



# Brief Meeting Thursday For Litchfield City Council

by Kyle Herschelman

The Litchfield City Council met at Corwin Hall on March 2, for their regular meeting on the first Thursday of the month. Alderpersons Woody Street and Marilyn Sisson were not in attendance.

The council approved six items in new business, in addition to approving the minutes from the Feb. 16 meeting, directing the city clerk to transfer funds and pay bills and appointing Brayden Helgen as the

city's representative to the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation.

After it was announced that the audit presentation by Kemper and Associates would be delayed until the next meeting, the council approved a contract with Mike Klaves to plant, water, weed and maintain plantings for a city beautification project in an amount not to exceed \$26,400. The funds will come from a grant from the Kilton Fund, with Mayor Steve Dougherty adding that

he is looking forward to seeing the colorful flowers around town again.

Also approved was a proposal from GovHR USA to perform recruitment for the city administrator position at a cost not to exceed \$24,500 plus travel (estimated at \$360). The city attempted to fill the position on its own, but only six people applied. Information in the council packet said, "using a search firm will provide the city with the best possible effort in locating the ideal candidate to be your next city

administrator."

Mayor Dougherty mentioned that one candidate for the position recently took a position in a town of 10,000 in Wisconsin at a salary of \$175,000.

The council also approved a motion to increase ambulance fees for ambulance transports and increase the security bond for non-residential demolition projects from \$1,000 to \$10,000. A motion to add definitions to the city's ordinance regarding tourist homes, bed and

breakfast businesses and short term rentals and a downtown facade grant in the amount of \$3,975 to Jessica Vickery of Chapps were also approved.

Mayor Dougherty also announced that there would be no closed session, but the city's negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police are moving forward and he hoped to have something for the council by April if not by the March 16 meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

## Royalty Ready To Egg Yards For Easter

Hosted by Imagine Hillsboro's Snow Royalty, the "Some Bunny Egg My Yard" fundraiser will take a little of the hassle out of the Easter holiday.

Those interested can order a selected number of pre-filled eggs to be placed in their yards the night before Easter. Eggs will be filled with candy, Easter tattoos, play dough, sticky hands and more fun items. Prices are set at ten pre-filled eggs for \$10, twenty eggs for \$20 or thirty eggs for \$25. In the case of inclement weather, eggs will be left in a box on customers' porches with a special note from the Easter Bunny.

Availability includes Hillsboro, Taylor Springs, Schram City, Butler, Irving, Coffeen and Witt. However, those that live outside of those areas are encouraged to contact the organizers for an evaluation of availability.

Those interested should reserve a spot soon, as only a limited number of yards will be taken. To reserve eggs contact Tiffany Reitz or Sheridan Lyerla via Facebook messenger by Saturday, April 1. Payments can be made to the Imagine Hillsboro Snow Pageant and will be used to help build a scholarship for this year's Snow Pageant winners.

Those that are not interested in an egg hunt but would like to support the Snow Royalty Pageant can purchase a virtual egg for a donation of \$10 or more.

## Chili Warm-Up @



While spring training in Florida and Arizona is the unofficial start to baseball season for most of the country, it's the BRS Baseball Museum in Nokomis annual Chili Warm-Up around these parts. Fans who showed up at the museum in Nokomis on Saturday, March 4, not only enjoyed immersing in rich baseball nostalgia, but also watched a replay of Nokomis native Reid Detmers' no-hitter against Tampa Bay on May 10 last season. In addition to the displays honoring Detmers and the museum's namesakes, Jim Bottomley, Ray Schalk and Red Ruffing, fans also got the opportunity 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.

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## Creating Elegant Pieces With Oil Technique



Thomas Laurent says he enjoys creating a new world or capturing different destinations using his painting techniques, including the beautiful bridge pictured above.

by Bethany Martin

The popular American art instructor Bob Ross used to say, "Every day is a good day when you paint."

And that is especially true for local artist Thomas Laurent of Coffeen, who uses oil techniques to create elegant art pieces that make a great addition to any home, including his very own.

"Ever since I could hold a pencil, I have been drawing," Laurent explained. "I really love painting. I enjoy it."

A Bob Ross enthusiast, the local artist has always had a desire to incorporate oil painting in his work and after much practice, he has been successful in doing just that.

"I started buying oil paints and practicing, and I've been doing it for ten years off and on again," he said.

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## County Fire Departments Receive Equipment Grants

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) recently awarded a total of \$1.5 million to 64 fire departments, districts and EMS providers across the state through the Small Equipment Grant Program. The purpose of the grants is to allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small equipment that they may otherwise not be able to purchase.

Locally, Fillmore Community Fire Protection District was awarded \$16,978, Taylor Springs Fire Department received \$9,020 and Witt Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$25,014. The OSFM received 296 applications, requesting around \$4.5 million in funding for this grant period.

The Small Equipment Grant program was established to provide grants of up to \$26,000 each for the purchase of small firefighting and ambulance equipment; an in-

novative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for fire departments and not-for profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment.

"The OSFM continues to remain committed to our mission of helping departments and districts purchase essential firefighting or EMS equipment that will help not only their members to stay safe, but continue to provide lifesaving services to their communities," said Acting Illinois State Fire Marshal Dale Simpson. "Budgets remain tight, and the cost of firefighting equipment continues to rise, that is why programs such as our Small Equipment Grant are a great resource, especially for our smaller and rural volunteer fire departments across the state."

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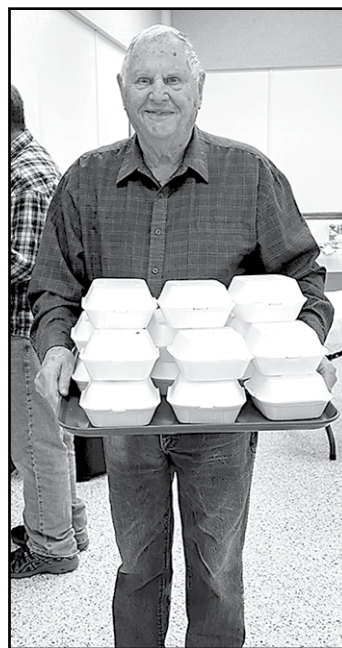
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## KC Members Kick Off Annual Lenten Fish Dinners

Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 4696 in Raymond have officially kicked off their weekly Lenten Fish Fry dinners on Friday, Feb. 24, at the KC Hall. The dinners will continue through Friday, March 31. The menu includes their delicious fried fish, potato wedges, baked beans, cole slaw and cake at a cost of \$13 or two meals for \$25. Children ages ten and under are \$7, while preschool aged children can eat for free. The KCs offer dine-in, carry-out or drive-thru. At left, from the left, Kenny Folkerts, Larry Meisner, Bill Held and Michael Borgic assist in the dinner by serving up side dishes in the kitchen. At right, Jim Stieren keeps the drive-thru dinners supplied with assorted desserts.

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## Extension Offers March Serve It Safely Workshop

University of Illinois Extension will be presenting a Serve it Safely Workshop, which teaches safety principles for volunteer organizations, on Thursday, March 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Extension Office.

Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Lisa Peterson, will be teaching the workshop. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes a take-home manual and thermometer. Those interested are asked to register by Monday, March 13, at [go.illinois.edu/serveit](http://go.illinois.edu/serveit) or call the Montgomery County Extension at 217-532-3941.

Selling and serving food remains a popular fundraising activity for community groups. Any time your group sells food, certain procedures

need to be followed to ensure that the food is wholesome, safe and at low risk for causing food-borne illness.

Serve it Safely, addresses these issues in a fun and interactive workshop. Topics include planning for the event, storing food supplies, preparing food, transporting and storing, serving of food and handling leftovers.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, contact 217-532-3941. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting access needs.

The Montgomery County Extension Office is located at 1 Industrial Park Drive in Hillsboro.



## House Of Glow Celebrates Anniversary

The House of Glow celebrated their one year anniversary and the expansion of their salon with a private "Beauty and Brunch" at Litchfield Gianni's Pizza and Italian Ristroante. With the assistance of Litchfield National Bank, Dan Heise Plumbing, Strubhart Electric, Neuhaus Heating and A/C, Inc. and Germann Drywall Finishing and Painting, Inc., customers will have a beautiful new space to enjoy during their appointments. Above, are House of Glow team Crystal Rivali, Allison Buzick, Megan and Marty Stewart and Jenna Shell.



The employees that keep Jubelt's Restaurant open for business were recognized with a special celebration last month. In front, from the left, are Lauren Delong, Terri Cerantano, Sue Fritzsche and Jan Sloan. In the middle row are Meredith Vincent, Lori Wilhelm, Kim Millsap, Trinidad Lucas, Jason Williams, Jean Jubelt and Brad Fricke. In back are Justin Amyx, Roger Molohon, Jason Willows, Charlotte Keeton and Brad Pratt.

## Jubelt's Thanks Longtime Employees

Employees of Jubelt's Restaurant and Bakery were recognized with a special celebration in January.

Sue Fritzsche started as a cake decorator in Jubelt's Mt. Olive facility in 1966, when decorated cakes and wedding cakes were a large part of the bakery's business. She was well known for her creativity, skill set and beautiful writing. Although, Jubelt's is no longer in the business of selling decorated cakes, Fritzsche still decorates hundreds of cookies a day. Her dedication to decorating has been unparalleled.

Brad Fricke, a senior grill cook, joined Jubelt's in 1991, and has assisted with general operations during his time working at the Litchfield-

based restaurant. Jan Sloan, a part-time employee, has been making all of Jubelt's homemade pies since 1993, and Charlotte Keeton has been hard at work in sales, and previously as a server, since 1998.

Three key employees joined the business in 2006: Jason Willows (kitchen manager), Brad Pratt (head baker) and Roger Molohon (the previous kitchen manager). Trinidad Lucas, head dishwasher joined the team in 2009, and Lori Wilhelm, a sales representative, has been with the local eatery for more than ten years, starting in 2011. Justin Amyx, a grill cook, has been on staff for ten years since 2013.

Terri Cerantano, a baker,

is now in her fifth year, having joined the team in 2018. Lauren DeLong is in her fourth year as a sales person, while Kim Millsap (sales), Gabi Hutson (cook) and Jason Williams (dishwasher and prep cook) have been with Jubelt's for over a year and make big contributions every day. While Meredith Vincent (baker) has only been with Jubelt's for a few months she has already proven herself as a valued team member.

The team behind the always popular restaurant is much appreciated by their employer and the community alike for coming to work and giving it their all everyday, despite the added challenges of last few years.



## Mardis Gras Fun At Timber Creek

Timber Creek Assisted Living in Litchfield had a little Mardis Gras fun on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 21. The residents celebrated with King cake, cupcakes and Bingo.

## Sparklight To Support K-12 STEM

Sparklight®, a leading broadband communications provider, invites schools and organizations serving K-12 students to enter its fifth annual "Dream Bigger" social media campaign for the opportunity to win \$2,500 to fund their science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) project or club.

K-12 schools and organizations in communities throughout the 21 states Sparklight serves may enter to win simply by sharing a photo and written entry outlining how the money will be used to fund their tech-

nology project – whether for equipment, competition fees, curriculum development, field trips or other materials – and how it benefits students. Six winners will each receive a \$2,500 donation.

"Sparklight has long recognized the importance of STEM education in equipping students with the skills to overcome the digital divide," said Trish Niemann, vice president of Communications Strategy. "Our annual Dream Bigger contest helps support STEM-based curricular and extracurricular initiatives

that get children interested in STEM concepts early on, sparking an interest that could last a lifetime."

Entries will be accepted March 1-22 at [sparklight.com/contest](http://sparklight.com/contest). Twelve finalists will be selected by Sparklight and the six winners will be determined by public voting from March 24 through March 31.

The finalists, as well as the winning schools and organizations, will be highlighted on Sparklight's social media channels, including Facebook and Instagram.

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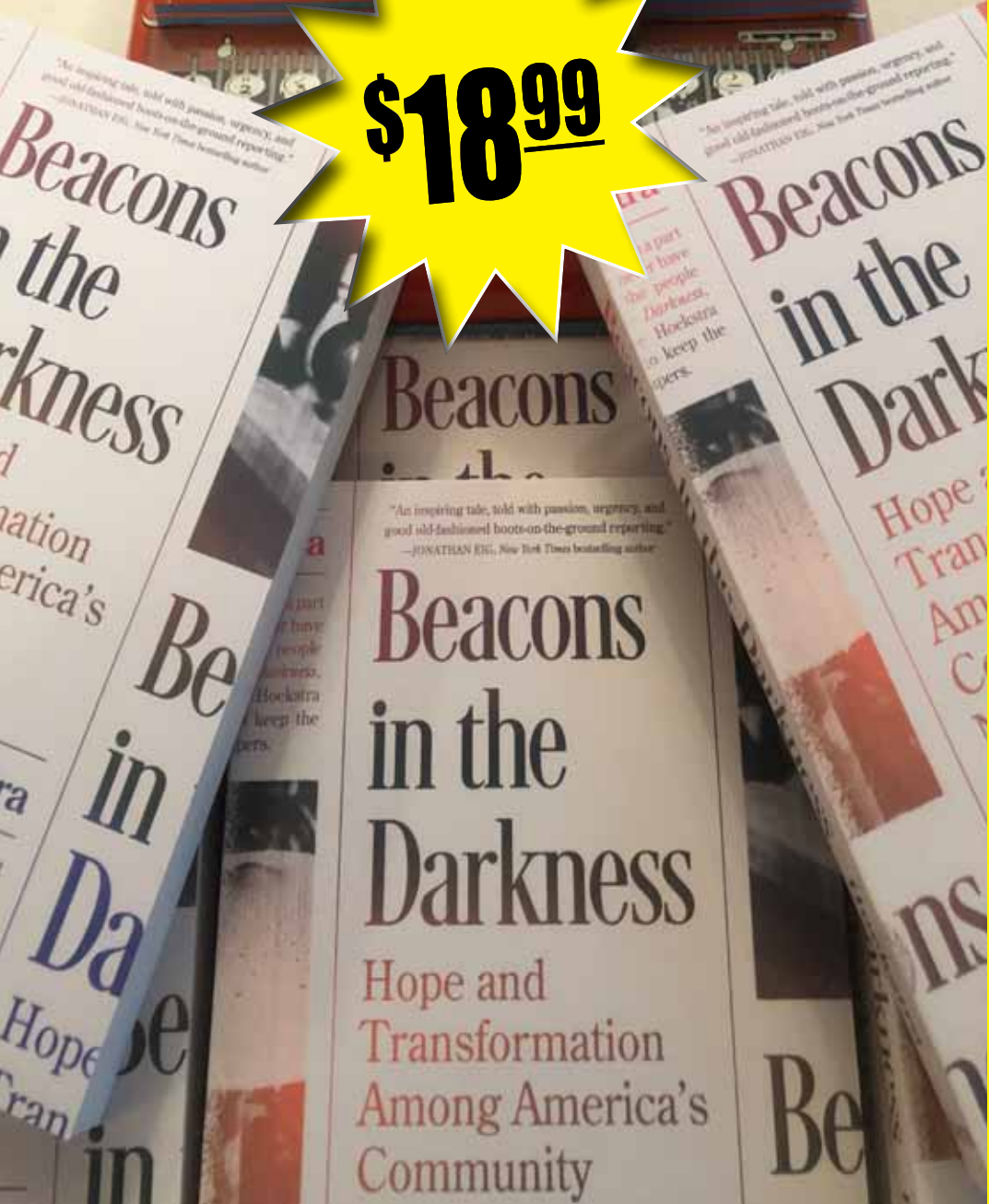
New book celebrates the Hillsboro community and the effect of local journalism

## BEACONS IN THE DARKNESS

Hope and Transformation Among America's Community Newspapers

by Dave Hoekstra

**\$18<sup>99</sup>**



Author Dave Hoekstra interviews the people trying to keep the lights on at community newspapers across the country amid buyouts, declining revenues, fake news, and a pandemic. The book is not an account of the death of local journalism, but rather a celebration of the community ties, perseverance, and empathy that's demonstrated in community newsrooms from Hillsboro to Charleston, SC, to Marfa, TX.

# Obituaries

## Litchfield Family Practice Has Limited Operations

Due to significant water damage due to roof damage and leaking from the storms on Friday, March 3, Litchfield Family Practice Center will have limited operations. The practice will be open this week, but will be operating out of a limited number

of exam rooms. "We truly appreciate the patience of our patients as we work to fix this problem," said Meghan Hyam, administrator of Litchfield Family Practice Center. For more information, call 217-324-6127.



## Birds Will Find Plenty Of Homes At Sanctuary

The soon-to-migrate purple martins will find plenty of places to reside when they return to Bremer Sanctuary this spring. Sanctuary stewards (pictured above) cleaned out three of the existing "purple martin condos" and put up two new condos, along with 15 plastic gourd houses. They also replaced the bat houses located on the sanctuary.

## Firearm Grants Lead To Compliance Checks

Using firearm enforcement grants awarded by the Illinois State Police (ISP), law enforcement agencies across the state conducted 1,115 firearm enforcement checks and placed 472 individuals into compliance with the Firearm Owner Identification Card Act (FOID) in 2022.

ISP awarded grants to 30 law enforcement agencies to conduct enforcement operations for individuals whose FOID had been revoked or suspended as a result of being prohibited by state or federal law. The enforcement details focus on individuals who have become the subject of a Firearm Restraining Order or Clear and Present Danger, or received a criminal conviction, among other reasons.

"Local law enforcement agencies know their communities best and know who poses a threat," said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. "Grants to local law enforcement agencies galvanizes our ability to keep firearms out of the hands of individuals who pose a significant threat to themselves or others."

Between the time ISP started tracking firearm

enforcement details in May 2019, through the end of 2022, ISP conducted 1,455 details and placed 4,296 individuals into compliance by surrendering their FOID Cards, transferring all firearms out of their possession, and completing a Firearm Disposition Record.

Between 2020 and the end of December 2022, ISP stopped more than 103,000 unlawful attempts to obtain a firearm through compliance checks, as well as firearm eligibility checks.

Funding for the enforcement grants comes from the State Police Revocation Enforcement Fund and were made possible through Public Act 102-0237.

The General Assembly appropriated \$2 million for the grants and as money is accrued in the State Police Revocation Enforcement Fund; the amount the 30 law enforcement agencies receive could potentially increase. The grants will help pay for officers to conduct enforcement details now through the end of the grant period, June 30, 2023.

The Illinois State Police will issue grants in the upcoming 2024 fiscal year.

## Robert Miles Harris, 56 Worked In Assessor's Office



Robert Miles Harris, 56, of Hillsboro, died on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

Visitation will be held Monday, March 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, March 7, beginning at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Simburger officiating. Burial will follow at Cress Hill Cemetery in Hillsboro.

Mr. Harris was born Feb. 2, 1967, in Hillsboro, to Linda (Salsi) Harris.

He was a 1986 graduate of Hillsboro High School, where he was a member of the tennis team, the 1986 prom king and was always on the honor roll.

Mr. Harris later obtained his real estate license and worked with Dunn's Real Estate. He was employed at the Montgomery County Assessor's Office since 2009 and also assisted at Everglo Neon.

He helped Jeff Dunn with photographing thousands of headstones in Montgomery County cemeteries, and also assisted with projects for the Historical Society of Montgomery County.

Mr. Harris enjoyed being with family and friends and spending time outdoors, where he loved fishing, gardening and mushroom hunting. He had a love for astronomy and was an avid tennis player, culinary genius and an inventive bartender. He was always a familiar face on Main Street in Hillsboro and is described as the kindest man ever by all who knew him.

He is survived by his mother; one aunt; and hundreds of friends who loved him dearly.

Memorials may be directed to Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro to assist with funeral arrangements. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.hough-funeralhome.com](http://www.hough-funeralhome.com).

## Iola Schroedel, 95 Leaves Family Behind

Iola (Hawley) Schroedel, 95, of Coffeen, died on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at her home.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Schroedel was the daughter of Lawrence and Bonnie Hawley. She married Robert Schroedel, and he preceded her in death. Mrs. Schroedel was originally from Hillsboro and spent most of her life in Coffeen.

Mrs. Schroedel is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Denning; three daughters, Dorothy Yingling, Helen (Brad) Davis and Dee (Greg) Neisler; multiple grandchildren, Kylie Neisler, Mallory Jablonski, Ryan Helm, Samantha Helm, Amanda Helm, Brandon Davis, Blake Davis, Brooke Davis, Joshua Yingling, Heather Gerhardt, Joshua White, Michaela Williams and William Schroedel; as well as 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Warren; grandson, Brett Zucco; and eleven brothers and sisters.



## Community Makes Life Giving Blood Donations

Danny McCallum (above) happily makes a life-giving donation during the Community Blood Drive at the Raymond Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 21. ImpactLife, the exclusive provider for Hillsboro Area Hospital and HSHS St. Francis Hospital, was the beneficiary of the recent drive.

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## Fire Department Grants

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Most Illinois fire departments, fire protections districts, township fire departments and stand-alone, nonprofit ambulance service providers were eligible to apply. All fire departments,

fire protections districts and township fire department applicants were required to have participated in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for a minimum of two years prior to applying.

## Martha V. Meiners, 83 Excellent Seamstress



Martha Virginia (Verhusen) Meiners, 83, of Nokomis, died on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Heritage Health: Therapy and Senior Care in Pana.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis. An additional visitation will be conducted Wednesday, March 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Chris Prumm officiating.

Mrs. Meiners was born April 6, 1939, in Nokomis, to Simon and Katherine (Johnson) Verhusen. She met John Meiners, the love of her life, when they were both 18 years old, and it was love at first sight for both of them. They married Nov. 7, 1958, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Nokomis. They enjoyed 64 years together, and he survives.

She graduated from high school and worked at the telephone office.

Mrs. Meiners was a stay-at-home mom, raising their five children. She was an excellent seamstress and loved quilting. She and her husband made beautiful rag rugs on a loom and traveled together to craft shows. She loved to hear her husband sing and would accompany him to country music shows where he performed.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Katherine (Dennis) Jackson, Mike (Barb) Meiners and Jo (Leon) Brummet, all of Nokomis, Sonja Meiners of Littleton, CO, and Vickie (Joe) Landis of Buckeye, AZ; grandchildren, Christina White, Larry Jackson, Amy Jackson, Kyle Jackson, Michael Meiners Jr., Lankston Brummet, Joston Brummet, Brakston Brummet, Braeston Brummet, John Landis, Keegan Landis and Rece Landis; great-grandchildren, Asher Meiners, Gideon Meiners, Orion Brummet and Aurora Brummet; siblings, Lawrence (Bev) Verhusen of Marco Island, FL, John (Karen) Verhusen of Mt. Zion and Patricia (Lester) Stevens of Hillsboro; and brother-in-law, Carl (Terri) Meiners of Toddville, IA.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church, 204 N. Pine St., Nokomis, IL 62075 or Quad County Home Health and Hospice, 1 Huber St., Pana, IL 62557. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.stiehl-dawsonfh.com](http://www.stiehl-dawsonfh.com).

## Cindy Schroeder, 60 Worked For State



Cynthia Ellen Schroeder, 60, of Modesto, died on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 4, at Boston Chapel Church in rural Girard. Burial followed at Sulphur Springs Cemetery in rural Atwater. Davis-Anderson Funeral Home in Girard assisted the family.

Mrs. Schroeder was born Nov. 27, 1962, in Springfield, to Harold W. and Linda K. (Arnold) Peper. She married Larry E. Schroeder on April 5, 1986, at Boston Chapel Church in rural Girard, and he preceded her in death on May 24, 2021.

She worked for the State of Illinois in the accounts payable department and retired in 2019.

Mrs. Schroeder was a member of Boston Chapel Church, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Sulphur Springs Cemetery Board. She was a workaholic who loved to read and play the piano for relaxation and her church.

She is survived by her mother of Girard; daughter, Amanda Marie (Patrick) Mann of Springfield; grandson, William Schroeder Mann; sister, Lorinda (Mark) Jennings of Litchfield; brothers, Jerry (Wendy) Peper of Illiopolis and Tom Peper of Decatur; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Schroeder was preceded in death by her father; and twin granddaughters.

Memorials may be directed to Boston Chapel Church in rural Girard or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.davisandersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisandersonfuneralhome.com).

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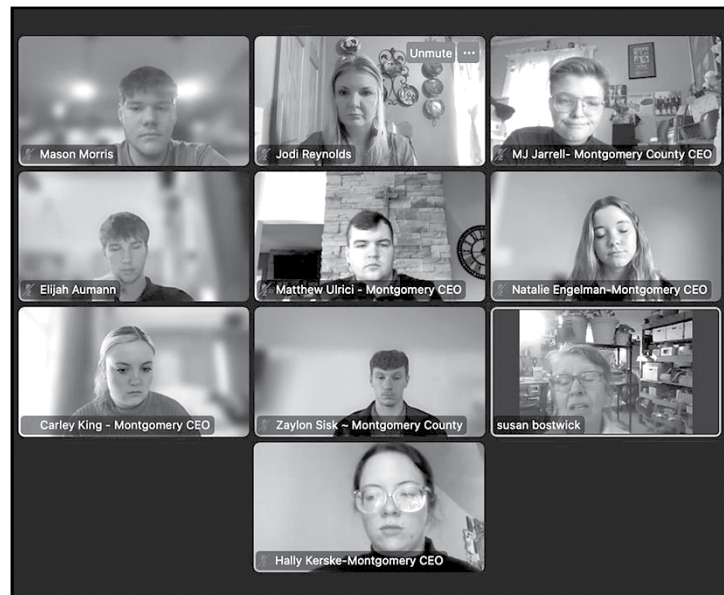
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## Pottery Artist Meets With Montgomery CEO Team

Pottery artist Susan Bostwick met with the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) team via Zoom on Friday, Feb. 17. Bostwick spoke to the local students about her career path and how her early days working in an insurance company led her to venture out as an entrepreneur, creating and selling pottery. She discussed the importance of maintaining contact with supporters and pouring creative energy into business endeavours.

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### Toddlers Learn All About Forest Animals At Library

Forest animals were the theme for this week's Lapsit program at Nokomis Public Library. The little bitty learners in attendance read a story and then colored pictures of forest animals. Library Lapsit is a weekly program held from 10:15 to 11 a.m. each Wednesday as part of the Nokomis Hand in Hand birth-to-three program. It is open to all families in the Nokomis School District for children ages birth to three years old. Above, are Raegan Bauer, Lilah Watkins and Brittney Batty.

### Litchfield Park District Ready For Egg Hunt

Litchfield Park District will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the Litchfield Community Center. Children from infants through age ten years old are invited to join the fun and participate in the hunt. Lots of candy and prizes will be given out.

### Spring Paint Night Out At Doyle Library

Join Doyle Public Library for a Spring Paint Night, starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 20th. Artist Sharolyn Bradley will instruct participants in painting a spring dragonfly. The cost to attend is \$25 per person, which includes all supplies and is paid directly to Bradley. Snacks and drinks will be provided. To reserve a spot call 217-229-4471. More information about Doyle Public Library can be found online at [doylepubliclibrary.org](http://doylepubliclibrary.org).



The first-ever "Barring the Stigma" pageant was held on Friday, Feb. 24. From the left, are newly crowned Little Miss Lilianna Smith of Hillsboro, Junior Miss Laynee Smith of Pana and Miss Claudia Deren of Litchfield and (new) Pageant Director Summer Smith.

### New Pageant Crowns First Queens

The first-ever "Barring the Stigma" pageant was held on Friday, Feb. 24, at the Butler Community Center. Over \$2,000 was raised from the event, all of which was donated to the 2021 Montgomery County Fair Queen Summer Smith and her family, who recently lost everything in a devastating house fire. "I don't even know where to begin," said Smith. "My cup overflows with gratitude and joy. I can not thank everyone enough for the generosity they extended to my family after our tragedy." The pageant was organized by Alexa Bacon, Elissa Leek and Shelby Smith, with crowns

awarded in three age groups, "Little Miss," "Junior Miss" and "Miss." Participants included (Little Miss) Karsyn Sisk, Adalynn Potter, Avree Meyer, Marlee Wrachford, Abbie Sturgeon, Autumn Kitchens, Madyxx Gray, Lilliana Smith and Korra Smith; (Junior Miss) Laynee Smith, Avery Robinson and Amelia Fuller; and (Miss) Abby Robins, Kamryn Trowbridge, Keeley Grossenheider, Claudia Deren, Lissa Bennett, Caitlyn Howard and Rileigh Dunlap. In addition to competing for a title, contestants were awarded for "Miss Photogenic," "Best Personality," "Best

Dressed" and "Best Smile." After a tough competition, Little Miss Lilianna Smith of Hillsboro, Junior Miss Laynee Smith of Pana and Miss Claudia Deren of Litchfield were crowned. "I am beyond excited to announce that I am taking over as director and that the 'Barring the Stigma Queen Pageant' is now an official pageant that will include a year of service with our new queens," said Smith. "I am beyond blessed to take on this role and I can not wait to see what Claudia, Laynee and Lilliana will do with their year. Thank you to everyone who made this possible."

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### Lewis And Clark Announces Fall President's List

Ethan Lentz, of Irving, has been named on the President's List at Lewis and Clark Community College for the Fall 2022 semester. To earn recognition students must earn a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

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PANTHER PRESS • by Morgan Lemon at Litchfield

## Sports Boosters To Host Volleyball Tourney



Happy Monday, Panthers! We do not have school today for Casimir Pulaski Day, and we didn't have school last Friday. I hope everyone had a great four-day weekend!

The Litchfield Sports Boosters are hosting a LMS/LHS volleyball tournament March 12 in Panther Gym. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the tournament starts at 10 a.m. Teams are six to eight players with an equal number of boys and girls. A waiver needs to be signed at registration by a parent for \$5 per team member. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Concession stand will be available. Stop by Student Services to sign up your team by March 7.

There will be a Post Prom meeting March 16 at 6 p.m. in the Radius Room.

Wednesday, March 8 will be "Put Your Hat On" day. Bring a \$1 and give it to your first-hour teacher. All money collected will be given to one of our substitute teachers who lost her house due to a fire.

It's Prom shopping time! If you are interested in a gently worn Prom dress and jewelry, this is for you! The dresses and jewelry are completely free. This event is not just for those who can't afford a dress, this is open to anyone! First come, first serve. Also, this year we will also have some items for the gentlemen. This year we want to remember Faith Hartzell. This would've been Faith's senior prom. Some of the dresses donated have been done in Faith's honor. The LHS Fairy Godmother Boutique will be open from April 10 to April 28. It will be open each day from 2:30 to 3:05 p.m. (in ImPact).

Have a great, shortened week, Panthers!

REDSKIN REVIEW • by Hailey Engelman at Nokomis

## National Honor Society Banquet Is March 9



Happy Monday, everyone! Nokomis students and staff should be enjoying their day off to recognize Casimir Pulaski Day.

First, I want to remind everyone of the blood drive tomorrow, March 7, being held with the help of the National Honor Society. It will be from 2 to 6 p.m. in the NHS cafeteria. Thank you to all of those who have signed up as a donor and we look forward to seeing you!

The yearly National Honor Society Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 9. There, they will welcome new members and reflect upon the past year for the current members. The event will be parents/guardians and siblings of members only, so it will not be open to the general public.

Congratulations to the February Students of the Month, including freshman Nolan Herpstreich, sophomore Abigail O'Malley, junior Irene Vandenberg and senior Natalie Engelman.

FFA officer applications are available! If students are interested in running for office next year, they can get an application from Ms. Hartke or Mr. Fesser. Applications are due Friday, March 10.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Bass Fishing Team should check their email and contact Mr. Reedy for more information.

German Club shirts are in! Members should bring their dues to Mr. Boelke to receive their shirt.

College Now students who attend Lincoln Land Community College are now on spring break! Classes will resume on Monday, March 13.

SENIORS: Continue to check your email from Mrs. DeWerrf for scholarship information. Don't forget to send senior, baby or throwback photos to Mr. Moreland, Mrs. Goodwin or Olivia Tosetti.

Scholastic bowl had the privilege of hosting the MSM Conference Tournament last week. This meet would conclude their season. Congratulations to all members on their hard work throughout the season!

In sports, the Lady Redskins softball and Redskins baseball teams have completed their first full week of practice. This week will be the same, but games will be beginning before we know it!

The new track program also completed its first full week, and players are learning a lot to prepare for this new season.

Lady Redskins basketball will hold their banquet today, March 6, to reflect on their season and receive player awards. Redskins basketball will also hold their season banquet this week, on Saturday, March 11.

That is all for this week, and don't forget to check back in next week for another Redskin Review!



Pictured above, St. Louis Catholic School students participate in a variety of games, including Plinko and fishing out objects as part of the 2023 Mission Carnival, which helped raise \$726.63 for the Missionary Childhood Association.



## St. Louis Catholic School Raises Money For Missions

Seventh and eighth grade students in Ms. Aumann's class at St. Louis Catholic School in Nokomis hosted the 2023 Mission Carnival on Friday, Feb. 17, to help raise money for the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA).

The students raised a total of \$726.63 for the association. Participants from the parish and school were able to purchase tickets for treats, games, as well as chances for raffle prizes at the carnival.

The work of the MCA supports mission churches in Catholic dioceses located in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe,

Oceania and the Americas. Each year students at St. Louis School learn about the lives of children just like them in a different part of the world in many fun ways. Throughout the school year, classes raise money by hosting various fundraisers.

Supporting the MCA is one way St. Louis Catholic School's two part mission is fulfilled. First is to assist parents in their responsibility to educate the children God has entrusted to them, and second is to aid the church in its God-given mission of spreading the faith throughout the earth and through time.

Furthermore, St. Louis School (SLS) strives to meet the challenges spelled out by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the United States in the document, "Sharing the Light of Faith." This document states that Catholic schools are "Communities of faith in which the Christian message, the experience of community, worship and social concern are integrated in the total experience of students, their parents and the members of the faculty."

Through their commitment to the message, community, service and liturgy, St. Louis School strives to

nurture faithful and productive citizens of the global society.

It is the school's goal that students who graduate from SLS will have a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ and that they will evidence this relationship through and throughout their lives. SLS offers Pre-k through 8th grade classrooms along with several extra curricular activities.

For more information on an education at St. Louis School, call 217-563-7445 during school hours.

## Amateur Radio Club Meets On Wednesday

The Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corp. will hold their regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at the Challacombe House, located at 509 School Street, two blocks east of the junction of Rt. 127 and Rt. 16 in Hillsboro.

**Upcoming Events**  
**Lewis and Clark Radio Club 2023 Hamfest:** Saturday, March 11, 7 a.m. to noon at "the commons" located at

Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey. More information can be found online at [www.k9ham.org](http://www.k9ham.org). Talk-in on K9HAM Repeater 145.230(-) PL 79.7.

The Montgomery County AREC meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12. For more information contact Judy Reynolds at 217-259-5650.

## Village Of Farmersville Prepares For Egg Hunts

Area children are invited to attend Farmersville's 9th annual Easter Egg Hunt from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 1. Hunts will be divided into age brackets. Children ages zero to three years old will start at 11:15 a.m., those four to six years old will begin at 11:40 a.m., and children seven to ten years old will start at noon. Each age group will have the chance to find one golden egg to win a special Easter basket.

In addition to the egg hunts, the family-friendly event will include a petting zoo, free pony rides and free photos. Attendees will have a chance to win one of six bikes.

Farmersville's Egg Hunt is hosted by the Uptown Salon and sponsored by Illuminatus MC, The Rooted Home, Caddy Shack Sports Bar and Grill, the Farmersville Revitalization Committee, Bank and Trust Company and Lil' Nightmare Photography.

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## Litchfield Sports Boosters Host Volleyball Tourney

Litchfield Sports Boosters are hosting a volleyball tournament for students in middle and high school on Sunday, March 12, at the Panther gym. Registration will open at

9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning and the tournament starts at 10 a.m. The teams can include six to eight players and must have an equal number of boys and girls. A

waiver will need to be signed by a parent or guardian at the time of registration.

Fees are set at \$5 per team members. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for Litchfield

students. The concession stand will be open during the tournament. Team sign-up forms must be turned in to the LMS office by Tuesday, March 7.

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RAMBLINGS • by Ron Deabenderfer

## I Recommend *Beacons Book*



If you haven't read *Beacons in the Darkness* by David Hoekstra yet, I recommend it highly, especially if you're interested in small towns and the government in each of them. Locally, a few copies remain at *The Journal-News* office; if one is neither local

nor near a favorite book store, it's available on Amazon.

For me it wasn't an easy read despite how voraciously I read. I've always kept six or seven books in a pile by my resting nest. As a freshman in high school in 1958, I read Melville's *Moby Dick* for an oral book report. We had to tell Mrs. Stitt of our choice a month before the reports began, and she rolled her eyes at me and questioned, "Are you sure?" before giving her okay. It wasn't the teeny-bopper stuff most 13-year-olds would read; and later encounters—I read it again in an undergraduate American Lit. class and at Sangamon State in a Melville seminar as a graduate student—I discovered I'd missed most of the symbolism in the novel, but I finished it.

I suspect I chose it because I'd read Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* as a fishing tale, and I probably thought *Moby Dick* would be more of the same, just longer. I didn't figure that out till years after. I'm grateful to Mrs. Stitt for not saying, "No, that's above your head," to me, whose ego wasn't as prominent then as it is now. I would have interpreted the refusal as, "No, you're too dumb to understand it." Neither did she point out the weaknesses in my oral report; that too would have deflated the self-worth I was striving to find.

Perhaps she had never read the book herself, but that's the cynic in me speaking—that too has developed over time. I do remember that she put an A on the report, and that didn't happen often when I was in high school. I'm also thankful that she (and others) made me stand in front of a class of peers to speak (for shy me that was difficult then but never after) and that the group work educational theory (now prevalent) had not yet come into vogue. If I live long enough, I'll ramble some month about educational philosophies. I've seen that change tremendously (and not in a positive fashion) over the past 70 years.

It took me longer to read *Beacons in the Darkness* than it did to read *Moby Dick*. Part of the reason is my personal involvement with *The Journal-News*; if one hasn't written, even part-time, for a paper, he/she has no concept of the time it takes. All weeks aren't the same, but on occasion I have two places to be on one evening. Before I chose not to run for another county board term, it was three places on Tuesday evenings when I had athletic contests, city council meetings, and county board meetings all on my personal agenda.

I've had the Hillsboro City Council beat for a decade or so; one staff member who covered the twice-a-month meetings prior to me contracted cancer, and another moved from the area, so I was asked if I would do it. I'd started covering sports for the paper in 1968 as an unpaid volunteer. When I became coach of the Coffeen Cubs, I noticed attendance of the events—my coaching assignment was baseball in the fall, basketball in the winter, and track in the spring—wasn't what the boys deserved, partly because there was no press coverage. I timidly approached the *Journal*, and the always-gracious Nancy Galer said the paper would welcome whatever I'd submit on a voluntary basis.

She also asked if I were the same Ron who had graduated from Blackburn that spring (I was). She and Phil had attended Blackburn before transferring to the U of I; Nancy had kept in touch with English prof. Harriet Stoddard, with whom I'd struck a chord on my two years there.

Miss Stoddard had asked if Nancy and Phil would keep an eye on me when I began teaching here. Wife Judy was in her fourth semester of sixth grade teaching at Coffeen when Don Beane hired me to teach Freshman English at Hillsboro High, though at the time I needed a provisional certificate because I didn't take student teaching, which was a certification requirement. I suspect that if I'd taken student teaching, I might not have become a teacher, but that too is a "Ramblings" for another month.

I'd submit the same articles to the *News* after each game, and interest did improve. It also had another benefit—mothers and grandparents could clip the articles for scrapbooks. My grandmother had clipped articles that mentioned my sister, brother, and me from the *Indiana Evening Gazette*. I still have mine; somehow it made me feel validated—so much so that it became worn out from page turning on those occasions when the trivialities of life threatened to overcome me. That happened more often than I would have liked until Judy and I found each other in the mid-1960s.

I fear we were too busy to clip newspaper articles when Dawn and Jenni came along, but the grandkids were born after Judy passed, and I began scrapbooks for them. *The Journal-News* was a good source for pictures. I recently turned over to Kaylyn and Kyle their collections; Kamryn will receive hers after she graduates from college; and little Emma has only a page or two thus far.

Dawn and Jenni had to be content with an album or two each of pictures from the past; Kaylyn and Kyle each had an album of pictures too. They rolled their eyes, probably thinking about where to store them in their houses. I'm glad that's their responsibility now.

I have enough storage problems of my own to worry about. I've thrust separate picture

albums—of family vacations, life with Judy and friends/family before we were blessed with children, teams I've coached for the school district and for the sports association during the summer, landscapes from the area in which I grew up, flora from my own yard since I've lived in Hillsboro. As Kamryn can attest, I tend to keep everything.

Until the fall of 1970, high school sports were covered by high school students; that's the fall when football coach Dave Ball asked if I'd do the statistics for the varsity football team. At the same time, the Galers asked if I'd cover football for them; son John was off to college, and I think they saw a chance to gain an edge in competition with the *Montgomery County News*. I agreed to cover football since I'd have to be at the games anyway (Larry Hewitt did one page of the stats book, I did the other) and I became a sports writer.

The first year had a major hiccup; I was to be paid a dime per column inch of copy, which to me meant long stories to justify time spent. Some of the parents liked the page and a half coverage, but Phil didn't have that much space to give to one game. When we "discussed" it, we agreed on a set amount per game plus mileage for out of town contests. I still write under that agreement.

Eventually basketball became my beat, and I assumed baseball coverage in 2007 when I stopped coaching girls' soccer in the spring. Over the years I had other *J-News* duties. I'd go in on Sunday nights to develop the aluminum plates that were placed on the press. I did some feature writing in the summers—in particular I remember a coon-hunting story with the late Don Welge in the Butler area and a cattle-wrangling photo essay about Bob Snow (from the Fillmore/Bingham area) who roped runaway cattle from horseback as a service to area farmers. I think the story I wrote covered cattle that had broken through fences in rural Irving. That was in the 35mm camera days, before digital cameras, which I have never used.

Now I cover Hillsboro's City Council and some select committee meetings, the Planning Commission and the National Resources Committee meetings. I'll occasionally go to a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting because the committee meetings provide the background I need to write council stories fairly.

I know I present problems to the everyday *Journal* staff. For one, every word of mine that's published is submitted in hand-written form. I discovered years ago that pen (or pencil) point writing is my strength; I think and thus write better if I use pen on paper cursive writing. I've tried typing, but even in college I'd do better essays if I wrote them first and then typed them before submission. I've never been a computer/e-mail fan, even though that would be more economical for the paper. They hire people to type my stuff, and I know that's a favor to me. I'm not irreplaceable.

Except for that, I feel I'm a good employee. I show up at meetings on time, I turn articles in before deadlines, I come in to proof my work after it's typed (at no charge), I come in the morning of publication to review obituaries as one way to organize them for the Old Settlers prayer. I feel I'm at least a competent sports writer because I've been a fan as well as a coach of a wide array of athletics, so I know the strategies employed (without bothering coaches for quotes which too often could be used by others against them).

On a personal level, although I'm far from wealthy, I have a pension that supplies basic needs so I don't have to demand a huge salary, and Medicare plus a state-supplied insurance supplement means I don't need private medical insurance. Besides, I have free time. I'm retired, but I'm not a recluse. I still want to contribute to my local community in hopes of improving it.

That's where the paper enters my personal picture. First, I enjoy writing; I always have. Second, I enjoy the people and the atmosphere at the newspaper office. Once I had a close personal family, but then cancer took Judy, and the girls married and moved. (I'm really grateful that Dawn returned to town so I could be a grandfather to her three.) I felt close to the high school faculty for the 39 years I taught here, but a sixth sense told me it was time to retire (the students were so much younger that I wasn't relating well). I was almost rudderless when Judy passed.

That's when Nancy asked if I'd come in Sunday and Wednesday nights to make calls to area funeral homes and fire personnel so we would have the latest information to publish. It wasn't too many years ago I stopped doing that.

That was when the beginning of my feeling of "This is my third family" began. Now the friends I see most often are there. Now I have a place to go where I feel wanted, needed, and welcomed. Now there's a place to share a common meal on special occasions. The paper and its readers give me the feeling of belonging that each of us needs.

Will my career there last forever? Nothing does; I suspect it'll end when I can no longer physically meet the challenges already at work health-wise. However, I don't want it to end because of economic/cultural changes.

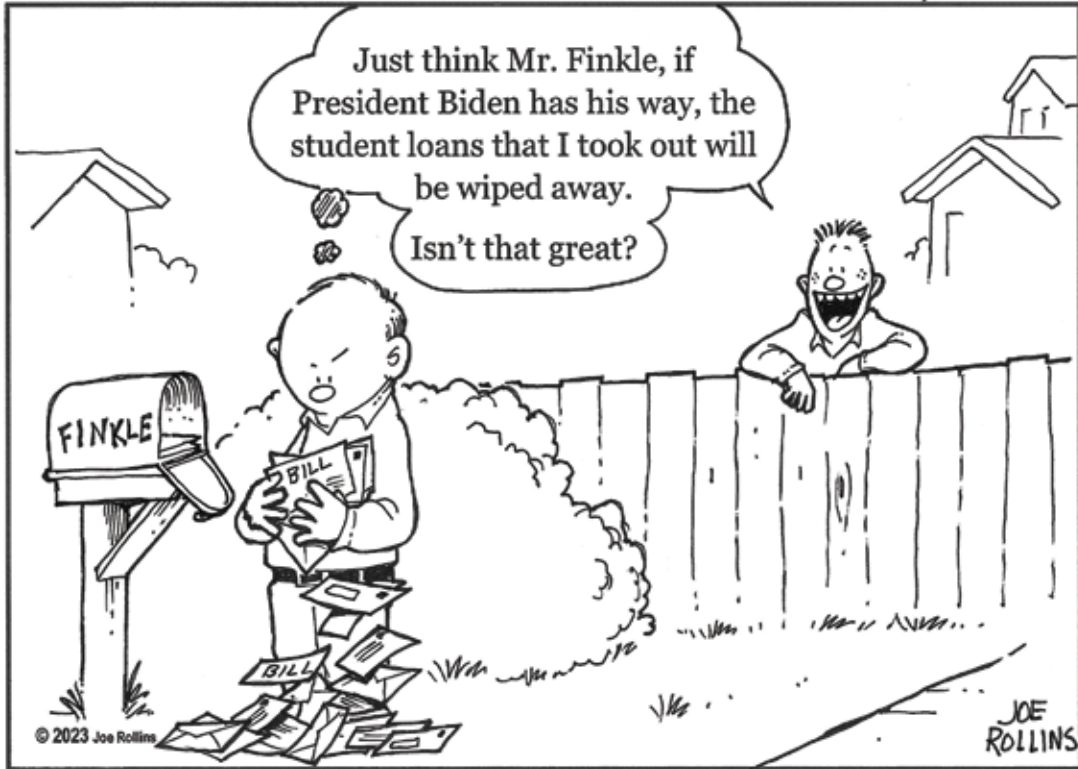
It is those changes that Hoekstra outlines in his book. He also outlines the harm that comes to communities when local papers disappear. He covers both of those causes better than I can.

That's why I ask you to buy or borrow the book. I hope it's an enjoyable but thought-provoking read for you.

It was for me.

Joe's Corner

by Joe Rollins



GUEST COLUMN • by Kamryn Kiper at Hillsboro High School

## To Be A Positive Friend



It's a windy and snowy day as we enter the circle drive at the junior high school. My heart pounds inside my chest as I reach for the button to open the van door. I use my gray sweatshirt to dry the tears that start to form in my eyes as I make my way to the front doors. The overlapping sound of footsteps fill the air as I feel someone grab the handle on my backpack to get my attention. My heart slows and my tears dry as my best friend from 5th grade walks me into the new school.

Moving schools is never easy. It's a new atmosphere with new people and new teachers. Moving back to Hillsboro in eighth grade after living in another town for several years wasn't an easy task for 14 year old me, and I had so many questions. Would my friends still want to talk to me? Would people even remember me from elementary school? What if I had no one to sit with during lunch, or no one to talk to during recess? Fortunately, all of these questions were answered on day one when the girl I had grown up with throughout elementary school walked me inside and sat with me while we waited for our first class to begin. She didn't care that we hadn't spoken in years; she was able to put herself in my place anyways, knowing how frightened I must have been. The type of empathy she possessed is admirable, and I will never forget the ways in which she included me as a new girl to the school—the way she stepped up to a task not asked of her. If everyone could possess that sort of positivity and convey it to their friends—to be a positive friend—the world would be a better place.

To be a positive friend is to live with integrity and to not conform to those around you, staying true to yourself, to your character, and to those you love and admire most. It's defending your friend's name when they aren't there to hear it; it's to act like the entire world is watching you even when there's few in the room. To be a positive friend is to be dependable. It's to know that regardless of what arguments or fights are occurring, you can still reach out to one another. Being a positive friend is to listen; it's to care about what the other person is saying rather than simply waiting for a turn to speak. To be a positive friend is to tell the truth, even



The Hillsboro High School Sources of Strength group sponsored a Positive Friend Essay Contest, where students wrote essays about what it means to be a positive friend. Mrs. Heyen is pictured above with first place winner Kamryn Kiper, center, who was awarded \$100, and second place winner Chloe Atkins, at right, who received a \$50 Amazon gift card.

when it's hard—especially when it's hard. It's confronting your friends to ensure they stay true to their own character, holding them accountable, and protecting them from harming their own life. To be a positive friend is to laugh until you cry with one another, and to value each other's differences. It's to lift each other up when the other is sad, and to allow them to branch off and make other friends. It's having your friend's best interest at heart, and supporting them through everything. It's being reliable in times of need, and displaying genuine interest in their problems. To be a positive friend is to be someone's reason in life, to uplift them and as a result, reap the benefits of doing so.

I'm 18 now, and still best friends with the girl who walked me into the new school on my first day in eighth grade. Now, even as seniors, she meets me at my car everyday and we walk into our first hour together. She is still the girl I turn to after a bad day, or look across the room for when I know we'll both find something funny. She is still the girl who asks me what I was saying when someone else talks over me in the middle of the story, and the girl that Facetimes me when we have something to talk about. She's a very positive friend, and as a result, has made me a positive friend, hopefully not just for her, but for everyone else in my life as well.

DID YOU KNOW? • Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center

## Did You Know...About Company K

In the aftermath of the sinking of the USS Main in Havana Harbor, Cuba, on Feb. 15, 1898, the United States government faced the ever-increasing reality of a war with Spain. Unprepared, the American government immediately began to ready its army for the infringing fight; a daunting task as the Regular Army numbered around 28,000 men, scattered throughout the county, and the Spanish Army in Cuba boasted more than 200,000. The United States government also lacked machinery and the equipment needed to manufacture materials, to supply new forces, quickly.

Locally, Captain David Davis, began to prepare his troops, Litchfield's Company K, to serve in the Spanish American War. The local troops gathered at the intersection of State Street and Union Avenue.

The Spanish American war lasted less than four months (April 21, through Aug. 13, 1898), however



Above, is a photo of the annual encampment, Francis E. Green Camp #10, of Spanish American War veterans. Captain David Davis is the fourth from the right in the back row.

Montgomery Genealogical Society Photo/ Richard Smith

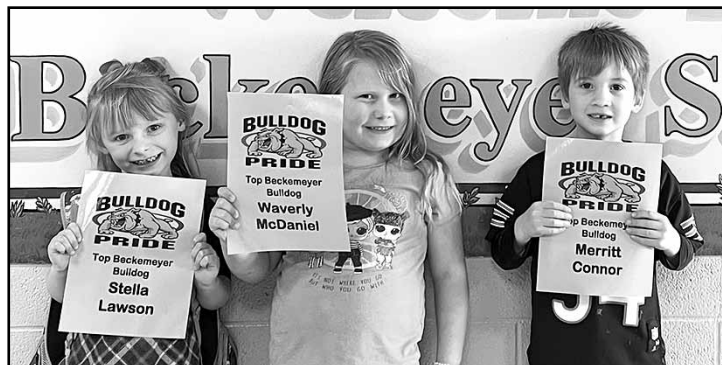
several servicemen from Company K valiantly gave their lives fighting for the county, including Francis E. Green, who drowned near Havana, Cuba.

Some of the servicemen from Company K are buried at Elmwood Cemetery in a plot that was donated for the fallen veterans by William LaForce.

The hard-fought Spanish-American War brought an end to almost four centuries

of Spanish presence in the Americas and is credited with helping to redefine the national identity following the Civil War.

More information about Litchfield's Company K can be found by visiting the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center located at Historic Route 66 North in Litchfield, during their regular business hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.



Top bulldogs in the kindergarten classrooms, from the left, are Stella Lawson, Waverly McDaniel and Merritt Connor. Not present for the photo was Kate Waldriff.



Top bulldogs in the first grade classrooms, from the left, are Mya McBrain, Emberly Stines, Aubriella Bechtel and Julianna Schmitt. Not present for the photo was Bentley White.



Top bulldogs in the second grade classrooms, from the left, are Maddy Eyman, Piper Rigney, Ike Obidiegwu, Isaac Kenny, Cashlyn Hanger and Ruger Sherman.

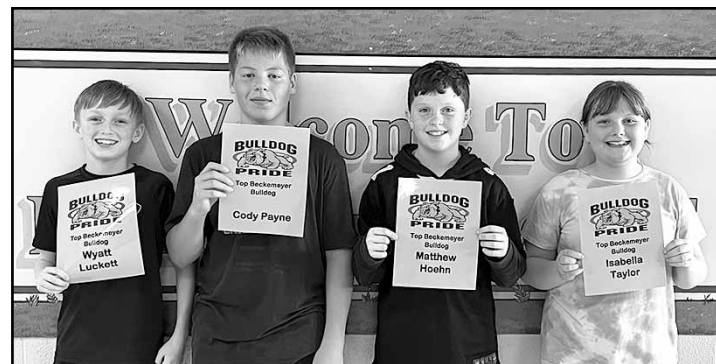
## Beckemeyer Students Honored As Top Bulldogs In February



Top bulldogs in the third grade classrooms, from the left, are Guy Branham, Saleena Garcia, Ethan Cress, Makinley Furness and Kinsley Altevogt.



Top bulldogs in the fourth grade classrooms, from the left, are Colton Christian, Steven Campbell, Drew Schweizer and Jaelyn Murray.



Top bulldogs in the fifth grade classrooms, from the left, are Wyatt Luckett, Cody Payne, Matthew Hoehn and Isabella Taylor.



## Morrisonville Students Attend UIS Performance

The eighth grade students at Morrisonville Junior High School took a trip to the UIS Performing Arts Center in Springfield to attend a performance of "And Then They Came for Me" on Tuesday, Feb. 21, as a supplemental lesson to their reading of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Language arts teacher Mikaela Wattleworth has been weaving in bits of the story of a Holocaust survivor that she recently met into their class discussions.

## Red Carpet Corridor To Be First Weekend In May

The 16th Annual Illinois Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor has expanded to Saturday and Sunday on the first weekend in May.

The event has also added Bloomington-Normal, expanding the event to 100 miles and 14 communities. This year's Red Carpet Corridor will be May 6-7.

The festival highlights 100 miles of Route 66, which is the most famous road in the world. The event will provide nostalgic fun for the whole family. Each of the 14 participating communities from Joliet to Bloomington have their own festivities, from full-blown festivals to antique and craft sales, to car and motorcycle shows, to live entertainment. Everyone is sure to discover something unique.

Food, snacks and treats will be in abundance, and there are plenty of historic sites, outstanding free museums and unique mom and pop businesses to help create a nostalgic journey for all to experience. Visitors can simply enjoy the drive, or stop and participate in activities, or do a little shopping in any of the great stores or at trademark yard sales from town to town.

The 2023 event has not only expanded to add Bloomington-Normal, but it has also expanded from a Saturday-only event to a Saturday to Sunday event. There are a host of lodging options along this 100-mile-long event to accommodate this bigger and better event. Participating communities include Joliet, Elwood, Wilmington, Braidwood, Godley, Braceville, Gardner, Dwight, Odell, Pontiac, Chenoa, Lexington, Normal and Bloomington.

The commemorative giveaway this year is a customized currency bill for each community, that includes a photo of an iconic attraction and historical information.

Once again, this year, the public can download and check out the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway mobile app by searching 'Explore Illinois Route 66' in the App Store or on Google Play. There, individuals will have an opportunity to click on 'passports' and participate by entering the code available at each location. Check in via the mobile app at all 14 locations and participants will be entered to win a prize package worth over \$100.

Details about passport stops, commemorative giveaway locations and activities in each community can be found on the event website at [www.ilroute66redcarpet-corridor.com](http://www.ilroute66redcarpet-corridor.com).



## All About Rubber Ducks At Litchfield Family Night

Litchfield Public Library's family event "Duck, Duck, Read!" will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 10. The night is all about rubber duckies, which will be featured in games, crafts and other activities, including a duck hunt, a bubble bath duck, a giant duck photo booth and, of course, the duck game. Families are encouraged to check out the free event. For more information contact Litchfield Public Library at 217-324-3866. Above, Stacie Wygal, library materials clerk, and Library Director Sara Zumwalt hold up a few of the miniature rubber ducks that will be used in the duck hunt game.

## Meetings

### Hillsboro City Council

Hillsboro City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at the city hall building. Agenda items up for discussion include event approvals, the purchase of police equipment and ARPA funds.

### Wares Grove Cemetery Association

The Wares Grove Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, March 12, beginning at 6 p.m. at Wares Grove Church in Butler. The meeting is open to the public.

### Roads and Bridges Committee

The Montgomery County Board Road and Bridges Committee meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8. Agenda items include updates on the Walshville Bypass Road intergovernmental agreement, old Highway Department building and Whitetown and Walshville Trail bridges.



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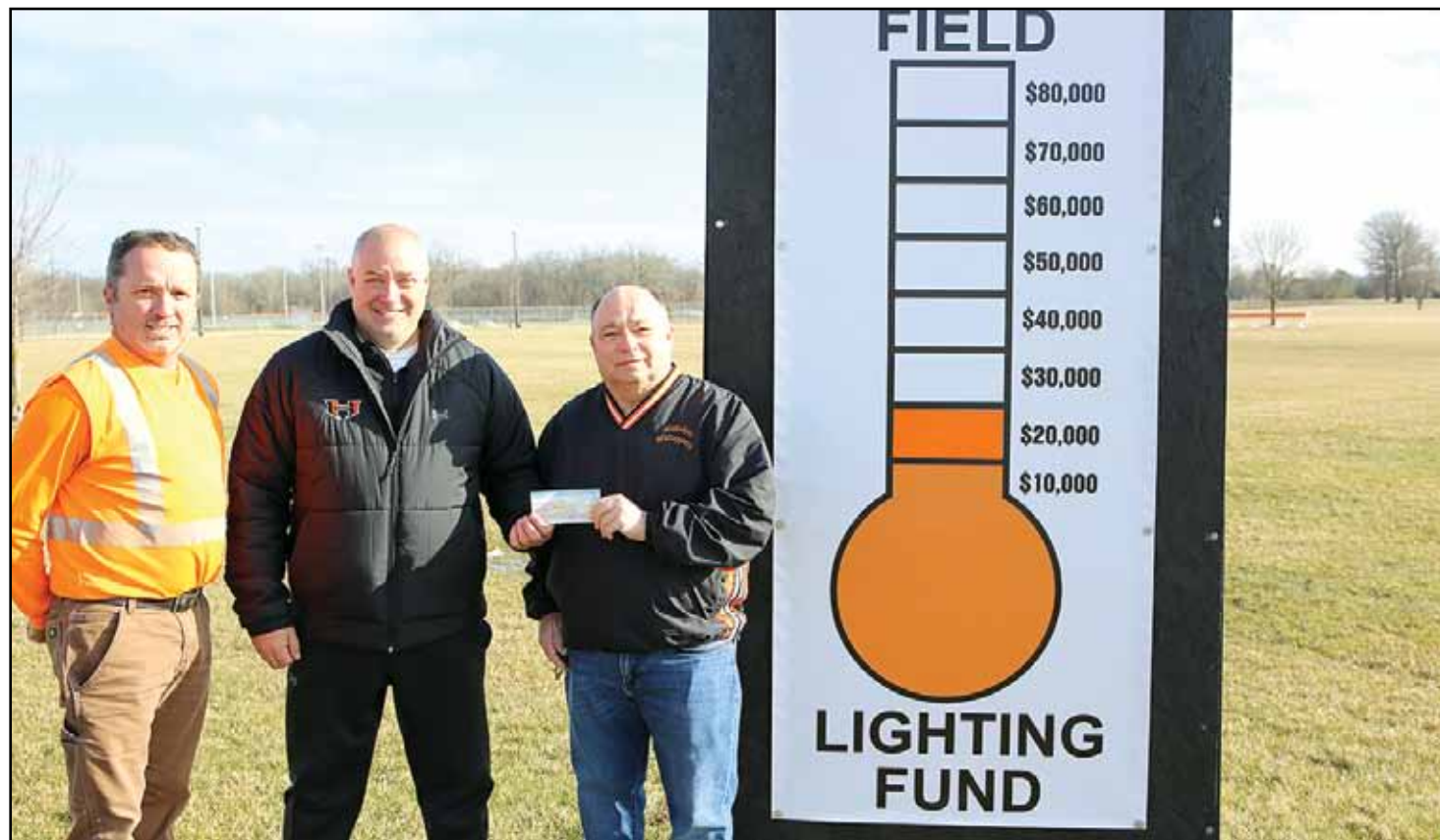
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### Clinard Donates To Sports Complex In Honor Of Hertel

Bill and Robin Clinard of Schram City made a donation in memory of the late Roy Hertel to the Hillsboro Sports Complex that pushed the soccer field lighting fund past \$20,000 on the way toward its \$80,000 goal. "Without him, none of this would be here," Clinard said of Hertel's involvement in building the sports complex. The two were honored with the Hillsboro Sertoma Service to Mankind Award in 2004 for their involvement in the development of the sports complex. Hertel, who passed on May 25, 2017, was instrumental in fundraising and financing during the development phase of the sports complex and served as treasurer of the Hillsboro Sports Association. In the photo, from the left, are City of Hillsboro Youth Sports Administrator Bill Christian, Hillsboro Sports Association President Matt Lentz and Bill Clinard.

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### Ben Tracy Will Highlight Using Social Media Safely

Hillsboro School District is inviting parents and caregivers to attend an informational event led by Ben Tracy, creator of the Safe Social Network, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at Hillsboro High School.



Ben Tracy

Tracy is a leading keynote speaker on digital citizenship and responsible social media use. He will provide parents and caregivers with information, tips and resources for keeping kids safe online.

In today's world, parents have the added responsibility managing the impacts social media can have on their children's lives. A simple TikTok or Instagram post can alter a young person's life forever.

Tracy provides real-life context to the difficult discussion of how to teach children the importance of safely navigating their online presence. He also discusses social media apps, how social media impacts mental health and identifying and reporting online predators and threats of violence, as well as practical, proven strategies and resources to keep kids

safe online.

Tracy will also speak to HJHS and HHS students during school hours on Tuesday, March 7.

Each year, he shares his own powerful story of how teenage social media impacted his life with more than 100,000 students, parents and young professionals. He challenges students to build a school culture that is respectful, kind and inclusive for all students.



Thomas Laurent, who originally hails from Auburn, has been busy putting his artistic abilities to work this past year, creating stunning artwork like the one he is pictured with, which portrays the hand of God reaching into the water.



Above, Laurent designs a mallard duck with rich colors and great contrast using his oil paints and tools.

### Laurent Feature

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While he doesn't typically do portraits, most of his work captures the beauty of various landscapes and nature, and some animals. He has even tried his hand at a few Bob Ross paintings, and says he experiences what the art instructor says is the joy of painting.

"I never have an idea of what I'm going to paint. Most of the time, I just start painting. It fascinates me," he said. "I live by Bob's philosophy—we compose on the canvas."

His artwork can be found in not only his home, but in several houses throughout Montgomery and Macoupin counties, and even one in Arizona. He commissions

his original pieces, mostly at harvest markets, shows and festivals throughout the local area, including Hillsboro, Litchfield and Carlinville.

"I would paint while I was there, usually, too," he said, captivating the audience passing by. He delights in interacting with his customers.

In addition to being an artist, he is a full-time truck driver and a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served from 1999 to 2001, who uses his artist abilities as an outlet from his day-to-day schedule.

"Our world needs a lot more art," Laurent expressed.

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### Hillsboro Library Adds New Titles This Winter

Hillsboro Area Public Library has added several new titles to their shelves and readers are encouraged to make a trip to the library to check out the new books.

New fiction titles include

*All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Remarque, *Amish Widow's Heart* by Samantha Price, *Apple Creek Announcement* by Wanda Brunstetter, *Cabinet of Dr. Leng* by Preston and Childs, *Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin, *Don't Open the Door* by Allison Brennan, *Eden's Children* by V.C. Andrews, *Wedding Quilt for Ella* (book #1), *Ella's Wish* (book #2) and *Ella Finds Love Again* by Jerry Eicher, *Encore in Death* by J.D. Robb, *Five Survive* by Lisa Jackson, *Hold Still* by Lisa Regan, *House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes, *How to Sell a Haunted House* by Grady Hendrix, *Just the Nicest Couple* by Mary Kubica, *Librarian of Burned Books* by Brianna Labuskes, *Lie Beside Me* by Gytha Lodge, *Little Paula* by V.C. Andrews, *Locust Lane* by Stephen Amidon, *Love of My Life* by Rosie Walsh, *The Mitford Affair* by Marie Benedict, *Never, Never* by Colleen Hoover, *Now is Not the Time to Panic* by Kevin Wilson, *One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle, *One Plus One* by JoJo Moyes, *One True Loves* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, *Personal Assistant* by Kimberly Belle, *Saints of Swallow Hills* by Donna Everhart, *Someone Else's Shoes* by JoJo Moyes, *Spite House* by Johnny Compton, *Storm Watch* by C.J. Box, *Sugar and Salt* by Susan Wiggs, *Things We Never Got Over* by Lucy Score, *Unnatural History* by Jonathon Kellerman, and *The Martian* by Andrew Weir.

Several new large print titles can also be found on the library's shelves including *The Choice* (Dragon Heart Legacy series, #3) by Nora Roberts, *House of Wolves* by James Patterson and *Without a Trace* by Danielle Steel.

New titles in the non-fiction section include *Faith Still Moves Mountains* by Harris Faulkner, and the biographies *The Queen* by Andrew Morton and *Spare* by Prince Harry.

Several new titles can also be found on the shelves of the children's and young adult sections including *Every Dog in the Neighborhood* by Phillip Stead, *Fox in Socks* by Dr. Seuss, *Going Home: The Story of Jake the Fire Dog* by Charlene Kavanagh, *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* (books #1 and #2) by Francesca Favilla, several *Jake the Growling Dog* books by Samantha Shannon, *Welcome to Pandorion* (The Music Box Series, #1), *Cyprian's Secret* (The Music Box series, #2) and *In Search of the Past* (Music Box Series #3) by Benedicte Carboneill, *Pizza and Taco Rock Out* by Stephen Shaskan, *Pushen the Cats Guide to Everything* by Claire Belton, *Sour Grape* by Jory John, *True North* (The Dragon and the Girl series, #1) by Laura Findley Evans, *Wallace and Grace and the Lost Puppy* and *Wallace and Grace and the Cupcake* by Heather Alexander, *What Should Darla Do?* by Ganit Levy and *Wonder Dogs* by Linda Ashman.

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## Christian, Powell, Odle Earn All-SCC

Three Montgomery County players were among the 20 who earned all-conference accolades for the South Central Conference in the 2022-23 season, which was completed on Wednesday, March 1, with Greenville's loss to Lawrenceville in the sectional semifinals.

The Comets, who won the conference with an 8-1 mark, had the most honorees with four, including two on the first team, junior Kaleb Gardner and senior Landen Moss. Moss was a repeat selection from last year, when he earned second team honors.

Hillsboro's Will Christian joined the two Greenville shooters on the first team after averaging 21.6 points, 3.0 assists and 2.5 steals per game in his senior year. Others on the first team were seniors Devon Peebles of Pana and Reid Well of Vandalia, plus North Mac junior JT Alexander. Like Moss, Well was a second team pick last year, while Peebles was a third team selection.

Two more back-to-back honorees were on this year's second team. Litchfield's Keenan Powell was a third team pick as a sophomore, but moved up a spot this year after a 15 points per game for the Purple Panthers. Gillespie senior Kamryn Link was also a repeat pick, earning a second team nod for the second straight year.

Link's fellow seniors, North Mac's Mick Downs, Vandalia's Matthew Hagy and Pana's Max Lynch, also made the second team, as did Staunton junior Braden Buffington and Greenville sophomore Cale Ackerman.

Ackerman was the only sophomore on this year's all-conference list, with the

third team made up of three seniors and four juniors, including Litchfield's A.J. Odle. Odle averaged 11.6 points per game for the Purple Panthers, almost double the total from his sophomore year.

Juniors Nick Grull of Greenville, Dane Vance of North Mac and Tristen Wargo of Gillespie also made the third team, while seniors Hank Bouillon of Southwestern, Ryenn Hart of Carlinville and Preston Nestruck of Vandalia rounded out this year's squad.

All 10 teams had players on this year's list, which was comprised of 11 seniors, eight juniors and one sophomore. Only one of the 10 teams, conference champion Greenville, won 20 games according to MaxPreps, but six other teams finished with records of .500 or better overall.

### South Central Conference 2022-23 Boys Basketball

	Overall	SCC
Greenville	20-12	8-1
North Mac	17-15	7-2
Vandalia	16-16	6-3
Pana	18-15	5-3
Southwestern	16-16	4-5
Litchfield	17-14	4-5
Hillsboro	16-15	4-5
Gillespie	6-19	2-6
Carlinville	7-21	2-7
Staunton	13-17	2-7

### South Central Conference All-Conference Team 2022-23 Boys Basketball

**First Team:** JT Alexander, Jr. - North Mac; Will Christian, Sr. - Hillsboro; Kaleb Gardner, Jr. - Greenville; Landen Moss, Sr. - Greenville; Devon Peebles, Sr. - Pana; Reid Well, Sr. - Vandalia.

**Second Team:** Cale Ackerman, So. - Greenville; Braden Buffington, Jr. - Staunton; Mick Downs, Sr. - North Mac; Matthew Hagy, Sr. - Vandalia; Kamryn Link, Sr. - Gillespie; Max Lynch, Sr. - Pana; Keenan Powell, Jr. - Litchfield.

**Third Team:** Hank Bouillon, Sr. - Southwestern; Nick Grull, Jr. - Greenville; Ryenn Hart, Sr. - Carlinville; Preston Nestruck, Sr. - Vandalia; A.J. Odle, Jr. - Litchfield; Dane Vance, Jr. - North Mac; Tristen Wargo, Jr. - Gillespie.

## Christian An Answer To Toppers' Prayers In 22-23

by Ron Deabenderfer

Although I'm usually an optimist when it comes to evaluating athletic teams I cover, I was more than a little pessimistic when the 2022-23 Hillsboro boys' basketball season began in late November. Drake Vogel and Gavin Matoush scored over 1,000 points on 21-22 between them when they graduated last spring. Blaine Stewart, also a graduate, had added 127, and Bryce Connor had become a steady performer by season's end. Vogel and Matoush both made the 1,000 point club, despite playing only 14 career games in the COVID season. The four seniors plus the transfer of Deklan Riggs (as a sophomore, Riggs led the junior varsity in both shot attempts and scoring) meant the Toppers had to replace 1,260 of their 2022 total of 1,897 points (66%).

Also, Matoush and Vogel were the leading rebounders, and the new crop had no one on the roster who fit the description of a big man. The tallest, sophomore Nathan Schaake at 6'3", had no varsity experience. The starters underneath, Blaze Helton and Mitch Lowe were athletic but only 6'2" or so. I didn't know from whom the points nor the rebounds would appear.

Finally, Coach Corbin Govaia was entering his first year as a varsity coach,



Scoring 21.6 points per game, Will Christian had a season of a lifetime in 2022-23 and helped Hillsboro to a winning season in spite several losses to graduation the year before.

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which was a concern partially because he would be the third varsity coach for the Toppers in three years. Also, his paid assistants, Sam Plum (junior varsity) and Cooper Eaker (freshman) were in their first year with the program.

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After being told that she most likely wouldn't be able to pursue a nursing education and play soccer in high school, Hillsboro senior Avery Walden signed with Lincoln Land Community College on Monday, Feb. 27, to do just that. In front, from the left, are Avery Walden (center) and her parents Lisa and Kris Walden. Behind them are LLCC Head Coach David Meyer, Megan Jewell, her son Oliver Hitchcock, Ashton Walden, LLCC Assistant Coach Ray Bishop and LLCC Assistant Coach/ Keeper Coach Maddison Butcher.

## Journal-News On The Line:

Avery Walden, Hillsboro

### Lincoln Land Is Best Of Both Worlds For Walden

by Kyle Herschelmann

For a time, Avery Walden was pretty sure that her passion for nursing and her love for soccer would keep her from doing one or the other. But a chance intervention from a family friend has given the Hillsboro High School senior an opportunity to have the best of both worlds.

On Monday, Feb. 27, Walden was one of 12 players to sign with Lincoln Land Community College, where she plans to continue her athletic pursuits as well as her future in nursing, something she didn't think would be possible at one point.

"I was recruited by another college, however, after informing them that I was going into nursing they told me that I could not play soccer and study nursing at the same time because they are basically two full-time jobs," Walden said. "After being told that, I gave up on the idea of playing soccer after high school."

Enter Cale Sherrock, a family friend and former Lincoln Land men's soccer player. Sherrock had been in contact with David Meyer and Ray Bishop, two of the coaches for the women's team who asked him if he knew of any goalkeepers who might be a good fit for the Loggers' roster. "After Cale mentioned

my name, Coach Meyer and Coach Bishop said they had seen me play during club (Impact FC) and high school games and they were very interested in having me on the team," Walden explained.

After being assured that she could still study nursing while playing for the Loggers, Walden met with the two coaches and was offered a full ride to the Springfield-based community college.

"I was not expecting a scholarship at all but was very excited to tell Coach Meyer and Coach Bishop that I would be more than happy to sign," Walden said.

And the Loggers will be more than happy to have Walden in camp, too. This past season, Lincoln Land had one goalie on the roster, sophomore Rochester's Danielle Lacy, leaving the cupboard, or in this case the nets, bare.

The 2023 season will be just the fourth of the fledgling program, with records of 0-8, 4-12-2 and 1-13 in the first three years. Despite the growing pains, the program has been successful in moving players up, with Madalyn Buxton committing to play at Illinois Wesleyan, and in achieving individual honors, with Buxton and fellow sophomore Blair Keebler earning first team all-conference honors in the Midwest Athletic Conference.

With Walden, the Loggers are getting an experienced keeper who has been part of back-to-back winning teams for the Toppers. In 2021, Hillsboro went 11-6-1 with five

shutouts, followed by a 13-6 season with another shutout in 2022.

"I look forward to spending my senior year with the team and making more memories," Walden said of her expectations for this year. "I am hoping that we can advance further during the postseason this year."

Walden added that she is also excited to get to know her future teammates at Lincoln Land and learn from them. While those aspects, along with the chance to travel and play against other colleges were a factor in her decision, soccer wasn't the only reason Walden chose Lincoln Land.

"It's close to home and I can get a degree in less time than other schools," Walden said, who will study to be a registered nurse for the two years she's in Springfield. "After Lincoln Land, I plan to transfer to the Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville to receive a Master of Science degree in Nursing. My career plan is to start working as a Certified Nursing Assistant in the emergency room at Hillsboro Area Hospital this summer. After I receive my master's degree I plan to work as either a pediatric or emergency room nurse in the St. Louis area or closer to home."

It's an impressive and ambitious plan, especially when factoring in Walden's soccer commitments as well. But the National Honor Society member and CNA student is prepared both on the field and off it thanks to a strong support system, especially

her family.

"My parents always encouraged me to keep playing even when I felt like giving up. I'd like to thank them for always driving me back and forth to practice or club games and paying for me to get training and to travel with my Impact team," Walden said. "Another person who always encouraged me and is constantly critiquing me was my older brother Ashton. He never let me give up and was constantly teaching me new skills to use."

Walden also expressed her gratitude to Valerie Furlong for spending her time training her to be a better goalkeeper, Hillsboro girls assistant coach Matt Lantz for taking time to work with her on her technique and encouraging her to keep her head up, and Hillsboro head coach Dave Mattson, who has been Walden's coach since fifth grade.

"He has always pushed me to be better," Walden said of Mattson. "Dave has never given up on me when I get down on myself."

The emotional support has been as crucial to Walden's journey as the technical support and has given her the chance to pursue her goals on the field and in the classroom. For someone with big hopes for the future, it truly is the best of both worlds.

"These people always thought that I could succeed when many other people told me I would never get to where I am today."

## Purple Panthers Survive To Get Back-To-Back Winning Seasons

A regional title, conference title and championships in every tournament they compete in this season were preseason goals set forth by the 2022-2023 Litchfield High School boys basketball team. Even though the Panthers fell short on those goals, one thing they would accomplish was putting together back-to-back winning seasons.

After finishing last season with a 14-13 overall record, the Panthers went 17-14 for Litchfield's first back-to-back winning seasons since the 2012-13 and 2013-14 campaigns.

One of the Panthers' preseason goals was tested early as they kicked off their 2022-2023 campaign at the Riverton Thanksgiving Tournament. The tournament was unfamiliar territory for the Panthers as this was the third different Thanksgiving tournament they had competed in over the past three years.

Litchfield left a mark in the tournament, knocking off two 25-win teams on their way to the 2022

Riverton Thanksgiving Tournament championship.

That was the kind of start the team needed, but they soon found out they'd be a man down the rest of the season. Victor McGill, who scored 36% of Litchfield's points in 2021-22, was off to a great start with an average of 21 points over the first three, games before being sidelined for the rest of the season.

Losing this offense threat was blow for the Panthers but Litchfield would begin to find their identity without McGill and conquer the loss. The Panthers rattled off two quick wins as they knocked off their next two opponents to start the season giving Litchfield a 5-0 start to their season.

Even though it looked as if Litchfield had regrouped quickly, the Panthers were still searching for their identity without their leading scorer on the court.



Junior Keenan Powell provided more than a quarter of Litchfield's offense in the 2022-23 season, scoring 467 of the Purple Panthers' 1,661 points.

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### SPECIMEN BALLOT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS GENERAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTION APRIL 4, 2023

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN BALLOT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICES AND CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED IN THE GENERAL CONSOLIDATED ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023.

*Sandy Leitheiser*  
SANDY LEITHEISER, COUNTY CLERK  
THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, ILLINOIS

MUNICIPAL	
CITY OF COFFEEN	
FOR MAYOR FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> ROGER COOPER	
<input type="radio"/> ROBERT K. WESSELL	
FOR COMMISSIONER FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)	
<input type="radio"/> BRAYDEN SUMMERS	
<input type="radio"/> JODI ULRICI	
<input type="radio"/> SUSAN MIDDLETON	
<input type="radio"/> JUNIOR WHITE	
<input type="radio"/> GABRIEL OSBORN	
CITY OF HILLSBORO	
FOR MAYOR FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> DON DOWNS	
FOR COMMISSIONER FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)	
<input type="radio"/> KENDRA WRIGHT	
<input type="radio"/> PATRICK WARD	
<input type="radio"/> FRED BUTLER	
<input type="radio"/> THOMAS JUSTISON	
CITY OF LITCHFIELD	
FOR ALDERPERSON WARD ONE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> DWAYNE GERL	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> ROBERT PLOWMAN, JR.	INDEPENDENT
FOR ALDERPERSON WARD TWO FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> DAVID HOLLO	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> SARA ZUMWALT	INDEPENDENT
FOR ALDERPERSON WARD TWO UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> DAN NEWKIRK	INDEPENDENT
FOR ALDERPERSON WARD THREE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> JOSHUA HUGHES	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> TIMOTHY WRIGHT	INDEPENDENT
FOR ALDERPERSON WARD FOUR FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> ANTHONY LAW	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> JACOB FLEMING	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> LEE JARMAN	INDEPENDENT
CITY OF NOKOMIS	
FOR MAYOR FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> DYLAN GOLDSMITH	
<input type="radio"/> JONATHAN R "JOCKO" NASH	
FOR COMMISSIONER FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)	
<input type="radio"/> EDWARD HASSEBROCK	
<input type="radio"/> LOUIS STAUDER	
<input type="radio"/> JAKE LEONARD	
<input type="radio"/> DEREK DURBIN	
<input type="radio"/> SCOTT ARKEBAUER	
<input type="radio"/> TISHA MORRIS	
<input type="radio"/> MICHAEL GLENN	
CITY OF WITT	
FOR MAYOR UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> TIMOTHY TAYLOR	INDEPENDENT
FOR ALDERPERSON WARD ONE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> ALVIN M. YESKE	INDEPENDENT
FOR ALDERPERSON WARD ONE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> RANDALL L. LOWE	INDEPENDENT
FOR ALDERPERSON WARD TWO FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> JOHN LIVESAY	INDEPENDENT
FOR ALDERPERSON WARD THREE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> JAMES VANOSTRAN	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> DAVID CEARLOCK	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF BUTLER	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> CARY CUNNINGHAM JR.	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> CATHY SHEPHERD	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> RACHELLE SHEPHERD	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF COALTON	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> STEVE LEE	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> RODNEY ELLER	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	
VILLAGE OF DONNELLSON	
FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> DARRELL JETT	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> GARY LONG	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> FRANCES JETT	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> JOHN B. DANKOSKI	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> MARK KRAGER	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> JOE POGGENPOHL	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> LYNN CLARKE	INDEPENDENT

MUNICIPAL	
VILLAGE OF FILLMORE	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> GAVIN PARADEE	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> CHERYL SCHWEIZER	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> SHANE TUCKER	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF HARVEL	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> DAMIEN L. CUNNINGHAM	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> TERRY J. DOWNEY	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
No Candidate	
VILLAGE OF IRVING	
FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> KENDA CAULK	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> JIM JONES	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> LEORA JONES	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> SHAWN MURRAY	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
No Candidate	
VILLAGE OF OHLMAN	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> MICHAEL D. LINN	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> STEVEN R. MORGASON	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> RONALD BROWN	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> DENNIS AUMANN	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> ROGER WOOD	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> MALINDA WOOD	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF PANAMA	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> DOUGLAS CRUTHIS	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> CATHLEEN VOYLES	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF RAYMOND	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> DANIEL R. HOUGH	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> WILLIAM KRAGER	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> RYAN BRUNTJEN	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> GREG BERNHARDT	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF SCHRAM CITY	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> EARL D. ELLER	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> PATRICIA M. RHOADES	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> KEVIN TUETKEN	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR SPRINGS	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> FORREST "WALLY" DeLONG	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> SHERI REYNOLDS	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF WAGGONER	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> RONALD ELIASON	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> DAVID A. POPE	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> MARK TAYLOR	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> TANYA HOBSON	INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE OF WALSHVILLE	
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> GEORGE A. GUINN	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
No Candidate	
VILLAGE OF WENONAH	
FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> JASON HILL	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> RICHARD WAGGONER	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> KARLA OLTMANN	INDEPENDENT
<input type="radio"/> TAMARA WAGGONER	INDEPENDENT
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> MATT BOLYARD	INDEPENDENT
PARK DISTRICT	
LITCHFIELD PARK DISTRICT	
FOR PARK COMMISSIONER FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> KAITLIN FENTON	
<input type="radio"/> KATIE CROSS	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	
NOKOMIS COMMUNITY MEMORIAL PARK DISTRICT	
FOR PARK COMMISSIONER FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> BRAD JANSEN	
<input type="radio"/> DENNIS O'MALLEY JR.	
PITMAN TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT	
FOR PARK COMMISSIONER SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> TYLER JOHNSON	
<input type="radio"/> STEVE WOOD	
FOR PARK COMMISSIONER UNEXPIRED FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
No Candidate	
RAYMOND PARK DISTRICT	
FOR PARK COMMISSIONER SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> TY HERMAN	
FOR PARK COMMISSIONER UNEXPIRED FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> AARON McWARD	

LIBRARY DISTRICT	
DOYLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> TOBY A. DEAN	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> AMANDA CALDERINI	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> KIMBERLY R. WEITEKAMP	
FARMERSVILLE-WAGGONER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> JESSICA SIDWELL	
<input type="radio"/> CASSANDRA ROVEY	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
No Candidate	
GRAND PRAIRIE OF THE WEST PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOUR YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR)	
<input type="radio"/> EUGENA BAKER AUSTIN	
<input type="radio"/> JOANNE M. WILLARD	
<input type="radio"/> GLORIA LESKOVISEK	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> JEANNIE ALEXANDER	
HILLSBORO AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> CHRISTINE M. GARNER	
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> JUDY ALBRACHT	
LITCHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> JANICE MARSHALL	
<input type="radio"/> CHRIS DAHLER	
NOKOMIS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY DISTRICT	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> JUDY RUPERT	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
No Candidate	
WITT TOWNSHIP LIBRARY DISTRICT	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE SIX YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)	
<input type="radio"/> RHONDA JOYCE	
SCHOOLS	
AUBURN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE)	
<input type="radio"/> BRADLEY A SMITH	
<input type="radio"/> JEFF MILLER	
<input type="radio"/> CARL KESSLER	
BOND COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2	
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.	
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b>	
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 4N RANGE 4W (BURGESS) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 4N RANGE 3W (MILLS) NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 4N RANGE 2W (TAMALCO) NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 5W (OLD RIPLEY) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 4W (OLD RIPLEY) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 3W (CENTRAL) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 2W (PLEASANT MOUND) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 5W (SHOAL CREEK) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 4W (SHOAL CREEK) NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 4W (SHOAL CREEK/NORTH) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 2W (LAGRANGE) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 3W (LAGRANGE NORTH) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 2W (MULBERRY GROVE)	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE)	
TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 3W	
<input type="radio"/> DALE HASTINGS	
TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 3W	
<input type="radio"/> RANDI WORKMAN	
<input type="radio"/> DYLAN CARR	
<input type="radio"/> BRETT STEINER	
<input type="radio"/> JEFF GRAHAM	
<input type="radio"/> ASHLEY SCHISLER	
<input type="radio"/> SHANI L. GOLOVAY	
TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 4W	
<input type="radio"/> DONALD A. WALL	
HILLSBORO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3	
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.	
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b>	
NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 4W (BUTLER GROVE) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 3W (East Fork (North)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 3W (East Fork (South)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 2W (Fillmore Consolidated (North)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 2W (Fillmore Consolidated (South)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 4W (Grisham) NOT MORE THAN 1 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 4W (Hillsboro) NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 3W (Irving) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 3W (LaGrange (North)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 3W (LaGrange (South)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 2W (Nokomis) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 1W (Auburn (South)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 2W (Ricks) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 3W (Rountree) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 2W (Witt)	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR)	
TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 4W (HILLSBORO)	
<input type="radio"/> BARBARA ADAMS	
<input type="radio"/> BRIAN PATTON	
TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 3W (IRVING)	
<input type="radio"/> MATTHEW P. LENTZ	
TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 3W (ROUNTREE)	
<input type="radio"/> BLAKE FURNES	
TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 3W (EAST FORK (NORTH))	
<input type="radio"/> MICHAEL CERUTTI	

SCHOOLS	
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5	
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.	
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b>	
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 3N RANGE 5W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 3N RANGE 6W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 4N RANGE 4W NOT MORE THAN 1 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 4N RANGE 5W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 4N RANGE 6W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 5W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 6W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 5W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 6W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 7W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 8W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 9W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 5W	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE)	
TOWNSHIP 3N RANGE 5W	
<input type="radio"/> LORA MILES	
<input type="radio"/> CHRISTOPHER GOODWIN	
TOWNSHIP 4N RANGE 5W	
<input type="radio"/> JAMES M. JOHNSON	
<input type="radio"/> JOSEPH MOTT	
LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12	
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.	
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b>	
NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 4W (Butler Grove) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 5W (Cahokia) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 4W (Hillsboro) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 4W (Hillsboro) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 6W (Honey Point) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 5W (North Litchfield) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 6W (Shaws Point) NOT MORE THAN 1 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 5W (South Litchfield) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 5W (South Litchfield) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 5W (Zanesville) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 6W (Zanesville)	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR)	
TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 5W (NORTH LITCHFIELD)	
<input type="radio"/> MARK BLOOME	
<input type="radio"/> JIMMY GOROWSKI	
TOWNSHIP 8N RANGE 5W (SOUTH LITCHFIELD)	
<input type="radio"/> DAVID BELUSKO	
TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 5W (ZANESVILLE)	
<input type="radio"/> VALERIE CAIN	
MORRISONVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1	
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.	
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b>	
NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 3W NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 3W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 4W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 13N RANGE 3W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 4W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 4W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 3W	
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM	
THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE FULL TERMS.	
(VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ONE)	
TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 3W	
<input type="radio"/> GERALD GOEBEL	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR)	
TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 3W	
<input type="radio"/> WILLIAM SULLIVAN	
<input type="radio"/> COREY R. BADMAN	
<input type="radio"/> NOEL ERNST	
<input type="radio"/> NASTACIA FLEIGLE	
TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 3W	
<input type="radio"/> ROBERTA HARKER	
TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 2W	
<input type="radio"/> LYNN A. DEXHEIMER	
TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 4W	
<input type="radio"/> CHELSEA DUNKIRK	
MT. OLIVE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5	
Instructions to voter: The board of education shall be composed of members from both the incorporated and the unincorporated area; not more than 5 board members shall be selected from any city, village or incorporated town.	
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM THE INCORPORATED AREAS.</b>	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM	
THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE FULL TERMS.	
(VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ONE)	
No Candidate	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR)	
INCORPORATED AREA	
<input type="radio"/> JOHN M. SKERTICH	
<input type="radio"/> STEVEN M. REMER	
<input type="radio"/> CRAIG J. RIMAR	
UNINCORPORATED AREA	
<input type="radio"/> DAVID BRUNNORTH	
NOKOMIS COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22	
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.	
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b>	
NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 1W (AUBURN (SOUTH)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 1W (AUBURN (NORTH)) NOT MORE THAN 1 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 3N RANGE 1W (AUBURN (SOUTH)) NOT MORE THAN 1 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 2W (GREENWOOD) NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 3W (IRVING) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 2W (NOKOMIS) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 3W (RICKS) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 3W (ROUNTREE) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 2W (WITT)	
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE)	
TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 2W (WITT)	
<input type="radio"/> BENJAMIN TARTER	
<input type="radio"/> MEGAN BERTOLINO	
TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 3W (ROUNTREE)	
<input type="radio"/> CHAD RUPPERT	
NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34	
DISTRICT FOUR FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> JODI L. ALEXANDER	
DISTRICT SIX FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR ONE)	
<input type="radio"/> TROY PINKSTON	

# Montgomery County Consolidated Election Specimen Ballot

Polls Open 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Election Day, April 4, 2023

SCHOOLS
<b>PANA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8</b>
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b> NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 1W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 1E NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 1E NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 1W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 2E NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 2W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 2E NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 3E NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 1W NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 1E NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 2E
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR) TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 1E <input type="radio"/> ANNE DORN
<b>PANHANDLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2</b>
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b> NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 4W (BOIS D'ARC (EAST)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 5W (BOIS D'ARC (WEST)) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 4W (BUTLER GROVE) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 4W (HARVEKING) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 9N RANGE 3W (IRVING) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 6W (NILLWOOD) NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 5W (PITMAN) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 3W (ROUNTREE) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 4W (RAYMOND) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 5W (ZANESVILLE)
<b>FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM</b>  THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE FULL TERMS. (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ONE) TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 5W (BOIS D'ARC (WEST)) <input type="radio"/> KRISTEN BORMIDA TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 5W (PITMAN) <input type="radio"/> GRETCHEN ANN ROVEY
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR) TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 5W (BOIS D'ARC (WEST)) <input type="radio"/> TERRI PAYNE TOWNSHIP 11N RANGE 5W (PITMAN) <input type="radio"/> HEATHER MILLBURG <input type="radio"/> BRETT SLIGHTOM TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 4W (RAYMOND) <input type="radio"/> DARRIN DAUGHERTY <input type="radio"/> DANA PITCHFORD
<b>PAWNEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11</b>
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE) <input type="radio"/> TRAVIS GUESS <input type="radio"/> STEVEN KERN <input type="radio"/> CAITLIN RYDINSKY <input type="radio"/> AMY BOBLITT <input type="radio"/> JOSHUA WARD
<b>RAMSEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 204</b>
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is to consist of 4 members from the congressional township that has at least 75% but not more than 90% of the population, and 3 board members from the remaining congressional townships in the school district.
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b>
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF TWO) 2 shall be elected from Ramsey Township 8N Range 1E <input type="radio"/> NATHAN HORTENSTINE <input type="radio"/> ALLEN MARLEY
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ONE) 1 board member shall be elected from the remaining congressional townships. The remaining Congressional Townships No Candidate
<b>VANDALIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 203</b>
Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.
<b>ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.</b> NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 1E (KASKASKIA) NOT MORE THAN 1 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 1E (VANDALIA) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 1E (SHARON) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 2E (WILBERTON) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 1W (SEMINARY) NOT MORE THAN 1 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 1W (SOUTH FILLMORE) NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 2W (FILLMORE CONS.)
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE) TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 1E <input type="radio"/> ADAM R. BRAUN TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 1E <input type="radio"/> JOE SCHAAL TOWNSHIP 7N RANGE 1W <input type="radio"/> REID TORBECK
<b>COLLEGE</b>
<b>LAKE LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE #517</b>
<b>FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE) <input type="radio"/> DENISE WALK <input type="radio"/> DORIS REYNOLDS <input type="radio"/> MIKE SULLIVAN
<b>KASKASKIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE #501</b>
<b>FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO) <input type="radio"/> BRIAN BRINK <input type="radio"/> JIM BEASLEY <input type="radio"/> BRYAN HOLTHAUS <input type="radio"/> CHUCK LEAR
<b>SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE #522</b>
<b>DISTRICT 7 FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> DANE TIPPETT <input type="radio"/> ALLEN ADOMITE

COLLEGE
<b>LINCOLN LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE #526</b>
<b>DISTRICT 4 FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE A FULL 6-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> WAYNE ROSENTHAL
<b>DISTRICT 7 FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> KENNETH B. ELMORE
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION</b>
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (BOND, CHRISTIAN, EFFINGHAM, FAYETTE AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES) (For a six year term)</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE) <input type="radio"/> MARK RITTER FAYETTE COUNTY <input type="radio"/> KAY DUST EFFINGHAM COUNTY <input type="radio"/> DON SCOTT CHRISTIAN COUNTY <input type="radio"/> MARY ADAMS BOND COUNTY
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (BOND, CHRISTIAN, EFFINGHAM, FAYETTE AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES) (For an unexpired four year term)</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO) No Candidate
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (BOND, CHRISTIAN, EFFINGHAM, FAYETTE AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES) (For an unexpired two year term)</b> (VOTE FOR ONE) No Candidate
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (MENARD AND SANGAMON COUNTIES) (For a six year term)</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE) <input type="radio"/> TIMOTHY E. SEIFERT SANGAMON COUNTY
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (MENARD AND SANGAMON COUNTIES) (For an unexpired four year term)</b> (VOTE FOR ONE) No Candidate
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (CALHOUN, GREENE, JERSEY AND MACOUPIN COUNTIES) (For a six year term)</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO) <input type="radio"/> SANDRA R. MOORE JERSEY COUNTY <input type="radio"/> MARK PROSE MACOUPIN COUNTY
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (CALHOUN, GREENE, JERSEY AND MACOUPIN COUNTIES) (For an unexpired four year term)</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO) <input type="radio"/> MICHAEL PAINTER GREENE COUNTY <input type="radio"/> JACK N. STORK JERSEY COUNTY
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (CALHOUN, GREENE, JERSEY AND MACOUPIN COUNTIES) (For an unexpired two year term)</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE) <input type="radio"/> JEFF CLANTON GREENE COUNTY <input type="radio"/> TERRY STRAUCH CALHOUN COUNTY <input type="radio"/> JOHN HENRY MACOUPIN COUNTY
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (MADISON COUNTY) (For a six year term)</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO) <input type="radio"/> KYLE BRASE TOWNSHIP 5N RANGE 7W <input type="radio"/> STEVEN GUSEWELLE TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 8W <input type="radio"/> CHANTAL CHANDLER TOWNSHIP 4N RANGE 8W <input type="radio"/> BRETT DUSTMANN TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 7W <input type="radio"/> RAYMOND E. WESLEY TOWNSHIP 6N RANGE 10W
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (MADISON COUNTY) (For an unexpired four year term)</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE) No Candidate
<b>FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (MADISON COUNTY) (For an unexpired two year term)</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO) No Candidate
<b>FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MORRISONVILLE-PALMER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT</b>
<b>FOR FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE SIX YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO) <input type="radio"/> MIKE PARKIN
<b>FOR FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE UNEXPIRED FOUR YEAR TERM</b> (VOTE FOR ONE) No Candidate
<b>PROPOSITION MORRISONVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 PROPOSITION REGARDING BOARD MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE</b>
Shall members of the Board of Education of Morrisonville Community Unit School District No. 1, Christian and Montgomery Counties, Illinois, be elected in 2025 and thereafter, at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district instead of the current restriction that not more than three (3) members on the board of education may be selected from one (1) congressional township in the school district? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO



## Precincts And Polling Places

38 Precincts/24 Polling Places • All Handicapped Accessible

PRECINCT(S)	POLLING PLACE
Audubon	Ohlman Village Hall (former Methodist Church) 101 S. Washington St., Ohlman
Bois D'Arc	Farmersville KC Hall, 104 S. East St., Farmersville
Butler Grove	Butler Community Center, Water St. (IL Rt. 127), Butler
East Fork 1	East Fork Township Community Building, 500 S. Prospect St., Coffeen
East Fork 2, Grisham 2	Donnellson Comm. Center (former school), 407 Jefferson St., Donnellson
East Fork 3	Schram City Village Hall, 510 22nd St., Schram City
Fillmore Consolidated	Fillmore Consolidated Township Hall, 110 S. Main St., Fillmore
Grisham 1	Old Town Hall, 147 Main St., Panama
Harvel	Harvel Village Hall, 201 Main St., Harvel
Hillsboro 1-2	United Methodist Church (North Entrance), 537 Rountree St., Hillsboro
Hillsboro 3-4	Free Methodist Church (South Entrance), 1400 Seymour Ave., Hillsboro
Hillsboro 5-6	The Event Center (former Hillsboro KC Hall), 11198 Route 185, Hillsboro
Irving	Irving Century House, 121 E. Union St., Irving
Nokomis 1	Coalton Village Hall, S. 5th St. and E. Wilson Ave., Coalton
Nokomis 2, Rountree	Nokomis Memorial Park House, 525 N. Cedar St., Nokomis
Nokomis 3-4	St. Louis Parish Center, 523 E. Union St., Nokomis
N. Litchfield 1, N. Litchfield 4	First Presbyterian Church, 1908 N. State St., Litchfield
N. Litchfield 2-3, 5-6	First Baptist Church (East Entrance), 608 N. VanBuren St., Litchfield
Pitman	Pitman Township Hall, 217 W. Main St., Waggoner
Raymond	Raymond KC Hall, 510 E. Sparks St., Raymond
S. Litchfield 1-4	Litchfield Community Center, 1100 S. State St., Litchfield
Walshville	Walshville Village Hall, 1st St. and C St., Walshville
Witt 1-2	Witt Lions Building, 503 W. Broadway St., Witt
Zanesville	Pleasant Hill Christian Church, 19433 W. Frontage Road, Raymond

## Voting By Mail

Now through Thursday, March 30, 2023  
(last day County Clerk can mail ballot).

Voters need NO EXCUSE OR REASON to VOTE BY MAIL.  
Please call the County Clerk's Office at 217-532-9530 for more information.

## Early Voting (In-Person)

Thursday, February 23, 2023 through Monday, April 3, 2023  
Voters need NO EXCUSE OR REASON to VOTE EARLY.

**ALL EARLY VOTING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE EARLY VOTING CENTER OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE IN THE BASEMENT OF THE STREET LEVEL OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, #1 COURTHOUSE SQUARE, HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS.**

Voters should enter the Historic Courthouse on the West Side for easy access to the Early Voting Center.

**VOTING HOURS ARE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM AND WILL INCLUDE SATURDAYS MARCH 18, MARCH 25, APRIL 1, 2023 FROM 8:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

## Notice Of Public Test

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Automatic Optical Scan Equipment to be used at the Illinois Consolidated Election on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 will be conducted in the Montgomery County Clerk's office, #1 Courthouse Square, Hillsboro, IL on **THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 at 1:00 PM.**

This Public Test is open to the general public, and held per 10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 5/24B-9.  
Sandy Leitheiser  
Montgomery County Clerk

## Keep This Handy Reference

For further information, contact Sandy Leitheiser, Montgomery County Clerk  
Historic Courthouse, 1st Floor, PO Box 595, Hillsboro, IL 62049  
Hours: M-F 8 am to 4 pm • 217-532-9530  
countyclerk@montgomerycountylil.gov

## Election Information

For election information, political district maps, and up-to-the-minute unofficial election night results, log on to our county website: [montgomerycountylil.gov](http://montgomerycountylil.gov)

## Do You Know

**If you are registered to vote from your current address?**  
**Your polling place location? Your local districts?**  
Go to [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov), find the "Information for Voters" tab and click on "Am I Registered To Vote In Illinois," or email us at [countyclerk@montgomerycountylil.gov](mailto:countyclerk@montgomerycountylil.gov) or call the Montgomery County Clerk's office at 217-532-9530.

## Hillsboro Boys Basketball

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Usually that's not a formula for success. Thankfully, I was proven wrong. The Toppers won 16, not the six I would have predicted, in spite of injuries, suspensions, and eventually defections that could have destroyed the team.

Where did the points come from? Will Christian had a remarkable season as the team leader, not only in points scored, assists, and steals, but also in intangibles—the never give up and do what's best for the team attitudes. When a shot that would have tied the regional game against Pana went awry, it was Christian who first consoled the shooter as he lay on the floor.

Christian's 669 points for the season (a 21.6 ppg average) not only boosted him into the 1,000 point club at HHS, but it was remarkable in itself. For example, Vogel had 569 points last season while 6'8" Dylan Miller, the go-to guy for the 2013-2014 Toppers, was the only other Topper in the last two decades to have over 500 points (516). To average over 20 points a game in small-school high school ball is unique.

During the season Christian developed into the prolific scorer he became; his first 20 point game came against Greenville in a 67-47 Top-

per win in the Kaskaskian Classic. He topped 30 four times; 20 fifteen times, and was in double figures 29 (of 31) times, including the last 29 contests. He answered the points question.

Second in scoring was sophomore Nathan Matoush. He didn't score in double figures until Game 7 when he scored 16 in the conference opener at Pana. His high was the 27 against Gillespie here in the first round of the regionals; that included the game-winning, clock-beating three. He hit double figures 18 times after the slow start as he compiled 352 points, a ppg average of 11.4.

The third Topper in double figures ppg average was hard-luck junior Jace Stewart. He had double figures in three of his first four games until an injured ankle sidelined him in the first quarter against Pinckneyville. He missed the next eight games and most likely was hampered a bit the rest of the season; playing on a sore ankle isn't easy, and he was often assigned the tallest opponent to guard because of his defensive leaping ability. He finished with 250 points for 10.9 ppg.

Helton was important to the team when he played. However, his aggressive, football player mentality kept him out of 15 of the Toppers 31 games; when he played,

he rebounded and passed well. His high was 16 against Greenville in Carlyle. He also passed well on the interior, benefitting Lowe the most. The junior scored 139 points inside while Helton played (16 games), but only 76 in the thirteen games he played without the post partner who looked for him.

My hat is tipped to those who showed up for each game; Christian and Matoush appeared in all 31 contests; Dimitri Plum was dressed for all 31, though he didn't always see action. Lowe and Dylan Lessman missed a few—Lowe was ill late in the regular season, as was Lessman, who also missed a game because of injury.

As an old-school guy, I appreciate players like Christian, who neither bragged or trash-talked on the floor, and the team as it finished the season. Truthfully, I'd written them off several times—when they lost to Pinckneyville and Lincolnwood in back to back appearances (that's just before Christian asserted himself as the scorer); after Windsor-Strew-Stransberg beat them by 12 in St. Elmo; and when they lost five in a row, to Nokomis 68-39, to Staunton 61-51, to North Mac here 79-71, to Piasa 55-51, and to Greenville 83-40 to end the regular season. They

were 15-9 before that stretch when illness, injuries, and other misfortunes struck.

Then came the wonderous win here in the Regionals against Gillespie, a team with bigger men on the inside and capable guards on the outside, and the narrow loss to Pana (58-55) in the semi-finals.

As a coach (that seems like decades ago because it was), I never wanted to be blown out in the last game of the season; that much about me hasn't changed in the last 20 years.

I appreciate the adjustments made and fighting spirits shown as this bunch competed in the regional loss to Pana.

### Hillsboro Boys Basketball Class of 2023 Career Stats

**Will Christian:** 78 games; 1058 total points; 13.6 points per game; two-point field goals 312-of-520 (60%); three-point field goals 88-of-200 (44%); free throws 171-of-221 (77.4%); 198 rebounds; 228 assists; 148 steals; 10 blocks.  
**Dillon Devlin:** 26 games; 9 total points; 0.3 points per game; two-point field goals 2-of-12 (16.7%); three-point field goals 1-of-5 (20%); free throws 2-of-5 (40%); 10 rebounds; 1 assists; 5 steals.  
**Dimitri Plum:** 15 games; 6 total points; 0.4 points per game; two-point field goals 3-of-4 (75%); three-point field goals 0-of-1; 12 rebounds; 4 assists; 3 steals.

Full season stats will be in an upcoming special section for *The Journal-News*.

## Durbin To Race At Indy Supercross Championships

Motocross has already given seven-year-old Huntley Durbin some pretty amazing racing experiences, but the Hillsboro first grader's race on March 11 may be the best one yet.

Durbin and 14 other young racers will be on the track at Lucas Oil Stadium on March 11, before the professionals hit the course at the AMA Supercross Championships in Indianapolis.

The opportunity came about after Durbin's parents, Jon Durbin and Jordan Butler, sent in Durbin's application for the KTM Junior Racing Program.

Now in its 24th year, the KTM Junior Racing Program provided thousands of young riders the chance to race on the same tracks as the world's best supercross riders. All riders receive a special Troy Lee Designs gear package which includes a KTM racing jersey, racing pants, gloves, helmet, hat and more.

One of four racers from Illinois in the 15-competitor field, Durbin will be sporting the number 14 for the race. The winners of each of the 10 rounds will compete against each other on May 13th in the championships at Rice Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City, UT.

Slightly closer to home, the Thor Showdown Series has its first race on March 18-19, at Lincoln Trail Motorsports in Casey. Last year, Durbin finished second in the 50 Jr. (4-6) class with five podium finishes and 13th in the 50 Open (4-8) class. Huntley's younger brother Archer finished second in the 50 Pee Wee (4-8) class, 14th in the 50 Jr. (4-6) class, 52nd in the 50 Open (4-8) class and 16th in the Mini-E (4-8) class.

### Area Qualifier

One of last year's highlights for the Durbins was Huntley Durbin advancing to the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships at Loretta Lynn's Ranch in Tennessee. On Feb. 17, the Durbins took the first step in making the trip again this year, but with both boys competing.

The Durbins were two of



Huntley Durbin

the 12 competitors in the Micro 2 (4-6) class at the area qualifier at Wildwood MX in Kentwood, LA. In order to qualify for the next step, the brothers needed to finish in the top nine overall after two motos. As it turns out, they would do that and then some.

Huntley Durbin took first overall with a second place finish in the first moto and a first place finish in the second moto. Archer Durbin finished eighth overall, finishing eighth and ninth respectively in the two motos.

Another area rider, Taylorville's Blake Copeland, also qualified in the Junior (25+) class, finishing fourth overall. Copeland also raced in the Open Pro Sport class, but finished 11th.

Those who finish in the top nine at the area qualifier move on to the regional qualifier. A sixth place finish or better advances a racer to the Amateur National Motocross Championships in Hurricane Mills, TN, on July 31 through Aug. 5. Several other area qualifiers are closer to home for the Durbins, including one set for April 1-2 at Archview MX Park in Washington Park, IL, in the Metro-East area.

**Feb. 17 at Kentwood, LA** at Wildwood MX - AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship Area Qualifier  
**JN Motorsports Results**  
**Micro 2 (4-6):** 1. Huntley Durbin, Hillsboro (2/1); 8. Archer Durbin, Hillsboro (8/9).  
**Open Pro Sport:** 11. Blake Copeland, Taylorville (11/DNS).  
**Junior (25+):** 4. Blake Copeland, Taylorville (4/4).

## Litchfield Boys Basketball

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This would show in the next five games as they dropped four of those contests, grabbing their lone win against Pana. With the loses, a lot of uncertainties would arise for Litchfield.

One thing that never changed, though, was the leadership from the Panthers' three seniors. Clayton Bishop, Nate Fetter and Gavin Thimsen attempted to hold the Panthers together and that they did as Litchfield claimed their second tournament title with four straight wins at the Carlinville Holiday Tournament title.

The three seniors were a big part of the tournament championship as their leadership was seen throughout the whole week of games. That leadership would continue in the remaining games of the season as the trio became unsung heroes. There was nothing flashy about their play, but they would get the hard work done on and off the court.

Bishop, Fetter and Thimsen put in 433 combined points on the year, 26% of the points scored by Litchfield this season.

Clayton Bishop, who hit a season high 22 points this year in two different games, left his mark from behind the arc. Bishop put in 50 three-point baskets and led the team from behind the arc in percentage as he made an astonishing 40%. Bishop finished the year with 236 points, the third most on the team.

Gavin Thimsen would have a season high of 13 points and would put in 66% of his free throws. Nate Fetter was one of the most unsung heroes on the court, ending the season with a season high of seven points in one game, but helping in a different aspect. Fetter led all players with a 1.76 assists to turnover ratio. This would be a big factor for the Panthers throughout the season.

For some basketball teams the turn of the calendar can be a difference in their season and Litchfield left the 2022 part of the season behind as they crossed into 2023 with a 10-4 overall record.

After grabbing their first win of 2023 in their first game, the Panthers began a

tough streak of games, losing four of the next five, with a 16-point win over South Central their lone victory in the span.

The losing skid rolled into the Panthers' home tournament, the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational, before coming to a halt in their last game of the tournament as they knocked off the Ramsey Rams for the second time this season.

The up and down play throughout their 2023 part of their schedule continued, before the Panthers claimed a couple big wins to wrap up their season.

A seven-point win over Southwestern, who was ranked fourth in their regional, gave the Panthers momentum heading into the postseason. In their first game of regionals the Panthers, ranked 8th in the regional, knocked off Vandalia. Not only was this a regional win, but it also avenged an earlier loss to the Vandals during the season.

The Panthers played eight teams two different times this year and finished with a 10-6 record in those games. Litchfield had a 6-2 record against these eight schools in the first match-up, but finished 4-4 in the second meeting.

The Panthers ended their season on their homecourt as they competed in a regional in Simmons Gym for the first time since 2005. Drawing the second seeded Marquette Explorers, Litchfield put up a good fight in the first half. The Explorers, though, would put the Panthers in a hole they would not be able to climb out of in the third quarter. The Explorers cruised to a 57-38 win over the host school to end Litchfield's season at 17-14 overall.

The third quarter was not just a problem for Litchfield in the regional game, but throughout the year as well. Throughout the year the Panthers outscored their opponents by 77 points in the first two quarters, but fell into a third quarter funk as their opponents outscore them by 24 points in the third frame.

One of the factors might have been coming back onto the court a little cold as Litchfield only shot 37% from the field, the lowest of any quarter. The same wasn't true

for their opponents, who shot 44 percent from the field in the third.

Litchfield's hot hands would come in the second and fourth quarters as they would put in 43% of the shots in those two quarters.

Overall, Litchfield finished the year shooting 40% from the field and outscoring their opponents 1661 to 1628. Litchfield would get 988 points from inside the arc, shooting 44%, and 548 from beyond the arc, making 33% of the shots taken.

Their opponents, on the other hand, had the hot hand from inside the arc at 50%, but struggled from outside it by making just 28% of their three's. Litchfield's opponents also benefitted inside by putting back 114 second chance points.

The struggles inside the paint for Litchfield could have been the result of rebounding as the Panthers gave up an average of 12 offense rebounds a game and were outrebounded by a total of 304 rebounds during the season.

Even though Litchfield struggled inside the paint, the Panthers' defense would put up some impressive numbers as they made their opponents turn over the ball 180 more times than Litchfield. Forcing their opponents to turn the ball over an average of 18 times a game would help Litchfield dominate their opponents in the points off turnover category. Litchfield would get 30% of their total points from this category as they put in 512 total points off of turnovers.

Throughout the year, Keenan Powell made himself a household name amongst Litchfield basketball fans as he led the team in multiple categories.

Powell led the team in scoring with 467 total points overall, but also led the Panthers in transition points, points off turnovers, second chance points and points in the paint. He also led Litchfield by making 61 free throws throughout the year.

Needless to say Powell had a hand in a lot of the points Litchfield scored throughout the season and was rewarded with a spot on the All-South Central Conference second team.

A.J. Odle, would quietly

follow in the scoring column as he would put in 314 points throughout the year. Odle would find a lot of success from behind the arc, where he would score 50% of his total points.

Odle led his team with 52 total three-point baskets, but also led the team in assists with 77 and posted a team-best free throw percentage by knocking down 75 percent from the charity stripe.

The dirty work would come from Tate Dobrinich as he led the team in rebounds with 159, 53 on the offensive side of the court and 106 on the defensive end.

With three Panthers graduating, the Litchfield basketball squad remains in a good spot for the upcoming season. The biggest question for Litchfield may come from the song sang by George Jones, "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes?"

Litchfield will need to turn to some new faces to fill the shoes of the departing seniors and will have to look deeper down their roster for varsity playing experience. Sophomore Keenan Logan logged the most minutes outside the junior class with 63 minutes in 13 games. Logan put in 18 points on the year will be turned to help fill the shoes of the 2023 graduating class, along with Kenden Longwell, who played 45 minutes this past season.

Even though the Panthers had strong expectations this season, those expectations will continue next year as they strive for their third straight winning season.

Full season stats will be in an upcoming special section for *The Journal-News*.

### Litchfield Boys Basketball Class of 2023 Career Pts.

**Clayton Bishop:** 63 games; 318 total points; 5.0 points per game; two-point field goals 46-of-156 (29.5%); three-point field goals 61-of-174 (35.1%); free throws 43-of-71 (60.6%); 132 rebounds; 54 assists; 64 steals; 2 blocks.  
**Nate Fetter:** 61 games; 81 total points; 1.3 points per game; two-point field goals 28-of-60 (46.7%); three-point field goals 6-of-33 (18.2%); free throws 7-of-13 (53.8%); 61 rebounds; 52 assists; 58 steals; 7 blocks.  
**Gavin Thimsen:** 64 games; 220 total points; 3.4 points per game; two-point field goals 78-of-196 (39.8%); three-point field goals 1-of-9 (11.1%); free throws 52-of-83 (62.7%); 118 rebounds; 48 assists; 52 steals; 1 block.

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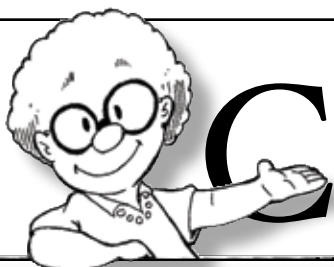
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- Charles W. Elder, 60, of Paducah, KY, was jailed for possession of meth at 2:57 a.m. Thursday, March 2, at Corvette and Route 16.
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  - Ashley R. Davis, 29, of Litchfield, was ticketed for passing a school bus while loading/unloading at 2:49 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Chestnut and Water.
  - Mackenzie R. Rhodes, 45, of Butler, was cited for no valid registration at 10:21 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the 4000 block of Route 16.
  - James R. Rowland, 57, of Litchfield, was ticketed for operating a non-highway vehicle and driving on a revoked license at 10:46 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the 1200 block of Old Route 66 South.
  - Russell A. Oakley, 28, of Litchfield, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 3:01 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at Route 66 and Beeler.
  - Sara E. Laurent, 33, of Troy, was ticketed for driving on a suspended license at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Illinois and Union.
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  - Joseph A. Black, 53, of Litchfield, was cited for improper turn signal at 11:57 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Kirkham and Old Route 66.
  - Brady A. Dagon, 25, of Litchfield, was ticketed for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration at 2:13 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at 12 Corvette Drive.
  - Dianna I. Highlander, 27, of Staunton, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration at 2:36 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Route 66 and Airport Trail.
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**Court**

- Sonia L. Davis, 45, of Nokomis, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Saturday, Feb. 11.
- Michael L. Engelhart, 52, of Nokomis, faces a felony charge of domestic battery on Sunday, Feb. 12.
- Maurice L. Floyd, 48, of Rogers, AR, faces felony charges of meth delivery and armed habitual criminal on Wednesday, Feb. 15.
- Matthew D. Frayer, 32, of Fillmore, faces felony charges of animal torture and obstruction of justice after allegedly destroying evidence on Wednesday, Feb. 15.
- Raymond A. Hill, 59, of Springfield (homeless), faces a felony charge of retail theft on Saturday, Feb. 11.
- Patrick Jones, 41, of Galesburg, current inmate, faces a felony charge of bringing a controlled substance into a penal institution on Thursday, Jan. 19.
- Kacie R. Maxwell, 34, of Byrnes Mill, MO, faces a felony charge of retail theft on Monday, Feb. 13.
- Amanda M. Mefford, 32, of Rogers, AR, faces a felony charge of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and a misdemeanor charge of driving on a suspended license on Wednesday, Feb. 15.
- Jaiden C. Prichard, 21, of Girard, faces a felony charge of meth delivery on Wednesday, Feb. 15.
- Christopher D. Schafer, 53, of Taylorville, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Friday, Feb. 17. He was also cited for driving while unlicensed and for a muffler violation.
- Taiwan Smith, 38, of

Pinckneyville, current inmate, faces a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance in a penal institution on Jan. 19, 2022.

- Tiffanie A. Thacker, 35, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of possession of meth and a misdemeanor charge of driving on a suspended license on Tuesday, Feb. 14. She was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Jeremy D. Uchtman, 25, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of violation of an order of protection on Saturday, Feb. 11.
- Jeffrey W. Washington, 62, of Springfield, faces a felony charge of retail theft on Saturday, Feb. 11.
- Kenneth W. Watson, 39, of Auburn, faces a felony charge of meth delivery on Wednesday, Feb. 15.
- Kirren D. Whitley, 22, of Baton Rouge, LA, faces a felony charge of possession of a stolen firearm on Saturday, Feb. 11.
- Trent A. Wikoff, 30, of Shiprock, NM, faces a felony charge of attempting to disarm a peace officer and two felony charges of aggravated battery of a peace officer on Monday, Feb. 13.
- Darryl Williams, 41, of Sumner, current inmate, faces a felony charge of bringing a controlled substance into a penal institution on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023.
- Jesse T. Allen, 33, of Litchfield, was charged with a violation of an order of protection on Thursday, Feb. 16.
- Jaclynne N. Chizewsky, 33, of Litchfield, was charged with criminal damage to gov-

ernment supported property on Thursday, Feb. 16.

- Christopher Q. Hubbard, 38, of Hillsboro, was charged with a violation of an order of protection on Wednesday, Feb. 8.
- Jordan J. Hewitt, 29, of Hillsboro, was cited for driving under the influence and improper traffic lane usage on Wednesday, Feb. 15.
- Heather M. Fricke, 43, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of meth delivery on Monday, Feb. 13, and was sentenced to 56 days in jail with a credit of 29 days served, two years of probation, drug and alcohol treatment, fined \$75, plus court costs. An additional felony charge of meth delivery was dismissed.
- Symone M. Henson, 24, of Purcell, OK, pleaded guilty

to an amended felony charge of kidnapping on Wednesday, Feb. 15, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail with a credit of 101 days served, three years of probation, fined \$3,244, plus court costs.

- Charges from July 2020 of criminal trespass to land against Ryan D. Snider, 26, of Ramsey, were dismissed on Monday, Feb. 13.
- An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Monday, Feb. 13, in a misdemeanor charges of retail theft filed in April 2022 against April L. Stewart, 51, of Butler.
- An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Monday, Feb. 13, in a misdemeanor charges of retail theft filed in April 2022 against Heather M. Stewart, 31, of Butler.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 24, 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: BURKE OUTDOOR SERVICES located at 12152 IL RTE 16 in the city of HILLSBORO and state of IL.  
Dated February 24, 2023  
Sandy Leitheiser,  
County Clerk  
83-3tM\*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 2, 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: CUSTOM CROCHETED CREATIONS BY MJ located at 303 W. SUMMER ST. in the city of HILLSBORO and state of IL.  
Dated March 2, 2023  
Sandy Leitheiser,  
County Clerk  
85-3tM\*

**— 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**

**EXHIBIT B NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, IL AND INVITATION TO BID THEREON PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**  
THAT the corporate authorities of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois will receive sealed bids for purchase, under the successful bid, of the fee simple interest, to be transferred via Quit Claim Deed, in the following real property and any structure(s) thereon:  
Part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Eleven (11) Township Eight (8) North Range Four (4) West of the Third Principal Meridian, beginning at a point on the West (W) line of Main (formerly Coffey) Street Two Hundred Eight (208) feet North (N) of the Northwest (NW) corner of Main and Mechanic Streets in the City of Hillsboro, running thence West (W) One Hundred Fifty (150) feet; thence North (N) Fifty (50) feet, more or less, to the South (S) line of an alley on the South (S) line of A. E. Fish's Addition to Hillsboro; thence Easterly (E) on South (S) line of alley One Hundred Fifty (150) feet to the West (W) line of Main Street; and thence South (S) Forty (40) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, (excepting all coal underlying said premises), situated in the County of Montgomery, in the State of Illinois.  
**P.I.N.:** 16-11-430-021  
**Property Address:** 1116 S. Main St. Hillsboro, IL 62049  
Said real property is currently vacant.  
Sealed bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above-described property are hereby invited

and will be received by the City Clerk at 447 South Main Street, Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois during normal business hours until 12:00 Noon on Thursday, March 30, 2023. Said proposals shall be addressed to the City of Hillsboro, Attention: City Clerk, 447 South Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois, and shall bear the legend: "PROPOSAL - SALE OF 1116 South Main Street, HILLSBORO, IL" and the name and address of the bidder. **All bids received after 12:00 Noon on March 30, 2023 will be rejected.**  
The aforementioned real property and any structure(s) thereon are being sold "AS IS" without any warranties or representations. The sale is a cash only sale.  
All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Hillsboro City Council at 7:00 p.m. on April 4, 2023, at City Hall, located at 447 South Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois. A contract may be awarded to the highest bidder or any other bid found to be in the best interest of the City of Hillsboro. The corporate authorities reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The corporate authorities further reserve the right to review and study any and all bids and to make a contract award within forty-five (45) days after the bids have been opened and publicly read.  
Copies of the required sales contract and any bidding documents may be obtained in the office of the City Clerk. Please call (217) 532-5566 with any questions.  
Date: February 22, 2023.  
Don E. Downs,  
Mayor  
City of Hillsboro, Illinois  
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**Fire Calls**

**Dive Team Assist**  
Members of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department Dive Team were called to assist the Hillsboro Police Department at 10:21 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, on City Lake Road.  
Twelve personnel responded and were back in service at 11:15 a.m.

**Storm Calls**  
The Nokomis Volunteer

Fire Department responded to three reports of power lines down during the high winds on Friday, March 3.

**Structure Fire**  
Members of the Hillsboro Fire Department were paged to a structure fire at 173 Robin Lane at 9:26 a.m. Saturday, March 4.  
Twenty-seven personnel responded and were back in service at 10:34 a.m.

on-line all the time  
[www.thejournal-news.net](http://www.thejournal-news.net)

**SEEKING METAL ROOFING BIDS**

East Fork Township is seeking bids for the removal and replacement of the metal roofing on the building located at 500 S. Prospect St. in Coffeen, IL. Bid to include all labor, material, insulation, trim and clean up upon completion. Bids must be submitted by March 27, 2023. Bids can be hand delivered to 500 S. Prospect St. or mailed to P.O. Box 181, Coffeen, IL 62017. Bidders must provide proof of liability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance. All work will be done in accordance with state and local prevailing wage statutes. Bids will be reviewed at the Board meeting held on March 28, 2023. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. If you have any questions call 217-534-6315.

**SEEKING PAINTING BIDS**

East Fork Township is seeking bids for power washing, surface prep and painting all doors, walls and trim of the exterior of the building located at 500 S. Prospect St. in Coffeen, IL. Bid to include all labor, material, and clean up upon completion. Bids must be submitted by March 27, 2023. Bids can be hand delivered to 500 S. Prospect St. or mailed to P.O. Box 181, Coffeen, IL 62017. Bidders must provide proof of liability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance. All work will be done in accordance with state and local prevailing wage statutes. Bids will be reviewed at the Board meeting held on March 28, 2023. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. If you have any questions call 217-534-6315.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

Phase I & II Engineering Services to reconstruct Fairground Avenue (Seymour Boulevard to IL 127) in Hillsboro, IL. The project consists of site related work, drainage improvements, pavement removal, PCC pavement, curb and gutter, driveway replacement, and sidewalk reconstruction.

**General**

City of Hillsboro is seeking Statements of Qualifications from Consulting Engineering firms interested in providing Phase I & II engineering services for the Fairground Avenue Reconstruction. The project consists of site related work, drainage improvements, pavement removal, PCC pavement, curb and gutter, driveway replacement, and sidewalk reconstruction. And is federally funded with an anticipated letting date of June 2024.

If your firm would like to be considered for these services, you may respond to our office at the address indicated. Responding firms should not submit, either formally or informally, to the City any verbal or written estimate of cost in terms of dollars, hours, percentage of construction cost, or any other measure of compensation. Limit your letter of interest to no more than four pages.

Interview or presentation will not be required for the firm selection. The QBS based selection will be fully compliant with federal requirements of 23 CFR 172 and the Brooks Act as described in Section 5-5 of the BLRS Manual, specifically Section 5-5.06(e).

**Qualifications**

Firms must be IDOT prequalified in the following categories:

- Highways - Roads and Streets;
- Special Studies - Location Drainage;
- Location Design Studies - Reconstruction / Major Rehabilitation;
- Special Services - Surveying.

The Statement of Qualifications shall describe the capabilities of your firm and emphasize its specialties and strengths. It should include a statement that indicates your firm's understanding of the project as well as information on key personnel you would assign to the project. Please include previous work history with the City as well.

**Conflict of interest**

The City of Hillsboro require consultants to submit a disclosure statement with their procedures. The City of Hillsboro require the use of the IDOT BDE DISC 2 Template as their conflict of interest form.

**Evaluation**

The City of Hillsboro will evaluate firms based on:

- Technical Approach
- Firm Experience with the City
- Staff Capabilities
- Past Performance with the City
- Specialized Expertise

Criteria	Max Points	Points
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Approach		10
<input type="checkbox"/> Firm Experience		30
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Capabilities (Prime/Sub)		25
<input type="checkbox"/> Past Performance		25
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Expertise		10

**Total Maximum Points** 100  
Statement of Qualifications must be received no later than 4:00 pm, March 13, 2023 at the address listed below. Please mark submittals "RFQ - Fairground Avenue - Pavement Reconstruction." The City of Hillsboro will select a firm on a tentative date of March 21, 2023. Questions may be directed to City Clerk Cory Davidson at email cityhall@hillsboroilinois.net.

Submit to: Mr. Cory Davidson  
City Clerk  
447 S. Main St.  
Hillsboro, IL

**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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The South 62 feet of Lot Four (4) in F.P. Winchester's Subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 8 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, excepting title to the coal, gas and other minerals within and underlying the premises, together with all mining rights and drilling rights and other rights, privileges and immunities relating thereto.  
**P.I.N.:** 16-11-431-008  
**Property Address:** 1115 S. Main St. Hillsboro, IL 62049

Said real property is vacant. The City shall be granted an easement for storm water drainage, detention, and absorption purposes.

Sealed bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above-described property are hereby invited and will be received by the City Clerk at 447 South Main Street, Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois during normal business hours un-

til 12:00 Noon on Thursday, March 30, 2023. Said proposals shall be addressed to the City of Hillsboro, Attention: City Clerk, 447 South Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois, and shall bear the legend: "PROPOSAL - SALE OF 1115 South Main Street, HILLSBORO, IL" and the name and address of the bidder. **All bids received after 12:00 Noon on March 30, 2023 will be rejected.**

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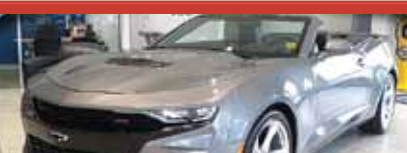
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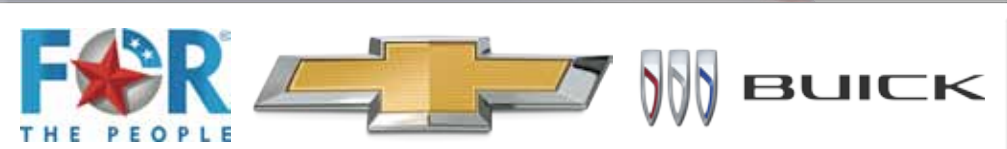
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# Spring Farm

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## Illinois Pork Producers Honor DeDeckers As Family Of The Year

The Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPPA) has named the DeDecker family at the 2023 IPPA Family of the Year; an annual honor bestowed on a pork producing family who has contributed to the long-term success of the industry through leadership and pork promotion on the local and state levels.

Mark and Karen DeDecker, are the proud owners of DeDecker Pork Farm in Cambridge, where they currently farm 2,500 acres of corn and soybeans and market 7,000 hogs annually with their son, Lance. The family's history in Henry County goes back over 75 years and spans over three generations.

In 1936, Eli and Lucy DeDecker (Mark's grandparents), purchased 160 acres for Mark's 21-year-old father, Marvin. Shortly after the purchase, Marvin married Mark's mother, Betty, and the couple lived and worked on the farm. At the time, it wasn't uncommon for a farm to be diversified, and the couple raised cows, chickens and pigs, as well as corn, soybeans and an oat/hay rotation.

In the 1970's, livestock was raised primarily outdoors. However, the DeDeckers were one of the first farm families to begin farrowing inside while many of their neighbors continued to raise 5,000 to 10,000 head on pasture. Their first indoor hog barn was originally a

chicken house that once homed 12,000 laying hens. Later, the chicken house was disassembled, moved from its original location, and converted into a 40' X 214' farrow-to-finish production line building. Remarkably, the original barn and crib used for the livestock is still standing on DeDecker Pork Farm.

From an early age, Mark had a passion for livestock. He won first in the state and fourth in the nation for 4H Livestock Judging. Later, Mark attended the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, and was chosen as one of the top five outstanding seniors in the College of Agriculture.

Mark's interest in the pork industry developed into a career when he started farming full-time in 1973 after receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in Swine Production. While completing his master's degree, Mark married Karen (DeSmith), who was also born and raised in Henry County. The couple resided in Champaign until he graduated and then moved back to Cambridge. Once home, Mark entered a partnership with his dad, farming 640 acres and raising 1,000 hogs in a farrow-to-finish operation. While Mark and his father tended to the farm, Karen was employed at Deere and Company.

Back on the farm, Mark and Karen decided to start

a family and had three children, Jacob, Lance and Ashley. Mark got involved in the organizational side of the industry and began serving on the Henry County Pork Producers board. Throughout his career, Mark has served over 50 years as a director on the Henry County board and held the position of president and scholarship chair.

When the DeDecker's children were young, Karen served as the secretary on the Henry County Fair Board. Later, she was a bookkeeper for the Henry and Rock Island County Farm Bureau, splitting her time between both offices. Eventually, she worked full-time at the Rock Island Farm Bureau and retired after 16 years of service. Karen raised the children while working full-time, but there was never a shortage of jobs for her to do on the farm, including driving the grain cart, loading/moving



The DeDecker family has been named at the 2023 IPPA Family of the Year. DeDecker Pork Farm in Cambridge encompasses 2,500 acres of corn and soybeans, and markets 7,000 hogs annually. The DeDecker family history in Henry County goes back over 75 years and spans over three generations.

hogs, and running for parts. Over the years, the entire DeDecker family has re-

mained active at the county level and when it was time for the couple's children to

pick a career, they all chose agriculture. *Continued on next page*

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## IPPA DeDecker Family

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Their son, Jacob, is currently the Director of Extension and Associate Dean for Engagement at the University of Nevada, Reno. The DeDecker's daughter, Ashley, also received her PhD and currently works for Smithfield as the director of production research. In 2001, Mark and Karen's other son, Lance, finished his studies at Blackhawk East College and returned to the farm where he started a partnership with his parents.

In addition to Mark's

leadership role serving on the Henry County Pork Producers board, he also served nine years as a district director for the Illinois Pork Producers Association. During his tenure as board member, Mark served on the Youth and Research Committees, and as the IL Pork Expo chairman when the show made the transition to Springfield after being hosted in Peoria for several decades. After stepping down as district director, Mark continued to remain active at the county level.

In 2016, Mark and Karen were named the Prairie

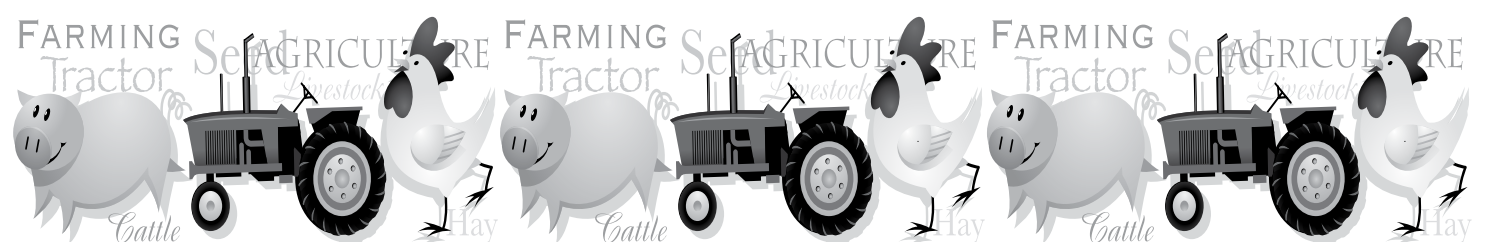
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Like many good pork producing families, the DeDeckers have been active in several community organizations over the years. Mark has served 25 years on the Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District, nine years on the Henry County FSA Board and the Cambridge Library Board and ten years on the Edwards River Board. The DeDecker family also belongs to St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

"The DeDeckers are truly

an agricultural family that have worked to improve the Illinois pork industry. Mark and Karen's involvement in local and state activities has not only led to their success but has been the foundation of the successes of their children in agriculture," said nominator Jason Probst.

The DeDecker family continues to make a lasting impression on their community and the pork industry. Mark and Karen have strived to adapt to changes and grow their business while being good stewards of the land and caring for their animals.



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## Farmers To Be Mindful Of Grain Bin Safety

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), along with the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) are encouraging Illinois farmers to set aside time to recognize Grain Bin Safety Week from Feb. 19-25 and review safety practices while working in and around grain bins.

According to researchers at Purdue University, more than 900 cases of grain engulfment have been reported with a fatality rate of 62 percent in the past 50 years ending in 2010. In 2010, at least 26 U.S. workers were killed in grain engulfment accidents - the highest number on record.

It only takes four seconds for a full grown adult to sink to their knees in flowing grain and 20 seconds to be completely buried in flowing grain. Suffocation from engulfment is the leading cause of death in grain bins.

"Often times we become complacent when doing tasks we have done a thousand times and for farmers that often means working

in and around grain bins," said IDOA Director, Jerry Costello II. "Unfortunately, problems involving flowing grain can snowball quickly. That's why it's important to set aside time to go over safety measures, to prepare farmers for a potential grain bin emergency."

"Departments across the state continually train for these types of responses and continue to apply for grants to receive special tools and devices to help with these rescues, said acting Illinois State Fire Marshal Dale Simpson. "In rural areas of Illinois, response times are increased due to the remote nature of these grain bins, which makes it extremely important that farmers follow proper safety measures and don't take any unnecessary risks."

University of Illinois Extension suggests whenever possible, don't enter a grain bin. If one must enter the bin, as a farm owner/operator they should:

- Break up crusted grain from the outside of the bin

with a long pole. When using a pole, check to see that it doesn't come into contact with electric lines.

- Wear a harness attached to a properly secured rope.

- Stay near the outer wall of the bin and keep walking if the grain should start to flow. Get to the bin ladder or safety rope as quickly as possible.

- Have another person, preferably two people, outside the bin who can help if one becomes entrapped. These people should be trained in rescue procedures and should know and follow safety procedures for entering the confined space.

- Grain fines and dust may cause difficulty in breathing. Anyone working in a grain bin, especially for the purpose of cleaning the bin, should wear an appropriate dust filter or filter respirator.

- Stay out of grain bins, wagons and grain trucks when unloading equipment is running.

- If it is necessary to enter the bin, remember to shut off the power to augers and fans.

It is a good idea to lock out any unloading equipment before entering a bin to prevent someone from unintentionally starting the equipment while one is in the bin.

- Children should not be allowed to play in or around grain bins, wagons or truck beds.

- Where possible, ladders should be installed inside grain bins to be used for an emergency exit. Ladders are easier to locate inside a dusty bin if there are brightly painted stripes just above or behind the ladder.

Farm workers are required to attend training as a reminder to utilize the best practices while working in and around grain bins. In addition to required training there are several online training resources available including the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois at [www.gfai.org](http://www.gfai.org), the Grain Handling and Safety Council at [www.grainsafety.org](http://www.grainsafety.org) or the University of Illinois Extension at [www.web.extension.illinois.edu/agsafety/equipment/grainbinsafety.cfm](http://www.web.extension.illinois.edu/agsafety/equipment/grainbinsafety.cfm).



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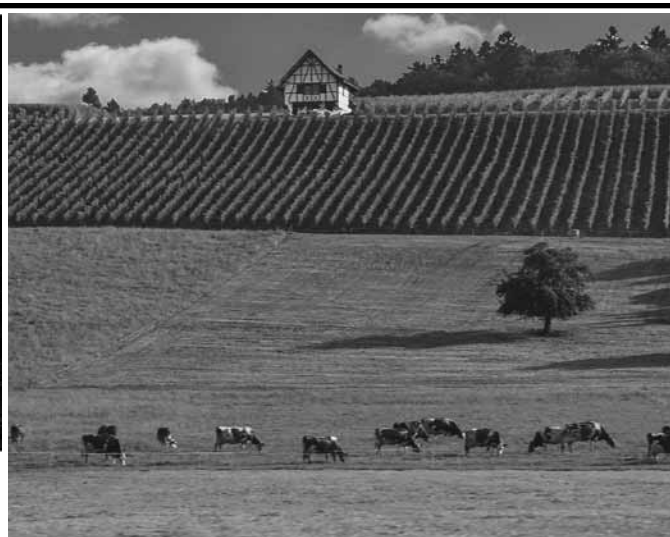
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## Another Record Year For Country's Farm Exports

"The American agricultural sector posted its best export year ever in 2022 with international sales of U.S. farm and food products reaching \$196 billion," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, in an announcement released on Friday, Feb. 10.

The final "2022 trade data" recently released by the Commerce Department shows that U.S. agricultural exports increased 11 percent, or \$19.5 billion, from the previous record set in 2021.

"This second consecutive year of record-setting agricultural exports, coupled with a record \$160.5 billion in net farm income in 2022 demonstrates the success of the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to create new and better

markets for America's agricultural producers and businesses," Vilsack said. "We're strengthening relationships with our trading partners and holding those partners accountable for their commitments, making historic investments in infrastructure to strengthen supply chains and prevent market disruptions and knocking down trade barriers that hamper U.S. producers' access to key markets. We're also continuing to invest in export market development programs by partnering with industry to bring high-quality, cost-competitive U.S. products to consumers around the world."

The value of sales increased in all of the United States' top 10 agricultural export markets: China, Mexico, Canada, Japan,

the European Union, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Colombia and Vietnam, with sales in seven of the ten markets (China, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines and Colombia) setting new records.

"While we remain committed to our established customer base around the world, we are also setting our sights on new growth opportunities in places like Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Overall, there were 30 markets where U.S. exports exceeded \$1 billion in 2022 (an increase from 27 markets in 2021) demonstrating the broad global appeal of American-grown products," Vilsack noted.

The top commodities exported by the United States

in 2022 were soybeans, corn, beef, dairy, cotton and tree nuts, which together comprised more than half of U.S. agricultural export value. International sales of many U.S. products, including soybeans, cotton, dairy, beef, ethanol, poultry, soybean meal, distilled spirits and distillers' grains, reached record values.

"At the end of the day, agricultural trade is all about opportunities—for America's farmers and ranchers, for our rural communities, for the U.S. economy and for our global customers. We extend our gratitude to the Americans across the agricultural industry who create and support those opportunities by growing, processing, selling and shipping our farm and food products to the world," Vilsack concluded.

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## Blackburn College Hosts Spring Beekeeping Class

The Blackburn College Beekeeping Program will host its first beekeeping class this spring.

This exciting opportunity will be open to the public, and attendees will have access to the campus's apiary as a learning resource. The class will run from March 13 until May 9.

The opportunity will consist of eight evening classroom sessions and up to eight in-hive field days on weekends (weather permitting).

Those attending the class will learn introductory beekeeping skills, honeybee anatomy and reproduction, as well as hive social structure and function. The class will also include understanding the bees' relationship to each other, their relationship to humans, the human relationship to bees, the impact on our shared environment, and how it affects both the bees and humans alike.

Blackburn College is a

chemical-free apiary, and coursework will therefore reflect this.

While Blackburn's commitment to pollinators dates back to the late 1800s, the current Bee Program launched in 2016 when an insurance provider forced the College to remove a natural beehive from a tree near Lumpkin Library. The student group maintains several hives on campus and at Solomon Creek Farm, a private nature preserve, and two period-correct hives at Lincoln's Home National Historic Site in Springfield.

Each evening class session will be held on Monday and will start at 7 p.m. The cost for residents of Macoupin and Montgomery counties will be \$75, all other counties will be \$100. To learn more about the class or find registration information, please contact Dade Bradley at [dade.bradley@blackburn.edu](mailto:dade.bradley@blackburn.edu) or call 815-216-2282.



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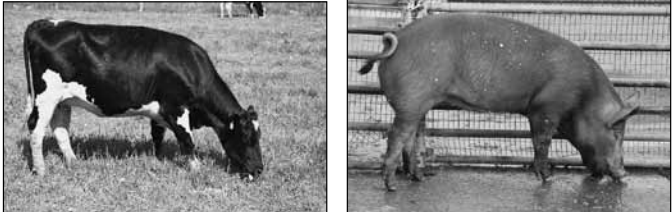
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## USDA Launches Gateway To Help Expand Resources

On Friday, Feb. 3, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) IL State Director for Rural Development, Betsy Dirksen Londrigan announced the Rural Data Gateway, a new resource to make the Department's data for rural projects easier to access for its partners and for people living in rural communities.

The Rural Data Gateway will help USDA better target resources to the people who need them most in rural places. It also will help the department be a stronger

partner to rural people, entrepreneurs, government officials and other stakeholders.

"The Rural Data Gateway offers transparency to our stakeholders and IL residents, something that is key for a free government and maintaining trust of the people," Betsy Dirksen Londrigan said. "It will enable business owners, farmers, and our neighbors in rural communities to see where Rural Development's resources and investments have been made and how

it has impacted their communities, whether through high-speed internet, better access to healthcare or the renewable energy initiatives putting money back into their pockets while addressing climate change."

The Gateway also showcases USDA Rural Development's investments that have helped rural people lower their energy costs, and buy, repair, build and rent affordable places to call home.

The Rural Data Gateway includes investment dashboards that show how Rural

Development has supported local and regional economies in the last 11 years through 69 programs. The dashboards are easy-to-use tools that highlight critical Rural Development investments for people in rural America, including projects that have helped people in socially vulnerable communities access the resources they need. This data will help users analyze trends across different states, counties and congressional districts.

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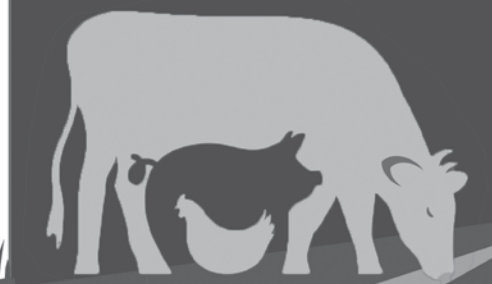
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