



Orange Ya Glad It's Fall

Fall was definitely in the air as Designer Landscapes in Farmersville hosted a Mum Fest event Saturday, Sept. 24. In addition to shopping for some fall decor, including mums, pansies, ornamental kale and more, participants also enjoyed a petting zoo, horse and carriage rides, a bounce house, shopping with local vendors and more. Pictured above, two-year-old Declan Turner of St. Charles, MO, checks out the selection of giant pumpkins by Kaylee Gerlach of Country Girl Harvest. Gerlach also donated pumpkins for pumpkin painting with 2022 Miss Irish Days MaKenna Lutz. At left, Knox Kirby of St. Louis, MO, was all smiles as Lutz helps him with a temporary tattoo.

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Truck Driver Killed In Accident On I-55

A truck driver from Somonauk in Northern Illinois was killed from an accident on Interstate 55 two and a half miles north of Farmersville on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Frank Amendola, 67, of Somonauk, was transported from the accident with life-threatening injuries to a hospital where he was pronounced dead, according to Illinois State Police.

The accident occurred at 1:04 p.m. Thursday when a

Kenworth semi driven by Amendola collided with the rear of another Kenworth semi driven by Darin W. Hoener, 46, of Canton, MO, as both were northbound approaching a construction zone.

According to state police, the northbound lanes of the interstate were closed for approximately five hours for crash reconstruction and recovery. Northbound traffic was diverted off the interstate at Farmersville.

Resource Committee Discusses Lake Issues

by Ron Deabenderfer

The Natural Resources Committee of Hillsboro met Wednesday, Sept. 21, in city hall; present were chairman Kyle Hacke and members Bret Reeves, Bart Wetzel, and John Rapp, Parks and Public Properties Commissioner Fred Butler (representing the city council), and three owners of property with houses on Glenn Shoals.

The committee approved one recommendation to send to the city council meeting to be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 27. They decided that camping, boating, facility use, and hunting fees should increase by 10 percent across the board to offset the higher utility rates the city has faced this summer. The consensus is that electrical rates aren't going to decrease any time soon.

Drawing discussion only

was the need for a higher police presence on the lake, especially on holiday weekends. Butler said he could discuss the issue with the police chief before the next committee meeting.

Butler also reported pursuit of a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture aimed at promoting better water quality in the vast watershed of Glenn Shoals. The Soil and Water Conservation group will be the lead agency, but a group of agencies is to be involved. He said the paperwork can take seven months or so.

The majority of the discussion concerned the proposed sale of lots that are currently leased around Glenn Shoals. The advantage for the homeowners who built adjacent to land they own would be security.

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Police Looking For Leads In Schram City Burglary

The Hillsboro Police Department is seeking information on a burglary that happened in broad daylight in the 600 block of 22nd Street in Schram City on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Sometime between 6:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., multiple items were stolen from

a Schram City residence including firearms, precious metals, and musical equipment.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime should contact the Hillsboro Police Department at 217-532-6120, the Montgomery County Sheriff's

Office at 217-532-9511, or anonymous tips may be given to Crime Stoppers by calling 800-352-0136 or reported to online at www.macmontcrimestoppers.com or by text to CRIMES. Tips that result in an arrest could lead to a cash reward.

Clinic Provides Way Out Of Addiction

by Tori O'Dell

"A big part of the work we do hinges on undoing hundreds of years of false belief systems that surround addiction. The long-running belief is that addiction is a choice and should be treated as a criminal behavior but none of what we have done in the past has worked," said Brian Pollo, a recovery oriented systems of care coordinator (ROSC) at St. Francis Way Clinic. "It is only recently that society has begun to view substance use as a disease rather than a choice. The problem is that addiction is not a disease that is easy to understand."

For the last year St. Francis Way Clinic, located at 805 St. Francis Way in Litchfield, has been one of the local entities on the frontlines of the substance use epidemic in Montgomery County. Conveniently located across from HSHS St. Francis Hospital's emergency department, the substance use and behavioral health treatment center is actually a subsidiary of the Macoupin County Public Health Department (MCPHD) and not affiliated with the local hospital.

MCPHD's status as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) allows them to

cross county borders in order to provide services in underserved areas. After opening the Health and Wellness Center in Gillespie, MCPHD conducted a "Needs Risk Assessment" in Macoupin and Montgomery counties in 2019, and discovered a large gap in recovery-related services. In 2020, MCPHD was awarded a three-year grant from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to develop a Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) in Macoupin and Montgomery counties.

"The clinics are run through the Macoupin County Health Department and are not affiliated with any hospital, although we do work to build connections with all of the local organizations and resources available in the counties we work in. Our CEO likes to name all of our clinics after the streets they are located on, hence St. Francis Way Clinic," Jennifer Carron, one of the ROSC coordinators explained.

"After getting the Gillespie clinic up-and-running we started to discuss opening a location in Montgomery County because we knew there was a huge need. We have patients that come from Greenville, Vandalia, Springfield, Alton, Granite City, Wood River. We

are very busy, actually busier here than at our Gillespie location," Becky Hatlee, project coordinator explained.

St. Francis Way Clinic is divided into two sections. One side is dedicated to the center's medical and clinical treatment programs and is set up in the fashion of a typical medical office where patients are greeted by Diane May, Lori Jackson or Tina Morris, front desk receptionists, before being taken back to see their clinical care team. The other section exudes a more relaxed, home-like atmosphere and is used for group therapy sessions, as well as being a safe place for those seeking treatment.

Treatment is available for substance use disorders, as well as mental health issues, on an out-patient basis. Mornings are reserved for already established patients with standing appointment times and walk-in hours are held on Thursday and Friday afternoons, however no one that comes to the clinic seeking help is turned away.

St. Francis Way Clinic uses a collaborative approach and each patient's recovery program is individualized to their specific goals.

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Topperfest Kicks Off Homecoming

It's Homecoming Week at Hillsboro High School, and things got kicked off with a community pep rally on Saturday evening, Sept. 24. Hundreds of people filled the bleachers at Sawyer Field as all fall athletes, including the cheerleaders and dance team were introduced and recognized. Members of this year's Homecoming Court were also introduced and cheerleaders led the singing of the school song to open the rally. Pictured above, future Topper cheerleaders Kipley Lessman and Halle Wright watch the pep rally from the front of the bleachers. Homecoming continues this week with school dress-up days. The Homecoming football game will be Friday evening, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. followed by the Homecoming dance on Saturday evening, Oct. 1, with the coronation of the new king and queen at 9 p.m. Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



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Six Local Veterans To Take Next Honor Flight

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight (LLHF), serving central and mid-southern Illinois, will take the next honor flight on Tuesday, Sept. 27, departing from Springfield's Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

On-board LLHF Flight #63 to Washington, DC, will be two Korean War and 92 Vietnam War veterans.



Among the veterans on this trip will be Carl Leonard and Michael Leonard, both of Farmersville, Paul Bolen of Donnellson, Gerald Lynch and Gary Durbin, both of Litchfield, and Kenneth Petiaux of Ohlman.

Ninety-four senior veterans on this flight come from 55 central and southern Illinois cities and communities of Bethany, Bloomington, Blue Mound, Brighton, Carlinville, Champaign, Charleston, Chatham, Cowden, Danville, Decatur, Delavan, Donnellson, Effingham, Farmer City, Farmersville, Findlay, Franklin, Grafton, Granite City, Highland, Jacksonville, Lebanon, Lincoln, Litchfield, Lovington, Mahomet, Manito, Mansfield, Mascoutah, Mason City, Mattoon, Moweaqua, Newton, Normal, Ohlman, Ottawa, Pana, Pleasant Plains, Ramsey, Rantoul, Riverton, Rochester, Rockbridge, Savoy, Sherman, Springfield, St. Joseph, Sullivan, Tallula, Teutopolis, Urbana, Vandalia, Virden and Warrensburg.

"While this is Land of Lincoln Honor Flight's Mission #63, this is the first and only flight for these 94 veterans," said Land of Lincoln Honor Flight President Joan Bortolon. "Because of the 30-month COVID delay and the length of our waiting list, most of these veterans have been waiting for their day of honor for four years. Their patience is appreciated and we are ready to show them the respect and gratitude for their service that they earned and deserve."

The veterans and their escorts will board three luxury motor coaches upon arrival at Ronald Reagan National Airport in DC. Their most important stops will be at the World War II, Korean and Vietnam War memorials, as well as Arlington National Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Other stops

include the Lincoln Memorial, the National Air and Space Museum (Chantilly, VA), the U.S. Air Force Memorial, the U.S. Navy Plaza and the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima). This day of honor is provided at absolutely no cost to the veterans. "They have paid enough; it is our turn to pay them back," said Land of Lincoln Honor Flight President Joan Bortolon.

The return to Springfield's airport is planned at 9:30 p.m., and the general public, along with friends and family, are encouraged to "pack the port" to welcome home the heroes.

All are encouraged to wear red, white and blue patriotic colors, bring balloons, posters and more to show appreciation and support to these veterans who served and sacrificed so much for our country.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight still has a waiting list of over 500 veterans waiting for a future flight. However, veteran applications continue to be accepted, with flight priority given in the following order: World War II (enlisted by 12/31/1946), then Korean War era (01/01/1947 to 12/31/1957), followed by the Vietnam War era (01/01/1958 to 05/07/1975). Any certified terminally ill veteran should contact LLHF directly. Veteran or guardian applications may be obtained at www.LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org by clicking on the applications tab.

LLHF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that receives no government funding. It is only able to honor the veteran with a trip to DC due to the generous donations, sponsorships, fund-raising events, merchandise sales and supporting efforts of the many local businesses, individuals and organizations within our service area. Since its inception in 2009, the organization has been privileged to serve 4,923 veterans on 62 flights. The final 2022 flight is scheduled for Nov. 1.

Please visit the website to make a donation, consider holding a fundraiser, book a board member speaker, check the calendar or to obtain more information on the Honor Flight mission. Also consider following LLHF on their Facebook page to stay current on upcoming events and future flights.

St. Francis Way

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After an initial evaluation, individuals seeking treatment meet with a care team, consisting of a nurse (Tricia Lewis-Thompson, RN, and Krystal Phillips, RN/Site Supervisor), prescriber (Amanda Vogel FNP/C), case managers (Nikki Cox, and Courtney Lewis), CRSS (Kathy Alford-Spitze) and therapist Michelle Strohecker, LCPC, that works alongside them throughout their recovery.

"Our patients are either referred to us by one of our referral partners, or present as a walk-in," Phillips, explained. "Treatment plans are determined on a case-by-case basis and we give our patients the autonomy to decide what their recovery looks like. For example, if we have a patient that is using opioids and other substances but they only want to stop using the opioids then that is what we focus on. Allowing individuals to personalize their own goals, and making them achievable, is essential to sustainable long-term recovery. The person with the substance use issue has to be at the helm of the care plan. We are the crew, but they are the captain of this ship."

The initial team meeting is also where the clinical providers help determine whether Medically Assisted Treatment, the use of prescribed medications to help negate the effects of withdrawal while they transition from active use into recovery (primarily used for patients with opioid use disorders) is appropriate. The care team meets with patients on a weekly basis for the first month of treatment and then gradually tapers the accountability check-ins down to a monthly basis as the patients become more stable in their recovery. As the patients stabilize they spend less time with the clinical providers and more time with the therapists.

"After the initial detox phase, treatment programs tend to be a lot of talk therapy," said Lewis-Thompson. "Generally speaking, no one starts using a substance because everything in their life is going great. There is usually trauma involved and getting down to that core reason of why they started using a substance to mask whatever they were dealing, or not dealing with, in the first place is going to be the biggest benefit to non-recurrence. Without therapy and a solid support system it is hard to achieve long-term recovery."

One of the benefits to the team approach is that it brings multiple perspectives to the table. The case managers are an integral part of the care team.

"We wear a lot of hats," said Lewis, with a smile. "As a case manager, we are front-and-center in building



St. Francis Way clinic marked their one year anniversary serving Montgomery County on Wednesday, Jan. 21. Above, are team members Kathy Alford-Spitze, Courtney Lewis, Krystal Phillips, Jennifer Carron, Lindsay Minor, Becky Hatlee, Tricia Lewis-Thompson, Brian Pollo and Elyse Schoen.

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a rapport and figuring out what the most pressing needs are when an individual first seeks treatment. Initially, we want to alleviate any immediate stressors (think housing, food, transportation) to help set them up to be successful in recovery. Most people who come in here don't have coping skills, so they really have to retrain themselves to do the little things that most of us take for granted on a daily basis."

Case managers are also the team members that connect patients with resources and help find appropriate in-patient programs when needed. A process that can be difficult for numerous reasons, including keeping the individual motivated to continue towards recovery during the interim of finding them an available bed. Another issue is that patients may not meet the requirements of all in-patient programs if they need detox or MAT. Matching individuals with appropriate programs requires foresight and persistence, the case managers also need to consider reintegration needs, like if sober living or recovery housing is needed after the completion for in-patient services.

Reintegration (transitioning from active-use to sober living) is something that affects everyone in recovery, whether they need an in-patient program or are able to receive treatment on an entirely out-patient basis at St. Francis Way.

"When you are living through addiction you aren't really experiencing life. Everything revolves around using. It is all consuming," said Alford-Spitze, a certified recovery support specialist with lived-experience. "The first year is the hardest because the things that were being neglected while using will hit them all at once and it can make them feel like they were better off when they were using. As case managers we try to let people know that we are here to help in any way that we can."

Group meetings are one of the resources that St. Francis Way offers to help their patients reintegrate into sobriety. The clinic's therapists and case managers work together to plan and implement the meetings, which are offered four times a week in the clinic's "living room" and provide not only much-needed peer support but a safe place for those in recovery to relax and enjoy a sober activity. The "living room" is set up with comfortable recliners, a television and laptops that individual's can check-out and use to create resumes and search for jobs. There is also a washer and dryer for those with emergent needs, and a closet stocked with basic hygiene products, gently-used clothing and shoes.

St. Francis Way clinic is deeply aware that they can not fight the county's growing substance use epidemic on their own. Behind the scenes, St. Francis Way aims to increase service access points for patients and strengthen collaboration between existing resource providers.

"Unfortunately recovery treatment and behavioral health resources tend to operate in silos and we are trying to break that," said Recovery Care Coordinator Elyse Schoen, who spends much of her time seeking out and building relationships with existing resources. "There are so many different paths to recovery and our goal is to help form connections between all of the different resources that are available in the communities we serve."

The team works to further this initiative in several different ways. Their ROSC coordinators work with local entities to host regular council meetings where they bring existing services, first responders, law enforcement, members of the judicial system and health care providers and other sectors in the community together to identify ways to better collaborate to bridge gaps to the barriers the people in our community living with substance use disorder and mental health conditions. The team describes these meetings as a continuously evolving process where their goal is not to lead but to bring those on the front lines together to find how they can all better serve each other and the greater community.

Another initiative is the Safe Passage program in Macoupin and Montgomery Counties. Safe Passages adopts a "no wrong door" approach that allows individuals struggling with substance use to walk into any of the 29 access points currently available in Macoupin and Montgomery counties and receive help getting connected to the resources they need without judgment. Most police departments in both counties have partnered with the Safe Passage Program to better serve their communities, with Litchfield Police Chief Kenny Ryker being the first to partner with St. Francis Way to develop the program.

"Part of our job as recovery care coordinators is to be the boots on the ground in making connections and finding ways to partner with local resources to fill the gaps," explained Lindsay Minor. "The Safe Passage program was implemented to make resources more readily attainable to those living in rural areas that often struggle with lack of transportation."

Keeping those that struggle with substance use at the forefront of their minds is a core component of St. Francis Way's mission.

"There is a lot of really

great things happening in Montgomery County. When we opened St. Francis Way Clinic and started forming local connections we discovered an existing recovery community that happened long before we arrived. It is incredible to see the support they have for each other because we talk about all these resources and all these connections but it really comes down to the people who understand. Those people with lived experience are integral," said Becky Hatlee, assistant director of clinical services. "You can not run a program like this without having people with lived experience involved. They drive what we do. They provide insight that we need. A person with lived experience can be defined as the individual struggling but it can also be their loved ones. It is equally important for families and loved ones to be a part of the recovery process when appropriate."

Extending support beyond those who have a shared experience with substance use issues remains a priority for the clinic. In addition to their numerous community outreach endeavors St. Francis Way has begun looking at how to educate the community at an earlier age, both to prevent substance use in younger generations and to break the stigma barriers around addiction. MCPHD currently has a team of school counselors that provide services and teach coping and resiliency at the fifth and sixth grade levels in nine different school districts. Yet even implementing social-emotional learning can be a fight, with many not comprehending the need to teach subjects that fall outside the realm of core academics.

"There is a growing movement in the shift of how we think about and respond to addiction but there are still many people who remain uneducated on recovery. There are some people who choose to remain uneducated to the fact that addiction is not something that those who struggle with substance use can control. They can't just stop and we have to change how we, as a society, view addiction before any real grounds on preventing it can be made," said Carron. "Drugs are not the core problem, they are the side effect of whatever trauma is causing the person to numb with substances. It's like there are people jumping off a bridge into a river and we, as a society, are trying to scoop them out of the water without ever going to the bridge and finding out why they are jumping in the first place. Stigmas are changing but not quickly enough."

To find out more about the St. Francis Way Clinic call 217-250-2380 or visit the website mcpd.net/health-wellness-center-recovery-center.

Cross Over Board To Meet

Members of the Cross Over Ministries will hold their September board meeting this Wednesday evening, Sept. 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are held at the Cross Over Ministries office, located just above the Montgomery County Farm Bureau building at 102 N. Main Street in downtown Hillsboro.

On the agenda, board members will discuss potential grant opportunities, updates on the trauma training and Living Room funding, as well as hear a report from the program coordinator.

Anyone interested in learning more about Cross Over Ministries is invited to attend the meeting.

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Natural Resources Committee

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It's hard to spend money improving land that doesn't belong to them. A nice lighted dock is expensive to build, but Butler stressed that improvements like that would beautify the lake.

One drawback, though, is

the city needs the leased lots' revenue to improve the lake. A sale would boost revenue for a time, but the revenue stream would be interrupted. The committee will hold a public meeting for potential buyers and other interested parties because Butler wants input from the community before

a recommendation is sent to the council.

The committee's next scheduled NRC meeting is to be Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. That meeting is open to the public, and most likely more discussion about land sales will occur then.

Weather Forecast

Mon 26	67°/42°		Mostly Sunny	↗ 1%
Tue 27	67°/37°		Sunny	↗ 3%
Wed 28	62°/40°		Sunny	↗ 5%
Thu 29	66°/42°		Sunny	↗ 7%
Fri 30	69°/45°		Sunny	↗ 6%
Sat 01	71°/47°		Mostly Sunny	↗ 4%
Sun 02	74°/49°		Sunny	↗ 5%

Deanna ‘Dee Dee’ Brault, 70
Processor, Loved Traveling



Deanna “Dee Dee” Brault, 70, of Martinton, died on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment will be held Tuesday, Sept. 27, beginning at 2 p.m. at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield with the Rev. Allen Hughes officiating. Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne is assisting the family. Mrs. Brault was born June 2, 1952, in Litchfield, to Calvin and Rosetta (Hughes) Price. She married Merle Brault, and he preceded her in death.

During her career, she worked as a processor at a local pharmaceutical company for over 30 years. Mrs. Brault loved to travel and spend time with friends and family. She was a wonderful cook who would deliver homemade candies to friends and family every Christmas. She loved spending time in her garden and doing crossword puzzles and Sudoku. She is survived by her son, Jeremiah (Pamela) Hebert of Perryville, MO; three daughters, Rosetta Hebert of Kankakee, Stephanie (Jose) Tapanes of Aurora and Stacie Lindroth of Naples, FL; two sisters, Brenda (Jim) Marquis of Green Forest, AR, and Lyn (Ken) Kluever of Crossett, AR; and eight grandchildren, Alison (Josh) Washington of Channahon, Tayler (fiance Gage) McKenna Goldtrap of Carbondale, Peyton Lindroth of Oviedo, FL, Jadynd Lindroth of Altamonte Springs, FL, Isabella Hebert of Tupelo, MS, Dale Hebert and Dayanna Hebert, both of Kankakee. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Brault was preceded in death by her parents; and grandparents, Ed and Ada Hughes. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Liver Foundation. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.clancygernon.com.

St. Francis Hospital To Host Animal Blessing

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, people all over the world celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is known as the patron saint of animals, and whose life of love and service are followed by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, the founding institute of Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS). In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield invites the community and their pets to a Blessing of Animals ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 6, in the front of the hospital

at 4 p.m. Father Dan Willenborg, hospital chaplain, will perform the blessing. All colleagues and community are invited to bring their pet or a picture of their pet for a blessing. All animals in attendance must be on a leash. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Pets of all kinds—and their people—are welcome! Pet supply donations will be gratefully accepted and distributed to the Benld Adopt-A-Pet animal shelter. For more information, contact Mary Meyer, HSHS St. Francis administrative assistant, at 217-324-8577.

Meetings

Montgomery County Board

Members of the Montgomery County Board will hold a special meeting tonight, Monday, Sept. 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro. On the special meeting agenda will be discussion about expanding the number of committees, allocating the ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funding, purchasing a new mower for the maintenance department and approving a detour agreement for Illinois Route 185 in October with Hillsboro Energy.

Nokomis City Council

Water, downtown building inspections, pay for elected officials and animal control are among the agenda items when the Nokomis City Council meets at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, at city hall.

Hillsboro City Council

Members of the Hillsboro City Council will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, beginning at 7 p.m. at the city hall building. Agenda items include amending the Downtown Hillsboro TIF District area, employee health insurance and lease payments for the South Marina boat dock.

Joseph L. Petty, 78

Self-Employed Contractor

Joseph L. Petty, 78, of Hillsboro, died on Thursday, Sept. 22, at Carle Hospital in Champaign. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at Sutton Funeral Home in Nokomis. A funeral service at the funeral home will follow at 12 p.m. with Terry Walters officiating. Burial will follow at Nokomis Cemetery. Mr. Petty was born on Jan. 22, 1944, in Pana, the son of Donald and Helen (Bolte) Petty. He was a self-employed contractor, focusing on home renovation and construction, for many years. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan, enjoyed racing motorcycles, golfing, and he loved his dogs. He is survived by his children, Brandon Petty of Nokomis and Shelly Petty of Springfield; grandchildren, Maddyson Petty, Samantha Koonce and Dayton Koonce; siblings, Jerry (Sue) Petty, Rod (Sue) Petty, Dennis Petty (companion Jan Richardson), Randy (Penny) Petty, J.P. (Mary) Petty and Chris Petty. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Diane Petty and Reg Petty; and a nephew, Nick Petty. Sign an online guest book at suttonmemorialhome.com.

Steven W. Schweizer, 67

Class Of ‘73 Nokomis Grad



Steven Wayne Schweizer, 67, of Edwardsville, died peacefully surrounded by his family and friends at Brightly Senior Living at 9:51 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Edwardsville. Funeral services will begin at 10 .m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, with Pastor Jess Biermann officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Weber and Rodney Funeral Home in Edwardsville is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Schweizer was born on March 28, 1955, to Delores (Weber) Schweizer and the late Melvin Schweizer in Hillsboro. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Nokomis, graduated from Nokomis High School, class of 1973, and from the University of Illinois in 1977 with a BS in Agriculture Business. He developed lifelong friends through his fraternal brothers at Beta Sigma Psi Fraternity. On April 24, 1982, he married Jana Greenwalt at Zion Lutheran Church in Carlinville, and the couple just celebrated 40 years of marriage. Their family started in Carlinville and moved to Glen Carbon in 1988. He grew up on a dairy farm and enjoyed helping on the farm whenever he could. His Lutheran faith and hard-working values were instilled into his children. He began his career in finance with Federal Land Bank in Carlinville. He was then employed at several other banks while also an owner of an ATM business. He finished his career as the CFO at SL Chapman in St. Louis before retiring in 2017. He enjoyed playing golf, cycling, and woodworking in his free time. He loved taking his grandkids on the wave runner and boating at the Lake of the Ozarks with his family and friends. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Illini sports fan. He attended over 40 Illinois-Mizzou Bragging Rights Games. He was intelligent, caring, and funny and always knew how to have a good time. Besides his mother, Steve is survived by his wife Jana; children, Kari (Tyler) Unterbrink of Moro, Greg Schweizer of Edwardsville, and Jeff (Abby) Schweizer of Moro; Grandchildren George and Grace Unterbrink of Moro; siblings, Cheryl (Jim) Stanton of Taylorville, Kathie (Marc) Easterday of Rosamond, Mark (Lisa) Schweizer of Nokomis, and Julie (Kurt) Johnson of Edwardsville; and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides his father, he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Richard and Evelyn “Tootie” Greenwalt; and sister-in-law, Jeena Greenwalt. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or Trinity Lutheran Church. Condolences may be expressed online at www.weberfuneralhome.com.

Rhonda P. Stout, 69

Avid Bowler, Shopper



Rhonda Pearl Stout, 69, of Carlinville, died on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at Carlinville Area Hospital. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Sutton Memorial Home in Taylorville, IL. A funeral service will follow at noon at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Edinburg Cemetery in rural Edinburg. Sutton Memorial Home in Taylorville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Stout was born on April 29, 1953, in Litchfield, the daughter of Taylor and Pearl “Freda” (Johnson) Myers. She married David Stout on June 22, 1973, at the First United Methodist Church in Litchfield. Mrs. Stout was a member of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Carlinville. She loved shoes, purses, jewelry, and shopping, especially at Wal-Mart. She was also an avid bowler and enjoyed visiting many casinos and fall festivals. Mrs. Stout is survived by her husband, David Stout; brother, Tom (Kathy) Myers of Springfield; brothers-in-law, Steve (Jennifer) Stout and Bruce (husband, Roland) Stout of Palm Springs, CA; nieces, Andrea Myers, Abby Stout and Nicole Stout of Springfield; and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; many aunts and uncles; in-laws, Richard and Betty Stout; and her loving pet dog, Snickers. Memorials may be made to Macoupin County Animal Control and Adoption Center. Condolences may be left online at suttonmemorialhome.com.

Brian J. Leitschuh, 48

Farmer, Enjoyed Hunting



Brian John Leitschuh, 48, of Litchfield, died on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, at HSHS St. John’s Hospital in Springfield. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Mt. Olive. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow, beginning at 6 p.m. at the church with Father Tom Hagstrom officiating. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is assisting the family. Mr. Leitschuh was born March 20, 1974, in Litchfield, to John and Mary Ann (Millburg) Leitschuh. He married Denelle “Dee” Elaine Wilson on Feb. 17, 2001, at Church of the Ascension in Mt. Olive, and she survives.

He graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1992 and received his bachelor of science degree in animal science from the University of Illinois in 1996. Mr. Leitschuh was a self-employed farmer, having started in farming at the age of 15 with his grandfather, Alfred Millburg. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, sightseeing, spending time with his family and working in his shed. He was an avid Cardinals fan and loved his dogs Jake, Buddy and Joey, and his cat Bo.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Leitschuh is survived by his parents of Litchfield; two sons, Matthew Leitschuh and Zachary Leitschuh, both of Litchfield; sister, Jamie (Tim Erickson) Leitschuh of Winter Garden, FL; mother-in-law, Diane Spinner of Litchfield; grandmother, Maxine Leitschuh of Mt. Olive; two sisters-in-law, Renee (Trent) Laughlin and Dana (Tyson) Holshauser, both of Hillsboro; nephew, Braydon Laughlin; and two nieces, Avery Laughlin and Hazel Holshauser. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alfred and Esther Millburg and Joseph Leitschuh; and his father-in-law, Michael Spinner. Memorials may be directed to the Montgomery County Cancer Association or agrisafe.org. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Kenneth W. Eyman, 96

Passion For Music



Kenneth W. Eyman, 96, of Mulberry Grove, died on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, at Greenville Nursing and Rehab Center, in Greenville surrounded by family. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Assalley-Young Funeral Home in Greenville. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be at McInturff Cemetery following the service. Mr. Eyman was born to Roy and Minnie (Kutchenwriter) Eyman on Feb. 10, 1926, at the family home in Pittsburg, IL. He was a lifelong, Mulberry Grove community resident. He married Madeline Minnie Mindrup on April 6, 1948, and they were happily married for 71 years before she died on Sept. 19, 2019.

He worked at Eakin and Emerick for 35 years, and for a short period of time, he worked for Pet Milk and Therma King in Greenville. He owned and operated Eyman’s Restaurant, in Mulberry Grove for 10 years and he retired from Carlyle Syntec in Greenville. In the early 80s he owned and operated Eyman’s Country Music Show in Mulberry Grove. He was a member of the Christian Science Society and was strong in his faith. He was a good father and family man, a hard worker, and his passion was for music and entertaining. He played music his whole life and loved the steel guitar. He had his own band called the Okaw Ramblers. He is survived by sons, Maurice E. (Jan) Eyman of Sparks, NV, Larry D. (Brenda) Eyman of Keyesport, K. Rick (Calista) Eyman of Vandalia; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Keith Russell Eyman; a granddaughter, Jenara Eyman; and two brothers, Darrell and Claude Eyman. Memorial contributions may be given to McInturff Cemetery, 451 E. 1550 Ave., Vandalia, IL 62471. The family asks that donations be made in lieu of flowers, plants, and other gifts to help maintain the cemetery grounds. Visit www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com to share memories or offer condolences to the family.

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Story Walk Opens At Litchfield Library

The Litchfield Library's big secret is out — and up! The library will host the grand opening of its new outdoor story walk on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. The story walk features 12 sign cabinets which will hold pages to a children's story. The signs are placed along a concrete pathway that stretches almost a quarter mile. Benches are located along the path to provide a resting spot. The story walk was funded by a generous grant from the James and Owen Duff Trust.

On Oct. 1, the story walk will open for the public. "Pete the Cat Checks Out the Library" by James Dean will be on the walk, and activities and crafts will be available. Pete the Cat will be on site for photos. After the grand opening, the story walk will be available for readers or those who just want a safe place to walk from dawn until dusk every day. The story walk will change often, and will be announced on the library's website, Facebook page and inside the library. Shown in the photo along the story walk are Kelly White of KW Concrete, who built the story walk, and Library Director Sara Zumwalt.



Young Ladies Learn About Girl Scouts

Members of the Girl Scout Troop 6133 in Hillsboro learned all about the Girl Scout Way during their meeting on Monday evening, Sept. 19, at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. To earn the Girl Scout Way badge, the young girls are encouraged to learn a classic Girl Scout song and sing along, celebrate Girl Scout Week and World Thinking Day, execute a sisterhood project, as well as a community project, and make lists of traditions their troop wishes to include in their year. Pictured above, from the left, are Alaina Marburger, Ivy Robbins, Afton Lemons, Jemma Schneider, Aspen Lemons, Brylynn Lemons (behind) and Blakely Jones.

Births

Gabriela Stewart and Dustin Kistner of Witt announce the birth of their daughter, Hazel Nicole Kistner, born at 9:39 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 ozs. and measured 20 ins. long.

Hazel was welcomed home by big brothers River, age seven, Scott, age four, and Kaiden, age three.

Maternal grandmother is Amy Smith of New Port Richey, FL. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Denise Kistner of Witt.

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Isaac Evan Young, Wauneta, NE; Audrey Nicole Colwell, Wauneta, NE

Scott Francis Boerckel, Litchfield; Heather Lynn Ripple, Litchfield

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Puckett, Kirby Marry This August In Hillsboro

Rachel Puckett and Ryan Kirby, both of Hillsboro, were united in marriage on Aug. 27, 2022, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro, with Father Dan Willenborg officiating the ceremony.

The new Mrs. Kirby is the daughter of Mike and Laura Puckett of Hillsboro. Her husband is the son of Eddie Kirby of Hillsboro and the late Therasa Kirby.

For the special event, the bride selected her dress at Maiden Voyage Bridal in Manchester, MO. Flowers for the church were provided by Nokomis Gift and Garden and for the reception, as well as bouquets and boutonnieres by Heather Hayden of Loveland Estates.

Music for the ceremony was provided by pianist Corey Brown and vocalist/violinist Meredith Crifasi.

The bride chose her sisters, Emily Zimmerman of Hillsboro and Sarah Puckett of Chatham as her matrons of honor. Other bridesmaids included her sister, Chelsey Jeffers of Hillsboro, her friends, Marissa Harrell of Hillsboro, Maggie Allen of Virginia, Lindsey Birdsell of Jacksonville, Angel Hollis of Decatur, Faith Buerkett of St. Louis, MO and Hannah Luckett of Pembroke, NC. Junior bridesmaids were Brooklyn Bechtel, Briley Kirby and Gracelynn Crayne, all of Hillsboro and all nieces of the groom.

Flowergirls for the ceremony were Aislee Kirby of Hillsboro, niece of the groom, and Anna Zimmerman of Hillsboro and Maggie Starkweather of Chatham, both nieces of the bride. Ring bearers were Jack Zimmerman of Hillsboro, nephew of the bride, and Benson Kirby of Hillsboro, nephew of the groom.

The groom chose his brothers, Brandon Kirby and Nathan Kirby, both of Hills-

boro, as his best men. Other groomsmen were his friends, Nate Kinnison of Wentzville, MO, Colt Murray of Hillsboro, Logan Voyles of Coffeen, Matt Tomazzoli of Coffeen, Cody Loskot of Irving, Brian Christ of Hillsboro and Broc Everly of Irving.

Ushers were Chad Zimmerman and Ian Starkweather, both of Hillsboro, both brothers-in-law of the bride.

A 2012 graduate of Hillsboro High School, the new Mrs. Kirby is a 2016 graduate of Illinois College in Jacksonville, where she earned her bachelor of science degree with a major in biology and minors in chemistry and Spanish. She earned her master of science in physician assistant studies from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN, 2019. She is currently employed as a physician assistant at Springfield Clinic Trauma and Acute Care Surgery. She just accepted a new position at Springfield Clinic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and will start in November.

Her new husband is a 2013 graduate of Hillsboro High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in administration of justice from Blackburn College in Carlinville in 2017, and is currently employed as correctional officer by the State of Illinois.

Prior to the ceremony a rehearsal dinner was held at The Abbey on Broad in Hillsboro, catered by Gianni's. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Loveland Estates in Pocahontas for 200 guests. Other services for the special day were provided by Astrid Johana Photography, Steve Weber Films, Patty Cakes in Highland and DJK Gray for the DJ and photo booth.

After a honeymoon trip to Maui, HI, the couple is making their first home in Hillsboro.

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Beeler Family Gathers For Reunion

Martha Beeler and members of her immediate family gathered for a reunion on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Southwind Park in Springfield, and enjoyed the camaraderie and catching up. Martha and her children are pictured above. In the front row, from the left, are Resa (Mark) Stieren of Litchfield, Tom (Michelle) Beeler of Channahon, Martha Beeler, Rosemary (Don) Boggs of Manhattan, KS, and Joanie Hobson of Raymond. Back row are Mo (Carrie) Beeler, Margy (Steve) Vance, both of Raymond, and Phil (Mindy) Beeler of Chatham.



There were a total of 48 family members who attended the family reunion. They are pictured above.



Storybook Characters On Parade

A cast of characters filled the halls of Beckemeyer Elementary School in Hillsboro on Friday morning, Sept. 16. The first grade classes came to school dressed as their favorite storybook characters and made a special trip to the kindergarten classrooms to promote reading for their younger peers before parading around the school grounds for their family members.

Journal-News/Tori O'Dell

Owl Prowl To Be Held At Bremer

Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro will host its annual Owl Prowl event on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m.

A wiener roast will begin at 4 p.m. The public is encouraged to bring their own hot dogs, buns, drinks and a dish or two to share.

The Tree House Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will provide an informative program featuring three to four owls on display, beginning at 5 p.m. They will release

a rehabilitated owl at the sanctuary at 6 p.m.

Beginning at dusk, approximately 6:15 to 6:30 p.m., owl calls will be broadcast throughout the West Prairie in an attempt to lure a response/sighting.

The public is also encouraged to bring their own lawnchairs and some bug spray. Water will be provided. This family-friendly event, sponsored by the Illinois Audubon Society, will also

feature door prizes. Donations are welcome.

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.

Senior Achievers Visit New Library

by Judy Keith Dalhaus

Fifteen Montgomery/Macoupin County Senior Achievers met on Thursday, Sept. 15, at the newly renovated Hillsboro Area Public Library, where they were warmly welcomed by Senior Library Clerk Sharon Martincic, who has been serving library patrons for over 16 years.

She led us on a tour of the light and airy building, showcasing the adult section where there are many volumes of fiction material, including a nice selection of large-print books and DVDs. There are also two study rooms which can be reserved for small group meetings or to quietly study. Six computers are available for public use. The genealogy collection is housed in the vault, as the library was a bank in its former life. It is a cozy room with a large selection of genealogy and local history items, including several local family history books.

Also available is a coffee bar and a conference room, with a large screen TV and seating around a large table for twelve. This is used for various community meetings, such as ours, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Imagine Hillsboro, a book club which meets the third Thursday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m., and a knitting club which meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. Local attorneys also utilize the room on occasion for depositions too large for their offices. The room is free to rent to non-profit groups, all they have to do is reserve it ahead of time.

The juvenile reading section is across the central open area from the adult section and has a large selection of books for all ages, with seating appropriate for both younger and older readers. Also in the room are two large, furnished doll houses for the children's enjoyment. The juvenile section has large windows to the central seating area, so that caregivers can enjoy making their selections and still be able to keep an eye on their young readers.

Shelley Kolb, who has served as library director for five years, joined the group and filled them in on other items of interest in the library. When asked if the vault holding the genealogy records was closed each night, she advised that it is a timed lock and is never closed.

Persons residing in the Hillsboro School District and Montgomery County are eligible to check out books and other items from the library. If one has a library card from another library in the State of Illinois, they may also check out items.

Kolb emphasized that the library focuses mainly on children and family. The library also hosts many activities of interest to the community. This winter there will be an adult reading challenge. A unique program is the seed program. Tiffany Patch and her children dry and donate seeds to the library. Patrons



Senior Achiever Judy Goyak of Hillsboro and Hillsboro Area Public Library Senior Library Clerk Sharon Martincic

may come in and avail themselves of free seeds. This fall, the library will offer crafts for both adults and children during the Imagine Hillsboro Fall Festival on Oct. 1. Fundraisers being planned include a Painting Party and a Trivia Night in the spring.

Hillsboro Area Public Library also houses a large collection of Hillsboro High School yearbooks, the earliest being for 1903. The collection is sporadic prior to 1928, but from 1928 on there is a Year Book for every year. Additionally, local newspapers are well represented. *The Montgomery News* from 1857 until 2004, *The Hillsboro Journal* from 1900 to 2004, and *The Journal-News* from 2004 to present are all digitized and searchable.

Interestingly, if you want to fish, but don't have a rod and reel, the library has six available for loan.

The lower level of the building is not finished, but does house the mechanical systems. The basement vault holds the physical bindings of the *Montgomery County News* and *The Hillsboro Journal* from approximately 1951 through the mid-1900s. The lower level is elevator accessible and meets ADA requirements. As funds are available, it will be finished and used for fundraisers. July 2023 will also see the lower level used to host a Smithsonian Museum traveling exhibit during the celebration of the bicentennial of Hillsboro.

Kolb shared some of the history of the Hillsboro Area Public Library from the early part of the twentieth century until today. The recently vacated library building on School Street was built in 1904 with a \$10,000 grant from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, and opened in 1905.

The current library, formerly the First Community Bank, was purchased in 2016, with renovation being completed and the holdings moved from the old library in December 2021. It formally opened for business in January 2022.

Renovation, equipment, and furnishing the building cost approximately \$1.3 million, made possible by the Illinois Public Library Construction Act grant for \$643,187, along with \$329,000 in a savings account and generous donations from individuals, local clubs and businesses. Local people were involved with

all aspects of the new library home, with the library board working with the architect regarding furniture, flooring, etc., while the Library Director and staff were integral to the floor layout design.

The new location has been beneficial to the community with ADA accessibility; an open, bright and airy atmosphere; conference rooms for community needs; room for children's programs; and most importantly, more room for books.

Lunch was enjoyed at Frida's Tacos.

The next Senior Achievers meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 4, in the Ross and Mary Lay Community Room at the Litchfield Public Library, 1205 South Street in Litchfield. Barb Oakes will speak about Heifer International and Seafaring Cowboys. Please park and enter on the north side of the building.

Reservations may be made by calling Lou Ellen at 217-820-5568. Cost of the breakfast is \$12. Please call by Thursday, Sept. 29, if you did not sign up at the Sept. 7 meeting or if you will be attending for the first time, in order to ensure there will be enough food for all. Additionally, if you have signed up and then find you will be unable to attend, please call Lou Ellen and cancel your reservation. A reminder that the Senior Achiever policy is that when you sign up for next month's breakfast, you will be required to pay in advance. Refunds or credits will only be offered if you cancel by calling Lou Ellen at 217-820-5568 by the Thursday before the next breakfast.

The next outing will be Thursday, Oct. 20, when the group will carpool to Springfield to the Lincoln Home National Historic Site for a tour of the Lincoln home. The site includes a visitor center with an excellent video that brings Abraham Lincoln to life and a neighborhood of period houses, some of which are open with displays. Lunch, at your expense, will be just down the street at Obed and Isaac's Restaurant and Microbrewery. Carpoolers will meet at the southwest corner of the Walmart parking lot of 8:45 a.m. and leave promptly at 9 a.m. If you wish to join this trip, please contact Joyce Bishop at 217-549-4519 so that the restaurant will have space ready to seat our group.

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A GRACE FILLED JOURNEY • by Mary Herschelmann

Help Make HHS Accessible For All



When I think back to my high school days, I tend to think fondly, focusing on what I enjoyed, rather than things I struggled with.

And I think that it's okay to look back at the happy memories that helped to shape us into who we are today.

I think about playing the editor's wife in the *Little Shop of Horrors* operetta, playing the piccolo in the marching band and earning the MVP trophy my senior year on the tennis team. By the way, Kyle keeps that trophy on the piano in our living room as our family's greatest sporting achievement. Maybe Charley can out-rank me one of these days.

I have fond memories of chemistry experiments with Mr. Reeves, earning an A on my research paper with Mrs. Hewitt and making some of the best friends a girl could ask for. In fact, when our daughter Grace died, my fellow classmates from 1998 made a wonderful donation to INAD research in her name as well as a special gift to our family.

Looking back on my time as a Hiltopper, I do have fond memories of a beautiful campus and a great experience.

However, I also think the 102-year-old main building has outlived its useful life. There's no doubt the campus is pretty and historic. But our students deserve better.

And it's time we did better for them.

Elevator or not, the main building to our high school is not equally accessible to all students that will walk through its doors.

I speak from experience. While Grace was a frequent visitor to sporting events in the gym, it was always easy to get her in by the ramp, although there's no accessible seating inside.

And other buildings are much more complicated when it comes to accessibility. One year, the wrestling coach invited Kyle to bring our

family to their banquet in the cafeteria (which sits in the lower level of the library building). Yes, there is an elevator in that building. But the banquet was after hours and there wasn't a key to the elevator. It was pouring down rain and without much of a plan, we left her seat in the van and Kyle carried her to the basement where she sat on my lap the entire time.

Grace was little enough to be carried, so it wasn't a huge issue, but it is a problem.

Another time, we were asked to make a presentation to one of the science classes about genetics. That classroom is on the third floor in the main building, which if you can't use the stairs is only accessible by elevator. But here's the thing with the elevator: it's located near the former art room, and also requires a key to have access. Knowing this, we coordinated a plan ahead of time to have someone meet us from the main office by the elevator, as the main office is not accessible without using stairs.

Unfortunately, Grace won't ever get to roam the halls of HHS as a Hiltopper. But I will continue to advocate on her behalf and the behalf of students like her.

Every single student that enters the halls of our beautiful high school should have equal access to the opportunities that lie within.

It's time to do better for ALL the students at HHS and vote yes for the new building referendum in October. It won't raise taxes, and for students like Grace, it would open a whole new world of opportunities.

Charley started kindergarten this fall, and I have no idea what things she will be interested in someday. I may be a tennis mom or a choir mom or even a STEM mom. But whatever the case, I hope to be in the front row cheering on whatever she endeavors.

We have a perfect opportunity this November to vote for a better future for all our students, and we owe it to them to make it happen.

IMAGINE HILLSBORO CHECKS IN • by Lucas Altenberger

Imagine Gets Ready For Busy Fall



Welcome back to Imagine Hillsboro Checks In. If this is your first time joining us, welcome! This column features a bi-monthly update regarding all things Imagine Hillsboro. Fall is here, and believe it or not, we actually might have an even more jam-packed fall than we did summer. Let's jump in.

Farmer's Market season came to a close on September 17. This season, customers enjoyed a rich variety of fresh eggs, jams, flowers, lip balms, baked goods, art, clothing, accessories and more. If you didn't get your fill of markets this season, you are in luck! On Saturday, Oct. 1, the Hillsboro Harvest Market will take place on the Historic Courthouse Square. You can expect many of the same goods, plus a variety of foods and fall-themed items. The newest accessory trend, permanent jewelry, will be brought to Hillsboro by Blackboard Mercantile. During the Harvest Market, we will also have the Chalk of the Town event. Come see main street brought to life with chalk by local talent. If you are feeling artsy, but chalk isn't your favorite medium, we will also have pumpkin painting available.

September saw the return of the #ShopHillsboro Moonlight Madness Bed Races. Main street was treated to an evening of fast-paced beds and fun costumes. Congratulations to our repeat champions from *The Journal-News*, and to our "best dressed" costume prize winners, the Bed Breakers. See a full write-up in the Monday, Sept. 19, edition of *The Journal-News*.

Congratulations to Cassie Malloy, new director of the back-to-school store. Cassie is a wife, nurse, and mother of four here in Hillsboro. We are very excited to have you on board, and to see where you take this program.

Imagine Hillsboro is planning a new type of event to be held on Saturday, Oct. 15: our inaugural "Shake the Lakes 5K: Fun Run & Walk". Runners of all ages will start and end at Lake Glenn Shoals South Marina, with a nice

view of Sherwood Forest en route. Participants with a sweet tooth will be happy to hear there is a build-your-own candy bag station waiting for them at the finish line. Individual tickets are \$20, and "family passes" are available for families of four for \$40. Children 10 and under are free. Register now at imaginehillsboro.com/events-registration.

The Education committee's Spooktakular Golf Scramble will be making a return next month. On Saturday, Oct. 22, join us at Indian Springs Golf Course for a few frightening rounds of golf. Shotgun start will be at 10 am. A four-player team is \$280, and three sponsorship levels are available (Hole, Team, and Platinum). There is still plenty of time to register your team, become a sponsor, or both at imaginehillsboro.com/events-registration.

The Bicentennial and Smithsonian Committee continues to meet regularly to usher in Hillsboro's 200th birthday. If you are interested in helping with these developments, please contact Terri Casey at bicentennial2023@imaginehillsboro.com.

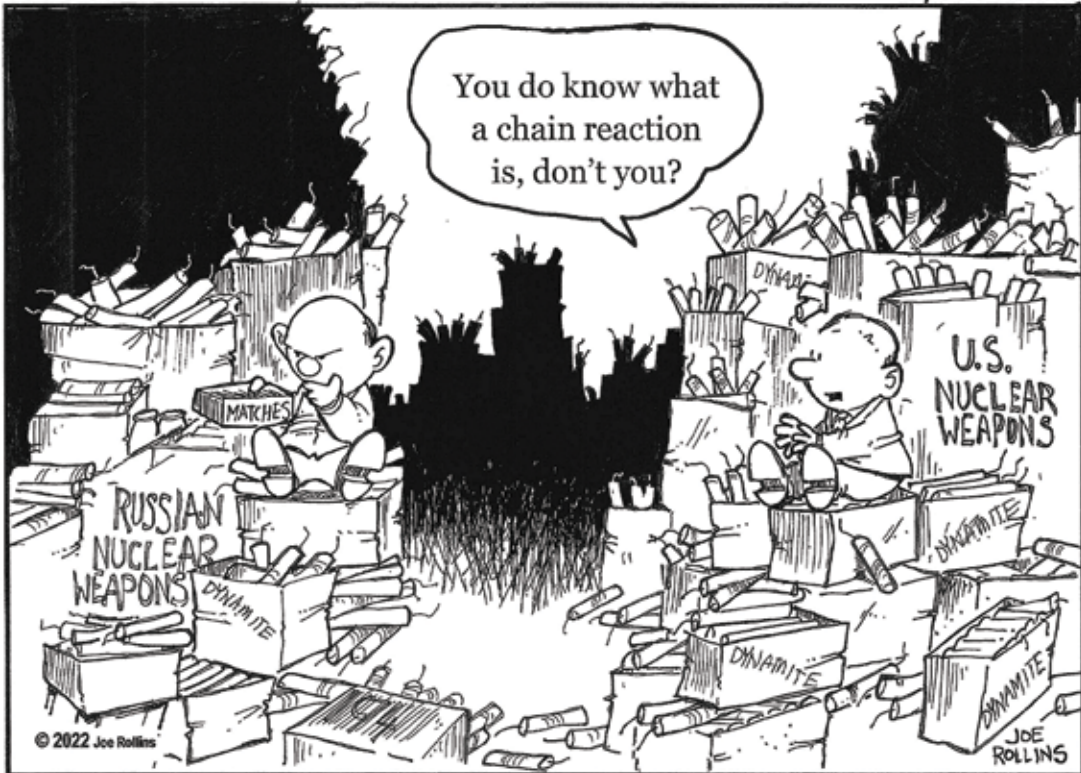
The volunteer committee recently completed the repair of Hillsboro's welcome sign on the east side of town. Volunteers have also done some power-washing recently on the fence on the southeast side of Lincoln Square, and the curb in front of the Orpheum Theater. Staining and painting are slated to occur in the near future. We are always looking for more volunteers to help out! Reach us at contact@imaginehillsboro.com.

Looking ahead to November, we will have one more #ShopHillsboro event this year. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on the #ShopHillsboroSmallBusinessSaturday event scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 26.

To close out, let's do another activity.... The first five readers to bring this copy of Imagine Hillsboro Checks In to the Imagine Hillsboro booth at the Harvest Market (Saturday, Oct. 1) will get a prize and a shout-out on our social media pages! See you then.

Joe's Corner

by Joe Rollins



CONSERVATION CONVERSATION • by Gabe Osborn

Starting The Conversation

Hello readers, my name is Gabe Osborn, and I am the Resource Conservationist with the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District. This is the first edition of a monthly column where I hope to share with you the latest news in soil and water conservation efforts at the local, state and even national levels.

To start off this month's edition, I'd like to introduce myself. I was born and raised in Montgomery County, and currently reside in Coffeen. Both sides of my family were involved in agriculture, with the Osborn side of my family farming for six generations in Butler Grove Township, just north of Hillsboro. I always had a love of the outdoors and agriculture as a child, but I really began to appreciate agriculture during my involvement in FFA while attending Hillsboro High School. During my time in FFA I held many leadership positions including chapter president and secretary, as well as Section 19 treasurer and reporter. Some of my favorite FFA contests included agronomy, ag mechanics, and public speaking. After graduating from Hillsboro in 2014, I attended Lake Land College in Mattoon where I graduated with an associates degree in agricultural business in 2016. Following college I moved back to Montgomery County, working in the agricultural field most of my time since college, most recently I was the farm broadcaster for WSMI from November 2018 until February of this year.

In my role now as Resource Conservationist for Montgomery County, I will be responsible for promoting practices for the wise use of natural resources within the county. Some of those responsibilities include promoting Arbor Day, Earth Day, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resource's tree program with county elementary students, the county land use judging contest for the four county FFA chapters, as well as assisting the Montgomery County Natural Resource Conservation Service office with planning, surveying, designing and reporting of conservation practices.

In my free time I am the current president of the Hillsboro FFA Alumni chapter, a mem-

ber of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Young Leaders, a Coffee volunteer fireman, and a league bowler holding a 195 average. When I'm not busy with all of that, I'm in the process of rebuilding a 1972 Chevrolet C10 pickup truck.

That's enough about me, but there is plenty to share with you about the ongoing projects we have going at the Soil and Water District. Currently the district is working with the City of Hillsboro on a plan to facilitate future improvements to the watershed plan for Old Hillsboro Lake and Lake Glenn Shoals. This project is in the very early stages, but is expected to improve the lake for both water consumption, and for recreation. We at the district are proud to be on board with this project.

Later this week on Thursday, the Soil and Water District will be holding the old annual tradition of a county land use contest for the four Montgomery County high schools' FFA chapters. In a land use contest, students will enter a three to four foot deep "pit" dug in the ground where they will judge the soil by their physical characteristics. From there students can make educated decisions on how well the soil drains naturally, wind and water erosion, and even how the land can be farmed. Students will then be rewarded for their knowledge of the soil on a team and individual basis. We will post the results following the contest, so stay tuned for that.

Finally, the SWCD is also currently taking orders for our Fall Fish Sale. We are selling a variety of fish for pond stocking, including fathead minnows and grass carp for pond maintenance. Also, we are offering other species including channel catfish, largemouth bass, regular and hybrid bluegill, and redear. Order forms can be picked up in person in the office at 1621 Vandalia Road in Hillsboro, or online at www.montsuwd.com. Orders for grass carp are due by Monday, Oct. 10, with all other species orders due by Monday, Oct. 17. The pickup date will be Thursday, Oct. 20, at 8 a.m. at the Hillsboro Township shed at 9056 Illinois Route 127 in Taylor Springs, just south of the nursing home.

LETTERS to the editor

No CO2 Storage In Montgomery County

Carbon dioxide pipelines and storage will be a safety hazard should it enter and be stored in Montgomery County. The plans of Heartland Greenway were stated in the Montgomery County Board meeting on Sept. 13.

Heartland Greenway's representative, Mr. Jim Prescott, presented the proposed development to establish carbon dioxide storage and pipeline development (CCS) on 2,000 acres of leased land, three purchased injection sites, possible 9-11 well sites and more possible expansion in Montgomery County. CO2 is transported under extreme pressure in a concentrated, critical liquid state. This is a definite safety threat if a leak or rupture occurs.

CO2 is denser than air and will blanket the area surrounding the leak. This odorless asphyxiant is dangerous to anyone encountering it.

Sartartia, MS, experienced a rupture of a CO2 pipeline that blew a 40-foot hole in the area as the pipeline unzipped in February 2020. Two hundred people were evacuated and many were treated at the hospital. CO2 is toxic and can smother life if it pushes oxygen out of the area. Emergency personnel have a very difficult challenge to rescue residents exposed to CO2.

Does Montgomery County want to accept the threat of exposure to an asphyxiant, diminished farmland production, and the loss of property rights (eminent domain) so

that Heartland Greenway gains profit? CCS profits are paid for from our federal taxes that are misdirected to supposedly fight against climate change.

Our neighboring Christian County has fought against CO2 storage in their area due to the known likelihood of safety risks, farmland damage, aquifer contamination, and their determination not to be a toxic garbage depository. Many other counties in Illinois do not accept the safety risks of CCS.

Please look over the Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines web site (<http://noillinois-co2pipelines.org>) and decide for yourself.

Mary Ellen DeClue
Litchfield

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Pictured above, in front, from the left are Lucille Caulk, Myrtle Barto and Donna Spencer. In back are Randy Leuschke, Gordon Sheehan, Connie Virden, guest speaker Alice Christenberry and Kathryn and Harold Long. Not pictured is Joyce Shelton.

AFSCME Retirees Meet In September

by Joyce Shelton

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, the AFSCME Sub-Chapter #87 Retirees held their monthly meeting at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau building in downtown Hillsboro. There were ten members in attendance.

Due to a conflict, President David Spinner asked Vice President Randy Leuschke to chair the meeting.

Vice President Leuschke asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Leuschke mentioned that Connie Virden had been instrumental in acquiring the speaker and would she like to introduce Alice Christenberry, development associate from Kemmerer Village Child Care Agency.

Christenberry started her presentation with telling everyone "Kemmerer Village is 108 years old. There are 150 full-time staff with 24-hour care. It is a Presbyterian Child Care Agency providing foster care, residential treatment, equestrian and pet therapy, adoption services, recreational occupational therapy, the IIAA and Christian camping supporting children and families since 1914." The board of directors determines policies for the agency.

Kemmerer Village provides community-based services for children and adolescents, ages birth to 21. The agency is currently serving over 160 children in residential and foster care.

Kemmerer Village Community Services provides these services to over 100 foster homes throughout the counties of Christian, Montgomery, Shelby, Fayette, Macon and Moultrie. Their goal is to return home or thrive in a compatible foster care. Foster care had 15 adoptions in the last two years. Foster family and kids build a relationship with one another. Former youth have continued to reconnect at annual Kemmerer reunions.

To become a foster parent, you must be finger printed, pass a DCFS background check, participate in minimum of 16 hours of training

and agree to ongoing training and complete a multiple step home study and routine monitoring. Potential foster parents must also provide references, agree they can provide for the child emotionally, physically and financially to have the physical space required in their home to receive the youth. Foster parents are not limited by age, gender, religion, marital status, etc. The agency is always looking for good people to join the mission.

Kemmerer Village has residential treatment for children 12-19 years old. Kids come from all over the state. The agency provides services for; trauma-related issues, depression, ADHD, anxiety and mood disorders. The kids attend school on campus, they participate in sports, and seven to eight kids live in a cottage on campus. There is a principal, pastor and chapel on the grounds. An on-campus pastor provides church services on Sunday afternoons where children and staff attend.

Kids play soccer park, basketball, baseball, go swimming at The Y in Taylorville, ride horses, participate in art, gardening, piano and music. Kids can do day activities in St. Louis such as the Bird Sanctuary, St. Louis Zoo and the Arch.

Several kids learned to play the guitar and write music. There is an annual talent show given at the agency.

Kids can volunteer for any recreational therapy on campus. There is a chapel, residential treatment and two dogs.

There is a graduation ceremony every year. Summer school is available for four weeks. The greatest challenge the agency faces today is building and maintaining staff like all businesses today. You can view open staff positions at kemmerervillage.org. They are looking for employees such as workers to help out as childcare techs in cottages with the kids. In residential care, 70 percent of youth return to a less restrictive environment, return home, compatible foster care

or transitional living for older youth.

Christenberry invited everyone to come over for a visit and take a look at the facility. She said see how you can help out such as foster a child, foster to adopt, donate, work at Kemmerer or become an advocate.

Vice President Leuschke opened the meeting with a moment of silence for deceased Sub-Chapter member, Frances Dillard of Edinburg and Guylia Grigsby, AFSCME member recovering from a recent surgery.

Leuschke stated that membership had declined from 721 to 718. However, there are two new SERS Members, John Barrett of Decatur and Tonya Davis of Warrensburg.

Leuschke asked if everyone had read the minutes of last month's meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Connie Virden and seconded by Joyce Shelton. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Vice President Leuschke. Lucy Caulk entertained a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Gordon Sheehan seconded it and the motion carried.

Gordon Sheehan of Hillsboro was the winner of the monthly drawing.

The next Decatur in-person and Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m. in the Decatur Public Library. Dr. Rimiko Thomas, PhD, licensed counseling psychologist, from St. Louis, MO, will be the guest speaker regarding mental health issues. The next Hillsboro in-person meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. in the Montgomery County Farm Bureau building in downtown Hillsboro. The guest speaker is to be announced.

New members or retired seniors interested in keeping up-to-date on the current state and federal issues are welcome to attend. If you would like to register and participate in the next meeting you may contact President, David Spinner at 217-324-2018 or email Bspinner@consolidated.net.



Belusko Leads Real Colors Experience

The Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) students spent Wednesday, Aug. 31, and Thursday, Sept. 1, with Valerie Belusko at the Montgomery County Extension Office in Hillsboro learning about human behavior using the Real Colors Experience, a personality test that is designed to help people better understand the motivations and perspectives of those around them. Belusko spoke about how to connect and accept the values and differences of others. The student members also learned ways to improve their own understanding, empathy and communication. The team plans to put their new found knowledge into practice by analyzing (or guessing) the colors of the people around them.

Klein Selected For Chamber Ensemble

Juleighan Klein of Raymond, a student at Iowa Wesleyan University, has been selected as a member of the college's Primae Voces.

Latin for the "first voices," it is a highly-selective vocal chamber ensemble comprised of students from all academic divisions. Vocalists are selected by audition each year from the membership of the IW Choir.

"Iowa Wesleyan has a storied history with its music program and the choral area has long been one of the high-

lights of this tradition," said University Provost DeWayne Frazier. "Students selected to participate in Primae Voces are some of the very best musicians on campus and are exemplary representatives of the university."

The group itself is grounded in the study of early music, but performs a wide variety of chamber repertoire including jazz and popular idioms. Frequently called upon to be ambassadors for special events, both on and off campus, Primae Voces is often the first

voice of the university.

"I am especially enthused about the membership of PV this year," said Director of Choral Activities Blair Buffington. "We have a really exciting and energetic group of students with several new and returning members. These young people have already demonstrated a commitment to quality and a desire to learn. As their artistic director, I look forward to what we will accomplish in the coming months."

MONDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	(15) Monday Night Football: Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants (live)						(15) Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
CBS	Neighbor... Bob Hearts	NCIS (TV14) (N)			NCIS: Hawaii (N)		Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden	
NBC	The Voice: "The Blind" (VPG) (N)				Quantum Leap (N)		Local	Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night	
FOX	9-1-1 (TV14) (N)	The Cleaning Lady (N)			Local Programs (TV14)				Local Programs (TV14)	
ION	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)			Criminal Minds (TV14)		Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)	
CABLE	A&E S.W.A.T. (13, PG-13) ★★½ Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell	(32) White House Down (13, PG-13) ★★½ Channing Tatum								
AMC	(4:00) Casino (35, R)	Kevin (TV14) (N)			(02) Meet the Fockers (PG-13) ★★½ Robert De Niro				(44) Kevin	
ANIMAL	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People			Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	
BET	Payne	White Chicks (14, PG-13) ★★ Shawn Wayans, Martin Wayans			Watch What... Below Deck (TV14)		Below Deck	Below Deck	Below Deck	
BRAVO	Below Deck (TV14) (N)	Real Griffrin. (N)			Rick Morty		Dad	Rick Morty	Boondocks (-45) ATHF	
CARTOON	Hill	Burgers	Burgers		Mike		Dad	Mike	Golden	
CMT	Mike	Mike	Mike		Don Lemon Tonight (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)			The Office		The Office	The Office	Seinfeld	
COMEDY	(20) The Office (TV14)	The Office			The Office		The Office	The Office	Seinfeld	
DISCOVERY	Street Outlaws: "Watch Your Back" (TV14) (N)								Street Outlaws (TV14)	
DISNEY	Hotel Transylvania (12, PG) ★★	Hamster & Big City			Big City		Miraculous	Miraculous	Jessie	
E!	Family	Family			Family		Family	Family	Celebrity	
ESPN	(15) Monday Night Football: Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants (live)						Monday	SportsCenter (live)	NFL Rewind	
ESPN2	(15) Monday Night Football With Peyton and Eli: Dallas vs New York						Monday	UFC Unleashed (TV14)	Sports	
FOOD	Halloween Bake (TV G)	Halloween Bake (N)			Halloween Cookie (N)		The Big Bake (N)	Halloween Bake (TV G)	Halloween Bake (TV G)	
FREEFORM	National	National Treasure: Book of Secrets (10, PG) Nicolas Cage					The 700 Club (TV G)	Simpsons	Simpsons	
FX	Life of Pets 2 (13)	The Secret Life of Pets 2 (13, PG)					Spies in Disguise (13, PG) ★★½ Will Smith			
HGTV	Love It or List It (TV G)	Love It or List It (N)			Love It or List It (TV G)		Love It or List It (TV G)	Love It or List It (TV G)	Love It or List It (TV G)	
HISTORY	Ancient Aliens (TVPG)	Ancient Aliens Special Presentation: "Aliens and Human Evolution" (N)							(13) Ancient Aliens (N)	
LIFETIME	The First 48 (TV14)	Phrogging Hider (N)			Phrogging Hider (N)		Sleeping with a Killer	Ridiculous	The First 48 (TV14)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous			Ridiculous		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
NEWSNAT	NewsNation Prime	Dan Abrams Live			Barfield		NewsNation Prime	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob			Friends		Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	Yellowstone (TV14)	Yellowstone (TV14)			Yellowstone (TV14)		Yellowstone (TV14)	Yellowstone (TV14)	Yellowstone (TV14)	
SYFY	Quantum Leap (TV14)	Quantum Leap (TV14)			Serenity (15, PG-13) ★★½ Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres				District 9	
TBS	Bang	Bang			Dad		Dad	Dad	B/R Gaming: The Cube	
TCM	The Great Man (56, NR) ★★½ José Ferrer	My Dream Is Yours (49, NR) ★★½ Jack Carson							Whistling in Dark (41)	
TLC	90 Day (TV14) (N)	sMothered (TV14) (N)			90 Day Fiancé (N)		Sister Wives (TV14)	90 Day (TV14)	90 Day (TV14)	
TNT	Avengers: Endgame (13, PG-13) ★★½ Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans								Fantastic Four (15) ★½	
TRAVEL	Mysteries of the Unknown: "Ghastly Intrude" (N)	Mysteries of the Unknown: "Bayou Bigfoot" (N)							Mysteries (TVPG)	
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.			Loves Ray.		Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA	WWE Monday Night Raw Top names in wrestling face off. (live)						Championship	SVU: "Escape" (TV14)	SVU: "Escape" (TV14)	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N)	Love & Hip Hop Miami			My True Crime Story		Love & Hip Hop (TV14)	Love & Hip Hop (TV14)	Love & Hip Hop (TV14)	
HBO	(6:35) Divergent (14, PG-13) Shailene Woodley	House of the Dragon			House of the Dragon		House of the Dragon	House of the Dragon	House of the Dragon	
MAX	Boogie (21, R) ★★ Taylor Takahashi	(31) Bloodsport (18, R) ★★			(15) Defiance (18, R) ★★ Daniel Craig					
SHOW	American Gigolo	City on a Hill (TV14)			Call Me by Your Name (17, R) Armie Hammer				(15) American Gigolo	

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TUESDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	Bachelor in Paradise (TV14) (N)				The Rookie: Feds (N)		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
CBS	FBI: "Love is Blind" (N)	FBI: International (N)			FBI: Most Wanted (N)		Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden	
NBC	The Voice (TVPG) (N)	La Brea (TVPG) (N)			New Amsterdam (N)		Local	Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night	
FOX	The Resident (N)	(102) Monarch (N)			Local Programs (TV14)				Local Programs (TV14)	
ION	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)	
AMC	(6:00) The Matrix (19, R) ★★½ Keanu Reeves	The Matrix Reloaded (10, R) ★★½ Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne								
ANIMAL	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue			Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	
BET	Payne	Tales (TV14) (N)			Tales: "Survival of the"		Martin	Martin	Martin	
BRAVO	Below Deck	Below Deck			Watch What... Below Deck Down Under		Below Deck	Below Deck	Below Deck	
CARTOON	Hill	Burgers	Burgers		Dad		Dad	Rick Morty	Boondocks (-45) ATHF	
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom		Mom		Mom	Mom	Reba	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)			Don Lemon Tonight (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°	
COMEDY	(20) The Office (TV14)	The Office			The Office		The Office	The Office	Seinfeld	
DISCOVERY	Deadliest Catch: "Port of Last Resort" (TV14) (N)				Deadliest Catch (TV14)		Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	
DISNEY	Hotel Transylvania 2 (15, PG) ★★	Hamster & Big City			Big City		Miraculous	Miraculous	Jessie	
E!	(5:45) Movie	Celebrity Game Face			Celebrity		Celebrity Game Face	Nightly	Movie	
ESPN	(5:00) Australian Open	Wimbledon: "Men's First": from Wimbledon, England Top men compete.					SportsCenter (live)	SportsCenter (live)	SportsCenter (live)	
FOOD	Chopped (TV G)	Bobby's Triple Threat			Outcheff'd		Outcheff'd	Chopped (TV G)	Bobby's Triple Threat	
FREEFORM	(6:30) Sweet Home Alabama (12, PG-13) ★★½	Come Up			Come Up		The 700 Club (TV G)	Simpsons	Simpsons	
FX	X-Men (10, PG-13) Hugh Jackman	X2 (13, PG-13)			★★★½ Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman				Phoenix	
HGTV	Good Bones (TV G)	Good Bones: Ris (N)			Hunters		House (N)	Good Bones (TV G) (N)	Good Bones (TV G) (N)	
HISTORY	Beyond Oak Island: "Countdown to Season 3" (TVPG) (N)							Beyond Oak Island (N)	Beyond Oak Island (N)	
LIFETIME	Castle: "Room 147"	Castle: "In the Belly"			Castle: "Way of Nips"		Castle: "Greater Good"	Castle: "Room 147"	Castle: "Room 147"	
MTV	Teen Mom: Next (N)	Jersey Shore (TV14)			Ridiculous		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
NEWSNAT	NewsNation Prime	Dan Abrams Live			Barfield		NewsNation Prime	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob			Friends		Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	Movie				Movie					
SYFY	(6:00) Sharknado 5 (17)	The Last Sharknado: It's About Time (18, NR) ★					The Last Witch Hunter (15, PG-13) Vin Diesel			
TBS	(6:00) MLB Baseball: New York vs Toronto (live)				Post Game		Young	Young	Young	
TCM	Hang 'Em High (16, PG-13) ★★½ Clint Eastwood	(15) The Unforgiven (60, NR) ★★½ Burt Lancaster			(15) The Unforgiven (60, NR) ★★½ Burt Lancaster				Lopez	
TLC	sMothered (TV14) (N)	7 Little Johnstons (N)			My Fat Fab Life (N)		90 Day Fiancé (TV14)	sMothered (TV14)	Molunko!	
TNT	(6:05) Avengers: Endgame (13, PG-13) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans						Titans: "Nightwing"	Zombieland (10) ★★½	Zombieland (10) ★★½	
TRAVEL	Expedition Bigfoot: "Strange Lights" (TVPG) (N)	Expedition Bigfoot: "Bigfoot's Home" (TVPG) (N)							Expedition Bigfoot	
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.			Loves Ray.		Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA	WWE NXT (live)				9-1-1: "Panic" (TV14)		(108) 9-1-1 (TV14)	(108) 9-1-1: "Desperate"	(108) 9-1-1: "Desperate"	
VH1	Black Ink Crew (N)	Love & Hip Hop (TV14)			My True Crime Story		My True Crime Story	My True Crime Story	My True Crime Story	
HBO	Insurgent	Big Game (15, PG-13) ★★½			Real Sports		Espookys	House of the Dragon	Tammy ★★	
MAX	Make Your Move (14, PG-13) ★★ Derek Hough	(51) Shall We Dance? (14, PG-13) ★★			(51) Shall We Dance? (14, PG-13) ★★			(40) She's All That (39, PG-13) ★★½	(40) She's All That (39, PG-13) ★★½	
SHOW	(15) The Contractor (22, R) ★★½ Chris Pine				American Gigolo		Pleasure (22, NR) ★★½ Sofia Kappel	Arrival	Arrival	

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	Conners	Goldbergs	Elementary	Economics	Big Sky (N)		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline
	CBS Survivor: "Lovable" (TVPG) (N)			The Amazing Race (TVPG) (N)			Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden	
	NBC Chicago Med (TV14) (N)	Chicago Fire (TV14) (N)			Chicago P.D. (TV14) (N)		Local	Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night	
	FOX The Masked Singer (N)	(102) Lego Masters (N)			Local Programs (TV14)				Local Programs (TV14)	
	ION Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)			Blue Bloods (TV14)		Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods: "Vested"	Blue Bloods: "Vested"	
CABLE	A&E Court Night LIVE: "Court Night LIVE - 09.28.22" (TV14) (N)	Independence Day (36, PG-13) ★★½ Will Smith, Bill Pullman					Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Night LIVE	
	AMC River Monsters: Deadliest Man-eaters (TVPG)				Northwest Law: Unofficed (TV14)		Unstoppable (10, PG-13) Daniel Washington			
ANIMAL	Payne	Payne	Haus of Vicious (N)		Black Hamptons (N)		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BET	Real Housewives (N)	Salt Lake City (N)			Watch What... Salt Lake City (TV14)		Housewives (TV14)	Housewives (TV14)	Housewives	
BRAVO	Hill	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Boondocks (-45) ATHF	
CARTOON	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Golden	Golden
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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 (TVPG)	Tales From the (TVPG)	
DISNEY	Hotel Transylvania 3: (18, PG) ★★½	Harster & Big City			Big City	Big City	Miraculous	Miraculous	Jessie	Jessie
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Growing Up	Raising a F***ing Star	Family	Family	Nightly	Nightly	Raising a F***ing Star	
ESPN	(6:00) ESPN Films	ESPN Films			SportsCenter		SportsCenter (live)	SportsCenter (live)	SportsCenter (live)	
ESPN2	ESPN Original	Women's College Volleyball (live)					ESPN Films Sports stories			
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games	Game Night (TV14) (N)			No-Recipe (TVPG) (N)		Guy's Grocery Games	Game Night (TV14) (N)	Game Night (TV14) (N)	
FREEFORM	Train 2	Zootopia (16, PG) ★★½ Idris Elba, Ginnifer Goodwin					The 700 Club (TV-G)	Simpsons	Simpsons	
FX	(6:00) Captain America: The Winter Soldier (14)	Wreckham	Wreckham	Wreckham	Wreckham	Wreckham	Wreckham	Wreckham	Wreckham	Wreckham
HGTV	Farmhouse Fixer	Farmhouse Fixer (N)			Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Farmhouse Fixer	
HISTORY	Pawn Stars (TVPG)	Pawn Stars (TVPG)			Pawn Stars (TVPG)		Pawn Stars (TVPG)	Pawn Stars (TVPG)	Pawn Stars (TVPG)	
LIFETIME	Married at First Sight: "The Ugly Truth" (N)	Married	(33) Married at First Sight (TV14)				Married at First Sight (TV14)	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight	
MTV	The Challenge (N)	The Challenge (N)			Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NEWSNAT	NewsNation Prime	Dan Abrams Live			Barfield		NewsNation Prime	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	Movie				Movie					
SYFY	Shrek 2 (04, PG) ★★½ Mike Myers, John Gless				Resident Alien (N)	(02) Shrek (01, PG) Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy				
TBS	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Young	Young	Young	Young	Young	Young	Young	Young	Lopez
TLC	The Beloved Rogue (27, NR) John Barrymore				The First Degree (23, NR)			Beverly of Graustark (26, NR) ★★½		
TCM	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)			Bad Hair Day (N)		My 600-lb Life (TVPG)	Dr. Pimple Popper		
TNT	Need for Speed (14, PG-13) ★★½ Aaron Paul				Bad Boys II (03, R) ★★½ Martin Lawrence, Will Smith					
TRAVEL	Woods Haunted (TV14)	Woods Haunted (TV14)			Woods Haunted (TV14)		Ghostober (TV14)	Woods Haunted (TV14)		
TV LAND	Loves Ray... Loves Ray...	Loves Ray... Loves Ray...			Loves Ray... Loves Ray...		Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	SVU: "And the Empire"	SVU (TV14)			SVU: "I Thought You"		SVU: "Gambler's"	SVU: "Downloaded"		
VH1	(6:00) Training Day (01, R) ★★½	Law Abiding Citizen (03, R) ★★½			James Fox, Gerard Butler			Training Day (01) ★★½		
PIREN	HBO (5:55) Allegiant (16) ★★½	Hostages (TVMA) (N)			Hostages (TVMA) (N)		Dune (21, PG-13) ★★½ Timothée Chalamet			
	TBS The Divorce (03, PG-13) ★★½ Kate Hudson				(58) I Heart Huckabee (04, R) ★★½	All I See Is You (17, R) Blake Lively				
	SHOW The Godfather (72)	American Gigolo			The Godfather: Part II (74, R) ★★½	Al Pacino, Robert Duvall				



Nokomis High School Class of 1967 celebrated their 55th reunion on Saturday evening, Sept. 10. In front, from the left, are Sally (Grabbe) Sides, Betty (Schneider) Meadows, Dan Probst, Linda (Croon) Guidish, Dara (Bowers) Voss, Debbie (Parker) Coling, Barb (Keiser) Turner, Patty (Kamer) Brooks and Jim Hagemeyer. Second row, from the left, are Phil Beasley, Gary Laurent, Fred Cole, Joyce (Gray) Brown, Mary (Jerden) Harrison, Barb (Barnstable) Kettelkamp, Jon Ruppert and Randy Herzog. Third row, from the left, are Paula (Bowery) Engelhart, Ron Singler, Ken Suslee and Diane (DeWerff) Hill. Fourth row, are Terry Randles, Sue (Hard) Faas and Blayne Hill. Fifth row, are Norma (Wise) Whitlow, Dave Patkus and Hank Engelhart. Sixth row, are Kenny Arnold, Mike Bowers and Bob Smith. Seventh row, are Charlie Kamer, Jay Saatkamp, Keith Wood and John West.

Nokomis Classmates Tour Old Stomping Grounds

Nokomis High School Class (NHS) of 1967 celebrated their 55th reunion on Friday, Sept. 9, and Saturday, Sept. 10. The former classmates were the first to attend Nokomis public kindergarten in 1954-55. The class started their freshman year at NHS with 113 students and gradu-

ated with 106 students four years later. On Friday, Sept. 9, Principal Rachel McDowell lead the class on a tour of the high school. The former students reminisced about past teachers and activities while walking through the halls of their old stomping grounds.

After the tour, the classmates went to The Depot for dinner where they enjoyed a good meal and caught up on each other's lives. On Saturday, Sept. 10, they met for a delicious meal at the Litchfield Country Club. There were 34 classmates in attendance, along with their

spouses. After eating, a short meeting was held where they took a moment of silence as the names of 22 classmates were read. The Nokomis High School Class of 1967 spent the rest of the evening reminiscing about the good times they had together.

Education Station Still Giving Back To Students

Education Station, an outreach project of Southside Church in Litchfield, distributed school supplies to 762 children and bookbags to 529 children through this year's event. These numbers include requests for items that were made after the actual event dates. Leftover supplies were taken to local schools to be used by students throughout the year. Southside Church has been distributing free school supplies to children in preschool through 12th grade through their Education Station ministry since 2009. They strive to serve as many children as possible and while they are unable to give every single item on student's back to school lists they provide many of the items needed. Depending on the grade level, the distributed items consist of book bags, crayons, #2 pencils, mechanical pencils, glue bottles, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, colored pencils, markers, index cards, dry erase markers, highlighters, loose leaf paper, pencil sharpeners, pens, pink erasers, scissors, and storage bags. "We are incredibly thankful to our congregation for their prayers, support and donations, and all of the volunteers that helped make this ministry a huge success. Education Station is truly a

community effort and Southside Church could not give what we do without outside help from others," said Carrie Ernst, an organizer of the annual event. Those that contributed to this year's Education Station include Joann Anderson, Bags In Bulk, the Bank & Trust Company, Charles and Jean Bollman, Elizabeth S. Baker Trust Fund, Hearts United Association, Evelyn Lanter, MJM Electric Co-operative Inc. (Operation Round Up Grant), Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Matthew and Mary Ray, Sharon Schwab, Thelma Kloberdanz Trust Fund, Mike and Terry Toberman, TOPS IL 1708, Union Avenue Christian Church, Vacation Bible School children and families, Walmart Community Grant Program and store staff (Litchfield) and Walmart store staff (Carlinville). "We count it a privilege to serve the community through this outreach and look forward to doing so in the future," Ernst stated. "The mission statement of Southside Church is 'love God, love people and make disciples.' We do this ministry out of our love for God, but also because we love people, this community, and the families that God sends our way. Thank you so much to everyone that participated in this year's event."

Title Transfers

September 9
Clayton W. Stinson to Sean P. Letizia, WD, Sec. 11, E/2 SE/SE, w/easement, Audubon Twp.
Richard D. Wilson, Teresa J. Wilson to Cody Buckley, QCD, Lot 44, Lot 46, Lot 119, Lot 121, Kortkamp.
Lucille Gorsage Admin., Beverly Whalen Admin., Evelyn L. Carlock to Lucille

Gorsage, Admin. Deed, Lots 7-10, Blk. 2, Lots 9-10 and 2 Pts. Lot 7 and 8, N/2 vacated street, Lots 11-12, Blk. 2, Freys Jacob J. Subdn.
Dale L. Walcher, Gloria Walcher to Matthew Emerson, WD, Lot 1, Blk. 3, Lot 3, Blk. 3, Paisley Original Twp.
September 12
Robert L. Lacey Tr., Ruth Ann Lacey Tr., Four R S Trust

to Robert L. Lacey Tr., Robert L. Lacey Trust, Ruth Ann Lacey Tr., Ruth Ann Lacey Trust, Trustee Deed, Sec. 23, Sec. 36, NE/SW, Sec. 36, Nokomis Twp.
City of Litchfield to Robert Allen, QCD, Lot 3, Blk. 40, Huggins PC Addn.
Donald E. Davis to Larry D. King, WD, Sec. 23, Pt. SW/NE/NE, Sec. 23, Pt. SW/NE/

NE, East Fork Twp.
Gabriel R. Cesaretti, Kristy M. Cesaretti to Michael McBroom, Lennette McBroom, WD, Lots 10-12, w/private alley, Bourquins Addn.
Dorothy J. Reitz Tr., Edward L. Reitz Trust, Dorothy J. Reitz Trust to Cherie Hoenig, Gail Spangler, Trustee Deed, Lot 329, Lot 331, Kortkamp.

John William Cooper Exec., Terri Lynn Drees Exec., Mildred Carolyn Cooper Estate to Bob Baldwin, Execs Deed, Blk. 6, SE/2 Blk. 6, Blk. 7, NW/2 Blk. 7, Clagett's Addn.
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## Litchfield Boys Go 43-0

With almost everyone returning from last year's team that finished fourth at the regional, expectations were high for the Litchfield boys golf team. But even with the loftiest of goals, it would have been hard to imagine the success the Panthers have achieved this season.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, Litchfield put a bow on a perfect 43-0 regular season with one of their closest matches of the year. Playing at Belk Park Golf Course in Wood River, the Panthers shot a 153 to edge Alton Marquette by two strokes.

Jerseyville, Roxana and East Alton-Wood River were also on the course, with Jerseyville shooting a 189, Roxana shooting a 220 and East Alton-Wood River one player short of a full team.

It wasn't just that the Panthers won their final head-to-head match of the season (the South Central Conference Tournament starts Monday),

it was how they did it. Litchfield's six players combined for a 1-over-par on their final holes to sew up the win for their team. Tug Schwab took that a step further as he birdied the final three holes on the day to finish with a 2-under-par 34, earning him medalist honors by a stroke over Marquette's Aiden O'Keefe.

Schwab's round was one of three in the 30s for the Panthers, with A.J. Odle adding a 2-over 38 and Sam Schwab chipping in a 39. Litchfield's final scoring round came from Ian Otto, who shot a 6-over 42, matching the round by Marquette's number four, Michael Wilson, to finish off the win.

Brawly Jacobs and Tucker Maguire were Litchfield's fifth and sixth men in the match, shooting a 46 and a 48.

With one of the milestones marked off for the Panthers, Litchfield moves on to the possibility of another: a South Central Conference title. Litchfield's last conference title

came in 2009, when the Panthers shot a 339 at the Rail in Springfield to beat Hillsboro by a stroke. With three third place finishes in the last three tournaments, Litchfield will look to break that 12-year streak on Monday, Sept. 26, at Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore.

**Sept. 22 at Wood River**

**Boys Team Results:** 1. Litchfield 153, 2. Alton Marquette 155, 3. Jerseyville 189, 4. Roxana 220.

**Medalist:** Tug Schwab (Litchfield) 34.

**Litchfield (153)** - Tug Schwab 34, A.J. Odle 38, Sam Schwab 39, Ian Otto 42, Brawly Jacobs 46, Tucker Maguire 48.

**Alton Marquette (155)** - Aiden O'Keefe 35, William Schwartz 38, Carson Jones 40, Michael Wilson 42, Matthew Kane 42, Sean Williams 43.

**Jerseyville (189)** - Ethan Guilan 45, Logan Huitt 47, Adam Deist 48, Bryce Becker 49, Adam Coffman 50, Vogel 67.

**Roxana (220)** - Nick Cotter 48, Connor Anderson 53, Troy Holbrook 54, Bartony 65.

**EAWR** - Tim Melton 46, Camden Siebert 50, Matt Bruce 50.

**Record:** Litchfield (43-0).



Just 42 seconds into the game, Hillsboro senior Kyle Butler scored his first career goal as the Toppers hosted Pana for senior night on Thursday, Sept. 22. Butler would add three more goals by the time everything was done as the Toppers beat a shorthanded Panther squad 14-0.

*Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann*

## Soccer Toppers Cap Off Big Week

The Hillsboro High School boys soccer team finished off a big week of soccer on the road Saturday, Sept. 24, as the orange and black traveled to Riverton to face off against the Hawks. For the Toppers, it was their fourth game of the week, which isn't uncommon this late in the soccer season.

What might be uncommon though is the fact that over those games, Hillsboro hadn't allowed a single goal all week, outscoring their opposition. And although the Hawks would add a goal late on a skipping ball that would fool junior keeper Mitchell Lowe, the strong difference in scoring would stay alive as three first half goals and three more in the second would finish off the four-game stretch with a 6-1 win.

It was a big week off the field in ways as well as the Toppers were able to secure the number one overall seed in their IHSA sub-sectional Wednesday and they would honor their seniors prior to a

14-0 win over a short-handed Pana squad on Thursday. So once kickoff happened Saturday, there was one more piece of business to take care of.

Hillsboro wouldn't waste anytime, nearly breaking through just 1:05 into the first as sophomore Nico Clark had a shot on net as result of a weird chain of events that fooled all of the Hawk defense, as well as their keeper, who was able to grab the ball at the last second.

Sophomore Mitchell Cunningham would make the most of his opportunity 3:15 into the frame as senior Kyle Butler made a terrific move up-field and found Cunningham on the wing. From there, Cunningham would chip the ball up, over, and in to put Hillsboro up 1-0.

The Riverton keeper would single-handedly keep his team in it after Cunningham's goal as the Toppers would make run after run on net, with his biggest save coming at the 12-minute mark of the first as

senior Adison Pollard rocked a ball from the doorstep, but the net minder was there for the big stand-up save.

Hillsboro would get things rolling again at the 14:30 mark of the first as freshman Mark Mattson played a perfect settle at midfield before finding senior Will Christian with an even better lead pass. From there, all Christian would have to do was tap it in making it 2-0 and junior Ketch Mills would add a third of the half during a scrum in front to make it 3-0 into the break.

When play resumed in the second, it would be more of the same as the Hawks decided to play a little more chippy and the Toppers were able to finesse the ball around them.

After missing wide to open the half, Christian would get his second of the tilt as Pollard played a perfect ball off the corner kick and Christian directed it up and in with his head making it 4-0.

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Nokomis senior Craig Bertolino ran 24 times for 93 yards in the Redskins' week five game against St. Joseph-Ogden on Friday, Sept. 23. The Spartans were less than hospitable hosts, at least on the field, as they ran up a 42-0 lead before beating the Redskins 42-12.

*James Ryan/NokoPhoto*

## Redskins Fall To St. Joe-Ogden

Logan Smith threw for 305 yards and three touchdowns to lead St. Joseph-Ogden past Nokomis on Friday, Sept. 23.

Smith, who completed 12 of his 15 pass attempts, also scored the first touchdown for the Spartans on an eight-yard run, the first of six straight scores for the home team as Nokomis found itself trailing

42 before it got on the scoreboard in the third quarter.

After Smith's opening score, the Spartans got a 14-yard touchdown run by Justice Wertz, the first of two on the day for the running back. Smith then picked up his first passing touchdown on an eight-yard strike to Tyler Burch as St. Joseph-Ogden

now led 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Wertz picked up his second TD on a three-yard run in the second quarter and Smith connected with Coy Taylor for a 30-yard touchdown that gave the Spartans a 35-0 lead at halftime.

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## Comets Run Wild At Litchfield

Walking off the field Grant Wilderman's uniform showed the work he had put in throughout the game.

Wilderman carried the ball 42 times and consumed over 200 yards rushing as he hauled the Greenville Comets to a 41-12 South Central Conference victory over Litchfield on Friday night, Sept. 23, in Litchfield.

Wilderman would be a load to handle throughout the contest as he was part of over half of the Comets' offensive plays and add over half of the Comets total offense yards.

Even though Wilderman put up impressive numbers, it would not come easy for a 5'7" 216 pound senior running back. Of the 42 carries only five would be over 10 yards as Wilderman earned every yard he got on the ground.

The Comets offense was in full gear on Friday night, but the Purple Panthers would stand toe-to-toe with the challenge handed out by Greenville.

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Litchfield's Owen Baugher (#50) tries to bring down Greenville running back Nathan Grull during the Panthers' home game on Friday, Sept. 23. Two late touchdowns by Greenville resulted in a 41-12 victory by the Comets, who led 27-12 at halftime.

*Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann*

## North Mac Remains Unbeaten

*by Ron Deabenderfer*

One parallel between the weather in Virden Friday evening, Sept. 23, and the result of the football game played there by the Toppers against North Mac is that the results could have been worse for both. It rained hard before the kickoff but cleared as the game progressed; the Toppers lost 38-0, but on the field it could have been worse too.

The Toppers controlled time of possession despite not having Blaze Helton for either offense or defense; the Panthers came onto their home field determined to stay unbeaten for the season. They also were armed to do so.

Defensively their line is anchored by a big man, senior Cooper Starks, at nose guard. A NCAA Division I (Vanderbilt) recruit, Starks is a mobile 6'5", 322 lb. athlete who also blocks well as an offensive tackle. Offensively, they featured interchangeable quarterbacks, Kaden Brown and Dane Vance; 180 lb. Zane Hogan; and 214 blocking back Joe Reinhart. The four had track-type running speed but were disguised in football pads.

The touchdowns were spread throughout the contest. The Toppers came close to scoring twice; the Panthers scored twice each quarter in the opening half and twice in the second half; six touchdowns in nine possessions that totalled 45 plays meant



Hillsboro's Reese Morford bears down on North Mac running back Zane Hogan during the Toppers' road trip to Virden on Friday, Sept. 23. Hogan had 200 yards on 11 carries in the Panthers' 38-0 win over the Toppers.

*Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann*

the Panthers were quick strike attackers.

The first score was the result of a 36 yard pass from Brown to Logan Hamann four minutes, 24 seconds after the game began. Hamann faked a conversion kick, but

the Toppers foiled the two point conversion.

The Toppers drove to the N. Mac's 37 before a pass failed during a fourth down attempt to end the subsequent possession.

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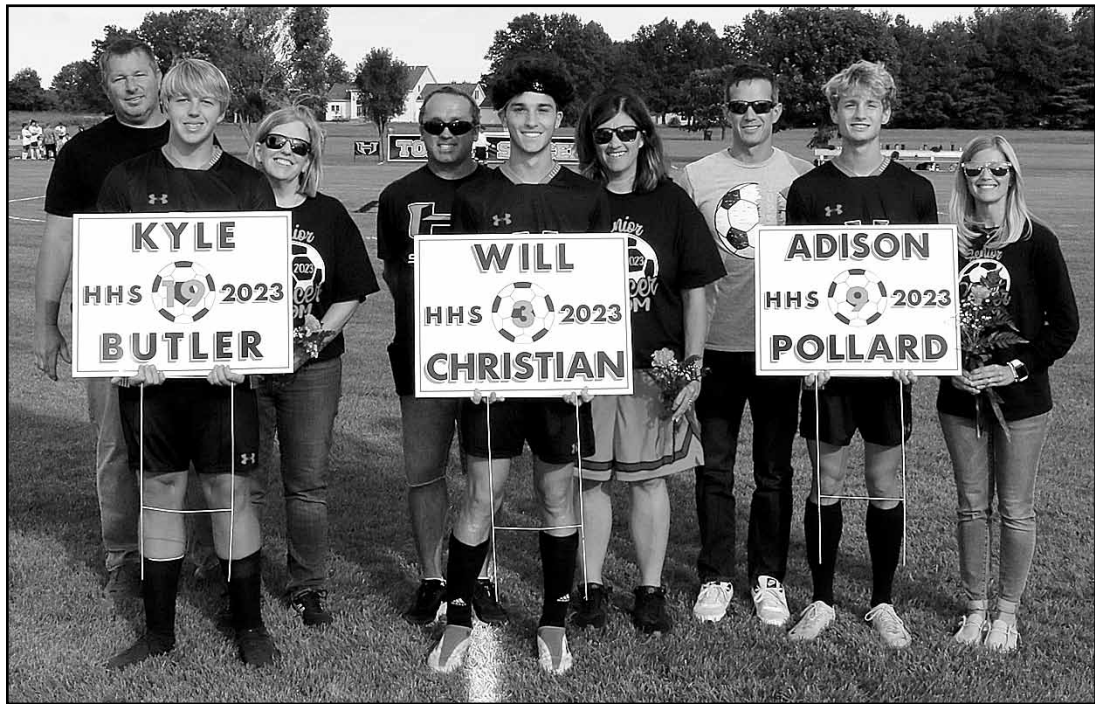
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It was senior night for the Hillsboro boys soccer team on Thursday, Sept. 22. Above, from the left, are seniors Kyle Butler, with parents Fred and Laura Butler; Will Christian, with parents Bill and Heidi Christian; and Adison Pollard, with parents Adam and Brandi Pollard.

*Journal-News Photo*

## Hillsboro Boys Soccer

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He would complete the hat trick 2:30 later as Clark played a fantastic cross ball that Christian would bury to make it 5-0. Riverton would add a goal late but freshman Tony White would add one more for the good guys to make it 6-1.

Last week was a great one for the Toppers with four wins

in four games, but this week doesn't get any easier as an all too important showdown tomorrow at Carlinville has huge South Central Conference implications, with the winner of the match most likely to be crowned conference champions.

For the Toppers, if they were able to secure the crown, it will be their fourth straight for the duo of Pollard and

Christian, who have only lost one conference game in their four year careers thus far.

### Sept. 22 at Hillsboro

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|-----------|----|---|------|
| Pana      | 0  | 0 | - 0  |
| Hillsboro | 10 | 4 | - 14 |

### Sept. 24 at Riverton

|           |   |   |     |
|-----------|---|---|-----|
| Hillsboro | 3 | 3 | - 6 |
| Riverton  | 0 | 1 | - 1 |

**Hillsboro Goals:** Will Christian 3, Mitchell Cunningham 1, Tony White 1, Ketch Mills 1. **Goal-keeper:** Mitchell Lowe.

**Record:** Hillsboro (12-3-1, 5-0).

## Litchfield Football

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Litchfield put together a solid offensive performance in the first half as they compiled 155 yards of total offense on 13 plays. The problem was that the Purple Panthers would not be able to find the endzone.

Before putting their first points on the board, Litchfield's offensive drives resulted in two punts and two turnovers. The first turnover resulted in the first touchdown of the contest.

With just over seven minutes to play in the opening quarter, Greenville's Dieken Graber put together a pick six as he intercepted Tate Dobrinich's pass and took it into the endzone. The interception would give the Comets a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

On Litchfield's following possession they once again turned the ball over, resulting in another Comets touchdown. Just 30 seconds after Greenville's first touchdown, the Comets would recover a Purple Panther fumble. With the ball on Litchfield's 28-yard line, the Comets would put their second touchdown on the board. Grant Wilderman would rush into the endzone, untouched from 11 yards out, giving the Comets a 14-0 lead.

Throughout the first quarter the Comets also had problems holding onto the football as they would also turn the ball over twice, with an interception and a fumble.

The second turnover would result in the first touchdown of the game for Litchfield. The Comets were 19 yards away from making the score 21-0, but a fumble ended the scoring attempt. Starting the drive on their own 19-yard line, the Purple Panthers would turn the disadvantage into a positive as Tate Dobrinich hit Keenan Powell on a post pattern. Powell would take the reception into the endzone from 59 yards out, putting the Purple Panthers on the board. The extra point missed as Litchfield trailed Greenville 14-6 with under a minute to play in the opening quarter.

After a strong defensive stand, the Purple Panthers once again had possession of the football, but they could not get their offensive machine running. A punt would be the result of the possession, giving the Comets the ball back on their 39-yard line.

The Comets once again turned to their workhorse Wilderman. Wilderman got his second touchdown of the game as he scampered into the endzone from nine yards out. The extra point attempt would fail as the Comets held

a 20-6 lead with 7:56 left in the second quarter.

Sparks would fly on the following kickoff as Martavious Jones received the kickoff on his own 25-yard line and sprinted down the home team's sideline. Jones would take seven seconds to outrun the Comets in a 75 yard dash to the endzone.

Jones' kickoff return would decrease the Comets' lead to 20-12 with 7:49 left to play in the half.

The Comets had the last strike before the half would expire. With 53 seconds left in the half, Greenville's quarterback Ryan Jackson hit Dieken Graber from five yards out, increasing the Comets' lead to 27-12.

Despite the limited amount of time remaining, Litchfield would have two possessions and the Comets would have one more before the half ended, neither resulting in more points on the board as Greenville controlled a 27-12 lead at the break.

The Comets tallied over 200 yards in the first half on 40 plays, with 153 of those yards would come from the Comets' leading rusher Grant Wilderman. Litchfield produced 155 yards of offense on 13 plays and were led on the ground by quarterback Tate Dobrinich, who rushed the ball six times for 65 yards in the half.

Fans were on the edge of their seats waiting for the second half to begin after the show they received in the first half. In the third quarter the action would slow down, almost to a screeching halt as both teams ate up a lot of clock while on offense.

Litchfield had three possessions in the third frame, all resulting in punts, while the Comets would also have three possessions, turning the ball over on downs on two of those possessions and fumbling on the third.

On their three possessions neither team would find the endzone as the score would remain in favor of the Comets 27-12 after three quarters.

It would not be until 5:45 left in the contest that the first touchdown would be recorded in the second half. Once again it would be Grant Wilderman hitting pay dirt as he dashed in from seven yards out to give the Comets a 34-12 lead late in the contest.

Litchfield would have a tall hill to climb trailing by 22 points with just under six minutes to play in the contest, but the Purple Panthers would give it a try.

After a nearly two-minute offensive drive, the result would end in another Purple

Panther interception and Greenville took over on Litchfield's 42-yard line with 3:52 left to play.

The Comets would use majority of the clock and put the ball in the endzone on a fourth down play from five yards out. Sophomore Declan Graber, who had a solid game overshadowed by Wilderman's performance, would be rewarded with the late touchdown. Graber's touchdown gave the Comets a 41-12.

Litchfield would have one solid play from line scrimmage on their last possession, but time would run out as the Comets would walk away with a 41-12 victory.

Even though Litchfield would struggle to find the endzone throughout the contest, the Purple Panthers would give the Comets a battle. Litchfield ended the contest with 196 total offense off of 25 plays, while the Comets would cross into 400 yards of offense on 72 plays.

The Comets improved to 4-1 overall while the Purple Panthers are now in survival mode with a 1-4 overall record. Litchfield will travel to Pana for their week six match-up.

### Sept. 23 at Litchfield

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|------------|----|----|---|----|-------|
| Greenville | 14 | 13 | 0 | 14 | ---41 |
| Litchfield | 6  | 6  | 0 | 0  | ---12 |

### Individual Statistics

**Offensive Yards:** Litchfield 25-196; Greenville 72-402.

**Passing:** Litchfield - Tate Dobrinich 7-18-104; Greenville - Ryan Jackson 17-25-128.

**Rushing:** Litchfield - Tate Dobrinich 8-74, AJ Sypherd 9-20, Martavious Jones 1-(-2); Grant Wilderman 42-215, Declan Graber 13-59.

**Receiving:** Litchfield - Keenan Powell 4-80, Jake Cunningham 3-24; Greenville - Dieken Graber 9-77, Gus Olson 3-33, Eli Shadowens 1-13, Nick Grull 1-7, Declan Graber 1-2, Grant Wilderman 1-(-5).

**Records:** Greenville (4-1); Litchfield (1-4).

## Hillsboro Football

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Hogan took the handoff on the Miners' first play from there and shot up the middle to make it 12-0 as the rain slowed.

The third Panther drive began well in the first quarter after a Jace Stewart punt reached the Panther 42. Reinhart charged ahead for 10; Brown raced around his right end for 14; and Vance fielded a bad center snap and scooted for 16 and a first down on the Topper 23 as the quarter ended. A motion penalty snapped the N. Mac momentum there, though, and the Topper defense gave the offense the ball on downs.

However, a holding call on first down put Hillsboro in a second-and-long situation; Stewart had to hurry his punt and this time the Panthers regained possession on the Topper 19. Five plays later (one a motion penalty), Reinhart barged in from the 11. The score stayed 18-0 because although the two-point conversion pass was complete, the receiver was tackled short of the goal line. 5:37 remained in the half.

Dylan Lessman fielded a short kickoff on his 42 before Zane Duff completed a 12 yard pass to Zander Wells for a first down on the Mac. 46 when play resumed. Running plays by Compton and Duff plus a pass to Elliot Lentz moved the ball to the enemy 27, but then Starks made a stop on fourth-and-three to give the hosts a chance for another halftime score.

Brown raced down the right sideline for 12 before Hogan gained first 26 and then 17 yards on consecutive runs; one long gain seemed to lead to another as the defense tired. Hammann, their place-kicker, ran left for 17 before he was tackled on the 1; Reinhart scored from there with 1:07 to go in the half. Hammann booted the extra point, and it was 25-0.

After Landon Reincke re-

turned the ensuing kickoff to his 38, Lessman and Stewart each carried once to reach midfield. Another Wells' reception became another first down, and a pass interference call moved the ball to the 26, but the clock had only three seconds showing. The Toppers elected to attempt a 43 yard field goal from there, but North Mac blocked it.

No signs of surrender showed in the Topper camp, though, even after the Panthers used only three plays to move 60 yards for a score on the opening drive of the second half. The big play was a 33 yard sprint down his left sideline by Hogan and a sweep by Brown, who started as a wingback on the left and took a pitch from Vance around the right side of his line. Hammann's kick was good again. Hillsboro's next possession took seven minutes off the clock as they reached the North Mac 6 before giving up the ball on downs. A pass reception by Wells for 14 was instrumental, and a personal foul against the Panthers helped, but Duff was tackled on the 6 when he gained three before two passes fell incomplete.

The Topper defense forced a punt six plays later; Hillsboro had good field position on the Mac. 49. They reached the 38 (another Wells reception) before Reinhart made a big stop to end the quarter.

A series of Panther penalties helped Hillsboro regain possession; this time Brown's punt from his 22 put Hillsboro in business on the enemy 45. Stewart, Compton (who shifted into Helton's running back position), and Wells with a catch under duress, moved the ball to the 21 before losing it on downs. Compton was injured during that possession, with sophomore Drake McSperritt moving into that position.

Hogan moved the ball away from his own end zone with a 33 yard burst to finish his over 200 yards rushing night.

## Nokomis Football

*Continued from 1B*

Columbia on Sept. 9.

### Sept. 23 at St. Joseph

|               |    |    |   |        |
|---------------|----|----|---|--------|
| Nokomis       | 0  | 0  | 6 | ---12  |
| St. Joe-Ogden | 21 | 14 | 7 | 0---42 |

### Scoring Summary

1st - SJO - Logan Smith 8-yard TD (Joe Frasca kick)

1st - SJO - Justice Wertz 14-yard TD run (Joe Frasca kick)

1st - SJO - Logan Smith 8-yard TD pass to Tyler Burch (Joe Frasca kick)

2nd - SJO - Justice Wertz 3-yard TD run (Joe Frasca kick)

2nd - SJO - Logan Smith 30-yard TD pass to Coy Taylor (Joe Frasca kick)

3rd - SJO - 1-yard TD run (kick good)

3rd - Nokomis - Ryan Quinn 8-yard run (kick failed)

4th - Nokomis - Garret Engelman 2-yard TD run (2-pt. failed)

### Nokomis Statistics

**Passing:** Brody Steele 0-3-0.

**Rushing:** Craig Bertolino 24-93,

Brenton Lyons 7-40, Nolan Herpstreich 5-37, Dolan Harrison 5-37, Zaylon Sisk 7-31,

Ryan Quinn 2-19, Brody Steele 3-4, Garret Engelman 1-2.

**Tackles (Solo/Assist):** Braxston Taylor 2/2, Nolan Herpstreich 2/2, Garret Engelman 3/0, Craig Bertolino 0/3, Kaeden Loafman 0/2, Riley Reynolds 2/0, Jaxson Batty 1/1, Kolin Reynolds 0/2,

Zaylon Sisk 1/0, Mason Morris 0/1, Lucas Stinson 0/1, Daryl Evans 1/0.

**Records:** Nokomis (1-4), St. Joe-Ogden (3-2).

Brown had 97 yards as big plays dominated the Panther offense. The last score came as Vance skittered in with 2:02 to go.

Playing the team favored to sweep the conference, who was ranked fifth in 3A in the state in the middle of the week, without services of leading rusher and tackler Helton was no doubt daunting. Suffering their first shutout of the 2022 season had to be disappointing, but there were signs of improvement.

The 38 points they surrendered without Helton were fewer than Pana and Vandalia scored against them in earlier losses. Wells had his most productive game as a receiver (10 catches, 83 yards). Lentz caught his first two passes as a tight end this season, while Duff completed 12 (of 24) passes for his first 100+ yard game. Compton's 54 yards gained were his high for 2022. Slowly but surely, the team is adding plays to help offensive production.

The next test of that offense comes this Friday when the Gillespie Miners come to call. It's the school's Homecoming Game, so distractions could be probable. Remember, though, the Toppers were 0-5 at this point last year; now they are 2-3. If they are to be playoff eligible, each of the last four contests needs to be a win. Kickoff is 7 p.m. at Sawyer Field on Sept. 30.

### September 23 at Virden

|           |    |    |   |   |        |
|-----------|----|----|---|---|--------|
| Hillsboro | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | -----0 |
| North Mac | 12 | 13 | 7 | 6 | ---38  |

### Individual Statistics

**Passing:** Hillsboro - Zane Duff 12-26-134; North Mac - Dane Vance 7-8-98, Kaden Brown 3-5-37.

**Rushing:** Hillsboro - Jaben Compton 13-51, Zane Duff 7-26, Jace Stewart 8-23, Dylan Lessman 9-21, Drake McSperritt 1-4; North Mac - Zane Hogan 11-200, Kaden Brown 9-90, Dane Vance 5-42, Joe Reinhart 5-15.

**Receiving:** Hillsboro - Zander Wells 8-81, Elliot Lentz 3-44, Jaben Compton 1-9; North Mac - Logan Hammann 4-88, Kaden Brown 2-27, Joe Reinhart 1-10, Jerrod Dowell 2-8, Zane Hogan 1-2.

**Tackles (Solo/Assist):** Jace Stewart 8/1; Jaben Compton 4/3; Brayden Fowler 4/2; Nathan Schaafe 4/1; Landon Reincke 2/3; Seth Hubbard 1/3; Zander Wells 3/0; Zane Duff 2/1; Elliot Lentz 1/2; Reese Morford 1/1; Cameron Hacke 1/1; Dylan Lessman 0/1; Treyton Kuhl 0/1.

**Records:** Hillsboro (2-3); North Mac (5-0).

## Bowling League

### Men's Thursday League Sept. 8 at Nokomis Town Pump Bowl - Week 1

|                  | W | L |
|------------------|---|---|
| Average Joe's    | 3 | 1 |
| Pocket Pounders  | 3 | 1 |
| Dirks Auto Care  | 2 | 1 |
| Globo Gym Cobras | 2 | 2 |
| You Daddy        | 2 | 2 |
| Town Pump Bowl   | 1 | 3 |
| Kamer's Kove     | 1 | 3 |
| Taylor Trucking  | 1 | 3 |

### Men's Thursday League Sept. 15 at Nokomis Town Pump Bowl - Week 2

|                  | W | L |
|------------------|---|---|
| Average Joe's    | 6 | 2 |
| Dirks Auto Care  | 6 | 2 |
| Town Pump Bowl   | 4 | 4 |
| Pocket Pounders  | 4 | 4 |
| Taylor Trucking  | 4 | 4 |
| You Daddy        | 3 | 5 |
| Globo Gym Cobras | 3 | 5 |
| Kamer's Kove     | 2 | 6 |

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The Litchfield High School boys golf team finished a perfect 43-0 during the regular season, which wrapped up on Thursday, Sept. 22, at Belk Park Golf Course in Wood River. From the left are Tug Schwab, Sam Schwab, Ian Otto, A.J. Odle, Tucker Maguire, Brawly Jacobs and Coach Dan Newkirk.

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Pence Hitting On All Cylinders Up North



**C a r a Pence**, a Litchfield graduate, was fired up. She was not the only North Central University player that was fired up in their 3-0 win over Crown College. But it is fair to say that the Purple Panther turned Lady Ram was definitely the statistical leader. In the Lady Rams first Upper Midwest Athletic Conference win of the year, Pence pounded down 10 kills, a team-leading stat. She hit .368 in the contest, also a team-high stat.

“I was pretty excited and I focused on the match plan,” said Pence. “I was pretty happy with the hitting percentage. If I hit over .200, I consider that an accomplishment. But, hitting over .300 is absolutely amazing.”

Pence’s stats at the net against their UMAC foe, showed in the team numbers. Her hitting percentage helped the NCU Rams post a .192 hitting percentage. Pence would also post two digs.

The 5-foot-11 sophomore outside hitter also helped the Lady Rams dump Oak Hill Christian College 3-0. Pence had two kills and two digs. In a 3-1 loss to Macalester College, Pence had nine kills and four digs. Based in Minneapolis, MN, North Central is 6-2 overall and 1-1 in the UMAC.

“The rest of the year, I just want to hit as well as possible and grow into a leader,” said Pence. “I want to lead both on and off the court. I want my teammates to know they can come to me in any capacity. I want to focus on those goals.”

**Tessa Saathoff** (Hillsboro) shot the lowest individual

round in a dual outing between Fontbonne University and her chosen school, Blackburn College. Saathoff, a Blackburn senior, shot an 85 to win the individual tilt in the dual outing. Fontbonne won the dual outing by shooting a 387. Blackburn shot a 404 at the outing hosted by Blackburn and held at the Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore.

**Alex Bishop** (Litchfield) took 14th at the Malone University-hosted Glenmoor Invitational. The golf outing was held at the Glenmoor Country Club in Canton, Ohio. The Purdue University-Northwest golfer shot a 225 for 54 holes. He shot a low round of 72 in the second round. He shot a 79 in the first 18 holes and a 74 in the third and final round. As a team the PU-Northwest Pride finished 14th with a 911. Tiffin University won the team title with an 847.

**Trevor Geggie** (Litchfield) had three kickoff returns for 73 yards, but it was not enough to power Knox College beyond Ripon College, who won a 33-6 decision. The Knox player also had six rushing yards on two carries. With the loss, Knox slipped to 1-1 on the year.

**Dane Huber** (Hillsboro), an Illinois College golfer, shot a 75 at the IC-hosted Fall Preview. The IC junior helped IC win the team title by 15 strokes. They carded a 291, while the second place team, Indiana Tech, finished with a 306. The outing was held at The Rail in Springfield.

**Isaiah Atkins** (Hillsboro) and **Elijah Atkins** (Hillsboro), both Greenville University cross country athletes, competed in the Olivet Nazarene University Tiger Cross Country Invitational in Bourbonnais. Isaiah Atkins finished



Litchfield grad Cara Pence (#21) has been one of North Central University’s top hitters this season, putting down 10 kills in the Rams’ first conference win over Crown College.

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the 8,000-meter run in 29 minutes, 8.10 seconds, which was good for 41st. Elijah Atkins took 54th, entering the chute in 29:39.0. They helped the Greenville Panthers finish third with 92 points. Olivet Nazarent took first with 21 points.

**Vanessa Compton** (Hillsboro) took 45th for Greenville in the women’s division of the Tiger Cross Country Invitational. She completed the

5,000-meter race in 23:42.30. The Lady Panthers finished third with 67 points. Olivet Nazarene won the women’s division as well, scoring 19 points.

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Nokomis Junior High Girls Sweep Carlinville

The Nokomis Junior High girls basketball program hosted their second home game of the season on Thursday, Sept. 22, against Carlinville, with both teams picking up victories.

It would take a couple possessions to get a score in the seventh grade game, but a nice pass from Hannah Tarter to Kendra Dean would result in the first basket. Brooklyn Marley would add two transition buckets and Tarter would make a layup in transition as well to help Nokomis go up 8-0 early in the first quarter en route to a 16-2 lead.

In the second quarter, Nokomis got started with a Carsyn Bertolino steal and an assist from Tarter to Lily

Broers for a score. Carlinville would add four points that quarter, but Quincee Riebe hit a shot in the corner to end the half with Nokomis up 26-6.

In the third quarter Tarter would add eight points as the Braves closed out the quarter 38-11. The game would come to an end with a Paige Suslee shot as Nokomis seventh graders finished out the game with a 42-13 win. Scoring for Nokomis were Hannah Tarter (14), Lily Broers (9), Brooklyn Marley (6), Carsyn Bertolino (5), Kendra Dean (4), Quincee Riebe and Paige Suslee (2).

The eighth grade came into the game with some energy, as did Carlinville as well. Carlinville hit a jumper to go up 2-0, but on the following play

MaKenzie Mehochko grabbed an offensive board and put it back to tie it.

Then Mehochko would find Maliah Harris on a back cut for another two point as Nokomis would push out a 16-4 lead to end the quarter.

After a couple possessions, Alivia Sabol would have a nice feed for Mehochko to start the second quarter. Sabol would add six points in the second and Cloey Dirks would add a three (her second of the game) to finish out the half with Nokomis up 31-4.

In the second half, Dirks hit another three and Tarter and Mehochko would add four points apiece as Nokomis would finish out the game with a 48-10 win.

MaKenzie Mehochko (14), Cloey Dirks (11), Alivia Sabol (7), Maliah Harris (4), Hannah Tarter (4), Fallon Knodle (2), Brooklyn Marley (2), Carsyn Bertolino (2) and Lily Broers (2) all scored for Nokomis in the eighth grade game.

“(It’s) Definitely impressive when both squads can add 16 points in one quarter,” Coach Sean Hendrickson said. “We are getting better at finishing shots. I am really pleased about the unselfishness on the team.”

Both the seventh and eighth grade teams are 3-0 overall and 1-0 in conference play. The Lady Braves head to Greenville on Monday, Sept. 26, followed by a trip to Hillsboro on Thursday, Sept. 29.

Quarton Third At Springfield Invitational

Camden Quarton continues to raise the bar in regards to his performance as the Litchfield junior finished third in the Springfield High School Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Lincoln Park in Springfield.

One of 142 competitors in the boys’ race, Quarton ran a 16:42 to finish third overall in the race. Only Brenden Heitzig of Lincoln (15:52) and Owen Morgan of Taylorville (16:26) finished in a quicker time than Quarton.

In the team ranks, the Panthers finished 15th out of the 20 teams who had enough runners to qualify for a team score, despite the absence of senior Sam Horn, who is frequently Litchfield’s number two runner.

Junior Mitchel Floyd was the next Litchfield runner to cross the finish line, doing so in a time of 19:41 to place 76th. Kenny Traylor added in a 97th place finish in a time of 20:47, while Lucien Quarton and Peyton Baugher ran times

of 22:27 and 22:56 to finish 118th and 126th respectively.

Litchfield will host their lone home meet at the Litchfield Country Club on Tuesday, Sept. 27, with the Southwestern Invite coming up on Oct. 1, at Southwestern High School in Piasa.

**Sept. 24 at Springfield**  
*Springfield HS Invite at Lincoln Park – 3 Miles*

**Boys Team Results:** 1. Glenwood 74, 2. Mascoutah 115, 3. Lincoln 129, 4. Mt. Vernon 131, 5. Taylorville 143, 6. Williamsville 152, 7. Pleasant Plains 197, 8. Highland 202, 9. Springfield 230, 10. PORTA 246, 11. South County 310, 12. Rochester 327, 13. Granite City 340, 14. Bluford 358, 15. Litchfield 386, 16. Springfield Lutheran 397, 17. Danville 405, 18. Jacksonville 475, 19. East St. Louis 489, 20. Cahokia 569.

**Individual Top 5:** 1. Brenden Heitzig (Lincoln) 15:52; 2. Owen Morgan (Taylorville) 16:26; 3. Camden Quarton (Litchfield) 16:42; 4. Avery Glasgow (Williamsville) 16:45; 5. Jake Bivin (Lincoln) 16:48.

**Litchfield (386) –** 3. Camden Quarton (Litchfield) 16:42; 76. Mitchel Floyd 19:41; 97. Kenny Traylor 20:47; 118. Lucien Quarton 22:27; 126. Peyton Baugher 22:56.

Lady Panthers Go Low To Improve To 28-3

The Litchfield High School girls golf team reached one of their high points of the season by reaching a few lows on Thursday, Sept. 22.

The Panthers improved their season mark to 28-3 overall with a season-low score of 176 at the Vandalia Country Club. The score was good enough to top both Hillsboro (220) and Vandalia (224), with Greenville also in attendance, but not factoring into the team standings.

The season-best score was just the first of three lows for the Panthers, who also got a season-low round from Lauren Monke, who earned medalist honors for the first time in her career.

Monke shot a personal-best 6-over-par 41 to earn the top spot by two strokes over teammate Hailey Rentz, who finished with a 43. Charlotte Gardner wasn’t far behind, tying for third with a 45, while Addison Monke also shot a season-low 47 to account for the four scoring spot.

Olivia Fleming rounded out the lineup for the Lady Panthers, who are shooting for a fourth straight South Central Conference title this Monday, Sept. 26. The Litchfield girls finish the season 28-3, 28-0 against teams not named Chatham Glenwood.

The Panthers weren’t the only ones to go low on Thursday. Hillsboro’s Sam Frailey shot a season-best 45 to lead the Toppers and tie for the third best round overall. Alex Frailey was also in the top five individually with a 49, while Aurelie Granito and Emma Bell rounded out the scoring with a 58 and a 68.

While it may be a tall task for the Toppers to upset Litchfield on Monday, an improvement on last year’s fourth place finish, when they shot a 424, could be in the cards. If the Panthers can four-peat, they will be the first school to do so since Roxana accomplished the milestone between 2010 and 2013. Hillsboro has the most consecutive SCC tournament wins since 1997, with six in a row between 2004 and 2009.

grabbed three of the top four spots, with Laura Boston carding a 47 to take medalist honors. Boston had one of two birdies on the day for Litchfield, picking up a three on the par-4 first hole.

Hailey Rentz was a steady number two for the Panthers, tying Taylor Keirs of North Mac for second with a 48, while Lauren Monke added a 49, with Litchfield’s other birdie coming on the par-5 ninth hole.

Charlotte Gardner had the other scoring round with a 52, while Addison Monke (60) and Olivia Fleming (62) rounded out the scoring for Litchfield.

Hillsboro had two players in the top seven on the day, with Alex Frailey leading the Toppers with a 50 to finish fifth behind Litchfield’s trio and Keirs. Sam Frailey was just two strokes back with a 52 as she tied Gardner and North Mac’s Addelyn Held for sixth overall individually.

Aurelie Granito added a 66 for Hillsboro, while Emma Bell finished with a 70 to account for the Toppers’ final score.

Hillsboro and Litchfield will be at Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore on Monday, Sept. 26, with both teams also playing on Tuesday, Sept. 27, with the Toppers in Carlinville and the Panthers in Greenville. Regionals for the teams will be Thursday, Sept. 29 at Belk Park Golf Course in Alton.

**September 21 at Pana**  
*Oak Terrace - Par 36*

**Girls Team Results:** 1. Litchfield 196, 2. Hillsboro 238, 3. Pana 257.

**Medalist:** Laura Boston (Litchfield) 47.

**Litchfield (196) -** Laura Boston 47, Hailey Rentz 48, Lauren Monke 49, Charlotte Gardner 52, Addison Monke 60, Olivia Fleming 62.

**Hillsboro (238) -** Alex Frailey 50, Sam Frailey 52, Aurelie Granito 66, Emma Bell 70.

**Pana (257) -** Madison Clark 65, Claire Osborn 65, Paige Morrell 66, Delaney Epley 68.

**North Mac -** Taylor Keirs 48, Addelyn Held 52.

**Records:** Litchfield (23-3); Hillsboro (2-8).

**Sept. 22 at Vandalia**  
*at Vandalia Country Club – Par 35*

**Girls Team Results:** 1. Litchfield 176, 2. Hillsboro 220, 3. Vandalia 224.

**Medalist:** Lauren Monke (Litchfield) 41.

**Litchfield (176) -** Lauren Monke 41, Hailey Rentz, 43, Charlotte Gardner 45, Addison Monke 47, Olivia Fleming 57.

**Hillsboro (220) -** Sam Frailey 45, Alex Frailey 49, Aurilio Granito 58, Emma Bell 68.

**Vandalia (224) -** Abby Tate 50, Sophia McNealy 53, Aubri Crew 59, Maggie Tate 62, Braswell 63, Chaya Briggs 64.

**Greenville –** Stella Laggerman 51.

**Record:** Litchfield (28-3); Hillsboro (3-9).

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## Litchfield Man Unfit To Stand Trial For A Year

A Litchfield man has been found unfit for trial in the death of his ex-girlfriend.

Deundrea S. Holloway, 22, of Litchfield, is accused in the June 9 death of his pregnant ex-girlfriend, Liese Dodd, in

Alton. He has been charged with two counts of first degree murder, two counts of intentional homicide to an unborn child and dismembering a human body, as well as offenses relating to motor

vehicles and concealment of a homicide death.

Holloway will remain in custody in the care of the Department of Human Services for treatment over the next year. According to Madison

County court records, “the court further finds that if provided a course of treatment there is a substantial probability he will attain fitness within one year.”

## Court

• Daphne C. Babcock, 29, of Carlinville, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Saturday, Sept. 3.

• Amanda M. Bolino, 40, of Girard, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

• Nacole A. Brown, 21, of Witt, faces a felony charge of obstructing justice on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

• Eric C. Brueggeman, 46, of Cottage Hills, faces a felony charge of theft and a misdemeanor charge of driving on a revoked license on Thursday, Sept. 8.

• Joseph E. Brumberlow, 39, of Witt, faces a felony charge of home invasion and misdemeanor charges of driving on a suspended license and suspended/canceled/revoked registration on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

• Michael A. Friesland, 39, of Effingham, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Saturday, Sept. 10.

• Danielle L. Glasco, 26, of Benld, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Monday, Sept. 5.

• David M. Hamby, 49, of Hillsboro, faces two felony charges of grooming and two misdemeanor charges of sexual exploitation of a child on May 4.

• Jennifer E. Lewis, 42, of Gillespie, faces a felony charge of attempting to defraud a drug and alcohol screen test on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

• Jessica D. Pete, 28, of Lake Charles, LA, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession

or use of a weapon by a felon and a misdemeanor charge of unlawful possession of cannabis on Friday, Sept. 2.

• Gary M. Samela, 62, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of child pornography and two felony charges of violation of the sex offender registry on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

• Heather L. Schwander, 47, of Mt. Olive, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

• Shayla M. Wimsett, 27, of Hillsboro, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Saturday, Sept. 3.

• Travis W. Brantner, 33, of Macon, MO, was charged with domestic battery on Friday, Sept. 3.

• Elton E. Spiess, 50, of Roscoe, was charged with domestic battery on Sunday, Sept. 11.

• Alexis N. Compton, 19, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of burglary on Monday, Sept. 12, and was sentenced to 24 months of probation, 12 days in jail with a credit of six days served, 30 hours of public service, drug and alcohol treatment, fined, plus court costs. An additional felony charge of burglary, as well as a misdemeanor charge of theft, were dismissed.

• An order of “nolle prosequi” was entered on Thursday, Sept. 8, in a felony charge of possession of meth filed in July 2020 against Carrie A. Cox, 43, of Litchfield.

• Loftin W. Eaton, 34, of

Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possession of meth on Monday, Sept. 12, and was sentenced to 32 days in jail with a credit of 16 days served, 24 months of probation, drug and alcohol treatment, fined, plus court costs. A felony charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license and a misdemeanor charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle were dismissed.

• Trey W. Fenton, 31, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of aggravated battery on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and was sentenced to three years in prison with a credit of 178 days served, one year of mandatory supervised release, fined, plus court costs. An additional felony charge of aggravated battery was dismissed.

• An order of “nolle prosequi” was entered on Monday, Sept. 12, in a felony charge of possession of cannabis filed in October 2021 against David K. Matthews, 35, of Nokomis.

• An order of “nolle prosequi” was entered on Thursday, Sept. 15, in a felony charge of possession of meth and a misdemeanor charge of theft filed in October 2021 against Ely T. Oakley, 36, of Willard, MO.

• Trisha J. Odle, 43, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possession of meth and a misdemeanor charge of violation of an order of protection on Friday, Sept. 9, and was sentenced to 24 months of probation, ten days in jail with a credit of five days served, drug and alcohol treat-

ment, fined, plus court costs. Additional charges of driving on a revoked license, violation of an order of protection and violation of an order after having been served a notice were dismissed.

• Michael J. Ross, 45, of Mt. Olive, pleaded guilty to resisting a peace officer on Wednesday, Sept. 14, and was sentenced to four days in jail with a credit of two days served, fined \$100, plus court costs.

• Jessie E. Taylor, 40, of Irving, pleaded guilty to an amended charge of criminal trespass to a residence on Friday, Sept. 16, and was sentenced to 48 days in jail with a credit of 24 days served, 12 months of conditional discharge, restitution, fined \$75, plus court costs. A felony charge of theft was dismissed.

• An order of “nolle prosequi” was entered on Thursday, Sept. 15, in a felony charge of possession of a stolen firearm and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct filed in September 2019 against Macen C. Weigand, 23, of Hillsboro.

• Nathan E. Wilson, 34, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to a felony of possession of meth on Monday, Sept. 12, and was sentenced to two years in prison with a credit of 100 days served, fined, plus court costs.

• An order of “nolle prosequi” was entered on Wednesday, Sept. 14, in a felony charge of possession of meth filed in November 2019 against Nicole E.L. Wood, 36, of Alton.

## Accidents

### Intersection Mishap

Nathan M. Bergman, of Hillsboro, was stopped at the red light at the intersection of Rt. 16 and Jefferson in Litchfield at 4:05 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, when the light turned green.

Bergman began to accelerate when a vehicle behind him, driven by Brittany N. Madeline, of Mt. Olive, struck the back of his car.

### Ran Off Roadway

Kyra E. Kircher, 17, of Litchfield, was eastbound on Old Litchfield Trail in South Litchfield Township at 3:20 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, when a westbound vehicle, whose driver is unknown according to the accident report, ran her off the roadway.

Kircher advised she tried to correct her driving and lost control, veering off into the ditch on the north side of the road. Her vehicle was towed from the scene by Brian’s

### Towing in Litchfield.

### Deer Collision

A deer ran into the road and collided with a vehicle driven by Rachel R. Brewer, 34, of Hillsboro, while the driver was southbound on East 13th Road, just south of Grand Point Avenue, in East Fork Township at 5:59 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15.

Her vehicle sustained front end and driver’s side damage.

### Fails To Negotiate Curve

Tyler A. Zumwalt, 20, of Litchfield, was southbound on Crabtree Trail, just north of Schoeny Trail, in South Litchfield Township at 4:50 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19, when the driver failed to negotiate a curve and drove off the roadway.

Zumwalt’s vehicle struck two trees and drove through a barbed wire fence. It was towed from the scene by Brian’s Towing in Litchfield.

## Traffic Court

• Eric R. Edwards, 37, of Witt, driving on a suspended license.

• Arena E. Harris, 63, of Fillmore, driving on a revoked license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Connor A. Simpson, 18, of Sorento, improper use of registration/title, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Steven M. Thomas, 32, of Taylor Springs, driving on a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Amy L. Vollintine, 28, of Sorento, driving on a suspended license.

• Kenneth A. Youtz, 44, of Irving, driving on a suspended license.

• Dustin W. Anderson, 33, of Litchfield, electronic communication device.

• Dalton B. Bass, 18, of Fillmore, failure to wear seat belt.

• Megan N. Beccue, 30, of Litchfield, electronic communication device.

• Griffin S. Billick, 23, of Litchfield, electronic communication device.

• Dennis R. Billiter, 84, of Litchfield, electronic communication device.

• Duane A. Cox, 52, of Coffee, failure to wear seat belt.

• Adaam Davis, 34, of Hillsboro, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.

• Zareth De Ita Garcia, 38, of Litchfield, electronic communication device.

• Jon T. Durbin, 28, of Hillsboro, failure to wear seat belt.

• Mikayla J. Flemming, 26, of Hillsboro, electronic communication device.

• Amy R. Frerichs, 16, of Litchfield, electronic communication device.

• Evan K. Freytag, 39, of Litchfield, failure to wear seat belt.

• Craig L. Grimes Graeme, 41, of Atwater, improper traffic lane usage, driving under the influence.

• Jackson D. Hamby, 19, of Hillsboro, electronic communication device.

• Jason K. Hughes, 44, of Nokomis, electronic communication device.

• John M. Ishmael, 16, of Witt, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Zachariah J. Kimbro, 41, of Taylor Springs, failure to wear seat belt.

• Erin E. Klump, 37, of Hillsboro, electronic communication device.

• Dylan M. Lessman, 16, of Hillsboro, electronic communication device.

• Rebecca N. Maloley, 47, of Nokomis, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.

• Joseph J. McClelland, 53, of Waggoner, electronic communication device.

• Joshua M. Miller, 22, of Panama, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, failure to reduce speed, improper traffic lane usage, failure to wear seat belt.

• Samuel W. Nicholson Sosa, 29, of Hillsboro, electronic communication device.

• Jarod R. Oakley, 24, of Irving, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Lydia M. Orf, 19, of Litchfield, failure to reduce speed.

• Billie L. Rhodes, 34, of Hillsboro, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.

• Zachary E. Rhodes, 23, of Irving, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.

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## USDA Will Gather Data On Farm Labor

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its bi-annual Agricultural Labor Survey in October.

The survey will collect information about hired labor from over 530 Illinois farmers and ranchers. NASS will publish survey results Nov. 23 in the Farm Labor report available on the NASS website.

In the survey, NASS asks producers to answer a variety of questions about hired farm labor on their operations, including total number of hired farm workers, the total hours worked, and total wages paid for the weeks of July 10-16 and Oct. 9-15.

Survey participants can respond online at [accounts.usda.gov](https://accounts.usda.gov) or by mail.

"Agricultural labor data are critical in helping producers when hiring workers and estimating expenses," said Mark Schleusener, NASS's Illinois State Statistician. "The data that farm operators provide through NASS's Agricultural Labor Survey also allow federal policymakers to base farm labor policies on accurate information."

USDA and the U.S. Department of Labor use the results of this survey to estimate the demand for and availability of seasonal agricultural workers, establish minimum wage rates for agricultural workers, administer farm labor recruitment and placement service programs, and assist legislators in determining labor policies.

"By asking about two separate time periods each time we collect data during the year, we are able to publish biannual data and capture seasonal variation," said Schleusener. "This approach reduces the number of times we survey farms, while ensuring that accurate and timely data are available."

All previous Farm Labor publications are available on the NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov](https://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Heartland Regional Office at 1-800-551-1014. Participants can visit [youtu.be/6oWSQjGTQzU](https://youtu.be/6oWSQjGTQzU) for further instructions on completing the survey.

## Crop Condition

There were 6.1 days suitable for field work during the week ending Sunday, Sept. 18.

Statewide, the average temperature was 68.2 degrees, 1.6 degrees above normal. Precipitation averaged .50 inches, .35 inches below normal.

Topsoil moisture supply was rated 10 percent very short, 14 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated 10 percent very short, 23 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Corn dough reached 92 percent, compared to the five-year average of 98 percent. Corn dented reached 77 percent, compared to the

five-year average of 91 percent. Corn mature reached 27 percent, compared to the five-year average of 51 percent. Corn harvested for grain reached 2 percent, compared to the five-year average of 7 percent. Corn condition was rated 4 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 51 percent good and 20 percent excellent.

Soybeans setting pods reached 93 percent, compared to the five-year average of 97 percent. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 41 percent, compared to the five-year average of 39 percent. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 52 percent good and 15 percent excellent.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF WITT PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The City of Witt will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. at City Hall, located at 106A W. Broadway St., Witt, Illinois 62094, to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded Phase I Streetscape Improvements. The project consists of the replacement of existing sidewalks with ADA-compliant sidewalk and

pedestrian lighting connecting to previously completed streetscape improvements key destinations located in the downtown. The project area encompasses Broadway St. (from Third St. to Stuart St.) The City of Witt intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Transportation for a grant from the Cycle 15 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program.

Tim Taylor  
Mayor, City of Witt

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### "EXHIBIT B"

**NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, IL AND INVITATION TO BID THEREON**  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the corporate authorities of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, will receive sealed bids for purchase, under the successful bid, of the fee simple interest, to be transferred via Quit Claim deed, in the following real property and any structure(s) thereon:

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Property Address: 904 South Main Street, Hillsboro, IL 62049

Said real property is currently improved with a home that is commonly known as "the Blackman-Evans House", which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sealed bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above-described property are hereby invited and will be received by the City Clerk at 447 South Main Street, Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois during normal business hours until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022. Said proposals shall be addressed to the City of Hillsboro, Attention: City Clerk, 447 South Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois, and shall bear the legend: "PROPOSAL - SALE OF 904 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HILLSBORO, IL" and the name and address of the bidder. **All bids received after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022 will be rejected.**

The aforementioned real property and any structure(s) thereon are being sold "AS IS" without any warranties or representations. The sale is a cash only sale.

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Hillsboro City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at City Hall, located at 447 South Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois. A contract may be awarded to the highest bidder or any other bid found to be in the best interest of the City of Hillsboro. The corporate authorities reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive and informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The corporate authorities further reserve the right to review and study any and all bids and to make a contract award within forty-five (45) days after the bids have been opened and publicly read.

Copies of the required sales contract and any bidding documents may be obtained in the office of the City Clerk. Please call (217) 532-5566 with any questions.

Don E. Downs  
Mayor  
City of Hillsboro, Illinois

Date: 09-22-22

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 16, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: GROUND CONTROL ARCADE located at 709 S. MAIN ST. in the city of HILLSBORO and state of IL.

Dated September 16, 2022  
Sandy Leitheiser,  
County Clerk  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### HILLSBORO AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FISCAL YEAR REPORT JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

|                                                  |               |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance July 1, 2021 .....             | \$ 576,558.63 |
| General Fund .....                               | \$ 171,081.37 |
| Bank of Hillsboro Account (Special Reserve)..... | \$ 329,065.07 |
| Carlinsville National Bank (IMRF) .....          | \$ 15,790.19  |
| Bank of Hillsboro Account (Gifts) .....          | \$ 60,622.00  |
| Total Assets .....                               | \$576,558.63  |

#### REVENUES:

|                                           |                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Property Tax Levy .....                   | \$ 314,857.85  |
| Public Library Construction Act Grant ... | \$ 385,911.90  |
| Bank of Hillsboro Loan .....              | \$ 185,122.00  |
| Miscellaneous Income .....                | \$ 79,898.00   |
| Personal Property Replacement Tax .....   | \$ 13,960.79   |
| Per Capita Grant .....                    | \$ 9,155.33    |
| Daily Cash (Fines and Services) .....     | \$ 2,326.60    |
| Wills, Gifts and Memorials .....          | \$ 22,991.00   |
| Fundraisers and Other Grants .....        | \$ 6,177.05    |
| Interest .....                            | \$ 903.81      |
| Total Revenues .....                      | \$1,021,304.33 |

**Total Cash Available .....** **\$1,597,862.96**

#### EXPENDITURES:

*Vendors Over \$2,500.00 (Excluding Payroll)*

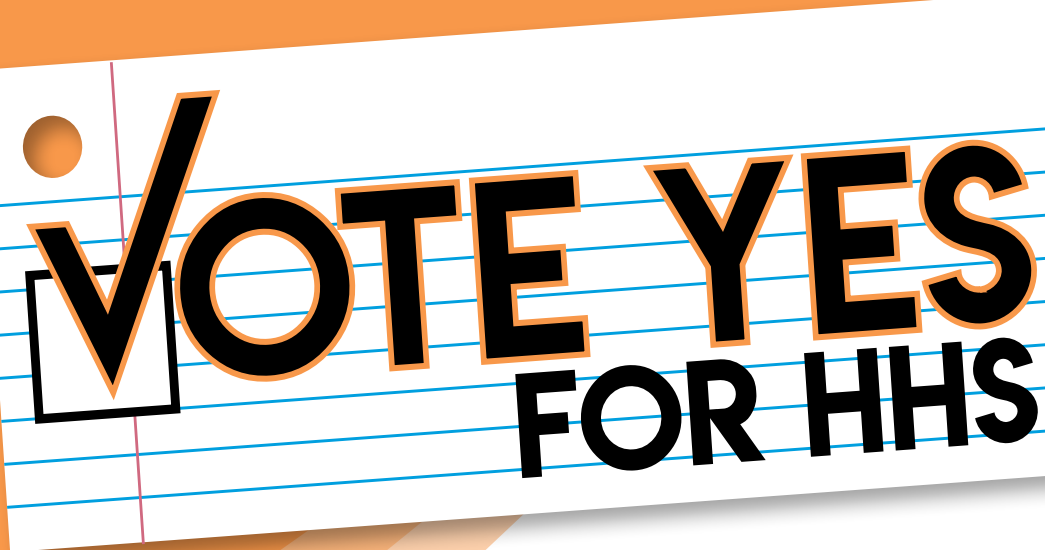
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| Hunter Construction Services, Inc. ....                                                                          | \$1,094,647.53                      |
| Egyptian Workspace Partners .....                                                                                | \$ 48,839.77                        |
| Bank of Hillsboro (Loan) .....                                                                                   | \$ 34,528.05                        |
| Farnsworth Group, Inc. ....                                                                                      | \$ 16,549.55                        |
| Ameren Illinois .....                                                                                            | \$ 14,621.57                        |
| Steelcase Financial Services, Inc. ....                                                                          | \$ 13,207.85                        |
| Wareham's Security .....                                                                                         | \$ 12,411.65                        |
| Seward Masonry .....                                                                                             | \$ 12,125.00                        |
| Bradford's Moving and Exchange .....                                                                             | \$ 4,950.00                         |
| Ingram .....                                                                                                     | \$ 4,746.92                         |
| Advanced Carpet Cleaning .....                                                                                   | \$ 4,331.00                         |
| Country Mutual (Insurance) .....                                                                                 | \$ 3,736.31                         |
| Quill Company .....                                                                                              | \$ 2,916.85                         |
| Kvanagh, Scully, Sudow etc. PC .....                                                                             | \$ 2,510.00                         |
| Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund .....                                                                         | \$ 2,366.81                         |
| All Vendors Less Than \$2,500.00 .....                                                                           | \$ 31,327.43                        |
| Total Vendors .....                                                                                              | \$1,303,816.29                      |
| Payroll Expenses .....                                                                                           | \$ 68,787.92                        |
| Under \$25,000 - Sharon Martincic, Nancy Merriman, Jennifer Murphy, Sue VanOstran, Kyle Cameron and Carla Bolton | \$25,000-\$49,999.99 - Shelley Kolb |
| Payroll Taxes .....                                                                                              | \$ 5,477.81                         |
| <b>Total Expenditures (Including Payroll) .....</b>                                                              | <b>\$1,378,082.02</b>               |
| Ending Balance June 30th, 2022 .....                                                                             | \$ 219,780.94                       |
| General Fund (First Community Bank) .....                                                                        | \$ 181,442.05                       |
| Bank of Hillsboro (Special Reserve Fund) .....                                                                   | \$ 10,176.55                        |
| Bank of Hillsboro (Gifts) .....                                                                                  | \$ 10,189.86                        |
| Carlinsville National Bank .....                                                                                 | \$ 17,972.48                        |
| <b>Total Assets .....</b>                                                                                        | <b>\$ 219,780.94</b>                |

Subscribed and Sworn this 20th day of September, 2022.

Carol Naylor, Treasurer

I, Carol Naylor, Treasurer, Hillsboro Area Public Library District Board of Trustees, Montgomery County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following funds were on hand at the start of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, the amounts were received from what sources, and the amounts expended for what purposes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, pursuant to Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 102, Paragraph 5.

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**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, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

**TUES., SEPT. 27 - 5 p.m.** Bidding ends for online antiques & primitives auction at 400 W. Front St., Nokomis for Kirk & Terry Hess. Bidding open now through Sept. 27. Online bidding at [aumannauction.com](https://aumannauction.com). Aumann Auctions, 217-563-2523.

**WED., SEPT. 28 - 6 p.m.** Bidding ends for online multi-estate auction. **Bidding starts Sept. 21.** Viewing Sept. 27, 4-6 p.m. Pickup/checkout Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 823 N. O'Bannon St., Raymond. Farm toys, lots of collectible toys, Falstaff collectibles, brewiana, Carlinsville adv. collectibles, vintage BMC heavy duty senior pedal tractor. Wes Loveless estate & others, sellers. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507, [mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com](https://mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com).

**THURS., SEPT. 29 - 6 p.m.** Bidding ends for online auction for Mr. & Mrs. Randy Huber. **Bidding starts at mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com** Sept. 15 & ends Sept. 29. Pickup/checkout Oct. 2 at 9048 IL Rt. 127, Taylor Springs. Kubota L3430D w/loader, '05 Dodge Dakota, name brand quality tools, mowers, golf carts, equipment, etc. All very well maintained. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507.

**SAT., OCT. 1 - 10 a.m.** at 13894 & 13900 Meridian Rd., Sandoval, for the Charles E. Voss Trust. RE to follow personal property. 2 homes: 3BR/1BA & 2BR/2.5BA, tractors, tillage, Mule, trailers, storage shed, antiques, collectibles, appliances, furniture, household, tools, garage, misc. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

**TUES., OCT. 4 - 6 p.m.** Bidding ends for online collector coin auction. Lg. collection of coins, some stamps, pocket watches, more! **Pickup Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2014 IL Rt. 16, Nokomis.** [Aumannauction.com](https://aumannauction.com), 217-563-2523.

**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 Koniger & Mike Schwarz, auctioneers

**TUES., OCT. 25 - 1 p.m.** Live land auction w/online bidding for Maybelle Barnes estate, rural St. Elmo at St. Elmo American Legion, 250 E. 9th St., St. Elmo, IL 62458. Tract 1: 34.14 +/- acres, 33.27 tillable. Tract 2: 40 +/- acres, 39.13 tillable. Both have road frontage. Roger Barnes & Connie Barnes, sellers. Schmid Auction, 217-857-1507, [schmidauction.com](https://schmidauction.com) or [trentschmid.com](https://trentschmid.com).

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# Former Hiltopper Classmates Together Again

The Hillsboro High School Class of 1957 gathered for their 65th class reunion on Saturday night, Sept. 17, at the Abbey on Broad in Hillsboro. The former classmates enjoyed a meal and reminiscing over shared memories. In front, from the left, are Jim Lohman of Hillsboro, Geraldine (Green) Harms of Hillsboro, Dolores (Laument) Wright of Hillsboro, Delores Hennings of Hillsboro, Shirley (Caulk) Calufetti of Hillsboro, Marilyn Dammann of Hixton, TN, Kay (Moroney) Payne of Taylor Springs, Fran (Seiner) Rinner of Panama and Margaret (Jagodzinski) Chesser of Greenfield. In back, from the left, are Phyllis (Bauer) Huber of Coffeen, Marilyn (Wills) Wandling of Litchfield, Shirley Lloyd Burrow of Piedmont, MO, Mary Agnes (Danielson) Mizera of Raymond, Deanna (May) Traylor of Hillsboro, Shirley (Elam) Edwards of Litchfield, Jerry Parola of Libertyville, Paul Westbrook of Hillsboro, Charles Dammann of Hixson, TN, Merle Vogel of Hillsboro, Berl Vogel of Hillsboro, Gerald Young of Hillsboro, Roger Blankenship of Nokomis, Roger Brooks of Chatham, Sharon (Drum) Parola of Libertyville and Patsy Smith of Hillsboro.

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REDSKIN REVIEW • by Hailey Engelman at Nokomis

# Nokomis FFA Attends Greenhand Event



H a p p y Monday! I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend!

The Student Council has continued preparing for Homecoming Week and the upcoming Pink Out football game. Reminder to get your shirt orders turned in, they are due Friday, Sept. 30.

The FFA chapter sent two students, Cydney Bertolino and Grace King to the FFA Elite Conference to learn about being an ag teacher.

They were also proud to take 18 freshmen members to the FFA Greenhand Conference at the University of Illinois. This conference allows young members to meet others from across the state and gain valuable leadership skills. Our FFA is led with great leadership as Mr. Mason Fesser was named an Illinois Agricultural Education Teacher Grant recipient. Congratulations, Mr. Fesser!

Good things continue to happen at NHS, as the health and physical education departments have been awarded a Taylorville Memorial Foundation Community Health Grant. This has allowed the purchase of a high-tech timing system, convenient for speed

training. These can be used during class and at sporting events.

Ms. Williams' foods classes were lucky enough to take a field trip to Marcoot Jersey Creamery this past week for a tour and a sweet treat. They also held their chef coat and hat ceremonies, so they can work in the kitchen in style!

Don't forget to get your Arrowhead Open raffle tickets from an NHS athlete! The drawing will be held on Friday, Oct. 21, and there are some great prizes this year!

Our golf team had two matches last week. The girls took home medals at each meet. They will look forward to regionals on Wednesday, Sept. 28 for the boys and Thursday, Sept. 29 for the girls.

Soccer won one and lost one last week, and will have three games this week. Volleyball follows quite similarly, taking one win and one loss last week and looking at three games this week as well. Football took a loss to a tough team on Friday, and will switch it up this week playing on Saturday against Marquette Catholic in Alton.

Good luck to all teams and I wish everyone a great week ahead!

PANTHER PRESS • by Morgan Lemon at Litchfield

# Panther Golfers Ready For Regionals



H a p p y Monday, Panthers!

There is a Post Prom meeting on Sept. 28 at 6

p.m. in the Radius Room.

Picture retake day is Oct. 4.

September is Suicide Awareness Month. Fifty-four percent of Americans' lives have been impacted by suicide. We must work together to stop this epidemic. Please reach out to any adult at LHS for help. We want you to be ok!

Congrats to the girls team who placed third at Highland Invitational and the boys team who placed sixth. Darby Braasch and Camden Quar-ton both finished in the top ten, and everyone's improvement from last year and this years races. Do not be content.

The golf team has had a great week last week. The boys team won at Indian Springs last Monday and Carlinville on Tuesday. Ian Otto was medalist those days.

Last Tuesday, the girls and boys teams both won at Carlinville. Laura Boston was co-medalist for the girls and Tug Schwab was medalist for the boys. It's a great week to be a Purple Panther!

The golf teams both closed out their regular season at the end of the week. The girls were led by Lauren Monke's score of 41 at Vandalia to a win to complete their season with a 28-3 record. The boys' team

was led by Tug Schwab's 2 under par 34 at Wood River to complete their season with a perfect 43-0 record. The golf teams will begin their championship season on Monday at the South Central Conference Tournament. Good luck, Panthers!

## Sports

Monday, Sept. 26: Boys golf at Indian Springs (SCC Tourney) at 10 a.m. Girls golf at Indian Springs (SCC Tourney) at 10 a.m. Junior varsity football at Greenville at 6 p.m. Volleyball at Lincolnwood at 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27: Girls golf at Greenville at 4 p.m. Cross country at Litchfield Country Club at 4:30 p.m. (Senior Night). Soccer at Vandalia at 5 p.m.. Girls middle school basketball at home against North Mac at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28: Boys golf at Regionals, TBA.

Thursday, Sept. 29: Girls golf at Regionals, TBA. Girls middle school basketball at home against Piasa at 4 p.m. Soccer at home against Greenville at 4 p.m. (Senior Night). Volleyball at Vandalia at 5 p.m. Freshmen football at home against Pana at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30: Varsity football at Pana at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. Cross Country at Piasa at 9 a.m. Soccer at Pleasant Plains at 11 a.m.

Have a great week, and be sure to come to the home sporting events this week!

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# Nokomis Students Visit Marcoot Jersey Creamery

Students in Ms. Vickie Williams class enjoyed a field trip to Marcoot Jersey Creamery in Greenville on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The Nokomis High classmates toured the creamery, pet the animals and sampled ice cream.