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## Survivors Of Suicide Loss Come Together

Members of the Nokomis community braved the frigid temperatures as they gathered for the third International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day luminary ceremony on Saturday evening, Nov. 19, at Shane Cole Park in Nokomis. Over a dozen attendees joined together to offer comfort and support local residents who grieve the loss of someone they love by suicide. Several luminaries were lit in memory of those lost to suicide with proceeds benefiting Cross Over Ministries. As the luminaries were lit, everyone gathered around as Lynette Weiss of Cross Over Ministries (above, second to the left) offered a prayer and Jodi Reynolds, far left, read the names. The ceremony also included a Native American rock and feather ritual, which represents the pain of the past and hope for the future. Cross Over Ministries and its volunteers set up with information to help those who may be suffering, and collected donations to help further its mission to provide helpful services, and hot chocolate and cookies were served.

Journal-News/Bethany Martin

## Shop Hillsboro For Small Biz Saturday

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, Imagine Hillsboro and *The Journal-News* are teaming up to host their last #ShopHillsboro punch card of the year on the nationally recognized Shop Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26.

Watch for the spectacular full-color ad in the Thursday, Nov. 17, edition of *The Journal-News* for participating merchants, who will be eager to great shoppers on Small Business Saturday with exceptional offers and friendly service.

The #ShopHillsboro Shop Small event aims to give shoppers an option from spending their money at large retail chains on Black Friday in lieu of heading to downtown Hillsboro to make holiday purchases from local retailers.

Shoppers can pick up a #ShopHillsboro punch card

at any of the local banks, Hillsboro City Hall or *The Journal-News* office. The #ShopHillsboro punch cards may be used at Hillsboro businesses throughout the Christmas season and returned to Hillsboro City Hall or *The Journal-News* office by Friday, Dec. 23, for a chance to win prizes.

Shoppers will receive double punches on Shop Small Saturday. Those who will be out of town for the Thanksgiving holiday will have plenty of chances to use the punch cards, as Imagine Hillsboro will once again hold their Saturdays on The Square promotional events on the weekends leading up to Christmas. New this year, a Sunday shopping option will be offered on Sunday, Dec. 11. Winners will be announced after the holidays.

## Farm Bureau Meeting Celebrates 105th Year

Members of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau celebrated a successful 105th year during their annual meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17, at The Event Center in Taylor Springs.

"105 years—that's quite an accomplishment and that's what we're celebrating tonight," Montgomery County Farm Bureau Manager Katie Wilson said to more than 250 members gathered at the event.

Wilson said that during the past year, the local Farm Bureau raised over \$5000 for local food pantries at their second Drive Out Hunger golf scramble, and raised over \$4000 for scholarships with their frozen meal initiative.

"Think about the value of

Farm Bureau membership, and share that information to help recruit new members," Wilson said.

Former vice president Kevin DeVries opened the meeting, Secretary Justin German read the notice of the annual meeting, Matt Belusko asked an invocation, members of the Litchfield FFA led the Pledge of Allegiance and helped serve a dinner provided by Milanos Catering.

In addition to thanking the caterer and FFA, DeVries also thanked Melanie Sherer for the facility, Denny Held for the sound system and the women's committee for decorations.

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## Capitol News Recap: New Leaders, Possible Safe-T Act Changes

by Capitol News Illinois

Republicans chose new leadership for their caucuses in the Illinois General Assembly on Tuesday night, Nov. 15, while the two Democratic leaders have each announced they have the votes to maintain their positions.

House Republicans elected Tony Combie of Savanna and Senate Republicans chose John Curran of Downers Grove.

The change in leadership comes after Democrats maintained control of every statewide office and had strong gains

in last week's elections across the rest of state government, aside from in the state Senate.

In that chamber, Curran will preside over a Republican caucus outnumbered by Democrats by a likely margin of 40-19 after GOP candidate Patrick Sheehan conceded to Democrat Michael Hastings in the 19th District Wednesday. That means the GOP will have picked up one seat.

First appointed in 2017 to the suburban district where former GOP Senate leader Christine Radogno was previously seated, Curran won reelection in

2018 and ran unopposed in 2022. He previously served as an assistant Cook County prosecutor and DuPage County Board vice chairman, and he is now a private practice attorney.

"We stand ready, with our focus directed toward the future, on developing solutions that will address the critical issues facing our state," Curran said in a statement. "We are equally dedicated to growing our ranks, which will give all Illinoisans greater representation and balance in their state government."

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A *Rooster Tale*, the fifth book in the illustrated Hillsboro Christmas series will soon be available for purchase. From the left are writer Dr. Patty Whitworth, illustrator Mila Ruppert and editor Barb Hewitt.

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## New Christmas Story Features Red Rooster

The holiday season will once again kick off with a new story from the illustrated Hillsboro Christmas series, *A Rooster Tale*. The soon-to-be released book, written by Dr. Patty Whit-

worth and edited by Barb Hewitt, is dedicated to John and Kendra Wright, for their diligence in bringing the Red Rooster back to life.

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## Litchfield Wishes Flannery Best Of Luck

by Kyle Herschelmann

The City of Litchfield would look vastly different without the contributions of City Administrator Tonya Flannery and on Thursday, Nov. 17, Mayor Steve Dougherty and the Litchfield City Council took a moment to recognize those contributions before Flannery leaves to take a position with the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity.

As city administrator, Flannery has played a part in securing more than \$12 million in grant money for the city over the last seven years for water and sewer infrastructure projects, installation of sidewalks, public safety communications system, equipment and vehicles, a sports park, housing rehabilitation and for the demolition of derelict properties.

Other projects completed during Flannery's time have included the renovation of the Lake Lou Yaeger Beach

House and two lake restoration projects and the creation of the Eagle Ridge subdivision and the city's third industrial park.

Prior to her job as city administrator, Flannery also served as tourism coordinator for the city and economic development director, working on the downtown facade grant and streetscape programs.

"As a product of her exceptional management decisions and mentoring, the City has evolved into a high caliber workforce dedicated to achieving innovative city government which has enabled a bright future for the City," Dougherty read from a proclamation honoring Flannery's 21 and a half years of work for Litchfield. "We do hereby wish to honor and thank Tonya Flannery for her superb leadership, loyalty and utmost dedication to the City of Litchfield and wish her success in her future endeavors."

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Litchfield Mayor Steve Dougherty presented a proclamation to City Administrator Tonya Flannery during the Litchfield City Council meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17, in honor of Flannery's 21 and a half years of work for the city. Thursday's meeting was Flannery's last as city administrator as she leaves to take a position with the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity.

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## Committee Discusses Lake Front Land Sales

by Ron Deabenderfer

Much of the conversation at Hillsboro's Natural Resources Committee held Wednesday evening, Nov. 16, dealt with the fairest way to proceed with selling plots of land located between houses built on Lake Glenn Shoals and the shore line.

One question that came from the newest member of the committee, John Rapp, was "Why? Why set up a process to control an activity that's only happened occasionally in the past?"

Hillsboro councilman Fred Butler and Parks Superintendent Jim May had the answers: 1) Some who now lease the lots have asked to buy them (one is more apt to improve what he owns

than he is to spend money on leased property); 2) Those who have improved their lots (with lighted docks, for example, have helped the appearance of the lake, which in turn can bring more boaters to Hillsboro); 3) In the past, lots have been sold in a haphazard manner, opening the city to charges of favoritism. If one system is adopted, consistency would rule and transparency would be more evident.

Secretary Dave Strowmatt read a list of questions that Chairman Kyle Hacke (who couldn't attend) thought were necessary for the committee to answer before a governing ordinance can be constructed. Examples are: Who chooses the appraiser and the surveyor?; Who pays for those

services?; Will the surveys be by elevation or by linear distance?; Will property lines nearest the water be marked while the lake is at normal pool, at the high water mark, or at the pool height at the time of the survey?

May said he was aware of four different types of leases around the lakes; those too may need to be standardized. Dean Lessman told how he bought the lot he owns; Don Karban said he'd bought the lot upon which his house sits, so he isn't interested in buying again. He also told of a neighbor who sold his house on a leased lot, but the buyer had to have the city extend the length of the lease so the buyer could obtain bank financing.

Butler (who is Commis-

sioner of Parks and Public Properties) discussed the possibility of the lake areas becoming a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District so revenues generated there could be used there. He said he and May have a long list of projects the lake needs, but currently the necessary funding isn't available. Of the nine similar lakes in the area, some are TIF districts, so that's a possibility.

Also discussed was the regional concept of forming a partnership to improve the lake's watershed problems. The city is discussing hiring a group to help an assessment of the problem and to shepherd grant requests to helpful agencies.

The date for the next NRC meeting was tentatively set for January 18, 2023.



Montgomery County Farm Bureau President Dennis Hand (left) congratulated retiring board member Joe Pope (right) during the annual meeting on Thursday. Tom Elmore and Chad Millburg also retired from the board. *Journal-News Photo*

## Farm Bureau

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Board President Dennis Hand congratulated three retiring board members: Joe Pope of Raymond Township, Tom Elmore of Bois D'Arc Township, and Chad Millburg of Pitman Township.

To fill the vacancies, members elected Travis Rovey in Bois D'Arc, Lynn Waldeck in Pitman, and Matt Meisner in Raymond. They also reelected Brad Young in East Fork, Dennis Hand in Fillmore, and Kevin DeVries in Walshville.

On the board, they join Justin German in Audubon, Adam Anderson in Butler Grove, Robert Coleman in Grisham, Don Murphy in Harvel, Lynn Black in Hillsboro, Kirby Furness in Irving, Tyler Helgen in North Litchfield, Matt Belusko in South Litchfield, Matt Stolte in Nokomis, Kris Reynolds in

Rountree, Mark Knodle in Witt, and Paul Beeler in Zanesville.

After introducing the board, President Hand said they had represented their townships well and were very easy to work with.

"This board has been active this year," Hand said. "We've had a good year, and fall has been pretty friendly to us."

Membership also approved Montgomery County Farm Bureau Foundation and Young Leaders reports, approved all "reports, deeds and acts" of the board over the past year, and named Robert Coleman, Brian Niemann, Jay Niemann, and Dennis Hand as delegates to the state convention in Chicago next month.

Country Financial Manager JR Earley introduced county reps Jessica Chappelle, Cory Evans, Nathan Clementz and Allen Poggenpohl.



## Braves First In Ball, First In Cheer At Lions Tourney

The Nokomis eighth grade boys basketball team celebrated the 52nd annual Lions Club Basketball Tournament on Nov. 4, with a clean sweep as the Braves took the top spot, as did their cheerleaders. Cheerleaders, in front, from the left, are Savannah Grimes, Hannah Tucker, Shelby Simonton, Keatyn Brooks, Elissa Probst, Abigail Probst, Lexi Smith, Zemerah Robertson, Kiley Lawhorn, Myka LaChance, Autumn Davis, Kenadi Dagon, Haley Evans, and Isabella Lyons. In the back, from the left are Coach Donovan Riley, Braden McNiell, Kannon Jonas, Griffin Engelman, Konnor Reynolds, Aaron Brown, Carter Wexsten, Ari Vandenburg, Halen Barnes, Braydon Cachera, Devin Robertson and Coach Dylan Perkins. Carter Wexsten and Kannon Jonas were both named to the all-tournament team, with Wexsten named MVP. Vandalia finished second in the tournament while Shelbyville was third.

## Christmas Book

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A *Rooster Tale* tells the story of two young boys who sneak into the historic building on the day of its grand opening. After hearing a strange noise, they end up on an adventure filled with holiday magic and learn the history of The Red Rooster along the way.

Readers will notice a difference from past books as a new illustrator jumped on board for the creative collaboration this year. Mila Ruppert, the 13 year old daughter of Bri and Aaron Ruppert of Hillsboro, was given a month to illustrate her first published book.

Ruppert, a naturally gifted artist, said that her real love is to draw animals but that she was excited to take on the challenge which required her to primarily draw architectural aspects and people. She stated that it took her over 100 hours to complete the project.

Each of the holiday stories is set in Hillsboro at Christmas time. Book one, *The Mayor's Magic*, depicts a foggy Christmas on Main Street. *Sammy's Secret* takes readers to many historical sites in the city in-

cluding Hillsboro High School, the Historic Courthouse, The Red Rooster, the Blackman-Evans House and the Harkney House. A *Tremendous Tale* highlights the Storybook Christmas festival and takes place on the Historic Courthouse Square, and *A Light for Luna* brings readers to Bremer Sanctuary, which is highlighted throughout its pages in Jean Mehochko's carefully crafted illustrations.

*A Rooster Tale* will be available for purchase at *The Journal-News*, The Dressing Room and Sullivan's, all in Hillsboro. The book will retail for \$7.

The holiday story will also be available for purchase during Imagine Hillsboro's Storybook Christmas Festival on Saturday, Dec. 3, where shoppers will be given the option of buying a special Red Rooster ornament, handcrafted by local small business owner Veronica Groom of "Groom's-n'-Graving," for an additional \$3. A few copies of *A Tremendous Tale* and *A Light for Luna* will also be available during the Christmas festival.

Proceeds from the book will benefit Imagine Hillsboro.

## Litchfield City Council

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On Nov. 10, the council approved the hiring of Austin Edmonson, Jr., of Morganfield, KY as the interim city administrator.

Flannery's recognition was the highlight of a 12-minute meeting by the council, with all eight alderpersons present. The only measure that required any additional information was the presentation of the city's insurance renewals from Eric Braasch of Dimond Bros., Inc.

Braasch said that the city's commercial property and inland marine insurance is from the Cincinnati Insurance company and the city's buildings were up \$1.6 million in value, while equipment was up \$70,000.

Commercial general liability, fleet, umbrella, various professional liabilities

and workers compensation coverage comes from ICRMT. Braasch said that the city's law enforcement liability increased, as did its workman's comp factor, going from 1.29 to 1.3. Braasch explained that means that the city pays 30 percent more in workman's comp than its peers. In 2010-11, the city's factor was .86, meaning they paid 14 percent less than their peers.

Litchfield's cyber liability coverage comes from US Risk and Braasch said the coverage is volatile. This year's premium increased about \$8,000, an 8.75 percent increase, after the coverage went down five percent last year.

Braasch concluded by saying that the city's total cost of insurance has been trending up, something the city needs to keep an eye on. The motion to approve the renewals passed unanimously.

## Capitol News Recap

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He replaces Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods, who was chosen as Senate minority leader after the 2020 elections.

McCormbie previously served as mayor of Savanna and was first elected state representative in 2016, defeating incumbent Democrat Mike Smiddy for the seat in the Quad Cities area. She easily won reelection in 2018 and 2020 and ran unopposed this year.

"The House Republican Caucus is focused on helping Illinois families by offering common sense solutions to the many problems our state faces," McCormbie said in a statement. "We will be a unified force that will grow our party by sticking to our core values and ending the corruption that has pervaded state government."

After House Republicans lost at least four, or potentially five, net seats in this year's general election, giving Democrats up to a 78-40 supermajority, Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, announced he would not seek another term as leader.

Durkin had served as minority leader since 2013 and said last week the near decade run has "been the honor of a lifetime."

Senate President Don

Harmon also announced he had the votes to retain that title Tuesday night.

House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch announced that he had the votes for another term last week.

### Safe-T Act Changes

Changes may yet come to the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform before its Jan. 1 effective date, but some of its major proponents in the General Assembly said the results of the Nov. 8 general election have signified that the ship has sailed on drastic amendments to it.

Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, said at a news conference with the law's advocates on Wednesday, Nov. 16, that the changes were likely to be technical in nature and aimed at ensuring rollout goes smoothly for the wide-ranging reform that passed in January 2021.

The provision to end cash bail, known as the Pretrial Fairness Act, takes effect Jan. 1, and Peters said there's no appetite among advocates to push that date back further.

The PFA eliminates cash as a determinant for pretrial release, replacing it with a system that gives judges authority to detain individuals accused of certain crimes while they await trial.

The law's standards regarding when a judge can order pretrial detention have

been among the most hotly contested provisions in the run-up to the November elections.

As written, the law creates a presumption in favor of pretrial release for lower-level offenders, including most charged with misdemeanors and low-level, non-violent felonies such as possession of small amounts of drugs. Officers would be instructed to release those individuals with a citation and a notice to appear in court within 21 days, but they would still have the authority to arrest the individual and take them into custody if they deem them to be a threat to the public safety.

Advocates say that presumption is necessary to avoid overworking the courts, giving them more time to focus on pretrial detention cases involving dangerous or potentially dangerous individuals. The law also gives the accused individual the right to an attorney beginning with their first appearance in court.

Detainable offenses include non-probationable forcible felonies such as murder, aggravated arson and residential burglary; domestic violence offenses where the abuse victim is a family or household member, or if the defendant was subject to the terms of an order of protection; gun offenses; and several specified sex offenses.

Litchfield Fire Fighters Local #3252 and a motion to transfer the \$2,100 budgeted for a flex spending plan to wages for each non-bargaining employee.

Assignments for the council's standing committees were also announced. Committee assignments are as follows: Administration - Woodrow Street; Economic Development - Ray Kellenberger; Finance/City Clerk - Dwayne Gerl; Fire/Ambulance - Dave Hollo; Building/Planning/Zoning - Ray Kellenberger; Police/Code Enforcement - Marilyn Sisson; Tourism - Cassidy Paine; Buildings and Grounds - Dan Newkirk; Lake - Dave Hollo; Water - Tim Wright; Wastewater Treatment - Dwayne Gerl.

The next meeting of the Litchfield City Council is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Corwin Hall.

Persons deemed to be "planning or attempting to intentionally evade prosecution" may also be detained pretrial under what is called the "willful flight" standard if they've been charged with a crime greater than a Class 4 felony - such as property crimes, aggravated DUI and driving on a revoked license.

An amendment backed by Sen. Scott Bennett, a Democrat from Champaign, would widen judicial authority to detain a defendant charged with any crime if the court believes they are a serious risk of skipping trial, pose a danger to the community, or are likely to threaten a potential witness or juror.

It would also remove language regarding the "presumption in favor of pretrial release."

Domestic violence victim advocates that helped draft the proposal have argued that those sections of Bennett's amendment would gut the original law's intent by keeping the court system clogged with low-level non-violent offenders.

Peters on Wednesday did not directly criticize Bennett's proposal, contained in Senate Bill 4228, as "gutting" the PFA, but he said he disagreed with it.

What changes will be made, however, is unclear as negotiations continue.

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# Obituaries

## Public Meetings

### County Board Coordinating Committee

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the regular monthly meeting for the Montgomery County Board Coordinating Committee will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

### Hillsboro Historic Preservation Committee

Hillsboro's Historic Preservation Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28, at the City Hall building. Agenda items include reviewing facade grant applications and improvements on Main Street.

## Adkins Joins Assoc. Of IL Electric Cooperatives

The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) recently welcomed Kayla (Crawford) Adkins to the electric cooperative family as the creative services coordinator for energized graphics.

Adkins lives in Hillsboro with her husband Will and corgis named Rhys and Cadie. She earned a bachelor of arts in mass communications from the Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville and a master of arts in communications from Southern New Hampshire University.

Adkins previously worked for Christian Retreats Network in Carlinville as its content marketing coordinator. At AIEC, she will provide marketing and design ser-



Kayla Adkins

VICES for energized graphics as well as writing for Illinois Country Living.

## Christmas Auction Is Saturday At Moose

The Hillsboro Moose Lodge will host a large auction presented by Tolka Bros. Christmas Auctions beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, to benefit the Project ELF toy

donation drive.

The auction will feature a large selection of toys, Christmas decor, household items, and lots of great gift ideas.

## ROE Programs Take Break For Thanksgiving

The Regional Office of Education #3 (ROE) alternative education programs in Litchfield, Vandalia and Effingham will take a break for Thanksgiving.

Students will not have school beginning Wednesday,

Nov. 23, through Friday, Nov. 25. School will resume on Monday, Nov. 28.

Questions may be directed to Laura Benhoff at 618-283-9311, Kristin Charlesworth at 217-408-2185 or Amber Kidd at 217-342-2865.



## Karen Donham Holds Preschool Story Hour

Retired teacher Karen Donham held a special story hour program for the students at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Preschool. Donham taught the children all about corn, from planting a seed to shelling a cob. Above, Donham shows a corn stalk to students in the afternoon class.



## Students Take Trip To McKay NAPA Facility

Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) students took a trip to NAPA McKay headquarters in Litchfield on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Owner Earl Flack welcomed the students and took them on a tour of facility where he explained all of the different roles within the auto parts business. He spoke about the history of the business, keeping inventory, business expenses, plans to expand and the importance of being a "people-person" as well as a "business-person."

## Harold E. Bruntjen, 85 Farmer, Educator



Harold Eugene Bruntjen, 85, of Harvel, died on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, in Springfield.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Christian Church near Raymond. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 23, beginning at 10 a.m. at the church with pastors Greg Busboom and Linda Strader of St. John's Lutheran Church co-officiating. Interment will follow at Harvel Cemetery. Hough Funeral Home in Raymond is assisting the family.

Mr. Bruntjen was born May 22, 1937, in Harvel, to Melvin Edward and Helen Anna (Johnson) Bruntjen. He married Darlene House on Sept. 13, 1958, at St. James Lutheran Church in Harvel, and she survives.

He was a graduate of SIU-Carbondale, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in ag education. A farmer most of his life, he also taught school and served as principal in Waggoner.

Mr. Bruntjen served in the U.S. Air Force ROTC Program during the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

He most recently served on the Bug River Water Drainage District Board and in the past, had served on many other community boards, including Rural Electric, First National Bank of Raymond Board, Harvel Fire Protection Board and St. James Lutheran Church Board.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Bruntjen is survived by his children, Barton (wife Lynette) Bruntjen of St. Charles, Lori (husband Roy) Bruntjen-Carter of Springfield and Kirby (wife Rita) Bruntjen of Harvel; grandchildren, Katie Bruntjen, Clayton Bruntjen, Ryan Bruntjen, Carter (wife Emma) Bruntjen, Olivia Carter, Colton Carter and Karly Bruntjen; brother, Carl Bruntjen of Waggoner; and sister, Mary Snyder of Raymond.

Memorials may be directed to Raymond-Harvel Ambulance Service, Raymond-Harvel Fire Department or Lincolnwood High School FFA Chapter. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.houghfuneralhome.com](http://www.houghfuneralhome.com).

## Evelyn N. German, 89

### Worked In Mental Health



Evelyn N. German, 89, of Litchfield, formerly of Hillsboro, died at 2:25 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022 at 2:25 p.m. at her residence.

Cremation rites were accorded. Burial will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery in Hillsboro at a later date. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. German was born on Oct. 14, 1933, in Hillsboro to the late Martin and Magdalene (Ondrey) Hayes. She was a 1951 graduate of Hillsboro High School and was retired from the State of Illinois Department of Mental Health after many years. She married John Kreski, on June 27, 1953, and he preceded her in death in 1959. She then married Ernest Wilbur "Web" German, on May 2, 1970, in Hillsboro, and he also preceded her in death in 1993.

Mrs. German was a member of Royal Neighbors and she was of the Catholic faith. She was an avid reader, loved movies and would buy houses to remodel and flip them. She had lived in Hillsboro, Gillespie, Alton, and Merritt Island, FL, before moving back to Hillsboro in 1993.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Aimee (husband Mike) Williams of Bethalto; a half sister, Laura (husband Mike) Puckett of Hillsboro; and a step sister, Diane Cerutti of Hillsboro; nieces, Emily (husband Chad) Zimmerman of Hillsboro, Sarah (husband Ian) Puckett-Starkweather of Chatham, and Rachel (husband Ryan) Kirby of Hillsboro.

Along with her parents and husbands, she was preceded by her step mother, Pearl Hayes; step father, Hilary Stauder; daughter, Karen Gowin, who preceded on Oct. 14, 2022; step daughter, Linda Erickson; siblings, Julia Ann Stauder in infancy, Kay Fraelle, and Peggy Whitehouse; and a step brother, Ralph Karnes.

Send condolences online to [basspattondeanfh.com](http://basspattondeanfh.com).

## Amber N. Roston, 45

### Registered Nurse



Amber Nichole Roston, 45, of Springfield, formerly of Litchfield, died on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at her residence.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Memorial services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Jon Magnuson of Beacon Church officiating. Burial will be held at Benld Cemetery.

Mrs. Roston was born Dec. 16, 1976, to Alvin Eugene and Candace Sue (Prior) Garst. She married Fuzell L. Roston on Dec. 17, 2010, and he preceded her in death on April 12, 2019.

She graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1995 and obtained her associate's of nursing degree from Lewis and Clark Community College.

During her career, Mrs. Roston was employed by the state of Illinois as a registered nurse and Olive Garden in Springfield as a waitress.

She enjoyed being with her family and shopping. She dearly loved her Maltese fur babies Maddy and Lucky.

Mrs. Roston is survived by her parents of Eagerville; sons, Stephen White of Benld, Jared (Madison Shaw) White of Midway Park, NC, and Nathan (Sarah Allard) White of Camp Pendleton, CA; sisters, Jodi Garst of Rockford, Eriel Adams of Gillespie, Danielle Garst of Litchfield and Alicia Garst of Mt. Olive; and granddaughters, Elizabeth O'Toole and Valerie Shaw.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Donald and Nancy Garst; and maternal grandparents, Joseph Catalano and Patricia Light.

Memorials may be directed to The Lung Transplant Foundation, 1249 Kildair Farm Road, Suite 323, Cary, NC 27511. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.plummerfuneralservices.com](http://www.plummerfuneralservices.com).

## Weather Forecast

Mon 21	51°/25°	Sunny	1%
Tue 22	56°/30°	Sunny	6%
Wed 23	57°/39°	Mostly Sunny	6%
Thu 24	53°/35°	Cloudy	24%
Fri 25	46°/30°	Mostly Cloudy	24%

## Steven B. Sherer, 69

### Worked At Smelters



Steven Bruce Sherer, 69, of Coffeen, died at 5:09 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

The family will be receiving guests from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs. A burial service will be scheduled in the spring of 2023. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Sherer was born on Dec. 3, 1952, in Hillsboro to the late Robert Guy Sherer and Myra E. (Limper) Sherer. He was a 1971 graduate of Hillsboro High School, and married Janine Johnson in 1974 and they later divorced.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. He had worked at Asarco in Taylor Springs and Midwest Zink in Hillsboro until it closed. He was a member of the Local Labor Union, and he had lived in Taylor Springs, Hillsboro, and Coffeen during his lifetime.

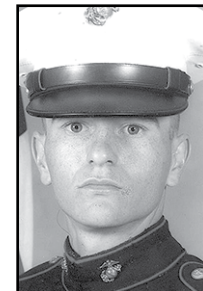
Mr. Sherer is survived by two sons, Christopher (wife Melanie) Sherer of Hillsboro and Matthew Sherer of Coffeen; granddaughters, Hannah (husband Ryan) Piehl of Arnold, MO, Chloe Sherer of Hillsboro, and Mia Sherer of Hillsboro; brothers and sisters, Theresa (husband Graddie) Robinson of San Antonio, TX; Glenda (husband William) Summers of St. Louis, MO; Paula (husband Robert) Goad of Mexico, MO; Joseph (wife Ann) Sherer of Taylor Springs, IL; Michael (wife Gail) Sherer of Hillsboro, IL; William (wife Jeannie) Sherer of St. Pete, FL; and Thomas (wife Janice) Sherer of Hillsboro.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, John R. Sherer.

Memorials may be sent to the family for Coffeen Food Pantry. Online condolences may be sent to [basspattondeanfh.com](http://basspattondeanfh.com).

## David M. House, 59

### Worked As Truck Driver



David Michael House, 59, of Witt, died at 2:12 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at his residence.

A visitation will be held on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 22, beginning at 1 p.m. at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield. Military rites will be accorded by Department of Defense and Inter Veteran's Burial Detail. Burial will be in Camp Butler National Cemetery in

Springfield.

Mr. House was born Aug. 12, 1963, in Hillsboro to Bobbi Lee House and Shirley Anne (Lloyd) House. He was a 1981 graduate of Hillsboro High School and had worked as an over-the-road truck driver for Heartland Trucking Line. He married Charlene Rice in 1982, and she preceded him in death in 2010. He loved to tinker with tractors and cars. He loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corp, he had lived in Hillsboro and Witt.

Mr. House is survived by his mother, Shirley Anne (Lloyd) House Burrows of Piedmont; three daughters, Jessica (husband Matthew) Fenton of Carlinville, Nicole Miller of Hillsboro, and Gabrielle Miller of Hillsboro; three grandchildren, Mark Utry, Deven Utry and Scott Fenton; and siblings, Gary House, Bobbi Edwards, Barb Jones, Max House, Jody Kramer and Tammy Vincent.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his father, Bobbi Lee House; and siblings, Christopher House and Julie Rhodes.

Memorials are suggested to Wounded Warriors. Send condolences online to [basspattondeanfh.com](http://basspattondeanfh.com).

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## Chamberlain, Edwards Plan December Wedding

Brittney Rae Chamberlain and Kenneth Michael Edwards, both of Hillsboro, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bobbi McPhail of Carbondale and Rich Chamberlain of Hillsboro. A 2003 graduate of Hillsboro High School, she graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 2011. She is currently employed as a social studies teacher at Hillsboro High School. Her future husband is

the son of Russell "Kenny" Edwards of Witt and the late Shona Edwards and Lisa and Jim Holliday of Taylor Springs. A 2001 graduate of Hillsboro High School, he graduated from dental school at Midwestern University in Glendale, AZ, in 2015 and did his residency at St. Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education in 2017. He is currently employed as an orthodontist at WestRock Orthodontics. The couple plan to marry on Dec. 2 in Hillsboro.

## Births

Dalton and Natasha Downs of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Mara Elizabeth Downs, born at 8:08 a.m. on Nov. 18, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 8 lbs., 8 ozs., and measured 19 ins. long.



Mara was welcomed home from the hospital by her big brother, Drake Downs, age two. Maternal grandparents are Michael and Elizabeth Golitko of Witt. Paternal grandparents are Don and Gail Downs of Hillsboro. Maternal great-grandmother is Barbara Golitko of Witt. Paternal great-grandparents are Larry Ernst of Nokomis and John Downs and Lana Holtzclaw of Hillsboro.



Pictured above, from the left are Avia Sandifer, Tenleigh Schulte, HJHS art teacher Miranda Fair, Avery Batty and Kinley Greenwood.

## Hillsboro Lions Sponsor Poster Contest

Lions International sponsors a poster contest every year for students between 11 and 13 years of age. Although this is Lions International's 33rd annual contest, this is the Hillsboro club's first time sponsoring. Club members reached out to Hillsboro Junior High School art teacher Miranda Fair, who was excited for her students to participate. This year's theme was

"Lead with Compassion," and there were 72 participants from HJHS. Students were given a blank slate, and they designed a poster based only on the theme and what it means to them. The Hillsboro Lions Club selected four winners this year, including Avia Sandifer in first place with a \$75 prize, Tenleigh Schulte in second place with a \$50 prize, Avery

Batty in third place with a \$25 prize and Kinley Greenwood in fourth place with a \$25 prize. They, along with their parents, will be invited to a future Lions Club dinner/meeting to celebrate their accomplishment. As the first place winner, Sandifer's poster will be sent on to the next round for district judging.

## Marriage Licenses

Brayden Scott Helgen, Litchfield; Carla Ann Pattillo, Litchfield  
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Pictured above, from the left are Nolan Dougherty, Henry Eilers and Camden Quarton.

## Panther Students Volunteer For Brush Removal Project

On Sept. 29, the Litchfield High School botany class visited the Route 66 Prairie. Under the supervision of botany instructor Susan Shelton, and botanist/plant enthusiast Henry Eilers, the class cut willow brush along a drainage ditch located on the prairie. The goal was to remove enough willow trees to improve drainage in the area, which is home to numerous uncommon species of plants and butterflies. Some are even rare today due to habitat shrinkage. The project was too big to finish in one afternoon, so Nolan Dougherty and Camden

Quarton, juniors at LHS, and students of Shelton's botany class, decided to contact Henry Eilers and organize a group of LHS students with the goal of completing the brush removal. An email was sent out to the entire high school student body, inviting them to help. Over several Sundays, the group was able to remove enough willow brush to improve drainage at the prairie. The students that participated with the project were Nolan Dougherty, Camden Quarton, Billy Calladine, Charlotte Gardner, Wade Schmidt, Hannah Schmidt, Bella Steiner and Tyler Thompson.

Happy Anniversary  
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## County 4-H Members Honored At Achievement Night

The Montgomery County 4-H held its annual Achievement Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Montgomery County Extension Office in Hillsboro.

Members were recognized for their accomplishments during the 2021 to 2022 4-H year. The current 4-H Youth Leadership Team helped present the awards at the ceremony.

Those who were recognized are as follows.

### 4-H Leaders

Clovers: Connie Niemann; Cloverbud leader, Sarah Schmidt

Raymond Buckeyes: Amanda Bergman

Country Roots: Randi Riemann

Starr Shooters: Heather Hampton+Knodle; co-leaders, Allison Marley, Denise Kistner

Wild Roots: Amanda Cobetto

Sewing: Marti Benning

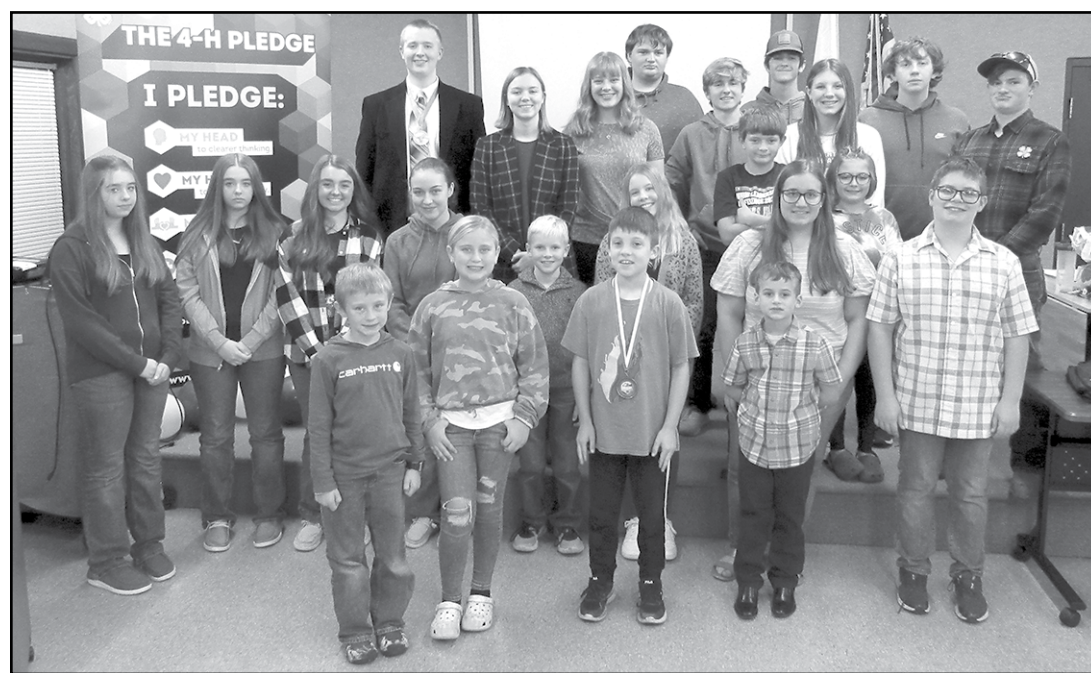
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### Cloverbuds

Abram Wessell, Alea West, Anna Mulch, August Fuller, Barrett Monk, Caleb Mulch, Demi Maass, Emery Lietz, Hadley Clementz, Kaden McDonald, Koen Schweizer, Layne Johnston, Millie Raison, Payton Lee, Rayne Rosenthal, Rowan Fletcher, Thomas Marley, Evan Cobetto, Lillian Beeler, Mason Cooper

### First Year Members

Abram Wessell, Adaley Wessell, Addilynn Cress, Alea West, Anna Mulch, Arya Gasser, Aubrey Huber, Aubrey Reincke, August Fuller, Barrett Monk, Benjamin Hoehn, Breeawna Reincke, Caleb Mulch, Colleen Yeske, Dahlia Maass, Demi Maass, Drew Schweizer, Dylan Yeske, Emery Lietz, Emilia German, Evan Bauer, Had-



Montgomery County 4-H members were recognized at the annual Achievement Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Montgomery County Extension Office in Hillsboro. Pictured in front, from the left, are Evan Cobetto, Kelby Cobetto, Josiah Hughes and Thomas Marley. In the middle row are Emmalyn Norris, Allison Norris, Abilene Norris, Kylie Neisler, Louis Quattlander, Emma Quattlander, Katelyn Marley and Ethan Marley. In the back row are Jon Schmidt, Emma Hughes, Amanda Niemann, Travis Broers, Alden Knodle, Kaden Brown, Bond Knodle, Kinley Stolte, Alea West, Kohen Stolte and Nathan Brown.

ley Clementz, Honor Lewey, Hunter Gasser, Jackson Kirk, Kaden McDonald, Kale Cress, Keegan McDonald, Kennley Kirk, Koen Schweizer, Kohl Fuller, Layne Johnston, Leo Woodring, Levi Gipson, Logan Christian, Lyv Fuller, Madelyn Reincke, Matthew Mullen, Megan Lee, Millie Raison, Payton Lee, Peyton Harrison, Rayne Rosenthal, Rowan Fletcher, Ryan German, Thomas Marley, Wyatt Lee

### Experience Award Bronze

Kelby Cobetto, Jase Cooper, Sage Owens, Alexis Sawyers, Louis Quattlander

### Experience Award Silver

Ian Anderson, Milla Anderson, Joelle Hughes, Josiah Hughes, Katherine Beeler, Nora Beeler, Drew Riemann, Cole Riemann, Allison Norris, Emmalyn Norris, Abilene Norris, Travis Broers, Kylie Neisler

### Experience Award Gold

Kinley Stolte, Emma Quattlander, Ethan Marley, Katelyn Marley, Kaden Brown

### Experience Award Gold +

Emma Hughes, Amanda Niemann, Alden Knodle, Bond Knodle, Fallon Knodle, Kohen Stolte, Nathan Brown, Elaan Bader, Jon Schmidt

### Officer Awards

Secretary: Joelle Hughes,

### Clovers

Treasurer: Ian Anderson, Clovers; Nathan Brown, Starr Shooters

Historian: Avry West, Kaden Brown, Starr Shooters

### Outstanding 4-H Member

Elaan Bader, Kohen Stolte

### 2021-2022 4-H Youth Leadership Team

Amanda Niemann, Kohen Stolte, Jon Schmidt, Emma Hughes, Elaan Bader, Bond Knodle, Alden Knodle Cecilia Dudek

### 4-H Club Award

Starr Shooters

For more information about 4-H, contact the Extension Office at 217-532-3941.



## Felechia Williams Lucky Winner Of Afghan Raffle

Above, Dave Knoblich, administrator of Hearts United (left) and Evelyn Schuette, Hearts United board president (right) present Felechia Williams (center) with an afghan made by longtime volunteer Audrey Keith. Williams was the winner of Hearts United's Homeless Awareness month afghan raffle, which ran throughout October. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for the organization's homeless assistance outreach.



## Former Exchange Student Makes Return To Hillsboro

Nearly 25 years after she attended Hillsboro High School for one year as an exchange student with the class of 1998, Anissa Sharmanti of Indonesia returned to the United States in November. The pair stayed with her host family, Don and Viviane Hosto of Hillsboro and enjoyed a trip to Hillsboro High School and some homemade food. After two days in Hillsboro, Sharmanti and her daughter traveled to Yale University in Connecticut, where her daughter was competing in debate. Pictured above, from the left are Anissa Sharmanti, Viviane Hosto and Aqilla Keisachi Fatima.

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## Meyer To Celebrate 100 Years With Loved Ones

Mercedes Meyer, longtime resident of Witt, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Monday, Nov. 28.

Meyer was born Nov. 28, 1922, in Butler, to the late Andrew and Regina Kopp. Her brother, Raymond Kopp, also preceded her in death.

She married Donald M. Meyer on April 12, 1944, and he preceded her in death on March 10, 1994. During her career, she worked for the Witt School District for 12 years. She went on to work at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield for 17 years, retiring in 1993.

Meyer enjoys flower gardening and being active with family and friends. She is an active member of St. Louis Catholic Church in Nokomis.

She has three children, the late Maurice Meyer, Christine (Mark) Davidson, and Patricia (Gene) Cailey. She was blessed with six grandchildren, Josh Meyer, Cory (Katie) Meyer, Kelly (Clint) Robinson, Tyler (Teresa) Davidson, Kaitlynn (Cody) Morrison and Sandra (Scott) Schluckebier. Bringing



Mercedes Meyer

her even more joy to her life are her six great-grandchildren, Jordyn, Meyer, Knox, Kerrigan, Hailey, Kimber and Hunter.

Her children invite family and friends to help celebrate her special birthday on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Nokomis Memorial Community Center, 525 N. Cedar Street. They also ask for attendees not to bring gifts.

## November Marks Diabetes Awareness Month

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an estimated 37 million people are living with diabetes in the United States. While this is the highest number the country has experienced to date, most cases are type two diabetes, meaning the body doesn't use insulin properly, a type that is largely preventable through regular physical activity and a healthy and balanced diet.

In recognition of November being "Diabetes Awareness Month" HSHS St. Francis Hospital is encouraging people to know the signs of diabetes. According to medical experts at the Litchfield-based hospital, symptoms of type two diabetes often develop slowly and can be subtle. These small changes can effect how individuals feel and look, and include frequent urination, feeling thirsty, feel-

ing hungry (even when eating), extreme fatigue, blurry vision, cuts and bruises that are slow to heal, weight loss, and tingling, pain or numbness in hands and feet.

Diabetes can cause high blood pressure, high cholesterol, kidney disease, vision impairment and other health-related complications, such as heart attack and stroke.

The CDC says 96 million Americans - more than one in three - are prediabetic. Prediabetes can be identified by taking an A1C test, which indicates that blood glucose levels are higher than normal, but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetic. Even if an individual is diagnosed with prediabetes it does not mean that they develop type two diabetes, especially if they make changes in their lifestyle regarding exercise and nutrition.

Even small changes like taking the stairs, walking around the block regularly or eating less sugar can help delay or prevent the disease. HSHS St. Francis Hospital recommends that individuals work with a health care provider to develop a plan that works for their lifestyle and helps them avoid a lifetime of medications or insulin monitoring.

A physician can evaluate the risk level and complete bloodwork to diagnose diabetes. A consultation with a clinical dietitian or diabetes educator may also help identify ways to reduce your risk factors.

Those interested can also take a one-minute Diabetes Risk Test through the American Diabetes Association at [www.diabetes.org/risk-test](http://www.diabetes.org/risk-test).

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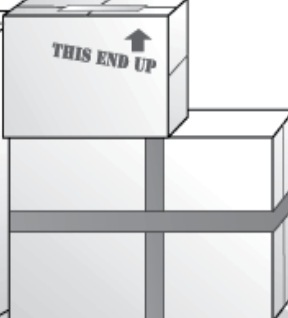
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Joe's Corner

by Joe Rollins



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LETTERS to the editor

## Get Engaged, Get Plugged In, Get Involved

Panther Nation, this is a friendly reminder that we must never allow what we don't like about our city to become bigger than what we love about it. I promise if you look hard enough you will find that Litchfield has some incredible things to offer and that this city is full of incredible people as well.

Good intentions have never changed anything or anyone, and I encourage everyone in our community to put our thoughts and concerns into action. Instead of being the person who points out every area or place that needs help or improvements, be the person that steps in and fills the void. Get engaged. Get plugged in. Get involved. Help be the change you want to see here.

For some this is the most wonderful time of the year, but it is also the most stressful time of the year for others. If truth be known, many will celebrate this holiday season

without loved ones for the first time. Single parents will struggle to put up a tree, let alone put gifts under it. Some will even struggle to put food on the table. The holiday season is the perfect time to remind our neighbors that they aren't alone. It can be as simple as buying a gift to leave at a drop box location, purchasing some gloves and hats to keep kids warm or donating some much needed food items to one of the local pantries. Be the thermostat that sets the temperature for our community, because I promise the more you get engaged the more you will love this community.

I want to leave you with a story, adapted from "The Star Thrower" by Loren C. Eiseley. "An old man had a habit of early morning walks on the beach. One day, after a storm he saw a human figure in the distance moving like a dancer. As he came closer he saw that it was a young woman and

she was not dancing but was reaching down to the sand, picking up starfish and very gently throwing them into the ocean.

"He asked the young lady why she was picking up starfish and throwing them into the ocean.

"The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I do not throw them in they will die," she replied.

"But young lady, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it? You can not possibly make a difference," the old man said.

"The young woman listened politely, paused and then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the ocean past the breaking waves, saying, 'It made a difference for that one.'"

Adam Ortega  
Connections Pastor  
Cornerstone Ministries  
Litchfield

**“It is not more bigness that should be our goal. We must attempt, rather, to bring people back to the warmth of community, to the worth of individual effort and responsibility, and of individuals working together as a community, to better their lives and their children’s future.”**

-Robert F. Kennedy

### MONDAY EVENING

### NOVEMBER 21, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30																						
<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC Bachelor in Paradise (TV14) (N)	CBS Neighbor. (Bob Hearts) (N)	NBC The Voice: Live Top 13 Performances (N)	FOX 9-1-1: "Crash & Learn" (N)	ION Criminal Minds (TV14)	ABC The First 48 (TV14)	CBS NCIS: Hawaii (N)	NBC Quantum Leap (NPG)	FOX The Resident (TV14)	ION Chicago Fire (TV14)																						
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E The First 48 (TV14)	AMC Spider-Man 2 (04, PG-13) ★★	ANIMAL Alaskan Bush People	BET Payne	BRAVO Below Deck (TV14) (N)	CARTOON Reg. Show	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	COMEDY The Office	DISCOVERY Street Outlaws	DISNEY Chibiverse	E! To Be Announced	ESPN (15) Monday Night Football	ESPN2 (6:00) College Bball	FOOD Holiday Baking (N)	FREEMFORM Nightmare Before (93)	FX Sing (16, NR) ★★½	HGTV Celebrity IOU (TV G)	HISTORY Ancient Aliens (NPG)	LIFETIME Merry Swisshams (22, NR)	MTV Ridiculous	NEWSNAT Cuomo	NICK PAW Patrol (TV) (N)	PARMT Yellowstone (TVMA)	SYFY (55) Van Helsing (04, PG-13)	TBS Bang	TCM The Manchurian Candidate	TLC 90 Day (TV14) (N)	TNT (6:15) Kingsman: The Secret Service (15, R)	TRAVEL Mysteries of the Unknown: "Vanishing Ship" (N)	TV LAND Loves Ray	USA WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)	VH1 Love & Hip Hop (N)
<b>PREM</b>	HBO (6:13) Barbarian (22, R)	MAX Young Adult (11, R) Charize Theron	SHOW Let the Right One In																													

### TUESDAY EVENING

### NOVEMBER 22, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30																						
<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC Bachelor in Paradise (TV14) (N)	CBS FBI: "Into the Fire" (N)	NBC The Voice (NPG)	FOX The Resident (TV14)	ION Chicago Fire (TV14)	ABC The First 48 (TV14)	CBS NCIS: Hawaii (N)	NBC La Brea	FOX The Resident (TV14)	ION Chicago Fire (TV14)																						
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E Neighbor	AMC Neighbor	ANIMAL River Monsters (NPG)	BET Payne	BRAVO Below Deck (TV14) (N)	CARTOON Reg. Show	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	COMEDY The Office	DISCOVERY Alaskan Bush People	DISNEY Chibiverse	E! (5:45) Movie	ESPN College Bball: "Maui Invitational: Semis" (Live)	ESPN2 (6:00) College Bball	FOOD Beat Bobby Flay (N)	FREEMFORM Hotel Transylvania (12)	FX Night at the Museum (06, PG)	HGTV Good Bones (TV G)	HISTORY Oak Island (NPG)	LIFETIME A Very Charming Christmas Town (20)	MTV Teen Mom: Next (N)	NEWSNAT Cuomo	NICK The Addams Family (19, PG)	PARMT Movie	SYFY X-Men	TBS (12) Bang	TCM The Automat (21, NR)	TLC Little People (NPG) (N)	TNT (6:30) NBA Basketball: Brooklyn vs Philadelphia	TRAVEL Expedition Unknown	TV LAND Loves Ray	USA WWE NXT (Live)	VH1 Black Ink Crew (N)
<b>PREM</b>	HBO (0:05) District 9 (09, R) ★★½	MAX (15) Confess, Fletch (22, R) Marcia Gay Harden	SHOW (15) Confess, Fletch (22, R) Marcia Gay Harden																													

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

### NOVEMBER 23, 2022

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<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC Conners	CBS Survivor (NPG) (N)	NBC Macy's Parade (N)	FOX The Masked Singer (N)	ION NCIS: "The Helpers"	ABC Court Cam	CBS Andor: "Kassa: Be Me" (TV14) (N)	NBC The Amazing Race (N)	FOX Saturday Night Live: "Thanksgiving" (TV14)	ION NCIS: "The Helpers"																						
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E Court Cam	AMC Planes, Trains and Automobiles (87, R) ★★½	ANIMAL The Zoo (NPG)	BET Payne	BRAVO The Devil Wears Prada (06, PG-13) ★★	CARTOON Reg. Show	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	COMEDY S. Park	DISCOVERY Moonshiners	DISNEY Chibiverse	E! Chrissy	ESPN (6:30) NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors from Chase Center (Live)	ESPN2 (6:30) College Basketball (Live)	FOOD Guy's Grocery Games	FREEMFORM (5:30) Enchanted (07)	FX Black Panther (18, PG-13) ★★	HGTV Property (TV G)	HISTORY Pawn Stars Do America: "San Francisco" (N)	LIFETIME Too Close for Christmas (20)	MTV The Challenge: "Deep Web" (N)	NEWSNAT Cuomo	NICK Paw Patrol: The Movie (21, G) ★★½	PARMT Movie	SYFY Cult of Chucky (17)	TBS All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	TCM The King and I (56, G) ★★	TLC My 600-lb Life: "Brittany: The Fall" (TV14)	TNT (6:30) NHL Hockey: Philadelphia vs Washington	TRAVEL Ghosts of Devil's Perch: "Deadly Mystery" (N)	TV LAND Loves Ray	USA SVU: "Exile" (TV14)	VH1 (7:10) Did I Get Married Too? (10, PG-13) ★½
<b>PREM</b>	HBO (6:13) 2 Guns (13, R)	MAX Solaris (02, PG-13) ★★½	SHOW The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (10, PG-13) ★																													

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<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC Home Videos (NPG)	CBS Young Ghosts	NBC (15) NFL Football: New England Patriots at Minnesota Vikings (Live)	FOX The Masked Singer (N)	ION Chicago P.D.: "Lies"	ABC The First 48 (TV14)	CBS Home Videos (NPG)	NBC Home Videos (NPG)	FOX Home Videos (NPG)	ION Chicago P.D.: "Gone"																						
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E The First 48 (TV14)	AMC The Godfather (72, R) ★★	ANIMAL Alaska: Last (NPG)	BET BET Star Cinema	BRAVO Back to the Future (85, PG)	CARTOON Reg. Show	CNN Patagonia: Life	COMEDY The Office	DISCOVERY Homestead Rescue	DISNEY Big City	E! Modern Family (NPG)	ESPN (6:00) College Football (Live)	ESPN2 College Basketball: Oregon vs Connecticut	FOOD Gingerbread (TV G)	FREEMFORM Home (90)	FX Black Panther (18) ★★	HGTV Love It or List It (TV G)	HISTORY Mountain Men: Ultimate Marksman	LIFETIME Baking All the Way (22, NR)	MTV Ridiculous	NEWSNAT NewsNation Documentaries: "Harvest" (N)	NICK To Be Announced	PARMT Yellowstone (TVMA)	SYFY (6:35) Despicable Me 2 (13, PG)	TBS (5:00) The Wizard of Oz (39, NR) Judy Garland	TCM North by Northwest (59, NR) ★★	TLC 90 Day Fiancé (TV14)	TNT Rocketman (19, R) ★★½	TRAVEL Ghost Adventures	TV LAND Loves Ray	USA (6:30) Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (04, PG)	VH1 (6:00) Forrest Gump (94, PG-13) Tom Hanks, Sally Field
<b>PREM</b>	HBO DC League of Super-Pets (22) ★★½	MAX Pacific Rim (13, PG-13) ★★	SHOW Jerry & Marge Go Large (22) ★★																													

REDSKIN REVIEW • by Hailey Engelman at Nokomis

## Lady Redskins Team Still Undefeated



Happy Monday! I hope you all stayed warm this weekend as winter weather is definitely here. Redskin students have been very busy this week!

First, for our clubs, the German Club held a meeting and planned for their upcoming Chicago trip to the Christkindlmarket. They also drew names for the club's Secret Santa exchange.

Family, Career, and Consumer Leaders of America (FCCLA) plans to have a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd for all members.

Yearbook sales have begun. Students should check their emails for a QR Code sent by club member Mason LaChance to guide you through the process of purchasing. Prices will go up at the first of the year, so buy now!

Scholastic bowl will begin matches, and we are excited to have a junior varsity and varsity team this year with their growing numbers!

FFA had a big week full of some hard work paying off! The quiz bowl team placed first at the section contest. Another group of students placed second in the Parkland College Invitational Agronomy Contest, with five Nokomis students placing in the top 12 of 46 total! Also, some shoutouts to Caleb Bauer, Bond Knodle and Alden Knodle for earning high ratings at the section grain fair. Following that, Nora Patton placed in the top ten at the section FFA job interview contest and seventh overall out of 20 contestants.

October was the month of giving back for the Redskins! The Student Council and the volleyball team both had check presentations this week to various organizations. The Student Council was honored to present Montgomery County Cancer Association (MCCA) with \$2,000 raised from the pink game and other fundraisers throughout October for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The Lady Redskins Volleyball team was proud to present over \$1,100 to Ayden's AVM Army, also due to fundraisers during the month of October for Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM) Awareness. The final, and most outstanding, check was for \$4,000 to the Herschelman family for the Montgomery County Grace Volleyball Tournament, sponsorships and shirt sales. We thank the community for their support in these fundraisers and making these donations possible!

As part of the Capturing Kids Hearts (CKH) Project, each Advocacy class is scheduled to volunteer at Nokomis Christian Missions throughout the year. This week Mr. Watson's students

had the pleasure of giving their time to help sort clothing and move boxes.

At NHS, students have been busy with some creative hands-on projects in the classroom! The art classes have made ceramic pumpkins and wall pockets. The horticulture classes also made some impressive turkey flower arrangements. Check out NokomisCUSD22 on Instagram and Facebook to see!

The culinary arts classes participated in the ninth annual Chili Cook-Off Competition this week! Students work with their lab groups to find their own chili recipe to be judged. Such a fun competition!

Onto an exciting week of sports, the Lady Redskins had a great start to their season, with an undefeated record of 3-0 to Litchfield and Hillsboro during the week, and Vandalia on Friday at the Litchfield Tournament.

An exciting moment during the Vandalia game, Audrey Sabol scored her 1,000th career point. Congratulations, Audrey!

The ladies will play Pawnee tonight and the result of that game will determine what place they will compete for on Tuesday.

The boys basketball season will kick off this week as they travel to Greenville on Tuesday, followed by the Carlyle Tournament over the weekend where they will take on Flora.

The NHS boys basketball reserved seating will continue this year at \$45 for adults, \$24 for senior citizens and students. Contact Dan Dewerrff at [dandewerrff@nokomis.k12.il.us](mailto:dandewerrff@nokomis.k12.il.us) or the high school office if you are interested or have questions!

As the fall seasons have ended, players have received awards for their outstanding seasons! In soccer, the Defense Award went to Reece Lohman, Offense Award to Elijah Aumann, and Overall MVP also to Elijah Aumann.

In football, the Offensive MVP was Brenton Lyons, the Defensive MVP was Braxton Taylor, the Matt Cole Award went to Zaylon Sisk and the Skins Award to Riley Reynolds.

Volleyball will hold their end of the season banquet this week where they will announce awards, but MSM 2022 Volleyball All-Conference Teams have been announced and two players have been recognized. Both seniors, Audrey Sabol is on the first Team All-Conference and Hailey Engelman as an honorable mention.

Audrey Sabol also represented NHS at the All Star Game, surrounded by a lot of talent from the area. Playing on the West Team, her team placed first. Congratulations to all athletes on your success!

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving! See you next Monday!



## Chamber Welcomes Cozy Cafe To Nokomis

Nokomis Chamber of Commerce welcomed Cozy Cafe to the city with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 17. Located in the newly renovated building at 211 State Street, the eatery is an offshoot of Cozy Cafe in Hillsboro and features a similar menu with everything from all-American burgers and fries to egg rolls and crab rangoon. Cozy Cafe's Nokomis location offers both dine-in and carry-out options from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the potential to open on weekends in the future. Above, from the left, are Chamber board members, Roger Blankenship, Loren Compton, Kelsie Miller and Tina Kersey, representing Cozy Cafe, Chamber President Judy Ruppert and Jim Ruppert, chamber board member.

Journal-News/Tori O'Dell

PANTHER PRESS • by Morgan Lemon at Litchfield

## Panther Students Collect Warm Winter Gear



Happy Monday, Panthers! There are only two more days until Thanksgiving break!

As we step into the holiday season, I urge everyone to thoughtfully consider what they are most thankful for this year!

Seniors: please make arrangements to have your senior photo taken. Three photos are due to Mrs. Brummet by Dec. 19.

Please sign up to donate blood outside Mrs. Brummet's classroom door for the blood drive on Dec. 3. Permission slips are in the basket outside the door. If you are not yet 17, you will need a permission slip.

Thank you to all students who auditioned for *Seussical the Musical*. The official cast and crew lists will be posted on the LHS Drama Club

Classroom page at the end of the day on Tuesday

Litchfield High school is helping the Miss Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Queens collect winter hats and gloves donations. All donations will be distributed amongst the Litchfield School District for students who are in need, so they do not have to worry about being cold this season. A Christmas tree is set up in the hallway, if you are able to make a donation feel free to place your donation on the Christmas tree.

**Upcoming Events:** Nov. 23-27: Thanksgiving break, Dec. 3: blood drive; Dec. 15, Dec. 16, Dec. 19: semester exams; Dec. 11: winter band and choir concert.

Have a great last few days, Panthers, and have the best Thanksgiving break! I hope everybody enjoys their time with family and eats lots of good food!



## Kyndal Law Recognized As McDonald's Scholar Athlete

Litchfield Middle School eighth grader Kyndal Law was recognized as the McGraw Family Litchfield McDonald's scholar athlete for girls basketball on Thursday, Nov. 10. She is pictured above with Samantha Lawson, marketing director for Litchfield McDonald's.

The daughter of Lonnie and Ashley Law of Litchfield, Law lives a very active lifestyle. She is involved in both school and rec league teams for basketball, softball and soccer. In her free time, she likes hanging with her friends, making TikToks and taking naps.

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The door prize winners at the Senior Dance on Sunday, Nov. 6, from the left, were Nancy Shipman, Louise Emig, Art Gutierrez, Terry Adkins, Linda Klueter and Toni Taylor.

## Senior Citizens Club Enjoys Dance

The Litchfield Senior Citizens Club hosted its Senior Dance on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Litchfield Community Center.

There were 102 seniors who enjoyed music provided

by *Midnight Express*.

The door prizes for the event included a wreath donated by Toni Taylor, table decorations by JoAnn Claro and a wreath and sign by Peggy Kibler.

The winners included Nancy Shipman, Louise Emig, Art Gutierrez, Terry Adkins, Linda Klueter and Toni Taylor.

The next dance will be held Feb. 12, 2023.



Pictured above, Midnight Express, a country/rock band serving central Illinois, served as entertainment at the Litchfield Senior Citizens Club on Sunday, Nov. 6.

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## Rudolph Makes Return To Fox Stage

Sleigh what? The critically acclaimed live stage show *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical* returns this fall to entertain families at theatres across North America.

The national tour featuring the "most famous reindeer of all" and his friends from the longest running and highest rated holiday television special will soar into St. Louis at the Fabulous Fox Theatre Sunday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Following seven successful years of touring and more than 600 performances, Rudolph and the holly jolly cast of characters including Hermey the Elf, Yukon Cornelius, and Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, along with the audience, will help Santa save Christmas.

Tickets for *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical* at the Fabulous Fox are on sale now at [MetroTix.com](http://MetroTix.com) or by calling 314-534-1111. Ticket prices start at \$25. Prices are subject to change; please refer to [FabulousFox.com](http://FabulousFox.com) for current pricing. *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical* is part of the U.S. Bank Broadway Series.

In 1964, the beloved stop-motion animated television classic, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, made its network television debut and has been delighting audiences across the country for almost 60 years.

"*Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical* is a tree-mendous way to experience this family tradition and stays true to the iconic television special," said producing partner Jonathan Flom.

Projections, costumes, and characters are faithfully brought to the stage against a backdrop of nostalgic set designs. The 12-foot-plus-tall Abominable Snow Monster is jaw-dropping. The cast brings high energy to classic songs and dialogue, while irresistible and loveable puppets highlight the charming roughness from the television show's stop-motion effects.

"The familiar story elements from the television special are addressed with a talented cast and puppeteers who help recreate the magic on stage," said Flom.

Since the special itself is a classic musical, the stage show does not feel at all like an adaptation and audiences

are surprised and delighted when they see performances of songs such as "Fame and Fortune" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" that are heard, but not performed in the TV special.

The story tells the tale of a young Rudolph who, because of the appearance of his bright, shining nose, is excluded from the Reindeer Games. He flees Christmas town and meets up with new friends Hermey the Elf and Yukon Cornelius. After finding The Island of Misfit Toys, Rudolph journeys home, where a snowstorm of epic proportions is threatening Christmas. Can Rudolph rescue his family and friends and help Santa save the holiday?

Rudolph's partnership with PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center continues this year. The show offers a free toolkit to educators that leverages the powerful messages from the Rudolph story to help us all celebrate our differences ([www.pacer.org/teamrudolph](http://www.pacer.org/teamrudolph)).

For more information, visit [www.rudolphthemusical.com](http://www.rudolphthemusical.com) and follow the latest updates on Facebook and Instagram.

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Applications are also available at Hillsboro Fire Department beginning November 25, 2022.  
**Submit Applications NO LATER than December 10, 2022** by mailing them to or dropping them off at the Hillsboro Fire Department (101 South Broad St.).

PLEASE NOTE: COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE INTO THIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.  
**Delivery—Saturday, December 17, 2022** beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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 Baskets will be delivered unless this box is checked. If someone other than the applicant will be picking up, the applicant should be available by phone (at the phone number listed above) to answer any questions. If we cannot confirm the applicant's arrangements, the basket may be given to another household. Baskets not collected by 11:00 A.M. may be given to another household.

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# The Journal-News Section B

Hillsboro, IL 62049

Monday, November 21, 2022



Nokomis guard Emma Sneddon peers around Vandalia defender Megan Lupton (#4) during the second half of the Redskins' opening game at the Litchfield Thanksgiving Tournament on Friday, Nov. 18. The Redskins used a 14-2 first quarter to keep the Vandals at bay as they went on to win 55-41 to improve to 3-0 on the season.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

## Sabol Hits Milestone In Skins' Win

The Nokomis High School girls basketball team opened play at the Litchfield Thanksgiving Tournament on Friday, Nov. 18, and scored a milestone and a 55-41 win over Vandalia to move to 3-0 on the young season.

The difference in the game came in the first quarter, when the Redskins went on a 14-point run to start the game. Six of those points came from senior Audrey Sabol, who entered the game needing 23 points to reach 1,000 for her career.

Natalie Engelman, Emma Sneddon, Carley King and Hailey Engelman also scored in the quarter to give Nokomis a 14-2 lead, with Bella Austin scoring Vandalia's only basket with 13 seconds left in the quarter.

Nokomis led by as many as 15 early in the second quarter, with Natalie Engelman hitting her second three of the game, followed by an Audrey Sabol basket, but Vandalia cut the margin back down to eight midway through the quarter.

The Redskins outscored Vandalia 6-0 over the next three minutes, but a basket by Madison Lupton kept it a 12-point game at halftime, 25-13. Sabol led Nokomis with 10 points in the half, putting her 13 away from 1,000.



Nokomis senior Audrey Sabol smiles over at a jubilant Redskin bench after hitting a third quarter free throw for the 1,000th point of her high school career during the Redskins' 55-41 win over Vandalia on Nov. 18, at the Litchfield Thanksgiving Tournament.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

The senior forward went to work immediately in the third quarter, scoring five straight points on a pair of free throws and an old fashioned

three-point play to keep her team up 13. Sabol continued to pour in the points as she owned the offensive boards and scored six points to put herself at 999 going to the free-throw line with just over a minute to play.

Calmly, Sabol walked to the line and knocked down her landmark free throw, then hit the next to make her the first Lady Redskin to hit 1,000 points since Taylor Lohman did it in 2018.

Sabol's free throws gave Nokomis a 15-point lead, which reduced to 13 points thanks to a two by Megan Lupton with 21 seconds to play.

Nokomis Coach Brandon Engelman used the fourth quarter to get his starters some rest as his team outscored Vandalia 55-41 to improve to 3-0 on the young season.

Sabol not only scored 24 points in the game, but she also had 18 rebounds, giving her 699 boards for her career.

While Sabol controlled the inside, Natalie Engelman worked behind the arc, going 4-for-7 from three-point land for all 12 of her points. Engelman also had a team-best four assists in the win.

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## Redskins Snap Skid Against Toppers

Almost eight years after their last win over Hillsboro, the Nokomis High School girls basketball team ended a nine game losing streak against the Toppers on Wednesday, Nov. 17, with a 50-48 victory in Nokomis.

Not only has Hillsboro won the last nine outings between the two clubs, but the last four haven't even been all that close, with the Toppers' margin of victory almost 27 points per game.

It looked as if the Redskins might be subjected to another rout in the early going on Thursday as Hillsboro fed senior Alex Frailey underneath for eight points, with Kenadie Carlock adding in a three to

give the Toppers an 11-2 lead before the midway point of the quarter.

The tide began to turn in the second half of the opening frame, though. Audrey Sabol added four points, giving her six for the quarter, while Natalie Engelman and Hailey Engelman scored two apiece to cut the Hillsboro lead to one in the final 50 seconds of the first quarter.

Emma Sneddon added in a free throw of her own and the game was tied at 11-11 going into the second quarter.

Hillsboro broke the tie with a pair of free throws by Sierra Compton for their first points of the second quarter, but Sabol

gave Nokomis its first lead just 14 seconds later when she was fouled on a made shot and made the ensuing free throw to up the score to 14-13.

After scoring eight points in the first quarter, Frailey tacked on four more in the second frame as the Toppers tied the contest at 14, then upped their advantage to 17-14 with 2:12 to play.

Emma Sneddon cut the Hillsboro lead to one with a pair of free throws, but Laynie Rupert cut down the lane, received a pass from Carlock and sunk her first basket to make it 19-16 in Hillsboro's favor at halftime.

The two teams combined for just 13 points and three field goals in the second quarter, but made up for lost time in the third as they combined for 35 points in the period.

The Redskins scored the first seven of those points as Sneddon and Hailey Engelman both turned turnovers into points, while Natalie Engelman knocked down a three. The streak ended with a three from Rupert that cut the lead to 23-22, but a three-point play by Emily Cress and a two from Hailey Engelman gave Nokomis their biggest lead at 28-22.

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## Carlyle Too Much For Panthers

A persistent and agitating ball press was the catalyst to a 56-15 Carlyle win over the Litchfield Lady Panthers in opening round play of Litchfield's six-team tournament. Nokomis beat the Vandals by 14 points in the earlier game.

Coach Janelle Kuhn's Lady Indians appear to be focused on a second consecutive tournament title as they ratcheted up their defense for three periods and forced a continuous clock after establishing a 38-point third quarter lead.

Their aggressive play resulted in 16 Lady Panther fouls and while Carlyle sank nine charity tosses, they did leave an additional 10 points at the free-throw line. Litchfield fell prey to double digit turnovers and numerous missed opportunities to score from close range.

The junior/sophomore starting lineup for the Lady Indians was led by Sophia Hoffmann, who poured in 21 points. The sophomore guard scored six inside points in the first quarter, buried two treys in the second, had two baskets in the third and finished the fourth with another three-pointer and a deuce.

The Lady Panthers took 33 shots from the floor and only five found their way to the bottom of the net. Sophomore Elise Walch was the only player to hit from long range and her trey came in the first quarter.

The Lady Panthers scored six points in the first quarter, three in the second and failed to score a field goal in the third before closing out the game with six tallies in the final frame.

Leading by 21 at the half and 31 midway through the third quarter, Coach Kuhn elected to leave her starters



Litchfield's Hailey Rentz skirts Carlyle defender Raelyn Harris to find an open teammate during the Panthers' opening game of the Litchfield Thanksgiving Tournament. Carlyle's tenacious defense held Litchfield to just 15 points as the defending champions won 56-15 over the home team.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

in the game until early in the fourth period, much to the disdain of the Litchfield faithful.

The Panthers grabbed eight offensive rebounds and 24 defensive with Hailey Rentz pulling down nine. Rentz also had three defensive steals and two assists. Elise Walch finished the game with five points and was the only player in the Panther lineup to score more than one basket.

Litchfield wraps up pool play on Monday, Nov. 21, against Pawnee, who fell to Vandalia 59-22 on Saturday. Carlyle also played on Satur-

day, beating Southwestern 74-20 to earn a spot in Tuesday's championship game.

### Nov. 18 at Litchfield

Litchfield Thanksgiving Tourney  
Carlyle 19 11 17 9---56  
Litchfield 6 3 0 6---15

Carlyle (56) - Sophia Hoffmann 21, Emma Meyer 8, Raelyn Harris 8, KJ Meyer 8, Mati Stanart 6, Ella Rolffingsmeyer 3, Daisy Brammeier 2. Totals: 21-9-19-56.

Litchfield (15) - Elise Walch 5, Hailey Rentz 4, Emma Walch 3, Emma Diveley 2, Gina Painter 1. Totals: 5 4-6 15.

Three-point field goals: Carlyle 5 (Sophia Hoffmann 3, Ella Rolffingsmeyer 1, Raelyn Harris 1, Litchfield 1 (Elise Walch 1). Records: Carlyle (1-0); Litchfield (0-3).

## Lady Toppers Pick Up First Win

After a 0-4 start to the season, against a quartet of teams already a combined 10-1 on the season, the Hillsboro High School girls basketball team were able to shake off some of their early season frustrations in the second session of the Taylorville Thanksgiving Tournament.

The Toppers rolled to a 48-18 win over Jacksonville in their third game at the Tornadoes' tourney, holding the Crimson to just seven points in the final three quarters.

Hillsboro nearly outscored Jacksonville for the game with their output in the first quarter as Layne Rupert caught fire and scored 11 points in the first eight minutes for the Toppers.

Despite the final margin of victory, the game was still very much up in the air after eight minutes. Tate Morrisey had a team-high five points in the opening quarter, while Ella Watson (4) and Mia Schaecher (2) accounted for six more as Jacksonville trailed by just four points at the end of the first.

That sense of anything can happen faded in the second quarter as the Toppers held Jacksonville to just one point, a free throw from Kinley Wood. On the offensive end, Hillsboro spread the wealth as four different players combined for 13 points to give Hillsboro a 28-12 lead at halftime.

The strong defensive effort continued in the second half for Hillsboro as they held the Crimson to just two field goals, two free throws and six total points. Rupert, who had 15 points at the half, eclipsed that mark by herself in the third, hitting her second three of the game for a portion of



Rochester's Emma Dixon challenges the layup attempt from Hillsboro's Meagan White during the morning session of the Taylorville Thanksgiving Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 19. Dixon had 15 points in Rochester's 58-41 win over Hillsboro, who bounced back to beat Jacksonville in their second game of the day.

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her eight third quarter points. Again she wasn't alone, though, as Sophia Blankenship, Meagan White and Natalee Fenton all had four

points apiece in a balanced scoring effort that yielded a 48-18 lead going into the fourth.

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## Sports Calendar

**Hillsboro Hiltoppers**  
**Tuesday, November 22**  
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**Litchfield Purple Panthers**  
**Monday, November 21**  
 7:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball vs. TBD at Litchfield Tournament  
 Southwestern at Litchfield Tournament

**Tuesday, November 22**  
 4:30 or 6 p.m. - Girls Basketball vs. TBD at Litchfield Tournament  
 5:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball vs. St. Teresa at Riverton Tournament

**Nokomis Redskins**  
**Monday, November 21**  
 6 p.m. - Girls Basketball vs. Pawnee at Litchfield Tournament

**Tuesday, November 22**  
 7:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball vs. TBD at Litchfield Tournament  
 6 p.m. - Boys Basketball at Greenville

**Lincolnwood Lancers**  
**Monday, November 21**  
 7:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball vs. New Berlin at New Berlin Tourney

**Tuesday, November 22**  
 6:30 p.m. - Boys Basketball vs. North Mac at New Berlin Tourney

## Toppers Tip Off Tuesday

by Ron Deabenderfer

One sure sign of the end of the fall and the beginning of the winter is colder weather; another is the return of the high school basketball season. The fans of Hillsboro boys' basketball will have their first chance to see new-to-the-head-coaching-job Corbin Govaia's first edition tomorrow (Tuesday, Nov. 22) when the Rochester Rockets come to town. Junior varsity action begins at 5:30, with varsity action to follow.

Then the action shifts to Carlyle when the Toppers will participate in the Kaskaskian Tournament. Action begins there on Saturday, Nov. 26, and concludes on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Four seniors, five juniors, nine sophomores, and nine freshmen reported for the first day of practice. Coach Govaia plans to carry twelve on the varsity roster; seniors Will Christian, Blaze Helton, Dimitri Plum, and Dillon Devlin; juniors Dylan Lessman, Jace Stewart, Mitchell Lowe, Adrian Harston, and Landon Summers; and sophomores

Nathan Matoush, Nathan Schaake, and Atticus Bertolino. Plum is a transfer from St. Elmo whose father, Sam Plum, is the junior varsity coach; Govaia characterizes him as a tenacious defender.

On Sam Plum's junior varsity roster are juniors Lessman, Summers, and Harston; sophomores Jackson Tuetken, Caleb Greenwood, Drake McSperritt, Clayton Rufus, Bertolino, Peyton Chesney, Mitchell Cunningham, Brodie Clinard, and Schaake; their first action is also against Rochester; then they are idle until Tuesday, Dec. 6, when the Toppers play in Raymond.

The freshman, who have a separate schedule, will be coached this season by Cooper Eaker, who played his high school ball for Auburn. That roster includes Colton Weiss, Izac Zerrusen, Tony White, Ethan Hamby, Amonty Anderson, Matthew Curry, Mark Mattson, Ryan Page, and Blake Cullison.

Keep up with the teams' progress in *The Journal-News* and attend as many games as possible; the players always appreciate the support.

## Brownstown Spoils Panther Home Opener

It was the home season opener for the Litchfield Lady Panthers on Nov. 17 but Brownstown had little sentimentality for their hosts as the Lady Bombers defeated the purple and white 47-33.

After scoring just 19 points in their season opener at Nokomis on Nov. 15, the Lady Panthers' offense did put up 33 points against the Bombers, but missed opportunities at the free-throw line and untimely turnovers negated their effort.

Litchfield trailed 10-5 at the end of the first quarter as baskets didn't fall from the floor or the free-throw line. The Lady Panthers put up six shots from the floor and connected on two and sank just one of six free throws.

Brownstown's inability to protect the ball in the early minutes of the second quarter led to five quick points from Gina Painter and Elise Walch that knotted the score at 10, but it was all Brownstown in the remaining five minutes as they outscored the Panthers 11-2 and built a 21-12 half-time lead.

The two teams played evenly in the third period with

Brownstown edging out the Panthers 10-9 in scoring. Elise Walch dropped in her second three-point basket and the inside game of Laura Boston resurfaced as she canned two baskets from the paint. Freshman Chloe Law came off the bench and contributed to the Panther scoring with a pretty running layup that found the bottom of the net.

Litchfield was outscored 16-12 in the final eight minutes of play and just as in the first period, the Lady Panthers faltered at the free-throw line as they connected for one of eight charity tosses. Chloe Law bagged a three in the period while Emma Walch scored her first points of the game with two baskets. Boston and Emma Diveley accounted for four of Litchfield's 12 points and Hailey Rentz was one of two from the free-throw line.

As a team, Litchfield converted 14-of-51 shots from the floor and was 3-of-18 from behind the arc. They were 2-of-13 from the free-throw line. They grabbed 13 offensive rebounds and 22 defensive. They recorded four blocks and had 14 assists, but 24

seconds to play.

Looking to launch one last attack, Hillsboro got the ball back after two missed free throws by Nokomis and sunk a three with 15.9 seconds left to make it 50-48. The Toppers fouled quickly and Hailey Engelman uncharacteristically missed two more free throws to give Hillsboro the ball with 15.9 seconds to play and a chance to tie.

After working the ball around for a shot, Sierra Compton put up a heavily contested three from the corner, which missed its mark and was snared by the Redskins. Hailey Engelman was fouled with 0.2 seconds left, and while she didn't make the free throws, there wasn't enough time for Hillsboro to get off a miracle shot before the horn sounded.

The late misses from the charity stripe did nothing to take away from an outstanding game by Engelman, who led Nokomis with 17 points and four assists. Audrey Sabol added in 11 points and nine rebounds, while Emma Sneddon (8), Addison Dangbar (6), Natalie Engelman (5) and Emily Cress (3) rounded out the scoring.

Hillsboro had three players in double figures, led by Alex

## Junior High Girls Basketball

### IESA Class 7-3A Regional at Divernon

**Saturday, November 19**  
 • (4) Hillsboro 30, Gillespie 26  
 • (2) Auburn 29, (7) North Mac 14  
 • (3) Southwestern 24, (6) Carl-inville 18

**Tuesday, November 22**  
 6 p.m. - (1) Litchfield vs. (4) Hillsboro  
 7 p.m. - (2) Auburn vs. (3) Southwestern

**Wednesday, November 23**  
 6 p.m. - Regional Championship

### IESA Class 7-2A Regional at Assumption

**Saturday, November 19**  
 • (5) Springfield Blessed Sacrament def. (4) Morrisonville  
 • (3) Pawnee vs. (6) South Fork

**Monday, November 21**  
 6 p.m. - (1) Nokomis vs. (5) Springfield Blessed Sacrament  
 7:15 p.m. - (2) Central A&M vs. (3) Pawnee or (6) South Fork

**Wednesday, November 23**  
 6 p.m. - Regional Championship

## Tournament

### Litchfield Girls Basketball Tournament

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**Pool A:** Nokomis (1-0), Vandalia (1-1), Pawnee (0-1)  
**Pool B:** Carlyle (2-0), Litchfield (0-1), Southwestern (0-1)

**Friday, November 18**  
 • Nokomis 55, Vandalia 41  
 • Carlyle 56, Litchfield 15

**Saturday, November 19**  
 • Vandalia 59, Pawnee 22  
 • Carlyle 74, Southwestern 20

**Monday, November 21**  
 6 p.m. - Pawnee vs. Nokomis  
 7:30 p.m. - Litchfield vs. Southwestern

**Tuesday, November 22**  
 4:30 p.m. - 5th Place Game  
 6 p.m. - 3rd Place Game  
 7:30 p.m. - 1st Place Game

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## Litchfield Seventh Grade Earns Top Seed, Will Face Hillsboro Tuesday In Divernon

With a record of 19 wins and just two losses (to Staunton 19-14 and Nokomis 21-18), the Litchfield Middle School seventh grade girls basketball team earned the top seed at the Auburn Junior High Regional in Divernon. Team members in front, from the left, are Emma Estell, Kinley Hemken, Charlotte Reyes, Kayleigh Morgan and Sammie Rieke. In the back are Jada Carroll, AJ Jarman, Lynzie Reid, McKenna Harmon, Allison Belusko, Jennah Longwell, Emma Weidner and Adia Melchert. The Panther Cubs will face a familiar foe in their first game of regional play as they take on fourth seeded Hillsboro, who won 30-26 on Saturday, Nov. 19. Game time of the Montgomery County showdown in Divernon is 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22.

## Hillsboro Girls Basketball

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With the clock running continuously and both coaches going to their bench, neither team scored in the final quarter as Hillsboro picked up win number one on the season.

Rupert's 23 points upped her season total to 67 and put her 15 points away from 1,000 for her career. Hillsboro's last 1,000 point scorer was Sammi Matoush, who graduated in 2019 with a school and county record 2,883 points.

Meagan White added in 10 points, while Addy Lowe finished with four. Both players were responsible for more post duties than usual with senior Alex Frailey missing Saturday's games. Natalee Fenton and Sophia Blankenship also had four points, while Kenadie Carlock added three.

### Games One And Two

The win over Jacksonville was in Hillsboro's third game at the Taylorville tournament. On Friday, Nov. 18, the Toppers fell to the host school 64-40, then lost a closer-than-it-looked contest to Rochester 58-41 in the opening game of Saturday's morning session. Both Taylorville and Rochester are 3-0 at Taylorville going into the final two days of the tournament.

Hillsboro kept pace with the Tornados in the first quarter, using an inside-outside game to keep the score tied at 13 after eight minutes. Layne and Alex Frailey had four points each in the quarter, while Kenadie Carlock knocked down a three and Meagan White added a two.

The Toppers' offensive production wasn't far off their first quarter in the second, scoring just two fewer points, but the Tornados caught fire from three, hitting four triples in the quarter for half of their 24 points. Aubrey Kietzman had two of those threes, while Hallie Lewis had the other two, helping Taylorville to a 27-14 halftime lead.

Any hopes of a comeback dissipated in the third quarter as Taylorville held Hillsboro to just five points and continued to rain down shots from behind the arc. Kietzman and Kyleigh Heimsness both hit threes, giving Taylorville seven in the game and a 51-29 lead going into the fourth.

The Toppers' final quarter was more like the first two as they scored 11 points, two fewer than Taylorville, who added three more threes from Kietzman, Heimsness and Addison Tarr. All three of those players scored in double digits (Kietzman and Tarr with 14 and Heimsness with 12) in

Taylorville's 24-point win.

Hillsboro was led by Alex Frailey in scoring as the senior forward contributed 12 points. Layne Rupert added nine and Kenadie Carlock finished with seven. Meagan White (4), Sophia Blankenship (3), Addy Lowe (3) and Tatum Christian (2) also had points for the Toppers.

As they were with Taylorville, the Toppers were right with Rochester in the early going of their 17-point loss to the Rockets Saturday morning.

Down 4-2 early, Hillsboro went on a 6-0 run with baskets from Kenadie Carlock and Layne Rupert, with Rupert adding a pair of free throws as well. The four point lead only lasted a little while, though, as Rochester scored the final six points of the quarter to take a 10-8 lead into the second frame.

The back-and-forth of the first quarter continued in the second, with the score standing tied at 10-10, 12-12, 14-14 and 16-16, the latter coming with 3:30 to play in the first half.

Rochester got the next two baskets to take a 20-16 lead, but after swapping points, Rupert and Meagan White gave Hillsboro a 23-22 lead at the break.

Hillsboro's lead grew to three points in the early going on a bucket by Carlock and Hillsboro still led 27-25 after a basket by Addy Lowe with 6:21 to play. Rochester found another gear over the next two minutes, though, scoring 12 unanswered points to turn a two point disadvantage into a double digit lead.

Layne Rupert finally stopped the bleeding with a three-pointer, but Rochester outscored the Toppers 7-2 in the final two and a half minutes to lead 44-32 going into the fourth.

Sierra Compton did her best to get her team back into the game in the first minute of the fourth, scoring four quick points to make it 46-36 and Rupert got the margin down to single digits with a free throw at the 6:10 mark.

Rochester wasn't having any of it, though, as they outscored Hillsboro 12-4 the rest of the way out to come away with a 58-41 win.

Layne Rupert led Hillsboro with 15 points, followed by Meagan White and Sierra Compton with six points apiece. Addy Lowe, Sophia Blankenship and Kenadie Carlock added four apiece, with Tatum Christian rounding out the scoring with two. Kaylen Reed (16), Emma

Dixon (15) and Delaney Farris (11) paced Rochester.

With a 1-2 record at Taylorville thus far, Hillsboro will try to close out their run in Christian County with a pair of wins over Civic Memorial at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, and Mt. Zion at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26.

### Nov. 18 at Taylorville

*Taylorville Tournament*

Hillsboro 13 11 5 11---40  
 Taylorville 13 24 14 13---64  
**Hillsboro (40)** - Alex Frailey 12, Layne Rupert 9, Kenadie Carlock 7, Meagan White 4, Sophia Blankenship 3, Addy Lowe 3, Tatum Christian 2. **Totals:** 18 14 40.

**Taylorville (64)** - Aubrey Kietzman 14, Addison Tarr 14, Kyleigh Heimsness 12, Mazie Fleming 8, Hallie Lewis 6, Olivia Woodward 4, Alyvia McCollough 3, Jesse Wright 2, Lia Champley 1. **Totals:** 26 2-3 64.

**Three-point field goals:** Hillsboro 3 (Rupert 1, Carlock 1, Blankenship 1); Taylorville 10 (Kietzman 4, Heimsness 2, Lewis 2, Tarr 1, McCollough 1).

**Records:** Hillsboro (0-3), Taylorville (1-0).

### Nov. 19 at Taylorville

*Taylorville Tournament*

Hillsboro 8 15 9 9---41  
 Rochester 10 12 22 14---58  
**Hillsboro (41)** - Layne Rupert 15, Meagan White 6, Sierra Compton 6, Addy Lowe 4, Kenadie Carlock 4, Sophia Blankenship 4, Tatum Christian 2. **Totals:** 16 7-13 41.

**Rochester (58)** - Kaylen Reed 16, Emma Dixon 15, Delaney Farris 11, Taylor Offer 7, Alyse Day 5, Peyton Hoerner 2, Kadence Farris 2. **Totals:** 25 6-7 58.

**Three-point field goals:** Hillsboro 2 (Rupert 2); Rochester 2 (Offer 1, Day 1).

**Records:** Hillsboro (0-4), Rochester (2-1).

### Nov. 19 at Taylorville

*Taylorville Tournament*

Hillsboro 15 13 20 0---48  
 Jacksonville 11 1 6 0---18  
**Hillsboro (48)** - Layne Rupert 23, Meagan White 10, Addy Lowe 4, Natalee Fenton 4, Sophia Blankenship 4, Kenadie Carlock 3.

**Jacksonville (18)** - Tate Morrissey 5, Ella Wilson 4, Mia Schaecher 3, Kinley Wood 3, Kylie Ingram 2, Brooke Brannan 1. **Totals:** 7 3-10 18.

**Three-point field goals:** Hillsboro 3 (Rupert 2, Carlock 1); Jacksonville 1 (Morrissey 1).

**Records:** Hillsboro (1-4), Jacksonville (0-4).

### Taylorville Thanksgiving Girls Basketball Tourney

**Records:** Rochester (3-0), Taylorville (3-0), Civic Memorial (1-2), Hillsboro (1-2), Mt. Zion (1-2), Jacksonville (0-3).

### Friday, November 18

Rochester 44, Civic Memorial 32, Mt. Zion 45, Jacksonville 30, Taylorville 64, Hillsboro 40

### Saturday, November 19

Rochester 58, Hillsboro 41, Taylorville 65, Jacksonville 33, Civic Memorial 72, Mt. Zion 68, Hillsboro 48, Jacksonville 18, Rochester 46, Mt. Zion 37, Taylorville 50, Civic Memorial 41

### Friday, November 25

5 p.m. - Rochester vs. Jacksonville  
 6:30 p.m. - Civic Memorial vs. Hillsboro

8 p.m. - Taylorville vs. Mt. Zion

### Saturday, November 26

5 p.m. - Mt. Zion vs. Hillsboro  
 6:30 p.m. - Civic Memorial vs. Jacksonville

8 p.m. - Taylorville vs. Rochester

## Nokomis/Hillsboro Girls Basketball

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The two teams traded baskets, with Nokomis' Addison Dangbar hitting a three, only to have Hillsboro's Sierra Compton do the same a few moments later. Compton's trey cut the lead to four and a basket and a free throw by Frailey made it a one point game with 32.9 seconds left in the third.

Rather than ride out the final seconds, Nokomis got offensive, feeding Hailey Engelman for three to make it 36-32. It looked as if it might stay that way, but the Toppers got one more basket at the buzzer as Addy Lowe sunk a mid-range jumper off the inbounds to close the gap to 36-34 going into the fourth.

Points were hard to come by in the first minutes, but Nokomis got things going first with a pair of free throws and a basket by Hailey Engelman. Back-to-back baskets by Rupert and Compton cut the lead to two, but Nokomis answered with points from Dangbar and Sabol to put Hillsboro down 44-38 with 3:29 to play.

As they did in the third, the two teams traded points, but Hillsboro was still down five, 50-45, after Sneddon hit a pair of free throws with 44

Frailey's game-high 19. Layne Rupert and Sierra Compton added 12 and 10 respectively, while Kenadie Carlock had three and Addy Lowe and Meagan White chipped in two apiece.

The final score was nearly identical to the last time Nokomis had beaten Hillsboro, a 51-48 affair on Jan. 20, 2014, where Ashley Schneider (20) and Josie Foster (13) combined for 33 of the Redskins' 51 points.

With the county clash out of the way, both Hillsboro and Nokomis turned their attention to their respective Thanksgiving tournament destinations, with Hillsboro heading to Taylorville and Nokomis traveling to Litchfield.

### Nov. 16 at Nokomis

Hillsboro 11 8 15 14---48  
 Nokomis 11 5 20 14---50  
**Hillsboro (48)** - Alex Frailey 19, Layne Rupert 12, Sierra Compton 10, Kenadie Carlock 3, Addy Lowe 2, Meagan White 2. **Totals:** 19 6-13 48.

**Nokomis (50)** - Hailey Engelman 17, Audrey Sabol 11, Emma Sneddon 8, Addison Dangbar 6, Natalie Engelman 5, Emily Cress 3. **Totals:** 14 19-30 50.

**Three-point field goals:** Hillsboro 4 (Compton 2, Rupert 1, Carlock 1); Nokomis 3 (H. Engelman 1, N. Engelman 1, Dangbar 1).

**Records:** Nokomis (2-0), Hillsboro (0-2).

## Nokomis Girls Basketball

Continued from 1B

Addison Dangbar and Emma Sneddon both had six points, with Dangbar adding in eight rebounds and Sneddon finishing with six boards. Hailey Engelman (5) and Carley King (2) rounded out the scoring for Nokomis.

The Redskins' last pool play game will be on Monday,

Nov. 21, against Pawnee, who fell to Vandalia 59-22 on Saturday. A win would put them in the championship game against Carlyle on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. after the Indians beat Litchfield by 41 and Southwestern by 54.

### Nov. 18 at Litchfield

Nokomis 14 11 21 9---55  
 Vandalia 2 11 20 8---41  
**Nokomis (55)** - Audrey Sabol 24,

Natalie Engelman 12, Emma Sneddon 6, Addison Dangbar 6, Hailey Engelman 5, Carley King 2. **Totals:** 19 13-19 55.

**Vandalia (41)** - Bella Austin 12, Anna Forbes 10, Katie Eckhardt 9, Megan Lupton 6, Zoe Satterthwaite 2, Madison Lupton 2. **Totals:** 19 0-0 41.

**Three-point field goals:** Nokomis 4 (N. Engelman 4); Vandalia 3 (Austin 2, Eckhardt 1).

**Record:** Nokomis (3-0), Vandalia (0-2).

## Gillespie Farm Will Host Live Nativity In December

Experience the true meaning of Christmas this year through a reenactment of the Bible's Luke Chapter 2, the birth of Jesus.

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**Fire Calls**

**Structure Fire**

Members of the Witt Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to a residential structure fire at 4:23 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Upon arrival, they found there to be a fully involved travel trailer that was being used as a residence. No homeowners were present at the time. The initial call was made by a neighbor.

Fillmore Fire Department responded for mutual aid. Fifteen members of the Witt department, staffing three apparatus, responded to the scene.

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Pictured on the left, Nathan Broaddus enjoys his delicious meal as Barbara Janssen refills drinks for those who showed in support of the Raymond-Harvel Fire Department. In the picture to the right, from the left, John Barto, Karen Benning, Sue Beeler and Kathy and Harry Jackson enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Raymond and Harvel residents following the meal.

Raymond News Photos

## Community Shows Support For R-H Firemen

Many members of the community enjoyed a wonderful meal while supporting their emergency personnel during the 68th annual

Raymond-Harvel Firemen's Fish Fry on Friday evening, Nov. 4, at the Harvel Fire Station.

The menu featured fish fil-

lets, fries, slaw, baked beans and white or chocolate cake.

All proceeds from the fish fry will be used to purchase fire equipment, as well as

fund personnel training to ensure they are well prepared to protect and serve the residents of their communities.



## Hillsboro Public Library Offers Several New Titles

Hillsboro Area Public Library (HPL) has added several new titles to their shelves and readers are encouraged to visit the library to check out the new books.

The newest fiction titles to be found on the library's shelves include *Long Shadows* (Amos Decker series, #7) by David Baldacci, *Treasure State* (Highway Quartet series, #6) by C.J. Box, *Righteous Prey* (Lucas Davenport series, #32) by John Sandford, *No Plan B* (Jack Reacher series, #27) by Lee Child, *Livid* (Scarpetta series, #26) by Patricia Cornwell, *Suspect* (Kindle County, Legal Thriller series, #12) by Scott Turow, *Next in Line* (William Warwick series, #6) by Jeffrey Archer, *The Last to Vanish* by Megan Miranda, *Distant Thunder* (Stone Barrington series, #63) by Stuart Woods, *I'll be You* by Janelle Brown, *Dreamland* by Nicholas Sparks, *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult, *The High Notes* by Danielle Steel, *For Those Who Are Lost* by Julia Thomas, *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge (HPL Book Club selection), *Opium and Absinthe* by Lydia Kang (HPL Book Club selection)

*Half a Heart* by Karen McQuestion, *The Christmas Spirit* by Debbie Macomber,

*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, *Fearless* (Long Tall Texans series, #35) by Diana Palmer and *Go Tell the Bees that I'm Gone* (Outlander series, #9) by Diana Gabaldon.

New large print titles include *The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas* by James Patterson, *Desperation in Death* (In Death series, #55) by J. D. Robb, *The It Girl* by Ruth Ware, *The Other Woman* by Sandie Jones and *The Replacement Wife* by Darby Kane.

Fans of Amish fiction will be excited to find new titles on the library's shelves including

*The Orchard* by Beverly Lewis, *Rebecca's Bouquet* (Hope Chest of Dreams series, #1) by Lisa Jones Baker, *The Inn at Harts Haven* (The Matchmaker's of Harts Haven series, #1) by Patricia Davids, *Blessings in Disguise* (Sugarcreek Amish Mysteries series, #1) by Nancy Mehl, *Where Hope Dwells* (Sugarcreek Amish Mystery series, #2) by Elizabeth Ludwig, *The Buggy Before the Horse* (Sugarcreek Amish Mystery series, #3) by Tricia Goyer, *A Season of Secrets* (Sugarcreek Amish Mysteries series, #4) by Elizabeth Adams, *Katie's Forever Promise* (Emma Raber's Daughter series, #3) by Jerry

Eicher, *Their Son's Amish Baby* (Expectant Amish series, #4) and *Amish Widow's Tears* (Amish Widow's series, #18) by Samantha Price.

New nonfiction titles include *Dunkirk: Retreat to Victory* by Julian Thompson, *Legend: A Harrowing Story from the Vietnam War of One Green Beret...* by Eric Blehm, *Blood and Treasure: Daniel Boone and the fight for America's first frontier* by Bob Drury, *Wyatt Earp: The Life Behind the Legend* by Casey Tefertiller, *Everything will be okay: Life Lessons for Young Women* by Dana Perino and *Our Story: 77 Hours That Tested Our Friendship and Our Faith...* by Jeff Goodell.

Local youth will also be delighted to find new titles on the shelves of the children's section including *The Frustrating Book!* by Mo Willems, *Creepy Crayon!* by Aaron Reynolds, *The Crayons Trick or Treat* by Drew Daywalt, *The Good, The Bad, and the Spooky* by Jory John, *Gustavo the Shy Ghost* by Flavia Drago, *A Spoonful of Frogs* by Casey Lyall, *How to Catch a Witch* by Alice Walstead, *Pig the Monster* by Aaron Blabey, *What Was I Afraid of?* by Dr. Seuss, *A Very Big Fall* by Emmy Kastner, *My Football*

*Family* by Andy Holloway, *Lightyear* by Disney, *No! Said Custard the Squirrel* by Sergio Ruzzier, *Charlie and Mouse are Magic* by Laurel Snyder, *Same, Same, But Different* by Jenny Kosteck-Shaw, *Finding My Dance* by Ria Thundercloud, *Encanto* by Luz Mack, *Encanto* (Spanish version) by Vicky Weber, *How to Find the Tooth Fairy* by Jean Reagan, *The Wellington Avenue* (I Survived series) by Lauren Taurshis, *The Fort* by Gordon Korman, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diper Overlode* (Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, #17) (Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, #17) by Jeff Kinney and *The Daredevils* by Bob Buyea.

New graphic novels include *Brina the Cat* by Giorgio Salati, *Investigators. Heist and Seek* (Investigators series, #4) by John Green, *Agent 9* by James Burks and *Delicates* by Brenna Thummler

There are also a few new titles in the young adult section including *As Good as Dead* (A Good Girl's Guide to Murder series, #3) by H. Jackson, *How to Make Friends with the Dark* by Kathleen Glasgow, *Always and Forever, Laura Jean* (To All the Boys I Loved Before series, #3) by Jenny Han and *Cat + Gamer, Vol. 1* by Wataru Nadatani.

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**[ISEmployment@montgomerycountyil.gov](mailto:ISEmployment@montgomerycountyil.gov)**  
 For job description details, please go to:  
**<http://www.montgomerycountyil.gov/jobs/ISEmployment.pdf>**  
 The successful candidate must also pass a criminal background check and drug test.

## The MAC Plans Annual Holiday Art, Craft Sale

The Macoupin Art Collective would like to invite the community to their annual Merry MACidays Holiday Art Market and Silent Auction/ Raffle Dec. 7-11.

This event requires private shopping window reservations Wednesday to Saturday only, and can be reserved at no cost online at [www.macart.org](http://www.macart.org). Sunday shopping is open

to all from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This year, The MAC will feature over 35 local artists, crafters, and artisans selling their hand-crafted items in all price ranges, most from \$5

to \$50. In addition, there will be a raffle of dozens of items, from arts/crafts to certificates.

For more information, call 618-635-2015 or visit [www.macart.org](http://www.macart.org).

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 Qualifications: Proper Illinois license and endorsements for working with special needs at the high school level  
 Starting Date: August 2023  
 Salary/Benefits: Starting salary for 23-24 school year as per schedule agreement with Hillsboro Unit Educators Association  
 Submit Application/Résumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to: Patti Heyen, Principal, Hillsboro High School, 522 E. Tremont, Hillsboro, IL 62049; E-mail to [pheyen@hillsboroschools.net](mailto:pheyen@hillsboroschools.net); Phone 217-532-2841  
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 Qualifications: Professional Educator License (PEL) with Math endorsement or strong mathematical background  
 Starting Date: February 28, 2023 to May 26, 2023  
 Salary/Benefits: Long-Term Substitute Pay - \$130.00/day  
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**VACANCY NOTICE**  
**Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3**  
 Position: Full Time Science Teacher  
 Duties: Classes include Chemistry, AP Chemistry, and Forensics with the possibility of Physical Science  
 Qualifications: Valid Illinois license and qualified or willing to become qualified to teach Advanced Placement Chemistry  
 Starting Date: August 2023  
 Salary/Benefits: Starting salary for 23-24 school year per schedule agreement with Hillsboro Unit Educators Association  
 Submit Application/Résumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to: Patti Heyen, Principal, Hillsboro High School, 522 E. Tremont, Hillsboro, IL 62049; E-mail to [pheyen@hillsboroschools.net](mailto:pheyen@hillsboroschools.net); Phone 217-532-2841  
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Police

**Litchfield Police**

- Steven T. Torbeck, 44, of Litchfield, was cited for excessive noise at 10:49 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at the 1200 block of North Van Buren.
- Sydney I. Crowe, 21, of Litchfield, was ticketed for retail theft at 5:54 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Walmart.
- Michelle S. Dixon, 29, of Peoria, was jailed for retail theft and criminal trespass at 7:08 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Walmart.
- Brandy K. Murray, 28, of Hillsboro, was cited for retail theft at 5:42 p.m. Wednesday,

Nov. 16, at Walmart.

- Cheyenne L. Bilyeu, 26, of Litchfield, was jailed for possession of a controlled substance and possession of contraband in a penal institution at 2:04 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the 1500 block of North Madison.
- Aaron A. Damm, 51, of Litchfield, was ticketed for driving on a revoked license, expired registration and liability on insurance/bus/van at 2:04 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the 1500 block of North Madison.
- Braydon C. Werner, 21, of

Mt. Olive, was cited for failure to obey yield sign at 2:51 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Chestnut and Edwards.

- William M. Baran, 77, of Hillsboro, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 11:34 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Union and St. Francis Way.
- Brandon M. Kemp, 19, of Morrisonville, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 7:16 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Jefferson and Union.



Local Personnel Battle Fillmore Fire

Members of the Witt Volunteer Fire Department were paged to their fourth structure fire in seven days, this time to Fillmore, on Friday evening, Nov. 18. The department was dispatched at 4:13 p.m. to an automatic mutual aid response to an attached garage fire in rural Fillmore, and provided a second engine and a tanker, which performed rural water supply operations at the scene. A good reset of the fire with Fillmore Fire Department's deck gun and an aggressive interior/exterior attack stopped the fire from extending into the home. In addition to Witt and Fillmore departments, Nokomis, Taylor Springs, Ramsey and Oconee also provided assistance.

Title Transfers

**October 31**

George Eugene Simon Tr. to Roveys Harvest and Home, Rovey Generations, Trustee Deed, Sec. 15, Bois D'Arc Twp. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 20 22 377 016 to Capstan Management, Deed, Lots 278-281, Blk. 19, Panama First Addn. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 17 35 330 009 to Tyler Yount, Sarah Yount, Deed, Lot 10, Blk. 5, Coffeen GF 2nd Addn. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 17 35 155 006 to Fountain Investments, Deed, Blk. 2, S/2 Blk 2, Haydens Subdn. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 17 07 206 016 to Cheap Lands, Deed, Lots 11-12, Blk. 21, Hardebecks 2nd Addn. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 16 13 309 011 to Pitman Realty, Deed, Lots 57-58, North Park Addn., Taylor Springs Twp. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 13 06 231 012 to Capstan Management, Deed, Lots 2-3, Blk. 24, Lot 2 and W/2 Lot 3, Witt Original Twp. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 12 22 403 005 to Pitman Realty, Deed, Lots 4-6, Blk. 38, Irving Original Twp. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 12 22 402 018 to Karen Summers, Loren Caulk, Deed, Sec. 22, Pt. NW/SE, situated in the village of Irving. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 10 33 137 006 to Bruce Johnson, Deed, Lot 3, Clearwaters Subdn. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 10 33 136 015 to Bruce Johnson, Deed, Lot 1, Clearwaters Subdn. Montgomery County Tr.,

Trust No. 10 33 136 014 to Bruce Johnson, Deed, Lot 85, Golden Park, Litchfield Twp. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 04 33 405 003 to Greg McKinney, Kimberly Kell, Deed, Lot 5, Blk. 2, Lot 8, Blk. 2, Holmers Addn. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 03 28 214 005 to Phillip Boehler, Deed, Lot 5, Blk. 10, Lot 8, Blk. 10, Waggoners GB 1st Addn. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 03 21 453 007 to Fountain Investments, Deed, Lot 12, Blk. 2, Waggoner Original Twp. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 03 21 383 018 to Lori Boehler, Deed, Lot 8, Blk. 8, E/2 Lot 8, Waggoner Original Twp. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 03 21 383 013 to Fountain Investments, Deed, Lots 11-12, Blk. 8, Waggoner Original Twp. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 10 21 200 001 to Devin Tefteller, Deed, Sec. 21, North Litchfield Twp. Montgomery County Tr., Trust No. 17 35 307 014 to Jose Perez Aguilar, Deed, Sec. 35, Pt. NE/SW, situated in the city of Coffeen. Karen A. Hiller, Michael Louis Kalaher, Bryan Keith Kalaher, Amy Goodwin, Amy Beth Todd, David Kalaher, Mark Edward Kalaher, Ellen J. Cooke to David S. Kalaher, Miekka Kalaher, W Deed/Plat, Sec. 31, Pt. SW/SE, Butler Grove Twp. Brandon L. Waggoner, Dane E. Waggoner to Deborah L. Waggoner, QCD, Sec. 29, Sec. 29, Sec. 30, Pitman Twp. Deborah L. Waggoner to Brandon L. Waggoner, Dane E. Waggoner, QCD, Sec. 29, Sec. 29, Sec. 30, Pitman Twp.

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Accidents

**Failure To Yield**  
Harold W. Flynn, 80, of Raymond, along with his passenger, was eastbound on Kirkham Street in Litchfield at 12:57 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, when he stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Kirkham and State. Flynn proceeded through the intersection, striking a northbound vehicle driven by Amber E. Gruenenfelder, 37, of Raymond, who did not have a stop sign. No injuries were reported, and both vehicles were driven from the scene. **Failure To Reduce Speed**  
William M. Baran, 77, of Hillsboro, was westbound on East Union Avenue in Litchfield at 11:04 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, when he failed to reduce speed as he approached

the intersection of St. Francis Way. As a result, Baran struck a vehicle driven by Christopher J. Roles, 31, of Caseyville, who was stopped at the red light.

Baran was cited for failure to reduce speed and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. His vehicle was towed from the scene by Curt's Towing in Litchfield.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 120 NORTH MAIN STREET HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF LANCE LINEOL OWENS, DECEASED. 22 PR 58**

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Cayla Simonton, 1801 Miller Avenue, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SJ Chapman, Bielski Chapman, Ltd., 123 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2300, Chicago, Illinois 60606. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before May 7,

2023, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice.

Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 10, 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: MILLER PLUMBING located at 127 ANNA ST. in the city of HARVEL and state of IL. Dated November 10, 2022 Sandy Leitheiser, County Clerk 53-3TM\*

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 4, 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: MILLER CHRISTMAS TREE FARM located at 127 ANNA ST. in the city of HARVEL and state of IL. Dated November 4, 2022 Sandy Leitheiser, County Clerk 51-3TM\*

PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
CITY OF LITCHFIELD, a municipal corporation, Plaintiff, -vs- ERNEST SMITH and TONIA SMITH, AND UNKNOWN AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. **NO. 2022MR34 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**  
NOTICE is hereby given to all Defendants who may have any interest in the real estate described herein, of the Complaint for Demolition filed in the above-entitled case on the 1st day of November, 2022, and that each of them is named as a Defendant in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 5/2-206, 5/15-1218 and 5/15-1502, and that the above-entitled suit is now pending ins aid court, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is the 9th day of December, and that the following information applies to said demolition proceeding:  
(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.  
(ii) The Court in which

said action was brought is identified above.  
(iii) The name of the title holder of record is: ERNEST SMITH and TONIA SMITH  
(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
**Lots Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13) in Block Five (5) of Miller's Addition to the City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois.**  
**Parcel Number: 15-05-231-014 & 15-05-231-015**  
**Common Address of Property in question: 303 S. Grant Litchfield, IL 62056**  
**OWNER: Ernest R.C. Smith and Tonia Smith, as joint tenants**  
(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:  
303 S. Grant Litchfield, IL 62056  
**DANNIEL ROBBINS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY HANTLA & HANTLA, LTD. Attorneys at Law 413 N. State St. P.O. Box 69 Litchfield, IL 62056 Telephone: (217) 324-6136 51-3TM**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
CITY OF LITCHFIELD, a municipal corporation, Plaintiff, -vs- JODI MICHELLE WHITE, AND UNKNOWN AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. **NO. 2022MR35 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**  
NOTICE is hereby given to all Defendants who may have any interest in the real estate described herein, of the Complaint for Demolition filed in the above-entitled case on the 1st day of November, 2022, and that each of them is named as a Defendant in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 5/2-206, 5/15-1218 and 5/15-1502, and that the above-entitled suit is now pending in said court, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is the 9th day of December, and that the following information applies to said demolition proceeding:  
(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.  
(ii) The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.  
(iii) The name of the title

holder of record is: JODI MICHELLE WHITE  
(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

**Part of Block (11) of Tyler's Third Addition to the City of Litchfield, described as follows: Beginning 256 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block and running thence West 175 feet; thence South 60 feet; thence East 175 feet; thence North 60 feet to the place of beginning, situated in the City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois.**  
**Parcel Number: 15-04-258-020**  
**Common Address of Property in question: 833 South Chestnut Litchfield, IL 62056**  
**OWNER: Jodi Michelle White**  
(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

833 South Chestnut Litchfield, IL 62056  
**DANNIEL ROBBINS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY HANTLA & HANTLA, LTD. Attorneys at Law 413 N. State St. P.O. Box 69 Litchfield, IL 62056 Telephone: (217) 324-6136 51-3TM**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Montgomery County, Illinois is requesting Qualified Providers submit proposals under the 50 ILCS 515 Local Government Energy Conservation Act due 11-21-22. Contact: Daniel T. Robbins, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County for RFP 217-532-9540.

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

MON., NOV. 21 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Peterson Hot Wheels auction. Bid now at [mollettauctions.hibid.com](http://mollettauctions.hibid.com). Checkout Nov. 22, 4-6 p.m. at Bond Co. Fairgrounds, 608 Ridge Ave., Greenville. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SUN., NOV. 27 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only auction of 11 acres + 3BR home w/ outldgs. at 1341 Ayers Rd., Greenville. Bid now at [mollettauctions.hibid.com](http://mollettauctions.hibid.com). Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SUN., NOV. 27 - 6 p.m. at 15524 Sullivan Rd., Divernon. Bidding ends for online auction of skid steer & attachments, trailers, commercial sign frame & steel beam post, mowers, power equipment, shop tools, tools, jukebox, furniture, antiques & collectibles. Viewing Sat., Nov. 26, 12-2 p.m. & pickup/checkout Tues., Nov. 29 2-5 p.m. George Rogers Trust, seller. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, mikercrabtreeauctions.hibid.com, mikercrabtreeauctions.com, 217-473-2507.

THURS., DEC. 1 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only auction of the final Peterson Comics & Comic Magazines Auction. Bid now at [mollettauctions.hibid.com](http://mollettauctions.hibid.com). Preview Nov. 30, 4-6 p.m., checkout Dec. 2, 4-6 p.m., both at Bond Co. Fairgrounds, 608 Ridge St., Greenville. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

THURS., DEC. 1 - 6 p.m. RE & 7 p.m. personal property. Bidding ends for online only auction of RE & personal property located at 5858 Mt. Olive Rd., Mt. Olive. 4BR/3BA, 3000 sf, 1.96 acre lot, 4-car att. gar. Built in 2002. Bid now at [aumannauction.com](http://aumannauction.com), 217-563-2523.

TUES., DEC. 6 - 10 a.m. Bidding ends for online only RE auction of 14.478+/- acres w/ a house at 4519 Shipman Cutoff Rd., Bunker Hill. Bidding begins Nov. 26 at 8 a.m. Bid at [bid.tandhouthdoors.com](http://bid.tandhouthdoors.com). Tarant & Harman Outdoor Properties, 3644 Fosterburg Rd., Alton, 618-971-7720.

THURS., DEC. 15 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Fayette Co. land auction, 79.37 acres. corner of 3100 North, 400 East Rd., Ramsey, North Hurricane Twp. 79.37 acres timber w/ 9 acres tillable. Bid at [aumannauction.com](http://aumannauction.com), 217-563-2523. Jaros Family, seller.

SAT., DEC. 17 - 9 a.m. Machinery consignment auction at Sievers Equip. Co., 1/2 mi. N of Carlinville on Rt. 4 N. Now taking consignments for farm machinery, farm related items & farm closeouts. If you want to consign, call Rick as soon as possible. Visit our website for pics & updates. [www.rickstewartauctioneer.com](http://www.rickstewartauctioneer.com). Rick Stewart, auctioneer, 217-854-3191 or 217-473-2985.

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Litchfield Middle School students named as Patriot's Pen finalists, from the left, are Maya Ray, Ella Savage and Maggie Schwab.

## LMS Students Named Patriot's Pen Finalists

Litchfield Middle School students Maya Ray, Ella Savage and Maggie Schwab were selected as the finalists from a field of 244 students in this year's Patriot's Pen essay contest.

The three finalists will be honored at a school assembly at a later date. At that time, they will discover how they finished. First place will be awarded \$100 and a gold medal; second place will receive \$50 and a silver medal; and the third place winner will take home \$25 and a bronze medal.

The Patriot's Pen is a nationwide essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, and is offered to students in sixth through eighth grades. This year's theme was "My Pledge to our Veterans," and is the 13th year that the local contest was sponsored by VFW Post 3912 in Litchfield.

The program at Litchfield Middle School is conducted by Principal Russell Tepen, along with language arts teachers Shannon Diveley, Jennifer Fleming and Kelly Eldred.

## Buyers Warned Against Flood Damaged Vehicles

Secretary of State Jesse White warns consumers to beware of flood damaged cars following hurricane Ian.

White says titles for potential flood vehicles will be closely scrutinized in an extra effort to protect consumers.

"We are taking steps to ensure that flood-damaged vehicles from hurricanes do not receive clean titles in Illinois," White said.

In an effort to protect Illinois consumers, White has instructed his office to closely monitor title applications involving potential flood vehicles. This includes ensuring

vehicles coming from counties impacted by flooding are properly identified and labeled as flood vehicles when applicable.

White urged consumers to gather as much information as possible about a vehicle before making a purchase. Consumers are encouraged to obtain a National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) vehicle history report by visiting <https://vehiclehistory.bja.ojp.gov/>.

In addition, White said that CARFAX is providing a free link ([www.carfax.com/flood](http://www.carfax.com/flood)) to check for flood vehicles.

## HSHS Celebrates National Hospice, Palliative Month

Throughout the month of November, HSHS Home Care will be joining organizations across the nation in recognizing National Hospice and Palliative Care Month (NHPCM).

This year's NHPCM theme is "meeting you where you are."

For more than 40 years, hospice has helped provide interdisciplinary, supportive care to millions of people, allowing them to spend their final months wherever they call home and surrounded by their loved ones. Hospice teams craft plans of care that ensure pain management, therapies, and treatments all center on the patients' and their loved ones' goals and wishes. Hospice care also provides emotional support and advice to help family members become confident caregivers and adjust to the future with grief support for up to a year.

"At the heart of hospice is meeting patients and their loved ones where they are during difficult times when support is needed most," said Ben Marcantonio, COO and Interim CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). "National Hospice and Palliative Care month recognizes the crucial role hospice and palliative care providers play in caring for their communities year-round."

Each year, over one million Medicare beneficiaries receive care from hospices across the U.S. When a patient is not eligible for hospice care, they may benefit from community-based palliative care, often offered by hospice providers. Palliative care is patient and family-centered care that optimizes quality of life by anticipating, preventing, and treating suffering. Palliative care throughout the continuum of illness also involves addressing physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual needs and facilitates patient autonomy through access to information and choice.

"Receiving a life-limiting diagnosis can be devastating

and confusing. We want families to know that when they need us, HSHS Home Care will meet them where they are," says Shawna O'Dell, RN, MSN, FACHE, HSHS Home Care vice president of post acute care. "This means providing care wherever a patient might call home as well as providing education and support to empower caregivers."

Throughout the month of November, HSHS Home Care will provide information about hospice care through social media and health fairs in the communities it serves in Illinois and Wisconsin.

HSHS Home Care provides hospice care to communities in 29 counties in eastern and western Wisconsin and 34 counties in central and southern Illinois.

More information about hospice, palliative care, and advance care planning is available from the HSHS Home Care website at [hshshospice.org](http://hshshospice.org) or on NHPCO's website at [CaringInfo.org](http://CaringInfo.org).



## CEO Students Make Trip To Sheriff's Office

Montgomery County Sheriff Rick Robbins met with the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) team on Wednesday, Nov. 9. Sheriff Robbins, along with the staff of the sheriff's office, took the team on a tour of the administrative side of the office, as well as the jail. The students learned that the emergency services hotline is located in the office and even got to go underground to the courthouse. Sheriff Robbins told the students that no two days are the same and that one of the biggest challenges is keeping a budget for the entire office.

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