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Panhandle Board Continues Home School Discussion

by **Kyle Herschel**

After the Panhandle School Board determined that its policy on not allowing home schooled students to play school sanctioned sports would not change for the 2022-23 school year, Superintendent Aaron Hopper promised to provide more information on what other school districts are doing. On Monday, Feb. 27, Hopper presented some of that information.

Hopper reached out to 202 different school districts in central

Illinois, 139 of which responded. Of those 139, 28 currently have policies that allow home schooled students to participate in athletics.

Of those who do allow home schooled athletes to participate, requirements ranged from attendance for one hour to two hours to half a day to 300 minutes, with at least 40 percent of those schools requiring a half day of attendance or more. At Lincolnwood High School, half a day would be either from 8 to 11:20 a.m. or 11:24 a.m. to 3 p.m. Only eight of the schools surveyed

have no attendance requirement.

Hopper said that daily attendance was an important aspect of those who allow home schooled students to participate, with most schools requiring that students take credit bearing classes.

One of the requirements for eligibility by the IHSA (the high school sports governing body in Illinois) was that students must be actively enrolled by the 11th day of the semester. Previously the district had spoke about using May 1 as a deadline for enrollment, which

would satisfy that requirement.

Another IHSA requirement is that grades and curriculum from the semester prior must be submitted and approved by the school. Hopper said that some of the schools he talked to required third party providers or accredited curriculum programs to be used, adding that Clinton had the most detailed program, with curriculum required to be reviewed by the Regional Office of Education.

Hopper said that the primary goal of the district is the education

of the students and any curriculum provided by home schooled students should meet the standards of the Lincolnwood curriculum in fairness to the current students and their eligibility.

He added that if the board does choose to change the policy (which currently prohibits students not attending school from participating in athletics), they may consider requiring multiple hours of attendance.

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Warm Up With Chili In Nokomis

What better way to kick off the baseball season than to spend it watching one of the marquee moments of the 2022 season?

That's what is on tap for those who make their way to the BRS Baseball Museum on March 4, as the Nokomis museum will be showing the replay of Reid Detmers' no-hitter against Tampa Bay as part of their annual Chili Warm-Up.

Detmers' May 10th gem against the Rays is also commemorated in one of the display cases at the museum, with photos, news items and cards from the Nokomis' native's career, from the University of Louisville to the minor leagues to his current home with the Los Angeles Angels.

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Heartland Greenway Concerns Nokomis

by **Ben Schwarm**

The Nokomis City Council raised concerns about the proposed Heartland Greenway carbon dioxide pipeline at its regular Feb. 27 meeting.

Navigator CO2 Ventures has filed a new route for its pipeline with the Illinois Commerce Commission after withdrawing its original proposal in January. The new route, according to Nokomis commissioners, has the pipeline coming closer to city properties, wells, and aquifers than previously thought.

Citizens addressed the pipeline issue with the council at a meeting earlier this year.

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Rockin' In Their School Shoes



The first graders at Beckmeyer Elementary weren't too cool for school on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Decked out in their most rock-n-roll attire, they partied like rock stars in celebration of 120 days in school. *Journal-News/Tori O'Dell*

Witt Aldermen Focus On Community's Youth

by **Tori O'Dell**

Acting on behalf of the (former) Presbyterian Church of Witt, Alvin Yeske presented a donation to the City of Witt during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The church specified that the donation is to be used for a basketball court; a way to provide more recreational opportunities for local youth. Yeske informed the alderman that the church had made several similar donations to civic organizations within the city, as well as setting aside funds to continue the long-running "Breakaway Program," an outreach mission aimed at engaging the city's children and young families.

Mayor Taylor also addressed the alderman about replacing the lights on the ball field at Witt Lions Park. "If we don't have anything for kids to do in this town, what do you think they are going to turn to," he asked. Taylor in-



Alvin Yeske (left), representing the (former) Presbyterian Church of Witt presented a donation to Mayor Tim Taylor (right) during the Witt City Council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The money was designated to be used for a basketball court for the city's youth, a passion project of the current mayor and council.

formed the council members that new LED lights can be installed for approximately \$275 per pole, and that they need at least 20. All were in

agreement that replacing the lights would be beneficial to the community, however the matter was tabled until a decision is made regarding

the city's potential purchase of the park.

Aby Phoenix, a new resident who has long familial ties to the city, introduced herself to the aldermen and asked about volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved. Alderman Cearlock invited her to get involved with Envision Witt, a civic organization that takes on improvement projects and community events within the city. Phoenix mentioned a few issues with speeders in front of her home and asked about blocking off parking spaces in front of a downtown building that is owned by her brother, so that they can begin to renovate the space. The alderman suggested speaking to the downtown employees who use the parking spaces and explaining the need to keep the spots in question open before taking more permanent action in the form of "no parking" signs.

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Litchfield Chamber Seeks Nominations For Awards

The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce is looking for award nominations for its annual Citizen of the Year and Educator of the Year awards.

Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday, March 6.

The chamber wishes to continue recognizing local citizens and educators who make a difference in the community. Litchfield residents and businesses are encouraged to submit nominations of deserving individuals.

The Citizen of the Year nominees must be residents who participate in activities that make a difference in the community, strive to improve and preserve the Litchfield community, model ethical qualities and display great citizenship/volunteer spirit.

The Educator of the Year nominees must be an educator at a public or private organization within city limits, demonstrate commit-

ment to student success and love for learning, exhibit the quality and/or innovation of an educational program or entity and demonstrate a supportive and caring attitude toward students and the school mission and vision. This may include educators in childcare/daycare facilities, preschools, public and private schools.

Those interested in submitting nominations for these awards may send the nominee's full name, address and telephone number, along with a description of why the nominee deserves this award.

The nominations must be submitted to the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce by 5 p.m. Monday, March 6. They may be emailed to info@litchfieldchamber.com or mailed to Litchfield Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Annual Awards, P.O. Box 334, Litchfield, IL 62056.

Weather Forecast			
Thu 02	54°/39°	Partly Cloudy	11%
Fri 03	42°/30°	Rain/Wind	99%
Sat 04	54°/33°	Partly Cloudy	6%
Sun 05	58°/45°	Partly Cloudy	6%

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Girls Basketball
 Check out who earned South Central Conference and All-State honors. See Sports.

Meals On Wheels

Call the day before to reserve a meal: Litchfield, 217-324-3032, Hillsboro, 217-532-3662, Morrisonville, 217-526-3621. The Litchfield and Hillsboro locations are now open.

Wednesday, March 1: Turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, peaches and whole grain roll.

Thursday, March 2: Ball park frank with a bun, baked potato, baked beans, strawberries with bananas.

Friday, March 3: Lemon pepper tilapia, garlic mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots and orange birthday cake.

Monday, March 6: Polish sausage and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, pumpkin mousse and whole grain bread.

Tuesday, March 7: Lasagna, tossed salad with tomatoes, broccoli, warm apple crisp and a garlic bread stick.

Wednesday, March 8: BBQ riblet, au gratin potatoes, gourmet carrots, applesauce and a whole grain bun.

Thursday, March 9: Italian beef on a hoagie bun, parsley potatoes, California blend, veggies and chilled peaches.

Friday, March 10: Herbed baked chicken, baby baked potatoes, green beans, apricots and a black bean brownie.

Monday, March 13: Pork roast, roasted rosemary potatoes, asparagus, Mandarin oranges and an oatmeal cookie.

Tuesday, March 14: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, strawberries with bananas and a whole grain roll.

Wednesday, March 15: Beef pepper steak over rice,

stewed tomatoes and warm peach crisp.

Thursday, March 16: Chili, half a peanut butter sandwich, cole slaw and apricots.

Friday, March 17: Corned beef and cabbage, parsley red potatoes, boiled carrots, potato bread and pistachio pudding.

Monday, March 20: Biscuits and gravy, a sausage patty, hash brown casserole, a banana and orange juice.

Tuesday, March 21: Cook's Choice

Wednesday, March 22: Ham au gratin, potato casserole, carrots, peas, Jello with fruit cocktail and a whole grain roll.

Thursday, March 23: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, apricots and peanut butter cookies.

Friday, March 24: Tater tot casserole, green beans, stewed tomatoes and peaches.

Monday, March 27: Oven baked chicken, sweet potatoes, peas, strawberries and angel food cake.

Tuesday, March 28: Meatloaf, baby baked potatoes, succotash, blushing pears and a whole grain roll.

Wednesday, March 29: Broccoli cheese soup, half a turkey sandwich, whole grain bread, apple cabbage slaw and fruit cocktail.

Thursday, March 30: Chicken and noodles, tossed salad with tomatoes, California blend and cherry crisp.

Friday, March 31: Fish on a bun, broccoli rice casserole, baked beans and oranges.

Milk, bread and margarine are served with every meal. Substitutes will be made in emergencies.

Early Voting, Vote By Mail Now Underway

Montgomery County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser announced that as of Thursday, Feb. 23 through Monday, April 3, voters can cast their ballot early for the April 4 Consolidated Election.

Early voting will be conducted in the Early Voting Room of the Montgomery County Clerk's office, located at the basement street level of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro during regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The clerk's office will also be open on Saturday, March 18, Saturday, March 25, and Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Leitheiser stated that ballots cast during the early

voting time period will not be counted until after the polls close and all Montgomery County precincts' returns have been made public.

Any voter who requested a vote by mail ballot and changes their mind to vote in person instead must first surrender that ballot to the County Clerk's office before voting early. Early voting and vote by mail ballot totals will be included with election day precinct ballot totals reported after polls close on election night.

For more information about early voting, contact the county clerk's office at countyclerk@montgomery-countyil.gov or 217-532-9530.

Body Of Hillsboro Man Recovered From Lake

The body of a Hillsboro man was recovered from Old Lake Hillsboro on Wednesday, March 1, according to Montgomery County Coroner's Office.

Robert Miles Harris, 56, of Hillsboro, was pronounced dead at the scene at 10:20 a.m. by Montgomery County Coroner Randy Leetham. A forensic autopsy has been scheduled for Friday, March 3.

According to the coroner, Montgomery County 911 received a call at around 10:15 a.m. Wednesday regarding a suspected body in Old Lake Hillsboro near 781 City Lake Road. The Hillsboro Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office,

and Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police responded, and requested the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department Dive and Rescue Team and also the coroner's office.

A search warrant for a nearby parked vehicle was obtained through the Montgomery County State's Attorney's office, and a note was recovered from inside the vehicle. According to the coroner, there is no indication of a criminal element involved in the death.

The Montgomery County Coroner's Office and the Hillsboro Police Department are continuing to investigate the death.



Stamp Out Cancer season is in full swing with fundraising events across the county for all three celebrity lip sync teams. You can find a complete schedule of events online at www.stampoutcancer.org.

Organizer Zach Wygal reminds local residents that commemorative shirt orders are due this Sunday at midnight. Don't miss out on your chance to own a piece of this year's fundraiser. Shirts can be ordered online at soc23.spiritsale.com or through the link on the website.

Cross Over Ministries has announced its hours of operation for the month of March. They will be available for one-on-one support Tuesday through Thursday from 3 to 8:30 p.m.

The home of Cross Over Ministries is located at 102 N. Main Street, Suite #1, in downtown Hillsboro. For more information, call 1-217-608-0266. Volunteers for the organization are also looking for donations of office supplies. They have created a Wish List on Amazon for those willing to help out. See their Facebook page for a link to their list.

Harvest of Hope Food Pantry in Hillsboro is still looking for donations to help meet the need of local residents. They will be unloading the next food shipment on Wednesday, March 8, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and are looking for volunteers to help out. This month's appointment days to pick up food will be March 11 and March 15. Those in need of assistance may call or text 217-560-7533.

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner, and the Hillsboro Area Public Library will be having themed Story Hour events in March. Story hour for grades pre-K through third grade is held every Monday from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Don't miss the leprechaun story on Monday, March 6. For a complete list of library events, visit their website at www.hillsboropubliclibrary.net.

Students in the Montgomery County CEO program, now in its eighth year, are busy preparing their individual businesses this semester. Mark your calendars to check out some of their endeavors on Friday, May 5, at the Nokomis Park House. In addition, the CEO program is currently looking for high school juniors interested in applying to be part of next year's program. Applications are available at www.montgomeryceo.com and are due March 15.

And speaking of calendars, don't miss the annual Crazy Eights trivia night on Saturday, March 25, to support the Panhandle Education Foundation. Doors open at 6 p.m. with trivia at 6:30 p.m. at the Waggoner Centennial Building. The cost is \$88 per team of up to ten players. Participants may bring their own food and drinks.

Do you know a little one ready for pre-Kindergarten this fall? The Hillsboro School District is currently screening for enrollment in the fall for children who will be three by Sept. 1.

Screenings will be held in March and April by appointment only, and all children must be screened to be eligible for fall enrollment. Classes often fill quickly, so call today to get screened. For more information, call 217-532-7822 or online at hillsboroschools.net/prekscreening. There is no cost for the program to families who live in the Hillsboro School District.

And speaking of preschool, Zion Lutheran School, located at 1301 N. State Street in Litchfield, is hosting registration for the fall kindergarten, pre-Kindergarten and pre-K plus programs. Registration night will be held Tuesday, March 7, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Zion Early Childhood Center. Stop by to see the classrooms and learn more about the program.

Save the cooking for someone else! Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 204 N. Pine Street in Nokomis, is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. On the menu will be spaghetti, garlic bread, lettuce salad, drink and dessert. Free will offerings will be accepted, and proceeds will benefit the Nokomis-Witt Area Ambulance Service. Both dine-in and carry-out options are available.

And don't forget about the Lenten fish fry events around Montgomery County! Fish dinners will be served every Friday evening from now through March 31, in Hillsboro, Litchfield, Raymond and Nokomis, with a variety of menu options at each location. Check out their ads in today's paper for more information.

"The Blended Artists Imaginarium" theater group and "My Black Box Production, CO.," acting classes are front and center on the March issue of *The Prairie Land Buzz* magazine, which was distributed earlier this week. In addition to being highlighted on the cover of the local publication, the theater group and its founder, Susan Collins, are highlighted in an in-depth feature story.



Public Meetings

Veterans Assistance Commission

The Veterans Assistance Commission will hold their quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 6, at the Courthouse Annex building. In addition to committee reports, agenda items include the appointment of delegates.

Energy Grant Ad Hoc Committee

Members of the Montgomery County Board Energy Grant Ad Hoc Committee will gather for a meeting on Wednesday, March 8, beginning at 6 p.m. in the county board room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

The committee will discuss Phase II of the county's DCEO Energy Transition Community Grant application.

County Board Building And Grounds Committee

The Montgomery County Building and Grounds Committee has set their meeting dates for the year. Members will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the Tuesday preceding the full board meeting each month in the county board room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. The meeting dates are March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, June 27 (moved for July 4 holiday), Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5.

County Board Road And Bridge Committee

The Montgomery County Board Road and Bridge Committee has set their meeting dates for the year. Members will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the Wednesday preceding the full board meeting each month in the conference room at the Montgomery County Highway Department. The meeting dates are March 8, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6.



Sanders Golf Scramble Seeking Sponsorships

The Hillsboro High School football team will be hosting this year's 21st Annual Rich Sanders Memorial Golf Scramble on Saturday, July 15, at Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore.

Members of the team extend a sponsorship opportunity to local businesses in an effort to make the event as successful as possible. In addition to accepting donations for door prizes and silent auction items, the team is offering three levels of sponsorship.

The sponsorship levels include Hole Sponsorship, "Orange and Black," for \$150; Hole and Merchandise Sponsorship, "Topper Pride," for \$250 and the \$1,000 Title Sponsorship "presented by" said company. The title sponsorships also includes a team entry, hole sponsorship and merchandise sponsorship.

"Your generous contribution will help us in purchas-

ing practice equipment, game day film equipment, uniforms and more for the Hillsboro High School football team," said Head Football Coach Joe Reed. "We appreciate your support and look forward to a special event!"

Interested sponsors or donors can mail sponsorship donations to 522 East Tremont St., Hillsboro, IL 62049, c/o Topper Football or contact Coach Reed at 217-779-7081 for more information.

The four-man scramble will kick-off with registration at 7:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. and a silent auction at 2 p.m.

The team entry fee is \$300, which includes golf, cart, meal and eligibility for door prizes. The entry deadline is July 7. Teams may pay at the course, but will need to reserve a spot by contacting Greg Lipe at 217-556-5130.

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Obituaries

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Joseph L. Roti Roti, PhD, 79 Scientist, Researcher



Joseph Lee Roti Roti, PhD, 79, of Highland, died on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland.

A special gathering was held at the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan in Buchanan, MI. Interment will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Buchanan, MI. Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland is assisting the family.

Dr. Roti Roti was born Oct. 12, 1943, in Newport, RI, to Donald and Shirley (Lemmer) Roti Roti. He married Patricia Lee Wilhelm on Dec. 22, 2008, in St. Louis, MO, and she survives.

He was a passionate scientist and researcher. His accomplishments and contributions were vast. He was also an avid lover of nature, a remarkable photographer, competitive war game enthusiast and a "foodie" through and through.

Dr. Roti Roti was kind, generous, quiet, thoughtful, and a beautiful soul whose mark on this world was immense. He will be deeply missed.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his stepchildren, Meaghan (Chris) Meyer, James (Melissa) Gansmann, Lori (Dave Moreland) Gray and Kelly (Ken Cope) Nessel of Maryville; grandchildren, Lauren (Pedro Salva) Gray, Taylor (Brook Cash) Gray, Sierra Nessel, Matthew Patrick, Caroline Meyer and Joey Gansmann; seven nieces and nephews; 16 great-nieces and great-nephews; sisters, Anne (Thomas) Saal, Mary (Douglas Rogers) Roti Roti, Donna (Alan) Resetar and Elizabeth (Bill) Hendrick; and brother, Jon (Marjorie) Roti Roti.

Dr. Roti Roti was preceded in death by his parents. Memorials may be directed to the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan in Buchanan, MI, Washington University School of Medicine or Michigan Technological University. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.spengel-boulanger.com.

Madeline J. Holland, 78 Avid Reader



Madeline J. "Midge" Holland, 78, of Mt. Olive, died on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, at Alhambra Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

No services are scheduled at this time. Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra is assisting the family.

Ms. Holland was born April 8, 1944, in Havana, to John and Lawanda Marybelle (Thrower) Hobbs.

She and her family lived in Murphysboro, Jacksonsville and Petersburg for a number of years before moving to Mt. Olive in 1976, where they resided for 18 years. She was in a care facility in Alhambra for the past six years.

Ms. Holland was an avid reader and was a collector of bells, thimbles and Indian dolls. She was proud of her American Indian heritage. For a number of years, she was very active in the Pentecostal church.

She is survived by her children, Thomas A. (Tonya) Holland of Mt. Olive, Stephen M. Holland of Chicago and Lynn M. Holland of Aviston; grandchildren, Richie R. Holland of Litchfield, Ashleigh L. (Jon) Buzick and Paigelyn K. (significant other Matthew Bowman) Holland, both of Mt. Olive; great-grandchildren, Heidi Buzick, Emily Buzick, Zeppelin R. Holland and Jason Bowman, all of Mt. Olive; and brothers, John W. (Sandy) Hobbs, Jr. of Wichita, KS, David (Heather) Hobbs of Havana and Bruce (Tara) Hobbs of Centralia.

Ms. Holland was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Jean Tribble and Carol Ann Hobbs; and brothers, Jerry Hobbs, Clarence Hobbs and James W. Hobbs.

Memorials may be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.spengel-boulanger.com.

Henrietta I. Richardson, 95 Ties To Sorento



Henrietta I. (Gravot) Richardson, 95, of Sorento, died on Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, at Greenville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, Feb. 23, at Kurrus Funeral Home, with the Rev. Wes Hart officiating. Interment followed at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights. Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville assisted the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Richardson was born on Friday, Dec. 9, 1927, in East St. Louis, to John and Inetta (Brown) Gravot. She worked as a meat cutter for Hunter Packing.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her sons, Joseph (Janet) Richardson of Sorento and John (Brenda) Richardson of Belleville; sister, Marie Dehler of Red Bud; grandchildren, Joseph (Kelly) Richardson, III, of Greenville, Jason Richardson of Sorento, Tammy (Scott) Thompson of Littleton, CO, John (Sandy) Richardson Jr. of Sorento, Don (Sabrina) Richardson of Millstadt and Darla Richardson of Freeburg; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph W. Richardson; a daughter, Joetta Richardson; siblings, John Gravot, Galon Gravot and Margaret Demond; and a grandson, William Richardson.

Memorials may be made to the Vitas Hospice or Greenville Nursing Rehabilitation Center. Condolences may be left online at kurrusfh.com.

Brian Allen Scheller, 62 Heavy Equipment Operator

Brian Allen Scheller, 62, of Mt. Olive, died on Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

No public services are scheduled. Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Scheller was born on Aug. 16, 1960, in Litchfield, to Eugene Scheller and Frances (Wilder) Scheller. He was a heavy equipment operator. In his spare time, Mr. Scheller enjoyed fishing.

Mr. Scheller is survived by his siblings, Susan (James) Schwandner and Beverly Voss, both of Mt. Olive, and Bruce Scheller of Troy.

He was preceded in death by parents and brother, Donald Scheller.

Condolences may be left online at www.kravanyafuneral.com.

Michael E. Province, 72 United States Army



Michael E. Province, 72, of Panama, died at 2:32 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

The family will receive guests from 10 a.m. until the time of ceremony at noon on Monday, March 6, at the Panama Methodist Church, located at 203 Cleveland Ave. in Panama, with Pastor Ray Snider officiating. Inurnment with military honors will follow the ceremony at Union Cemetery in Panama. Cremation will be accorded prior to ceremonies. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Panama is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Province was born on April 4, 1950, in Granite City, the son of Marles E. and Julia T. (Veres) Province. He married Laura Lynn Cruthis on March 28, 1969, at the Assembly of God in Sorento, and they enjoyed nearly 54 years of marriage.

Mr. Province graduated from Hillsboro High School with the Class of 1968, and was drafted into the United States Army. He proudly served our country during the Vietnam War. Upon his honorable discharge, he went to work for Cassens Transport, as many other men in Panama did. Mr. Province loved his job so much that he never missed a day of work in his career, and eventually retired after 35 years of service. He attended Panama Methodist Church, was a lifetime member of the Panama V.F.W. where he once served as commander. Mr. Province was also a past member of the Sorento American Legion. He was an avid St. Louis Blues hockey and St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan, as well as the Fighting Illini. He enjoyed fishing, especially for bass. Mr. Province loved his dogs, and he loved the time spent with family reminiscing and telling stories.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Province is survived by his children, Neil (wife, Jaime) Province of Panama, Craig (Angela Boide) Province of Hillsboro and Rachel Province of St. Louis, MO; grandchildren, Jacob (wife, Sara) Province, Natalie Province, Amanda Kunkel, Jack Province and Anna Province; sister, Barbara (husband, Joe) DiDonato of Slidell, LA; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Ron West.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Panama Methodist Church, 203 Cleveland Ave., Panama, IL 62077, or Union Cemetery Association, PO Box 760, Panama, IL 62077. Condolences may be left online at assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Edna Hemken, 79 CNA, Loved Flowers



Edna Hemken, 79, of Vandalia, died on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

Visitation was held Wednesday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento, 201 S. Main St. Funeral services followed, beginning at 12 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Rudy Elam officiating. Per her wishes, cremation rites were accorded following the services.

Mrs. Hemken was born July 22, 1943, in Newark, OH, to Charlie Marshall and Ethel Mae (Tippett) Lorange, Sr. She married Willard L. Hemken on Dec. 28, 1990, in Vandalia, and he survives.

They were married for 32 years. She worked as a CNA in Joliet and also at the Lutheran Care Center in Altamont.

Flowers, hummingbirds and dogs, especially schnauzers, were some of the things Mrs. Hemken was entertained by and took delight in watching.

She was a fine, lovable lady who never said a cross word or anything inappropriate about or to anyone. She was not quick tempered or loose tongued. She tried to be kind to everyone and respectful to all. She was the ideal to strive for and an example to which the bar was set high. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Hemken is survived by her sons, Brian Hemken of Vandalia and Scott Hemken of Witt; siblings, Charlie (Rose) Lorange, Jr. of Jamestown, TN, and Patricia Moore of Ramer, TN; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Second Chance Rescue, 1332 N. 1150 St., Vandalia, IL 62471, as animals, especially dogs, were very dear to Mrs. Hemken.

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

Dorothy J. Reitz, 93 Retired From Hillsboro Glass



Dorothy Jean Reitz, 93, of Hillsboro, died on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 1, at Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro with Dr. Ronald Rhodus and the Rev. Michael Plummer, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro, co-officiating. Burial followed at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sorento. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro assisted the family.

Mrs. Reitz was born on May 21, 1929, in Detroit, MI, to Max and Anna (Zora) Brandish. She married Edward L. Reitz on Aug. 10, 1946, in Panama, and he preceded her in death on July 26, 2010, after almost 64 years of marriage.

She was raised in Panama, where she attended Panama School. She graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1946. She was an only child and had always wanted a big family. After marrying Ed, she got her wish, having four girls and two boys.

Mrs. Reitz worked, to help raise six kids, and spent 29 years at Hillsboro Glass Factory in Schram City before retiring. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro, where she taught Sunday School. She was also on the kitchen committee, where she loved helping make the dinner rolls for church functions.

She was a tutor for the literacy program with CEFS and served as volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She loved to craft, sew, crochet, make quilts and cook. She belonged to several sewing and quilting clubs. She made quilts for all six of her children and baby blankets for all 17 of her grandchildren.

Mrs. Reitz was a wonderful grandma who loved to sew and cook for all of her family. She loved having all of her family around and always had a smile on her face. She also loved her three dogs, all named Fluffy. During her lifetime, she resided in Panama, Sorento and Hillsboro.

Mrs. Reitz is survived by her six children, Jean (husband Don) Klotz of Edwardsville, Judy (husband Ron) Guthals of Louisville, KY, Janet (husband Ernie) White of Litchfield, Vicky (husband Dane) Murphy of Taylor Springs, Larry (wife Rhonda) Reitz of Litchfield and Mark Reitz of Hillsboro; 16 grandchildren, Ann (husband Craig) Kruckeberg, Julie (husband Richard) Strasen, Brad (wife Kathy) Klotz, Neil (wife Jaime) Guthals, Todd (wife Jessica) White, Dan White, Anthony (wife Sally) White, Crystal (husband Michael) Helfers, Tobey (husband Jeff) Elvers, Taran (husband Josh) McKey, Megan Murphy, Stephanie (husband Chad) Mears, Matthew (wife Tiffany) Reitz, Michael Reitz, Max Reitz and Mitch Reitz; 28 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Adam Guthals; and one great-granddaughter, Abbigale Klotz.

Memorials may be directed to Calvary Baptist Church Kitchen Remodel. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.basspattondeanf.com.

Ellen Irene Paitz, 80 Medical Lab Technician



Ellen Irene Paitz, 80, died at 9:37 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at Addington Place of Edwardsville.

Becker and Son Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Paitz was born on Feb. 6, 1943, in Litchfield, the daughter of Harold Edmond Eames and Minnie Martha Whitehouse. She married Jacob Paitz on Aug. 28, 1965, in St. Louis, MO, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 2013.

Mrs. Paitz attended Zion Lutheran Grade School and Staunton High School. She attended Gradwohl School of Laboratory Technique in St. Louis, MO, and after graduation worked as a medical lab technician. Mrs. Paitz was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Staunton.

Mrs. Paitz is survived by her sons, Jacob Brian (Lauri) Paitz of Maryville, and Roy Jeffrey (Tracy) Paitz of St. Charles, MO; a brother, Roy (Kathy) Eames of Osage Beach, MO; four granddaughters, Kylee (Keith) Vierling of St. Charles, MO, Stephanie (Christian) Bosaw of St. Jacob, Sarah (Finance David) Paitz of Maryville and Audrey Paitz of Seattle, WA; two grandsons, Daniel and Timothy Paitz of Troy; and a great-grandson, Graham Vierling of St. Charles, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN, 38105 (donors@stjude.org). Condolences may be left online at beckerandson.com.

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The Raymond-Harvel Fire Department and Raymond American Legion Post #299 extend a special thanks to everyone who supported the dinner-dance fundraiser on February 25, 2023 by purchasing tickets, making donations and purchasing auction items.

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Evans And Brown Make Intimate Wedding Plans

Megan Evans and Garrett Brown, both of Litchfield announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dan and Lisa (Stewart) Evans of Litchfield. A 2016 graduate of Litchfield Senior High School, she earned two bachelor's degrees from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston in 2020, including a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a bachelor of arts degree in communication studies. She is currently employed as an instructional tutor of technology and careers at Litchfield elementary schools for students in grades kindergarten through fifth.

Her future husband is the son of Mike and Candi (Gschwender) Brown of Litchfield. A 2014 graduate of Litchfield Senior High School, he earned his bachelor of fine arts degree in studio art from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston in 2018. In addition, he earned his master of arts degree in studio art from Southern Illinois University in 2019 and his master of fine arts degree in studio art in 2022. He is currently employed as a salesman at Mullins Auto Parts, Inc.

The couple are planning a sweet and intimate ceremony later this year.

Births

Matthew and Ashley Coleman, of Panama, announce the birth of their son, Mason Raymond Coleman, born at 11:04 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs., and measured 18.5 ins., long.

Mason is welcomed home by his big sister, Adeline, age three years old.

Maternal grandparents are Louise Cobetto of Hill-sboro, and Willie and Kelly Cobetto of Hill-sboro. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Theresa Coleman of Greenville.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Viola and Charlie Pier, and the late Lois Cobetto Fulton and Elmer Cobetto. Paternal great-grandparents are Darla and the late Robert Coleman of Panama and Virginia Kenny of Donnellson, and the late Leo Kenny.



HSHS St. Francis Collects Baby Items

HSHS Home Care Illinois expresses its thanks to community members and colleagues at HSHS St. Francis Hospital who generously donated diapers and baby wipes during their February drive. These items will be used by St. Francis' Family Maternity Center to help mothers in need. Shown with the items collected during the drive are, left to right, Valerie Engelbart, volunteer/bereavement supervisor for HSHS Hospice Illinois, along with Family Maternity Center staff Elisa Feldmann, RN, director and Sarah Tomlinson, RN.



Stolte Wins Farm Bureau SAE Mini-Grant

Kinley Stolte, a member of Nokomis High School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter, was the winner of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau's SAE mini-grant. She was awarded \$500 to be used for her SAE project.



Preschoolers Enjoy Special Story Hour

The little learners at Hillsboro United Methodist Preschool were treated to a special story hour program on Tuesday, Feb. 7, when Karen Donham (above), a retired Beckemeyer Elementary School teacher, read *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. The students especially enjoyed acting out the story with Donham's assistance.

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You Could Be Queen This Year for Hillsboro's 200th Birthday!

The Old Settlers Committee is looking for young ladies, freshmen thru seniors in the Hillsboro High School District, who would like to run for Old Settlers Queen this year.

Call or text Shawna Rovey at 217-556-6177 or stop in at the HHS office to sign up

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Lake And Cushing Win Parade Theme Contest

The Old Settlers Association has granted two cash prizes to the lucky entrants selected as parade themes for this year's celebration. Melony Lake won a \$25 cash prize as the Hillsboro Rotary Club selected her entry of "Cheers to 200 Years!!" as the theme of this year's Kiddie Parade. Anthony Cushing won a \$50 cash prize as the Old Settlers Association selected his entry of "The Spirit of Hillsboro - 200 Years of Legacy" for the Big Parade. Both parades will be held on Thursday, Aug. 10. Pictured above, from the left are Melony Lake, Old Settlers Association Treasurer Susie Galer and Anthony Cushing.

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Time To Sign Up For Old Settlers Queen

The Old Settlers Association is currently looking for high school girls interested in running for this year's 2023 Old Settlers Queen title.

It's a special year to run for queen as this year, the Hillsboro community is celebrating its 200th birthday.

Young ladies, age freshman through seniors, in the Hillsboro School District are eligible to participate. The new queen will be crowned on Wednesday evening, Aug. 9, in downtown Hillsboro by 2022 Old Settlers Queen Marah Huber.

This year's queen kick-off event will be announced soon. Participants in the Old Settlers Queen contest have a great opportunity to meet new people, earn money as a summer job and represent her hometown. Contestants also have a lot of fun and might even enjoy a new dress for the coronation.

Queen contest organizers are also looking for local



2022 Old Settlers Queen Marah Huber

businesses and organizations to sponsor this year's contestants.

The deadline to sign up is April 1. For more information or to sign up, contact Shawna Rovey at 217-556-6177 or sign up in the Hillsboro High School office.



Lions Club Donates To Nokomis-Witt Ambulance

To show their appreciation for the community service and outstanding emergency care the Nokomis-Witt Ambulance Service provides to local residents, the Nokomis Lions Club presented them with a donation to help them further care for those who need their help. The donation will assist in purchasing materials, as well as day-to-day operations. Pictured above, Lions Club Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Bruder, at left, presents the donation to Nokomis-Witt EMS Chief Travis Hocq, at right.

The Nokomis Lions Club meets the first Wednesday of each month. For more information about joining the club, contact Bruder at 217-825-5883.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK'S EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Pursuant to Article 19A of the Illinois Election Code, Early Voting for the April 4th, 2023 Consolidated Election for all Montgomery County Precincts will be conducted at the Early Voting Center of the Montgomery County Clerk located in the street level basement of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois beginning Thursday, February 23rd, 2023 and continuing through Monday, April 3rd, 2023 on weekdays from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Saturday Early Voting hours will be conducted from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and will include Saturday, March 18th, Saturday, March 25th, and Saturday April 1st, 2023.

Voters should use the west street level entrance to the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro for easy access to the Early Voting Center. Any voter validly registered in Montgomery County may vote during the Early Voting period, however any vote cast is final and may not be revoked and the voter is not eligible to cast a vote on Election Day.

Voters with questions about the Early Voting schedule may email the Montgomery County Clerk at countyclerk@montgomerycountyil.gov or contact the County Clerk's office at 217-532-9530.

Sandy Leitheiser

Sandy Leitheiser
Montgomery County Clerk

Doyle Public Library Plans March Events

Doyle Public Library in Raymond has planned various activities throughout the month of March.

On Monday, March 6, the library will host the Young Adult Book Club beginning at 5 p.m.

The second Monday of the month, March 13, a regular Book Club will take place at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 15, young patrons and local residents can join in on Story Hour fun beginning at 4 p.m.

The Yarn Club will meet on Thursday, March 16, at 5 p.m.

And for senior patrons and members of the community, the library hosts Senior

Workouts every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m.

Library Director Darcy Weinheimer and her staff encourage the local community to stop by and check out the latest renovations, as well as additions to the library, and enjoy the services they have to offer.

Located at 109 S. O'Bannon St., Doyle Public Library is open on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. They are closed on Sundays.

Mt. Zion Lutheran To Host Worship Service

Pastor Cynthia Munker will lead worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 5, in the church sanctuary. The service will be livestreaming on the "Mt. Zion Lutheran, Litchfield, IL" page on Facebook.

The church will celebrate the second Sunday in Lent by studying the following scriptures: Genesis 12 1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5 and 13-17. The gospel for preaching and study is John 3:1-17. The congregation will sing "Children of the Heavenly Father," "All Who Believe and Are Baptized," "When Peace, Like a River" and "Lift High the Cross."

The church's Mission Be-

yond their Walls for March is Litchfield High School's Post Prom; a substance-free gathering for Litchfield High School juniors and seniors that will be held on Saturday, May 6, at Litchfield High School.

"The after-prom party is an important event in the lives of our young adults," explained Pastor Munker. "All funds raised will be used for activities, games and giveaways during Post Prom."

All Christians are welcome to join in Holy Communion with the church. Mt. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 824 N. Monroe in Litchfield.

First Christian Church Invites All To Worship

The First Christian Church of Hillsboro invites the community to join them as they continue on the journey of lent with worship services at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 5.

The congregational hymns will be, "Love Lifted Me,"

"More Love to Thee," "Beneath the Cross" and "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy."

The First Christian Church of Hillsboro is located at 210 School Street. Ample parking is located in the church parking lot off of Tremont Street.

Raymond KCs Resume Lenten Fish Fry Fridays

Members of the Raymond Knights of Columbus have resumed their annual Lenten Fish Fry, which will run through Friday, March 31, at the Raymond KC Hall.

The weekly meal includes fried fish, potato wedges, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw and cake at a cost of \$13 or two meals for \$25. Children ages ten and under

will be charged \$7, while preschool aged children can eat for free.

The KCs will serve from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and the community has the option of dining in, drive-thru or carryout.

The Raymond Knights of Columbus Hall is located at 510 East Sparks Street.



Pictured above, from the left, are brothers Hendrix and Lakota Porter who were both diagnosed with Wilms' tumors in 2021 and treated at the St. Jude Affiliate Clinic at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. They are the grandsons of Helen (and Brad) Saxby, who is a dear friend and former employee of My Formals in Litchfield, where renowned designer Jonathan Kayne will be raising funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital this weekend.

Find Perfect Prom Dress With Celebrity Designer

Project Runway winner, TV celebrity and internationally renowned designer Jonathan Kayne will be in Litchfield this weekend (Saturday, March 4, and Sunday, March 5) raising funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and styling prom at My Formals.

The store will be open on Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This initiative is especially important to the My Formals family as their dear friend and former employee, Helen Saxby's two grandsons were treated at the St. Jude Affiliate Clinic at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Kayne will be giving fashion tips and showing special pieces from the 2023 Prom and Pageant line, as well as helping girls choose the perfect prom dress.

A successful fashion designer and business owner, Kayne was selected to compete on Project Runway, an experience that combined with his charming personality and eye for glamour and style propelled him to his own celebrity status. Kayne starred on the TLC special "Gown Crazy" and also appeared on E!, ABC, NBC, Bravo and The Style Network.

In addition to his dress line, Kayne serves as a fashion expert for *Country Weekly*, *Zuus Country* and *NStyle Country*. Dubbed as a "genius designer" by Heidi Klum and "a designer who knows how to make clothes fit a woman's



Jonathan Kayne

body" by Michael Kors, his designs have appeared on the world's biggest stars and most prestigious red carpets. A few of his celebrity clients include Jennifer Lopez, Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire, Elle King, Miranda Lambert, Martina McBride, Kelly Pickler, Tanya Tucker, Britney Spears, Lee Brice and the Rascal Flatts.

A donation will be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital for every dress Kayne sells during this weekend's event.

My Formals is a local prom, pageant and formal dress shop located at 1200 N. Old Route 66 in Litchfield. Since its inception in 1988, they have helped thousands of Central and Southern Illinois young women find their formal dress needs at a store near them. Owned by mother-daughter duo Lisa Brumm and Katy Brumm Pederson, they employ teens from all over the local area.

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From the left, tournament director Mike Plunkett presents cash awards to Hillsboro Table Tennis Open champion Bryant Evans of Urbana and Andro Samaniego of Springfield.

Bryant Evans Wins Second Straight Title

Bryant Evans of Urbana became the sixth player to win multiple titles and the first back-to-back champion since 2016-17 by winning his second straight Hillsboro Table Tennis Open on Saturday, Feb. 25, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro.

Evans defeated Andro Samaniego of Springfield 11-10, 11-3, 11-5 in the finals to defend his 2022 tournament title and become only the sixth player in the tournament's 33-year history to win multiple championships.

Evans advanced to the championship by defeating seven-time Hillsboro Open champion Rick Goertz of Rochester 10-12, 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-5 in one semifinal, while Samaniego advanced to the title match by defeating Raymond Cheng of Springfield 11-9, 11-5, 10-12, 11-3 in the other semi.

In Class B, Bob Brown of Decatur defeated Danny Johnson of Germantown 8-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-7 to win his second Class B crown

after winning his first in 1996. Brown advanced to the title match by defeating Mark Mathews of Greenville 8-11, 9-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-6 in the semifinals, while Johnson defeated Caleb Hall of Charleston 11-9, 11-1, 13-11 in the semis.

Phil Abegg of St. Louis, MO, won the Class C title, defeating Nate Schipkowski of Litchfield 11-7, 11-6, 14-12 in the championship match. Abegg defeated Ron McCarty of Mt. Pulaski 6-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-3 in one semifinal, while Schipkowski defeated Rich Fanelli of Mattoon 11-4, 7-11, 11-8, 11-9 in the other.

In doubles, it was Goertz and Brad Woo of Mahomet winning the title in a 3-1 championship match over Hall and Robert Clark of Taylorville. The winners defeated Mathews and Roger Mansholt of Gillespie 3-0 in one semifinal, while the runners-up defeated Nathaniel Bell of Edwardsville and Winston Wells of St. Peters, MO, in the other.



Elvis Titsworth Creates New Display For Museum

Elvis Titsworth (above) donated a little of his time and talent to create a new display stand for the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center. The stand will be used to display a train donated to the museum by Dr. Rudi Sommers' family after his passing. Volunteer Dale Weidler helped set up the display.

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Chili Warm-Up

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Earlier this year the hometown hero signed cards and memorabilia for fans, raising more than \$7,000 for the museum and Camren's Causes. The museum will also have unsigned Reid Detmers baseball cards for sale at the event.

In addition to the displays honoring Detmers and the museum's namesakes, Jim

Bottomley, Ray Schalk and Red Ruffing, those hungry for a little more than baseball are invited to grab a bowl of chili, with serving beginning at 11 a.m.

Fans are also invited to participate in the 15th annual BRS Home Run 50/50 contest. Entrants pick 15 players who they think will hit the most home runs this season from five different tiers. Different point amounts are awarded

for each home run, depending on what tier the player is in, and the entrant with the most points wins a cash prize each month. There are also prizes awarded for the top five overall finishers at the end of the year.

You can download a copy of the home run entry form at www.brsmuseum.org or find the one with the story on www.thejournal-news.net. The entry forms must

be mailed back to the BRS Museum at P.O. Box 75, Nokomis, IL, 62075, or dropped off at the museum at 121 West State Street by opening day, March 30.

Order forms for memorial bricks to be placed in front of the museum are also available at the museum and on the BRS Baseball Museum Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BRSSBMUSEUM.

Nokomis City Council

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Though no action was taken at Monday's meeting, commissioners agreed to have legal counsel draft a resolution in opposition to the pipeline proposal to be presented to the Montgomery County board.

The issue will be taken up again at the next council

meeting. The proposed pipeline will run for over 1,300 miles through five states, including through the heart of Montgomery County and central Illinois. Opponents to the pipeline have cited environmental concerns in the case of a pipeline leak and contamination of drinking water.

Christian and Sangamon

counties have already taken action to put a moratorium in place to stop the building of a pipeline in those counties. Legislation is also pending in the Illinois General Assembly to put a two-year moratorium in place.

In other action, the council approved a bid from Blade's Plumbing and Heating of Pana for \$14,900 to replace

manhole covers, approved the agreement with Montgomery County for the police department phone and radio dispatch service and approved a park permit for an Easter Egg Hunt on Mar. 25 in Fred B. Johnson Park sponsored by Nokomis Rehab.

Panhandle School Board

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Board member Linda Brown asked if there would be any stipulation on core classes being required. Hopper said that if students were required to attend half a day, then that requirement would probably be met.

Board member Scott Cowdrey asked if there were repercussions for students who dropped out immediately after their season ended. Hopper said the district's application would include enrollment requirements, with students not allowed to play a sport later in the season or the next season if those requirements weren't fulfilled.

Board member Gabe Pope asked who determined if a third party curriculum program would be required for home schooled students. Hopper said that the individual school district made that determination, saying that one school did not approve a student because an accredited program wasn't used, while other districts were less restrictive.

Board member Linda Brown asked if all of the handbooks would have to be revised if the policy changed. Hopper said yes, but the board decision supersedes the handbook if the changes weren't made immediately.

Board member Heather Millburg asked about the discrepancy between Panhandle's policy and Morrisonville's policy, which allows home schooled students to participate. Hopper said that the district continues to have conversations with Morrisonville regarding the memorandum of understanding for the all-sports co-op and how such issues affect both schools.

No action was taken on the matter on Monday night, with Hopper saying that any change to the policy would require a first and second reading before the board.

In other business, Hopper said that Principal Ken Schuster and Athletic Director Josh Stone have been working on a sportsmanship code for not only athletic events, but for behavior ex-

pectations for all events held at the school.

Hopper said that the district has had a code of conduct for visitors to school property for a long time (Policy 8:30), but this clarifies the repercussions of failing to abide by that code. He added that if those requirements are not met, then a person could be banned from campus, with an appeal to the school board available if they would like to pursue it.

Scott Cowdrey asked who was in charge of ejecting individuals who don't follow the sportsmanship code. Hopper said that it could be the administrator on site, Stone or a game official, but just because someone is or isn't ejected, that did not mean that there could not still be repercussions for bad behavior.

Hopper also said that sportsmanship classes offered by the National Federation of State High School Associations may also be required in order for an individual to be allowed back on campus.

The board also discussed

pursuing the installation of solar panels, which collectively they determined they'd rather not have on the roof of the school due to its recent replacement.

Hopper said that the time to look at the project is a good one with credits changing at the end of the year and that there are several options for grants and payment.

Terri Payne asked if there was room on the grounds for the project. Hopper said that was one of the things that he would check with providers once he confirmed the project was something the board was interested in. He added that he hopes to have more information to the board in April.

Before going into closed session at 7:40 p.m., the board also reviewed the 2023-24 school calendar before it goes to the teachers for a vote and appointed Dana Pitchford as the board's representative on the handbook and discipline committee. Pitchford wasn't in attendance at the meeting, so the appointment was contingent of her approval.

Witt City Council

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Mayor Tim Taylor gave the water report, explaining that they were still waiting on the booster station, which is anticipated to be up and running in April. Sonia Hodson gave the Treasurer's Report: the municipal utility tax for January 2023 was \$5,534.24.

"I like to think that we are making a change in Witt," said Police Chief Dalton King, while giving an oral report to the council. King spoke about upgrades to the police department's equipment and items he hopes to have in the future, stating that he is working on slowly upgrading the items the city's officers need while being financially conscientious. He stated that there has been an increase in domestic disturbances and asked people to "be safe" and make a report when they are concerned.

Mayor Taylor said that he had spoken to Ameren about getting more lighting at City Park. Chief King stated that it would be appreciated as "there always seems to be something going on in the

shadows." Taylor asked King to give him a list of other areas in the city that are in need of more lighting. Mayor Taylor reported that EJ Water Cooperative has offered to help pay for additional lights in the city as a way to give back to the community.

Fire Chief Don Keiser reported that the fire department has responded to nine fire calls and 18 EMS calls since the last meeting. Engine #304 is finally paid off and the title has been given to City Clerk Nancy Hughes for safekeeping. Brush Truck #306 is having steering pump issues. The new gear washer has been installed at the fire house. The (former) Presbyterian Church presented the volunteer fire department with a generous donation.

Keiser said that the department sold 676 rib dinners during their annual fundraiser in February; their biggest so far; however with the increase in costs they came in even with the amount they made from the fundraiser pre-COVID. The department will send out subscriptions to people

who live outside of the city limits, but within the department's coverage area in March. There is a \$40 fee to subscribe. The fire chief then asked for a copy of the city's burn ordinances to be distributed to residents as there have been a lot of violations over the last few months.

Discussion turned to a request from the Witt Lions Club asking the city to purchase the property currently owned by the club, with the stipulation that the club be allowed a long-term lease of the Lions Club Building and the parcel directly behind it. Currently, the city leases the City Hall building from the Lions Club. The alderman voted in favor of Taylor finding out more information about the potential purchase and reaching out to legal counsel for advice. Aldermen Dave Cearlock and John Livesay abstained from voting as they are active Lions Club members.

Taylor informed the council that work is needed at the city dump. After much discussion the aldermen

decided to continue to focus on ditch work and installing the newly purchased culverts throughout the city, and to address needs at the city dump when funding allowed.

The aldermen voted in favor of pursuing an Ecow Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to install new storm sewers (and the subsequent sidewalk/pavement repairs) downtown. The council plans to address the downtown streetscape issues in sections as finances allow.

Clerk Hughes will get notices that the city is actively seeking summer workers and bids for lawn maintenance at the cemetery posted in the area newspapers. Aldermen decided to accept a bid for \$1,400 to remove three trees that are currently located on top of storm sewers on S. Fifth Street, and to open a line of credit at Security National Bank, to be used in an emergency.

The board moved into executive session at 8:41 p.m. The meeting was adjourned following their return.

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Illinois College Names Students To Dean's List

Illinois College in Jacksonville has announced the names of students qualifying for the fall 2022 Dean's List. To qualify, a student must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and have 14 hours calculated.

Local students named to the fall Dean's List are as follows.
Hillsboro: Dane Huber, senior; Abbi Jett, graduate; Melissa Rufus, sophomore
Litchfield: Carly Boden, senior; Devan Morgan, senior; Jordan Morgan, senior



This year's lucky winners of the Great Preamble Race are pictured above. In front, from the left, are Ava Dossett and Sammy Vollintine. Pictured in the back row are Zachary Hamilton, Tenleigh Schulte, Mazalin Bookamer and Payton Clark.

Seventh Grade Students Take On Preamble Race

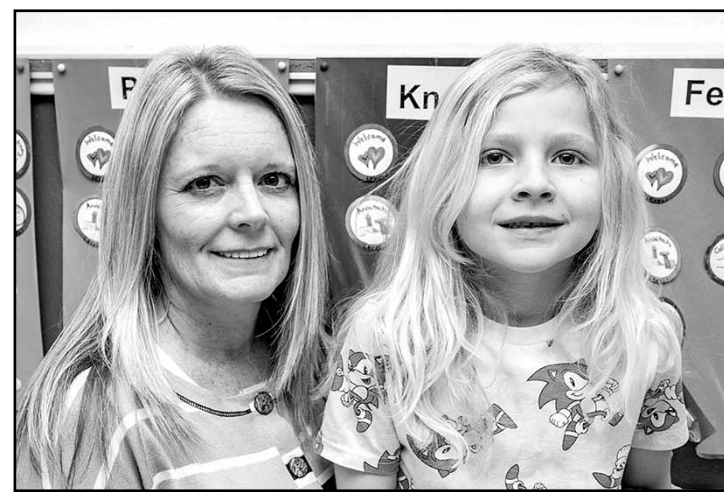
Students in Mrs. Daniels' seventh grade social studies classes at Hillsboro Junior High School had the opportunity to participate in the 22-23 Great Preamble Race. All seventh grade students are required to learn the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution and either recite it or write it as part of their civics instruction. In order to learn the Preamble, students were encouraged to participate in the Great Preamble Race. Each student was required to read and explain phrases of the Preamble to an adult,

then have the adult sign the race form. Students who completed the form with 22 signatures were eligible for a drawing. Each social studies class had a winner who was awarded two tickets to the Orpheum Theater in Hillsboro. This year's lucky winners were Ava Dossett, Sammy Vollintine, Zachary Hamilton, Tenleigh Schulte, Mazalin Bookamer and Payton Clark. The race provided a fun way to conquer the challenging task.



Time Management Is Topic Of Presentation

Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) team members Morgan Jarrell (left) and Natalie Engelman (right) led a presentation on time management for their peers on Monday, Feb. 13. The lesson included a game that tasked the students to blindly guess how long a minute is, as well as videos relating to time management. The CEO students continue to work on creating their business plans for their upcoming "bankers day."



First Graders Join Club At Madison Park School

Two first graders at Madison Park Elementary School in Litchfield are the newest members of the 100 Point Club for reading. At left is Charli Komor with her teacher Trish Fenton, and at right is Xavier Schmitz with her teacher Nikki Warchol. Each student read a minimum of 200 books and answered reading comprehension questions correctly to earn points. To celebrate, they earned lunch at Litchfield McDonald's with Principal Adam Favre.

Litchfield Middle School Announces Honor Roll

Litchfield Middle School has announced the second trimester honor roll for the 2022-2023 school year.

An asterick denotes students who have a 4.0 grade-point average.

Eighth Grade: Nicholas Adam, Emma Baker, Joshua Boerckel, Christopher Burris, Myla Burris, Keaton Buske*, Travis Cameron, Ebony Claybrook, Josie Coatsney, Cheyenne Cobix, Maddox Compton, Kathryn Cox, Dominic Cunningham, Hudson DeBarr-Walker, Aryn Dooley, Brody Dykema, Faith Ellinger, Addison Farrar, Ady Ferguson*, Carlee Gelsing, Dean Gibbs*, Rylee Hamm, Timothy Hearn, Gretchen Heigert, Chance Holliday*, Kaylee Hood, Kennedy Isaacs*, Gabriella Jarden, Kyndal Law*

Also, Lexi Logan, Reese Logsdon, Kamden Marten, Janet Mazza*, Christopher McGee, Alexis Middleton*, Remington Miller, Clayton Ortega, Dimarys Portorreal-Cruz, Emma Rhodes, Bentley Ronco, Chloe Satterlee, Ella Savage*, Casson Schmidt*, John Scurlock, Zaden Steinbach, James Vaughn, Amari Vickery*, Leighton Warchol*, Sydney Weatherford*, Liam White*, Emma Wilson, Gabriel Wilson, William Wujek, Cole Young-Buzick, Rilynn Younker, Aiden Zeisler*

Seventh Grade: Allison Belusko, Parker Bishop, Andrew Boston*, Jada Carroll, Madelynn Dunham, Nolan Engstrom, Emma Estell*, Lydia Fenton, Jordyn Ferguson, Nicholas Fetter, Averi French, Olivia Gasser, Hailey Green, Audie Hale, Marleigh Hamm, McKenna Harmon*, Dawson Hemken*, Kinley

Hemken, Alyvia Hester, Kilee Hoover-Calvert, Alexis Jarman, Preston Jones, Raylynn Jones, Braedyn Knapp*, Elizabeth Lee, Honor Lewey, Jenna Longwell*

Also, Troy Masinelli, Michael McDonald, Adia Melchert, Kayleigh Morgan*, Lukas Paine, Jayden Pollard, Kattie Pospischel, Jaxon Ray*, Claire Reid, Lynzie Reid, Charlotte Reyes*, Kolby Rhodes, Samantha Rieke, Sarah Rieke, Savannah Roach*, Hunter Robinson, Halle Rogers, Ethan Rosado*, Lily Sipes, Carter Sperry, Braylen Stewart, Jalen Stewart, Kassandra Taylor, Emma Weidner, Breanna White, Madison White, Jake Wilson*, Ryker Witt

Sixth Grade: Hannah Abel, Maria Adam*, Addison Bailey, Penelope Becker*, Madison Betz*, Rory Biggs, Camron Bone, Lydia Borrorguelle*, Sofia Bruntjen, Hazle Burdell, Lana Cress*, Xindy Dong, Isabella Dykema*, Alec Ellinger*, Fisher Ellis, Sydney Fleming, Harley Foulk, Augustus Hale*, Ryleigh Hamm, Taylor Hampton, Maddix Hires*, Koralyne Jones*, Jaylen Komor

Also, Brynleigh Lohman, Brylan Marten*, Mataya Melchert*, Amyah Moore*, Gavin Odorizzi, Austin Pass, Tessa Pastrovich, Makenna Petrolina, Jordan Pollard, Maya Ray*, Milyn Rodil, Rylee Schaumburg, Zoi Schmitz*, Maggie Schwab*, Aiden Settles, Emily Spang, Brycen Sperry, Blake Stewart*, Leah Thompson, Rylee Traylor, Addie Walch, Ryan Wang, Josie Washington, Ava White, Kailyn White*, Michael Wujek*, Kyleigh Zhang



Edwardsville High School Senior Abbigayle Miller, center, was named a VFW Department of Illinois finalist in the 2022-23 Voice of Democracy Scholarship program.

Edwardsville Senior Named VOD Finalist

Abbigayle Miller, a senior at Edwardsville High School was named a VFW Department of Illinois finalist in the 2022-23 Voice of Democracy Scholarship program.

Miller, daughter of Chris Miller and Crystall Harris, placed fourth in the state and is the recipient of the Dale and Catherine Clifton Award in the amount of \$1,000.

Miller, the District 12 champion, was sponsored by Earl W. Homer Memorial Post 7678 and its Auxiliary in Cottage Hills, Illinois.

"The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school students with the opportunity to speak out on freedom and democracy," says VFW Department Commander Bobby Edwards. "The program has been popular and successful since its beginning in 1947, and we're proud to keep offering it to America's young people."

The Voice of Democracy

is a worldwide audio-essay competition that requires entrants to write and record a three-to-five-minute essay on a patriotic-based theme. "Why is the Veteran Important" was this year's theme. More than 1,470 Illinois students participated in the competition this year.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program in 1947. The VFW became a national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961.

The competition was created to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles. Around 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and VFW awards more than \$2.1 million in scholarships every year.

Engelman Earns Recognition On Fall Dean's List

Landon Engelman of Nokomis has been named on the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester at Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina. To be recognized on the list students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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Jennings Supplies New MCSO Vehicles

Three new 2023 Chevy Tahoe PPV Police Interceptors will soon be on the road for law enforcement, delivered by Roger Jennings, Inc. in Hillsboro to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The vehicles were ordered on Dec. 6, 2021, but due to pandemic supply shortages, were not available then. According to Sheriff Rick Robbins, they will replace vehicles that are eight and nine years old with over 150,000 miles, including the sheriff's department K-9 vehicle. Above, from the left, are Montgomery County Sheriff Rick Robbins, Captain Jeff Roach, and Jennings General Manager Kenny Markezich.

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Parents Invited To Check Out Zion

Zion Lutheran School in Litchfield will hold an open house for their Kindergarten, Pre-K and Pre-K Plus (children ages three to four years old) from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at the Zion Early Childhood Center. Parents are invited to come check out the classrooms, meet the teachers and learn more about Zion Lutheran's early childhood programs. Those with questions are encouraged to call 217-324-3166.



Controlled Burn Will Restore Prairie

Under the direction of Henry Eilers and the Great Rivers Prescribed Burn Association, volunteers held a controlled burn at the Route 66 Prairie, located along the east frontage road of Interstate 55, just north of Litchfield, on Monday, Feb. 20. A refuge for flora, fauna and native grasses and wildflowers, the Rt. 66 Prairie is also used as a research site that is often visited by students. The goal of the prescribed burn was to help restore the native plant and wildlife habitats. Above, Don Krefft keeps the fire from getting out of the area.



Trent West Speaks To CEO Students

The Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) team stopped by the Law Offices of Glenn and West on Thursday, Feb. 2, where Trent West spoke to them about the many different types of law, as well as what his career as an attorney entails day-to-day. He also discussed LLCs and their benefits. From the left, are Trent West, Matthew Ulrici, Hally Kerske, Mason Morris, Carley King, Natalie Engelman, Zaylon Sisk, MJ Jarrell and Elijah Aumann.

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CEO Students Speak To Junior Class

The Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) team took a trip to Hillsboro High School on Friday, Feb. 3, where they shared their experiences as CEO students with members of the junior class. The CEO students spoke about the benefits and responsibilities of the program. Guidance counselor Jennifer Cearlock facilitated the recruitment event. Applications for next year's CEO program are currently open online at www.montgomeryceo.com. Click on application. Montgomery County students have until Friday, March 17, to submit an application.

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Audrey Sabol

Sabol, Rupert Earn All-State Honors

Nokomis senior Audrey Sabol and Hillsboro senior Layne Rupert were both selected as honorable mentions to the 2022-23 Associated Press all-state girls basketball teams, which were announced on Wednesday, March 1.

Sabol, the program's sixth leading scorer with 1,434 points and the school's all-time leading rebounder with 998 boards, was one of 25 players to earn honorable mention honors in Class 1A. In her senior year, Sabol averaged a double-double, with

15.0 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

This year's Class 1A first team consists of Christopher junior Amiah Hargrove, Okawville junior Alayna Kraus, Galena sophomore Gracie Furlong, Biggsville West Central junior Shelby Bowman and Neoga senior Sydney Richards.

On the second team are senior Sheridan Harris of Morgan Park Academy, junior Addie Hefel of Galena, senior Lucy Fearday of Effingham St. Anthony, junior Grace Nelson of Altamont and se-

nior Carly Foster of Gallatin County.

On the Class 2A list, Rupert joined 18 other honorable mentions after averaging 17.4 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.4 steals per game. She finished her career as Hillsboro's fourth leading scorer with 1,476 points.

Making the first team in Class 2A were senior Abbey Schreacke of Quincy Notre Dame, junior Xamiya Walton of Chicago Butler, senior Ellie Cahill of Eureka, junior Amayah Doyle of Carterville and senior Ava Kultgen of

Byron. Schreacke was one of two unanimous first team all-state picks, along with Lincoln's Kloe Froebe in Class 3A.

Pana senior Anna Beyers earned a second team all-state nod, while the other four spots belonged to Minonk Fieldcrest senior Ashlyn May, Chicago Latin senior Megan Sanaj, Teutopolis senior Kaylee Niebrugge and Chicago Butler freshman Xyanna Walton. The complete Associated Press all-state lists can be found online at www.thejournal-news.net.



Layne Rupert



The 2022-23 season was one to celebrate for the Hillsboro High School girls basketball team as the Lady Hiltoppers went 20-12, with their 20th win coming against Pittsfield in the regional championship (pictured above). The regional championship was the 12th for the program and the 10th for Coach Bret Tuetken, who also won his 400th game this past season.

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2022-23 A Season To Celebrate For Hillsboro Girls Basketball

With 20 wins, the program's 12th regional title and two landmark accomplishments, the 2022-23 Hillsboro High School girls basketball season was the latest in a long string of successful years for the program.

The Lady Hiltoppers haven't had a losing season since they went 12-16 in the 2010-11 campaign and this year's 20-12 mark gave Coach Bret Tuetken his 10th 20-win season in his 21 years at the helm of the team. In those 21 years, Tuetken has won 412 of Hillsboro's 650 games, with win number 400 coming the day after Christmas in a 59-26 victory over Auburn at the Riverton Holiday Tournament.

A big part of the Toppers success this year was due to their senior class (Layne Rupert, Alex Frailey, Sierra Compton, Kenadie Carlock and Meagan White), who accounted for just over 71 percent of Hillsboro's total scoring.

Almost half of that total came from Layne Rupert, who came into the season needing 82 points to reach 1,000 for her career. She'd need just six games to reach that mark and continued to pour on the points over the next 26 contests, finishing with the fourth most in the program's history with 1,476.

A three-time all-conference pick and two-time first teamer, Rupert led the team

in points (17.4) and steals (2.4) per game, while coming in second in rebounds (4.8) and steals (2.4). She also led the team with 40 three-pointers, but what truly made the senior guard dangerous was her quickness and ability to get to the basket, despite being the focal point of every defense the Toppers faced.

Alex Frailey was second in scoring with 9.2 points per game, plus 4.7 rebounds, third most on the team. While Frailey was one of Hillsboro's biggest post threats over the last three seasons, oddly enough she found her three-point stroke in the Toppers' final two games, hitting all three of her career

three-pointers in Hillsboro's games against Pittsfield and Quincy Notre Dame.

Sierra Compton and Kenadie Carlock were both a little more comfortable from three throughout their careers as Compton hit 28 and Carlock finished with 36. A third-team all-conference pick, Compton averaged 5.1 points, a team-best 4.7 assists and 2.1 steals per game, second most for the Toppers.

Carlock, who hit six more threes than she did the year before and at a better percentage than in 2021-22, averaged 3.5 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.5 assists in her senior season.

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Panthers Bid Corso, Seniors Buena Suerte

After 28 games played during the regular season, the Litchfield School girls' basketball season came to a close on Feb. 11 at home against Roxana in the IHSA Class 2A regional tournament.

Under the guidance of Litchfield Middle School Spanish teacher and Girls Basketball Head Coach Rob Corso, the Lady Panthers finished 10-19 overall and 2-7 (eighth behind Carlinville) in the South Central Conference. They won seven times at home and had 11 losses. They were 3-8 on the road. They averaged 31.6 points per game and their opponents averaged 42.5 points per game. They rebounded 28.4 carsoms per game and averaged 9.9 fouls, 9.8 steals, 2.2 blocks and 11.9 assists but turnovers were a constant within the Lady Panthers with an average of 21.9 per game.

The Panthers competed in two tournaments, their 23rd Annual Thanksgiving Round Robin in November and the 16-team Riverton High School Christmas Holiday Tournament in Dec. Litchfield finished fourth in their six-team round robin and placed seventh at Riverton.

The 2022-2023 girls' basketball season also marks the end of Rob Corso's teaching and coaching career. His coaching roots were planted in 1985 when he attended Illinois State University and served as a volunteer assistant to the Normal Community High School football program.

After coaching two years at Brown County Mt. Sterling and two years at Staunton, he came to Litchfield High School in 2007-2008 where he has remained at the helm of the girls' basketball program for 11 years, during which time his teams have posted 172 wins against 133 losses. His 15-year overall coaching record contains 226 wins and 187 losses.

Coach Corso's Lady Panthers captured regional tournament titles in 1998, 2013 and 2015. In addition, they earned a sectional title in 2013. In 2017, the Lady Panthers were crowned as South Central Conference Champions.

This year's Lady Panther roster numbered 12 players at the beginning of the season and 11 at the conclusion. Due to the limited numbers, there were no junior varsity games

played.

Paramount to the Lady Panther lineup were three seniors, Laura Boston, Hailey Rentz and Emma Walch, all of whom have been playing basketball together since middle school.

Standing 5'11", Laura Boston led the team in scoring with 241 points in 28 games. Playing in the post position, she averaged 8.6 points per game, 5.6 rebounds, 2.1 steals and 1.9 assists.

She posted a double-double against North Mac on Jan. 12 (10 rebounds, 13 points) and again on Jan. 19 at East Alton-Wood River (11 rebounds, 18 points).

She scored in double figures against 10 different opponents with her highest point total (21) at home against Piasa Southwestern on Nov. 21. She shot 44% from the floor and 58% from the free-throw line. She stepped out of her comfort zone and canned her only three-point basket against Taylorville on Jan. 24. She was second in rebounding with 157 carsoms. She was the team leader with 26 blocks.

Hailey Rentz scored 133 points in 29 games for a 4.6 per game average. The 5'5"

forward averaged 28% from the floor, 26% from downtown and 73% from the charity stripe. She averaged 5.6 rebounds per game, 2.8 steals and 2.8 assists.

She too had double-doubles against Springfield Lutheran on Jan. 9 (10 rebounds, 17 points) and North Mac on Dec. 27 (11 rebounds, 13 points). She scored in double figures against North Mac (two times), Mt. Olive, Springfield Lutheran and Carlinville.

She made 11 three-point baskets and sank three triples against North Mac on Jan. 12 and at home against Carlinville on Feb. 9. Rentz and Gina Painter led the team in rebounding with 163 apiece. She was also the team leader in assists with 82 and led in steals with 81.

Emma Walch scored 116 points in 28 games for a 4.1 points per game average. She shot 22% from the floor, 17% from deep and 91% from the free-throw line. The 5'11" forward sank 30-33 free throws and unofficially her 91% accuracy from the charity stripe may have set a single season record in LHS girls' basketball.

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Litchfield Girls Basketball Coach Rob Corso looks on as senior Hailey Rentz defends Mt. Olive's Bella Lueken during the Purple Panthers' win over the Wildcats on Jan. 3, 2023. The Lady Panthers will lose both Rentz (to graduation) and Corso (to retirement) next season, along with Rentz's classmates Laura Boston and Emma Walch also set to graduate.

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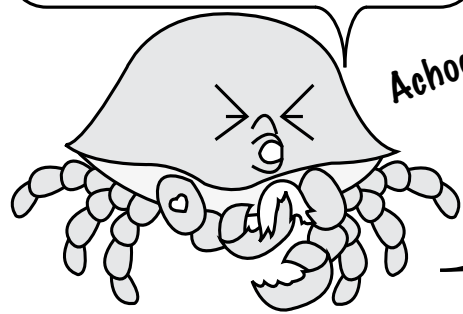
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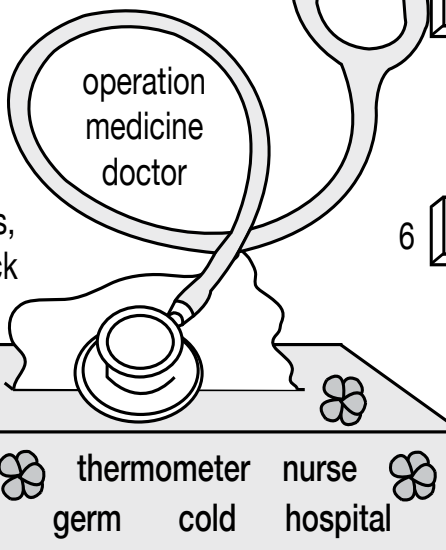


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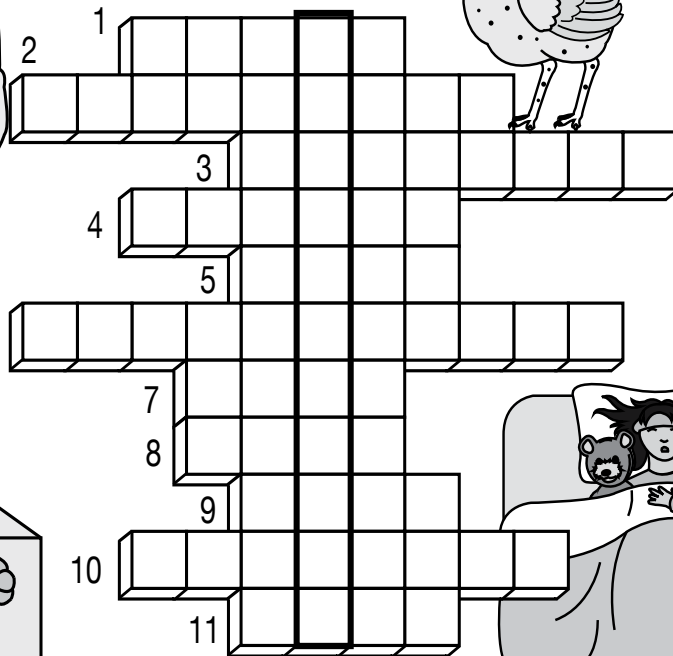
Ugh! I've been sick this week. I caught a virus - or it caught me. I've used all the facial tissues in the house. I think I'll need a huge tractor-trailer truck to deliver more!

I went to see my doctor, who said I have a common cold. She gave me medicine to help me feel better, and told me to rest and drink lots of fluids. Sometimes, the doctor lets me try that cool instrument she uses to listen to sounds in my body. **If you read the clues and fill in this puzzle with words about health care, you will find the name of the instrument under the arrow:**

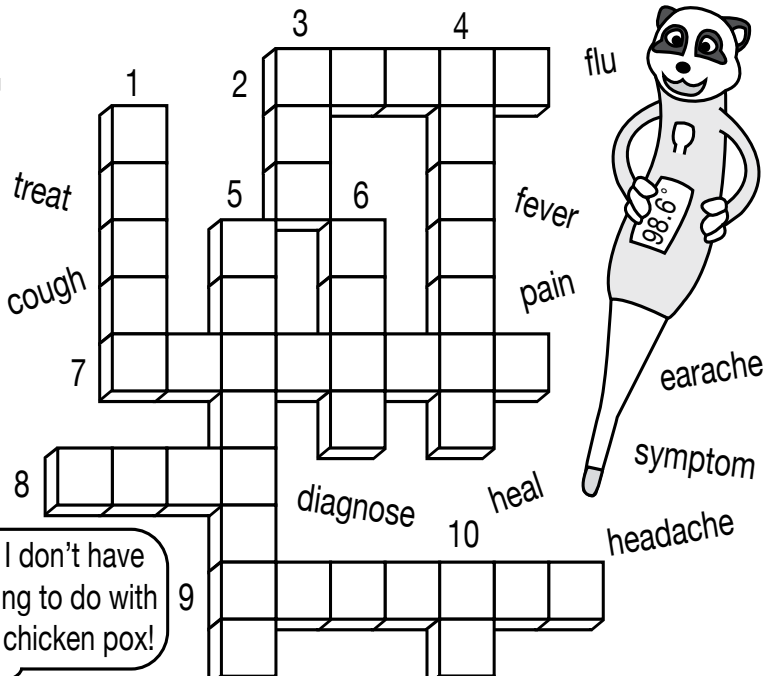
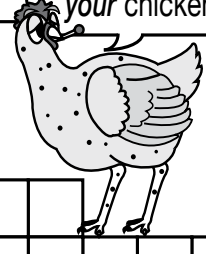
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2. treatment of medical problem by using surgery
3. pill or liquid used to treat a disease or relieve pain
4. person licensed to treat diseases or injuries
5. medicine injected into the body with a needle
6. instrument used to take temperature
7. sleep, relax
8. ill, not healthy
9. common sickness: sneezing, runny nose, coughing
10. building where doctors, nurses take care of sick or hurt people
11. tiny living thing that can cause disease



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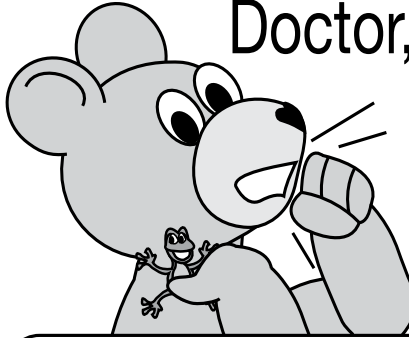
Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with medical terms.

1. to clear your throat
2. high body temperature
3. virus, short for influenza
4. pain where you hear
5. discover what is wrong
6. to become healthy
7. pain in the top of your body
8. a strong uncomfortable feeling
9. a sign of what is wrong
10. to give medical care

If you don't feel well in class, ask to visit the school nurse.



Doctor, What Have I Caught?



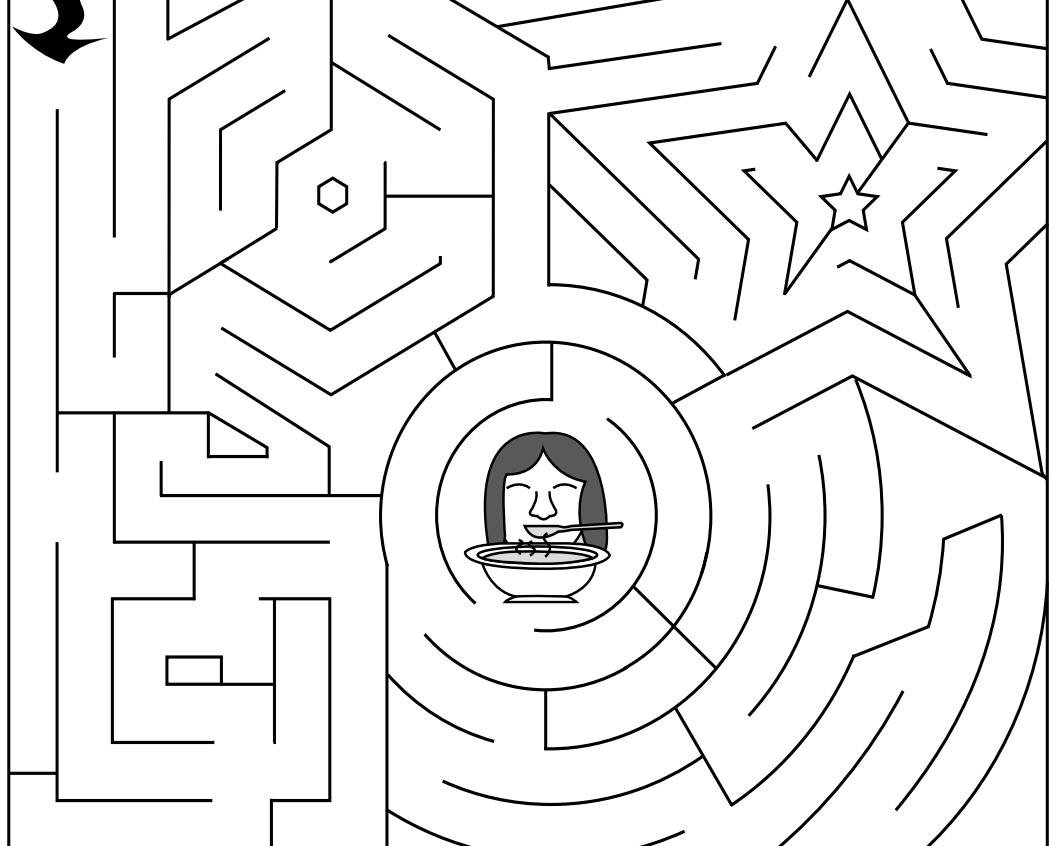
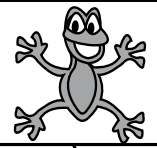
Everyone feels sick from time to time. Thanks to shots and vaccines, doctors are able to help us avoid many diseases. Medicines may help us feel better too.

Can you find and circle these illnesses and medical problems?

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- pneumonia
- sore throat
- food poisoning
- athlete's foot
- ear infection
- diarrhea
- stomach ache
- influenza
- cold
- mumps
- rabies
- polio
- measles
- chicken pox

Forest has a "little frog in his throat" that makes his voice sound froggy...er...funny. Can you help him get to the chicken soup that may comfort him?



"Healthy" Expressions

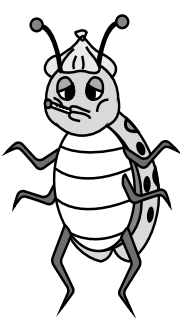


Sniff!

1. sick as a dog
2. catch a cold
3. fit as a fiddle
4. under the weather
5. head is spinning

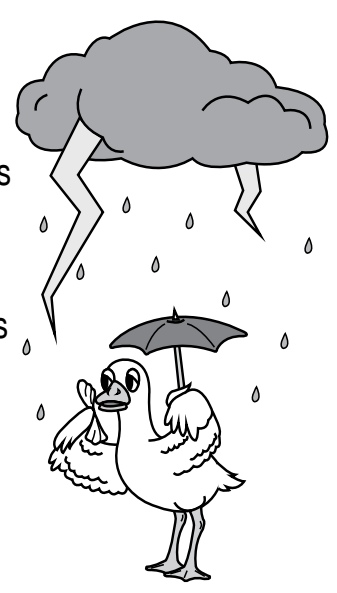
- A. someone in good shape
- B. not feeling 100% well
- C. very sick
- D. feeling of dizziness or confusion
- E. get sick with the common cold

Have you ever heard someone say "I feel blue?" You know they are not really blue like the sky, but may feel a bit sad. An expression that people use to mean something *different* from the actual words they say is called an "idiom" ('id' ē ə m). It is almost like a secret code. The English language can be hard to learn because it has a lot of idioms. **Match these 2 groups of "health" idioms to their meanings:**



1. on the mend
2. in the pink of health
3. just what the doctor ordered
4. have a "frog" in one's throat
5. there's a bug going around

- A. in perfect health
- B. getting better after an illness
- C. something keeps you from speaking clearly
- D. a cold or virus that everyone seems to have
- E. exactly what is needed



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Three Litchfield Middle School wrestlers finished in the top three at the IESA Jerseyville Regional on Saturday, Feb. 25, and punched their tickets to the next round of the postseason. From the left are Kohen Kieffer, third at 90 pounds; Rilynn Younker, first at 105 pounds; and Syon Jade, second at heavyweight.

Panther Cubs Send Three To Wrestling Sectionals

Three Litchfield Middle School wrestlers will compete for a shot at an IESA State Wrestling Finals berth on Saturday, March 4, at the Class 1A Auburn Sectional.

Eighth graders Rilynn Younker and Syon Jade, along with sixth grader Kohen Kieffer, all finished in the top three at the Jerseyville Regional on Saturday, Feb. 25, to earn their sectional opportunity.

Younker, a regional champion and state qualifier last year at 95 pounds, earned her second straight IESA regional title with three wins in the 105-pound weight class. After beating Michael Braun of Vandalia 4-1 in her opening match, Younker pinned Tarik Rowe of Auburn at the 3:17 mark to advance to the championship match. There she scored another 4-1 decision win over a Vandalia opponent, this time sixth grader Jaren Rebbe.

Jade's path to a second place finish was a little shorter than Younker's first place path, but longer than his regional title last year when he was the sole competitor in the under 275-pound class. Jade pinned Cayden Bland of Jerseyville in 21 seconds to advance to the final, but fell to Brody Jay of Vandalia in 29 seconds in the championship bout.

Kieffer, the younger brother of Litchfield freshman and 2022 IESA state qualifier Braxton Kieffer, finished third at 90 pounds in his IESA postseason debut. After losing his first match to Riley

Litchfield WC Sends Six To IKWF Regional Tourney

The Litchfield Wrestling Club brought six wrestlers to the IKWF South Regional in Edwardsville on Saturday, Feb. 25, with four of those six advancing to sectional in Highland on March 4.

Two of those who advanced placed first in their weight classes as Owen Pryor went 2-0 to win the Intermediate 54 class and Meyer Ellis went 3-0 to win the Intermediate 98 class.

Omarr Robinson nearly gave the future Panthers a third regional title as he went 2-1 and finished second in the Intermediate 70 class. At 59 pounds in the Intermediate division, Grayson Short finished third to advance to next Saturday's sectional. He had to beat teammate Drake Beiermann to do it as Beiermann finished fifth overall.

Kyson Hemken also wrestled well and finished third in the Bantam 27 class with a win in his final match of the day. Bantam and Tot division wrestlers don't advance to sectionals.

The four sectional advancers will try to finish off their seasons on a high note

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Rupert, Frailey, Compton, Walch Make All-SCC

by Kyle Herschelmann

All 10 underclassmen who made all-conference for the South Central Conference last year were repeat selections in 2023 as this year's honorees were announced recently.

Among the repeat honorees were three players who were acknowledged for the third time in their careers: Hillsboro's Layne Rupert, Pana's Anna Beyers and Vandalia's Anna Forbes.

Rupert, Hillsboro's fourth leading scorer in the program's history with 1,476 points, averaged 17.4 points and 4.8 rebounds per game for the Hiltoppers, who finished tied for second in the South Central Conference with Pana and Staunton, one game behind conference champion Greenville.

Beyers, who will go on to play basketball at Illinois Wesleyan, averaged 18.3 points and 9.7 rebounds for Pana, while Forbes ended the year averaging 15.3 points and 8.3 rebounds for a 21-11 Vandalia team that posted their best record in 13 years.

Rupert and Beyers were second team picks as sophomores and first team picks in 2022, while Forbes was a

third team pick in 2021 and a second team pick in 2022.

The trio were joined by Staunton's lone senior, multi-sport standout Haris Legendre, who was a first team selection in 2022; Pana senior Chloe Ashcraft, who averaged 14 points and nine rebounds per game; and Greenville's leading scorer, Katie Campbell, who averaged 10.7 points and 7.7 rebounds as a junior for the conference champions.

After making the third team last year as a junior, Hillsboro senior Alex Frailey earned second team honors this year after averaging 9.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per game.

Greenville senior Charlee Stearns was a second team pick for the second straight year, while Vandalia sophomore Bella Austin and Carlinville sophomore Isabella Tiburzi were third-teamers with Frailey last year. Gillespie sophomore Mia Brawner and Staunton sophomore Lilly Bandy were first time honorees and rounded out the all-conference second team.

Hillsboro senior Sierra Compton was named to the third team, earning her second straight all-conference

honor. After being a second team pick in 2022, Compton averaged 5.1 points, 3.6 rebounds and a team-best 4.7 assists for the Hiltoppers in her senior year.

Staunton senior Lilly Funneman earned also earned third team accolades for the second straight year, while fellow seniors Aryn Alde of Pana and Emily Schoen of Gillespie received third team nods as well. Rounding out the team were junior Abby Hendricks of North Mac and sophomores Ele Feldmann of Staunton and Elise Walch of Litchfield. Walch averaged 6.6 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game for the Purple Panthers.

Powered by the 19 aforementioned players, the South Central Conference showed that it can hang with some of the best in the area once again. Four teams finished with 20 wins or more, with Greenville just missing with 19 wins. Gillespie also finished with a winning record, while three of the bottom four teams in the standings had double digit wins.

Hillsboro, Staunton and Pana all won regional titles, with conference champion Greenville running into a

Breese Mater Dei squad that has since advanced to the IHSAA Class 2A State Finals.

While 11 seniors will be graduating from this year's all-conference team, six of the eight returning players are sophomores, which bodes well for continued success in the conference in the future.

South Central Conference 2022-23 Girls Basketball

	Overall	SCC
Greenville	19-13	8-1
Hillsboro	20-12	7-2
Staunton	26-7	7-2
Pana	24-10	7-2
Vandalia	21-11	5-4
Gillespie	17-16	4-5
Carlinville	14-15	4-5
Litchfield	10-20	2-7
North Mac	14-18	1-8
Southwestern	4-23	0-9

South Central Conference All-Conference Team

2022-23 Girls Basketball

First Team: Chloe Ashcraft, Sr. - Pana; Anna Beyers, Sr. - Pana; Katie Campbell, Jr. - Greenville; Anna Forbes, Sr. - Vandalia; Haris Legendre, Sr. - Staunton; Layne Rupert, Sr. - Hillsboro.

Second Team: Bella Austin, So. - Vandalia; Lilly Bandy, So. - Staunton; Mia Brawner, So. - Gillespie; Alex Frailey, Sr. - Hillsboro; Charlee Stearns, Sr. - Greenville; Isabella Tiburzi, So. - Carlinville.

Third Team: Aryn Alde, Sr. - Pana; Sierra Compton, Sr. - Hillsboro; Ele Feldmann, So. - Staunton; Lilly Funneman, Sr. - Greenville; Abby Hendricks, Jr. - North Mac; Emily Schoen, Sr. - Gillespie; Elise Walch, So. - Litchfield.

Jr. Toppers Take Six To IKWF Regional Tourney

The Hillsboro Jr. Toppers Wrestling Club brought six wrestlers to the IKWF South Regional in Edwardsville on Saturday, Feb. 25, with five of those six advancing to the sectional in Highland on March 4.

Among those five were Kohl Fuller and Deven Beard, who took first and second in their respective classes in the Novice division. Fuller took the top spot at 93 pounds with a 3-0 record, including two wins by fall, while Beard was the runner-up at 108 pounds, with two wins by fall before dropping his third match of the day to champion Zachary Majors of Edwardsville.

Landon Bandy also took

first in the Senior division, but had an easier path than Fuller. Bandy was the only entrant in the 103-pound class and was an automatic qualifier to the sectional. Bandy, Fuller and Beard will all have the opportunity to advance to the IKWF State Finals, which are reserved for Novice and Senior division wrestlers.

Hillsboro's other three entries all came from the Intermediate class. Landon Stewart finished third by posting back-to-back wins at 54 pounds, while Colton Trimble was also third, going 3-1 with two pins at 90 pounds. Both wrestlers will try to end their seasons on

a high note next weekend at sectionals. Rylan Chambers also competed for the Jr. Toppers, going 1-2 in three matches at 70 pounds.

The goal now for Fuller, Beard and Bandy is to finish in the top three at Highland. If they can do that, they'll move on to the IKWF State Championships, which will be March 9-11 at the BMO Center in Rockford.

Feb. 25 at Edwardsville IKWF South Regional Hillsboro Results

Intermediate 54: Landon Stewart (3rd) - lost to Gavin St. Peters (Alton) by dec. 6-2; def. Jaxson Lemerone (Lawrence County) by fall at 0:36; def. Adam LeDuc (Effingham) by fall at 2:22.
Intermediate 70: Rylan Chambers - lost to Omarr Robinson (Litch-

field) by fall at 2:49; def. Henley Keyes (Effingham) by fall at 0:54; lost to Grant Jones (Jerseyville) by tech fall 17-2.

Intermediate 90: Colton Trimble (3rd) - def. Miles Hurley (Effingham) by dec. 6-3; lost to Emery Crutchfield (Lawrence County) by fall at 0:28; def. Leightyn Bond (Lawrence County) by fall at 1:50; def. Toryn Smith (Edwardsville) by fall at 2:53.

Novice 93: Kohl Fuller (1st) - def. Coltin Hubbard (Edwardsville) by fall at 3:44; def. Jude Shick (Lawrence County) by fall at 1:59; def. Grayson Allender (Lawrence County) by dec. 8-2.
Novice 108: Deven Beard (2nd) - def. Christopher Hurley (Effingham) by fall at 0:48; def. Gavin Chronic (Crawford County) by fall at 2:31; lost to Zachary Majors (Edwardsville) by fall at 2:45.

Senior 103: Landon Bandy (1st) - bye.

Hillsboro Girls Basketball

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All told, in their four years with the program, the Class of 2023 won 69 of their 107 games, a .645 winning percentage, despite dealing with all the on and off the court distractions of COVID-19.

While the seniors took the lion's share of the points, there is plenty of talent coming back for the Toppers next year. Sophia Blankenship played in all 32 games and was a spot starter for Hillsboro. She averaged 2.4 points and 2.7 rebounds per game, but her versatility and toughness put her contributions beyond her numbers.

In the South Central Conference as a whole, 2022-23 was the year of the sophomore, as six of the 19 all-conference picks were in 10th grade. Hillsboro contributed to that trend too with Addy Lowe (6.7 points, 5.4 rebounds), Tatum Christian, Ella Greenwood and Kamryn Langston all playing in 20 or more games, with Lowe finishing third in points and first in rebounds for the Toppers.

Add in sophomores Eryka

Gunderson, Cheyenne Harston and Natalee Fenton, plus late season call-up freshman Kearstynn Davis, and the Toppers have a young core for next season.

Regardless of the number of wins Hillsboro gets in 2023-24, it will be hard to replicate this season, both due to its successes and the straight up weirdness of the year.

Six of Hillsboro's 12 losses were by single digits, the biggest of which was a 44-37 loss to Highland, the Toppers' only home loss in 10 games. That includes three one-point losses to Civic Memorial, Mt. Pulaski and Staunton, plus a two-point loss to Nokomis and a four-point loss to Greenville. The average number of wins for those six teams? Twenty-three, with Civic Memorial the only team not well over .500.

The other six losses were even more strange. Breese Central, Taylorville (twice), Rochester, O'Fallon and Quincy Notre Dame beat the Toppers by 164 points combined, an average margin of victory of 27.3. That has more

to do with how tough those teams are than deficiencies amongst the Hiltoppers. O'Fallon and Quincy Notre Dame (Hillsboro's opponent in the sectional semifinal), are in the 4A and 2A state tournaments respectively, while Rochester and Breese Central both made it to the sectional finals before their seasons came to an end.

On the winning side, of their 20 wins, only two were by single digits: a two-point victory over Mt. Zion at Taylorville and a 9-point win over Pana at home. Both the Braves and Panthers won regional championships this season.

All 18 of the other wins were by at least 10 points. In fact, 15 of those wins were by at least 20, with the only exceptions a 11-point win over Marquette in December and the Toppers' wins over South County (by 13) and Pittsfield (by 17) in the regional.

What does all of this mean? No clue, but if I would have to guess, I'd say that the Toppers were in a class of their own. The tough games during the season against Taylorville, O'Fallon and

Rochester put them in better position to advance up the South Central Conference ladder (they'd finish tied for second with a 7-2 record) and score their 12th regional title.

Hillsboro will probably see similar competition next year as well, and hopefully that too will prepare the Lady Toppers for more success.

Hillsboro Girls Basketball Class of 2023 Career Stats

Layne Rupert: 107 games; 1476 total points; 13.8 points per game; two-point field goals 431-of-957 (45%); three-point field goals 142-of-509 (27.9%); free throws 188-of-302 (62.3%); 428 rebounds; 267 assists; 275 steals; 28 blocks.

Alex Frailey: 97 games; 624 total points; 6.4 points per game; two-point field goals 267-of-508 (52.6%); three-point field goals 3-of-9 (33.3%); free throws 81-of-148 (54.7%); 374 rebounds; 43 assists; 53 steals; 24 blocks.

Sierra Compton: 76 games; 385 total points; 5.1 points per game; two-point field goals 110-of-290 (37.9%); three-point field goals 28-of-112 (25%); free throws 81-of-132 (61.4%); 266 rebounds; 257 assists; 122 steals; 7 blocks.

Kenadie Carlock: 73 games; 226 total points; 3.1 points per game; two-point field goals 49-of-155 (31.6%); three-point field goals 36-of-146 (24.7%); free throws 18-of-35 (51.4%); 135 rebounds; 112 assists; 70 steals; 3 blocks.

Litchfield Girls Basketball

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Walch scored in double figures against Gillespie on Jan. 5 (12) and again on Jan. 9 against Springfield Lutheran (12). She had 14 three-point baskets during the season and bagged two treys against Gillespie and Taylorville. She pulled down 122 rebounds for an average of 4.4 per game.

Sophomore Gina Painter shot 30% from the floor and 39% from the free-throw line. One of two rebounding leaders on the floor, she averaged 5.8 caroms per game, 2.1 steals and 2.1 assists.

The 5'8" forward posted a double-double against Lincolnwood on Jan. 30 when she pulled down 10 rebounds and scored 15 points. She scored in double figures against Piasa Southwestern (14), the Pana JV team at the Riverton

Holiday Tournament (10) and she narrowly missed her second double-double at East Alton-Wood River where she scored 15 points and had nine rebounds.

Sophomore Elise Walch was second to Boston in scoring with 192 points in 29 games (6.6 points per game average). The 5'7" guard shot 27% from the floor, 23% from three-point range and 54% from the free-throw line. She led the team with 23 triples and scored at least one three pointer against 15 different opponents. She had two against Brownstown on November 17, two against Springfield Lutheran on Jan. 9 and Pana on Jan. 26, three against Greenville on Feb. 2 and finished strong with four against Southwestern on Feb. 6.

She scored in double figures seven different times

with her highest point total coming against Southwestern when she dropped in 16, including her four three-point field goals. She averaged 3.9 rebounds per game (112) and 2 steals per game (60). She had three blocks and 43 assists.

Junior Emma Diveley and freshman Chloe Law both came off the bench to make important contributions to the Lady Panthers. Diveley had three-point baskets against Vandalia, South County, North Mac and Pana. She appeared in 26 games and scored 40 points. She had 30 rebounds, 10 steals and 27 assists. She shot 18% from the floor, 9% from behind the arc and 46% from the free-throw line.

Law appeared in 23 games, shot 22% from the floor, 13% from three-point land and 32% from the free-throw

line. The 5'5" guard grabbed 30 rebounds and posted 13 steals and 21 assists. She scored 43 points.

Rounding out the Lady Panther lineup were freshmen Gracie Boden, Madi Jenkins, Kaia Vickery and Kelly White.

Litchfield Girls Basketball Class of 2023 Career Stats

Laura Boston: 89 games; 510 total points; 5.7 points per game; two-point field goals 236-of-512 (46.1%); three-point field goals 2-of-5 (40%); free throws 72-of-141 (51.1%); 363 rebounds; 115 assists; 66 steals; 35 blocks.

Hailey Rentz: 66 games; 246 total points; 3.7 points per game; two-point field goals 78-of-287 (27.2%); three-point field goals 24-of-82 (29.3%); free throws 40-of-68 (58.8%); 332 rebounds; 147 assists; 124 steals; 12 blocks.

Emma Walch: 58 games; 239 total points; 4.1 points per game; two-point field goals 50-of-248 (20.2%); three-point field goals 38-of-178 (21.3%); free throws 53-of-72 (73.6%); 209 rebounds; 93 assists; 53 steals; 12 blocks.

Out & About

4B - Thursday, March 2, 2023

Magnolias Hold Meeting Over Lunch

The Red Hat Magnolia Society met at the Ariston in Litchfield on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Beverly Greenwood blessed the food, and all in attendance had a good time reminiscing about different things. The group learned that Susanna Wesley was the "mother of Methodism" because two of her 25 children where John and Charles Wesley, who founded the Methodist Church. The Red Hats celebrated two February birthdays.

Those in attendance for the monthly meeting included Beverly Greenwood, Betty Ellington, Jennifer Campbell, Janet Chaplin, Elletta Hamby, (guest) Don Hamby, Sandy Dilley, (guest) Ruth Blaskovich, Mary Dietl, Glenda Banchi, (guest) Lance Banchi, Phyllis Holloway, (guest) Richard Holloway, Barb Cass, Vivian McElroy and Maxine Milanos.

The Red Hat Society will next meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, at China Wok in Hillsboro.

Cross Over Plans Golf Tournament Fundraiser, June

Cross Over Ministries is planning to host a golf tournament fundraiser on Saturday, June 17, at Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore.

The four-man teams will tee off at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. Several prizes will be awarded and a meal will be served. More details will be released closer to the event online at www.crossovernf.com.

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Nokomis Youth Enjoy Ice Skating

The St. Louis Youth Ministry Evangelizers (S.L.Y.M.E.) enjoyed a fun-filled day of ice skating at the Nelson Center in Springfield, followed by dinner at the Home Plate Bar and Grill. Fortunately, there were no broken bones, but there were a lot of smiles. S.L.Y.M.E. is open to all area youth in the seventh through 12th grades. The youth group meets monthly.

Library Plans Fun Activities In March

Hillsboro Public Library has several fun-filled activities planned throughout the month of March.

On Monday, March 6, Hillsboro Library will celebrate national "Oreo Cookie Day." All patrons who come check out a book will also get free Oreos. There's no school, so this is a perfect time to bring in the children or grandchildren.

National "Let's Laugh Day" is on Saturday, March 18. Patrons that bring a joke to the library will get a piece of

Laughy Taffy. The jokes will also be featured on a display board for others to see.

"National Pencil Day" is on Thursday, March 30. Every patron who checks out a book will get a new pencil.

In honor of March being national "Women's History Month," the Christiana Tillson Chapter of the DAR is creating a poster presentation about women in history including the DAR namesake, Mrs. Tillson. Other highlighted women will include those who played important roles

during the Revolutionary War.

The library's "Winter Reading Challenge" is still going strong with many participants, and has been extended through March.

Don't forget that Friday, March 3, is national "Employee Appreciation Day." Make sure to say "hello" to the HPL staff and thank them for their time.

Hillsboro Public Library is already at work planning their April activities which will include something for Easter.

Agencies Plan Storm Spotter Class

With the Spring season approaching, the Montgomery County and Macoupin County Emergency Management Agencies are teaming up to host a National Weather Service Storm Spotter Class on Tuesday, March 14.

The class is open to the public and will take place at the Lincoln Land Community College Litchfield campus from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

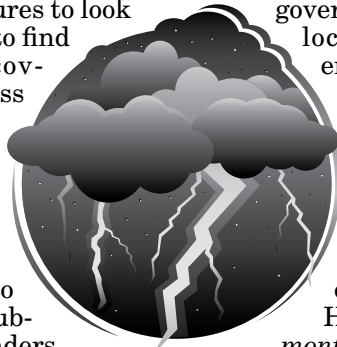
Individuals will learn basic information of thunder-

storm development, storm structure, features to look for and where to find them. Also covered in the class is what, when and how to report information, as well as basic severe weather safety.

In addition to the general public, first responders, amateur radio operators,

school administrators, government officials, local media, law enforcement and community event planners are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 217-532-9560 or email Dan Hough at danh@montgomerycountyil.gov.



Lots Of Opportunities To Donate Blood This Month

The American Red Cross will host several blood drives within Montgomery County in March.

A community blood drive will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at Nokomis Junior/High School on Tuesday, March 7. A blood drive will also be held at the Witt Lions Club from 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14. The Christian Church of Litchfield will hold a community blood drive from 1 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29.

Donors will be asked for their Red Cross donor card or a positive photo identification, and must be at least 17 or 16 years old with a signed parental consent form, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

Donors should be sure to eat at regular mealtimes, and drink plenty of water prior to giving blood. They are also encouraged to eat foods rich in iron, since only blood with good iron levels

will be accepted for donation. Iron is part of hemoglobin, the protein that carries oxygen and gives blood its red color, and combining iron-rich foods with foods rich in Vitamin C will enhance the absorption of iron. Tannin in tea decreases the amount of iron the body absorbs by about 50 percent.

Those with medical conditions may still be eligible to give at this drive. In most cases, it is the condition for which a person is taking medication, not the medicine that causes them to be unable to donate.

Usually, if the condition is under control the day of donation, the person is eligible to donate. This includes medicine for high blood pressure and diabetes.

According to FDA regulations, donors may donate whole blood every 56 days, platelets up to 24 times a year and double red cells every 112 days.

Mid-State Collectors Club To Meet March 8

The Mid-State Antique Collectors Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8 at Maverick Steaks and Spirits Restaurant in Litchfield. Attendees are asked to arrive early to enjoy dinner and fellowship prior to the 7 p.m. meeting.

Members are encouraged to bring tractor show dates and information for the spring and summer area tractor shows so the 2023 Antique Tractor Show schedule can be prepared and mailed out to all paid members.

A program of interest will be presented following the meeting. The collectors' club invites anyone interested in antique tractors or old farm-related items to attend the monthly meetings. There are always interesting discussions about the tractors etc. that collectors collect.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month through April 2023. The club takes the summer months off for tractor shows and will begin meeting again in November 2023. All are welcome.

Faith Bible Academy Hosts A Night Of Faith

Faith Bible Christian Academy of Rosamond is preparing to host the sixth annual "Night of Faith" dinner auction on Saturday, March 11.

Doors will open at 4 p.m., with dinner to be served at 5:15 p.m. The night's menu is a bacon wrapped pork loin meal prepared by Angelo's Catering of Taylorville.

The evening out will include both a live and silent auction. Pre-bidding on items

is currently open online at micenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com.

Online bidding will end at approximately 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. Auction items will be available for pickup from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 20, and Friday, March 24.

Tickets for a "Night of Faith" can be purchased for \$50 apiece by contacting the school at 217-562-5054.

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- March 18 - Darts Tourney, Station 3
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Hillsboro High FFA members held a truck and tractor show on Saturday, Feb. 25, as part of a benefit for Simeon Huber. From the left, are truck show winners Nathan Brown, Payton Chesney, Blake Cullison and Landon Reincke

HHS FFA Hosts Shows In Support Of Simeon

Hillsboro High School FFA (Future Farmers of America) members held a truck and tractor show on Saturday, Feb. 25, as part of the National Honor Society benefit for Simeon Huber.

The show also culminated the chapter's FFA Week celebrations, held Saturday, Feb. 18, through Saturday, Feb. 25. The HHS student body was encouraged to participate in themed dress up days during FFA Week, including (USA Day, Camo Day, Western Day and FFA Spirit Day.

The Hillsboro High FFA members also hosted several

fun evenings out, such as a pack-the-place at Lomas Del Sol, a bowling night, Ag Olympics and even an officer cook-off.

Several turned out for the final events, the truck and tractor shows. Winners of the truck show were Nathan Brown (fan favorite truck), Payton Chesney (cleanest truck), Blake Cullison (oldest truck and tow mater) and Landon Reincke (tallest truck).

Tractor show winners included Matthew Michealis (oldest and cleanest tractor) and Landon Reincke (fan favorite tractor).

Lancer FFA Members Earn Spot At District

Members of the Lincolnwood High School FFA chapter in Raymond have completed their record book competition for Section 15.

Fourteen students took home proficiency honors and will compete at District in Jacksonville on Wednesday, March 8.

Proficiency winners include Avery Pope in human and public services, Izayah Matli in poultry production, Jonah Elvidge in sheep production, Drake Germann in ag mechanics design and fabrication, Trenton Hemann in ag mechanics repair and maintenance, Kylie Neisler in agriscience research animal systems, Gabe Armentrout in manufacturing, engineering and trades, Cole Riemann in diversified agriculture production, Abilene Norris in diversified livestock production, Kaylee Gerlach in fiber and oil crop production, Morgan Hampton in specialty animal production, Drew Gilpin in specialty crop production, Jobeth Matli in swine production and Eldon Brown in beef production.

Crop Condition

Statewide, the average temperature was 33.8 degrees, 4.3 degrees above normal. Precipitation averaged 2.46 inches, .49 inches above normal.

Topsoil moisture supply was rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Winter wheat condition was 1 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 10 percent excellent.



Nokomis High School's FFA chapter lead tractor safety programs at Nokomis Junior High and Nokomis High School on Friday afternoon, Feb. 24.

Nokomis High Celebrates FFA Week

Nokomis High School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter kept themselves busy celebrating FFA week, Saturday, Feb. 18, through Saturday, Feb. 25.

The student members kicked off the week with a community breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 18, serving pancakes, sausage and biscuits and gravy in the NHS cafeteria. The FFA Alumni hosted the next event, a career fair that was open to the entire student body on Monday, Feb. 20.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the NHS FFA officers were interviewed on WTIM radio station out of Taylorville, and then provided popcorn snacks for the school staff. On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the students made breakfast for the NHS staff and then held "Ag in the Classroom" activities for more than 55 of their younger peers at St. Louis School and North Elementary School.

The FFA members sold popcorn to the student body during their lunch period on Thursday, Feb. 23, which was also a "Class Color Day." Friday, Feb. 24, marked the FFA's annual "Blue and Gold Day," and members were encouraged to drive their tractors to school. The FFA chapter finished up Friday's



Nokomis High School's FFA members collected non-perishable food items to donate to the Nokomis Food Pantry as part of their recent FFA Week activities. From the front, are Kristen Mascher, Cydney Bertolino, Alden Knodle and Hunter Brummett.

activities by teaching tractor safety programs at Nokomis Junior High and Nokomis High School.

Nokomis High School's FFA members wrapped up their FFA Week festivities with a barn dance, open to all students, on Saturday,

Feb. 25.

Throughout the week the FFA members collected food items to donate to the Nokomis Food Pantry. The money raised from the lunchtime popcorn sale will be donated to the Nokomis Christian's Mission.



The winners of the FFA tractor show, from the left, are Matthew Michealis and Landon Reincke.

Hillsboro FFA Members Earn Record Book Honors

Members of the Hillsboro High School FFA chapter earned top honors this spring for completing their FFA record books for competition in Section 19.

First place finishers include Chloe Kenny in ag processing, Landon Reincke in ag services, Leah Satterlee in equine placement, Sami Page in safety, Reese Morford in small animal production, Ian Anderson in vegetable production and Kate Jones in vet science. Those who earned first place honors will now advance to district competition.

Second place honors went to Paitynn Wilson in diversified livestock, Nathan Brown in goat production and Drake

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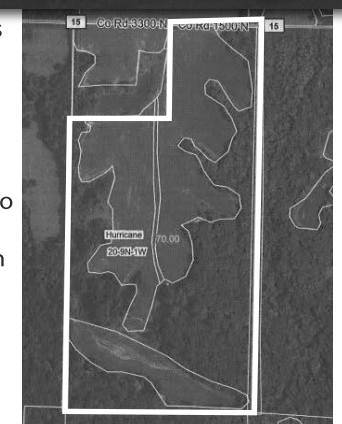
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SAT., MAR. 18 - 9 a.m. Live auction at 1100 Randolph St., Vandalia for the Herbert Woolsey Revocable Trust. Leftovers from Woolsey Bros. Farm Supply & Grain Bin Co., Vandalia. New parts from DMC, GSI, SHIVVERS, SUKUP, A&D, CIRCLE, GRAINGER, GREENE, HI TOW, HUTCH, SPI, STOCK, VALLEY VIEW & a 2008 Ford F-450 service truck. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com, Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SAT., MAR. 4 - 9 a.m. Machinery consignment auction at Sievers Equip. Co., 1/2 mi. N. of Carlinville on Rt. 4 N. Taking consignments until Mar. 3 on noon. Visit www.rickstewartauctioneer.com for pics & updates. Rick Stewart, auctioneer, 217-854-3191, 217-473-2985.

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TUES., MAR. 26 - 2 p.m. Small Animal Consignment Sale of goats, sheep, poultry, rabbits, etc. at Bond County Fairgrounds, 608 Ridge Ave., Greenville. Taking consignments sale day from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com, Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

TUES., MAR. 7 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Adamick Collectibles auction. Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Preview & pickup at Exit 41, 937 U.S. Rt. 40 Frontage Rd., Greenville. Preview Mar. 6, 4-6 p.m. Check out Mar. 10, 4-6 p.m. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com, Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

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Starting base salary for police officers is \$42,681, \$47,424 after one year.
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City of Hillsboro Board of Police and Fire Commissioners

Holloway Now Fit For Murder Trial

A Litchfield man, who was charged with the murder of his ex-girlfriend in June 2022 and was previously found unfit to stand trial, is now presumed to be fit to go before the court.

Deundra S. Holloway, 22 at the time of the incident, is accused in the June 9 death of his pregnant ex-girlfriend, Liese Dodd, in Alton. He has been charged with two counts of first degree murder, two counts of intentional homicide to an unborn child

and dismembering a human body, as well as offenses relating to motor vehicles and concealment of a homicide death.

Holloway appeared in court on June 16, at which time Madison County Judge Neil Schroeder shared his concerns regarding the defendant's fitness to stand trial. In July, an evaluation confirmed him to be unfit and he was directed to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for treatment.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the defendant's DHS supervisor entered a report indicating Holloway has attained fitness. Over one week later, the court found him presently fit to stand trial. Judge Schroeder ordered Holloway to be released from the jurisdiction of DHS and remanded to Madison County Jail, where he will remain to bail.

A jury trial is set to begin Monday, March 6, at 1 p.m. in Madison County.



Hillsboro Personnel Battle Friday Fire

Members of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire on Vandalia Road at 10:06 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24. Upon arrival, personnel found heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear of the structure. Two attack lines were deployed, one to the rear and one to the front of the structure. Firefighters used the rear attack line to knock the fire down through the window as the entry crew made their way in to extinguish the fire. A second engine responded to establish a water source. Twenty-two members responded.

Photo courtesy of Hillsboro Fire Department

Police

Litchfield Police

• Jesse T. Allen, 33, of Litchfield, was jailed for a violation of an order of protection at 7:48 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the 200 block of Ohren Lane.

• Derrick D. Courie, 24, of Virden, was jailed for possession of meth/possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting a peace officer at 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the 1200 block of West Union.

• Aaron A. Damm, 51, of Litchfield, was jailed for possession of meth at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the 1500 block of North Madison.

• Nicholas J. O'Connell, 41, of Gillespie, was jailed for retail theft at 3:40 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Walmart.

• Mary D. Kauna, 55, of Jefferson City, MO, was cited for retail theft and criminal trespass at 5:28 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Walmart.

• Christopher A. Craig, 26, of Taylor Springs, was jailed for unlawful use of a weapon by a felon at 8:08 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Union and Yaeger Lake Trail.

• Jacob T. Bourke, 24, of Litchfield, was jailed for possession of meth and a Montgomery County warrant at 9:21 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Jefferson and Kirkham.

• Justin M. Trueblood, 24, of Litchfield, was jailed for burglary to a motor vehicle at 11:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the 200 block of Ohren Lane.

• Joshua M. Essary, 44, of Livingston, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 4:55 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at the 300 block of Old Route 66 North.

• Barton W. Rogers, 58, of Litchfield, was cited for unlawful use of a weapon and possession of a firearm without a FOID at 3:09 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at the 1300 block of South McKinley.

• Michael B. Jackson, 42, of St. Louis, MO, was jailed

for possession of meth and Warren County, MO/St. Louis County warrants at 2:35 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Corvette and Route 16.

• Casey C. Trebing, 25, of Mt. Olive, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Route 66 and Airport Trail.

• Denise A. Hegel, 46, of Mt. Olive, was jailed for possession of meth at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Route 66 and Airport Trail.

• Lucas A. Weller, 22, of Litchfield, was jailed for domestic battery at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the 100 block of East South.

• Timothy G. Brackett, 32, of Litchfield, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 9:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Franklin and Jones.

• Daniel J. Ballowe, 53, of Litchfield, was cited for an expired driver's license at 5:41 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Corvette and Thunderbird.

• Charlene N. Terrell, 24, of Litchfield, was ticketed for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 11:31 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Route 66 and Buchanan.

• Charlotte A. Friesland, 63, of Hardy, AR, was cited for speeding at 2:05 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at Route 16 and Les Lane.

• Kylie B. Clark, 18, of Collinsville, was ticketed for operating a vehicle with suspended registration at 10:19 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18,

on I-55 near milemarker 54.

• Christopher R. Craig, 26, of Taylor Springs, was cited for driving on a suspended license at 8:46 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Union and Yaeger Lake Trail.

• Dawn H. Major, 53, of Hillsboro, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 12:06 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Kirkham and Lincoln.

• Derrick D. Courier, 25, of Virden, was cited for a muffler violation and following too closely at 11:18 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the 1200 block of West Union.

• Christopher L. Kingery, 33, of Butler, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 7:42 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at Union and Washington.

• Christopher D. Schafer, 53, of Petersburg, was cited for a muffler violation and being an unlicensed driver at 2:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at Route 16 and I-55.

• Emily R. Bone, 45, of Irving, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 8:13 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at Route 16 and Yaeger Lake Trail.

• Russell A. Oakley, 28, of Litchfield, was jailed for possession of meth at 2:48 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at two-lane Route 66 and Route 16.

• Joshua S. Pittman, 25, of Hillsboro, was cited for retail theft at 1:09 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at Dollar Tree.

• Andrea L. Griep, 29, of Litchfield, was ticketed for retail theft at 1:09 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at Dollar Tree.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 21, 2023, 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: THE NEXT NETWORK located at 622 NORTH FRANKLIN in the city of LITCHFIELD and state of IL.

Dated February 21, 2023
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
82-3T*

— NOTICE —

The Oak Grove Cemetery Association is getting ready for the upcoming mowing season. All ground decorations will need to be removed by March 31, 2023. Any items left to impede mowing will be removed by a grounds crew and disposed of. We ask that any decorations placed during mowing season be located on the grave marker or foundation. This is asked to help manage mowing expenses and reduce labor time. We also ask that trinket-type decorations on the foundation be attached with some type of adhesive. This is for when the grass is blown off and the decorations will not be affected.

Oak Grove Cemetery Association
John Stretch - President

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 120 NORTH MAIN STREET, HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF HARRY RODRIGUEZ, DECEASED. 22 PR 59

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Daniel Rodriguez, 9631 Castello Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois 60164, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Timothy J. Ritchey, Peck Ritchey, LLC, 321 South Plymouth Court, 6th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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 August 16, 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.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

Timothy J. Ritchey
Peck Ritchey, LLC (39490)
321 South Plymouth Court
6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60604
(312) 201-0900
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80-3T

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY ILLINOIS, JUVENILE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF Sophia Mueller No. 2022-GR-35

Notice is given you, unknown fathers, at addresses unknown, respondent(s), and to whom it may concern, that on December 6, 2022 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by the State's Attorney's Office

in this court and that in the courtroom presiding Judge Kelly in Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois on March 14th, 2023 at 9:00 A.M., a hearing will be held upon the petition to obtain guardianship of said minor. UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to contrary, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY THE DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION.

Dated February 10, 2023
80-3T

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY ILLINOIS, JUVENILE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF Sophia Mueller No. 2022-GR-35

Notice is given you, Courtney Mueller, at addresses unknown, respondent(s), and to whom it may concern, that on December 6, 2022 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by the State's Attorney's Office

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Dated February 10, 2023
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY ILLINOIS, JUVENILE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF Jazmen Haycraft No. 2022-GR-33

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Dated February 10, 2023
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Central Illinois Storage will be holding a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. **SALE WILL TAKE PLACE AT www.storage-treasures.com.** Property being sold includes all contents in units of the following:
Litchfield
L229 Rick Denny
Hillsboro
H42 Carla Dawdy
Morrisonville
11M Amy Wyle 27M Amy Wyle
Witt
12W Jill Durbin
Auction (5 units) March 9, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.
Central Illinois Storage, Carlinville, IL 62626 • 217-854-3492

SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY TAKING BIDS FOR MOWING
Sunnyside Cemetery in Sorento, IL will be accepting sealed bids for the 2023 mowing season. Bid must include:
1) Proof of insurance
2) Contractor must have needed equipment to mow a large cemetery.
3) The bid must be based on price per mowing. Mowing & trimming to be done as needed.
4) Bids must be received by March 16, 2023.
5) Mark "Sealed Bid" on the outside of the envelope.
Bids will be opened at the next meeting of the Sunnyside Cemetery Association. The meeting will be March 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., at the Sorento Municipal Building located at 105 East Taylor Street, Sorento, IL.
Mail bids to: Sunnyside Cemetery Association
P. O. Box 267
Sorento, Illinois 62086
If there are any questions, Call 217-670-6490.
***We reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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19 Cadillac XT5 Luxury AWD BP10275, 27k miles	13 Cadillac XTS Premium B10196A, 63k miles	19 Chevy Blazer Premier B10107A, 45k miles
19 Chevy Blazer B9872A, 35k miles	20 Chevy Blazer 2LT BP10257, 25k miles	20 Chevy Blazer 2LT BP10260, 19k miles
19 Chevy Blazer RS BP10213A, 58k miles	20 Chevy Equinox LT BP10263, 16k miles	
18 Chevy Silverado 3500 LTZ B10233A, diesel, 42k miles	20 Chevy Traverse LT BP10272, 20k miles	
18 Chevy Volt LT BP10248, 53k miles	20 Ford Fusion SE BP10261, 30k miles	17 GMC Acadia SLT BP10127A, 71k miles
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TOPPER TALK • by Kamryn Kiper at Hillsboro High

Biology Students To Audit Class At SLU



Happy March, Toppers!

It feels like we just started this quarter, but we are already nearing the beginning of the fourth and final quarter. Quarter three will end next Friday, March 10. When students return the following Monday, March 13, the fourth quarter will begin. Please keep in mind that grades will not restart quarterly, but students will receive progress reports.

Also taking place on March 10 is the "Power Buff" Volleyball game! Power Buff will consist of a group of junior boys versus a group of senior boys. The winner of the game will play against our varsity girls volleyball team. Price to play, coach or watch is \$5!

Thank you to everyone who helped out last Saturday at the Simeon Huber Benefit. The basketball team organized a free throw contest; FFA ran a petting zoo; the cheerleaders helped with bow making; NHS members set up games in the gym and helped out our amazing volunteer staff around the school. Also, a huge thank you to Mr. Burke for not only participating in the "Kiss the

"Pig" competition, but for winning it and raising over \$600 in his bucket alone!

Tomorrow is the Saint Louis University (SLU) field trip for those in the dual credit biology course. Students should arrive at the high school by 7 a.m. tomorrow. On the field trip, the biology class will get to watch an actual freshman level biology lecture at SLU to get an idea of what a real college experience looks like. Students should return back to the high school around 2 p.m. for the beginning of the seventh hour. Have fun, Toppers!

The first half of the Hillsboro Ed Foundation Scholarships are to be turned in to the counseling office by tomorrow, March 3. If you weren't able to complete any of these scholarships, you will still have a chance to apply for the foundation's abundance of scholarships as Mrs. Cearlock will be releasing the second half of them shortly. Scholarships usually require a general essay, a couple letters of recommendation, and information from the FAFSA. It would be a good idea to start collecting these materials, if you haven't done so already, in order to prepare for the next round of scholarship applications.

There will be no school this coming Monday, March 6, for Casimir Pulaski Day. Students will return on Tuesday, March 7, for a four-day school week. This is the only scheduled day off of school for the month of March. There will be one early dismissal this month for school improvement, though, and it will take place on Friday, March 24.

Reminder for all HHS students: The Hiltop Snack Shop is now open during all FLEX periods down in Room G102 (next to the art room). They have cookies, drinks, chips, and cake pops; no orders are necessary. In addition, they have music, games, puzzles, and free charging stations. Mrs. Lomprenz and her students appreciate everyone's support!

That's a wrap for winter sports. Congratulations to the wrestling team and the boys and girls basketball teams on amazing seasons!

Some of our spring sports members have already been hard at work at practices after school! More information regarding track, baseball, girls soccer, softball, and boys tennis schedules will come soon.

Have a great week, Toppers! See you in next Thursday's "Topper Talk!"

LANCER LINES • by Avery Pope at Lincolnwood

Lancers Begin Spring Sports Practice



Welcome back Lancers! I hope everyone enjoyed their week and happy March! This year is going

by so fast, so make sure to enjoy every moment you have with your teachers and fellow classmates before summer begins!

Many FFA members traveled to Palmyra last week for a poultry competition. Congratulations to the Greenhand team for placing second as a group. Also, congratulations to Ella Jenkins, Taryn Clarke and Carly Armentrout for placing in the top ten individually.

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate canned goods for our FFA food drive and congratulations to the winners of the gift card and T-shirt drawing! Paxtun Allen won \$150, Brianna Farrar won an FFA hoodie and Carson Connelly,

Hailey Meyer and Avery Pope won FFA T-shirts.

Many FFA members that kept track of a SAE (record book) have won their proficiency award and will be traveling to Jacksonville next Wednesday, March 8 to compete at Districts. Good luck to everyone going!

Scholastic bowl played both MSM teams yesterday beating Nokomis, but losing to South County. Their first round of regionals will take place in Carlinville next Monday, March 6 facing Ramsey at 4:30 p.m. Good luck! Congratulations to Kasandra Reif, Laura Steffen and Michelle Weitekamp on having an amazing senior season.

Boys basketball had a tough match-up against Madison last week and took a loss to end their season. They ended up 6-2 for MSM Conference and 24-8 for the whole season. They also ended with a 14-game winning streak at the end of the season! Congratulations to the

boys team on an outstanding year and congratulations to the seniors on an amazing four years of basketball.

With basketball season ending, comes a start to a new one. Both the girls softball and boys baseball practices started this past Monday getting ready for their first games coming up in a few short weeks.

Seniors: Mr. Kirkpatrick has been sending more scholarships to fill out so do not hesitate to start on them early!

Since we're onto a new month, here are a few dates to remember. Next Monday, March 6 is no school because of Casimir Pulaski Day. Friday, March 10 will be an incentive day because of the 11:25 a.m. dismissal, so be sure to listen to the announcements of what the incentive will be and Wednesday, March 15 is a 2 p.m. dismissal.

Have a great rest of your week Lancers!

DRAGON BEAT • by Albany Kindernay at HJHS

Dragons Raise Money For Pantry



Hey Dragon Beat! It's Albany Kindernay and can you believe that we are in March already?!

We are coming to an end with our volleyball season and our Lady Dragons played Vandalia last Thursday, both teams came out with a big win on their eighth grade night!

The eighth graders had their Carlinville tournament last weekend! They ended up getting third in their pool, and fifth place! Good job girls! Our seventh grade team has been in regional play and doing well. They played Litchfield in the first round and won! Then, on Tuesday, they came out with a third set 25-23 win advancing them to the championship game tonight at Divernon against Auburn. Good luck ladies!

Track season officially begins on Tuesday, March 7. Make sure that you have all your paperwork in the office before then! The season always starts off a little chilly, so remember to dress appropriately!

Scholar Bowl season has also begun! Our studious students were on the road in Nokomis on Tuesday and came home with a win and a loss. They will face Morrisonville tonight and Nokomis next week.

Group photos for the yearbook were taken earlier this week. Just a reminder that all yearbooks are ordered via online process. See the school's Facebook page for details.

Congratulations to the Kindness Door Decorating Winners....a tie between Mrs. Brauns and Mrs. Harrison's PRIDE classrooms. Over 14 doors were decorated for the challenge and there

were so many good ideas of how to be kind!

If you haven't heard or seen on FB, there is a Student Council Kindness Fundraiser going on to help raise awareness and help raise funds for the Harvest of Hope Food Bank! Kindness Shirts can be ordered until Friday of this week. Call the school if you want to order a shirt. Adult sizes S-XL are \$17 and extra sizes are \$2 more.

Our band and choir students have been getting in extra practice time for the concert that's tonight in the HHS gym starting at 6 p.m. Students from 6-12 grades in choir and 7-12 grades in band will perform at the concert! Good luck!

A reminder that there is no student attendance on Monday, March 6, due to it being Casimir Pulaski day. Always remember, be original and a good person!

Little Miss, Big Mister Dance Benefit

Girls ages preschool through fifth grade are invited to attend a "Little Miss and Big Mister" dance on Friday, March 24, at Litchfield Middle School, located at 1701 North State.

The dance will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the LMS cafeteria. Cost to attend is \$10 per child - "misters" are free. All proceeds will benefit the Faith Hartzell Memorial Scholarship.

"It is hard to believe that

Faith would have been a senior," said organizer Trish Fenton. "One of our previous dances donated to the first memorial scholarship and I thought it would be a beautiful tribute to donate towards the final scholarship."

The Disney-themed night out will include snacks, drinks and a fun photo-prop station for guests to take selfies. Attendees are encouraged to dress in whatever makes them feel comfortable:

casual attire, fancy or even in theme. The only requirement is to bring their dancing feet and be ready to make some memories.

Organizers remind parents that "no moms" are allowed, so please take pictures before arrival. It is not necessary to register ahead of time.

Questions can be directed to Trish Fenton at pfenton@litchfieldpanthers.org.