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Mosquitoes Test Positive For West Nile In County

According to Cyndy Howard, Environmental Health Director for the Montgomery County Health Department, routine mosquito testing has identified an additional mosquito sample testing positive for West Nile Virus.

An additional positive mosquito sample was collected in Litchfield on Sept. 6. This positive sample is in addition to a sample collected in Nokomis on Aug. 2.

Surveys conducted in the summer of 2021 identified multiple properties throughout the county containing artificial containers which hold water and breed mosquitoes. The primary artificial containers identified were used tires, buckets, and blocked gutters. Other containers identified were improperly maintained pools and abandoned trucks, boats and canoes. Eliminating these sources of standing water which support mosquito breeding is extremely important in reducing West Nile activity.

Precautions are necessary throughout the county to help protect against West Nile Virus. Montgomery County Health Department is encouraging individuals to report potential breeding sites throughout the county so they may be investigated and treated if necessary.

In communities where there are organized mosquito control programs, reports may be made to a local municipal city hall. Otherwise potential breeding sites may be reported to the Montgomery County Health Department. A limited supply of Bti Briquettes are available from the health department for county residents to treat their own properties.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Only about two persons out of every ten who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness.

Illness from West Nile disease normally occurs three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito and is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches. However, serious illness such as encephalitis and meningitis, with lingering complications and even death, are possible. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease.

Montgomery County Health Department has been conducting an annual West Nile virus surveillance program since May that includes trapping adult mosquitoes and testing them for the West Nile virus.

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City Of Litchfield Pauses To Remember 9/11

"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate," said Sandy Dahl, white of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl. Members of the Litchfield community gathered at the Veteran's Memorial Garden on North State Street to commemorate the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy on Sunday morning, Sept. 11. The Litchfield VFW Color Guard led a flag raising ceremony to remember the nearly 3,000 lives lost during the coordinated terrorist attacks 21 years ago at a flag raising ceremony that began at 8:46 a.m., the time in which hijackers first crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The VFW Color Guard raised and lowered the flag to half staff, which was followed by the playing of Taps and a moment of silence. City Administrator Tonya Flannery handed out small flags to those in attendance.

Journal-News/Bethany Martin

School District Asks Approval For Building Bonds

The Hillsboro School District has placed a \$13 million bond issue on the Nov. 8 ballot that will help fund a building project on the high school campus.

The school board approved the bond proposal—that they are confident will not change the school district tax rate—at their regular August meeting. Another \$10 million in funding from other available resources will be used for the building project, reducing the reliance on bonds supported by property taxes.

In November, school district residents will have the opportunity vote on the bond issue that the district believes will address critical facility needs at Hillsboro High School. The proposed bond issue would create a new, main high school building on the hill that will connect all existing buildings to improve safety and security, provide an improved learning environment, and protect the investment in schools and homes, without changing the property tax rate.

"Hillsboro High School is more than 100 years old, making it difficult and costly to maintain and repair," according to Hillsboro Superintendent David Powell. "We have the opportunity to create one main high school building that brings tradition together with progress to serve our community's students for generations to come and to do so with no rate increase to our tax paying citizens."

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Bed Races Highlight Day Of 'Moonlight Madness'

The crowd was enthusiastic, and the bed racers—even more so—at the Shop Hillsboro Moonlight Madness event on Main Street on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Shop Hillsboro events are promoted by *The Journal-*

News, Imagine Hillsboro and the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. This one-Moonlight Madness—celebrated the bright full moon on Saturday, and culminated in bed races down Main Street.

The day started with a city-

wide yard sale and included special shopping events at businesses throughout Hillsboro.

In the bed races, four team members ran down the street pushing a bed with a fifth team member on board in a race to

cross the finish line before the team in the other lane. Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service provided swiftly-rolling gurneys for the event.

The team from the newspaper dressed in a "Super Mario" theme—Tori O'Dell, Cayden Huber, Keith McLaughlin, Shane Huber and Ken Voyles—repeated as champions, pushing their bed across the finish line ahead of the second place team, General Hospital, dressed in a medical theme. Second place team members were David Jenkins, Dylan Baker, Kody Lietz, Brad King and Amanda King.

Third place went to Rolling with my Homies, a team cleverly costumed for Christmas: Mike Palliser, Gabe Lasek, Xan Stone, Jackie Hall and Lex Stone.

The crowd selected Bed Breakers, a youthful team in pandemic masks, for the best costume prize. Team members were Eli Howard, Reagan Voyles, Aly Leisure, Cheyenne Harston and Cathy Howard.

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The Journal-News, on the left, races General Hospital, right, for the championship of the Shop Hillsboro Moonlight Madness bed races Saturday. *Journal-News Photo*



Wienermobile Visits Residents In Hillsboro

The parking lot at Capri IGA in Hillsboro was full on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 11, for a very special visitor. Representatives with the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile made an appearance from 2 to 5 p.m. greeting fans of all ages for photo opportunities. Pictured above, siblings Taelyn and Johnathon Payne are all smiles when it's their turn for a photo in front of the infamous Wienermobile. Youngsters of all ages were treated to an "I Saw It" sticker and an official whistle. Capri IGA passed out free soda and hot dogs while supplies lasted.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann

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Prize bed racing teams, from the left, were *The Journal-News*, Bed Breakers, Rolling with my Homies, and General Hospital. *Journal-News Photo*

Weather Forecast

Mon 12	71°/50°	Partly Cloudy	6%
Tue 13	77°/50°	Sunny	5%
Wed 14	81°/56°	Sunny	7%
Thu 15	82°/59°	Sunny	8%
Fri 16	84°/62°	Mostly Sunny	7%
Sat 17	85°/63°	Sunny	4%
Sun 18	85°/64°	Mostly Sunny	5%

Moonlight Madness Bed Races

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Cash prizes were provided by First Community Bank of Hillsboro, and clever gold bed-themed trophies for the

winner were provided by the Hillsboro Chamber. Each member of the first place team also got a map of Hillsboro, courtesy of 3 Fern Hill, who also provided soda and cookies

to members of each of the competing teams. Tobias Public House provided a hydration station to the racers.

Masters of ceremonies Cary Eisentraut and Zach

Wygall kept things lively using sound equipment provided by Shags Vintage, who also kept the crowd entertained with music.

Marianne Luecal, 94 Educator

Marianne Luecal, 94, of Decatur, died on Monday, Sept. 5, 2022, at McClay Senior Care in St. Peters, MO.

Visitation will be held Monday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hough Funeral Home in Raymond. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 12 p.m. at the funeral home with Father Florent Kanga officiating. Burial will be held at St. Raymond Catholic Cemetery in Raymond.

Mrs. Luecal was born July 5, 1928, in Decatur, to F.J. and Anne (Haarstick) Poggenpohl. She married Robert Luecal on Aug. 14, 1954, in Decatur, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 2005.

She attended MacMurray College and the University of Illinois, where she obtained her master's degree.

Mrs. Luecal taught at Lake View High School and Stephen Decatur before her retirement. She was a member of Saints James and Patrick Parish in Decatur.

She is survived by two sons, Scott Robert Luecal of Weldon Springs, MO, and Jeffrey T. Luecal of Decatur; three stepgrandchildren; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; and many cousins.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Luecal was preceded in death by her parents; and daughter-in-law, Michelle Luecal on Nov. 3, 2018.

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

Irving Creamery Ready To Close Doors On Sept. 25

by *Tori O'Dell*

Montgomery County residents will be dismayed to learn that the Irving Creamery will close its doors on Sunday, Sept. 25.

The popular eatery has been in operation at 101 W. State Street in Irving for almost two decades. Doug and Susan Schulte opened the Irving Creamery in 2003, shortly after moving to the area from Madison County. The couple used the experience they garnered from a decade of owning and operating two ice cream shops, Weathervane Ice Cream, while they lived in Granite City.

"We bought Weathervane Ice Cream from a friend of my husband's family. I had some experience in the food service industry from waitressing but we really learned the ins-and-outs of running an ice cream shop as we went," Susan stated. "We bought the location in Granite City and expanded to open a second shop in Bethalto. When we moved, we sold it to a friend and it is still in operation, turning a profit. We had no interest in opening another ice cream shop when we relocated but that quickly changed."

After a few years and a lot of research, the couple decided



Susan Schulte, co-owner of the Irving Creamery, has been serving ice cream treats to customers for the last 19 years, however the popular eatery is preparing to close its doors on Sunday, Sept. 25. *Journal-News Photo*

to open an ice cream shop in Irving. At its height the Irving Creamery boasted a thriving ice cream shop, and a full service dine-in restaurant, with pizza orders coming in from both inside and outside of Montgomery County.

The Irving Creamery saw a turn with the closure of the power plant and mines decreasing traffic to the area and forcing the businesses around them to close their doors. While the creamery continues to draw in new customers, the Schultes are ready for retirement but have been unable to find a buyer

interested in taking on the business.

"I am really going to miss it. I loved meeting and talking to all of the people that would come in but it is too much for me now," said Susan. "I wish that a family would buy it. The creamery needs energetic owners to breathe new life into it. It would turn a profit with the right people behind the counter, especially if they brought the pizzas back. We still get calls to order pizzas daily. We have new customers come in every day. I hate telling them that it will only be open for three more weeks."

The closure of the Irving Creamery is a sad ending to a successful business, yet the local couple looks forward to enjoying their retirement. Susan joked that they have no shortage of work to catch up on at their home. They also plan to use their well-earned down time to travel and plan to start with a trip to England, where they will take a cruise to Norway, next summer.

The Irving Creamery will remain open during their regular hours of operation until Sunday, Sept. 25. Make sure to stop in for a scoop before it's too late.

Litchfield Street Lights To Receive An Upgrade

Ameren Illinois is launching an energy-efficient initiative to replace Ameren Municipal street lights with high-efficiency light emitting diode (LED) technology, and has partnered with Garrett Power Construction (GPC) to upgrade 82 street lights in Litchfield at no cost to the municipality.

The upgrades will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 13. The light installation is estimated to be completed within two weeks and will not require any interruption to electric/natural gas services in the area.

There are many benefits to LED lighting including enhanced reliability and longer life expectancy, approximately 55 to 65 percent less energy usage, reduced carbon emissions, maintenance and operational costs.

The new street lights will produce a soothing white light, similar to moonlight and will improve nighttime visibility.

More information on the benefits of LEDs can be found online at amerenillinois.com/streetlights. Questions can be directed to 800-755-5000.

West Nile School Bonds

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The health department also submits birds that have recently died from unknown causes to test for West Nile virus. Persons who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact the health department at 217-532-2001, and officials will determine if the bird is suitable for testing.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/unw.htm.

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"Our high school building is simply worn out and past the point where normal maintenance and repairs address the needs. The building has inadequacies in the areas of structure, mechanical, electrical, functionality, safety, and accessibility for persons with disabilities," Powell said. "Moreover, the building lacks facilities to fully support the learning needs of our students and best prepare them for success in the workplace or higher education."

According to preliminary plans, the new building would

provide a new main high school connecting all high school buildings, improve indoor air and environmental quality, provide a single, central, secured entrance for the high school campus, provide improved science labs and other learning spaces, improve accessibility for students, staff, and visitors with disabilities, and provide limited work on the HHS agricultural, cafeteria and gym buildings for the attachment to the new building.

The superintendent points out that the school district has decreased its tax rate each of the last four years totaling a \$0.40 rate reduction. Because of debt that is on the verge of retiring, the \$13 million bond issue if approved by voters would not change the district tax rate. The financing plan anticipates a 20-year bond payoff.

Early mail-in and in-person voting begins Sept. 29.



Two Split \$10,000 Prize In Taylor Springs

Two lucky winners split the \$10,000 grand prize at this year's Taylor Springs Volunteer Fire Department's \$10,000 dinner and dance fundraiser, held Saturday evening, Sept. 10, at the Taylor Springs Community Center. Drew Jones and Wayne Slightom each took home \$5,000 from the event. Other prize winners included early bird winners John Downs and Lana Holtzclaw, 50/50 winner Beau Elam and second chance winners Steve Moroney (who donated his winnings back), Matt Miller and Cody Loskot. Despite some rain, everyone enjoyed the annual event, which included dinner catered by Fema's and live entertainment by the band, *Unhinged*. Proceeds will be used by the fire department for new equipment. Pictured above, from the left are Fire Chief Brian Redman, prize winners Wayne Slightom and Drew Jones and Assistant Fire Chief Jake Jones.

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Obituaries

Mary J. Horn, 92 Surgical Aide, Loved Dancing



Mary Josephine Horn, 92, of Litchfield, died on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at 3:53 p.m. at her residence.

Visitation will be held Monday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be held at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield.

Mrs. Horn was born on July 18, 1930, in Litchfield, to Amos and Marian (Worrell) Holden. She married Charles Melvin Horn on Dec. 6, 1947, in Hillsboro, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 1986.

She attended Litchfield schools. During her career, she served as a surgical aide at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield for 35 years.

Mrs. Horn attended Walshville Baptist Church. Throughout her life, she enjoyed dancing, weekly card games with friends, camping, working jigsaw puzzles and loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son, Larry (Melody Jo) Horn of Litchfield; daughter, Theresa (Jon) Vandehai of Whiteland, IN; eight grandchildren, Dana (James) Franklin, Linda (Darren) Street, Deanna Vogel, April (Kevin) Stewart, Jennifer LaPorte, Nicole (T.J.) Williams, Stephanie Roberts and Troy (Anjee) Roberts; 19 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Horn was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Melvin Horn and Earl Allen Horn; grandson, Charles Horn; brother, Leonard Holden; and sister, Violet Blevins.

Memorials may be directed to the Litchfield Food Pantry or Coats for Kids. To light a candle or sign the online guestbook, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Estella 'Irene' Harper, 81 Leaves Family In Raymond



Estella "Irene" Boggs Smith Harper, 81, the fierce, feisty, funny, loyal, and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, died on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at Springfield Memorial Hospital in her hometown of Springfield.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, at Camp Butler National Cemetery, located 5063 Camp Butler Rd. in Springfield. Butler Funeral Home in Springfield is assisting the family.

Mrs. Harper was born to Corwin Sylvester Boggs, Sr., and Stella E. (Shandor) Boggs on May 7, 1941. She started her life in a one-bedroom shack with an outhouse before moving to the "big" house as a child with her mother and siblings. She never strayed far from the big house, as she moved into the house next door. She was one of eight close knit siblings. For a short time, she was married to Billy Ray Smith and together they had four children, Debbie, Mike, Robbie and Mark. She later married George Harper on June 29, 1975, and had two daughters, Georgi and Jenny.

In her younger years, she attended St. Patrick's Catholic School and worked as a dental assistant, as well as a waitress at Steak 'n Shake. She made the best hamburger pie and goulash, loved day-time television, game shows, bingo and old classic country music. She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, volunteering for many years.

Mrs. Harper later stayed home and was a mother figure to neighborhood kids and took care of her grandchildren. Whenever life crumbled, she was the safety net that held the pieces together for her family. She had a tough exterior with a gentle heart and lived a simple life without a lot of worldly possessions. She lived by the saying, "It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you, it's what you leave behind you when you go." She will be deeply missed.

Mrs. Harper is survived by Grace McGlothlin of Rochester, and Rose "Rosie" (George) Smith of Springfield; daughters, Debra (Ray) Hamilton-Marten of Raymond, Georgiann "Georgi" (Jim) Johnson and Jennifer "Jenny" Harper, both of Springfield; sons, Michael "Mike" (Dawna) Smith of Arkansas and Mark (Sandy) Smith of Springfield; daughter-in-law, Elizabeth "Beth" Smith Aumiller of Springfield; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents and her husband, George Harper, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert "Robbie" Smith; brothers, Corwin "Corkie", David and Chester "Chet" Boggs; an infant sister, Dorothy Boggs and sisters, Margaret "Maggie" Boggs, and Beraldine "Bernie" Errett.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate funeral expense donations made payable to the Irene Harper Memorial Fund, c/o Debra Marten, P.O. Box 50, Raymond, IL 62560.

Michael A. Johnson, 54 Masonry Contractor



Michael Allan Johnson, 54, of St. Louis, MO, died on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at his residence.

Visitation will be held Friday, Sept. 16, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Graveside funeral services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at Cedar Ridge Cemetery in Honey Bend.

Mr. Johnson was born Oct. 2, 1967, in Waverly, IA, to Keevin Clarence and Dee Ann (Schwab) Johnson.

He attended O'Fallon schools. A masonry contractor, he owned and operated Mike's Tuckpointing.

Mr. Johnson treasured spending time with his family, barbecuing, hunting and collecting guns. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

He is survived by his daughter, Lauren (Paul) Dietz of St. Louis, MO; five sons, Joseph M. (Jamie) Steigalman of Granite City, Austin M. (Cassidy) Sanborn of St. Louis, MO, Taylor M. (Ariel) Sanborn of St. Louis, MO, Liam (Josie) Elliot-Rosenay of Independence, MO and Keevin Johnson of St. Louis, MO; brother, Travis (Judy Holbert) Johnson of Henderson; two sisters, Nicki (Allen) McClary of Woodburn and Tammi (Lonnice) Mixen of Litchfield; 11 grandchildren, Eric and Xander Adams, Jayden, Julien, Tyson, Derek, Connor, Taylor and Nevaeh Sanborn, Avayah Taylor and L'Oreal Dietz.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Derek Sanborn.

Memorials may be directed to Tammi Mixen for funeral expenses. To light a candle or sign the online guestbook, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Timothy D. Cruthis, 87 Lifelong Farmer



Timothy Dove Cruthis, 87, of Sorento, died on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at 2 a.m. at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Assembly of God in Sorento with Pastor Dennis Day officiating. Interment followed at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sorento. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento assisted the family.

Mr. Cruthis was born Nov. 20, 1934, in Sorento, to Elmer and Mary (Dove) Cruthis. He married Carlene Louise Harmer on June

25, 1953, at the Assembly of God in Sorento, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 11, 2018.

He attended Sorento schools and went on to work for Olin Mathieson for 44 years. He was also a lifelong farmer and raised cattle and hogs.

Mr. Cruthis was a member of the Assembly of God in Sorento and Teamsters Local 50. He served as township supervisor for two terms, village trustee for three terms, and served on the Sunnyside Cemetery Board for many years, as well as the Farmers Livestock Board.

He was a professional cancer fighter, having fought courageously for over 18 years. He loved his cows and riding around on his four-wheelers and side-by-sides. He also loved selling his flowers, cantaloupes and watermelons to anyone willing to buy. He was a true professional at many things in life, but he was a Hall of Fame worthy coffee drinker.

Mr. Cruthis is survived by his children, Terry (Emma) Cruthis of Highland, Ronald Cruthis, Ritchie (Theresa) Cruthis, Paul (Tammy) Cruthis, all of Sorento, and Carla (Randy) Schmidt of Hillsboro; grandchildren, Timothy Schmidt, Brandi (Steven) Herter, Andrew Cruthis and Shania Cruthis; great-grandchildren, Colton and Maci; sister, Esther (Bill) Varner of Sorento; sisters-in-law, Pearl Cruthis of Sorento, Doris Bosco of Rosewood Heights and Sally Ward of Houston, TX; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Bonadell Cruthis; and three brothers, Joy, Gerald and Clarence Cruthis.

Memorials may be directed to Sunnyside Cemetery Association, 105 E. Taylor St., Sorento, IL 62086. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Steven V. Green, 72 Carpenter



Steven Vernon Green, 72, of Litchfield, died on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at his residence.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Sept. 14, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield.

Mr. Green was born July 27, 1950, in Litchfield, to S. Vernon and Virginia Lee (Watkins) Green. He married Christine Gail Frost on Aug. 21, 1971, in North Redding,

MA, and she survives.

He graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1968 and attended Lincoln Land Community College.

Mr. Green was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam. He was a carpenter by trade, working first with his father and later became self employed.

He was family-focused. He enjoyed wood working, furniture making and working on and rebuilding desktop computers. An animal lover, he raised St. Bernard and Newfoundland dog breeds. He was a member of VFW Post 3912 in Litchfield.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Green is survived by his sons, Seth (Lorry) Green of Seattle, WA, and Andrew J. Green of Litchfield; daughter, Sarah (Dale) Beal of Litchfield; nine grandchildren, Jacob Greene, Zachary (Megan) Greene, Peyton (Christopher) Six, Danyon Beal, Collin Pillow, Sorin Green, Sylas Green, Matthew Green and Hailey Green; one great-grandchild, Jamison Greene; and several cousins.

Memorials may be directed to the Montgomery County Cancer Association or Paws Care of Montgomery County. To light a candle or sign the online guestbook, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Dorothy A. Harvel, 94 Homemaker



Dorothy A. Harvel, 94, of Morrisonville, died on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at 4:55 a.m. at Hillsboro Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

A private graveside ceremony was held at St. Maurice Catholic Cemetery in Morrisonville with the Rev. Florent Kanga officiating. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Morrisonville assisted the family.

Mrs. Harvel was born March 9, 1928, in Morrisonville, to Noah Leo and Wilma Lorene (Lyerla) Durbin, Sr. She married

Joseph LeVoy Harvel on Aug. 29, 1959, in Taylorville, and they enjoyed over 63 years of marriage. He survives.

She was a homemaker and member of St. Maurice Catholic Church in Morrisonville.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Harvel is survived by her sister, Barbara A. Tirey of Taylorville; sister-in-law, Betty J. Durbin of Taylorville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Noah L. Durbin, Jr.

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

Wayne L. Lanter, 88 Korean War Veteran



Wayne Leon "Bub" Lanter, 88, of Litchfield, died at 9:46 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, at his residence.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, on what would have been Mr. Lanter's 89th birthday, at Lake Lou Yaeger picnic area #4. The family requests that attendees wear casual attire in bright colors or Hawaiian shirts in his honor. Plummer Funeral Home of Litchfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Lanter was born on Sept. 17, 1933, a son of Odell Bane and Estelle Edith Lanter in Litchfield. He graduated from Raymond High School with the Class of 1951. He also graduated from Parks Air College in Cahokia, IL, with a degree in Aeronautical Mechanics and received his pilot's license. He then went to St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO, with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. Mr. Lanter served in the United States Army during the Korean War. On Dec. 11, 1976, he married the former Evelyn LaVonne (Weathers) White; and she survives.

After graduating college, Mr. Lanter was employed by Ozark Airlines. Together with his father, they owned the former Frontier Bar and Restaurant in Taylor Springs and Lanter's Water Well Drilling. They also farmed together. He retired from Curry Redi-Mix, Litchfield Plant, as a truck driver, after 36 years of employment. Mr. Lanter served as the Zanesville Township Road Commissioner for several years, was a member of Teamsters Local #525, Moose Lodge #1634 and American Legion Post #436. He was a member of Union Avenue Christian Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by, his daughter, Kelly (Timothy) Burns of Baker City, OR; brother, Jim (Sandra) Lanter of Hillsboro; sister, Sherdell Mullin of Hillsboro; three grandchildren, Grace Booth, Tara Booth and Marguerite Burns; two great-grandchildren, Charlotte Booth and Isaac Booth; two special nieces, Jayne Homa Bergman and Jamie Barry Fullerton; several nieces and nephews; and special neighbors, Mike and Barb Bates.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jack Lanter; and a sister, Jane Barry.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hart Cemetery Association or to T.E.A.M. for the Kids, P.O. Box 469, Raymond, IL 62560-0469. Condolences may be left online at www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Linda K. Boerckel, 71 CNA, Enjoyed Her Family



Linda Kay Boerckel, 71, of Litchfield, died peacefully with her children by her side on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at 2:46 a.m. at her home.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Litchfield Family Funeral Service. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Sept. 14, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with her nephew, the Rev. Larry Helms, officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield.

Mrs. Boerckel was born May 9, 1951, in Red Bud, to Elmer M. and Lucille E. (Wilkerson) Calahan. She married Gene T. Boerckel on Oct. 12, 1968, in Litchfield, and he preceded her in death on May 7, 2004.

She attended Mt. Olive School and went on to become a certified nursing assistant, working for several different doctors offices, nursing homes and providing in-home care.

Mrs. Boerckel was a member of the Moose and the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 3912. She enjoyed playing Bingo and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son, Gene T. (Linda) Boerckel, Jr. of Lexington, MO; daughters, Christina M. (Will) Sargent of Alma, AR, and Tania G. Boerckel of Gillespie; grandchildren, Crystal, Carrie, Austin, Gena, Schane, JR., Jordan, Shelby, Chad, Cassandra and Josiah; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Bob Calahan of Oklahoma City, OK; sisters, Luetta Jacob of Kansas City, MO, and Sue Norden of Lindsborg, KS; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Boerckel was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Goldie, Melvin, Jack, Wilma, Pauline, Ruthann, Betty, Ruby, Lonnie and Debbie.

Memorials may be directed to the Montgomery County Cancer Association. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.litchfieldffs.com.

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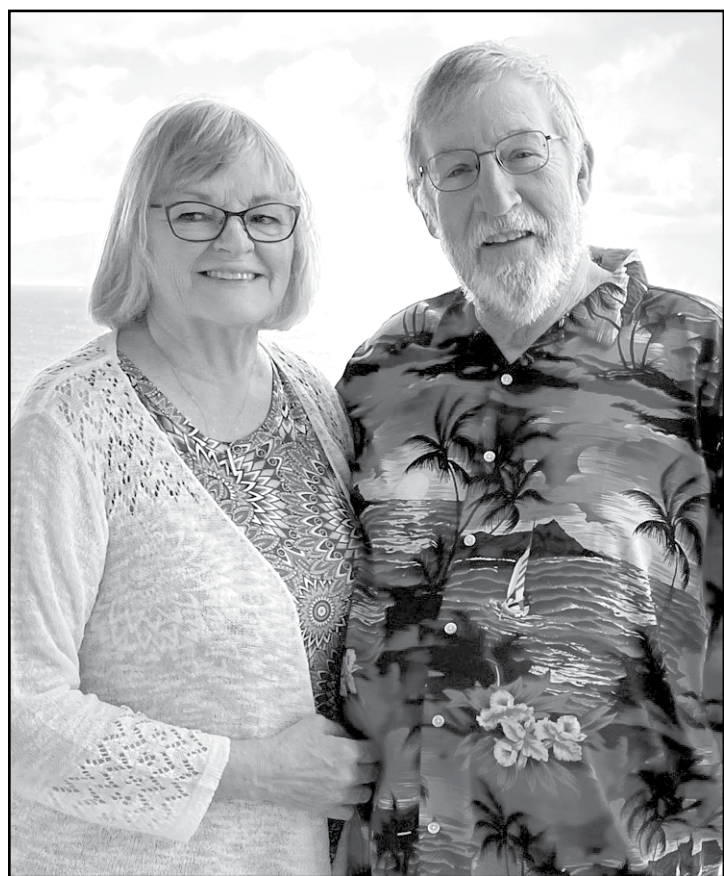
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sun and all our fun. Wiping the tears.
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hearts forever sisters.
Truly missed and loved by sister Nancy
and many others



Mr. and Mrs. Hindle today

Hindle Couple Enjoy Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hindle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 9.

Larry Hindle and the former Nancy Merna were united in marriage on Sept. 9, 1972, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Canton with Father Gerald Gramlich officiating. Witnesses for the ceremony were the bride's sister, Phyllis (Merna) Jarvis and her friend Joan Mitrius, as well as the groom's brother, Doug Hindle, and his friend, David Winnett.

The bride is the daughter of William "Bill" and Della Merna and her husband is the son of William "Bill" and Louise "Mary" Hindle.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hindle are retired from the Hillsboro School district. During her career, she taught, kindergarten, first and second grades over the years. Her husband taught high school math and science.

The couple have two chil-



The Hindles in 1972

dren, Elise (Hindle) Kindernay and the late Adam Hindle, who passed away on Oct. 4, 2015. They also have two grandchildren, Albany Kindernay and Sawyer Hindle.

To celebrate their special milestone, the couple decided against a big 50th anniversary party. Each summer, the Hindles host a 4th of July party, and many extended family members come down to camp, ride trails, swim and watch fireworks. To the Hindles, this represents their 50 years together, enjoying family and friends coming together to relax, slow down and enjoy each other's company.

Prayer Of Thanks

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us now and forever. (Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days, then publish and your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail.)
 R.S.

Hillsboro United Methodist Preschool Fundraiser

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Hill's Fort Descendant's Reunion Set For Sept. 17

The Hill's Fort Society is hosting a descendant's reunion on Saturday, Sept. 17. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with the Morning Colors and an introduction of the descendants with the Fife and Drum Core. A tour of the fort will be held at 10:30 a.m. and a meal will be served at noon.

All individuals with an ancestor who served as a ranger during the war of 1812, or was an early settler who used Hill's Fort for protection, is invited to the reunion. Descendants are encouraged to bring photos and stories of their early ancestors. Attendees are also asked to bring a side dish to share during the meal. The fort will provide the meat, drinks and tableware.

The Hill's Fort commemo-

orative site is located at the Farm Heritage Museum in Greenville. Isaac Hill, who the fort is named after, was the surveyor for Bond and Fayette counties.

Rangers known to have served in September 1814, and families who used the fort for protection, include John Journey, Fields Pruitt, Robert Linn, Joseph Pruitt, William Grotts, Azor Gregg, Thomas Higgins, Titus Gregg, William Burgess, Hiram Arthur, Joseph Lindley, John Boucher, Simon Lindley, Samuel Lindley, Isham Reavis, Stringer Potts, Wilson Brown, William Purlsey, David White, William Hill and Sam Davis.

Those interested in attending the Hill's Fort Descendant's Reunion are asked to contact Cindy Tischhauser at 618-304-5519.

Chick-fil-a Fundraiser To Benefit HUM Preschool

The Hillsboro United Methodist will host a Chick-fil-a fundraiser on Monday, Sept. 19.

Sandwiches and meals are available for pick-up on Monday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CNB Bank and Trust parking lot in downtown Hillsboro. Pre-orders will be accepted until Thursday, Sept. 15. A limited number of extra sandwiches

will be sold that day until they run out.

Chick-fil-a sandwiches will be sold for \$6, and meals are available for \$8 and include a sandwich, chips, cookie and bottled water.

Pre-orders may be called or texted to 217-825-3500 or faxed to 217-532-2130.

Proceeds will benefit the Hillsboro United Methodist Preschool program.

Mt. Olive Zion Lutheran To Hold Rummage Sale

Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Olive will hold a large rummage and plant sale on Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The rummage sale will feature clothing, furniture, books, household items and decor. On Saturday, customers may fill a bag for \$2 and large items and jewelry will be half price. The plant sale will include perennials such as daisies, ground cover, hostas and more.

A lunch of chicken salad

on a croissant, broccoli cheese soup, chili, hot dogs and pie will be served on both days.

Donations for the rummage sale are welcome and can be delivered to the church from Monday, Sept. 12 through Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donations will not be accepted after Wednesday.

The church is located at 500 South Old Rt. 66 in Mt. Olive. For more information, call 217-999-4781.



Litchfield Library Hosts Hocus Pocus Craft Event

Halloween is coming, and along with it, the release of the movie *Hocus Pocus 2*. The Litchfield Public Library is hosting a special \$9 Night Out event featuring Hocus Pocus crafts. Participants will make a witch broom, a black flame candle and an icon banner with the Sanderson sisters and more.

Space is limited to 24 participants, and reservations and prepayment will be required by coming into the library prior to Sept. 23. No phone calls or email reservations can be accepted, as materials are prepared only for those who have paid. Library Director Sara Zumwalt shows off the candle and broomstick in the photo.

Coffeen Seniors To Meet On Tuesday For Lunch

Coffeen Senior Citizen Group will meet at noon tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the atrium of the United Methodist Church in Coffeen.

Chicken will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Questions may be directed to Ruth Blaskovich at 217-899-8078.



Youngsters Enjoy Games At Raymond Celebration

There were several games for local children to enjoy at this year's Raymond Celebration on Saturday morning, Sept. 3, at the Raymond Park. Not only did adults participate in friendly competition, the younger generations tried their hand at various activities. Pictured above, Foster Millburg takes his turn throwing a ball into the cans. He was assisted by Cassandra Hampton, at right.

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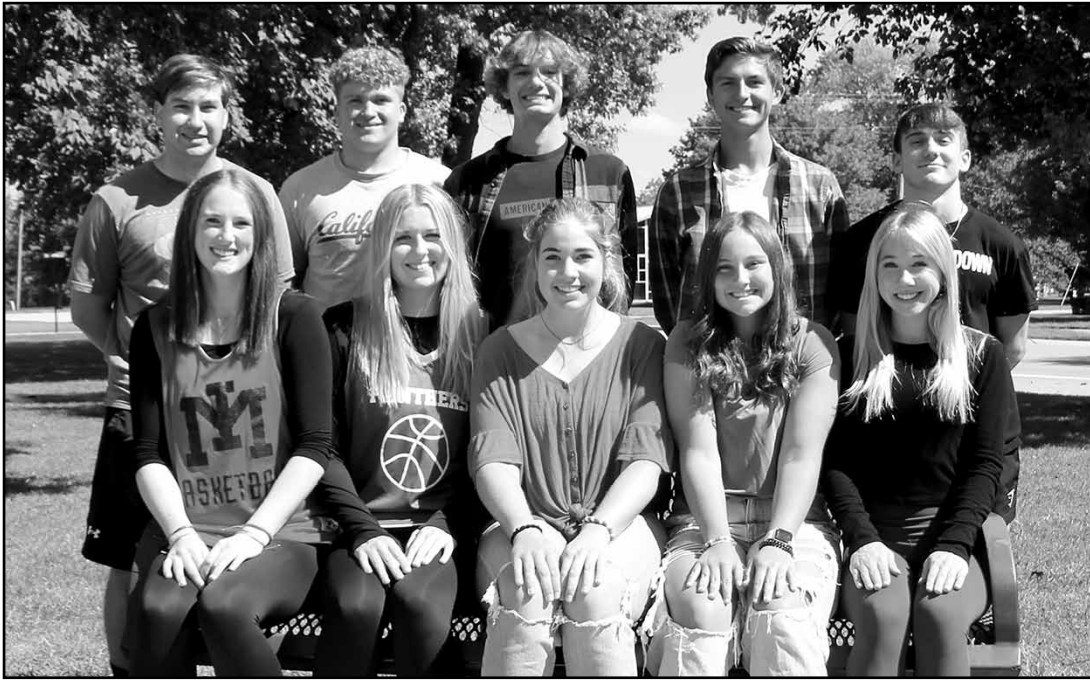
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It's Homecoming Week For Litchfield

It's Homecoming week for Litchfield High School students, as they prepare for this year's Homecoming football game on Friday evening, Sept. 16, when the Purple Panthers host North Mac at 7 p.m. at Lloyd Hill Field. The week includes a variety of dress up days and decorating contests, culminating with spirit day on Friday. Local residents are invited to this year's Homecoming parade on Friday, Sept. 16, beginning at 4 p.m.

This year's Homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. in Simmons Gym with the coronation of a new king and queen at 7:45 p.m. Members of this year's Homecoming Court, in front, from the left are Blair Johnson, Carlee Harmon, Laura Boston, Olivia Fleming and Morgan Lemon. In back are Zach Boston, Owen Baugher, Nathan Fetter, Sam Horn and Alex Powell.

REDSKIN REVIEW • by Hailey Engelman at Nokomis

After School Program Starts At NHS



Hello Redskins Fans! Don't forget to sign up for the Camren's Classic wiffle ball tournament coming up on Oct. 2.

Deadline to register your team is this Friday, Sept 16.

Getting right into it, our clubs and student organizations have been very busy. First, the Art Club will hold a meeting today for those who are interested. There will be an informational FFA meeting for current members, as well as those who are interested, on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Fine Arts began meeting this past week as well. The German Club has begun planning for their big trip to the Christkindle market in Chicago later on this semester. The Student Council has already become

very busy planning two big events, including Homecoming Week (Oct. 8) and Pink Out Football Game (Oct. 14).

The After School Program will be starting up Sept. 12. This program is a great opportunity for students to get some extra homework time and have lots of fun with the activities as well! It runs from 3:15-5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and is open to all students. Forms are available in the office. National Honor Society members can contact Mrs. Engelman to schedule days you are available if you need service hours.

Moving onto sports, last week, soccer defeated Staunton, took a loss to Beardstown, and tied with Pleasant Plains. They will be on the road twice this week at North Mac and Springfield Lutheran, as well as hosting Metro-East Lutheran.

Golf defeated Altamont and placed second to Central A&M and Pana at their matches last week. Looking forward, they have a busy start to this week playing three matches in three days. They will travel to Sullivan, Staunton and Sandoval.

Volleyball defeated Meridian last week and placed third in the Montgomery County Grace Invitational over the weekend. They will take on South County and Vandalia this week.

Redskins football had a long drive to East-Alton last week, but did not come out with the win. The junior varsity team will host them on our field tonight for another chance at the Oilers. Varsity will travel to Heyworth next Friday.

Good luck to all athletes! I hope everyone has a wonderful week!

PANTHER PRESS • by Morgan Lemon at Litchfield

Panthers Ready For Homecoming



Happy Homecoming Week!! I hope everyone is excited for the fun in store this week at LHS!

Starting with the Hoco Week Dress-Up Days, which are Minion Monday, Adam Sandler Tuesday, White Lie Wednesday, Neon Thursday (pink seniors, blue juniors, orange sophomores and yellow/green freshmen), and Spirit Friday!

On Monday and Tuesday, Student Council and the class officers will be busy decorating their designated hallway as the theme they chose this year! Wednesday we will have a color war with color powder to die our White Lie Wednesday T-shirts! The team with the least amount of color on their shirts at the end of the color-war wins!

Friday is the pep rally hosted by the sports teams and cheerleaders, followed with Wacky Olympics and Panther Games! After school is the homecoming day parade at 4 p.m., Homecoming court lineup at 6:45 p.m. on the track, and the Homecoming football game at 7 p.m. against North Mac. Come support the boys at their exciting game! The Homecoming dance starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, followed with coronation at 7:45 p.m.!

If you are looking for a gently worn Homecoming dress and jewelry, the Fairy Godmother Boutique is open during impact and after school in the main office. Mrs. Libby Jones is offering hair and makeup services for Homecoming. If interested, see her for times.

Juniors, if you would like to take the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, Oct. 12, please register by bringing in a check for \$18 to student services. You have until Sept. 13 to register. Late registrations cannot be

accepted.

Out of town/out of school forms for the Homecoming dance are available in the main office on the counter.

The first Art Club meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 14 right after school in the LHS art room until 3:45 p.m.! Hope to see you there! There is a meeting today during imPACT in Mrs. Amy Jones' room for the LHS Rocket Club following announcements.

There was an FCCLA meeting on Friday, Sept. 9, in the commons area during imPACT.

Seniors, we will meet during your lunch period on Monday, Sept. 12 to discuss college admissions, financial aid, etc. You will need to meet in the gym and bring your lunch or order a lunch for Monday. Your imPACT teacher will take your lunch orders this week. We will sweeten this deal with a soda and dessert.

It's that time of year again!! Go to our school website and nominate a teacher for the 2022-2023 LHS ETC Endowment Award. This is your opportunity to let the teachers at LHS know how much of an impact they have on you and your education.

September is Suicide Awareness Month. Periodically throughout the month, facts about suicide will be shared with you. When you hear them, stop, listen and think about your friends. Are they struggling? Do they need help? If so, get a trusted adult involved immediately!

Students please remember to keep your chrome book in it's case to keep them from being damaged. Cost for a broken screen is \$100 and a replacement chrome book is \$325.

Sophomores if you did not get a class ring packet on Tuesday please come to the office to get one.

Last week, the FFA competed in the Section 15 Horse Judging contest. The varsity

team placed eighth, and the Greenhand team placed first. High placing individuals were Emma Bruntjen - varsity tenth overall, Hunter Law - greenhand fifth, Grason Thimsen eighth, and Jayden Ellinger - tenth overall.

Sports

The boys soccer brought home a win in their home opener against North Mac with a score of 7-0. Drake Gasperson finished with four goals, Nate Fetter one goal and two assists, Joe Reid one goal, Anthony Bader one goal. Titan Hires one assist and Kenden Longwell one assist.

Monday, Sept. 12: Boys golf at Carlinville at 4 p.m. Girls golf at Carlinville at 4 p.m. Junior varsity football at home against Southwestern at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Cross country at Greenville at 4 p.m., Boys golf at Timber Lakes Golf Course at 4 p.m. Girls golf at Litchfield Country Club at 4 p.m. Middle school baseball at Mt. Olive against Morrisville at 4:30 p.m. (B Game). Soccer at Staunton at 5 p.m. Middle school girls basketball at Carlinville at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Middle school baseball at Greenville against Edwardsville Liberty (Regionals) at 4 p.m. Boys golf at Litchfield Country Club at 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15: Soccer at home against Pana at 5 p.m. (senior night). Volleyball at Southwestern at 5 p.m. Middle school girls basketball at home against Greenville at 6 p.m. Freshman football at North Mac at 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16: Varsity football at home against North Mac at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17: Cross Country at Highland at 9 a.m. Soccer at home against Metro East Lutheran at 9 a.m. Homecoming dance at 7 p.m. with coronation at 7:45 p.m.

Have a great week, Panthers, and let the fun begin!



CEO Team Takes First Class Tour

The Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) team toured the Litchfield Salvation Army Family Store on Wednesday, Aug. 24. The local students learned how the retail store operates and it's donation center. They also learned the importance of giving back to the community and how the religious organization's work program helps people in recovery develop marketable skills and a work history. This was the first tour the class took as a team.



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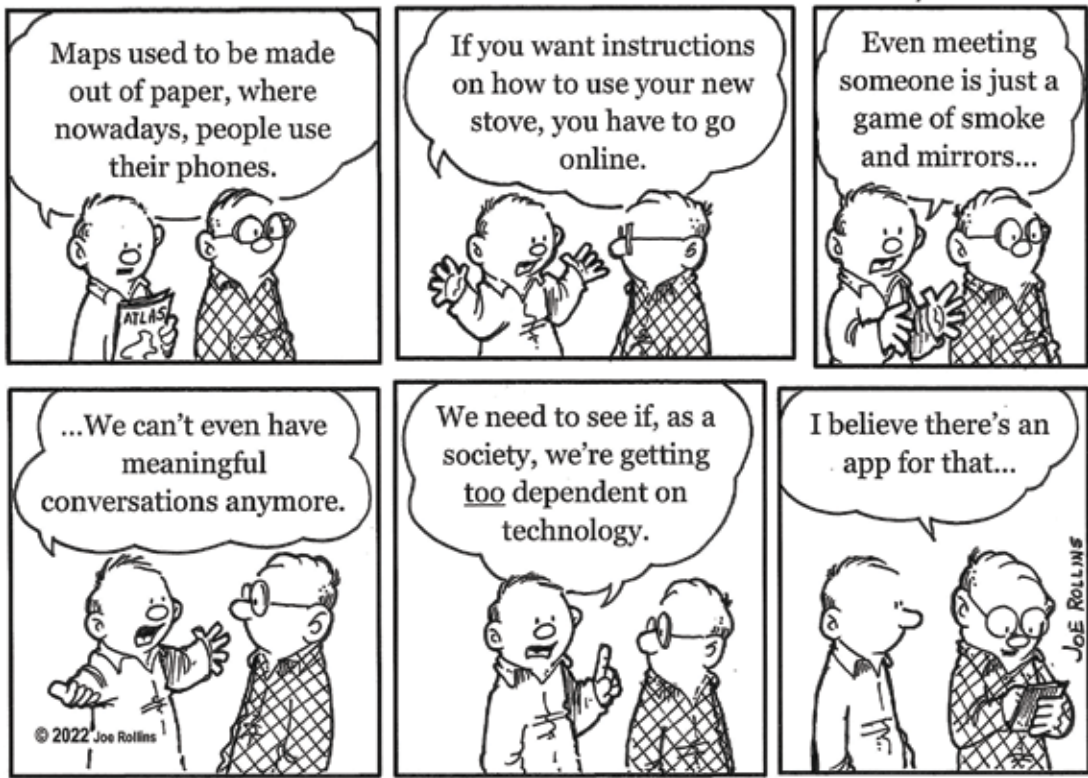
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Joe's Corner



by Joe Rollins

“Mothers all want their sons to grow up to be president, but they don't want them to become politicians in the process.”
—John F. Kennedy

LETTERS to the editor

Do The Tattoos Mean He Should Be Shunned?

I am writing in response to a letter to the editor titled, "Why Should He Be Able to Coach."

In response to this individual's letter, let me give some history to the story. We have a business in Macoupin County in a town similar to Hillsboro. I am a very conservative thinking and acting person. I have home-schooled my cousins, nephews, and my own two children, who are now adults. Two years ago I met the individual who is talked about in this letter, when he came in to apply for a job. I have worked in the family business since I was able to walk and am now 53. I consider myself a pretty good judge of people in the first few minutes after I meet them. I have used this ability in hiring and firing more people than most. I can usually tell if a person will last or be gone the next week.

When meeting this individual and talking with him during the interview, I had absolutely no bad feelings even though he had multiple tattoos and was an ex-convict with just a prison ID for identification. I could have acted like the author of the

letter and wrote him off immediately, not wanting him to influence any of the help or my younger family, but his conversation, honest answers, and likability made me hire him that day.

I proceeded to put him with my 24-year-old son who has been also with the business running a mowing crew since he was 14. Did my son like his tattoos? Not really. Did they detract from his ability on the job? Not at all. Did he talk about hate? Never. Has he worked every day for two years only missing days when he had a family sickness or death in the family? Yes. Have I ever worried that he was going to lure my son into bad behavior? Never.

Instead both have developed a mutual friendship based on respect, trust and hard work. The individual has shared what led to his incarceration and has talked against crime, drugs, and hate. He is a trusted employee and takes his job seriously. He has also tried to mentor other employees that were involved in drugs and alcohol, trying to use his own life as an example as to what not to do.

The author of the letter

thinks this individual will influence young minds to do wrong. I say this is exactly the opposite of what he would do. We allow our children to be influenced by movies, television, music, and video games. Why not let someone who has gone the wrong way in life show the way someone can change their lives for the better?

Do the tattoos mean he should be shunned and not be given a chance? Mistakes were made in the individual's early life. Should he pay the price forever instead of letting him turn the corner and make a new life? I know everyone has their opinion, but really we should say, "He who has no sin can cast the first stone"

The author's opinion will not change my mind, and I hope if you have concerns, speak to the individual and ask questions for yourself. Take a minute to meet the individual and find out what kind of man he is and then make an informed decision. The Bible says, "Every story sounds true, until you hear the other side."

Carrie Borgini
Staunton

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BROADCAST	ABC (15) Monday Night Football: Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks (Live)	Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks (Live)	NCIS: "Birds of a"	NCIS: Hawaii (TV14)	Local	Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden		
CBS	Neighbor.	Bob Hearts								
NBC	74th Emmy Awards									
FOX	Don't Forget (TVPG) (N)	(02) Monarch			Local Programs (TV14)					
ION	Criminal Minds (TVPG)	Criminal Minds (TV14)			Criminal Minds (TVPG)					
CABLE	A&E The Hitman's Bodyguard (17, R) ★★ Ryan Reynolds.				(32) White House Down (13, PG-13) ★★½ Channing Tatum.					
AMC	(6:00) Caddyshack (80)	Kevin (TVMA) (N)	(02) Caddyshack (80, R) ★★ Chevy Chase.							
ANIMAL	Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid
BET	Celebrity Family Feud	Movie								
BRAVO	Below Deck (TV14) (N)	Real Girlfriends (N)	Watch What	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below
CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American Dad! (TV14)					
CMT	(5:00) TBA	Movie								
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)			Don Lemon Tonight (N)					
COMEDY	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
DISCOVERY	Street Outlaws: End Game	"Race Night: Outlaws vs. Locals" (TV14) (N)								
DISNEY	Teen Beach Movie (13, NR)	Chibiverse	Big City	Big City	Miraculous	Miraculous	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie
E!	To Be Announced	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome
ESPN	(15) Monday Night Football: Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks (Live)									
ESPN2	(15) Monday Night Football: Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks (Live)									
FOOD	Halloween Wars (TV G)	Halloween Baking Championship (TV G) (N)								
FREEFORM	Just Go	Sweet Home Alabama (02, PG-13) ★★½ Steve Carell.			Resse Witherspoon.					
FX	Despicable Me 3 (17, PG) ★★½ Steve Carell.				Despicable Me 3 (17, PG) ★★½ Steve Carell.					
HGTV	Love It or List It (TV G)	Love It or List It (TV G) (N)			Love It or List It (TV G)					
HISTORY	The Unexplained	(02) The Unexplained			(05) The Unexplained					
LIFETIME	The First 48 (TV14)	Phrogging Hider (TV14)	Phrogging Hider (N)		Sleeping with a Killer					
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NEWSNAT	NewsNation	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live		Banfield					
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	The Wedding Singer (98, PG-13) ★★½ Adam Sandler.									
SYFY	Quantum Leap (TVPG)	Quantum Leap (TVPG)	Quantum Leap (TVPG)		Quantum Leap (TVPG)					
TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Dad	Dad	Dad	Dad	Dad	Dad
TCM	Crime Doctor (43) ★★½	(15) I Love a Mystery (45, NR) ★★½			(45) Look Who's Laughing (41, NR)					
TLG	90 Day: The Single Life	"To Be or Not" (N)			90 Day (TV14) (N)					
TNT	X-Men: Future (14)	Captain Marvel (19, PG-13)	Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson.		Looper (12, R) ★★½ Bruce Willis.					
TRAVEL	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)						Snake in the Grass (N)	Chicago P.D.: "Mercy"		
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N)	Love & Hip Hop Miami			My True Crime Story		Love & Hip Hop (TV14)	My True Crime Story		
HBO	(5:15) Elvis (22, PG-13)	Industry (TVMA) (N)			House of the Dragon (TVMA)		(05) Industry (TVMA)	(05) Killer Elite (11, R)		
MAX	47 Ronin (13, PG-13) ★★½ Keanu Reeves.				(20) Defiance (08, R) ★★½ Daniel Craig.		(20) Nobody (21, R)			
SHOW	American Gigolo	City on a Hill (TVMA)			Good Mourning (22, R)		(35) American Gigolo	Red Rocket		

TUESDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC The Bachelorette (TVPG) (N)				Celebrity Family Feud		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
CBS	FBI: "Face Off" (TV14)		FBI: International		FBI: Most Wanted		Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden	
NBC	America's Got Talent: "Finals" (TVPG)				Password (TVPG) (N)		Local	Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night	
FOX	Academy of Country Music Honors (N)				Local Programs (TV14)					
ION	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)		Chicago Fire (TV14)		Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)
CABLE	A&E The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)
AMC	Star Trek Beyond (16, PG-13) ★★½ Chris Pine.				(45) Mortal Engines (18, PG-13) ★★½ Hera Hilmar.					
ANIMAL	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue
BET	(5:00) Movie	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud	Tyler Perry's The Oval		
BRAVO	Below Deck	Below Deck	Watch What	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below	Below
CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Robot	Robot
CMT	Man	Man	Mike	Mike	Mike	Mike	Mike	Golden	Golden	Golden
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)			Don Lemon Tonight (N)					
COMEDY	(2:0) The Office (TV14)	The Office	The Office		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
DISCOVERY	Deadliest Catch: "Graveyard of Gear" (TV14) (N)				(06) Expedition Unknown: "Wings" (TVPG)					
DISNEY	Teen Beach 2 (15, NR) ★★	Ross Lynch.			Big City	Big City	Miraculous	Miraculous	Jessie	Jessie
E!	(5:45) Movie	Celebrity Game Face			Celebrity	Celebrity	Celebrity	Nightly	Movie	
ESPN	ESPN Films	Countdown	2022 NBA Finals: Teams TBA vs Las Vegas				SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)
ESPN2	Breakdancing: "World Bboy Battle Champs"		World Axe Throwing League: "2022 US Open"				DC & RC	Fighters		
FOOD	Chopped (TV G)		Supermarket Stakeout		Big Bad Budget Battle		Guy's Grocery Games	Supermarket Stakeout		
FREEFORM	The Office	The Office	Come Up	Come Up	Come Up	Come Up	The 700 Club (TV G)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons
FX	(6:00) Kingsman: The Golden Circle (17, R) ★★				Kingsman: The Golden Circle (17, R) ★★½ Aaron Eckhart, Colin Firth.					
HGTV	Good Bones (TV G)	Good Bones: Ris (N)			Hunters	Hunters	Good Bones (TV G) (N)	Good Bones (TV G) (N)	Good Bones (TV G) (N)	Good Bones (TV G) (N)
HISTORY	Pawn Stars (TVPG)	Pawn Stars (TVPG) (N)			Pawn Stars (TVPG)		Pawn Stars (TVPG) (N)	Pawn Stars (TVPG) (N)	Pawn Stars (TVPG) (N)	Pawn Stars (TVPG) (N)
LIFETIME	Castle: "Girl Lost" (N)	Castle (TVPG)			(03) Castle (TVPG)		Castle: "Double Down" (N)	(01) Castle: "Girl Lost" (N)		
MTV	Teen Mom: Next (N)	Teen Mom: Young (N)			Teen Mom: (TV14)		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NEWSNAT	NewsNation	Dan Abrams Live			Banfield		NewsNation	Dan Abrams Live		
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	Beverly Hills Cop (84, R) ★★½ Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold.				Beverly Hills Cop II (87, R) ★★½ Eddie Murphy.					
SYFY	Mummy 2	The Scorpion King (02, PG-13) ★★½					Central Intelligence (16, PG-13) ★★½ Kevin Hart.			
TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Last O.G.	Young	Young	Young	Young
TCM	The Muppets Take Manhattan (84)		Thunderbirds Are Go (66, NR) ★★½ Peter Dinklage.				Thunderbird 6 (68, G) ★★½			
TLG	7 Little Johnstons	7 Little Johnstons (N)			My Fat Fab Life (N)		90 Day: "Pillow Talk"	7 Little Johnstons		
TNT	Looper	Captain Marvel (19, PG-13)	Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson.				Titans: "E.L.O."	Hercules (14) ★★½		
TRAVEL	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	WWE NXT (Live)				(08) Championship		Now You See Me (13, PG-13)	Jesse Eisenberg.		
VH1	Black Ink Crew (N)		My True Crime Story		My True Crime Story		My True Crime Story	Rush Hour (98) ★★		
HBO	2 Guns (13, R) Denzel Washington.		(50) House of the Dragon (TVMA)				(55) Robin Hood (18, PG-13)	Divergent		
MAX	Good Deeds (12, PG-13) ★★ Tyler Perry.				(51) Why Did I Get Married? (07)		(50) Cops and Robbers (94) ★★			
SHOW	National Champions (21, R) Stephan James.				American Gigolo		Jackass Number Two (06, R) ★★	American		

WEDNESDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC Conners	Preview	Elementary	Economics	Mi Gente: (N)		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
CBS	Big Brother (TV14) (N)		The Challenge: USA: "Home Of The" (TVPG) (N)				Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden	
NBC	Password (TVPG) (N)		America's Got Talent: "Finals Results" (TVPG)				Local	Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night	
FOX	MasterChef (TV14) (N)		(02) Monarch		Local Programs (TV14)					
ION	Blue Bloods (TV14)		Blue Bloods (TV14)		Blue Bloods (TV14)		Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)
CABLE	A&E Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Night LIVE: "09.14.22" (TV14) (N)				Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Night LIVE	
AMC	Rocky III (82, PG) ★★½ Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire.				Rocky IV (85, PG) ★★½ Sylvester Stallone.					Hard Kill
ANIMAL	The Zoo (TVPG)		The Zoo (TVPG)		The Zoo: San Diego		The Zoo: San Diego	The Zoo (TVPG)		
BET	(5:00) Movie		Tyler Perry's Sisters		BET The Encore		Tyler Perry's Sisters	BET The Encore		
BRAVO	Real Housewives (N)		Watch What	Housewives (TV14)		Housewives (TV14)		Salt Lake City (TV14)	Girlfriend.	
CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Primal	Robot
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Housewife	Housewife	Housewife
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)			Don Lemon Tonight (N)					
COMEDY	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Daily (N)	Hell of A	S. Park	S. Park
DISCOVERY	Tales From the (N)		Mysteries of the Deep		Mysteries of the Deep		Expedition Unknown	Tales From the (N)		
DISNEY	Zombies (18) ★★½ Meg Donnelly.		Chibiverse		Big City	Big City	Miraculous	Miraculous	Jessie	Jessie
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Growing Up	Raising a F***ing Star		Family	Family	Nightly	Raising a F***ing Star	
ESPN	ESPN Films Sports stories.				SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)
ESPN2	(6:30) Campeon Cup Soccer (Live)				NFL Live		TruSouth	3-Day	NFL Live	
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Game Night (TVPG) (N)		No-Recipe (TVPG) (N)		Guy's Grocery Games	Game Night (TVPG)		
FREEFORM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	grow-ish	grow-ish	The 700 Club (TV G)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons
FX	Guardians of the Galaxy (14, PG-13) Chris Pratt.		Wrexham	Wrexham	Wrexham	Wrexham	Wrexham	Wrexham	Wrexham	Wrexham
HGTV	Farmhouse Fixer		Farmhouse Fixer (N)		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Farmhouse Fixer	
HISTORY	Forged in Fire (TVPG)		Forged in Fire (TVPG)		Forged in Fire (TVPG)		Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)
LIFETIME	Married at First Sight: "Back to Our" (TV14) (N)				Married (33) Married at First Sight (TV14)			Married at First Sight		
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NEWSNAT	NewsNation		Dan Abrams Live		Banfield		NewsNation	Dan Abrams Live		
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends					

Line Dance Classes Will Begin Tonight In Litchfield

The Litchfield Park District will offer a five-week line dance class on Monday evenings starting tonight, Monday, Sept. 12.

The two-hour classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. and taught by Ken and Linda

Bruley. Classes are open to dancers of all skill levels from beginners to advanced. The cost \$6 per week.

First time participants should arrive ten minutes before the start of the class in order to register for the class.

Upcoming Meetings

Hillsboro City Council

Members of the Hillsboro City Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, beginning at 7 p.m. at Hillsboro City Hall.

A public hearing will be held before the start of their regular meeting, beginning at 6:45 p.m. regarding an ITEP grant.

Agenda items include Constitution Week proclamation, Glenn Shoals Lake Club end of season party, sidewalk and curb replacements, acquisition of temporary easements, ITEP grant, water credit for new businesses, purchasing fish for Glenn Shoals Lake and facade grants.

Montgomery County Board

Members of the Montgomery County Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. In addition to the reports on the consent agenda, the meeting agenda includes reports from the board's standing committees.

Hillsboro School Board

The Hillsboro School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the unit office. Agenda items include the school lunch program and the Okaw Area Vocational Center.

Nokomis City Council

Members of the Nokomis City Council will hear from their auditors and make a decision on an easement agreement with CTI during their meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, beginning at 7 p.m. at city hall.

The agenda also includes animal control, economic development, and mosquito spraying, among other items.

Jesse White Reminds Drivers To Move Over

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is once again calling on drivers to "move over" when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle or any stopped vehicle displaying flashing lights.

The "Move Over Law," also known as "Scott's Law," is designed to protect law enforcement, emergency responders and other drivers who are stopped on the side of roadways. White's office added a reminder about this important law on all driver's license renewal notices in 2019.

"If you see a vehicle stopped

on the side of the road, reduce speed and change lanes, if possible," said White. "We have a responsibility to drive safely, and we have a duty to protect those who protect us by moving over when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle."

Motorists convicted of violating the "Move Over Law" face a minimum fine of \$100 up to \$10,000 and the offense goes on the motorist's driving record. A violator's driver's license is suspended for 24 months in the event of a fatality and six months in the event of personal injury.



Waylon Hanners, the four-year-old son of Shane and Rachel Hanners of Coffeen, was one of many local children who tried their luck at the Hillsboro FFA Pedal Tractor Pull on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 10, at the Coffeen Fall Festival.

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'Tis The Season For Fall Fest Fun In Coffeen

As the upcoming fall season draws near, so do local fall festivals. The city of Coffeen was bustling with various vendors, activities and music on Saturday, Sept. 10, as the community hosted its annual Fall Fest at Washington Park.

The yearly event featured about ten vendors, a cake walk led by Mary Nave and Susan

LaRussa, blind draw, a bounce house for youngsters, Bingo with Jim Leefers and bags and horseshoe tournaments.

The Hillsboro FFA provided a Pedal Tractor Pull, while members of the Coffeen Volunteer Fire Department were on hand to give the community a tour of their new fire truck, which was purchased

three months ago and will be fully in service at the end of the month.

Ashton White of Greenville provided blacksmithing demonstrations for all to enjoy. The 15-year-old picked up the hobby over two years ago and offers demonstrations at local events.

The Hillsboro Knights of

Columbus and Coffeen Lions Club served fish and the city of Coffeen served hot dogs and chips. While community members checked out each booth and participated in activities, they could also delight in music provided by DJ John Kindernay.



Three took home top honors as part of this year's Horseshoe Tournament. Pictured above, from the left, are David Brewer who won third place, EJ Mullen who won first place and Stan Thacker who won second place. Thacker assisted in organizing the tournament.

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Above, 15-year-old Ashton White of Greenville entertains the crowd at the Coffeen Fall Fest with his blacksmithing skills.

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Danielle (pictured left)
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Danielle is an inspiration to her family, especially her cousin, Crystal, and her health is important to her and those she loves. Danielle was determined to get routine mammograms because of a family history of breast cancer. After one of her regular screenings, breast cancer was discovered. Because it was caught early, it was successfully treated. Danielle is here today because she took her health in her own hands and inspired her cousin to do the same and get her routine cancer screening, too.

Four out of 10 adults will develop cancer in their lifetime, but screening tests can catch cancer early and help save lives. Give yourself and those who love you peace of mind, schedule a routine cancer screening and take control of your health today.

To see Danielle's story and learn more about where you can schedule a cancer screening in your area, visit [getscreenednow.com](https://www.getscreenednow.com) or call 314-310-7574.

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Tips To Enjoy More Comfortable Camping

The beauty of the great outdoors beckons millions of nature-loving individuals each year. Camping is a great way to fully immerse oneself in nature.

However, there's often a learning curve with tent camping, especially in regard to sleeping comfortably.

A tent is designed to keep campers out of the elements and to prevent bugs from bothering campers while they sleep. Tents come in a variety of shapes and sizes — with some larger tents even capable of sleeping six or more people.

One of the most important components to consider when planning a camping trip is sleeping and bedding. A good night's sleep is worth its weight in gold, and can mean the difference between an enjoyable experience and cranky, out-of-sorts campers.

The following are some guidelines to maximize tent comfort while camping.

Tent Size And Location

Calculate how many people will be on the camping trip and how much space they will need to rest comfortably. Purchase or rent a tent that will provide enough space. Multiple tents also can be used if the goal is to separate family members.

The next consideration is where to set up camp. Look for a level area that is relatively free from debris. Clear away any rocks and twigs, as debris under the tent can damage it and make it harder to fall asleep.

Families may want to camp a short distance from restroom facilities if they are available, which will make it easier for the midnight bathroom breaks that inevitably crop up.

Invest In Quality Gear

In addition to the tent, campers will need a tarp/



Camping is a great way for families to immerse themselves in nature during all times of the year.

ground cover to place under the tent. This helps prevent moisture seepage from the soil.

Next, determine how everyone will sleep, whether on the ground or in cots. Cots can be the most comfortable options, but they take up a lot of space and can be heavy to transport — which is less than ideal when backpacking to a campsite. Inflatable mattresses or sleeping pads can be used in conjunction with sleeping bags to provide a soft, cushioned surface. Some are affordable at \$40 while others may cost as much as \$300. Costlier options may be best for frequent campers.

Account For The Temperature

Temperature will go a long way toward improving or compromising comfort. Choose sleeping bags rated for

the temperature. If you'll be doing plenty of fall or winter camping, you'll have a place to sleep that's designed to be used at the time of year you're camping.

When sleeping in warm temperatures, dress so you can add or remove layers as needed. A portable, battery-operated fan also can be a game-changer if it is hot and stuffy in the tent.

Adjust Sound Accordingly

Some people love drifting off to sleep to the sound of crickets, while others are kept awake by the nighttime sounds of nature.

Foam earplugs can mute some of those sounds and even the snoring of a tent partner. Campers also can set up a charged smartphone with a white noise app and use that to block out unwanted noises.

Additional Tips

When traveling with kids, bring a few creature comforts along, such as a favorite pair of pajamas or stuffed animals. This can make the unfamiliar sounds and sights of sleeping outdoors a little less scary. Also, if possible, do a trial run camping in the yard to gauge how kids react in advance and plan accordingly to make improvements.

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County Volleyball Strikes Gold At Grace Tournament

For at least one weekend, Montgomery County volleyball was the gold standard. For the first time in the five-year history of the Montgomery County Invitational, all four Montgomery County teams were in the gold bracket, the top bracket of the 16-team tournament, meaning that not only would all four finish in the top four, but one would become champion on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Fittingly, the tournament, dubbed "A Grace Filled Journey" in honor of the late Grace Herschelmann, was a fight, with both gold bracket semifinals going three sets a day after 12 of the 24 pool play games went to a third set. In the end, one of the tournament's hosts were the last ones standing as Lincolnwood defeated Hillsboro in two games to capture their first Grace Tournament title.

"Every year when the trophy comes in, I think about how much I want to see it in our trophy case," Lincolnwood head coach Kimberly Denney said after the Lancers' win over the Toppers.

But to get to that point, Lincolnwood had to survive a battle with one of their closest neighbors and rivals, the Nokomis Redskins. Coach Megan Mehochko's team has had more than its fair share of three-set thrillers to start the 2021 season (five, plus three ties in the Altamont Tournament that would have been three set games under normal circumstances) and it was only fitting that their semifinal game against the Lancers went the distance as well.

Lincolnwood looked like an undefeated tournament favorite in game one as they beat the Redskins 25-13. The game would be close early on, with the two teams trading points and Lincolnwood leading by just one at 9-8.

A hit out of bounds gave the Lancers a two point lead and the serve, which Avery Pope took advantage of with a pair of aces during a four-point swing that put Lincolnwood up 14-8.

Nokomis tried to claw their way back into it, but got no closer than five, with Haelee



Sixteen area high school volleyball teams traveled to Lincolnwood High School in Raymond and Nokomis High School Sept. 9-10 for the annual Montgomery County Invitational, A Grace-Filled Journey. After pool play on Friday night, the top eight teams compete at Lincolnwood High School on Saturday. This year, teams from Montgomery County's four high schools (Lincolnwood, Hillsboro, Nokomis and Litchfield) took the top four spots in the gold bracket. Just before the championship game, the top eight teams posed for a group photo with Charlotte Herschelmann of Hillsboro, sister to the late Grace Herschelmann, namesake of the tournament. For the first time in the tournament's history, Lincolnwood High School took home bragging rights. Proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit research for treatments for INAD (infantile neuroaxonal dystrophy), that took the life of Grace Herschelmann in May 2021.

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Damm serving up four of her co-team-best nine points (matching Pope) during a run that built the Lincolnwood lead to nine. The Redskins broke the streak with a kill by Hailey Engelman, but the Lancers regained control and Tessa Funderburk served the last three points to secure the win.

But Nokomis wasn't finished, not by a long shot.

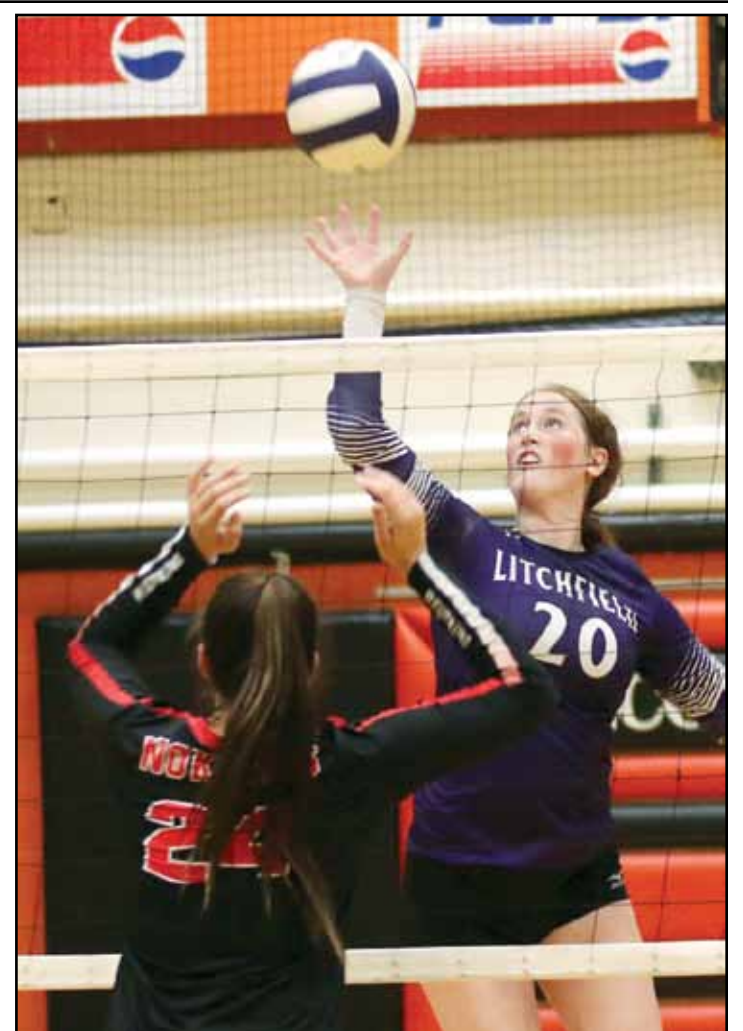
In game two, the tournament co-hosts (eight teams played in Redskin Territory for the ninth through 16th spots) scored a 25-20 win to send the game to a first-to-15 third set. The score lived in the one to two point range for nearly the entire game, with Nokomis taking the game's largest lead, four points, on a kill by Hailey Engelman during a serving streak by Addison Dangbar that made it 23-19 after it was tied at 19 all. Lincolnwood picked up one more point, but Nokomis got the serve back on another kill by Engelman and the game ended minutes later on a Lincolnwood hit into the net.

While Nokomis was all too familiar with three set matches, the semifinal was just Lincolnwood's second three-setter of the season. The Lancers served first and jumped out to a 3-0 lead, then built it up to 6-1 on an ace by Morgan Cowdrey.

Nokomis cut the lead down to two after a hit out of bounds, a kill by Addison Glenn and a block, but Lincolnwood built the lead back up to four and led 10-6, just five points from a win.

The two teams traded points, but Nokomis managed to reel in the Lancers and tie the game at 12-12. Lincolnwood scored the next two, but a pair of big hits by Audrey Sabol tied the score again at 14.

The Lancers got the crucial next point, when Nokomis was whistled for being in the net,



Litchfield's Blair Johnson (#20) prepares to try to tip a shot over Nokomis hitter Audrey Sabol (#24) during the third place game at the Montgomery County Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 10. Both Johnson and Sabol earned all-tournament honors for their play at the event, with Sabol's Redskins beating Johnson's Panthers in two to take third.

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and Haelee Damm served up a point for the game winner to send Lincolnwood to the championship game.

Hillsboro vs. Litchfield
One good turn deserved

another, so the Hillsboro/Litchfield semifinal followed the template set forth by the Lancers and Redskins and also went three games.

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Lincolnwood's Hailee Belsher (#17) proved to be tough to get past in the championship of the Montgomery County Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 10, as Hillsboro senior Layne Rupert (#1) found out. Both teams traded in their regular orange and black jerseys for purple ones in honor of the late Grace Herschelmann. The 16-team tournament, which was won by the Lancers, involves all four Montgomery County teams and raises money and awareness for Infantile Neuroaxonal Dystrophy in the memory of Herschelmann, who passed away in May 2021 at the age of nine.

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With just eight seconds left in the fourth quarter, Hillsboro running back Blaze Helton plowed his way into the end zone from three yards out to give the Toppers the lead for the third and final time in Friday's clash against Carlinville at Sawyer Field in Hillsboro. Jaben Compton's extra point gave Hillsboro a 25-21 advantage and erased the Cavies 21-18 lead, which they had secured less than two minutes earlier.

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Toppers Beat Cavies In Final Seconds

by Ron Deabenderfer

A prophet in the press box at Sawyer Field predicted, "This one will come down to whoever has the last possession," after Carlinville scored a touchdown with 4.3 seconds left in the first half to cut the Cavalier deficit from 12-0 to 12-7. That man isn't always right, but this time he was spot on as Blaze Helton's three-yard run with 4.4 seconds left in the game lifted Hillsboro from a 21-18 deficit to a 25-21 win after Jaben Compton kicked the extra point Friday, Sept. 9.

Hillsboro dominated the first half in terms of offensive plays - 31 (compared to Carlinville's 18) and time of possession, but Carlinville's last second touchdown showed no white flag would wave on the visitor's sideline.

Yellow flags were significant, though, as Hillsboro col-

lected seven penalties (six on offense) while Carlinville only had one (on an extra point attempt) which ultimately worked to their advantage.

The Toppers scored the only first quarter points although their initial 46 yard, 10 play drive was stopped at the Cavie 6 halfway through the quarter.

Ethan Schreiber smothered the Cavies' line drive kickoff against his stomach on his 48 to give Hillsboro good field position; but after runs by senior quarterback Zane Duff, Blaze Helton, Jace Stewart, and Jaben Compton moved the ball to the Cavie 6, Carlinville's line stopped the penetration there when Duff tried to sneak up the middle on fourth and goal.

Elliot Lentz tackled a Cavie back on their first carry from scrimmage for a three yard loss; two plays and nine yards later, the Cavies had

to punt.

Cameron Hacke returned that kick for 10 yards, so Hillsboro's second drive began on the Cavie 28. Duff rolled out for six; Helton barged ahead for seven for a first down at the Cavie 15. Then a motion penalty erased a Stewart run to inside the 10. Not upset, Duff carried for four and then threw an incomplete pass.

Facing third and 11, Duff found a leaping Zander Wells in the right corner of the end zone for Duff's first pass completion of the season. (Both he and Lentz were making their first appearances of the season). The two-point conversion pass fell incomplete.

The ensuing Cavie possession started well for the Toppers when Lentz sacked quarterback Rex Reels for a 11 yard loss on first down.

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Litchfield First At Lady Viper Invite

The Litchfield girls golf team was under the weather, but on top of the standings on Saturday, Sept. 10, as the Lady Panthers took first at the Lady Viper Invitational at Terry Park Golf Course in Palmyra.

Fighting off illness amongst the roster, the Panthers shot a 375 for a convincing 12-stroke win over runner-up North Mac. Williamsville was third with a 396, followed by Auburn (447), Carlinville (452), South County (461) and Lincolnwood (469).

Not only did Litchfield win the team title, but they also took the individual crown, with Laura Boston shooting an 83 to beat Carlinville's Marlee Whitler by two strokes. The LHS senior shot a 43 for her first nine and a 40 for her second round.

Hailey Rentz joined Boston in the top 10 individually, shooting a 93 to finish ninth, while Olivia Fleming shot a personal-best 97 for 18 holes. Rentz had rounds of 45 and 48, while Fleming shot a 46 and a 51.

Lauren Monke just missed giving Litchfield four rounds under 100 as she shot a 47 on the first nine and a 55 on the second for a 102 on the day.

Charlotte Gardner and Addison Monke were Litchfield's fifth and sixth players, shooting a 114 and a 122. Gardner had a 60 on the first nine and a 54 on the second, while Monke had rounds of 59 and 63.

At Cloverleaf

The Litchfield girls golf team picked up two more wins on Thursday, Sept. 8, shooting a 176 at the Cloverleaf Golf Course in Alton. The Lady Panthers were the only team to break 200, with Jerseyville finishing second with a 213 and Civic Memorial finishing third with a 215.

Laura Boston earned medalist honors for the match as the Litchfield senior shot a 4-over-par 39 to lead all individuals and beat second place Bria Tuttle of Jerseyville by two strokes.

Lauren Monke added in a 44 for the Panthers, while Hailey Rentz was just a stroke behind her teammate with a 45. Charlotte Gardner added in a 48 as Litchfield was the only team to have four players under 50 on Wednesday.

Olivia Fleming wasn't far behind the top four, shooting a 51 on the day, while Addison Monke had the sixth spot with a 60.

The Litchfield girls will be in Carlinville on Monday, Sept. 12, to face the host Cavaliers, Lincolnwood and Southwestern, followed by a return home on Tuesday, Sept. 13, where they will host Gillespie, Hillsboro and Pana at the Litchfield Country Club

September 8 at Alton

at Cloverleaf Golf Course - Par 35
Girls Team Results: Litchfield 176, Jerseyville 213, Civic Memorial 215
Medalist: Laura Boston (Litchfield) 39
Litchfield (176) - Laura Boston 39, Lauren

Monke 44, Hailey Rentz 45, Charlotte Gardner 48, Olivia Fleming 51, Addison Monke 60.
Jerseyville (213) - Bria Tuttle 41, Emma Beutweiser 50, Lindsey Dugan 59, Mooney 63.
Civic Memorial (215) - Peyton Phillips 51, Adison 53, Sydney Moore 55, Kim Price 56, Jayna Halley 58, Grace Meyer 63.
Roxana - Reagan Lynn 44, Ava Strohmeier 44, Bria Griffin 58.
Record: Litchfield (14-2).

September 10 at Palmyra

Lady Viper Invitational
Terry Park Golf Course - Par 70
Girls Team Scores: 1. Litchfield 375, 2. North Mac 387, 3. Williamsville 396, 4. Auburn 447, 5. Carlinville 452, 6. South County 461, 7. Lincolnwood 469.

Medalist: Laura Boston (Litchfield) 83.
Litchfield (375) - Laura Boston 83, Hailey Rentz 93, Olivia Fleming 97, Lauren Monke 102, Charlotte Gardner 114, Addison Monke 122.
North Mac (387) - Taylor Keirs 87, Jersey West 89, Karleigh Prose 97, Addelyn Held 114, Camerin Leonard 136.

Williamsville (396) - Zoey Beard 92, Naomi Roberts 93, Nellie Weller 104, Kaedyn Locke 107, Chelsea Clack 111.
Auburn (447) - Shelby Seiler 86, Anna Hunley 115, Abigail Sinclair 123, Aliya Rowe 123, Kynzie Henkie 125, Ava Bridges 136.

Carlinville (452) - Marlee Whitler 85, Kristilyn Levora 100, Evee Whitler 117, Gabby Lopez 150.
South County (461) - Grace Rector 87, Taetam Short 118, Camri Phillips 123, Bailey Burdinski 133.
Lincolnwood/Morrisonville (469) - Carly Armentrout 109, Jenna Matli 113, Abby Norris 121, Kaylee Gerlach 126, Jhia Walker 128, Anna Jones 134.

Routt - Claire McGuire 111, Sophia Sielschott 144.
Carrollton - Emma Kallal 101, Ryan Kallal 113.
Northwestern - Grace LaMarr 90.

Lady Lancers Win MSM Tournament

The Lincolnwood girls golf team had one of their best performances of the year on Wednesday, Sept. 7, as the Lady Lancers shot a 495 to win the MSM Conference Tournament at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn.

All four Lincolnwood scorers finished in the top six on the day to earn all-conference honors, with Jenna Matli taking second place in the tournament with a 118. The only player to beat Matli was South County's Grace Rector, who shot a 99. Matli shot a 55 on the front nine at Edgewood and a 63 on the back half of the course.

Carly Armentrout and Kaylee Gerlach tied for fourth place overall, just three strokes behind South County's Miley Crow for third. Gerlach, a senior, shot a 59 on the front nine and a 65 on the back nine, while Armentrout, a freshman, shot a 62 on both the front nine and the back nine, the lowest back nine score for the Lancers.

Senior Jhia Walker finished the five strokes behind her teammates with a 129, shooting a 61 on the front nine and a 68 on the back nine. While they didn't factor into the scoring, Abby Norris and Anna Jones both shot 136 on the day, which would have been the second best scoring round for Mt. Olive and the third best for South County.

Overall, Lincolnwood shot a 495 as a team and beat South County by three strokes. Mt.

Olive finished third with a 635.

At The Links

The MSM Conference Tournament was the start of a busy end to the week for the Lancers, who played at The Links in Jacksonville the following day, Sept. 8. The Lancers finished fifth in the five-team match with a 244.

Jhia Walker shot a 56 for Lincolnwood's best round. The Morrisonville senior finished 12 strokes behind medalist Shelby Seiler of Auburn, who had a 44.

Carly Armentrout and Jenna Matli shot a 60 and a 63 for the Lancers, while Anna Jones rounded out the scoring with a 65. Abby Norris (66), Rian Deardorff (68) and Kennedy Klinger (67) also played for Lincolnwood.

North Mac took the top team spot with a 202, edging Auburn by four strokes despite Seiler's medalist round. PORTA was third with a 219, while Taylorville was fourth with a 229.

Lady Viper Invite

To wrap up the week, the Lancers were one of seven teams (with three other schools sending golfers) to participate in the Lady Viper Invite at Terry Park Golf Course in Palmyra.

The Lancers shot a 469 at the event, which is hosted by South County. Litchfield took the top spot with a 375, followed by North Mac (387), Williamsville (396), Auburn (447), Carlinville (452), South County (461) and Lincolnwood.

gan Smith (76) and runner-up Tanner Frye (80) on the back nine, shooting a 43 to Frye's 39 and Smith 37.

Brady Schmedeke just missed giving the Lancers two players on the all-conference squad as he shot a 45 on the front and a 49 on the back to finish with a 94, one shot behind Mt. Olive's Blake Dickerson and South County's Isaac Carter, who tied for fifth. South County's Brandt Crews rounded out the all-conference honorees, placing fourth with an 87.

Drake Germann finished in the third spot for Lincolnwood with a 99, shooting 45 on the front and a 54 on the back, while Lance Weitekamp shot a 101, with rounds of 52 and 49 on the day.

Jared Klein and Jonah El-

vidge were the Lancers' fifth and sixth men, shooting 113 and 116 respectively. Klein had a 53 on the front and a 60 on the back, while Elvidge had rounds of 51 and 65.

At Carlinville

The day after the conference tournament, the Lancers were in Carlinville for a quad match with the Cavaliers, Southwestern and Gillespie. The host school managed to escape with a win on their home course at the Carlinville Country Club, shooting a 169 to beat Lincolnwood by a stroke. Gillespie would be third with a 208, while Southwestern was fourth with a 219.

Nate Brockmeyer took medalist honors for the match, shooting a 2-over-par 38. Brockmeyer had five pars and finished with a birdie on the par-4 ninth hole to edge teammate Lance Weitekamp and Carlinville's Jack Stayton. Weitekamp was plus-4 after five holes, but birdied number six and sank three pars on holes seven, eight and nine.

Lincolnwood's other two scoring rounds came from Jared Klein, who shot a 46, and Brady Schmedeke, who shot a 47. Jonah Elvidge and Kade Osterholt finished out the lineup with a 52 and a 60 respectively.

The Lancers will be at home on Monday, Sept. 12, to face Auburn, Gillespie and North Mac at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Raymond and will be in Staunton on Tuesday,

Sept. 13, to face Mt. Olive, Ramsey and South County at Terry Park Golf Course.

September 7 at Auburn

MSM Conference Tournament
Edgewood Golf Course - Par 71
Boys Team Results: 1. South County 336, 2. Lincolnwood 375.
All-Conference: 1. Logan Smith (South County) 76; 2. Tanner Frye (South County) 76; 3. Nate Brockmeyer (Lincolnwood) 81; 4. Brandt Crews (South County) 87; 5. Isaac Carter (South County) 93; 5. Blake Dickerson (Mt. Olive) 93.

South County (336) - Logan Smith 76, Tanner Frye 80, Brandt Crews 87, Isaac Carter 93, Trevor Colwell 94, James Ushman 94.
Lincolnwood (375) - Nate Brockmeyer 81, Brady Schmedeke 94, Drake Germann 99, Lance Weitekamp 101, Jared Klein 113, Jonah Elvidge 116.

Mt. Olive (156) - Blake Dickerson 93, Jack Scheiter 123, Landon Tooley 156.
Springfield Lutheran - Caleb Cox 122, Blake Acosta 131, Alex Sullivan 159.

September 7 at Auburn

Carlinville Country Club - Par 36
Boys Team Results: Carlinville 169, Lincolnwood 170, Gillespie 208, Southwestern 219.
Medalist: Nate Brockmeyer (Lincolnwood) 38.

Carlinville (169) - Jack Stayton 39, Colin Pope 41, Tate Duckels 42, Aaron Cordani 47, Houston Turley 56.
Lincolnwood (170) - Nate Brockmeyer 38, Lance Weitekamp 39, Jared Klein 46, Brady Schmedeke 47, Jonah Elvidge 52, Kade Osterholt 60.
Gillespie (208) - Hayden Helmkamp 48, Bryan Jubelt 49, Haeden Kellebrew 54, Kamryn Link 57, Kaeleb Lowery 63, Koltan Lowery 65.

Southwestern (219) - Ben Ciciochi 51, Ike Austin 53, Alex Spangler 57, Chase Cummings 58, Wyatt Johnson 67, Nic Ragsdale 69.
Record: Lincolnwood (15-6).

Sports Calendar

Hillsboro Hiltoppers

Monday, September 12
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Pana, Roxana at Hillsboro Country Club
 4:30 p.m. - JV Football at Carlinville
 4:30 p.m. - Girls Tennis vs. Bunker Hill/Staunton
 5 p.m. - Volleyball at Alton Marquette
Tuesday, September 13
 4 p.m. - Girls Cross Country at Greenville
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Litchfield, Pana, Civic Memorial at Litchfield Country Club
 4:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer at Greenville

Litchfield Purple Panthers

Monday, September 12
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Southwestern, Carlinville at Carlinville Country Club
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Southwestern, Lincolnwood, Carlinville at Carlinville Country Club
 6 p.m. - JV Football hosts Southwestern
Tuesday, September 13
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Gillespie, Hillsboro, Pana at Litchfield Country Club
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Gillespie, Southwestern, Staunton, Greenville at Timber Lakes
 4 p.m. - Cross Country at Greenville
 5 p.m. - Boys Soccer at Staunton
Wednesday, September 14
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Gillespie, Southwestern, Staunton, Vandalia at Litchfield Country Club

Nokomis Redskins

Monday, September 12
 4 p.m. - Ramsey Golf vs. Windsor at Hillsboro Country Club
 6 p.m. - JV Football hosts East Alton-Wood River
 6:15 p.m. - Volleyball at South County
Tuesday, September 13
 4 p.m. - Ramsey Golf vs. Mt. Olive, Lincolnwood, South County at Timber Lakes
Wednesday, September 14
 4 p.m. - Ramsey Golf vs. Sandoval at Colonial Golf Club
 6 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Vandalia

Lincolnwood Lancers

Monday, September 12
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Carlinville, Litchfield, Southwestern at Carlinville Country Club
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Auburn, North Mac, Gillespie at Shoal Creek
 5 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Carlinville
 5 p.m. - Soccer at North Mac
Tuesday, September 13
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Mt. Olive, Ramsey, South County at Timber Lakes
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Mt. Olive, Ramsey, South County at Timber Lakes

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Litchfield Boys Bring 'A' Game To Mattoon

The Litchfield boys golf team brought their "A" game to Mattoon on Sept. 9-10 as they competed in the 40-team Craig Dixon Invitational. Playing at the Mattoon Country Club on Friday and Meadowview Golf Course on Saturday, the Panthers finished 15th overall, with only one Class 1A team finishing ahead of them.

That one Class 1A team was the Bulldogs of Effingham St. Anthony, who won the event with a 613. Between them and the Panthers, who shot a 667, were 13 Class 2A or 3A squads, including Sacred Heart-Griffin (619), Edwardsville (630), Mahomet-Seymour (640) and Springfield High (643), who rounded out the top five.

The Panthers started the tournament at the Mattoon Country Club and shot a 340 for their round. Tug Schwab scored the course, shooting a 1-over-par 73, while younger brother Sam shot an 84.

Litchfield's other two scoring rounds came from Brawly Jacobs and Tucker Maguire, who shot a 91 and a 92. A.J. Odle and Ian Otto finished out the lineup with a 98 and a 96, putting all six Litchfield players under 100 for the day. While Odle and Otto were a little off their game on day one, they would come through big on day two at Meadowview Golf Course. Odle shot a 10-over-par 82 for his 18-holes, while Otto finished two strokes behind his teammate with an 84.

The Schwab brothers accounted for the other two rounds with a 75 for Tug and an 86 for Sam, while Jacobs and Maguire remained under 100 with a 92 and a 94.

Tug Schwab's 148 was good enough to land him in the top five individually for the tournament as he finished third behind Vandalia's Connor McCall (142) and Springfield's Peyton Woods (146). Reis Claybrooke of Mahomet Seymour and Wilson Kirby of St. Thomas More made up the rest of the top five, both shooting 149 for the weekend.

Sam Schwab finished 11 strokes behind the top five with a 170, while A.J. Odle and Ian Otto added in a pair of 180s. Brawly Jacobs and Tucker Maguire finished out the lineup with a 183 and a 186.

At Vandalia

For the first time in a while, the Litchfield boys golf team didn't have the top individual scorer in their match on Wednesday, Sept. 7. What the Panthers did have was a six-man squad that was better than any other team on the course.

The Panthers improved to 23-0 on Wednesday at the Vandalia Country Club as they shot a 159 to beat Vandalia (168), Staunton (180) and Christ Our Rock Lutheran (196). All six Litchfield players who hit the course were within nine strokes of par; no other team had more than two.

Medalist honors went to Vandalia's Connor McCall, one of the holdovers from last year's state championship team. McCall shot a 3-under-par 32 on his home course to beat out Christ Our Rock's Parker Boehne (34), Staunton's

Broc Best (36) and Vandalia's Jonah Beesley (36).

But after those three players came six Purple Panthers as Litchfield's team depth shone through. Tug Schwab and Ian Otto both broke 40 on the day, finishing their rounds with 3-over-par 38s to tie for the fifth best round of the match. A.J. Odle would be just behind them with a 41, while Tucker Maguire rounded out the scoring with a 42.

The stair-step scoresheet continued from there as Sam Schwab and Brawly Jacobs occupied the fifth and sixth spots with a 43 and a 44. The Panthers could have thrown out either Schwab or Otto's score and replaced it with the fifth or sixth man and they would have still beaten all three teams.

Litchfield will continue to face South Central Conference competition on Sept. 12 and 13 this week as they play Carlinville and Southwestern at the Carlinville Country Club on Monday, followed by a trip to Timber Lakes Golf Course on Tuesday, where they will take on Staunton, Gillespie, Greenville and Southwestern. On Wednesday, the Purple Panthers return home to the Litchfield Country Club, where they will play Gillespie, Southwestern, Staunton and Vandalia.

September 7 at Vandalia

Vandalia Country Club - Par 35
Boys Team Results: Litchfield 159, Vandalia 168, Staunton 180, Christ Our Rock 196.
Medalist: Connor McCall (Vandalia) 32

Litchfield (159) - Tug Schwab 38, Ian Otto 38, AJ Odle 41, Tucker Maguire 42, Sam Schwab 43, Brawly Jacobs 44.
Vandalia (168) - Connor McCall 32, Jonah Beesley 36, Owen Halford 48, Colton Justice 52, Will Calhoun 61, Dylan Peters 62

Staunton (180) - Broc Best 36, Preston Denney 48, Adam Overby 48, Luke Meyer 48, Luke Dewitt 49, Luke Meyer 48, Luke Goldesch 49.
Christ Our Rock (196) - Parker Boehne 34, AJ Quick 46, John Rincker 55, Tom Meyer 61, Blake Kleibeker 61, Tom Cox 64.
Results: Litchfield (23-0).

Sept. 9-10 at Mattoon

Craig Dixon Invite
 Day 1 - Mattoon C.C. - Par 72
 Day 2 - Meadowview - Par 72

Boys Team Results: 1. St. Anthony 613, 2. Sacred Heart-Griffin 619, 3. Edwardsville 630, 4. Mahomet-Seymour 640, 5. Springfield 643, 6. Pekin 644, 7. Mattoon 648, 8. Quincy Notre Dame 649, 10. Glenwood 653, 11. Champaign Central 654, 12. Normal West 662, 13. Marmion Academy 663, 14. Mt. Zion 664, 15. Rantoul 665, 16. Litchfield 667, 17. Monticello 669, 18. Bloomington Central Catholic 670, 19. Charleston 683, 20. Alton Marquette 683, 21. Maroa Forsyth 683, 22. East Peoria 685, 23. Mascouta 686, 24. Olney 690, 25. Bloomington 698, 26. Williamsville 701, 27. Normal West 702, 28. Quincy 710, 29. St. Thomas More 716, 30. Paris 719, 31. Mt. Carmel 720, 32. Centralia 721, 33. Clinton 729, 34. Effingham 730, 35. Teutopolis 733, 36. Vandalia 746, 37. Decatur St. Teresa 753, 38. Hillsboro 763, 39. Lincoln 783, 40. Champaign Centennial 915.

Individual Top Five: 1. Connor McCall (Vandalia) 142; 2. Peyton Woods (Springfield) 146; 3. Tug Schwab (Litchfield) 148; 4. Reis Claybrooke (Mahomet-Seymour) 149; 5. Wilson Kirby (St. Thomas More) 149.
Litchfield (340-327-667) - Tug Schwab 73+75=148; Sam Schwab 84+86=170; A.J. Odle 98+82=180; Ian Otto 96+84=180; Brawly Jacobs 91+92=183; Tucker Maguire 92+94=186.



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Birds Offense Too Strong For Panthers

Southwestern would strike early and often in the first quarter of the South Central Conference match-up against the Litchfield Purple Panthers in Piasa. The Piasa Birds would put 27 points on the scoreboard in the opening quarter, setting the tone for a 40-6 week three victory over the Purple Panthers. The loss would drop Litchfield to 1-2 while the Piasa Birds improved to 2-1.

After a big win in week two, the Purple Panthers would enter the week three contest against the Piasa Birds looking for back-to-back wins for the first time since the 2015 season.

Southwestern, who fell to North Mac in week two after defeating Staunton in week one, would prevent Litchfield from gaining any momentum early in the contest and would control the contest in all stages in the first quarter.

Litchfield's defense has been a big factor in their success in the first two weeks of the season. On Friday night, the Piasa Birds would find a way to break through the strong Purple Panthers defense. The game plan used by the Piasa Birds offense would be executed well as Southwestern would find the endzone four times in the opening quarter.

Southwestern's running back, sophomore Greyson Brewer would get credit for three of the four touchdowns, as he would scramble into the endzone from 34, 15 and 56 yards out. Quinten Strohbeck would also add a touchdown as Southwestern would control the scoreboard with a 27-0 lead.

As Southwestern would have success on the offense side of the ball, Litchfield would struggle to get much going with their offense. The Purple Panthers would have three possessions in the opening quarter all resulting in three and outs. The Purple Panthers drives would consist of 6 yards, 1 yard and -7



Litchfield safety Keenan Powell (#4) looks for running room after intercepting a pass in the Purple Panthers' 40-6 loss to Southwestern on Friday, Sept. 9. *Billy Woods/The Intelligencer*

yards giving them zero yards of offense in the first quarter.

Litchfield would open up the second quarter with an offense possession and would once again struggle to get the ball moving, gaining only three yards.

The Purple Panthers defense though would come up big as they would recover a fumble during Southwestern's first possession of the second quarter. Falling on the ball on Southwestern's 30 yard line would give Litchfield's offense their best field possession of the contest.

Litchfield's offense would take advantage of the short field and would strike on their first offense play of the drive. The Purple Panthers quarterback, Tate Dobrinich, would find Keenan Powell for a 30-yard touchdown strike putting the Purple Panthers on the board for the first time.

The Purple Panthers' touchdown would be the only action the scoreboard would see in the second quarter.

Litchfield's defense would have a big say in the lack of scoring as they would settle in and started to play like the Purple Panthers defense that was seen in the first two

weeks. Easton Grammer, AJ Sypherd and Kayden Bergman would lead the way for the Purple Panther's defense.

The strong second quarter would help the Purple Panthers stay in the contest as Southwestern would hold a 27-6 lead at the half.

In the second half, the Purple Panthers defense would remain strong holding the Southwestern's offense at bay. The Piasa Birds would be able to squeeze by Litchfield's defense twice, once in the third quarter and once in the fourth quarter, for the only points in the second half.

Southwestern's Jacob Fisher would be credited with both of those touchdowns, with only eight carries in the contest Fisher's odds of getting into the endzone would be high. Litchfield's defense, though would not allow the Piasa Birds to find the endzone as easy as they did in the first quarter. Litchfield's offense would also be more productive in the second half, but would fail to cross into the endzone in the second half.

A strong point in the first two games of the season for Litchfield was their rushing

game, and the Southwestern's defense would not allow Litchfield's rushing game get out and running. The Purple Panthers running back AJ Sypherd, who recorded two one-hundred rushing yard games so far this year would be held to 14 yards rushing on 14 attempts.

The Piasa Birds defense would also give Litchfield's air attack fits throughout the contest. Litchfield's quarterback Tate Dobrinich would complete 5 of his 22 attempts, but would accumulate 105 yards through the air. Keenan Powell would pull down 2 of the 5 completions for 65 yards.

Litchfield will look to get back in the win column in week four, as they welcome the new conference member North Mac in a Homecoming affair. The North Mac Panthers will enter the contest with a 3-0 record, with wins over Carlinville, Southwestern and Vandalia.

Sept. 9 at Southwestern
Litchfield 0 6 0 0 ---6
Southwestern 27 0 7 6 ---40

Scoring Summary
1st - 9:38 - S - Greyson Brewer 34-yard run (conversion fail) 0-6
1st - 4:45 - S - Greyson Brewer 15-yard run (Brewer run) 0-14
1st - 1:17 - S - Quentin Strohbeck 1-yard run (conversion fail) 0-20
1st - 0:00 - S - Greyson Brewer 56-yard run (Brantley kick) 0-27
2nd - 8:00 - L - Keenan Powell from Tate Dobrinich 30 yard pass (conversion fail) 6-27
3rd - 9:00 - S - Jacob Fisher run (Brantley kick) 6-34
4th - 11:00 - S - Jacob Fisher 37 run (conversion fail) 6-40

Individual Statistics
Passing: Litchfield - Tate Dobrinich 5-22-106; Southwestern - Quinten Strohbeck 3-9-29.
Rushing: Litchfield (22-19) - AJ Sypherd 14-14, Tate Dobrinich 5-6, Keenan Powell 2-1, Martavi-ous Jones 1-(-2); Southwestern (43-353) - Grayson Brewer 19-220, Jacob Fisher 8-83, Quinten Strohbeck 5-16, Marcus Payne 5-14, David Watkins 1-14 Ryan Lewis 1-2, Gavin Humm 2-2, Logan Crane 1-1, Lane Gage 1-1.

Receiving: Litchfield (5-106) - Keenan Powell 2-65, Kayden Bergman 1-20, AJ Sypherd 1-(-1).
Total Offensive Yards: Litchfield (27-125); Southwestern (46-382).
Records: Litchfield (1-2), Southwestern (2-1).



Nokomis defensive back Kadynn Petty lays out to try to bring down an East Alton-Wood River ball carrier during the Redskins' 59-14 loss to the Oilers on Friday, Sept. 9, in Wood River. *James Ryan/NokoPhoto*

Oilers Too Slick In Win Over Redskins

East Alton-Wood River running backs Ryan Morton-Burch and Seth Slayden combined for 216 yards and five touchdowns on Sept. 9, as the Oilers defeated Nokomis 59-14 in Wood River.

The five scores were just over half of the Oilers' eight touchdowns, all of which came on the ground.

The first score came on EAWR's second play from scrimmage as quarterback Miguel Romero ran it in from the Nokomis 47. Slayden added his first score just a few minutes later on a 29-yard run as the Oilers led 14-0 just five minutes into the game.

Nokomis cut the lead in half on a touchdown by Craig Bertolino, but Slayden scored again, this time on a 20-yard run that made it 21-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The second frame completely belonged to the Oilers, who got touchdown runs of four yards from Kiyu Stilts and 25 and 38 yards from Morton-Burch. The scoring surge helped the Oilers to a 44-7 lead at halftime as they continued to push for their third win in as many weeks.

Morton-Burch picked up his third touchdown in the third quarter, which gave EAWR a 51-7 lead and started the running clock.

Nokomis picked up another score in the fourth quarter on a 41-yard touchdown pass from Brody Steele to Brenton Lyons, but EAWR got those points back plus one on a 27-yard Travis Skinner run that accounted for the 59-14 score following the two-point conversion.

Morton-Burch and Slayden both ran for over 100 yards, going for 111 and 105 respectively, while Romero also had

72 yards rushing.

Nokomis had 106 yards on the ground, with Craig Bertolino leading the way with 62 yards on 12 carries.

Steele finished the game with 79 yards passing on four completions, all to Lyons. Freshman Riley Reynolds led the team in tackles with 12, while Bertolino had eight and Drake Taylor and Braxton Taylor had five each.

The Redskins will look to right the ship this coming Friday, Sept. 16, when they travel to 1-2 Heyworth. The Hornets are coming off a 59-0 loss to Eureka in week three, with a 40-7 loss to LeRoy in week two and a 50-16 win against Tri-County in week one.

Sept. 9 at Wood River
Nokomis (0-3) 7 0 0 7 ---14
EAWR (3-0) 21 23 7 8 ---59

Scoring Summary
1st - EAWR - Miguel Romero 47-yard TD run (extra point failed)
1st - EAWR - Seth Slayden 29-yard run (Seth Slayden 2-pt. run)
1st - Nokomis - Craig Bertolino TD run (kick good)
1st - EAWR - Seth Slayden 20-yard TD run (kick good)
2nd - EAWR - Kiyu Stilts 4-yard TD run
2nd - EAWR - Ryan Morton-Burch 25-yard TD
2nd - EAWR - Ryan Morton-Burch 38-yard TD
3rd - EAWR - Ryan Morton-Burch 23-yard TD run
4th - Nokomis - Brody Steele 41-yard pass to Brenton Lyons (kick good)
4th - EAWR - Travis Skinner 27-yard run (2-pt. good)

Nokomis Statistics
Passing: Brody Steele 4-13-79, 1 TD, 3 INT.
Rushing: Craig Bertolino 12-62, Dolan Harrison 3-19, Ryan Quinn 1-13, Brenton Lyons 4-11, Zaylon Sisk 3-6, Nolan Herpstreith 1-5, Brody Steele 1-(-1), Garret Engelman 4-(-9).

Receiving: Brenton Lyons 4-79.
Defense (Solo/Assists): Riley Reynolds 2/10; Craig Bertolino 1/7; Braxton Taylor 2/3; Drake Taylor 2/3; Jaxson Batty 1/3; Kendall Coss 0/2; Kadynn Petty 1/1; Garret Engelman 1/1; Mason Morris 0/1.

Hillsboro Football

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Reels gained revenge, though, by completing a pass/run to Ryenn Hart for 49 yards on third down and 14; Stewart caught the Cavie senior on the Topper 23. Running back Rouse gained four more as the first quarter ended.

The Topper defense stiffened as the teams changed ends of the field. Two running plays lost three yards, and the fourth and nine pass fell incomplete.

That sparked the Toppers' next touchdown drive. Helton gained 15; then an illegal procedure threatened momentum. Duff kept left for 14 to regain focus and Helton next reached the Carlinville 49. Helton again broke free up the middle, with blocks from Schreiber and Reese Morford, before cutting to his left for a 38 yard gain to the Cavie 11. Two more rushing plays by Helton reached the end zone, and Hillsboro's lead was 12-0 with 7:37 left in the half. That was the largest advantage either team would enjoy.

Brayden Fowler protected the margin by breaking up a third down pass; Hart's punt gave the Toppers possession on their 23, and Hillsboro's running game moved the ball to the Cavie 31. Then noseguard Declan Braley tackled Compton for a loss and another penalty moved the ball back to the Cavie 42. The drive was defused, and trouble for Hillsboro loomed.

Facing fourth and 21 from Carlinville's 42, the Toppers elected to punt, but the kick struck a Topper for a blocked punt. Liam Tieman picked the ball up and returned it to the Hillsboro 40. 61 seconds remained till halftime.

Carlinville used 57 of those seconds to break the shutout. Two Reels' passes, one to Tieman and one to Henry Kufa, meant a first down at the Topper 26. Fowler broke up the next pass, so Reels spiked the ball to stop the clock with 4 seconds left. That was enough for Reels to find Jake Schwartz in the back right corner of the end zone, though, and Hart booted the extra point through. 12-7

meant a touchdown would put Carlinville ahead as the second half began.

That score came on the Cavaliers' first drive of the second half. Atticus Bertolino's on-side kick was covered by Kufa on his own 41; passing five times (the longest of four Reels' completions was to Rouse for 16 yards on third and two from the Topper 18) and rushing nine times, the Cavies scored from the 1 after a five minute drive. When they drew their only penalty on the conversion kick, they passed for two instead. The 15-12 lead was the Cavies' first.

In response, Hillsboro stayed with their ground game. Helton contributed the biggest gain (26 yards after a holding call created a first and 19 situation at the Cavie 44). That put the ball on the Cavie 18. As the workhorse from the backfield, he carried twice again to reach the 8 before a penalty moved the ball back to the 13. When the defense concentrated on Helton, Duff kept around left end for the score and a Hillsboro 18-15 lead. 2:13 remained in Quarter Three; Schwartz kept the lead at three by tackling Dylan Lessman on the extra points run. The score meant Hillsboro held the advantage after each of the first three quarters, but a dramatic fourth quarter remained.

Most of the significant offensive action in the last quarter happened in the last four minutes, though the Topper defense stood tall at the start of the quarter. The Cavaliers had the ball on the Topper 13 when Lentz and Morford sacked Reels for a 12 yard loss. After an incomplete end-around pass, defended by Nick Hockett, Reels was sacked again by Nathan Schaaque, who recovered the fumble he caused on his own 38.

Eating clock, the Toppers reached the Carlinville 37 before punting while looking at a fourth and eight. Stewart, the punter, had to field a snap that bounced; Carlinville was 90 yards away from the lead with 4:32 to play.

It took them just seconds more than two minutes and eight plays to cover those 90

yards. Rouse bolted up the middle for 21 yards to regain the lead for his team with 1:55 remaining; after Helton blocked the extra point, most thought the score would be the final outcome.

The Toppers didn't share that assumption. Lessman carried for 15 and Compton gained one before Duff threw to Wells for six. Needing two for a first down, Helton burst through for 14, and a Hillsboro win was 32 yards away. Five yards by Helton opened the way for Stewart to counter for 8. The ball was on the 20; 38.6 seconds were on the clock, and questions about Compton's field goal range were spreading.

That question didn't have to be answered. Lessman carried for seven, and Duff ran right for ten and a first down at the 3. With eight seconds left, Helton twisted through tackles to surge in for the go-ahead points. Compton's extra points made it 25-21, which meant a Cavie field goal wouldn't be enough.

The last possession did belong to the Toppers as Duff intercepted Reels' desperation pass to end the game. It was the Toppers' first football win over Carlinville since 2009.

Next week's game at Vandalia (kick-off is 7 p.m.) will present another challenge

as the Vandals only loss this season was to North Mac on Friday night. Both the Vandals and Hillsboro are 2-1 before play starts.

September 9 at Hillsboro
Carlinville (0-3) 0 7 8 6 ---21
Hillsboro (2-1) 6 6 6 7 ---25

Scoring Summary
1st - Hillsboro - Zander Wells 14-yard pass from Zane Duff (2-pt. failed)
2nd - Hillsboro - Blaze Helton TD run (2-pt. failed)
2nd - Carlinville - Rex Reels 21-yard pass to Jake Schwartz (kick good)
3rd - Carlinville - Jack Rouse 1-yard TD run (2-pt. good)
3rd - Hillsboro - Zane Duff 13-yard TD (2-pt. failed)
4th - Carlinville - Jack Rouse 21-yard TD run (kick failed)
4th - Hillsboro - Blaze Helton -3-yard TD run (Jaben Compton kick)

Individual Statistics
Passing: Hillsboro - Zane Duff 2-5-21, 1 TD, Carlinville - Rex Reels 14-21-141, 1 TD, 1 INT; Liam Tieman 0-1-0.

Rushing: Hillsboro - Blaze Helton 24-138, 2 TD; Zane Duff 13-98, 1 TD; Jaben Compton 11-77; Dylan Lessman 6-40; Jake Stewart 3-16. Carlinville - Jack Rouse 15-91, 2 TD; Zach Reels 2-9, Rex Reels 8-(-1); Conner Strutner 4-(-2).

Receiving: Hillsboro - Zander Wells 2-21, 1 TD, Carlinville - Ryenn Hart 2-45; Liam Tieman 7-32; Jake Schwartz 2-27, 1 TD; Jack Rouse 2-22; Ethan Gibbel 1-15.
Defense (Solo/Assists): Zane Stewart 5/3; Brayden Fowler 5/2; Jaben Compton 4/3; Blaze Helton 4/3; Elliot Lentz 2/3; Zane Duff 2/1; Ethan Schreiber 2/0; Jackson Tuetken 1/0; Nathan Schaaque 1/0; Reese Morford 1/0; Chase Knetzer 0/1; Austin Newingham 1/0; Cameron Hacke 1/0.



Litchfield Shuts Out North Mac In SCC Play

Litchfield's Anthony Bader takes a header in the soccer team's 7-0 win over North Mac in their home opener on Thursday, Sept. 8, at Lloyd Hill Field. Bader would go on to score one goal in the match. Other Litchfield scorers include Drake Gasperson with four goals, Nate Fetter with one goal and two assists, Joe Reid with one goal, Titan Hires with one assist and Kenden Longwell with one assist.

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Montgomery County Invitational

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After falling to Nokomis in three games in their season opener, Litchfield has arguably been one of the hottest teams in the area, with four straight wins going into the Grace Tourney and three more in pool play in Nokomis on Friday, Sept. 9.

Hillsboro was nearly the opposite, having lost four excruciatingly close games to start their season (including one to the Purple Panthers) before picking up their first win on Thursday, Sept. 8, over Vandalia. But the Toppers were also 3-0 in pool play on Friday and were looking to better their previous best finish of fourth in 2018.

In the first meeting of the year, Hillsboro popped Litchfield in game one, only to have the Panthers regain momentum with a big win in game two. That momentum carried into game three and Litchfield held off a Hillsboro rally to score the win.

Saturday's meeting in Lincolnwood followed a different path, with Litchfield jumping on the Toppers for a 25-14 victory. Hillsboro turned the tables in game two, building up a lead before the Panthers reeled them back in. The Toppers would hold on, though, beating Litchfield 25-18 to send it to game three.

More than any other sport, volleyball is a game of momentum and Hillsboro carried theirs into the third game. The Toppers led 10-4 before Litchfield shaved three points off the lead, with Carlee Harmon putting down one of those points with a kill.

Back-to-back kills by Sophia Blankenship and Layne Rupert built the lead back up to five and the two teams traded points before blocks by Rupert and Addison Lowe ended the game in Hillsboro's favor by a 15-8 margin.

Litchfield vs. Nokomis
After their first loss in eight games, Litchfield had the unenviable task of playing in back-to-back games, with a fresh and ready Nokomis squad looking to end the weekend on a high note. The Redskins would do just that, edging the Purple Panthers in two games, 27-25, 25-20.

Still recovering from the grind of the semifinal, and without senior Carlee Harmon due to illness, Litchfield found themselves in an early 5-1 hole thanks to the serving of Nokomis' Addison Dangbar.

Blair Johnson would help get the Panthers back in the game, serving up an ace of her own after putting down a kill to break Nokomis' serve.

The Redskins continued to hold the lead, though, trading points with the Panthers before back-to-back kills by Annika Rhodes and Johnson tied the game at 9-9, with Johnson giving her team a lead for the first time on her third kill of the set.

Nokomis tied the game at 10-10 and took the lead on an ace by Addison Glenn, but Litchfield went on a run after that to build up a 15-11 lead behind the hitting of Johnson, Rhodes and the serving of Emma Walch.

Nokomis continued to hang around and keep Litchfield within an arm's length. The lead was still four at 17-13,

but Nokomis got it down to one after a dig error sandwiched in between two Audrey Sabol kills.

The Panthers came back again and took a 21-17 lead with Kendall Stewart serving and a 23-18, their biggest of the contest. And then momentum turned. Natalie Engelman served up five straight points for Nokomis, giving them their first lead since 11-10 at 24-23.

Litchfield kept the Redskins from ending the game there though, tying the game at 24-24 and 25-25, the latter on another kill by Johnson.

But the Redskins' own senior hitter came through at the end as Audrey Sabol broke the Redskins' serve to make it 26-25, then put down the game winner to put Nokomis up 1-0.

Game two was as close as a game can get as neither team led by more than two points for the majority of the match, with 13 ties leading up to a 17-17 score.

The Redskins were the first to break up the tie, taking advantage of a hit into the net on the Litchfield side to make it 18-17. That point was the second service point in a row for Natalie Engelman, who remained at the serving line for the next six points, serving up an ace to make it 23-17 before Emma Walch stopped the streak with a block.

With Nokomis just two points from securing third place, Litchfield tried to keep things going and were able to cut the lead to four on a kill by Annika Rhodes, 24-20, but a call for a player in the net ended the game with the Redskins ahead 25-20.

The two teams accounted for four players on this year's all-tournament team, two from each squad. Seniors Audrey Sabol and Hailey Engelman were honored for the Redskins, while Blair Johnson and Emma Walch, also seniors, were recognized for Litchfield.

Lincolnwood vs. Hillsboro
In the championship game, it was too much, too early for the Toppers as they fell to Lincolnwood in two games.

Hillsboro took the first lead of the game after Lincolnwood was called for being in the net, then spiked another one into the barrier to make it 2-0 in the Toppers' favor. The Lancers rebounded and scored their first point on a Hailee Belsher kill, a harbinger of things to come.

Belsher, who picked up her 1,000th career kill the day before, had another kill and two blocks in a six-point run for the Lancers, who led 6-2 in the early going.

The Toppers broke the Lancers' serve, but weren't able to string together any points as Belsher put down another kill to put the ball in Morgan Cowdrey's hands for the serve at 7-3.

Getting the ball back flipped the switch for the Lancers, with Cowdrey serving up a pair of aces and kills coming from Belsher, Tessa Funderburk and Avery Pope.

Even when Lincolnwood ended their point streak, it happened in the most intimidating way possible, with Belsher being called for going over the net when she spiked a ball down straight down on

the head of a Hillsboro player.

By that time, the Toppers were down 18-4 (too much, too early). Kinley Richardson picked up a service point after a Lincolnwood hit fell out of bounds, but the Lancers regained the serve and scored five straight, two off kills from Belsher and a game winner from Jazmin Seaton-Hobson at 25-5.

Lincolnwood jumped out to another early lead in game two, with kills from Belsher and Cowdrey, but Hillsboro kept it close with backline play from libero Isabella White and a stronger presence at the net from hitter Layne Rupert.

Play would go back and forth through the second game, with neither team stringing together more than two or three points before Kennady Clayton served up an ace and two more points to cut the Lincolnwood lead down to 20-17.

The Lancer lead dropped down to two, 22-20, on a kill by Rupert, but back-to-back kills by Belsher and Avery Pope put Lincolnwood at game point. After a hit out of bounds, the Lancers got the game winner on a Hillsboro serve into the net to clinch the win.

The championship is Lincolnwood's first in the Montgomery County Invitational after finishing second twice, to Auburn in the inaugural event in 2017 and to Staunton last year. The Lancers are currently 10-0, with a road trip to Carlinville on Sept. 12, and a home game against MSM Conference foe South County on Sept. 15, looming next week in addition to the Ray Long Pretzel Classic on Sept. 16-17.

The second place finish was Hillsboro's best at the Grace Tourney in their second appearance in the gold bracket. After starting the season 0-4, the Toppers are now 5-5, with a road trip to Alton Marquette on Sept. 12, and another to Carlinville on Sept. 15.

Two players from the Toppers' senior core, Isabella White and Layne Rupert, earned all-tournament honors for their play throughout the five games in Raymond.

Lincolnwood had three seniors on the all-tournament squad, with setter Avery Pope and outside hitter Tessa Funderburk joining Hailee Belsher, who had 11 kills in the championship game and earned MVP honors.

While the Lancers will have to make space for their new trophy in their collection, the success of the team pales in comparison to the impact that the tournament has made off the court.

In addition to the thousands of dollars that the event raises for finding a cure for INAD, the disease that eventually took Grace Herschelmann's life at the age of nine, the tournament helps keep her memory alive and gives the Herschelmann family the opportunity to tell players, coaches and fans from outside the Montgomery County community about Grace's story.

"Without you all participating, it wouldn't be nearly as successful. To have 16 teams and the opportunity to tell them Grace's story, it's pretty special," Kyle Herschelmann, Grace's father, said before



After finishing second twice, the Lincolnwood High School volleyball team captured the championship in the Montgomery County Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 10. Players, kneeling in front are Morgan Hampton, Taryn Millburg, Jasmine Vickery, Amanda Seelbach and Kierstyn Denney. In the back are Paityn Reagan, Ella Jenkins, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson, Tessa Funderburk, Hailee Belsher, Avery Pope, Morgan Cowdrey, Haelee Damm and Justine Seelbach. Joining the team are Charlotte Herschelmann (in front with the trophy), sister of the Grace Filled Tourney's namesake, the late Grace Herschelmann, and the Montgomery County Fair royalty, Queen Maddalynn Kraus, Junior Miss Ady Ferguson and Little Miss Sawyer Spencer.

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the start of the championship game, surrounded by the teams in attendance. "It's been a really hard year, but we'll get through it."

Sept. 10 at Raymond
Montgomery County Invite
Gold Bracket Semifinal
Lincolnwood 25 24 16
Nokomis 13 26 14

Lincolnwood Statistics
Service Points: Haelee Damm 9, Avery Pope 9, Hailee Belsher 5, Tessa Funderburk 5, Morgan Cowdrey 5, Jasmine Vickery 1. **Aces:** Avery Pope 3, Hailee Belsher 1, Tessa Funderburk 1, Morgan Cowdrey 1. **Kills:** Hailee Belsher 8, Haelee Damm 6, Morgan Cowdrey 5, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 2, Tessa Funderburk 2, Kierstyn Denney 2. **Assists:** Avery Pope 21, Kierstyn Denney 1. **Blocks:** Hailee Belsher 5, Haelee Damm 2, Kierstyn Denney 2, Morgan Cowdrey 1. **Digs:** Haelee Damm 10, Taryn Millburg 7, Avery Pope 5, Morgan Cowdrey 3, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 2, Hailee Belsher 1, Kierstyn Denney 1.

Nokomis Statistics
Service Points: Natalie Engelman 8, Addison Dangbar 6, Hailey Engelman 4. **Kills:** Audrey Sabol 11, Addison Glenn 6, Hailey Engelman 5. **Assists:** Hailey Engelman 9, Becca Hill 4, Presley Mehochko 2. **Digs:** Hailey Engelman 12, Emily Cress 11, Addison Dangbar 11. **Blocks:** Reagan Jonas 4, Addison Glenn 2.

Records: Lincolnwood (9-0); Nokomis (7-5-3).

Sept. 10 at Raymond
Montgomery County Invite
Gold Bracket Semifinal
Hillsboro 14 25 15
Litchfield 25 18 8

Hillsboro Statistics
Service Points: Kenadie Carlock 8, Sophia Blankenship 6, Addison

Lowe 4, Kennady Clayton 3, Layne Rupert 3, Kinley Richardson 2, Tatum Christian 1. **Aces:** Layne Rupert 1, Sophia Blankenship 1. **Kills:** Layne Rupert 9, Sophia Blankenship 5, Tatum Christian 5, Addison Lowe 3, Ellie Miller 2, Isabella White 2, Kinley Richardson 1. **Assists:** Kinley Richardson 21, Addison Lowe 1, Isabella White 1, Maycie Fuller 1. **Digs:** Layne Rupert 11, Kennady Clayton 8, Isabella White 7, Sophia Blankenship 3, Kinley Richardson 2, Addison Lowe 1, Ellie Miller 1, Kenadie Carlock 1, Tatum Christian 1. **Blocks:** Addison Lowe 3, Sophia Blankenship 2.

Litchfield Statistics
Aces: Annika Rhodes 2, Carlee Harmon 2. **Kills:** Blair Johnson 10, Annika Rhodes 4, Carlee Harmon 4, Kendall Stewart 4, Gina Painter 2. **Assists:** Emma Walch 20, Annika Rhodes 1, Amy Frerichs 1. **Blocks:** Gina Painter 4, Emma Walch 4, Carlee Harmon 3, Kendall Stewart 2. **Digs:** Annika Rhodes 16, Amy Frerichs 9, Blair Johnson 7, Emma Walch 4, Gina Painter 3, Kendall Stewart 3, Carlee Harmon 2.

Sept. 10 at Raymond
Montgomery County Invite
Gold Bracket 3rd Place Game
Nokomis 27 25
Litchfield 25 20

Nokomis Statistics
Service Points: Natalie Engelman 14, Addison Dangbar 5, Hailey Engelman 4. **Kills:** Audrey Sabol 6, Addison Glenn 5, Hailey Engelman 5, Becca Hill 3. **Assists:** Kinley Stolte 6, Presley Mehochko 3, Hailey Engelman 3, Becca Hill 3. **Digs:** Emily Cress 10, Natalie Engelman 7, Hailey Engelman 6. **Blocks:** Audrey Sabol 2, Addison Glenn 2.

Litchfield Statistics
Aces: Blair Johnson 2, Annika Rhodes 1, Gina Painter 1, Elise

Walch 1. **Kills:** Blair Johnson 8, Annika Rhodes 5, Elise Walch 3, Kendall Stewart 2, Emma Walch 1. **Assists:** Emma Walch 17, Blair Johnson 1. **Blocks:** Kendall Stewart 2, Blair Johnson 1, Elise Walch 1, Annika Rhodes 1. **Digs:** Kendall Stewart 13, Blair Johnson 8, Annika Rhodes 6, Amy Frerichs 6, Alli Frerichs 3, Elise Walch 2, Emma Walch 1, Gina Painter 1.

Records: Nokomis (8-5-3); Litchfield (7-3).

Sept. 10 at Raymond
Montgomery County Invite
Gold Bracket 1st Place Game
Lincolnwood 25 25
Hillsboro 5 21

Lincolnwood Statistics
Service Points: Morgan Cowdrey 15, Tessa Funderburk 8, Haelee Damm 6, Avery Pope 1. **Aces:** Morgan Cowdrey 3. **Kills:** Hailee Belsher 11, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 3, Avery Pope 2, Tessa Funderburk 2, Morgan Cowdrey 2, Kierstyn Denney 2. **Assists:** Avery Pope 14, Kierstyn Denney 1. **Blocks:** Hailee Belsher 4, Kierstyn Denney 2, Tessa Funderburk 1. **Digs:** Haelee Damm 11, Jasmine Vickery 6, Avery Pope 5, Taryn Millburg 4, Tessa Funderburk 4, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 2, Morgan Cowdrey 2, Kierstyn Denney 1.

Hillsboro Statistics
Service Points: Kennady Clayton 6, Kinley Richardson 2, Sophia Blankenship 1. **Aces:** Kennady Clayton 1, Kinley Richardson 1, Sophia Blankenship 1. **Kills:** Layne Rupert 2, Addison Lowe 1, Maycie Fuller 1, Sophia Blankenship 1, Isabella White 1. **Assists:** Kinley Richardson 4. **Digs:** Kennady Clayton 7, Isabella White 5, Kinley Richardson 5, Layne Rupert 5, Kenadie Carlock 3, Maycie Fuller 1.

Records: Lincolnwood (10-0); Hillsboro (5-5).

Lancers Work Quick In Pool Play

A championship in the Montgomery County Invitational was one of the few goals the Lincolnwood volleyball program had yet to achieve over the last few years, but that streak ended on Saturday, Sept. 10, when the Lancers won the tournament they created and help host.

The pathway to a title in the invite, affectionately known as the Grace Tournament in honor of the late Grace Herschelmann, started on Friday, Sept. 9, for the Lancers, who sped through their three games in the Beat INAD Pool on their home floor in Raymond.

Lincolnwood's closest game was their first as they defeated North Mac 26-24, 25-15 in game one.

With six aces and 14 points, Tessa Funderburk was a force at the serving line, while also picking up 10 digs, second most on the team behind Avery Pope (11).

On the attack, Hailee Belsher put down eight kills, while Haelee Damm added four. Pope had two kills and 14 assists in the win. Belsher and Damm also made an impact on defense, with Belsher posting a team-best four blocks, while Damm had two blocks, tying Kierstyn Denney for the second most on the team.

After the win over the

Panthers, Lincolnwood took down Ramsey 25-14, 25-8, with senior Hailee Belsher reaching a career benchmark in the process.

Belsher, who entered the tournament needing 19 kills to reach 1,000 for her career, hit the milestone against the Rams as she put down a team-best 13 kills. The hard-hitting middle hitter also had six points and two blocks in the win. Elsewhere in the attack, Tessa Funderburk had six kills and Avery Pope had 20 assists.

Morgan Cowdrey caught fire on the serving line against Ramsey, posting 18 points, including six aces. Haelee Damm added three aces and seven points, while Funderburk also had five points.

The Rams weren't able to get much going offensively as Lincolnwood finished with 15 digs, led by Damm with four and Pope with three.

As productive as Cowdrey's serving performance was against the Rams, it may not have been the best of the night. In Lincolnwood's win over Greenview, which went 25-19 and 25-3, Hailee Belsher served up 20 points, including five aces. Not to be outdone, Haelee Damm added 13 points and three aces against the Bulldogs.

On the attack, Avery Pope had 12 assists and two kills, while Belsher and Tessa Funderburk led the team with six and four kills respectively.

On defense, Funderburk and Kierstyn Denney added a block apiece, with Funderburk also leading the team in digs with six.

The three wins kept Lincolnwood undefeated on the year with an 8-0 mark and paved the way for their championship run the following day in Raymond.

September 9 at Raymond

Montgomery County Invite
Beat INAD Pool Results
Lincolnwood 26 25
North Mac 24 15

Lincolnwood Statistics
Service Points: Tessa Funderburk 14, Hailee Belsher 6, Haelee Damm 4, Jasmine Vickery 4, Morgan Cowdrey 2. **Aces:** Tessa Funderburk 6, Hailee Belsher 2, Haelee Damm 1. **Kills:** Hailee Belsher 8, Haelee Damm 4, Avery Pope 2, Tessa Funderburk 2, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 1, Kierstyn Denney 1. **Assists:** Avery Pope 14, Hailee Belsher 1. **Blocks:** Hailee Belsher 4, Kierstyn Denney 2, Tessa Funderburk 1, Morgan Cowdrey 1. **Digs:** Avery Pope 11, Tessa Funderburk 10, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 6, Morgan Cowdrey 4, Taryn Millburg 3, Hailee Belsher 3, Haelee Damm 1, Kierstyn Denney 1.

September 9 at Raymond
Montgomery County Invite
Beat INAD Pool Results
Lincolnwood 25 25
Ramsey 14 8

Lincolnwood Statistics
Service Points: Morgan Cowdrey 18, Haelee Damm 7, Hailee Belsher 6, Tessa Funderburk 5, Avery Pope 1. **Aces:** Morgan Cowdrey 6, Haelee Damm 3, Hailee Belsher 1. **Kills:** Hailee Belsher 13, Tessa Funderburk 6, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 2, Haelee Damm 1, Morgan Cowdrey 1. **Assists:** Avery Pope 20, Morgan Cowdrey 1. **Blocks:** Hailee Belsher 2, Haelee Damm 1. **Digs:** Haelee Damm 4, Avery Pope 3, Hailee Belsher 2, Tessa Funderburk 2, Jasmine Vickery 2, Morgan Cowdrey 1.

September 9 at Raymond
Montgomery County Invite
Beat INAD Pool Results
Lincolnwood 25 25
Greenview 19 3

Lincolnwood Statistics
Service Points: Hailee Belsher 20, Haelee Damm 13, Morgan Cowdrey 4, Jasmine Vickery 2, Hailee Belsher 5, Haelee Damm 3, Morgan Cowdrey 1. **Kills:** Hailee Belsher 6, Tessa Funderburk 4, Avery Pope 2, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 2, Kierstyn Denney 1, Haelee Damm 1. **Assists:** Avery Pope 12. **Blocks:** Tessa Funderburk 1, Kierstyn Denney 1. **Digs:** Tessa Funderburk 6, Haelee Damm 4, Jasmine Vickery 3, Avery Pope 1, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 1.

Record: Lincolnwood (8-0).

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Lady Panther Win Streak Extends Into Pool Play

With four straight wins after an opening season loss, few teams were more dangerous than the Litchfield Panthers going into this year's Montgomery County Invitational volleyball tournament.

Having finished 15th, 11th, 14th and 13th in their previous four trips to the event known as the Grace Tournament, Litchfield advanced to the gold bracket for the first time as it went 3-0 in the Purple Pool on Friday, Sept. 9.

Litchfield opened up the tournament by delivering a less than hospitable outcome to newcomer Civic Memorial as they beat the Eagles in two games, 25-17, 25-15.

With seven kills, 11 digs and a pair of blocks, Blair Johnson was a force for the Panthers on the opening whistle. With help from Annika Rhodes (four kills, five digs, two blocks, one ace), Emma Walch (12 assists, one block) and Gina Painter (four blocks, one ace, three kills), Johnson helped Litchfield score a quick victory over Civic Memorial for the Panthers' fifth win of the season.

That win proved to be the least difficult of the three Litchfield picked up Friday night as their matches against Auburn and Vandalia both went three sets. Against the Trojans, Litchfield lost the first set 25-20, but rebounded with a 25-16, 15-9 win over Auburn, who was playing back-to-back games after falling to Vandalia in three sets.

Litchfield posted 10 blocks in the game, with Carlee Harmon putting down four and Annika Rhodes and Kendall Stewart adding two apiece. Litchfield also had four players with double digit dig totals as Ammy Frerichs, Rhodes and Stewart had 13 apiece, with Blair Johnson adding 11.

Johnson and Rhodes also sparked the offense, posting eight and seven kills respectively, with Emma Walch handling setting duties with 19 assists. Walch and Johnson also had two aces apiece, while Amy Frerichs and Rhodes had one each.

Litchfield wrapped up pool play with another three-set comeback win over South Central Conference foe Vandalia. As they did against Auburn, the Panthers dropped the first set, 25-14, but rallied

back to score a 25-22 win in set number two and a 15-12 win in the rubber match.

Carlee Harmon made a statement at the net with seven blocks and five kills, second most on the team behind Blair Johnson's seven. Emma Walch led the team in assists with 14, while Johnson had three service aces against the Vandals.

On the defensive end, Johnson and Amy Frerichs both had double digit dig totals with Johnson posting 15 and Frerichs adding 10. Annika Rhodes also had eight digs as the Panthers completed their 3-0 start to the tournament and guaranteed themselves a top four finish on Saturday, Sept. 10.

September 9 at Nokomis

Montgomery County Invite
Purple Pool Results

Litchfield 25 25
Civic Memorial 17 15

Litchfield Statistics
Aces: Gina Painter 1, Annika Rhodes 1. **Kills:** Blair Johnson 7, Annika Rhodes 4, Gina Painter 3, Carlee Harmon 1. **Assists:** Emma Walch 12, Gina Painter 1. **Digs:** Blair Johnson 11, Amy Frerichs 9, Annika Rhodes 5, Kendall Stewart 5, Emma Walch 3, Carlee Harmon 2, Gina Painter 1. **Blocks:** Gina Painter 4, Blair Johnson 2, Annika Rhodes 2, Emma Walch 1.

September 9 at Nokomis

Montgomery County Invite
Purple Pool Results

Litchfield 20 25 15
Auburn 25 16 9

Litchfield Statistics
Aces: Emma Walch 2, Blair Johnson 2, Amy Frerichs 1, Annika Rhodes 1. **Kills:** Blair Johnson 8, Annika Rhodes 7, Kendall Stewart 3, Carlee Harmon 2, Gina Painter 2. **Assists:** Emma Walch 19, Amy Frerichs 2. **Digs:** Amy Frerichs 13, Annika Rhodes 13, Kendall Stewart 13, Blair Johnson 11, Emma Walch 3, Carlee Harmon 3, Gina Painter 1. **Blocks:** Carlee Harmon 4, Annika Rhodes 2, Kendall Stewart 2, Blair Johnson 1, Gina Painter 1.

September 9 at Nokomis

Montgomery County Invite
Purple Pool Results

Litchfield 14 25 15
Vandalia 25 22 12

Litchfield Statistics
Aces: Blair Johnson 3, Amy Frerichs 1. **Kills:** Blair Johnson 7, Carlee Harmon 5, Gina Painter 2, Annika Rhodes 1, Kendall Stewart 1. **Assists:** Emma Walch 14, Annika Rhodes 2, Amy Frerichs 1. **Digs:** Blair Johnson 15, Amy Frerichs 10, Annika Rhodes 8, Kendall Stewart 6, Emma Walch 4, Gina Painter 1, Carlee Harmon 1. **Blocks:** Carlee Harmon 7, Emma Walch 1, Annika Rhodes 1, Kendall Stewart 1, Gina Painter 1.

Records: Litchfield (7-1).

Litchfield Snags SCC Win

It took a bit for the competitive juices to begin to flow freely against Gillespie on Thursday, Sept. 8, in a well air-conditioned Simmons Gymnasium, but when they did kick in, it was a dominate performance by the Lady Panthers, who knocked off the Miners 25-12 in the first set and zipped to a 25-7 second set decision that marked their first South Central Conference win of the young season.

Gillespie jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first set, but Litchfield countered and scored the next three points. The score was tied at three, five and seven before Gillespie's Eve Kaduk's serve found the net and Litchfield led 8-7.

With steady serving from Kendall Stewart, Litchfield reeled off the next seven points and relinquished possession and a point after a successful block by Gillespie's Grace Koch on Litchfield's Blair Johnson.

Gillespie's term of service contained just one serve from Mia Brawner as Johnson dumped one in an open space followed by a kill from Annika Rhodes, and it was 17-9 Litchfield. The Miners managed just three additional points while Litchfield scored points 22, 23 and 24 with Elise Walch at the service line. Darci Wolber's out-of-bounds serve provided the set winning point for Litchfield.

Litchfield had first serve in the second set, and it began with a big hit from Gina Painter that was answered by Gillespie's Delaney Taylor who put one down.

A two-hit call against Gillespie gave the Panthers a 2-1 lead, but a wayward attack from Johnson knotted the score at two. Gillespie would give it right back with a service error and Carlee Harmon's term of service garnered seven consecutive

points. Harmon finished the two sets a perfect 10-0 from the service line including an ace.

Trailing 3-10, Gillespie's Becca Crays' serve landed outside the court boundaries and Litchfield went on a five-point scoring spree with Kendall Stewart serving. Stewart also had a stellar night from the service line with 13 inbound deliveries, one outside the lines and an ace serve. Litchfield outscored their guests 8-3 down the stretch, and it was Annika Rhodes who would lay down a spike that brought the set to a close and a 25-7 Panther match win.

The Panthers serving was steadfast throughout the match as collectively they delivered 44 inbound and just five out of bounds. In addition to Harmon's perfection from the service line, Emma Walch went 6-0, Elise Walch was 4-0 and Annika Rhodes was 3-0. Gina Painter had five in and two out with two aces while Blair Johnson was three and two respectively and one ace.

Johnson was the kill leader with five and led the team in digs with nine. Carlee Harmon and Gina Painter each had a block at the net.

Sept. 8 at Litchfield

Litchfield 25 25
Gillespie 12 7

Litchfield Statistics
Serves In/Out: Carlee Harmon 10/0, Emma Walch 6/0, Elise Walch 4/0, Annika Rhodes 3/0, Kendall Stewart 13/1, Gina Painter 5/2, Blair Johnson 3/2. **Aces:** Gina Painter 2, Kendall Stewart 1, Carlee Harmon 1, Blair Johnson 1. **Attack Attempts/Kills:** Emma Walch 2/0, Blair Johnson 17/5, Carlee Harmon 9/3, Kendall Stewart 4/0, Annika Rhodes 10/2, Gina Painter 5/2. **Assists:** Emma Walch 12. **Digs:** Emma Walch 2, Blair Johnson 9, Carlee Harmon 3, Kendall Stewart 2, Annika Rhodes 6, Amy Frerichs 6, Elise Walch 1. **Blocks:** Carlee Harmon 1, Gina Painter 1.

Records: Litchfield (4-1, 1-0); Gillespie (3-7, 0-1).



Eleven Picked For 2022 All-Tourney

Following the completion of the championship game at the Montgomery County Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 10, in Raymond, 11 players were named to this year's all-tournament team. Above, from the left, are Tessa Funderburk (Lincolnwood), Avery Pope (Lincolnwood), Blair Johnson (Litchfield), Audrey Sabol (Nokomis), Isabella White (Hillsboro), Layne Rupert (Hillsboro), Hailey Engelman (Nokomis), Emma Walch (Litchfield) and tournament MVP Hailee Belsler (Lincolnwood). At the right are North Mac's Natalie Little and Roxana's Cheree Ross.

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Lady Toppers Get First Win, Then Three More

After starting the season 0-4, the Hillsboro volleyball team scored their first win of the season on Thursday, Sept. 10, against Vandalia.

The Toppers picked up a 25-22 win in game one, which hadn't been uncommon this season as they had won the first set in all four of their previous contests. Game two had been a different story, with four losses in the first four games, but the Toppers were able to shake off that stigma and won 25-23 to pick up win number one.

Senior Layne Rupert had a big game as she led Hillsboro in service points (11), aces (4) and kills (13), while finishing second in digs with six. Isabella White led the team in digs with 10, while Addison Lowe paced the Toppers in blocks with four. The home team also got 10 service points and 17 assists from Kinley Richardson, while Tatum Christian had six kills in the win.

Grace Tournament

The victory gave the Toppers some momentum going into the Montgomery County Invitational, known as the Grace Tournament, where they would go 3-0 in pool play and advance to the gold bracket for the second time in the tournament's five-year history.

Playing in the multi-purpose gym at Raymond Grade

School, the Toppers opened up play in the Hope Pool against St. Elmo/Brownstown. In a reverse of their first four games of the season, Hillsboro lost game one, 25-21, but came back to beat the Eagles in games two and three, 25-11, 15-11.

Kinley Richardson led the Toppers in serving with 12 points, while also doling out 19 assists on the attack. Layne Rupert had double digit kills for the Toppers with 11. Defensively, Rupert had a team-best 12 digs, while Kenadie Carlock and Hanna Hughes had seven each. At the net, Sophia Blankenship and Addison Lowe put down a block apiece.

One good three-setter deserved another as the Toppers and Roxana went the distance before Hillsboro scored a 25-20, 15-25, 15-12 victory.

The Toppers had a strong presence at the net, putting down six blocks and 19 kills against the Shells. Addison Lowe had three blocks, while Sophia Blankenship, Tatum Christian and Adyson McCammack added one apiece. Layne Rupert led the team in kills with 10, while Christian and Blankenship combined for seven more. Kinley Richardson had assists on 15 of Hillsboro's 19 kills.

In their pool play finale, Hillsboro finally avoided going three sets, but it was close

as they dispatched South County 25-13 and 28-26.

Layne Rupert (5) and Isabella White (4) had nine digs for Hillsboro in the win, while Sophia Blankenship and Adyson McCammack added in five blocks.

On the attack, Rupert added nine more kills to her stat total, with Tatum Christian chipping in four. Kinley Richardson fled the team in assists again with 13.

The win evened Hillsboro's record at 4-4 on the season and placed them in the gold bracket for the Grace Tournament on Saturday.

Sept. 10 at Hillsboro

Vandalia 22 23
Hillsboro 25 25

Hillsboro Statistics

Service Points: Layne Rupert 11, Kinley Richardson 10, Tatum Christian 6, Kenadie Carlock 5, Sophia Blankenship 3, Ellie Miller 1. **Aces:** Layne Rupert 4, Kinley Richardson 2. **Kills:** Layne Rupert 13, Tatum Christian 6, Addison Lowe 2, Adyson McCammack 2, Kinley Richardson 2, Sophia Blankenship 1. **Assists:** Kinley Richardson 17, Isabella White 3, Sophia Blankenship 2, Addison Lowe 1, Kenadie Carlock 1. **Digs:** Isabella White 10, Layne Rupert 6, Kennedy Clayton 4, Kenadie Carlock 3, Kinley Richardson 3, Tatum Christian 3, Addison Lowe 4, Hanna Hughes 2, Sophia Blankenship 1. **Blocks:** Addison Lowe 3, Sophia Blankenship 1, Adyson McCammack 1, Ellie Miller 1.

September 9 at Raymond

Montgomery County Invite
Hope Pool Play

St. Elmo/Brownstown 25 11 11

Hillsboro 21 25 15

Hillsboro Statistics

Service Points: Kinley Richardson 12, Sophia Blankenship 5, Tatum Christian 3, Kenadie Carlock 3, Layne Rupert 2. **Kills:** Layne Rupert 11, Addison Lowe 5, Sophia Blankenship 4, Tatum Christian 2, Kinley Richardson 2. **Assists:** Kinley Richardson 19, Ellie Miller 1, Isabella White 1, Kennedy Clayton 1. **Digs:** Layne Rupert 12, Kenadie Carlock 7, Hanna Hughes 7, Isabella White 6, Kinley Richardson 6, Addison Lowe 4, Kennedy Clayton 2, Tatum Christian 2. **Blocks:** Sophia Blankenship 1, Addison Lowe 1.

September 9 at Raymond

Montgomery County Invite
Hope Pool Play

Roxana 20 25 12
Hillsboro 25 15 15

Hillsboro Statistics

Kills: Layne Rupert 10, Tatum Christian 4, Sophia Blankenship 3, Kinley Richardson 1, Adyson McCammack 1. **Assists:** Kinley Richardson 15, Isabella White 1, Ellie Miller 1. **Digs:** Layne Rupert 7, Isabella White 6, Kenadie Carlock 4, Kinley Richardson 3, Hanna Hughes 2, Addison Lowe 1. **Blocks:** Addison Lowe 3, Sophia Blankenship 1, Tatum Christian 1, Adyson McCammack 1.

September 9 at Raymond

Montgomery County Invite
Hope Pool Play

South County 13 26
Hillsboro 25 28

Hillsboro Statistics

Kills: Layne Rupert 9, Tatum Christian 4, Sophia Blankenship 2, Addison Lowe 1, Maycie Fuller 1, Adyson McCammack 1. **Assists:** Kinley Richardson 13, Adyson McCammack 1. **Digs:** Layne Rupert 5, Isabella White 4, Tatum Christian 1. **Blocks:** Sophia Blankenship 3, Adyson McCammack 2.

Record: Hillsboro (4-4).

Redskins Continue To Be Three-Set Thrillers

If you're looking to get the most bang for your buck, go watch Nokomis volleyball. Almost half of the Redskins' games, seven of the 16, have gone to three sets, with three more ending in a 1-1 tie at the Altamont Tournament.

Three of those extra frame games have come since last Thursday, Sept. 8, starting with the Redskins' 25-16, 18-25, 25-19 win over Meridian in Macon.

For whatever reason, the Hawks thought it would be a good idea to hit directly at senior Audrey Sabol. Sabol made them pay by putting down nine blocks on the night, three in each set. Hailey Engelman (3), Reagan Jonas (2) and Becca Hill (2) also had blocks, giving Nokomis 16 stuffs on the night.

Hailey Engelman also had an unusual game as the Redskin senior led the team in both kills (7) and assists (8). Presley Mehochko also had eight assists for Nokomis, while Sabol (6) and Addison Glenn (5) combined for 11 more kills.

In the serving game, Natalie Engelman led the Redskins with 11 points, followed by Sabol with six and Engelman and Addison Dangbar with five each.

Grace Tournament

While three-setters have been the norm for the Red-

skins, in pool play at the Montgomery County Invitational only one of Nokomis' three games went the distance.

Nokomis didn't just win their first game in the Grace Pool, named after the late Grace Herschelmann, they did so incredibly quick. A 13-point serving streak by Addison Dangbar turned a 6-3 score into a 19-3 shellacking as Nokomis went on to win game one 25-8.

Game two wasn't much better for the Wildcats as Hailey Engelman served up 14 straight points to start the game as Nokomis won game two 25-11, with both games complete in just over half an hour. Engelman finished with 17 points and three aces, while Dangbar had 14 points and three aces.

Audrey Sabol led the attack with seven kills, followed by Becca Hill with six and Addison Glenn with five. Hailey Engelman led the way in assists with 10, while Hill chipped in six.

Defensively, Emily Cress led the team with nine digs, while Natalie Engelman and Hailey Engelman both had five. Sabol led the team in blocks with four, while Dangbar and Reagan Jonas had a block apiece.

Game two followed the same format as the Edinburg game for the Redskins as they

defeated Mt. Olive by scores of 25-9 and 25-13. In their final game of the evening, Nokomis split the first two sets with Father McGivney, winning 25-20 in the first and losing 25-23 in the second. As if to make up for the lack of three-set games earlier, the third set went beyond the 15-point threshold, with Nokomis pulling out a 19-17 win to finish pool play with a 3-0 record.

The win moved the Redskins to 7-4-3 on the season and earned them a spot in the gold bracket with Montgomery County's other three teams, Lincolnwood, Nokomis and Litchfield.

September 8 at Macon

Nokomis 25 18 25
Meridian 16 25 19

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Natalie Engelman 11, Audrey Sabol 6, Addison Glenn 5, Hailey Engelman 5, Addison Dangbar 4, Presley Mehochko 3. **Kills:** Hailey Engelman 7, Audrey Sabol 6, Addison Glenn 5. **Assists:** Hailey Engelman 8, Presley Mehochko 8, Becca Hill 4. **Blocks:** Audrey Sabol 9, Hailey Engelman 3, Reagan Jonas 2, Becca Hill 2. **Digs:** Natalie Engelman 14, Emily Cress 10, Addison Dangbar 9, Hailey Engelman 6, Audrey Sabol 5.

Records: Nokomis (4-4-3).

September 9 at Nokomis

Montgomery County Invite
Grace Pool Results

Nokomis 25 25
Edinburg 8 11

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Hailey Engelman 17, Addison Dangbar 14, Presley

Mehochko 2, Natalie Engelman 2. **Aces:** Hailey Engelman 3, Addison Dangbar 3. **Kills:** Audrey Sabol 7, Becca Hill 6, Addison Glenn 5, Natalie Brownback 1, Hailey Engelman 1, Addison Dangbar 1, Reagan Jonas 1. **Assists:** Hailey Engelman 10, Becca Hill 6, Presley Mehochko 2, Kinley Stoltz 1, Natalie Brownback 1. **Blocks:** Audrey Sabol 4, Reagan Jonas 1, Addison Dangbar 1. **Digs:** Emily Cress 9, Natalie Engelman 5, Hailey Engelman 5, Kinley Stoltz 3, Audrey Sabol 3, Addison Dangbar 3, Becca Hill 3, Elizabeth Hill 2, Natalie Brownback 2, Presley Mehochko 1, Addison Glenn 1.

September 9 at Nokomis

Montgomery County Invite
Grace Pool Results

Nokomis 25 25
Mt. Olive 9 13

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Hailey Engelman 15, Audrey Sabol 6, Addison Glenn 4. **Kills:** Audrey Sabol 10, Becca Hill 3, Addison Glenn 3, Addison Dangbar 3. **Assists:** Hailey Engelman 12, Becca Hill 4. **Digs:** Natalie Engelman 8, Emily Cress 5, Addison Dangbar 5. **Blocks:** Audrey Sabol 2, Addison Glenn 2, Reagan Jonas 2.

September 9 at Nokomis

Montgomery County Invite
Grace Pool Results

Nokomis 25 23 19
Father McGivney 20 25 17

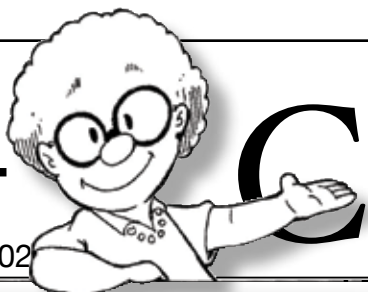
Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Natalie Engelman 9, Presley Mehochko 7, Addison Glenn 6, Audrey Sabol 6. **Kills:** Addison Glenn 12, Hailey Engelman 10, Audrey Sabol 6. **Assists:** Hailey Engelman 12, Presley Mehochko 9, Kinley Stoltz 5. **Digs:** Addison Dangbar 19, Natalie Engelman 17, Emily Cress 16. **Blocks:** Addison Glenn 5, Audrey Sabol 5, Reagan Jonas 4.

Record: Nokomis (7-4-3).

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Accidents

Drifts Off Roadway
Mitchell R. Hancock, 36, of Litchfield, was southbound on North Road in Hillsboro at 8:42 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22, when the driver left the southbound lane, crossing lanes before coming to a rest in a ditch on the northbound side.

Hancock was cited for driving on a revoked license and leaving the scene of an accident. His vehicle sustained driver's side, passenger side and front end damage and was towed from the scene by Elam's Towing in Taylor Springs.

Strikes Parked Vehicle
Trance I. Jett, 19, of Hillsboro, struck a parked vehicle

on Old Rt. 66 in Litchfield at approximately 12:33 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, and proceeded to a nearby church.

The owner of the parked vehicle, John Henrikson of Coffeen, reported the incident to law enforcement, providing them with a photograph of Jett and the vehicle he was driving, and advised police that Jett entered the nearby church.

The reporting officer observed damage to both vehicles and spoke to Jett, who advised he had been forced over by another vehicle, which caused him to strike Henrikson's vehicle. No citations were issued at the time of the incident.

Title Transfers

August 29
Jerome A. Taylor to Johnathan A. Taylor, QCD, Lots 15-17, Blk. 3, Lots 8-11, Blk. 4, Lots 9-11, 2 Pts. Lot 8, w/ easement, Jones 1st Addn.

Donald J. Smith, Jane W. Smith to Springfield Coal Company, WD, Sec. 2, Pt. NW/NW, Pitman Twp.

Jason T. Anderson, Jennifer L. Anderson to Jason T. Anderson Tr., Jason T. Anderson Trust, Jennifer L. Anderson Tr., Jennifer L. Anderson Trust, WD, Sec. 2, N/2 SW/SW, Sec. 3, N/2 SE/SE, Sec. 15, NE/SW, Sec. 15, S/2 SW/NE, Sec. 15, SE/SW, Butler Grove Twp.; Sec. 21, Sec. 22, Sec. 21, 2 Pts. E/2, Hillsboro Twp.; Sec. 4, NE/NW, Grisham Twp.; Sec. 33, Pt. NE/NE, Pt. SE/NE, Sec. 34, Pt. SW/NW, Hillsboro Twp.; Sec. 2, Pt. NW/NW, Sec. 3, Pt. NE/NE, Grisham Twp.; Sec. 35, Pt. SW/SW, Hillsboro Twp.; Sec. 4, Pt. NW/NE, undivided 1/2 interest, Grisham Twp.; Sec. 21, 2 Pts. SW/SE, Sec. 22, SW/NW, Sec. 22, NW/SW, Sec. 21, NE/SE, Sec. 21, Pt. NW/SE, Sec. 21, Pt. S/2 NE, undivided 1/3 interest, Butler Grove Twp.; Sec. 26, NW/NE, Sec. 26, SW/NE, Hillsboro Twp.; Sec. 15, Pt. S/2 NW, Butler Grove Twp.

August 30
Michael J. Vancura, Karen K. Vancura to Earl Alexander, Marcia Alexander, WD, Lot 63, Bourquins Addn.

Floyd E. Storm, Jr. to Floyd E. Storm, Jr., Cheryl A. Storm, QCD, Sec. 34, SE/SW, Irving Twp.

Thomas N. Pollock, Jr. to Grace Pollock, Thomas Pollock, WD, Lot 33, Vassel Addn.

Heather Jackson, Heather D. Fuchs to Lukas W. Pence, WD, Lots 4-5, Blk. 4, S/2 Lot 4 and N/2 Lot 5, Hood and Tullys Addn.

Gary M. Pinkley, Mary A. Pinkley to Wayne Alan Wasson, WD, Lots 6-7, Blk. 1, Lot 6 and N/2 Lot 7, Whitlocks AO Addn.

Joyce Bandy to Rex A. Bandy, QCD, Sec. 22, Pt. NW/SE, situated in the village of Irving.

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Certification: ParaPro License through the State of Illinois
Job Description: Support students identified with special needs in grades 9-12, providing academic and physical assistance as required
Starting Date: Immediately
Salary: Per district current rate, full time position includes 10 sick days, 2 personal days and 10 paid holidays
Send employee application (available at the District's website) and Letter of interest to: Patti Heyen, Principal; Hillsboro High School; 522 E. Tremont; Hillsboro, IL 62049; 217-532-2841; email to: pheyen@hillsboroschools.net
Due By: September 15, 2011
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PUBLIC AUCTION

MON., SEPT. 12 - Bidding ends for online Phillip Thiessen estate & others auction. Bidding starts Sept. 2. Pickup/check out 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. 20 - Farmland ends 5 p.m., 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, auct. mgr. Aumannauction.com for full listing & online bidding. 217-563-2523.

WED., SEPT. 21 - Bidding for online auction of real estate ends 6 p.m., personal property ends 7 p.m. located at 515 W. Kinkead Rd., Hillsboro for Andy and Phil Ott. Open house: Sept. 13, 4-6 p.m. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,504 sq. ft. home. Personal property includes furniture, household items, appliances and more. Kent Aumann, auct. mgr. Aumannauction.com for full listing & online bidding. 217-563-2523.

TUES., SEPT. 13 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Peterson Comics 5. Preview Sept. 12, 4-6 p.m. & check out 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, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

MON., SEPT. 26 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online auction of 258 +/- acres farmland. Tract #1 - 100 acres in South Audubon Twp., Tract #2 - 80 acres in North Hurricane Twp., Tract #3 - 78 acres in North Hurricane Twp. Aumannauction.com for full listing & online bidding. 217-563-2523.

THURS., SEPT. 15 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only auction for St. Michael's Parish with a soft close. Octoberfest tents, stand items, school desks, lockers, classroom items, scoreboard, outdoor carnival games, pianos, office furniture and much more. To view or bid go to www.wiesmanauctions.hibid.com. Wieseman Auction Service, Joe Wieseman 618-779-2741.

MON., SEPT. 26 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only auction of 68.21 +/- acres of hunting and recreational property located at Mt. Labor Ave., Greenville. Bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

THURS., SEPT. 15 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Peterson Trading Cards auction. Preview Sept. 12, 4-6 p.m. Check out 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, auctionzip.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, 217-825-6384, 217-563-2143, www.auctionzip.com #19610, www.dennisaumann.com.

THURS., SEPT. 15 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only antiques & collectibles auction for Kenneth & Beverly Walton. Preview Sept. 12, 4-6 p.m. Pickup Sept. 16, 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, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SAT., OCT. 22 - 8:30 a.m. Public auction for Reeves Family Farm LLC at 2334 State Rt. 4, St. Jacob. Tractors, trucks, bulldozer, Gleaner combine, tools, shop equip., landscape supplies, small equipment, 40,000+ landscape blocks, complete inventory of gears, chains & pulleys for concrete material equipment. Tom Roniger & Mike Schwarz, auctioneers.

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Annual 4-H Fall Classic Held At Brittany

Members of the 4-H Shooting Sports group participated in the eighth annual 4-H Fall Classic on Sunday, Aug. 28, at Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill.

4-H members from Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery Counties competed in the shooting disciplines of archery, air rifle, .22 rifle and shotgun. This shooting sports competition hit the mark for great weather, family fun, friends, and marksmanship.

The Fall Classic provided the opportunity for youth to enhance their shooting skills and build self-confidence. At the conclusion of each discipline, a recognition ceremony was held where top members were awarded based on their scores.

4-H members from Montgomery County who participated in the fall classic were Travis Broers, Katelyn Marley, Esther Tilton and Zoe Tilton. Macoupin County members were Ben Schuette, Josiah Schuette, Ethan Schuette, Madalyn Dugan, Casey Dugan, Anna Cloninger, Caleb Cloninger, Ethan Cloninger, Bethany Marley, Jaxson Strader, Alex Behme, Ellie Behme, Greta Dickison, Charlee Dugger, Gabe Pauline, Payton Harding, Makenna Harding, Braylee Gilmore, Wyld Gilmore, Madison Dunn, Reece Loy, Claire Wills, Maris Brill, Cooper Kahl, Carson Trimm, Hunter Haworth, Maria Jarden, Lane Gowin, Malia Bowker, Braden Bowker, Carly Rhodes, Gianni Zanelli, Bella Gilbreth, Jonathan Royer, Natalie Royer and Aaron Mayfield. Jersey County members were Covelynn

Geisler and Levi Geisler.

Archery Ages 8-9 (Non-Sighted)

Bethany Cloninger (Macoupin), first place; Greta Dickison (Macoupin), second place; Maria Jarden (Macoupin), third place

Archery Ages 10-15 (Non-Sighted)

Anna Cloninger (Macoupin), first place; Ben Schuette (Macoupin), second place; Malia Bowker (Macoupin), third place; Ethan Schuette (Macoupin), fourth place; Bella Gilbreth (Macoupin), fifth place; Braden Bowker (Macoupin), sixth place

Archery Ages 8-10 (Sighted)

Levi Geisler (Jersey), first place; Ellie Behme (Macoupin), second place; Zoe Tilton (Montgomery), third place; Claire Wills (Macoupin), fourth place

Archery Ages 11-12 (Sighted)

Charlee Dugger (Macoupin), first place; Payton Harding (Macoupin), second place; Makenna Harding (Macoupin), third place; Katelyn Marley (Montgomery), fourth place; Jaxson Strader (Macoupin), fifth place; Covelynn Geisler (Jersey), sixth place; Carly Rhodes (Macoupin), seventh place

Archery Ages 13-15 (Sighted)

Caleb Cloninger (Macoupin), first place; Esther Tilton (Montgomery), second place; Travis Broers (Montgomery), third place; Natalie Royer (Macoupin), fourth place; Maris Brill (Montgomery/Macoupin), fifth place

Air Rifle Ages 8-14

Aaron Mayfield (Ma-

coupin), first place; Carson Trimm (Macoupin), second place; Hunter Haworth (Macoupin), third place; Cooper Kahl (Macoupin), fourth place; Lane Gowin (Macoupin), fifth place

.22 Rifle Ages 10-14

Madalyn Dugan (Macoupin), first place; Jonathan Royer (Macoupin), second place; Ethan Cloninger (Macoupin), third place

.22 Rifle Ages 15-18

Alex Behme (Macoupin), first place; Josiah Schuette (Macoupin), second place

Shotgun Ages 10-14

Reece Loy (Macoupin), first place; Wyld Gilmore (Macoupin), second place; Gianni Zanelli (Macoupin), third place

Shotgun Ages 15-18

Casey Dugan (Macoupin), first place; Braylee Gilmore (Macoupin), second place; Madison Dunn (Macoupin), third place; Gabe Pauline (Macoupin), fourth place

Dedicated volunteers who made this event a success were certified instructors and volunteers including Theola Broers, Tim Tilton and David Falter of Montgomery County; Jeremy and Jessica Little of Jersey County; and Jenny and John Dugan, Tony Wagner, Greg Behme, Chad Dugger and Mark Koskie of Macoupin County.

Top awards were sponsored by Jerry Clevenger.

The event was held at Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill. They have been supporters of Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports since it started in Macoupin County in 2011. They have a great venue where youth can practice their shooting skills in a safe



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and conducive environment.

The Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program promotes the highest standard of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behaviors. 4-H shooting sports help young people develop self-confidence, problem-solving skills, teamwork, and decision-making skills. This program also furnishes enjoyable, positive relationships with peers and adult instructors.

University of Illinois Extension provides practical education that helps people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future. For more information visit www.go.illinois.edu/cjmm or contact a local Extension office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Raymond Community Fire Protection District will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at the regular meeting of the Raymond Community Fire Protection District Board of Trustees and that final action therein will be taken by the Raymond Community Fire Protection District Board of Trustees at said meeting.

Notice is further given that the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Raymond Community Fire Protection District in the County of Montgomery, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning August 1, 2022 and ending July 31, 2023 will be on file and available for public inspection at the Raymond Fire House from and after September 7, 2022.

Joe Martin,
Secretary
35-1t

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY

SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL KNISLEY, LORI L. LOSKOT,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants

2022 - FC - 29

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

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

- Names of All Plaintiffs and the Case Number: SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, Case No. 2022-FC-29
- The Court in Which the Action was Brought: Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Illinois.
- Name of Titleholder of Record: MICHAEL KNISLEY
- Legal Description of the Real Estate Sufficient to Identify it with Reasonable Certainty:

TRACT 1
LOTS 7 IN MILLARAD'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF HILLSBORO, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

TRACT 2:
LOT 100 IN PRAIRIE HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

TRACT 1:
315 Wood Street, Hillsboro, IL 62049

TRACT 2:
671 Virginia Street, Hillsboro, IL 62049

6. The Parcel Number is:

TRACT 1
PARCEL ID#: 16-02-480-016

TRACT 2
PARCEL ID#: 16-12-254-013

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

- TRACT 1:**
- Name of Mortgagor: Michael Knisley
 - Name of Mortgagee: Security National Bank
 - Date of Mortgage: May 9, 2008
 - Date of Recording or Registering Mortgage: May 12, 2008
 - County where recorded: Montgomery County
 - Identification of Mortgage Recording: Inst. 200800045582 or Book 1259 at Page 90

- TRACT 2:**
- Name of Mortgagor: Michael Knisley
 - Name of Mortgagee: Security National Bank
 - Date of Mortgage: November 17, 2011
 - Date of Recording: November 18, 2011
 - County where recorded: Montgomery County
 - Recording Document Identification: Inst. 2011000665435 or Book 1466 at Page 438

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 North Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, on or before October 7, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Daniel T. Robbins
Clerk of the Court

Erik Hyam
IL Bar No. 6311090
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
314 N. Monroe St.
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Crop Condition

There were 5.5 days suitable for field work during the week ending Sunday, Sept. 4. State-wide, the average temperature was 72.6 degrees, .9 degrees above normal. Precipitation averaged 1.36 inches, .57 inches above normal.

Topsoil moisture supply was rated 9 percent very short, 21 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated 10 percent very short, 21

percent short, 67 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Corn dough reached 88 percent, compared to the five-year average of 95 percent. Corn dented reached 64 percent, compared to the five-year average of 74 percent. Corn mature reached 11 percent, compared to the five-year average of 21 percent. Corn condition was rated 4 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 20 percent

excellent.

Soybeans setting pods reached 89 percent, compared to the five-year average of 96 percent. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 4 percent, com-

pared to the five-year average of 7 percent. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 50 percent good, 17 percent excellent.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
SHANE A. TOMAZZOLI,
Deceased.

No. 2021-P-18 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Shane A. Tomazzoli of Nokomis, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on December 15, 2021 to Richard Tomazzoli, 18065 Raccoon Trail, Nokomis, IL 62075, whose attorney is Alan Pretnar, Attorney at Law, 510 Hillsboro St., Taylor Springs, Illinois 62089.

Notice is given to unknown heirs, legatees and devisees that an order was entered by the court on December 15, 2021 appointing

Richard Tomazzoli as Administrator of the Estate of Shane A. Tomazzoli.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of issuance of letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

/s/Alan Pretnar
Alan Pretnar #6182987
Attorney at Law
510 Hillsboro St.
P.O. Box 310
Taylor Springs, IL 62089
217-532-9298
31-3tM

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT IRVING TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022

REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Taxes \$123,883.46; Replacement Tax \$36,695.27; Toirma Dividend \$467.00; Interest, Passbook \$847.39; Sloan Implement \$38.42.

TOTAL REVENUES: \$161,931.54

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Range: Under \$21,000.00: Walt King; Korbe Hoover.

TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$21,117.50

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: Larry Heuerman \$19,425.00; Louis Marsch \$10,025.75; Erb Equipment \$9,175.62; M&M Service \$8,772.11; Metal Culverts \$6,744.00; Falling Springs Quarry \$6,190.03; Hamlin & Jones \$6,000.00; Toirma \$3,237.00; Nokomis Quarry \$3,217.87; Pushing Limits \$2,600.00; All Other Disbursements (less than \$2,500.00) \$12,853.42.

TOTAL VENDORS: \$88,240.80

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

	ROAD & BRIDGE	PERMANENT OIL	CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES	BUILDING & EQUIP.
Beginning Balance	\$173,147.17	\$ 69,063.53	\$ 47,711.07	\$ 17,643.84
Revenues	117,662.89	29,915.27	8,464.31	5,889.07
Expenses	73,203.10	29,450.75	2,458.44	00.00
Ending Balance	\$217,606.96	\$ 69,528.05	\$ 53,716.94	\$ 23,420.31

Subscribed and sworn to this 4th day of September, 2022
Randel Singler, Supervisor/Treasurer
I, Torri Bennington, Clerk of Irving Township, Montgomery County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Alma L. Hall, formerly a resident of Taylor Springs, Montgomery County, Illinois, on August 19, 2022. Letters of Office were issued out of the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois, on the 29th day of August 2022 under Case No. 2022-PR-48 unto Ronald E. Niehaus whose address is: Ronald E. Niehaus, 11330 Brushy Trail, Irving, Illinois 62051 and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Cullison, 220 South Main Street, P.O. Box 188, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

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

and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

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

Ronald E. Niehaus,
Personal Representative
of the Decedent's Estate
By: Stephen R. Cullison
Cullison & Vandever Law
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Hillsboro, IL 62049
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cullisonlaw@consolidated.net
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT IRVING TOWNSHIP FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022

REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax \$48,975.08; Illinois Replacement Tax \$17,729.24; Toirma Dividend \$298.00; Interest, Passbook \$354.83; Interest, CD \$264.45.

TOTAL REVENUES: \$67,621.60

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Range: \$17,000.00 and Under: Shawn Murray; Randel Singler; Torri Bennington; Larry Reincke; Philip Speiser; Kent Tuetken; Marion Murray.

TOTAL SALARIES: \$28,302.00

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: United States Treasury \$11,526.68; IL Department of Revenue \$2,435.95; Toirma Insurance \$2,069.00; Patton & Company \$5,300.00; All Other Disbursements (less than \$1,000.00) \$4,013.08.

TOTAL VENDORS: \$25,345.71

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

	TOWN	GENERAL ASSISTANCE	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
Beginning Balance	\$61,750.39	\$30,412.71	\$43,205.97
Revenues	64,113.08	3,149.16	359.35
Expenses	47,540.27	823.00	0.00
Ending Balance	\$78,323.21	\$32,840.96	\$43,565.32

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I, Torri Bennington, Clerk of Irving Township, Montgomery County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.



Hiltopper Classmates Celebrate 70th Birthdays

Members of the Hillsboro High School class of 1970 are turning 70 in the year 2022, so they gathered for a reunion celebration on Saturday evening, Aug. 13, at The Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs. Classmates pictured above are from Hillsboro unless otherwise noted. In front, from the left are John Galer, Barkley Durbin of Springfield, Gale (Fuller) Thacker of Coffeen, Gail (Spengeman) Huston, Anita (Lewey) Swick, Nancy (Osborn) Snyder of Butler, Mary Jane (Osborn) Ondrey of Eufala, AL, Gloria (Wygall) Menzer of Sherrard, Connie (McCaslin) Roberts of Litchfield, Debbie (Hawley) White, Janice (Miles) Miller of Irving, Tom Justison and Don Roos of Fleming Island, FL. In the second row are Ron Johnson of Pittsfield, Bob Adams of Butler, Denny Springer, Bob Bell of Irving, Jan (Corderko) Marcott of Effingham, Nancy (White) Lane of Petersburg, Anita (Blankenship) Merriman of Ramsey, Cindy (Long) Adams of Sun Lakes, AZ, Cheryl (Beckerman) Arthur, Jodee (Langford) Weaver of Reno, NV, Paula (Ishmael) Keepper, Earl Huston, Dwight Pray of Harrisburg, Jerry Howard of Coffeen, Sam Traylor of Springfield, Frank Elam and Bill Jurgena of Irving. In back are Alan Ginos of Walnut Creek, CA, Mike White of Irving, Terry Lentz of Walshville, Dave Claxon of Gifford, Mike Spiz of Montgomery City, MO, Norbert Breitzke of San Francisco, CA, Bill Hewitt of London, KY, Dennis Lanthrum, Mike Lee, Dennis Kopp of Chatham, Dave Boucher of Murphysboro and Glenn Armentrout of Butler. Not present for the photo were Vicki O'Leary and Ron Kahl.

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Hillsboro And Mt. Olive Play For Regional Titles

It's a big week for junior high softball as the regional championships are now underway with two local teams competing for a title.

In its inaugural year, the Hillsboro Junior High School Lady Dragons will play Pana Junior High School this Tuesday, Sept. 13, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Tanner Park in Pana for the class 2A regional championship.

Top-seeded in the regional, Hillsboro had a bye in the first round before defeating Shelbyville Moulton 12-3 in the regional semi-final game. As the third seed, Pana defeated Auburn Junior High School 13-2 in the first round and second-seeded Morrisonville

13-1 in the semi-final game.

In class 3A, Mt. Olive High School, which is co-oping with Litchfield Middle School for the first time this season, will also be competing for a regional title.

They will play Jerseyville Community on Tuesday, Sept. 13, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at JCHS Sports Complex in Jerseyville.

As the third-seed, Mt. Olive had a bye in the first round before defeating second-seeded Roxana 4-2 in the regional semi-final. Jerseyville Community is the top-rated seed in the regional and defeated East Alton Middle School 8-1 in the semi-final game.

Amateur Radio Club To Meet On September 14

The Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corporation will host their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Chalacombe House, 509 School Street in Hillsboro.

The group has a few upcoming events and invites those who are interested in amateur radio to participate.

The Midwest Superfest will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Expo Gardens in Peoria, 1601 W. Northmoor Rd. All pink tickets issued for the East Peoria location will be honored. The event will feature a flea market, indoor vendors, license testing, information about DMR and Winlink, a satellite demonstration and DXCC card checking. More information about Midwest Superfest can be found at www.w9uvi.org.

On Oct. 29, the club will host its 30th Halloween Hamfest at the Kirkwood Community Center in Kirkwood, MO, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The main prize drawing will be held at 12 p.m. The center is located at 111 S. Geyer Rd. For more information about the hamfest, visit www.halloweenhamfest.org.

The next monthly meeting and annual wiener roast will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the fireman's club on City Lake Road near Hillsboro Lake.

The Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corporation meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Those who are interested are encouraged to join. For more information, contact Judy Reynolds at 217-259-5650.

Bremer Sanctuary Will Host Bird Banding Event

Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro will host a Bird Banding event on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tony Rothering, a licensed bird bander from the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders, will be capturing and banding the birds. Participants will get an up-close view of the birds and will learn about the scientific process of banding and how the data collected is used.

"Be a Bander," a children's program where kids can extract push birds from a mist net and learn the process of banding, will also be offered.

Guests are encouraged to arrive between 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and asked to bring a

lawn chair.

Bremer Sanctuary is located at 194 Bremer Lane in Hillsboro, one-half mile north of the Montgomery County Courthouse off North Road. Follow the signs to the barn. The sanctuary is owned and operated by the Illinois Audubon Society, the oldest Audubon organization in the country and maintained by the volunteers of the Hickory Hills Chapter.

Make sure to "like" the "Bremer Sanctuary, Hickory Hills Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society" page on Facebook or check out the sanctuary online at bremer-sanctuary.org.

AFSCME Retirees Will Meet Tuesday In Hillsboro

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Sub-Chapter #87 will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau building in

downtown Hillsboro. This month's guest speaker will be Alice Cristenberry of Kemmerer Village Child Care Agency. New members and retired seniors are welcome to attend.



St. Louis Church Crafters To Host Fall Craft Show

The St. Louis Church CCW Crafters will host a Fall Craft Show on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the St. Louis Parish Center, 523 E. Union St., in Nokomis. There will be unique hand-crafted fall items, pumpkins and fall mums from Nokomis Gift and Garden available for purchase. There will also be fresh baked cinnamon rolls for hungry customers.



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23 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER RS M102, FWD, crimson metallic SALE PRICE' \$31,103	22 BUICK ENVISION AVENIR L161, FWD, summit white SALE PRICE' \$46,258	22 CHEVY COLORADO Z71 L149, crew cab, satin steel metallic SALE PRICE' \$43,343	23 Chevy Trailblazer LT M100, sterling gray metallic SALE PRICE' \$26,643
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19 Chevy Equinox LT Y6933A FWD, blue, 22k..... \$24,900	17 GMC SIERRA K1500 SLE L153A Crew cab, stone blue metallic, 69k..... \$34,900	20 Chevy Blazer LT Y6965 FWD, silver ice metallic, 19k..... \$38,900	
21 Chevy Tahoe High Country Y6990 4WD, satin steel metallic, 11k..... \$79,900	14 Buick Enclave L159A FWD, leather, black, 1-owner, only 64k..... \$20,900	09 Chevy Silverado K1500 LTZ Y6989 Crew cab, black, 130k..... \$18,900	19 GMC Sierra K2500 SLT Y6987 Duramax, crew cab, 37k..... \$65,900

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