Nataleigh Jackson and 2021 Little Miss Witt Karsyn Jones.



Junior Miss Witt Contestants

Candidates for the Junior Miss Witt pageant, seated from the left are Rylie Jones, Angel Spensberger, Emberlee Gilbert and Skylar Scroggins. In back is retiring 2021 Junior Miss Witt Nataleigh Jackson.



Little Mister Witt Contestants

Candidates for the Little Mister Witt pageant, from the left are Carter Maretta and Griffin Maretta. Not present for the photo was Eddie Longwell.

First Responders Get In Lincoln Library For Free On Sept. 11

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield is inviting first responders and healthcare workers to visit the museum free of charge on Sunday, Sept. 11, in recognition of the important work they do.

Police and paramedics, soldiers and ER nurses, firefighters and dispatchers – they all work hard to keep people safe. On the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks,

they can visit a museum dedicated to a president who kept the nation safe. They simply need to present an employer ID.

The offer of free admission is one in a series of "Abe Appreciation" events where the ALPLM recognizes people and organizations that contribute to the community. Other groups honored include teachers and workers in the tourism and hospitality industry.

"Throughout the Civil War, President Lincoln offered the nation's thanks to soldiers for their 'skill, endurance and dauntless courage.' Those same words apply to today's first responders and medical personnel who step up to help others during times of crisis," said ALPLM Executive Director Christina Shutt. "I'm glad we can thank them in a small way by inviting them to learn more about President Lincoln's legacy."

The mission of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is to inspire civic engagement through the diverse lens of Illinois history and sharing with the world the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln. The library pursues this mission through a combination of rigorous scholarship and

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The smiling face greeting customers at the new Rise and Grind Coffee Company trailer is 2019 Litchfield High School graduate Sydney Budd. *Journal-News Photo*

Rise And Grind Coffee Open In Litchfield

Famed late-night television host David Letterman once said, "If it wasn't for coffee, I'd have no discernible personality at all."

Coffee lovers throughout the area now have a new fix for their favorite treats, Rise and Grind Coffee Company trailer in Litchfield.

Owned and operated by 2019 Litchfield High School

graduate Sydney Budd, the bright yellow pop-up trailer was opened earlier this summer and has been seen at a variety of local events, including the Pickers Market, ribbon cuttings and more.

Budd got her start working for James and Sara Randle at Coffee Xpresso in Litchfield, creating a variety of specialty drinks.

Her new coffee trailer offers coffee drinks, tea and lemonade and frozen drinks. Budd said she enjoys meeting new customers and attending local events.

For a complete list of menu options and other upcoming events, visit her Facebook page at Rise and Grind Coffee Company.

Nokomis Pool Update

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The board has been able to reach a tentative agreement with the engineering firm to build just the pool and the slide for a cost of \$800,000. The design of the project will allow for the other features to be added later.

No other bids were received. Hillis said that for public swimming pools, IDPH requires all bidders to be pre-qualified by the state to perform public swimming pool work. This eliminates the vast majority of potential bidders, Hillis said.

The pool will be on the same site, using the existing base pit of the current pool. The design will feature a zero depth entry so it is easily accessible for chil-

dren and compliant with the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA). The deepest part will be the existing 12 foot section that will include one diving board.

The Memorial Park Board does not have its own taxing authority as it is not established as a park district. There is a levy within the City of Nokomis taxing authority that is earmarked for the park. The board was also successful in securing an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) grant two years ago. The matching grant brought in \$350,000 from the state. Fundraising efforts from the community was able to garner the \$350,000 match.

With the new, higher bids, the board has been working

with the local banks about loan arrangements. According to Janssen, both the First National Bank of Nokomis and the Nokomis Savings Bank have tentatively agreed to set up loan programs for the board. Approximately \$177,000 will have to be borrowed. The loans will be paid back in installments over 15 years.

The hope is that the new pool can be open for next year, but this depends on when the permit is secured for the work. Hillis said that everything is ready to go and once the permit is granted, ground work will start. If the weather cooperates this fall and next spring, it could be possible for a new pool to welcome swimmers by the middle of summer 2023.

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Students who may be eligible have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Eligible students will be

invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and will be awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Students will receive their awards in time to include them on their college and scholarship applications.

"We want to honor the hard work of these students through the College Board National Recognition Pro-

grams. This program creates a way for colleges and scholarship programs to connect directly with underrepresented students who they are hoping to reach," said Tarlin Ray, College Board senior vice president of BigFuture. "We hope the award winners and their families celebrate this prestigious honor and it helps them plan for their big future."



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Witt Labor Day Preview

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Sunday morning's festivities will begin with the Witt Lion's BBQ Smokestack Challenge. Smokers will set up starting at 6:30 a.m. competing for the chance to win more than \$1,000 in cash payouts. The Smokestack Challenge will feature two categories: ribs and chicken. Trophies will be awarded to the top three smokers in each category. An awards ceremony will follow the competition's end at 3:30 p.m. Questions can be directed to Brian at 773-217-8454.

Sunday's schedule is full of entertainment for all ages. Put the pedal to the metal and head over to the car and motorcycle show from noon to 3 p.m. Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at City Park. Trophy presentation will immediately follow the show.

Make sure to check out the wares at the Witt Volunteer Fire Department's Flea Market, open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thrifters will find plenty of housewares, antiques, collectibles, farmhouse and primitive items, as well as jewelry, clothing, furniture, tools, toys, books and local homemade and vendor goods. Those interested can reserve a spot by contacting 217-594-7220.

Competitors can test out their skills during the Washer Pitch Contest at 1 p.m. at the Beer Pavilion. Molly Seaton will entertain crowds from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Beer Pavilion.

The 2021 Witt Royalty will retire their crowns during the Witt Labor Day Pageant at 5 p.m. at the grandstand. *Midwest Avenue* will close out Sunday's celebration with a live performance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Beer Pavilion.

Monday's celebration will begin with the Witt Labor Day Parade. The parade will step off 11 a.m., with lineup set for 10 a.m. at Witt City Park. Parade winners will be announced at noon.

The Pedal Tractor Pull will follow the parade. Signup starts at noon downtown, with the pull to begin at 1 p.m. Don't miss a live performance from the Hillsboro High School Marching Hiltoppers at 12:05 p.m., downtown. The Washer Pitch Contest starts at 1 p.m. at the Beer Pavilion.

The Witt Labor Day Celebrations will culminate with a live performance by *Salmon Creek*, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Beet Pavilion. Prizes will be drawn at 6 p.m. at the bandstand.

The annual Labor Day Homecoming Celebration is sponsored by the Witt Lions Club.

Raymond Celebration Preview

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Jr. Miss Independence candidates are Rylie Waterman, Lily Barnes, Layla Wagahoff, Lilyan Hill, Josephine Beeler, Jaylyne Carron, Emery Meisner, Chloe Hoffman and Bailey Hudgins. Miss Independence Day candidates are Kirsten Pope, Kasandra Reif, JoBeth Matli and Haelee Damm.

Registration for the Kids Bags tournament will open at 5:30 p.m., with the tournament to begin at 6:15 p.m. The friendly competition is open to middle school and high school students. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners and second place will receive their entry fee (\$10 per team) back. The competition for the longest ponytail begins at 6:15 p.m. - no extensions or wigs allowed.

After the royalty introductions attendees are invited to try their hands at PLINKO, which will begin at 7:15 p.m. on the stage. The Raymond Celebration Association will give event goers the chance to test their luck at Bossie Bingo, which will be held at 7:30 p.m., across from the stage, all three nights of the event. Proceeds from Thursday's game will benefit the Raymond Celebration Association. Friday's game will benefit the RHSA and Raymond-Harvel Fire Explorers, and Saturday's game will benefit the Project Third Day-Panhandle and the Panhandle Education Foundation. Head over the Beer Tent for live entertainment beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Raymond celebrations continue on Friday with the craft and vendor fair from 5 to 9 p.m. Registration for the American Legion Post #299

Bags tournament opens at 5:30 p.m., with the friendly competition to start at 6 p.m.

Head over to the stage at 6 p.m. for the Queen and Jr. Miss candidates dance. Little Miss Sage Mulvaney and Little Mr. Muscle Dominic Robinson will officially retire their crowns at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening.

Stick around for the Fill the Bucket tournament at 8 p.m., on the stage. Registration opens at 7 p.m. There is no entry fee and the winning five-person team will take home \$100. *Fun DMC* will close out Friday night's festivities with a live performance at the Beer Tent.

The fun will resume at 11 a.m. on Saturday with kids games at the park. The Kiddie Tractor Pull will follow at the stage, for children ages four to 12. Sign in for the adults Bags tournament will begin at 1:30 p.m. The game will start at 2 p.m. Entry fees are set at \$20 per two-person team and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places. The Craft and Vendor Fair will reopen from 3 to 9 p.m.

Line up for the Kiddie Parade will start at 1 p.m. in front of the Raymond Christian Church, with the parade to step off at 1:30 p.m. Categories include bikes and tricycles, walkers, battery operated, pets, wagons and floats. No mechanical or motorized vehicles will be allowed. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Make sure to check out the Pie Baking Contest at 2 p.m. at the craft tents. The competition is open to amateur bakers of all ages. Pies will be judged on appearance, flavor and texture. Crust and pie filling must be homemade and submissions must include

a full recipe with a list of ingredients. No cream or custard pies. Leftover pie will be auctioned with the proceeds to benefit the Raymond Celebration Committee.

Wayne Angle will act as grand marshal for this year's big parade, which will step off at 5 p.m. A lifelong resident of Raymond, Angle has served the community as a business owner, volunteer member of the fire department and member of the Raymond Celebration Committee and Raymond Cemetery board, among other civic endeavors.

Lineup for the parade will begin at 4 p.m. at the Lincolnwood High School parking lot. This year's theme is "Aloha from Raymond." There is no fee to enter and cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place. Categories include golf carts, religious/civic organizations, business floats and out of area. For more information call 217-710-6678.

The Jacksonville Drumline Institute will cap off the parade with a live performance at 6 p.m. next to the stage. Parade winners will be announced at 6:15 p.m. The Baby Contest (0 to 24 months) will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the stage. The Eating Contest will follow at 6:45 p.m. on the stage.

2021 Miss Independence Avery Pope and Jr. Miss Independence Raina Cunningham will welcome the village's newest title holders on Saturday night. The Miss and Jr. Miss pageants start at 7:30 p.m. on the stage.

Off the Wall will perform live starting at 9 p.m. at the Beer Tent. The Raymond Celebrations will culminate with a fireworks display at 10 p.m. at the park.

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Bistro Verde, Lincoln Land Community College's student-led cafe in Springfield, is expanding its days of operation from two to three days per week this fall. Bistro Verde reopens Wednesday, Sept. 7 and will serve customers Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cafe is open as Bistro

To Go, a counter service concept, from Sept. 7 to Oct. 6, offering soups, salads, sandwiches, baked goods, coffees and drinks.

From Oct. 25 to Nov. 17 (closed Nov. 1), the cafe transforms into Bistro Verde, a casual, dine-in restaurant experience. The full-service lunch features appetizers, soups, sal-

ads, sandwiches, desserts, coffees, drinks and chef-inspired dishes that are prepared from scratch using high-quality ingredients and finished with creative flair. Reservations are recommended.

The menu, ordering and reservation information are available at www.llcc.edu/bistro-verde.

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Out & About

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Nokomis City Wide Rummage Sales Underway

The second annual Nokomis Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales are quickly approaching after a successful inaugural event in 2021. The privately-organized event will take place on Friday, Oct. 14, and Saturday, Oct. 15.

The hard deadline for submissions will be 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28, in order to advertise the event for two weeks prior.

Those interested in participating in this year's event can contact organizer Jake Leonard at 217-565-9709 or 217-717-8079, ext. 5281, or via email at jake.leonard@heartlandnewsfeed.com.

NOW Seniors Club Will Meet On September 8

The N.O.W. Seniors Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Nokomis Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Nokomis Rehab will furnish spaghetti and garlic bread along with a potluck.

Baptist Church To Host Labor Day Services

The Mt. Olive Baptist Church will celebrate Labor Day on Sunday, Sept. 4, in the 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. services, as well as the 5 p.m. service.

Work uniforms are welcome. The theme verse is, "Jesus said: come unto me all you that labor."

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

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Raymond Royalty Host Bake Sale At West End

The Raymond Celebration pageant contestants were baking something sweet on Friday, Aug. 19, as they prepared for a bake sale and lemonade stand the following morning. On Saturday, Aug. 20, the youngsters gathered at West End Food Mart to offer their baked goods to help raise money for the celebration committee.

The Little Miss and Mister pageant will be held Friday, Sept. 2, at 6:30 p.m. The Miss and Junior Miss pageant will take the stage on Saturday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Pictured at right, junior miss contestant Chloe Hoffman assists in making pretzel treats.

Mt. Zion Lutheran To Host Worship Services

Pastor Cynthia Munker will lead worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4, 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 this Sunday are Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1. The gospel for study will be Luke 14:25-33.

The congregation will sing the hymns "Lift High the Cross," "Lift Up Your Cross, the Savior Said," "Day by Day" and "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus."

TASC Meeting Tonight At Free Methodist Church

After a summer long hiatus, the Autism Support Connection (TASC) will resume their monthly support group meetings tonight Thursday, Sept. 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro, located at 1400 Seymour Ave.

The meetings are open to all interested parents, grand-

parents and individuals who are affected by autism or other related disorders that are looking for a place to connect, share information and experiences, gain education and find support. Childcare is provided at each meeting by trained staff.

For more information, contact the support group at tascillinois1@gmail.com or call Lynn Sellers 217-556-9535 or Kim Draper 217-710-3598.

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

Temptations Will Take Stage At Fox

The Fabulous Fox Theatre and the producers of the Broadway smash hit musical *Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations* are thrilled to announce full casting for the first national tour coming to St. Louis, MO at the Fabulous Fox Theatre Sept. 20 through Oct. 2.

Leading the cast of *Ain't Too Proud* as *The Temptations* are Jalen Harris as 'Eddie Kendricks,' Harrell Holmes Jr. as 'Melvin Franklin,' James T. Lane as 'Paul Williams,' and joining directly from the Broadway company are Marcus Paul James as 'Otis Williams,' and Elijah Ahmad Lewis as 'David Ruffin.'

The touring company also features Michael Andreaus, Gregory Carl Banks Jr, Brian C. Binion, Reed Campbell, Lawrence Dandridge, Shayla Brielle G., Treston J. Henderson, Najah Hetsberger, Devin Holloway, Antwaun Holley, Kyshawn Lane, Traci Elaine Lee, Brett Michael Lockley, Harris Matthew, Amber Mariah Talley, Andrew Volzer and Nazaria Workman.

Tickets for *Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The*

Temptations at the Fabulous Fox are on sale now at MetroTix.com or by calling 314-534-1111. Ticket prices start at \$29. Prices are subject to change; please refer to FabulousFox.com for current pricing.

Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations is part of the U.S. Bank Broadway Series.

Performances of *Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations* at the Fabulous Fox run Sept. 20 through Oct. 2. Show times are Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. There will be an evening performance on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. and a matinee performance on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.

Featuring the Grammy-winning songs and Tony-winning moves, *Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations* is the electrifying new musical that follows *The Temptations'* extraordinary journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

With their signature dance moves and unmistakable har-

monies, they rose to the top of the charts creating an amazing 42 Top Ten Hits with 14 reaching number one and being voted the greatest R&B group of all time by Billboard Magazine in 2017. The rest is history—how they met, the groundbreaking heights they hit, and how personal and political conflicts threatened to tear the group apart as the United States fell into civil unrest.

This thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty, and betrayal is set to the beat of the group's treasured hits, including "My Girl," "Just My Imagination," "Get Ready," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," and so many more.

After breaking house records at Berkeley Rep, The Kennedy Center, CTG's Ahmanson Theatre, and Toronto's Princess of Wales Theatre, *Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of The Temptations* opened on Broadway in March 2019, where it continued to play sold-out audiences and broke the Imperial Theatre's box office record. The first national tour launched in December 2021 at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.



Country Financial Gifts Educators

The fourth grade teachers at Russell Elementary School in Litchfield received a very generous gift from local Country Financial representative Cory Evans. A check in the amount of \$1,500. The educators plan to use the money to purchase a BrainPop subscription, new white boards and two kidney tablets. From the left, are fourth grade teachers Amber Barnes, Stephanie Short, Ann Pattillo, Jenna Stewart and Mary Taylor.

Benefit Aims To Strike Out Suicide

The "2022 Striking Out Suicide Memorial Benefit" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, at Walton Park, located at 10207 Niemanville Trail in Litchfield.

This marks the fourth year that the friends and family of Jeremie Pasqueno have organized the benefit tournament, which raises money for suicide prevention, mental illness awareness and local scholarships, in his memory. Pasqueno lost his battle to mental illness on Oct. 23, 2016.

Participation fees for "Striking Out Suicide Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament" set at \$150 per team. Only seven teams will be entered so those interested are encouraged to contact Rick Moulton at 618-660-9199 as soon as possible to

reserve a slot. The slow pitch softball tournament will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Spectators will find plenty to keep them entertained throughout the day, including food, drinks and kid-friendly activities. Rise and Grind Coffee, CO., will be set up slinging espresso drinks from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Daiquiris on Demand, Off The Wall and Shine On BBQ food trucks will all be on-site beginning at 11 a.m. for those that want to grab a bite to eat during the event.

The memorial benefit will also include a cornhole tournament. Bags will fly at noon, with registration to begin at 11 a.m. Fees are set at \$40 per team. A minimum of six games is guaranteed, with four games of round robin. From the results of the round robin, the teams will be split into "A" and "B" brackets. Half of the payout from the corn-

hole tournament will benefit suicide awareness and the other half will be awarded to the top teams. Bags will be available, however players are also welcome to bring their own bags.

A silent auction and raffles will take place throughout the event. For more information on the benefit or to make a donation contact Allison Buzick at 217-851-6705 (leave a voicemail) or email allisonbuzick@hotmail.com.

The "Striking Out Suicide Memorial Benefit" will also feature live entertainment. *P-Nut and the Shells* will perform from 3 to 6 p.m., and *Salmon Creek* will close out the event with a live performance from 7 to 11 p.m.

Follow the "Jeremie Pasqueno Memorial Benefit" event page on Facebook for updates.

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Working at the Grocery Store

We all visit the grocery store to buy food and supplies for our homes. I like to take my own bags when I shop. There are lots of people working at the grocery store to make it run smoothly - from the baggers at the front to the workers behind the scenes in the warehouses.

Celebrating Workers in Our Communities

Fill in the puzzle with the person who does each job. In the Store:

1. packs groceries and puts them into the carts
2. _____ clerk checks vegetables for freshness
3. _____ clerk changes tickets on an item to show how much it costs
4. scans items on the belt, collects payment and makes change
5. keeps the whole store running smoothly
6. watches customers and works to keep theft low
7. _____ clerk works hard slicing cold meats and cheeses, and scooping salads
8. gathers the shopping carriages, lines them up neatly
9. keeps the store sparkling clean and in good order
10. _____ service person works behind a desk to help with any customer needs or questions
11. cuts the meat into special cuts, answers any questions
12. shelf _____ refills the shelves and keeps them orderly

Behind the Scenes:

13. _____ driver moves piles of large, heavy bundles
14. brings trucks full of items to the store's loading dock
15. _____ programmers keep track of the stock, prices and amounts people buy

Don't Break the Budget!

A good way to keep on track (to only buy items that you need and not overspend your budget) is to write a shopping _____! (Hint: look at the letters in the eggs.)

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1. Match the departments on the left to the items that a shopper would find there.
2. Next, find and circle all of these words:

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| 1. frozen | A. paper towels, dish soap |
| 2. produce | B. milk, butter, eggs |
| 3. laundry, paper, cleaning | C. ham, chicken |
| 4. dairy | D. ice cream, pizzas |
| 5. meat and poultry | E. corn, apples, tomatoes |
| 6. bakery | F. bottled water, soda, juice |
| 7. gourmet | G. fish, shrimp, clams |
| 8. pet needs | H. fancy cookies, jams |
| 9. seafood | I. dog food, cat snacks |
| 10. beverage | J. bread, cake, pie |
| 11. breakfast | K. fruit, vegetables, tuna fish |
| 12. canned goods | L. cereal, pancake mix |

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Simmermaker Celebrates 35 Years

It's a celebration 35 years in the making, as Litchfield insurance agent Roy Simmermaker was honored by Farmers Insurance for 35 years of dedicated service to the company this summer.

District Manager Ryan Kelly presented Simmermaker with a certificate on Wednesday morning, Aug. 31. He also received a letter from the company president as well as his choice of a gift. Simmermaker selected a nice set of luggage.

Officially, he became an insurance agent on Aug. 6, 1987 with an office in Hillsboro. He remembers taking over some policies for agent Dick James, and that he had claims from two home lightning strikes that very first night.

"I didn't even have the policies yet," Simmermaker said. "I really didn't have anything yet, and wondered to myself, now what."

Adding to that, his father passed away the very next day, making his first week with Farmers Insurance a tough one.

But he persevered, and several plaques and awards from Farmers Insurance hang on the walls of his office.

Simmermaker moved his business to Litchfield just a



Pictured above, from the left are District Manager Ryan Kelly, Roy Simmermaker and Office Manager Amanda Parish. *Journal-News Photo*

year or so after he opened in a building in front of The Gardens. In 1997, he moved to downtown Litchfield sharing office with two doctors on Monroe Street. His office is currently located at 303 N. Monroe.

"I would have to say it's the people I have enjoyed the most over the past 35 years," he said. "I've made so many friends and not too many enemies."

Simmermaker and his

wife, Judy, reside in Litchfield. They have two kids, Rex Simmermaker of Indianapolis, IN, and Jeanie (husband Austin) Towel of Cedar Rapids, IA, and two grandchildren, Marcus and Dathan Towel.

Outside of his work with Farmers Insurance, Simmermaker is part of Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield and farms with his family in Carlinville.

TOPPER TALK • by Kamryn Kiper at Hillsboro High

Toppers To Enjoy Shortened Week



Happy September, Toppers! You already finished your first week of school and are approaching your first half-day! Tomorrow, Sept. 2, will be the first early dismissal of the school year! Students will be dismissed at 11:35 a.m. for school improvement. Monday, Sept. 5, there will be no school for Labor Day.

There is a senior meeting during FLEX in the multipurpose room for any senior who didn't attend yesterday's senior meeting.

Next Thursday, Sept. 8, there will be an Interact Club meeting during FLEX 1.

Attention seniors: There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. in the Hillsboro High School Multipurpose Room (main building) to learn all about the FAFSA. On Oct. 19, there will be someone in the Hillsboro High School Multipurpose Room to help individuals complete the FAFSA. Any questions, please email Jenny Cearlock at jcearlock@hillsboroschools.net.

If you are a part of the Student Council, Interact Club, National Honor Society or any other group that meets during FLEX, you must have FLEX privileges. Students will no longer be able to attend club meetings during the FLEX period if they are not on the privileges list posted in Schoology every week. To be eligible for the list, you must have perfect attendance that week, good grades and good behavior. However, many clubs will be hosting alternative meetings after school in case you are not able to attend

during FLEX.

Want to join an art club? There will be a meeting after school today for anyone interested from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in the new art room (G100). During the meeting, Ms. Kumlin will discuss with you officer nominations and T-shirt designs! Can't attend? Email Ms. Kumlin at akumlin@hillsboroschools.net.

Are you interested in a trip of a lifetime? A vacation to Greece and Italy is being planned for June 24 through July 3. It is called the "Cradle of Civilization" trip. If you're interested, please email Ms. Andrews at kandrews@hillsboroschools.net or Mrs. Cunningham at atacunningham@hillsboroschools.net.

Just like last year, there will be updated volunteer opportunities in a Schoology group. Whether you need community service hours for a class or club, or you just like to help out your community, please join the group. The access code is "8M4S-T5T4-MBXX3." There is no commitment if you join the group; it just allows you to view the opportunities available.

Our small, but mighty cross country team will be traveling to Piasa Southwestern this Tuesday, Sept. 6. Starting time is 6 p.m. Good luck, girls!

Our Topper football boys currently have a winning season as they won their first game last week against the Greenville Comets! Good work, boys! This Friday, the Toppers will be playing against the Pana Panthers in Pana. As always, the starting time is 7 p.m. Keep it up, boys!

The boys golf team will head to the Indian Springs Golf Club this Tuesday, Sept. 6, to compete against Greenville and North Mac. Starting

time is 4 p.m. A little busier than the boys this week, the girls will have both a home and an away meet to look forward to. Tomorrow, the girls will host at our Hillsboro Country Club. Competing against Auburn, Vandalia, and Taylorville, first tee is at 4 p.m. On Tuesday, Sept. 6 p.m., they'll travel to Timber Lakes Golf Course to play Staunton at 4 p.m., as well. Good luck, golfers!

The boys soccer team will play in Jerseyville tonight. Junior varsity will play at 4:30 p.m.; varsity boys will follow. On Saturday, the boys will play at the Sports Complex against St. Anthony School at 10 a.m. Playing at the sports complex again, the boys will play the Litchfield Panthers this Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 4:30 p.m. After each game, a "player of the game" is being announced. During the boys' first three games, Will Christian, Logan Murray and Adison Pollard were named player of the game.

The girls tennis team will play in East Alton-Wood River tonight at 4:30 p.m. Toppers will get a chance to support them this week, though, as they play at the Sports Complex this Tuesday, Sept. 6. Competing against Father McGivney, first matches will begin at 4:30 p.m. Good luck, Toppers!

To wrap up our fall sports for the week, the volleyball girls have an important game tonight. Heading to Litchfield, the first serve against the Panthers will be at 5 p.m. Good luck, girls!

Have a great week, Toppers! Enjoy the long weekend and shortened week next week!



New Nurses Start Residency At HSHS

HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield welcomed their new cohort of nurses to their RN Residency program the week of Monday, Aug. 15. The 18-week residency provides additional education for newly registered nurses and prepares them to work as full-time, independent, professional registered nurses. Above, are Katelyn Fisher, Ashley Pokorney, MacKenna Parish, Hannah Niemann and Julianna Waeltz. Not pictured is Sydney Gray.

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- Entry fee is \$25 per team. All 5 team members must sign entry form and return it to The Journal-News office (431 S. Main St., PO Box 100, Hillsboro IL, 62049) by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8.
- All participants must conduct themselves according to the highest standards of sportsmanship.

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Kids Enjoy End Of Summer Pizza Party

Nokomis Public Library hosted a special pizza party for participants of this year's summer reading program on Thursday, Aug. 18. In addition to pizza, soda and games, the youth attendees had the chance to win several prizes during the end-of-program celebration. Attendees played "Would You Rather" and "Draw a Winner." In front, from the left, are prize winners Thomas Marley, Trenton Lehman, Adaleigh Wood, Ripley West and Henley Wanger. In back, from the left, are prize winners Katelyn Marley, Ripley Goodwin, Silas West, Thomas Marley, Gauge Lehman and Kayla West.

At right, local youth received prizes from Nokomis Public Library after turning in their Summer Reading logs. In front, are Trenton Lehman and Henley Wanger. In back, are Katelyn Marley, Gauge Lehman and Ripley Goodwin.



ISP Announces Change Of Command

Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Brendan F. Kelly, today recently announced a change in command in the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). After more than 26 years of service, Colonel Sean M. Cormier is retiring from ISP, and Lieutenant Colonel Chris Trame will be promoted to colonel and appointed DCI Deputy Director on Thursday, Sept. 1.

"Congratulations to Colonel Cormier on his many years of distinguished service to the people of Illinois and thank him for his dedication," said Kelly. "Colonel Cormier has been a true leader at ISP and his impact will live on through the officers he led under his command. As we celebrate our centennial year at ISP, we welcome Lieutenant Colonel Trame into his new role as the Division of Criminal Investigation Deputy Director and look forward to his leadership as we enter our second century."

Colonel Cormier began his career with ISP in 1995, as a member of Cadet Class #92. As a trooper, he worked patrol in District #18, was a member of the Tactical Response Team (SWAT) and served in the Executive Protection Unit where he was promoted to sergeant. He held several positions at the Training Academy from 2003 to 2009, including physical fitness coordinator and cadet class coordinator, and was promoted to master sergeant as the assistant bureau chief, bureau of training.

Colonel Cormier served as chief of staff in the Division of Forensic Services from 2009 to 2011, was promoted to lieutenant, and returned to the Academy as training bureau chief. He attended FBI National Academy Session 250, served as commander of the Special Operations Command, then the Crime Scene Services Command where he was promoted to captain. He was appointed to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Division of Administration in 2015 and appointed to the rank of colonel in the Division of Forensic Services in 2018. On Nov. 1, 2021, Colonel Cormier was appointed as deputy director of the Division of Criminal Investigation.



Retired Deputy Director of DCI Colonel Sean M. Cormier



Deputy Director of DCI Colonel Chris Trame

"I feel so fortunate to have had such a rewarding career at ISP and am proud to have been part of this outstanding agency," said Colonel Cormier.

Lt. Colonel Trame began his career with ISP in 1997, as a member of Cadet Class #94. As a trooper, he worked patrol in Districts #9 and #10 and was later assigned to Zone #4 Investigations. Lt. Colonel Trame returned to the Patrol in District #11 for several years. In 2014, he was promoted to major where he oversaw all patrol and investigative operations in southern Illinois. In 2015, he was appointed assistant deputy director of the Division of Operations. In 2019, Lt. Colonel Trame was appointed as assistant deputy director of the Division of Criminal Investigation.

This is the first change of command ceremony since Governor JB Pritzker reestablished DCI in 2019.

The history of criminal investigation within the ISP goes back over seven decades. In 1950, Governor Adlai E. Stevenson enacted an investigative arm of ISP dedicated to the suppression of gambling within the state. The unit grew and officers began working in plain clothes and conducting various criminal investigations, not only for ISP, but for local law enforcement as well, becoming the Criminal Investigation Bureau.

In 1977, Governor James R. Thompson reorganized ISP, known as the Department of Law Enforcement at that time, and combined the ISP Criminal Investiga-

tive Bureau with the Illinois Bureau of Investigation to create the Division of Criminal Investigation.

In 1993, Governor Jim Edgar combined the Division of State Troopers and the Division of Criminal Investigation into the Division of Operation, which existed until August 16, 2019, when Gov. Pritzker reestablished DCI to support the delivery of professional and specialized criminal investigative service to the citizens of Illinois. This reestablishment incorporated many specialty units like Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Teams, Medicaid Fraud investigations, Air Operations, criminal intelligence, and gaming enforcement. DCI Special Agents investigate crimes such as homicide, sexual assault, crimes against children, public integrity crimes, gun crimes, human trafficking, and illegal drug trafficking.

"It's truly an honor to be appointed by Director Kelly to serve the men and women who make up the Division of Criminal Investigation," said Lt. Colonel Trame. "I look forward to continuing our efforts to provide professional investigative services to our law enforcement partners in the service of the people of Illinois."

ISP thanks Colonel Cormier for his years of service to the people of Illinois and his great leadership, and welcomes incoming DCI Deputy Director Colonel Trame and looks forward to his leadership as ISP moves into its next 100 years.

The Journal-News Section B

Hillsboro, IL 62049

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Good Things Come In Threes For Nokomis...

Things have come in threes for the Nokomis High School volleyball team since their opening night win on Aug. 23.

All three of the Redskins' last three games have gone to three sets, with two wins and one loss to give Nokomis, you guessed it, three wins on the season.

This week, Nokomis split their three-set thrillers, with a loss to St. Elmo/Brownstown in St. Elmo on Monday, Aug. 29, and a win over Gillespie at home on Tuesday, Aug. 30, when the school unveiled the new 12' by 19' Morgan Rolling Flag at the gym, which is dedicated to the memory of the late Camren Neisler.

In St. Elmo, the Redskins kept it close to the Eagles in game one, falling 25-21, then

smashed them in game two by a 25-16 final score. With the game on the line, the hosts came out firing and finished off the win, reversing the second set score with a 25-16 win of their own.

Audrey Sabol, Addison Glenn and Becca Hill all had five kills to lead the Nokomis attack, while Hailey Engelman (9) and Presley Mehochko (5) paced the team in assists.

Addison Dangbar added in nine service points for the Redskins, with Mehochko and Glenn contributing six points apiece.

Defensively, the Nokomis front line controlled the net with six blocks, two each for Sabol, Glenn and Reagan Jonas, while Emily Cress

had double digit digs in the back. Natalie Engelman and Presley Mehochko also had eight digs apiece, while Hailey Engelman and Lizzy Hill contributed 11 digs between them.

Gillespie

With Camren's flag flying, the Redskins looked to get off to a flying start of their own on Tuesday in Nokomis. Instead, it was Gillespie who jumped out in front of the home team, beating them 25-22 in the first set.

Be it the loss or something else, a reinvigorated Redskin squad battled back and took the next two sets by 19 combined points, winning 25-16, 25-15 to improve to 3-1 on the season.

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The latest tribute to the late Camren Neisler will be hard to miss for Nokomis High School sports fans as the school unveiled its new Morgan Rolling Flag on Tuesday, Aug. 30, before the Redskins' game with Gillespie. The 12' by 19' flag was made possible through the proceeds of the Camren's On The Green Golf Outing, which pays tribute to the 2018 NHS grad who passed away in October 2018.

James Ryan/NokoPhoto

... But Not So Much For The Lady Hiltoppers

"The rule of three" principle suggests things that come in threes are inherently more humorous, satisfying and effective than any other number of things. The Hillsboro High School volleyball team, at least at this point, thinks that principle is stupid.

In their first three games, the Lady Hiltoppers are 0-3, with each of the games going three sets. Not only that, but all three games started with a Hillsboro victory in the opening set, only to have their opponents rally back for the win in the next two.

After their torturously close opener against Pana on Aug. 23, the Toppers suffered two more three-set thrillers on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 29 and 30.

On Monday, Hillsboro traveled to Auburn and knocked off the Trojans 25-14 in game one, only to see the blue and white come back with a 25-21 win in game two and a 25-20 victory in game three.

Layne Rupert put down 15 kills in the loss, with Tatum Christian and Sophia Blankenship adding six and five

kills on the attack as well. Kinley Richardson handled setting duties, posting 25 assists.

Defensively, Rupert added 12 digs to her stat total, while Isabella White and Kenadie Carlock chipped in seven apiece. Kennady Clayton and Addison Lowe also had six and five digs, while Kinley Richardson finished with four.

In the serving game, Hillsboro posted four aces, with Blankenship, Christian, McCammack and Lowe picking up one apiece.

Carlyle

Tuesday's game against Carlyle was a fight to the finish in all three sets, with Hillsboro's 25-18 win in game one the largest margin of victory.

The Toppers led throughout in game one, but Carlyle hung with the home team, cutting the lead down to four at 21-17, before Hillsboro went on a 4-1 run to finish off the win.

In game two, Carlyle jumped out to a 4-0 lead and never trailed. Hillsboro would try to claw their way back into the contest and got within

three at 22-19, but the Indians finished off the win 25-21, with an ace by Sydnee Smith.

Game three was a close one in the early going, with the two teams tying the score eight times leading up to when it read 13-13 on the scoreboard.

Again it would be Smith who came up big for Carlyle as she served up a pair of aces and turned the tie game into a 17-13 lead. Hillsboro would get the lead within one at 18-19, 21-20 and 21-22 before tying the game on a Carlyle hit into the net, but the Indians benefited from a late net call, a serve out of bounds and a hit into the net to finish off the 25-22 win.

The Toppers defense had five blocks on the night, with Addison Lowe contributing two and Ellie Miller, Tatum Christian and Sophia Blankenship adding one each.

Further back, Isabella White and Layne Rupert had 12 digs apiece, while Hannah Hughes added nine and Kinley Richardson and Tatum Christian contributed seven apiece.

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Nokomis libero Emily Cress lunges for a ball before it can find an empty spot on the court during the Redskins' home game against Gillespie on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Cress had a team-best 13 digs for the Redskins, who defeated the Miners in three games to improve to 3-1 on the season.

James Ryan/NokoPhoto

Lancers Hand Athens First Loss

The Lincolnwood High School volleyball team faced a tough early season test on Monday, Aug. 29, as they traveled to Athens to face the undefeated Warriors. The hosts scored a win in the first set of the match, but Lincolnwood rallied to hand Athens their first loss in three sets.

Athens entered the game with a 10-set winning streak, which increased to 11 when they jumped out in front of the Lancers and took a 25-14 win. The loss marked the first time the Lancers had dropped a set on the young season.

While Lincolnwood had their win streak come to an end in the first set, Athens saw theirs fall in the second as the Lancers rallied back for a 25-19 win to send the game to a deciding third set. The two clubs needed a little extra time in the rubber match, with Lincolnwood eventually claiming a 26-24 victory to improve to 3-0 on the year.

Hailee Belsher put down a team best 12 kills for Lincolnwood, with Avery Pope leading the team in assists with 21. Belsher's Morrisonville classmate Tessa Funderburk had seven kills, while Haelee Damm and Pope added four and three respectively.

Morgan Cowdrey had the hot hand serving, putting up 12 points, including three off aces. Haelee Damm added nine service points, while Hailee Belsher had four points with an ace.

Belsher also impacted the game on the defensive side. She finished with four digs and an impressive five solo blocks. Funderburk and Jazmin Seaton-Hobson also had three combined blocks in the win.

As they did in the serving game, Cowdrey and Damm led the way in digs, with Damm posting a team-high 11 digs and Cowdrey adding nine. Jasmine Vickery and Avery

Pope also had six digs apiece, with Tessa Funderburk adding five.

Greenfield-NW

The momentum from Monday's win over the Warriors carried over to the Lancers' game against Greenfield-Northwestern on Tuesday, Aug. 30. The Tigers and Lancers have had some close matches over the last three or four years and Tuesday was no different as Lincolnwood won a pair of 25-20 sets.

Belsher stayed hot on the attack as she led the team in kills, posting 13 on the night. After putting down 14 kills in Lincolnwood's first two games, the Morrisonville senior has dropped 25 against Athens and Greenville and is now just 29 kills away from 1,000 for her career, a milestone she will most like attain during the Montgomery County Invitational.

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Sundown, You Better Take Care

As the sun sets over Don Dobrino Field in Gillespie, Litchfield's A.J. Sypherd hauls down a Gillespie ball carrier during the Panthers' home opener on Aug. 26, against the Miners. On the other side of the ball, Sypherd had 105 yards rushing and two touchdowns in Litchfield's 24-18 loss. The Panthers will play Staunton this Friday, Sept. 2, in Litchfield.

*Denise Simpson/
DT Sports Photography*



Hillsboro's Tatum Christian put down a team-best nine kills during the Toppers narrow three-set loss to Carlyle on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

Panthers Rebound Against Lions

After dropping their season opener at Nokomis on Aug. 25, a new week dawned for Coach Kari Drago's Lady Panthers, a new opponent came calling and there was a new outcome that was a welcome sight to coaches, players and fans as Litchfield sailed to a 25-9, 25-14 straight set home win over Maryville Christian School, a

private preK-12 facility with a high school enrollment of 117.

While the starting lineup for Coach Jill Harrison's Maryville Lions includes five seniors, two of whom were tall orders, the Lady Panthers nullified the Lions' attack, scrambled for loose balls, served well and got back to playing "team" ball

in securing their first win of the season.

Maryville served first, but it was quickly returned back to Litchfield and three successive attacks by Kendall Stewart (1) and Annika Rhodes (2) boosted the score to 4-0 Litchfield.

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Tie Sends Lancers To Title Game Redskins Dealt A Stark Reminder

Two-point-three. That's the average number of goals Lincolnwood and Hillsboro have scored in the last 10 times they have played one another in soccer.

Of those 10, the outcome has been about as even as you can get, with five Hillsboro wins, three Lincolnwood wins and two ties. With a spot in the championship game of the Kickoff Classic on Route 66 on the line, that latter number moved up one on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

The Toppers and Lancers entered the game with identical 4-0 records, with the final score of those games nearly the same as well. In their four games, Lincolnwood scored 32 goals and gave up just three, while Hillsboro scored 30 times and allowed the same number.

All of that offense dissipated on Tuesday, though, as the two Montgomery County rivals saw their contest end in a 1-1 draw, with Lincolnwood advancing to Wednesday's championship game by virtue of fewest goals allowed. The Lancers gave up just one goal (to Hillsboro) in their three pool play games, while the Toppers gave up two, with Litchfield scoring the other in Hillsboro's 6-1 win on Saturday, making the Panthers' Drake Gasperson (the goal scorer) one of Lincolnwood's most valuable players.

The Toppers played five in the back for the majority of the game, trying to ensure

that they weren't beaten by Elijah Aumann, who had 16 goals in four games for the Lancers to start the season.

The Lancers had a solid chance 12 minutes into the game, but a shot to the far post hit the corner and bounced right to Hillsboro keeper Mitchell Lowe. Two minutes later another opportunity arose on a corner kick, but the header on the other end skied over the crossbar and out of play.

A Hillsboro corner kick would lead to the game's first goal, but not one for the Toppers. With just over 16 minutes to play in the half, Hillsboro sent a ball to the middle of the box. The Lancers were able to gain possession and rushed back the other way, before being met by the Topper defense.

Lincolnwood regained control at midfield and worked the ball in to Elijah Aumann, who scored his 17th goal of the season with 15:48 to play.

Both teams would have chances down the stretch, but neither would come up with anything before the break as Lincolnwood led 1-0 with 40 minutes to play.

Twelve minutes into the second half, Hillsboro broke through. A long ball found its way through the Lincolnwood defense and to the foot of Will Christian, who got the equalizer with 28:01 to play.

Lincolnwood had a pair of solid chances after that on two corner kicks within

two minutes of one another, but Hillsboro goalie Mitchell Lowe came out to stop the threat.

Christian also had an opportunity to put Hillsboro on top with a wonder strike from 25 yards out, but the shot grazed the top of the crossbar and went out of play to keep things knotted at 1-1.

And that's how it would stay as Lincolnwood advanced to the championship game by a razor thin margin.

Their opponents in the title match on Wednesday, Aug. 31, would be Carlinville, who defeated Staunton 1-0 on Tuesday to maintain their perfect Kickoff Classic record.

Hillsboro's opponent would be Springfield Lutheran, who defeated Athens 3-1 to earn their spot in the third place match.

Unfortunately, both Montgomery County teams would fall in their final games, with Hillsboro losing 2-0 and Lincolnwood falling 3-2 in overtime.

August 30 at Carlinville
Kickoff Classic On Route 66
Lincolnwood 1 0 - 1
Hillsboro 0 1 - 1
Goals: Lincolnwood - Elijah Aumann 1; Hillsboro - Will Christian 1.
Records: Lincolnwood (5-0); Hillsboro (4-1).

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Saturday, August 27
Lincolnwood 7, North Mac 0
Hillsboro 6, Litchfield 1
Lincolnwood 9, Litchfield 0
Hillsboro 8, North Mac 0

Tuesday, August 30
Springfield Lutheran 3, Athens 1
Litchfield 4, North Mac 1

Wednesday, August 31
3rd Place: Springfield Lutheran 2, Hillsboro 0

7th Place: North Mac vs. Athens at Carlinville High School
Saturday, August 27
Carlinville 5, Springfield Lutheran 3
Staunton 4, Athens 1
Springfield Lutheran 4, Staunton 0
Carlinville 2, Athens 0

Tuesday, August 30
Lincolnwood 1, Hillsboro 1
Carlinville 1, Staunton 0

Wednesday, August 31
1st Place: Carlinville 3, Lincolnwood 2
5th Place: Litchfield 2, Staunton 0



by Kyle Herschelmann

Nokomis is known to be hard hitting in football, but the hardest hit the Redskins took since last season came in May, when 13 seniors from last year's 7-3 squad walked across the stage.

Those 13 included the top five rushers, nine of the top 10 tacklers and anyone who had thrown or caught a ball for the Redskins in the fall of 2021. All told, the group accounted for 326 of Nokomis's 352 points, meaning that Coach Paul Watson and his staff were in need of production from other avenues going into the 2022 season opener on Friday, Aug. 26, against Stark County.

And for a while, it seemed like the Redskins never lost a step as they led 14-0 in the first six minutes. Then, as they sometimes do in week one, the wheels fell off. Nearly every bit of bad luck that could fall off Nokomis' way did so over the next 10 minutes of game play as Stark County scored 49 straight points en route to a 49-21 win.

The Rebels, who were making the program's furthest trip south from Toulon in its 30-year history, have had a lot of success over the years with 22 consecutive playoff appearances and three runner-up finishes in Class 1A. But with an eight-game losing streak nipping on their heels, it was unclear just what the Redskins were facing when Stark County made the two and a half hour trip south.

From the opening kickoff, Nokomis went to doing what has made them successful the last few years, running the ball, with Craig Bertolino, Zaylon Sisk and Brenton Lyons replacing the graduated four-some of Landon Engelman, Matt Hill, Jake Watson and Jake Johnson, who rushed for almost 2,800 yards last year.

Five plays after the kickoff, Lyons got through the defense and sprinted 35 yards into the endzone.

Nokomis got the ball back quickly after Stark County was forced to punt and scored for the second time at the 6:37 mark on a two-yard Craig

Bertolino run that was set up by Zaylon Sisk's 28-yard rush play before.

With Bertolino adding the two-point conversion, Nokomis led 14-0 before the half way mark of the first quarter.

Then things started to happen. Bad things. The Redskins smothered Rebel quarterback Luke Rewerts when he fumbled on second down and seemed to have the junior QB dead to rights on the next play when he bobbed another snap.

Instead, Rewerts regained control and broke a 48-yard run that moved the ball to the Nokomis 20-yard line. The Rebels picked up their first score seconds later on a 20-yard run by Nolan Orwig to make it 14-6 with 4:44 to play in the first.

Things got worse on Nokomis' first play after the kickoff. Quarterback Brody Steele tried to dump a short pass off to senior tight end Ryan Eisenbarth, only to have Daniel Keiser snatch it from midair and sprint 35-yards to paydirt. The ensuing two-point conversion made it 14-14 before Nokomis could catch their breath after the Rebels' first touchdown.

Stark County wasn't done yet. It took them less than a minute to get the ball back on a fumble and just one more play for Rewerts to run it in from 11 yards out.

Three plays and a punt later, the Rebels got the ball back, with Orwig carrying in his second touchdown, this one from four yards out on the first play of the second quarter.

In just seven minutes, the Redskins had their world turned upside down, going from up 14-0 to down 28-14. The Rebels would pour salt in the wound four minutes later as they forced a fumble on a punt, which Ryan Hillan scooped up and ran with for 30-yards and another Stark County touchdown.

Nokomis would end the half with some momentum, getting three straight first downs on runs that brought the ball inside the Stark County 40, but time ran out before the Redskins could chip into the

lead. The Rebels got the ball first to start the second half and scored at the 9:07 mark on a 15-yard pass from Rewerts to Daniel Keiser. Rewerts would throw his second touchdown pass of the game after Stark County got the ball back on a fumble by the Redskins, finding Connor Wagenbach sprinting toward the corner for a 36-yard score.

Nokomis got one of those scores back in the fourth quarter on an 11-yard run by Ryan Quinn, but the Rebels held off anything else and made the long trip home with a victory.

The big question is how much of Friday's woes can be chalked up to week one rust or jitters. The answer to that may come next Friday, Sept. 2, when Nokomis hosts Sullivan.

August 26 at Nokomis
Stark County 20 15 14 0 --- 49
Nokomis 14 0 0 7 --- 21

Scoring Summary
1st - 9:46 - Nokomis - Brenton Lyons 35-yard run (Kick No Good)
1st - 6:37 - Nokomis - Craig Bertolino 2-yard run (Craig Bertolino 2-pt. run)
1st - 4:44 - Stark County - Nolan Orwig 20-yard run (Kick no good)
1st - 4:29 - Stark County - Daniel Keiser 35-yard Interception return (2-pt. Conversion)
1st - 3:23 - Stark County - Luke Rewerts 11-yard run (Conversion Failed)
2nd - 11:54 - Stark County - Nolan Orwig 4-yard run (2-pt. Conversion)
2nd - 8:03 - Stark County - Ryan Hillan 30-yard fumble return (Kick No Good)
3rd - 9:07 - Stark County - Luke Rewerts 15-yard pass to Daniel Keiser (Kick Good)
3rd - 5:13 - Stark County - Luke Rewerts 36-yard pass to Connor Wagenbach (Kick Good)
4th - 7:34 - Nokomis - Ryan Quinn 11-yard run (Kick Good)

Nokomis Statistics
Passing: Brody Steele 0-4-0, 2 INT; Garret Engelman 0-1-0.
Rushing: Craig Bertolino 14-81, 1 TD; Zaylon Sisk 13-76; Brenton Lyons 9-55, 1 TD; Daryl Evans 3-27; Ryan Quinn 3-18, 1 TD; Nolan Herpstreith 1-(-8); Brody Steele 2-(-9).
Tackles: Craig Bertolino 2/4; Riley Reynolds 3/3; Nolan Herpstreith 1/2; Daryl Evans 1/2; Jaxon Batty 1/2; Trenton Clark 0/3; Ryan Eisenbarth 0/3; Kolin Reynolds 1/2; Zaylon Sisk 2/0; Mason Morris 0/2; Hunter Brummet 0/2; Garret Engelman 2/0; Brenton Lyons 1/1; Kaeden Loafman 1/0; Kendall Coss 0/1; Jaxon Kirk 1/0; Lucas Stinson 0/1; Caleb Bauer 0/1. **Records:** Nokomis (0-1); Stark County (1-0).

Back-To-Back Wins Send Panthers To Fifth Place

The start of the Kickoff Classic on Route 66 may not have been what the Litchfield/Gillespie boys soccer team was hoping for, but the finish was definitely more to their liking.

The Purple Panthers finished off pool play on Tuesday, Aug. 30, with a win over co-host North Mac, then carried on that momentum with a victory over Staunton the next night in the fifth place game in Carlinville.

In Tuesday's final game of pool play, Litchfield peppered North Mac on the offensive end, outshooting the other Panthers 14 to five. The aggressiveness on offense paid off as the visitors led 2-1 at halftime on a pair of goals by Drake Gasperson, with Brayden Ronco and Jaiden Johnson getting assists.

Things got even better for Litchfield in the second half as they netted two more goals to take a commanding 4-1 lead. Joey Reid made it 3-1 on an assist by Kenden Longwell, while Brayden Robbins added the fourth, with Ean Davis getting the assist.

The Litchfield defense and goalkeeper Traegen Madeline would take it from there, holding North Mac scoreless in the

second half for the win.

One good win deserved another as the Purple Panthers created a win streak with a 2-1 victory over Staunton on Wednesday, Aug. 30, in Carlinville. The appetizer for the tournament's championship game, Litchfield got goals from Kenden Longwell, on an assist from Drake Gasperson, and from Nate Fetter.

The victory not only secured fifth place for Litchfield in the eight-team tourney, but it also edged them closer to the .500 mark for the season with a record of 2-3. Their first chance to move to level on the season is on Saturday, Sept. 3, when they travel to Maryville Christian to play the Lions at 10 a.m.

August 30 at Virden
Kickoff Classic On Route 66
Litchfield 2 2 - 4
North Mac 1 0 - 1
Goals: Litchfield - Drake Gasperson 2, Joey Reid 1, Brayden Robbins 1; North Mac - Keagan Greff 1. **Assists:** Litchfield - Kenden Longwell 1, Brayden Ronco 1, Jaiden Johnson 1, Ean Davis.

August 31 at Carlinville
Kickoff Classic On Route 66
Fifth Place Game
Litchfield 2, Staunton 1
Goals: Litchfield - Kenden Longwell 1, Nate Fetter 1. **Assists:** Litchfield - Drake Gasperson 1.
Record: Litchfield (2-3).

Panthers Ahead Of Pace After Opening Race

Last year, Camden Quarton ran a 19:43.9 at the first meet of the season, but cut more than four minutes off that time by the end of the year, running a 15:33.2 to finish 23rd in the IHSA Class 1A Cross Country State Championships. Through no fault of his own, the Litchfield High School junior may have a hard time cutting that much time this season.

With the Panthers once again at the Carlinville Early Meet to start the season, Quarton stopped the clocks at 16:40.42 to earn the win in Macoupin County. While that's a ways from his personal best (the state time), it puts Quarton well ahead of where he was a year ago.

Quarton's time helped the Panthers to a fifth place finish in the team standings, 30 points behind fourth place Auburn. Lincoln ran away with the top spot with 30 points, while Rochester and Carlinville were second and third with 92 points apiece.

Sam Horn, another top returnee for the Panthers, finished in 16th place with a time of 18:36.33. Like Quarton, that time is much quicker than his finish in 2021, where he ran a 20:20.8.

Horn's fellow senior, Peyton

Baughner followed the trend as he finished 62nd in a time of 22:30.7, almost five minutes faster than his 27:20.9 a year ago.

In addition to the three returning runners, Litchfield also had two who made their prep debut on Tuesday. Junior Mitchel Floyd ran a 20:33.64 to finish 40th in his first high school race, while freshman Lucien Quarton ran a 22:58.55 to finish 66th.

The team will have a little over a week to gear up for their next event, the PORTA Invite in Petersburg on Sept. 10.

August 30 at Carlinville
Carlinville Early Meet
Loveless Park - 3 Miles
Boys Team Results: 1. Lincoln 30, 2. Rochester 92, 3. Carlinville 92, 4. Auburn 108, 5. Litchfield 138, 6. Jerseyville 141, 7. Staunton 161, 8. Alton Marquette 178, 9. Greenville 202.
Boys Top Ten: 1. Camden Quarton (Litchfield) 16:40.42; 2. Brenden Heitzig (Lincoln) 16:45.99; 3. Jacob Barth (Auburn) 17:23.95; 4. Griffin Williams (Jerseyville) 17:48.67; 5. Noah Jacob (Maryville Christian) 17:58.89; 6. Aidan Loeffelman (EAWR) 18:05.45; 7. Jude Toft (Lincoln) 18:08.70; 8. Luke Jones (Lincoln) 18:09.08; 9. Matt Dunn (Carlinville) 18:21.58; 10. Ben Crombie (Lincoln) 18:30.21.
Litchfield (138) - 1. Camden Quarton 16:40.42; 16. Sam Horn 18:36.33; 40. Mitchel Floyd 20:33.64; 62. Peyton Baughner 22:30.70; 66. Lucien Quarton 22:58.55.

Lady Panthers Put Five In Top 15 At Carlinville

The Litchfield girls cross country team put five runners in the top 15 and finished second at the Carlinville Early Meet on Tuesday, Aug. 30, as they started their 2022 campaign.

The Lady Panthers received a boost from freshman Darby Braasch and sophomore Emma Diveley, who are new faces to the roster, but not to those who follow Litchfield track at the high school and middle school level.

Braasch was an IESA state qualifier in the 800 and 1600 last year, placing 13th and 15th respectively, while Diveley was a key contributor to the LHS conference champion track team and a member of the 4x800 relay team that qualified for state.

The pair held the top two spots for Litchfield, with Braasch finishing in a time of 21:47.21 to take fifth and Diveley running a 22:45.52 to place 10th.

Two returnees from last year's conference runner-up team, Delanie Ulrich and Myka Fenton, were the first of three Panthers to snag the 13th through 15th spots. Ulrich finished with a time of 22:56.49, while Fenton ran a 22:58.39. Both times are faster than what the duo ran last year in their season openers, with Fenton running a 23:25.4 at Carlinville and Ulrich running a 25:30.9 at the PORTA Invite after missing the Macoupin County meet.

Another newcomer, sophomore Caitlyn Travis, rounded out the scoring for the Panthers with a 15th place finish in a time of 23:03.70.

In addition to the top five, sophomore Alex Gasperson had a strong showing in her first high school meet, running a 24:05.74 to finish 23rd, while sophomore Joelle Hughes finished 47th, almost 10 minutes faster than her opening time last year at the

PORTA Invite.

Many times, with that many in the top 15, the Panthers would have been a shoo-in for the team title, but Rochester put six runners in the top nine to run away with the crown.

Hillsboro
In addition to the Panthers, Hillsboro also represented Montgomery County in Cavie Country, with three runners competing at Loveless Park.

Presley Smith finished 59th in a time of 30:10.86, while Meagan White was 61st, with a time of 30:19.55. Alexandra Kuhns rounded out the trio with a time of 34:31.67, good for 73rd place overall. Both Smith and White improved on their times from last year, with Smith cutting seven minutes off the clock.

The Toppers' next meet is on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. at Southwestern High School, while Litchfield will have a little over a week to gear

up for their next event, the PORTA Invite in Petersburg on Sept. 10.

August 30 at Carlinville
Carlinville Early Meet
Loveless Park - 3 Miles
Girls Team Results: 1. Rochester 17, 2. Litchfield 50, 3. Jerseyville 84, 4. Alton Marquette 105, 5. Carlinville 157, 6. Greenville 172, 7. Staunton 174.

Girls Top Ten: 1. Colleen Zeibert (Rochester) 19:10.27; 2. Ashley Zeibert (Rochester) 19:54.64; 3. Natalie Nichols (Rochester) 19:56.27; 4. Brook Zeibert (Rochester) 20:33.86; 5. Darby Braasch (Litchfield) 21:47.21; 6. Taylor Woodring (Jerseyville) 22:20.17; 7. Mackenzie Mallicoat (Auburn) 22:23.61; 8. Maria Olson (Rochester) 22:31.70; 9. Myra Gibson (Rochester) 22:32.33; 10. Emma Diveley (Litchfield) 22:45.52.

Litchfield (50) - 5. Darby Braasch 21:47.21; 10. Emma Diveley 22:45.52; 13. Delanie Ulrich 22:56.49; 14. Myka Fenton 22:58.39; 15. Caitlyn Travis 23:03.70; 23. Alex Gasperson 24:05.74; 47. Joelle Hughes 26:54.92.
Hillsboro - 59. Presley Smith 30:10.86; 61. Meagan White 30:19.55; 73. Alexandra Kuhns 34:31.67.

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Nokomis Volleyball

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Addison Dangbar and Hailey Engelman both had double digit service point totals, with Dangbar posting an eye-popping 18 points, while Engelman added 10. Audrey Sabol nearly gave Nokomis three in double figures as she served up nine points.

Sabol also shared the team lead in kills, with both she and Reagan Jonas putting down seven on the night. Hailey Engelman led the team in assists, dishing out nine dimes for the hitters.

Defensively, the prowess at the net from Monday carried over to Tuesday and then some. Sabol had six blocks on the night, while Addison

Glenn and Jonas added two more for 10 total points on the defensive end.

Emily Cress went all out and finished with 13 digs, while Hailey Engelman (9), Natalie Engelman (7) and Addison Dangbar (7) all had more than a half dozen digs as well.

The Redskins will try to continue their strong start to the season on Thursday, Sept. 1, as they host Shelbyville, followed by a trip to the Altamont Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 3.

August 29 at St. Elmo
Nokomis 21 25 16
St. Elmo/Brownstown 25 16 25

Nokomis Statistics
Service Points: Addison Dangbar 9, Presley Mehochko 6, Addison Glenn 6, Hailey Engelman 5, Audrey Sabol 5. **Kills:** Audrey

Sabol 5, Addison Glenn 5, Becca Hill 5, Reagan Jonas 2, Hailey Engelman 2. **Assists:** Hailey Engelman 9, Presley Mehochko 5, Becca Hill 2. **Blocks:** Audrey Sabol 2, Addison Glenn 2, Reagan-Jonas 2. **Digs:** Emily Cress 10, Natalie Engelman 8, Presley Mehochko 8, Hailey Engelman 6, Lizzy Hill 5.

August 30 at Nokomis
Gillespie 25 16 15
Nokomis 22 25 25

Nokomis Statistics
Service Points: Addison Dangbar 18, Hailey Engelman 10, Audrey Sabol 9, Natalie Engelman 4, Presley Mehochko 3, Addison Glenn 3. **Kills:** Audrey Sabol 7, Reagan Jonas 7, Becca Hill 3, Addison Glenn 2. **Assists:** Hailey Engelman 9. **Digs:** Emily Cress 13, Hailey Engelman 9, Natalie Engelman 7, Addison Dangbar 7, Presley Mehochko 4, Audrey Sabol 4. **Blocks:** Audrey Sabol 6, Addison Glenn 2, Reagan Jonas 2.

Record: Nokomis (3-1).

Lincolnwood Volleyball

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Tessa Funderburk and Kierstyn Denney added six and five kills respectively, while Avery Pope finished with 23 assists.

Defensively, Funderburk reached double digit digs with 10, while Pope had six, Morgan Cowdrey added five and Taryn Millburg finished with four. Haelee Damm, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson, Belsher and Denney all had blocks in the win as well.

In the serving game, Funderburk and Cowdrey led the way with eight points each, with Funderburk adding two aces, while Cowdrey had one. Damm also had seven points as the Lancers improved to 4-0 on the season.

Lincolnwood will have

one more game to go before starting play in the Montgomery County Invitational - A Grace Filled Tourney on Sept. 9-10. The Lancers will take on MSM Conference foe Calvary on Tuesday, Sept. 6, on the Saints' home court in Springfield.

August 29 at Athens
Lincolnwood 14 25 26
Athens 25 19 24

Lincolnwood Statistics
Service Points: Morgan Cowdrey 12, Haelee Damm 9, Hailee Belsher 4, Jasmine Vickery 2, Tessa Funderburk 2, Avery Pope 1. **Aces:** Morgan Cowdrey 3, Hailee Belsher 1. **Kills:** Hailee Belsher 12, Tessa Funderburk 7, Haelee Damm 4, Avery Pope 3, Kierstyn Denney 1. **Assists:** Avery Pope 21. **Blocks:** Hailee Belsher 5, Tessa Funderburk 2, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 1. **Digs:** Haelee Damm 11, Morgan Cowdrey 9, Jasmine Vickery 6, Avery Pope 6, Tessa Funderburk 5, Hailee Belsher 4, Kierstyn Den-

ney 2, Taryn Millburg 2. **Records:** Lincolnwood (3-0), Athens (5-1).

August 30 at Palmyra
Lincolnwood 25 25
Greenfield-NW 20 20

Lincolnwood Statistics
Service Points: Morgan Cowdrey 8, Tessa Funderburk 8, Haelee Damm 7, Avery Pope 3, Jasmine Vickery 2. **Aces:** Tessa Funderburk 2, Morgan Cowdrey 1. **Kills:** Hailee Belsher 13, Tessa Funderburk 6, Kierstyn Denney 5, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 2, Haelee Damm 2. **Assists:** Avery Pope 23, Kierstyn Denney 1. **Blocks:** Haelee Damm 1, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 1, Hailee Belsher 1, Kierstyn Denney 1. **Digs:** Tessa Funderburk 10, Avery Pope 6, Morgan Cowdrey 5, Taryn Millburg 4, Haelee Damm 2, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 1, Hailee Belsher 1, Jasmine Vickery 1.

Records: Lincolnwood (4-0); Greenfield-Northwestern (2-4). **JV:** Greenfield-Northwestern def. Lincolnwood 25-21, 25-23.

Hillsboro Volleyball

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While Carlyle's serving game paid dividends for them, Hillsboro had five aces of their own, three of which came from Sophia Blankenship. Tatum Christian and Adyson McCammack accounted for the other two point scoring serves.

Christian also had a big night on the attack, putting down nine kills to lead Hillsboro. Layne Rupert added eight kills, while Sophia Blankenship (5), Ellie Miller (5), Addison Lowe (4) and Kinley Richardson (4) also had multiple kills, with Richardson leading the team

with 28 assists.

Now 0-3, the Toppers are hoping that four is more to their liking as they take on Litchfield in their fourth game of the season on Thursday, Sept. 1, on the rival Panthers' home court.

August 29 at Auburn
Hillsboro 25 21 20
Auburn 14 25 25

Hillsboro Statistics
Aces: Sophia Blankenship 1, Tatum Christian 1, Adyson McCammack 1, Addison Lowe 1. **Kills:** Layne Rupert 15, Tatum Christian 6, Sophia Blankenship 5, Kinley Richardson 3, Addison Lowe 2, Ellie Miller 2. **Assists:** Kinley Richardson 25. **Digs:** Layne Rupert 12, Isabella White 7, Kenadie Carlock 7, Kennady

Clayton 6, Addison Lowe 5, Kinley Richardson 4.

August 30 at Hillsboro
Carlyle 18 25 25
Hillsboro 25 20 22

Hillsboro Statistics
Aces: Sophia Blankenship 3, Tatum Christian 1, Adyson McCammack 1. **Kills:** Tatum Christian 9, Layne Rupert 8, Sophia Blankenship 5, Ellie Miller 5, Addison Lowe 4, Kinley Richardson 4. **Assists:** Kinley Richardson 28, Layne Rupert 2. **Digs:** Isabella White 12, Layne Rupert 12, Hannah Hughes 9, Kinley Richardson 7, Tatum Christian 7, Kenadie Carlock 6, Sophia Blankenship 5, Addison Lowe 4, Adyson McCammack 2, Ellie Miller 2. **Blocks:** Addison Lowe 2, Ellie Miller 1, Tatum Christian 1, Sophia Blankenship 1.

Record: Hillsboro (0-3).

Tennis Toppers Fall To Comets

The Hillsboro girls tennis team traveled to Greenville on Tuesday, Aug. 30, for a South Central Conference match-up against the Comets. The class of the SCC the last several years, the Comets defeated the Toppers 9-0.

In singles play, Paige Lucykow narrowly lost the first set, 6-4 to Greenville number one Paige Mathias, but dropped set number two 6-1 to end the match. Aubrey Reincke and Rylie Jones also avoided shutouts in the number four and number six matches, while Chloe Martin-

ic picked up a 6-1 win over Delaney Smith in extra play.

In doubles, Lucykow was again the closest to breaking through as she and partner Sally Mattson fell 8-3 to Katelyn Ridens and Ellie Schaufelberger. Ryder Hoover and Aly Leisure dropped the number two match 8-1, while Martincic and Zoey Spinner were beaten 8-0.

In addition to Martincic's singles win, two other singles matches and a seven other doubles matches were played on Tuesday night as the young Hiltoppers continue to work on their skills.

Hillsboro also had a match at home on Wednesday against Highland. Those results, along with their results from their match on Sept. 1, at East Alton-Wood River, will be in a future edition of *The Journal-News*.

August 30 at Greenville
Greenville 9, Hillsboro 0

Singles: 1. Paige Mathias (G) def. Paige Lucykow (H) 6-4, 6-1; 2. Evie Johnson (G) def. Jesse Balla (H) 6-0, 6-0; 3. Ellie Schaufelberger (G) def. Melissa Bell (H)

6-0, 6-0; 4. Katelyn Ridens (G) def. Aubrey Reincke (H) 6-1, 6-1; 5. Cora Miller (G) def. Annie Wright (H) 6-0, 6-0; 6. Ana Palen (G) def. Rylie Jones (H) 6-0, 6-1.

Exhibition Singles: 7. Alex Pichaske (G) def. Claire Matthew (H) 6-3; 8. Chloe Martincic (H) def. Delaney Smith (G) 6-1; 9. Maddie Hardin (G) def. Alexis Carlyle (H) 6-1.

Doubles: 1. Katelyn Ridens/Ellie Schaufelberger (G) def. Paige Lucykow/Sally Matson (H) 8-3; 2. Paige Mathias/Evie Johnson (G) def. Ryder Hoover/Aly Leisure (H) 8-1; 3. Cora Miller/Ana Palen (G) def. Chloe Martincic/Zoey Spinner (H) 8-0.

Exhibition Doubles: 4. Alex Pichaske/Delaney Smith (G) def. Claire Matthews (H)/Alexis Carlyle (H) 6-2; 5. Eden Kapp/Ella Jurgena (G) def. Brooklynn Hopley/Sara Milanos (H) 6-1; 6. Haley Becker/Alyssa Rehkemper (G) def. Avery Reynolds/Alexis Carlyle (H) 6-0; 7. Maddie Hardin/Delaney Smith (G) def. Alexis Carlyle/Rylie Jones (H) 6-3; 8. Ella Jurgena (G)/Alyssa Rehkemper (G) def. Reagan Voyles/Aubrey Reincke (H) 7-5; 9. Eden Kapp (G)/Alex Pichaske (G) def. Avery Reynolds/Sara Milanos (H) 6-1; 10. Eden Kapp (G)/Alex Pichaske (G) def. Zoey Spinner/Chloe Martincic (H) 4-1.

Record: Hillsboro (0-4).

Panthers Down Lancers To Stay Unbeaten

The Litchfield boys golf team remain undefeated on the season after posting a victory over Vandalia, Lincolnwood, Gillespie and Taylorville on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the Litchfield Country Club.

The Panthers shot a 164 as a team as they beat Vandalia by 11 strokes and Lincolnwood by 15. Gillespie finished fourth with a 192, while Taylorville was fifth with a 230.

As a team, Litchfield had 14 pars and four birdies, with all four 1-under scores going to either Tug Schwab or Ian Otto. Schwab had birdies on number two and number seven and shared medalist honors for the match with Vandalia's Conner McCall, who also shot a 37.

Otto birdied number three and number five and shot a 39, tying Nate Brockmeyer of Lincolnwood with the fourth best score. Vandalia's Jonah Beasley finished in between the two ties, shooting a 38 to place third.

Only one stroke separated

the other four golfers in the Litchfield line-up as Sam Schwab and Zach Boston shot a pair of 44s, while Brawly Jacobs and A.J. Odle both finished with a 45. Tucker McGwire also played an extra round for the Panthers and shot a 44 as well.

The Lancers finished with 12 pars on the day, five of which came from Brockmeyer, who was under 40 for the fourth time in five matches.

Brady Schmedeke added a 43 with two pars, both of which came in the final three holes, while Drake Germann added a 48 with three pars. Lance Weitekamp rounded out the scoring, shooting a 49, with a par on the first hole.

Jonah Elvidge and Kade Osterholt held the fifth and sixth slots for the Lancers, with Elvidge shooting a 51 and Osterholt shooting a 54 in his varsity debut.

The Lincolnwood boys will be back at home on Thursday, Sept. 1, as they host Carlinville, Carrollton and

Shelbyville, while Litchfield plays next on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Lakeshore Golf Course in Taylorville against the host Tornadoes, Auburn and South County.

August 30 at Litchfield
Litchfield Country Club - Par 35
Boys Team Results: Litchfield 164, Vandalia 175, Lincolnwood 179, Gillespie 192, Taylorville 230.

Medalists: Tug Schwab (Litchfield) 37; Conner McCall (Vandalia) 37. **Litchfield (164)** - Tug Schwab 37, Ian Otto 39, Sam Schwab 44, Zach Boston 44, A.J. Odle 45, Brawly Jacobs 45. **Extra:** Tucker McGwire 44.

Vandalia (175) - Conner McCall 37, Jonah Beasley 38, Owen Halford 47, Colton Justice 53, Dylan Peters 62, Will Calhoun 67.

Lincolnwood (179) - Nate Brockmeyer 39, Brady Schmedeke 43, Drake Germann 48, Lance Weitekamp 49, Jonah Elvidge 51, Kade Osterholt 54.

Gillespie (192) - Bryan Jubelt 42, Josh Feeley 49, Haeden Killebrew 51, Hayden Helmkamp 51, Kam Link 56, Kolton Lowery 63.

Taylorville (230) - Isaac Corso 52, Luke Poor 54, Grant Buschon 62, Jacob Franklin 62, Lucas Rexroad 62.

Records: Litchfield (18-0); Lincolnwood (10-4).

Frailey Medals As Hillsboro Top Lancers

The Hillsboro girls golf team defended their home turf on Monday, Aug. 29, defeating Lincolnwood by 14 strokes at the Hillsboro Country Club.

The Toppers were led by medalist Sam Frailey, who shot a 53 to take the top spot by three strokes over her sister, Alex Frailey, who shot a 56.

Aurelie Granito and Emma Bell had the other two scoring rounds for Hillsboro as they shot a pair of 62s to give Hillsboro a 233 for the day. The round tied Hillsboro's best score on their home course this season, with Sam Frailey and Emma Bell setting season-bests at the country club as well.

The Lancers finished with a 247 for the match as they fell to 1-11 on the season.

Lincolnwood's Jhia Walker, who has been the Lancers' low scorer in six of their seven matches, shot a 59 to finish third individually behind the Frailey sisters.

Abby Norris broke 60 for the first time this season, landing flush on that number for the third time this year. In addition to Norris' 60, Jenna Matli added a 63 and Kaylee Gerlach finished with a 65. Carly Armentrout and Anna Jones were the fifth and sixth players for Lincolnwood and were just behind their teammates with a 66 and 67

respectively.

Lincolnwood will be back in action on Thursday, Sept. 1, when they host Carlinville, Carrollton and Shelbyville, while Hillsboro plays at home on Friday, Sept. 2, against Auburn, Vandalia, Taylorville and Gillespie.

August 29 at Hillsboro
Hillsboro Country Club - Par 36
Girls Team Results: Hillsboro 233, Lincolnwood 247.

Medalist: Sam Frailey (Hillsboro) 53.

Hillsboro (233) - Sam Frailey 53, Alex Frailey 56, Aurelie Granito 62, Emma Bell 62.

Lincolnwood (247) - Jhia Walker 59, Abby Norris 60, Jenna Matli 63, Kaylee Gerlach 65, Carly Armentrout 66, Anna Jones 67. **Records:** Hillsboro (1-3), Lincolnwood (1-11).

Thacker Takes Top Spot For Hillsboro

Tycen Thacker shot a 1-over-par 37 to lead Hillsboro to a pair of victories over Pana and Altamont on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Oak Terrace Golf Course in Pana.

Thacker parred the first two holes but went bogey-double bogey on holes three and four to put himself at plus-three near the halfway point. The Hillsboro sophomore caught fire after that, though, with three pars and birdies on the par-4 sixth hole and the par-5 ninth hole to end his round. Only one other player, Altamont's Avery Jahraus, finished in the 30s, with

Jahraus shooting a 2-over 38.

Thacker didn't do it alone though. All four Hillsboro players posted rounds that would have been in the top four on either of the other two teams.

Austin Loskot parred both par threes at Oak Terrace and was just nine strokes behind Thacker for first. Colton Weiss matched Loskot, posting three of his four pars in the first four holes for a good start to his round. Carson Walker added in two pars and a 51 for his nine holes as Hillsboro picked up their first two wins of the tournament-heavy season.

The Toppers will be off until Tuesday, Sept. 6, when they travel to their home away from home, Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore, to face Greenville and North Mac.

August 30 at Pana
Oak Terrace Golf Course - Par 36

Boys Team Results: Hillsboro 186, Altamont 194, Pana 230.

Medalist: Tycen Thacker (Hillsboro) 37.

Hillsboro (186) - Tycen Thacker 37, Colton Weiss 46, Austin Loskot 46, Carson Walker 51.

Altamont (194) - Avery Jahraus 38, Zeke Rippertoe 47, Daniel McCammon 53, Tyler Ruffner 56. **Pana (230)** - Made Angel 47, Jacob Dorn 56, Dane Epley 61, Noah Gorenz 66.

Record: Hillsboro (2-2).

Litchfield Volleyball

Continued from 1B

The Panther lead ballooned to 16-4 before Coach Harrison signaled for a time-out in an attempt to stem the tide, but Emma Walch and Gina Painter's tandem block at the net added point 17 with Kendall Stewart at the service line. Litchfield would outscore their guests 8-5 to lock up the first set win. Annika Rhodes finished the set with three kills and was supported by Stewart with a solo kill.

The Lions played with more confidence in the second set, and quickly zipped to a 4-0 lead, but it was short lived as Litchfield tied the score at five before a Johnson kill locked up a point and returned possession to the Panthers. With Annika Rhodes at the service line, the Panthers reeled off the next five points prior to a return of possession to Maryville from a Panther attack that landed out of bounds.

Trailing 6-11 with Maryville's Kiley McBride at the service line, the Panthers owned the next six points by virtue of power hitting from Johnson, blocking at the net by Johnson and Gina Painter and service return errors from the Lions. After a quick Lion time-out and a long rally won by Maryville, another Johnson kill returned possession and added point 18.

The Lions were unsuccessful in returning Johnson's serve and Litchfield led 19-8 and never looked back as Carlee Harmon, Stewart and Johnson all helped seal the 25-14 deal.

Hitting from the outside, Johnson finished the set with seven kills and Stewart added a solo, but the match was not only won with timely

and effective hitting, there were outstanding saves by Amy Frerichs, playing in the libero position, accuracy at the service line and hustle for loose balls.

Annika Rhodes was a perfect seven for seven in serves followed by Emma Walch who went six for six and both Carlee Harmon and Kendall Stewart served eight balls inbounds with just one astray. Harmon recorded two service aces while Emma Walch, Blair Johnson and Gina Painter each had an ace.

Emma Frerichs and Blair Johnson were the dig leaders with 12 apiece while Annika Rhodes chased down seven. Gina Painter had four blocks followed by Emma Walch and Blair Johnson with two apiece and Carlee Harmon was credited with one.

With one win and one loss under their belt, the Lady Panthers host the Hillsboro Hiltoppers this evening. The Toppers are in search of their first win of season after losing to Pana, Auburn and Carlyle. Tonight's match begins with the freshman at 5 p.m. followed by the junior varsity and varsity contests.

August 30 at Litchfield
Litchfield 25 25
Maryville Christian 9 14

Litchfield Statistics
Serves In/Out: Emma Walch 6/1, Annika Rhodes 7/0, Carlee Harmon 8/1, Kendall Stewart 8/1, Blair Johnson 1/2, Gina Painter 2/1, Elise Walch 2/0. **Aces:** Emma Walch 1, Carlee Harmon 2, Blair Johnson 1, Gina Painter 1. **Attacks Attempts/Kills:** Annika Rhodes 11/3, Carlee Harmon 1/1, Kendall Stewart 2/2, Blair Johnson 13/7, Gina Painter 1/0. **Blocks:** Gina Painter 4, Emma Walch 2, Blair Johnson 2, Carlee Harmon 1. **Digs:** Emma Walch 1, Annika Rhodes 7, Kendall Stewart 3, Blair Johnson 12, Elise Walch 1.

Record: Litchfield (1-1).

Sports Calendar

Hillsboro Hiltoppers

Thursday, September 1
4 p.m. - Boys Soccer at Jerseyville (JV First)

4:30 p.m. - Girls Tennis at East Alton-Wood River

5 p.m. - Volleyball at Litchfield

6 p.m. - Freshman Football hosts Pana

Friday, September 2

4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Auburn, Vandalia, Taylorville, Gillespie at Hillsboro Country Club

7 p.m. - Varsity Football at Pana

Saturday, September 3

10 a.m. - Boys Soccer hosts Effingham St. Anthony

Monday, September 5

2 p.m. - JV Girls Tennis at Greenville Tournament

6 p.m. - JV Football hosts Pana

Litchfield Purple Panthers

Thursday, September 1

5 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Hillsboro

6 p.m. - Freshman Football at Staunton

Friday, September 2

7 p.m. - Varsity Football hosts Staunton

Saturday, September 3

10 a.m. - Boys Soccer at Maryville Christian

Monday, September 5

6 p.m. - JV Football at Staunton

6 p.m. - Volleyball at Pawnee

Nokomis Redskins

Thursday, September 1

5 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Shelbyville

Friday, September 2

4 p.m. - Ramsey Golf vs. Altamont at St. Elmo Country Club

7 p.m. - Varsity Football hosts Sullivan

Saturday, September 3

8:30 p.m. - Volleyball at Altamont Tournament

Monday, September 5

6 p.m. - JV Football at Sullivan

Lincolnwood Lancers

Thursday, September 1

4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Carlinville, Carrollton, Shelbyville at Shoal Creek

4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Carlinville, Carrollton, Shelbyville at Shoal Creek

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Four Lincolnwood alumni teamed up to take first at the TEAM Play Day, the ninth annual golf outing that raises funds for Lincolnwood High School and Junior High athletics. From the left are Sam Herman, Will Jenkins, Bill Krager and Devin Brown, who have all benefited from TEAM funds, as athletes or coaches. *Jean Weitekamp Photo*

TEAM An Ace For Lincolnwood

Over the last eight years, the TEAM Play Day at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Raymond has raised \$197,000 for Lincolnwood Junior High and High School athletics. With the 2022 edition of the annual golf outing now in the books, that number will be much higher.

With another large field of teams, the 2022 TEAM Play Day had sunny skies as it raised money for this year's crop of Lancers and Mohawks.

"Thanks to all that golfed, cooked, served beverages, watched holes, took pictures, donated prizes or auction items or did anything else to help us have another great golf outing," a post on the TEAM Play Day Facebook page read. "We look forward to seeing you all again in 2023!"

Last year, TEAM funds were used for a shooting machine for the boys and girls basketball teams, banquet meals for the boys basketball and soccer teams, warm-ups for the volleyball and soccer teams, new speakers and safety equipment for the baseball team and practice rounds for the regional and sectional for the golf teams.

Some of those who benefited from last year's event returned as players in this year's tournament, including one member of the winning team. Will Jenkins, who played golf, soccer, basketball and baseball for the Lancers before graduating in May 2021, teamed up with fellow alumni Bill Krager, Sam Herman and Devin Brown to take first place in this year's A Flight.

More alums finished second and third, with the Snyder family, Kendall Snyder and his sons Kyle, Cameron and Reese, taking second, and Korey Brockmeyer and daughter Abby finishing third, with the help of Korey's nephew Jack McKinney and Abby's fiancé Brad Harrison. Abby Brockmeyer also won the morning



Few people have spent more time around Lincolnwood athletics than Verne Pinkston, above teeing off at this year's TEAM Play Day on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Raymond. Pinkston's team took second in this year's C Flight. *Jean Weitekamp Photo*

50/50 drawing and donated \$100 back to the cause.

In the B Flight, the team of Shane Matli, Steve Matli, Gred Matli and Heather (Matli) Cohen were first, followed by the team of Josh Stone, John Popejoy, Brenda Popejoy and Kyle Williams in second and the team of Ferrin Colvin (who won the afternoon 50/50 drawing), Steve Mainwaring, Rory Eliason and Wes Clark in third.

In the C Flight, Phil Wentzel, Alex Wentzel, Evan Duff and Brian Keagy took the top spot. Second place went to Verne Pinkston, Tina Welke, Phillip Pinkston and Stephanie Pinkston, while the team

of Matt Millburg, Mallory Millburg, Josh Johnson and Jenny Johnson were third.

In addition to winning the C Flight, the Wentzels, Duff and Keagy also won half of the AM skins game, with Leonard Rovey, Dave Fuchs, Dave Krager and Rick Wagahoff taking the other half. The PM skins winner was the team of Bev Crawford, Dave Crawford, Kendall Crawford and Kayla Atkins. Bev Crawford was also the big \$500 winner in the Lancer Loot Lottery initial drawing.

Eight of the nine holes on the day featured special games, ranging from longest drive to longest putt to closest to the hole. Katie Kauffman and Heather Millburg took the prize for longest drive in the fairway on hole number one, while on hole two, Trevor Riggs and John Martin were closest to the line.

On the speed hole, hole number three, Dane Merkel, Kyra Bishop, Steven Krager and Gilbert Merkel won in the morning, while Bill Krager, Sam Herman, Devin Brown and Will Jenkins won in the afternoon. Hole number five was closest to the pond on your first shot, with Kasey Schuster and Bev Crawford taking the prize, while hole six was the longest putt, which was won by Mark Krager and Tom Kavanagh.

On hole seven, Korey Brockmeyer and Kayla Atkins were closest to the tee, Dayne Merkel and Brett Jaeger had the longest drives on hole eight and Brad Whalen and Wes Smith rounded things out with the closest third shot on hole number nine.

The final amount raised will be announced during basketball season, but the TEAM Committee's work is far from over. On Saturday, Sept. 24, the group will host Glow Golf at Shoal Creek Golf Course for the night owls wishing to give back to Lincolnwood Athletics.

Litchfield Third At Panther Golf Classic

The Litchfield boys and girls golf teams added some 18-hole experience to their knowledge base on Saturday, Aug. 27, as they hosted the Litchfield Panther Classic at Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore.

The tournament featured six teams on the girls' side and seven more on the boys' end, with the Litchfield JV team also teeing off at the inaugural event.

Both LHS varsity teams would play well at the event, finishing third in both the boys and girls team results.

In the girls' tournament, Litchfield shot a 382 to finish 12 strokes behind Effingham St. Anthony for second place and 27 strokes behind a stand out Effingham squad that shot a 355.

Laura Boston led Litchfield at Indian Springs, shooting an 8-over-par 80 to take second individually behind medalist Addie Krouse of Effingham St. Anthony.

Lauren Monke was second for the Panthers with a 96, while Charlotte Gardner was third, six strokes back with a 102. Hailey Rentz added the fourth scoring round with a 105, one stroke better than her teammate Olivia Fleming. Addison Monke rounded out

the scoring for the LHS girls, shooting at 120 on the day.

The boys team had similar results, with a third place finish as a team and a second place finish for their ace.

The Panthers shot a 331 on the day, 10 strokes better than fourth place Teutopolis and six strokes behind Salem for second. Effingham St. Anthony took the boys' title, shooting a 19-over-par 307.

Jairen Stroud of Salem took medalist honors with a 2-under 70, but Litchfield's Tug Schwab was on his heels. Schwab tied for second on the day, shooting an even-par 72.

All six Litchfield varsity players shot under 100 for the tournament, with A.J. Odle also finishing in the top 10 individually. Odle carded an 11-over-par 83 on the day to finish ninth on the boys' side.

Sam Schwab was just a stroke back of Odle with an 84, while Brawly Jacobs added a 92 to the score line. Ian Otto and Zach Boston stair-stepped down from there, finishing with a 93 and a 94 in the fifth and sixth spots.

Two of the six JV players to hit the links also broke 100 for Litchfield as Tucker Maguire shot a 14-over-par 86 and Zach Leitschuh finished with a 96.

Tucker Pastrovich and Keenan Logan had the other two scoring rounds with a 107 and a 111, while Jackson Painter and Will Cress were fifth and sixth with matching 116.

The tournament not only gave Litchfield more 18-hole experience, but it also gave the Panthers more rounds at the site of the South Central Conference Tournament, which will be held Sept. 26, at Indian Springs.

August 27 at Fillmore
Litchfield Panther Classic
Indian Springs - Par 72

Girls Team Results: 1. Effingham 355, 2. Effingham St. Anthony 370, 3. Litchfield 382, 4. Auburn 394, Jerseyville and North Mac no team scores

Medalist: Addie Krouse (Effingham St. Anthony) 75
Litchfield (382) - Laura Boston 80, Lauren Monke 96, Charlotte Gardner 102, Hailey Rentz 105, Olivia Fleming 106, Addison Monke 120

Boys Team Results: 1. Effingham St. Anthony 307, 2. Salem 325, 3. Litchfield 331, 4. Teutopolis 341, 5. North Mac 384, 6. Christ Our Rock Lutheran 388, 7. Litchfield JV 400, 8. Metro East Lutheran 411

Medalist: Jairen Stroud (Salem) 70
Litchfield (331) - Tug Schwab 72, A.J. Odle 83, Sam Schwab 84, Brawly Jacobs 92, Ian Otto 93, Zach Boston 94
Litchfield JV (400) - Tucker Maguire 86, Zach Leitschuh 96, Tucker Pastrovich 107, Keenan Logan 111, Jackson Painter 116, Will Cress 116



This year's winning team at the Nokomis Athletic Club's Arrowhead Open, from the left, were Brandt Wernsing, Tyler Bramley, Jason Arndt and Tate Clark. The foursome shot a 54 on the day to win by six strokes.

Signs Point To Another Successful Arrowhead Open For Nokomis

A little rain did nothing to dampen the spirits of the ninth annual Arrowhead open on Saturday, Aug. 20, as the Nokomis Athletic club welcomed a full slate of 40 four-person teams to this year's event.

Proceeds from the tournament go toward the Nokomis High School and Junior High athletic programs for things such as camp entry fees, equipment for the volleyball team, uniforms for the football, junior high girls basketball and high school girls basketball teams and scholarships for student athletes. The group also partners with the school to provide video capabilities to live stream home sporting events.

"The Arrowhead Open committee wants to say thank you to the golfers and volunteers who joined us today," the Nokomis Athletic Club posted on Facebook after the event. "Thank you to all of the sponsors this year at all of the levels. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thanks to Lakeshore Golf Course for letting us hold our scramble there and working with us! You were fabulous! Last but not least a huge shoutout to the committee. Your teamwork and dedication is awesome!"

As for the tournament itself, first place and \$360 went to the team of Jason Arndt, Brandt Wernsing, Tate Clark, and Tyler Bramley, who shot a 54 to beat the second place team of Larry Seifert, Mike Haenchen, Mike Wentz and John Grawe by six strokes.

The first place team was also one of two teams who split \$560 in skins money, with Greg Lipe, Steve Pearse, Ryan Follis and Derek Nestrack tak-



Nokomis school board member and assistant football coach extraordinaire Ben Tarter was one of the 160 golfers who teed off at Lakeshore Golf Course in Taylorville on Saturday, Aug. 20. While Tarter's team didn't win, his sister, Beth King, did win the women's longest drive.

ing the other half.

Other winners on the day were the team of Eric and Bonnie Brownback and Caleb and Jennie Wright, who finished 24th and won four rounds of golf at Oak Terrace. The longest drive winners were John Grawe for the men and Beth King for the women, while Jay DeWerff and Aaron Bertolino took closest to the pin and longest putt honors.

While the total amount from this year's event will not be announced until later, the group has raised more than \$173,000 for the student athletes of Nokomis. With the dedication of those on the committee and the enthusiasm of the golfers and sponsors for the cause, there is little doubt that 2022 will be another big year for the Arrowhead Open.

Lady Hiltoppers Take On Spencer T. Olin

The Hillsboro girls golf team faced some tough competition on a tough course on Tuesday, Aug. 30, as they played Marquette, Jerseyville and Civic Memorial at Spencer T. Olin Golf Course in Alton.

The Toppers were a player short due to a school commitment for sophomore Emma Bell, but put in some solid rounds despite not factoring into the team results.

Alex Frailey just barely missed a round in the 40s as she shot a 53 on the day, with pars on the first and ninth holes. Just two tough holes (quadruple on three and a

triple on four) kept the Topper senior from climbing further up the ladder individually.

Sam Frailey matched her sister with another 53, with four bogies in her nine holes. Like her sister, a bad hole kept the Topper junior out of the 40s, with an eight coming on the par-4 seventh hole. Aurelie Granito also hit the links for the Toppers and shot a 67 on the day.

Hillsboro will be back at home on Friday, Sept. 2, for a match at the Hillsboro Country Club versus Auburn, Vandalia, Taylorville and Gillespie.

August 30 at Alton
Spencer T. Olin - Par 36

Girls Team Results: Alton Marquette 194, Jerseyville 204, Civic Memorial 229

Medalist: Ava Bartosiak (Marquette) 42, Lilly Montague (Marquette) 42

Alton Marquette (194) - Ava Bartosiak 42, Lilly Montague 42, Reese Livingstone 55, Karly Reiter 55, Ava Heinz 58, Ella Bartone 62

Jerseyville (204) - Bria Tuttle 45, Jerra LaPlant 50, Emma Breitweiser 54, Miranda Raymond 55, Lindsey Duggan 57

Civic Memorial (229) - Jayna Halley 49, Peyton Phillips 48, Sydney Moore 58, Kim Price 64, Brailey Harrop 69, Kaylee Brefeld 73

Hillsboro - Alex Frailey 53, Sam Frailey 53, Aurelie Granito 67

Roxana - Reagan Lynn 53, Ava Strohmeyer 60, Brie Griffin 63

Hillsboro Boys Take On Area's Best

The Hillsboro boys golf team played 36 holes in two days to end the week as they competed in the Dick Gerber Invitational in Edwardsville on Aug. 26-27

The tournament, which was played at Oak Brook Golf Course on Friday and Fox Creek Golf Course on Saturday, draws some of the best teams in the area, including the host Tigers, who finished second to Belleville Althoff 598 to 609.

Hillsboro shot a 770, but improved six strokes from day one to day two. At Oak Brook, a 27-hole course northeast of the city, Tycen Tacker and Colton Weiss led the way with an 89 and a 90, 18 and 19 strokes over par respectively.

Austin Loskot and Carson Walker added the third and fourth scores with a 102 and a 107.

At Fox Creek, a semi-private 18-hole course, Thacker was just eight over par, shooting a 79 on the challenging terrain. Weiss also took a few strokes off his Friday score, shooting an 87, while Walker and Loskot shot a 107 and a 109.

Medalist for the tournament was Springfield's Peyton Woods, who beat Carter Stevenson in a scorecard playoff after both players shot a 4-under-par 138 for the tournament. Woods picked up the victory based on his Saturday score, shooting a 69 to Stevenson's 71.

Hillsboro's next match will be Tuesday, Aug. 30, when they play Pana and Altamont at Oak Terrace Golf Course in Pana.

Aug. 26 at Edwardsville
Dick Gerber Invitational
Oak Brook - Par 71

Hillsboro (388) - Tycen Thacker 89, Colton Weiss 90, Austin Loskot 102, Carson Walker 107

Aug. 27 at Edwardsville
Dick Gerber Invitational
Fox Creek - Par 71

Hillsboro (382) - Tycen Thacker 79, Colton Weiss 87, Carson Walker 107, Austin Loskot 109

Final Team Results: 1. Belleville Althoff 598, 2. Edwardsville 609, 3. Effingham St. Anthony 612, 4. Pekin 615, 5. O'Fallon 617; Hillsboro 770

Medalist: Peyton Woods (Springfield) 138*
**Defeated Carter Stevenson (Pekin) on scorecard playoff (Saturday score 69 to 71).*

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Taylor Springs Man Arrested After Manhunt

A Taylor Springs man who police believe may have been armed was arrested early Sunday, Aug. 28, after a four-and-a-half-hour manhunt.

Nicholas Mohr, 32, of Taylor Springs, faces three charges of aggravated domestic battery, according to Taylor Springs Police. He was arrested with his brother, Larry R. Mohr, 37, of Imperial, MO, who faces charges of obstructing justice and driving on a revoked license.

Police were notified just before midnight on Saturday, Aug. 27, of a possible domestic battery involving a woman and two pre-school-age children. The victims had fled the scene, and police learned that the suspect had also fled the scene

in a car and was potentially armed.

The Hillsboro Police Department and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office were notified to assist in the search for the suspect, and the long-term care facility in Taylor Springs and correctional facility in Hillsboro were asked to secure.

Both Hillsboro and Litchfield Police Department K9 units assisted, as well as the Montgomery County EMA thermal imaging drone.

According to Taylor Springs police, the suspect was found at 4:30 a.m. on Route 127 with his brother, who had arrived from Missouri to allegedly help him escape. No firearm was discovered during the arrest.

Police

Litchfield Police

• Vicki L. Mann, 61, of Springfield, was jailed for two counts of retail theft at 11:34 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Walmart.

• Andrea L. Griep, 28, of Litchfield, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant and ticketed for criminal trespass to state supported land at 6:08 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at Kirk Terrace.

• Dawn E. Farris, 53, of Litchfield, was cited for failure to yield turning left at 9:24 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Weir and Litchfield Plaza.

• Lance M. Davidson, 28, of Litchfield, was jailed for violation of a stalking no contact order, domestic battery, interfering with reporting domestic battery and theft under \$500 at 11:08 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the 300 block of East Kirkham.

• Nicole S. Thompson, 39, of Litchfield, was ticketed for retail theft at 7:28 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Walmart.

• Adam J. Marsden, 43, of St. Louis, MO, was jailed for retail theft at 7:51 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Walmart.

• A 17-year-old Springfield juvenile was cited for driving while license suspended at 8:53 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27,

at Corvette and Ferdon.

• Winifred Blake, 49, of Beardstown, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Tyler and four-lane Rt. 66.

• Jordan T. Primo, 22, of Litchfield, was jailed for theft/possession of stolen property at 7:57 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at the 200 block of Ohren Lane.

• Ursula R. Barnes, 54, of Gillespie, was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, near the I-55 ramp.

• Katherine M. White, 34, of Irving, was ticketed for a tinted windshield at 11:43 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Ryder and Jefferson.

Hillsboro Police

• Brittany L. Torres, 29, of Hillsboro, was cited for no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at South Main Street and Patterson Drive.

• Kyle P. Morrison, 18, of Brooklyn Park, MN, was ticketed for disobeying a traffic control device at 2:07 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at South Main Street and East Wood Street.

Traffic Court

• Megan A. Dewitt, 24, of Litchfield, speeding 35 mph or above the speed limit.

• Russell K. Edwards, 28, of Witt, improper use of registration, registration suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Joy R. Heldebrandt, 60, of Witt, speeding 35 mph or above the speed limit.

• Rosalie V. Adamovich, 35, of Litchfield, pedestrian walking on highway.

• Courtney V. Catalano, 39, of Litchfield, headlight/taillight/sidelight.

• Shelby A. DeWitt, 28, of Hillsboro, electronic communication device.

• John W. Fletcher, 70, of Raymond, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Randy L. Fletcher, 41, of Hillsboro, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Jacob D. Hall, 23, of Nokomis, driving 11 to 14 mph above the speed limit, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Brenden W. Hartman, 22, of Donnellson, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Joseph D. Hoppes, 31, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Brodan S. Johnston, 36, of Witt, unlicensed.

• Connie J. Kelley, 71, of Litchfield, improper traffic lane usage.

• Gina M. Libbra, 37, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

at Corvette and Ferdon.

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• Jeesa D. Reed, 31, of Hillsboro, disregarding a stop sign.

• Stephen A. Roberts, 22, of Sorento, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.

• Jeffrey N. Smith, 55, of Nokomis, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, exceeding speed in a school zone.

• Nathan K. Verbiski, 30, of Nokomis, driving 1 to 10 mph above the speed limit.

• Elizabeth M. Wagahoff, 45, of Litchfield, changing lanes without signal.



Local Firefighters Train On Technical Rescue

Members of the Raymond-Harvel, Coffeen and Nokomis fire departments have recently been engaged in technical rescue training to ensure they're ready when an incident occurs. On Thursday evening, Aug. 25, firefighters used rope haul systems to simulate hauling a victim both vertically and horizontally.

"With lots of grain bins and other confined space areas in our response areas, this will be very valuable training. No, Rescue Randy was not harmed in the training evolutions," the Raymond-Harvel Fire Department wrote in a Facebook post.

Court

• An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Friday, Aug. 26, in a felony charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and a misdemeanor charge of driving on a revoked license filed on Aug. 20 against Eric L. Brimberry, 49, of Simi Valley, CA.

• Caitlyn J. Cowell, 28, of Belleville, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and unlawful possession of cannabis on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

• Lauren B. Davidson, 29, of Hillsboro, faces felony charges of burglary of a school and theft on Saturday, Aug. 20.

• Timothy D. Davidson, 41, of Hillsboro, faces felony charges of burglary of a school and theft on Saturday, Aug. 20.

• Terry W. Kubiak, 73, of St. Peters, MO, faces a felony charge of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon on Saturday, Aug. 20.

• Brittany N. Madeline, 35, of Mt. Olive, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Friday, Aug. 26.

• Jacob G. Meyer, 27, of Hillsboro, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

• Steven B. Pesavento, 36, of Staunton, faces a felony charge of burglary on Monday, Aug. 22.

• Holli L. Taylor, 31, of Litchfield, was charged with domestic battery on Tuesday,

Aug. 23.

• Matthew C. Dingman, 47, of Irving, was charged with driving under the influence on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

• An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Tuesday, Aug. 23, in a felony charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license filed in July 2015 against Jackie C. Carver, 65, of Cicero.

• David L. Chesser, 72, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of second degree murder on Monday, Aug. 22, and was sentenced to 16 years and six months in prison with a credit of two years and 337 days served, one year of mandatory supervised release, fined \$25,000, plus court costs.

• Adam W. Goetze, 29, of Munford, TN, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon with no FOID on Thursday, Aug. 25, and was sentenced to 24 months of probation, 64 days in jail with a credit of 32 days served, drug treatment, fined \$6,215, plus court costs. Felony charges of possession of meth and armed violence were dismissed.

• Nathan B. Redman, 33, of Divernon, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia on Tuesday, Aug. 23, and was sentenced to two days in jail with a credit of one day served, fined \$750, plus court costs.

Accidents

Intersection Mishap
 Dawn E. Farris, 53, of Litchfield, was southbound on Litchfield Plaza at 9:24 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, when she began to turn left at the intersection of Weir Street and struck another vehicle driven by Tina L. Korunka, of Mt. Olive, who was eastbound on Weir Street.

No injuries were reported and both vehicles were driven from the scene.



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Submit résumé, letter of interest expressing full- or part-time, and references to Tonya Flannery, City Administrator, City of Litchfield, 120 East Ryder, Litchfield, IL 62056. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Agri-News

MCFB Fundraiser Makes Dinner Easier

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau is teaming up with the Giving Plate to host a frozen meal pack fundraiser this month.

There are two different meal packages to choose from. Meal pack option #1 includes pork BBQ mac and cheese, turkey tetrazzini, cheese filled lasagna roll ups, hamburger and potato bake and a pizza pasta bake. Meal pack option #2

includes cheeseburger mac and cheese, beef stroganoff, ham and potato bake, cheese tortellini bake and a chicken fajita casserole.

Meals can be customized to individual family size. Five meals for a family of two is set at \$80; a family of four is \$130; and a family of six is \$165. The Giving Plate is also offering a special bonus item. One of their famous chicken pot pies can be added to a

meal pack for an additional \$18.

Orders can be placed online at www.thegivingplate-meals.com until the deadline of Friday, Sept. 16. Pickup will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, as the farm bureau office.

Questions may be directed to the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Office at 217-532-6171 or kwilson@montcofb.com.

IAA Scholarship Helps Drive Ag Forward

Truck drivers are critical for transporting farm commodities, inputs and food throughout Illinois and the nation. The IAA Foundation is pleased to administer the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship to help offset the cost of needed commercial truck driver training and ensure more well-trained, safe drivers are available.

"We are pleased to diversify the types of scholarships available through our program," said Jennifer Smith, development manager, IAA Foundation. "We are encouraged by the insightfulness of

donors who choose to support all facets of agriculture."

In late 2021, the Illinois Farm Bureau committed to funding the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship. This donor agreement will continue for the next five years.

Applicants enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a commercial driver training program at a community college in Illinois are encouraged to apply. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded every three months and are based on the Illinois Farm Bureau region where the applicant

resides.

All applicants must be Illinois residents and must provide proof of enrollment for the corresponding award cycle. Additionally, an endorsement is required from a farmer, County Farm Bureau leader, agribusiness or food processing business.

Full eligibility guidelines and the application can be found online at www.iaafoundation.org. For more information contact the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232 or e-mail Jennifer Smith at jsmith@ilfb.org.



Hillsboro FFA Members Judge Horses

Hillsboro High School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) Chapter traveled to Mount Vernon to compete in the Section #19 Horse Judging CDE on Friday, Aug. 26. Paitynn Wilson placed 5th overall out of the Section #19 members who competed. In front, from the left, are Kylee Jarman, Halley Werner-Long, Resi Hollo, Lassie Cline, Leah Satterlee, Paitynn Wilson and Mackenzie Jarman. In back, from the left, are Lilly Huber, Aubrey McCario, Kearstynn Davis, Chloe Kenny, Madeline Watkins and Peyton Chesney.

USDA Supports Underserved Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced up to \$550 million to support projects that help ensure underserved producers have the resources, tools, programs and technical support they need to succeed, through funding provided in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

"These funding opportunities are historic and part of the USDA's unwavering commitment to advancing equity for all, including people who have been underserved, marginalized and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality. When we address longstanding inequities, our entire country benefits," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Land access, heirs' property, affordable credit and access to reliable markets, along with consistent access to help from well-trained experts, are essential to strengthening our communities. The USDA is equally committed to partnering with minority-serving institutions to establish exciting and fulfilling pathways for next generation leaders to have careers in agriculture, nutrition, food, development and in the federal government."

To date, the USDA has implemented provisions within Section #1006 of the American Rescue Plan Act, including standing up an independent Equity Commission. The USDA also has provided \$75 million for partnership agreements with 20 organizations that will deliver technical

assistance and support for underserved producers, including veterans, limited resources producers, beginning farmers and ranchers, and/or producers living in high poverty areas on topics ranging from business development to heirs' property.

The USDA has already received applications for at least another \$25 million in partnership agreements for technical assistance and will announce awardees by fall.

Additional initiatives taken on by the USDA include offering to \$300 million in funding for projects that increase access to land, capital and markets. Projects should help move underserved producers from surviving to thriving and must focus on strengthening land access with at least one of the following related areas of concern: capital access concerns that affect the ability to access land; market access concerns that affect the ability to access land; or a combination of one or more of land, capital and market access concerns.

Applications are available online at grants.gov and must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 28.

The USDA has also made \$250 million in funding available through the "From Learning to Leading: Cultivating the Next Generation of Diverse Food and Agriculture Professionals" program to create career development opportunities for students at

minority-serving institutions. The need for growing the next generation of professionals is both timely and important.

This competitive funding opportunity is aimed at attracting, inspiring and retaining diverse and talented students at eligible minority-serving institutions for careers in food, agriculture and related disciplines, with an emphasis on federal government sector employment. Eligible applicants are 1890 land-grant institutions, 1994 land-grant institutions, Alaska Native-serving institutions, Native Hawaiian-serving institutions, certified Hispanic-serving institutions and Insular Area institutions of higher education located in the U.S. territories.

Applications are available online at grants.gov and must be submitted by Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Crop Condition

There were 6.0 days suitable for field work during the week ending Sunday, Aug. 28.

Statewide, the average temperature was 72.5 degrees, 1.1 degrees below normal. Precipitation averaged .20 inches, .56 inches below normal.

Topsoil moisture supply was rated 8 percent very short, 24 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture

supply was rated 10 percent very short, 22 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Corn dough reached 85 percent, compared to the five-year average of 91 percent. Corn dented reached 46 percent, compared to the five-year average of 61 percent. Corn mature reached 3 percent, compared to the five-year average of 7 percent. Corn

condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 20 percent excellent.

Soybeans setting pods reached 86 percent, compared to the five-year average of 93 percent. Soybean condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 48 percent good, 18 percent excellent.

Ag Prices

The July Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 134.7, decreased 0.1 percent from June but increased 26 percent from July 2021.

At 124.2, the Crop Production Index was down 1.2 percent from last month but up 16 percent from the previous year.

The Livestock Production Index, at 148.1 increased 2.2 percent from June and 38 percent from July last year.

Producers received lower prices during July for broilers, soybeans, wheat, and corn but higher prices for market eggs, hay, hogs, and cattle. In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities

marketed also influences the indexes.

In July, there was decreased monthly movement for milk, cattle, oranges, and broilers and increased marketing of wheat, grapes, hay, and cotton.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS INFORMATIONAL HEARING ONLY

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Hillsboro City Hall

DISCUSSION

New Fence Ordinance

PUBLIC INVITED

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.** Property being sold includes all contents in units of the following:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Village of Taylor Springs
6:00 p.m., Sept. 20, 2022
Village Hall, 626 E. Main St., Taylor Springs
A public meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at 626 E. Main St. for the purpose of providing general information to the public regarding the proposed Village Grant Application for mowers USDA Rural Development project.
The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues.
BY: Christine Daniels, Village Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FOURTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY-
IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
CAROLYN CLAUD STINNETT,
Deceased.
No. 2022PR39
NOTICE FOR PUBLIC
CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of CAROLYN CLAUD STINNETT of Raymond, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 12, 2022, to BARRY STINNETT whose attorneys are VERTICCHIO & VERTICCHIO, 100 East Chestnut, P.O. Box 87, Gillespie, IL 62033.

PUBLIC AUCTION

MON., SEPT. 5 - 8 a.m. (Doors open at 6 a.m.) Rutz estate auction at 5175 State Rt. 160, Highland (Grantfork), 1 mile north of Grantfork on Rt. 160 or 3 1/2 miles south of Rt. 140 on Rt. 160. Selling 10 wagon loads small items, shed full of large items. Power tools, cast iron skillets, pink depression, furniture, BBQ grill 2 porch swings, 2 sewing machines, plus more. See photos on auctionzip.com Auctioneer #12645. Roniger-Schwarz Auctions, 618-664-1665, 618-675-3427.

THURS., SEPT. 8 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online living estate auction for Judy McDonald located at 121 Westlake Tr., Litchfield. Bidding starts Aug. 28. Viewing Sept. 4 from noon-4 p.m. Pickup/checkout Sept. 11. Antique & modern furniture, golf equip., antiques, collectibles, household, etc. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507, mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com.

THURS., SEPT. 8 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Classic Autos & Service Truck auction feat. 1975 Camaro, 1950 Ford, 2012 Dodge 5500, more. Preview Sept. 5, 4-6 p.m. & pickup Sept. 9, 4-6 p.m. at Exit 41, 937 US Rt. 40 Frontage Rd., Greenville. Bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, mollettauctions.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

THURS., SEPT. 8 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only auction for the living estate of Gloria Patterson feat. Chevy Cobalt, furniture, electronics, misc. Preview Sept. 6, 4-6 p.m. & pickup Sept. 9, 4-6 p.m. at Exit 41, 937 US Rt. 40 Frontage Rd., Greenville. Bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, mollettauctions.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SAT., SEPT. 10 - 9 a.m. The real estate is currently under contract. ONLY PERSONAL PROPERTY will be selling at the Public Auction at 1869 E. 1225 Ave., Farina for Earl and Carol Ann Crothers. Kubota L3940, equipment, lots of tools, household, music equip. and much more. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, mollettauctions.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SAT., SEPT. 10 - 9 a.m. Live on-site public country estate auction at 20997 Lake Ka-Ho Rd., Mt. Olive. Tractors, trucks, cars, collectibles, primitives, tools, furniture, household, etc. Charles Sievers estate, owner (Rain date Sept. 17 at 10 a.m.) Eric White, auctioneer, 217-556-2135. For photos & list go to www.auctionzip.com ID#13756.

MON., SEPT. 12 - Bidding ends for online Phillip Thiessen estate & others auction. Bidding starts Sept. 2. Viewing Sept. 7, 4-6 p.m. Pickup/checkout Sept. 14, 2-6 p.m. at 823 N. O'Bannon St., Raymond. Local lore & memorabilia, antiques, collectibles, tools, household. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507, mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com.

TUES., SEPT. 13 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Peterson Comics 5. Preview Sept. 12, 4-6 p.m. & checkout Sept. 16, 4-6 p.m. at 608 Ridge St., Greenville. Bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, mollettauctions.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SAT., SEPT. 17 - 9 a.m. Consignment auction at Ohlman, N. of Rt. 16 on N. Walnut. Accepting vehicles, tractors, lawn mowers, farm-related items, lawn & garden plus misc. items. No online bidding. We have live bidders. Dennis Aumann, 217-625-6384, 217-563-2143, www.auctionzip.com #19610, www.dennisaumann.com.

TUES., SEPT. 20 - Farmland ends for online equip. ends 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online auction of farmland & equip. located at 246 N. 100 East Rd., Oconee. Insp. date is Sept. 15, 2-6 p.m. 80A in Sec. 6 S. Oconee Twp., Shelby Co. 66.11A tillable. 46x72 Morton pole bldg. w/rock floor & basic elec. service. Public water available at the road. Bob Moore, exec. Kent Aumann, www.auctionzip.com for full listing & online bidding. 217-563-2523.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Public Library District Act of 1991, (75 ILCS 16/30-25) Vacancies, the State Librarian is seeking candidates for the office of one trustee of the Hillsboro Public Library. Candidates must be a qualified elector of the library district and have resided within the library district for at least one year.
Candidates shall meet criteria established in 75 ILCS 16/30-20 (d) and (e) of the Public Library District Act of 1991. Candidates shall file notice of their interest no later than September 15, 2022, with DIRECTOR, ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY, GWENDOLYN BROOKS BUILDING, 300 SOUTH SECOND, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701-1796.
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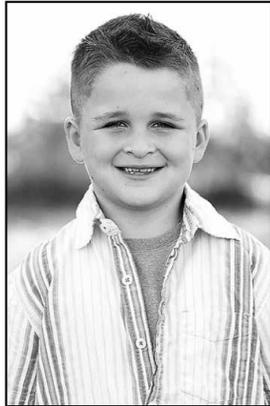
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New Little Miss and Mr. Muscle To Be Crowned At Thursday Pageant

Two new faces will represent the Village of Raymond as part of the Little Miss and Mr. Muscle pageants at the 65th annual Raymond Celebration that will be held Thursday, Sept. 1 through Saturday, Sept. 3.

The pageants will be held Friday, Sept. 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the stage in downtown Raymond.

The new Little Miss will be crowned by reigning 2021 Little Miss Sage Mulvaney, daughter of Gale and Stefany Mulvaney. The new Little Mister Muscle will be crowned by reigning 2021 Little Mister Muscle Dominic Robinson, son of Jason and Tiffany Robinson.

Little Miss
Seven young girls will vie for the title of 2022 Little Miss Independence.

- Evelyn Goebel, daughter of Brian and Jamie Goebel, sponsored by Creekstone Kettle Works.

- Amelya Walch, daughter of Tony and Ashley Walch, sponsored by Barker Implement.

- Lucy Wagahoff, daughter of Neil and Lindsay Wagahoff, sponsored by West End Food Mart.

- Katie Brown, daughter of Todd and Amy Brown, sponsored by Marten Insurance.

- Adelyn Nicol, daughter of Alex and Melissa Nicol, sponsored by Pentagon Plaza.

- Zoey Robinson, daughter of Jason and Tiffany Robinson, sponsored by Raymond Shell Station.

- Emmersyn Snyder, daughter of Andrew and Stephanie Snyder, sponsored by Southern Roots.

Little Mister Muscle
Eight young boys will compete for the title of 2022 Little Mister Muscle.

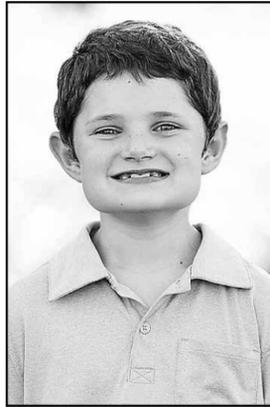
- Colton Owens, son of Kyle and Kim Owens, sponsored by Country Wash Tub.

- Emmett Mitchelar, son of Shannon Mitchelar, sponsored by Borgic Farms.

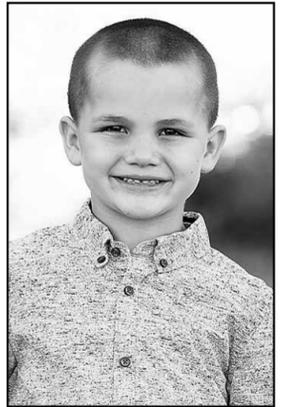
- James Carriker, son of Veronica Morse and Joe Carriker, sponsored by Walch Electric.



Zeke Meisner



Freddie Wagahoff



Wyatt Jenkins

- Owen Meisner, son of Matt and Ramie Meisner, sponsored by Meisner Family Farm.

- Foster Millburg, son of Tyler Millburg and Brittany

- Millburg, sponsored by Angle Welding.

- Zeke Meisner, son of Blake and Katie Meisner, sponsored by Meisner Tiling.

- Freddie Wagahoff, son of

- Neil and Lindsay Wagahoff, sponsored by Home Oil.

- Wyatt Jenkins, son of Aaron and Sara Jenkins, sponsored by First National Bank of Raymond.

Miss, Junior Contestants To Take Stage In Raymond

The Village of Raymond will celebrate its 65th annual homecoming celebration Thursday, Sept. 1 through Saturday, Sept. 3.

The weekend includes many activities, including the crowning of a new Miss Independence and Junior Miss Independence at the culmination of this year's event on Saturday evening, Sept. 3. The pageant begins at 7:30 p.m. on the stage in downtown Raymond.

Retiring royalty, including 2021 Miss Independence Avery Pope and 2021 Junior Miss Independence Raina Cunningham will be assisting with the crowning of the new winners. Pope, a senior at Lincolnwood High School, is the daughter of Gabe and Lindsay Pope of Harvel. Cunningham is the 12-year-old daughter of Damien and Sara Cunningham of Harvel.

Miss Independence
Four young ladies will be vying for the title of 2022 Miss Independence.

- Kirsten Pope, daughter of Allen Pope and Vivian Pope, sponsored by Dave's Collision Shop.

- Kasandra Reif, daughter of Tom and Kat Reif, sponsored by Bank and Trust Company.

- JoBeth Matli, daughter of Josh and Jennifer Matli, sponsored by Borgic Farms.

- Haelee Damm, daughter of Cory and Megan Damm, sponsored by Webb Insurance.

Junior Miss Independence
Nine young ladies will also

be competing for the title of 2022 Junior Miss Independence.

- Rylie Waterman, daughter of Monte and Danielle Waterman, sponsored by Herrmann Farms.

- Lily Barnes, daughter of Jake and Amy Barnes, sponsored by Project Third Day-Panhandle.

- Layla Wagahoff, daughter of Jason and Keasha Wagahoff, sponsored by Raymond-Harvel Ambulance.

- Lilyan Hill, daughter of Alex and Andrea Horath, sponsored by Poogan's Creamery.

- Josephine Beeler, daughter of Matt and Megan Beeler, sponsored by Beeler Farms.

- Jaylynn Carron, daughter of Jeremy and Jennifer Carron, sponsored by Bruntjen Farms.

- Emery Meisner, daughter of Blake and Katie Meisner, sponsored by Marten Insurance.

- Chloe Hoffman, daughter of Amanda Lipe and Bryan Hayes, sponsored by First National Bank of Raymond.

- Bailey Hudgins, daughter of Samantha and Timothy Hudgins, sponsored by Golden Paw Grooming/Training.

Junior Miss Candidate



Rylie Waterman



Haelee Damm



JoBeth Matli



Avery Pope



Kasandra Reif

Miss Candidates

Junior Miss Candidates



Jaylynn Carron



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Emery Meisner



Layla Wagahoff

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Hillsboro Churches To Sponsor Blood Drive

The Hillsboro United Methodist Church will host a community blood drive on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 1 to 6 p.m. inside the Fellowship Hall, 537 Rountree St.

The drive is co-sponsored by Hillsboro United Methodist Church and Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro.

To donate, contact ImpactLife Springfield at 1-800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 61231 to locate the drive. Masks and appointments are required.

All donors will receive a voucher for a \$10 Egift card to be used at Target, Amazon, Starbucks or Walmart or a Blood Type Mug available in the donor's blood type.

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

For questions about eligibility, call ImpactLife at 1-800-747-5401. Donors who last gave on or before July 20 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.



Members of the Nokomis High School class of 1972, in front, from the left are Teresa (Evans) Alexander of Fillmore, Denise (Hagemeier) McFarland of Nokomis, Mary (Nichols) Dooley of Nokomis, Deb (Herzog) Stoddard of Assumption, Janie (Michael) Ulrey of Holt, MO, Sally (Neisler) Miller of Witt, Pixie (Lucchi) Sparks of Nokomis, Diane Anderson of Champaign and Linda (Tester) Graden of Glenarm. In the second row are Jo Ann (Guyot) Stauder of Nokomis, Pat (Roberts) Schneider of Nokomis, Debbie (O'Malley) Best of Springfield, Susie (Hutson) Galer of Hillsboro, Jean (Merriman) Fulton of Arcola and Pat (Chausse) Garrett of Taylorville. In the third row are Denise (O'Malley) Alexander of Lincoln, Kay (Havera) Cook of Nokomis, Nancy (Keating) Croxton of Springfield, Janet (Hill) Stewart of Nokomis, Vickie (Kroeger) Detmers of Nokomis and Grace Cuadrado-Vielguth of Edina, MN. In the fourth row are Neil Alexander of Lincoln, Bruce Kettelkamp of Taylorville, Jim Heldebrandt of Springfield, Rick Burge of Nokomis, Tim Ruppert of Nokomis and Kevin Leitheiser of Hillsboro. In back are Steve Janssen of Fillmore, Bill Bolte of Nokomis, Everett Miller of Coffeen, Byron Schneider of Nokomis and Arlen Olinger of Morrisonville.

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Hillsboro Country Club Hosts Annual Tourney

The Hillsboro Country Club hosted its annual tournament on Saturday, Aug. 27 through Sunday, Aug. 28, with about 40 members participating in four divisions. This year's overall winner of the open division was Brooke Lynch. Other division winners were Lisa Taylor in the women's division, Paul Huber in the senior division and Dave Grotts in the handicap division. Pictured above are Lisa Taylor, at left, and Brooke Lynch, at right.

Journal-News/Keith McLaughlin

Nokomis Classmates Meet For Golden Reunion

Members of the Nokomis High School class of 1972 met for their 50th class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Half Time Bar and Grill in Hillsboro.

The festivities started with a tour of the high school in the afternoon, before the reunion later that evening.

Classmates shared memories of the past 50 years, enjoyed a buffet dinner and a reunion cake baked by class-

mate Mary (Nichols) Dooley. The group held a 50/50 drawing, and \$300 was won by classmate Bill Bolte, who donated his winnings back to the class fund.

Festivities also included a group photo on the steps of the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro and music from throughout their high school years (1968 through 1972).

Classmate Sally (Neisler) Miller of Witt compiled books

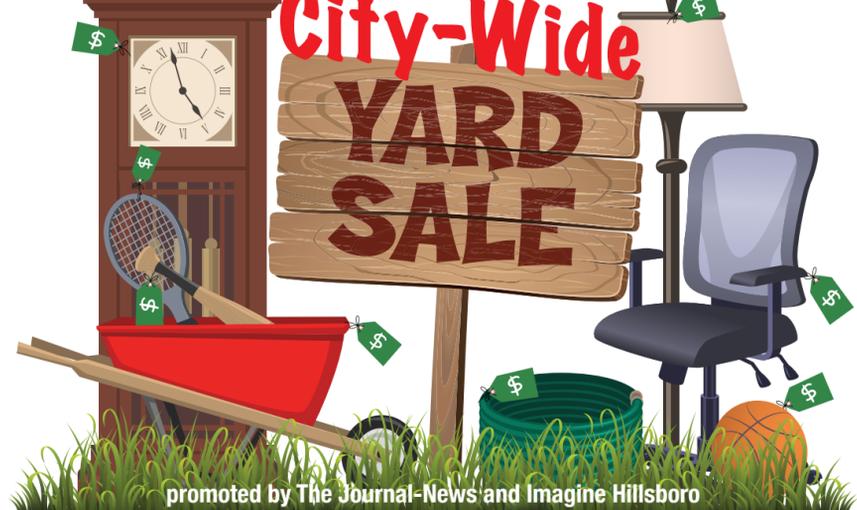
for classmates, including then and now photos and a section on "where has life taken you in the last 50 years."

There was also a memory board honoring those classmates who have passed away, including Jim Crow in 2014, John Dirks in 2013, Bill Hill in 2021, Neil Johnson in 2006, Robert "Babe" Johnson in 2013, Linda (Hill) Michel in 2011, Russell Morgan in 2018, David Myers in 2006,

Wilbur Myers in 2009, Rick Pellegrini in 2010, Bill Russ, Jerry Saatkamp in 1994, Melanie (Grimes) Walton in 2005, Roger Weller in 2009 and Dennis Zueck in 1979.

"The class of 1972 will long remember their senior year as a step in their lives . . . long after this year has become another page in the history of Nokomis High School," taken from the 1972 Nokomis year-book.

HILLSBORO AREA



SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

To participate, get your ad to The Journal-News by **12 Noon** on **Thursday, Sept. 1** and we'll let everyone know!

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Raymond-Harvel Firemen Host Annual Picnic

The stormy weather didn't stop members of the Raymond-Harvel Fire Department from hosting their annual Fireman's Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 28. The community gathered to enjoy food, fellowship and a ride through town on the back of a firetruck. Pictured above, the crowd boards the truck for the annual ride.

Raymond News Photo



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\$39,900



20 Chevy Silverado K1500 LT Y6981 Trail Boss, crew cab, red, only 6k miles
\$52,551



19 GMC Acadia SLT1 Y6992 AWD, white, 28K
\$38,900



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\$41,500



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\$53,900



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\$34,834



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\$22,900



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\$43,383



20 Chevy Blazer RS Y6942 AWD, iridescent pearl, 15K
\$48,983



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
\$48,900



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\$24,900



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21 Chevy Tahoe High Country Y6990 4WD, satin steel metallic, 11K
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\$85,673



09 Chevy Silverado K1500 LTZ Y6989 Crew cab, black, 130K
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LANCER LINES • by Avery Pope at Lincolnwood Lancer Students Ready To Tape The Teacher



Lancers, congratulations for making it through almost three weeks of school. Sports and homework have really started to kick in, but time flies when you are having fun because it is already September! And to end the week, we have a half day tomorrow.

Instead of working on schoolwork, Lincolnwood has decided to have games and activities for our half days. Our incentives tomorrow include having a kickball tournament and playing other games outside. We will also be out of school on Monday, Sept. 5 due to Labor Day.

Speaking of the weekend, the Raymond Celebration is taking place today through Saturday, Sept. 3, so be sure to come out and support your favorite Lancer competing in the pageant. Of course, everyone should also go try some lemonade shake ups, play Bingo and watch the fireworks Saturday night!

To start off with sports, the soccer team's game against Lanphier has been changed, but they did start their Route 66 Kickoff Classic Tournament in Virden on Saturday, Aug. 27. The Lancers beat North Mac 7-0 and Litchfield 9-0.

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, the team played Hillsboro at Carlinville and tied 1-1. Lincolnwood ended up with the most points, so they played yesterday against Carlinville for championship. Their next game is Sept. 6 at home versus Staunton.

Girls golf placed fourth out of five teams on Thursday, Aug. 25, and second on Monday, Aug. 29 against Hillsboro.

Boys golf played Tuesday, Aug. 30 against Litchfield, Vandalia, Gillespie and Taylorville placing third out of five teams. The girls and boys next matches are today at home starting at 4 p.m.

Volleyball girls beat Bunker Hill 25-7 and 25-10 on Thursday, Aug. 25. On Monday, the junior varsity team beat Athens, along with the varsity team having a three-match, nail-biting win that night too. While the junior varsity had their first loss, varsity still beat Greenfield 25-20 both sets on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Their next game is at Calvary on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Three Lincolnwood boys have also been traveling to Pawnee for football practices with their season just starting. Their first game and first win were Saturday, Aug. 27 against South Fork 28-6, and the junior varsity played the same team on Tuesday, Aug. 30, but took the loss.

During our incentives tomorrow, the Lincolnwood staff also put together something new called Tape the Teacher Day. Starting tomorrow morning, you can pay \$1 for two feet of tape, to tape either Mr. Shuster's, Mr. Webb's or Mr. Kirkpatrick's face to the wall. All the money collected is being given to Panhandle Project Third Day which helps provide extra food to kids on three-day weekends.

Way to start off the sports seasons, Lancers, and have a fun, exciting Labor Day weekend!

DRAGON BEAT • by Albany Kindernay at HJHS Dragon Students Start



New RISE Program

Welcome back to the Dragon Beat! New year, new Dragon Beat writer.

Hello, My name is Albany Kindernay. I am an eighth grader at HJHS. Some of the things I enjoy in school are writing (obviously) and math. I also play school basketball and volleyball. In my free time, out of school, I like to golf. My parents are Andy and Elise Kindernay. I like to write freely about things I choose rather than having to write about an article or a book.

Girls basketball practice started this Monday. Practices are from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 3:30-5 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

The seventh and eighth grade boys were supposed to have two baseball games this week, but they ended up only having one. The first game was on Monday, which was Hillsboro versus Morrisonville in Morrisonville. The boys lost 10-0. The second game was supposed to be on Tuesday against Piasa at the Sports Complex but, sadly, it was rained out.

The girls were also supposed to have two softball games, but also ended up only having one. The first game was at home versus Carlinville.

They won 20-4. Their second game that was supposed to be Tuesday was also rained out.

On the bright side, the girls still celebrated their eighth grade players. Those acknowledged for their first season of HJHS dragon softball were Briley Kirby, Peyton Chappelear, Kenley Hefley, Natalie Atkins and Madelyn Payne.

This Friday is going to be a half day; dismissal time will be at 11:45 a.m. Girls basketball practice will be right after school.

On Friday morning, a guest speaker named Heidi Lauffer will speak to the HJHS students at 8:30 a.m. in the old gym. The announcement was made that a new program called RISE will be used this year at the junior High. They shared this information with the students during grade level assemblies.

The RISE program stands for respect, integrity, service and excellence. We will be using these positive words to help inspire our student body to follow a positive path during the day including appropriate behavior and responses to situations in every area of the school building.

Enjoy your Monday off, as we won't have school due to the Labor Day holiday.

Albany Kindernay signing off, always remember be original and be a nice human.

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