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Hillsboro School District Receives \$4.1 Million Grant

Governor JB Pritzker and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) today announced more than 50 localities and municipal entities will receive Energy Transition Community Grants, an initiative under the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) that provides funding for communities that have been impacted by fossil fuel plant or coal mine closures or significant reductions.

Communities in 22 areas impacted by recent or impending plant or mine closures or reductions were eligible to apply for the program. Several local taxing bodies were

included in this grant opportunity, due to the closure of the Vistra Power Plant in Coffeen in November 2019.

Among the local grant recipients are the Hillsboro School District, who was awarded \$4,170,803, and Montgomery County, who was awarded \$2,267,334.

Hillsboro Superintendent David Powell said the funds will be used to support and enhance the Hillsboro High School building project that is currently in the design stage.

"The architect and building committee have been working very hard to stick to the \$23

million budget on this project," Powell said. "These additional funds will help mitigate the impact of any future cost escalations that are outside of the district's control which might otherwise necessitate shaving parts of the project and lead to a failure to meet community expectations. This is fantastic news for our community."

Other grants were awarded to the City of Hillsboro for \$53,154, Mt. Olive School District for \$51,738, Nokomis Community Unit School District for \$52,205, the Village of Butler for \$50,088 and the Village of Schram

City for \$50,301.

"These communities across Illinois are committing to clean energy and a sustainable future, and I'm proud that DCEO is supporting them in this important work," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Transitioning to a cleaner energy system doesn't have to negatively impact local municipalities - in fact, it should make them stronger and healthier. This grant program ensures that's possible, equipping communities with the resources they need to make our state the best place in the country to live."

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Hillsboro Council Purchases New Police Cameras

by Ron Deabenderfer

Hillsboro's City Council took a step towards modernizing the city's police force Tuesday evening, March 7, when they agreed to purchase a security camera package from Utilitra, a tech company located in Edwardsville. Brian Lane, Sales Account Manager for the company, outlined the proposal after an introduction by Police Chief Randy Leatham.

Included in the proposal are installation and configuration of cameras at City Hall and the Police Department (including the interview room and the parking lot behind the building housing city hall and the police department). That's an area used at times as a safe meeting place for the exchange of children involved in custody battles.

The package also includes, "...three enclosures which will cover some of downtown Hillsboro." Also included is a license plate reader (LPR) camera to be located on Rt. 16 just east of South Main and a camera at the War Memorial. Other sites could be added after Phase One is operational. A Geneter Server is included. The cost total presented at the council meeting totaled just under \$50,000 before taxes for material. Labor costs will also be added.

After the presentation, Mayor Don Downs said it would be a big help for law enforcement concerns, and it was long overdue. The council voted 4-0 to accept the proposal. (Finance Commissioner Patrick Ward was not present.)

Lane said it will take a couple months to complete installation and then another week before the system is operational.

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Isn't She Lovely



Many girls gathered at My Formals in Litchfield for an opportunity to be assisted by renowned designer Johnathan Kayne, who visited the retailer Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5, to help them choose the perfect prom dress. Each year, Kayne visits retailers throughout the country in an effort to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Pictured above, Maya Kammerer of Belleville, who is gearing up for her junior prom, is astonished at the gorgeous royal blue gown she and the designer chose to compliment her frame. See page 6A for more on this story.

Journal-News/Bethany Martin



Litchfield native Conner Sarver began planning the "Lake Lou Car and Truck Show" shortly after the death of his close friend Spencer Hughes (pictured above), as a way to celebrate and remember his life.

Lake Lou Car Show Honors Friendship

by Tori O'Dell

"Spencer (Hughes) was one of the best friends I have ever had and I wanted to do something to honor him," said Conner Sarver, a Litchfield High School graduate who is organizing the "Lake Lou Car and Truck Show" in memory of the friend he lost late last year. "Spencer loved everything that had four-wheels and a motor, and he loved car and truck shows. Anytime that he heard about one he wanted the two of us to go."

Sarver began planning on the "Lake Lou Car and Truck Show" a few weeks after his close friend Spencer Hughes passed away from heart issues related to Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic condition he was born with, in December 2022; a way to honor his friend's life while working through his own grief.

Set for Saturday, March 18, the "Lake Lou Car and Truck Show" will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 4932 Beach

House Trail in Litchfield. Participating trucks will be shown in the larger parking lot, located near the beach house, and smaller vehicles and motorcycles will be shown in the small parking lot on the hill. Spots in the show are available for \$5 a vehicle. Owners can also choose to participate in the judged "Show and Shine" for a \$15 fee and the chance to win a prize. The "Show and Shine" will begin at 2 p.m.

"It is my first time organizing something like this. It has already shifted into a much bigger thing than I had originally planned. The community support has been overwhelming," said Sarver, who reiterated that the car and truck show is not a fundraiser but an event for the community to come together to celebrate.

In addition to the car and truck show, the family-friendly event will include live music and sponsor booths, as well as a live auction, raffle items and a 50/50

drawing. Several food trucks will be set up onsite, including local favorites, Off the Wall and A&G's Kookin Kitchen.

Specialty "Lake Lou Truck and Car Show" license plates with the Williams Syndrome symbol and Spencer's name will also be available for purchase during the event. While not a fundraising event, the proceeds made from the show will be donated to the Williams Syndrome Association in memory of Hughes.

"Williams syndrome is a rare genetic disorder that affects around 1 in 1000 kids. The Williams community tend to be sweet, empathetic, talkative and a true joy to be around," explained Lana Hughes, Spencer's mother, in a post on the "Lake Lou Car and Truck Show" page on Facebook. "Health issues, like the heart issues that Spencer was born with, commonly occur in concurrence with Williams Syndrome."

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EJ' Bistro
A new Litchfield eatery is welcoming customers downtown. See 9A.



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Spring is just around the corner, and residents have been enjoying warmer temperatures and nice weather. Barb Boston of Hillsboro submitted this photo of flowers blooming at the home of her mother, Bonnie, another signal that we are almost to spring!

And speaking of spring, you won't want to miss the start of Daylight Savings Time this spring, making way for nice evenings. Daylight Savings Time officially begins on Sunday, March 12, so make sure to set your clocks ahead one hour when you head to bed on Saturday night.

Release the Quaken! Don't miss a special "Duck, Duck Read" event at the Litchfield Public Library on Friday evening, March 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. Stop by for some splishin' and splashin' rubber duckie run with games, crafts and more.

Also this month, the Litchfield Public Library is hosting a reward to find the missing Larry the Leprechaun. Next time you're there, be sure to hunt him down for a prize!

And speaking of libraries, the Nokomis Public Library is hosting a book sale. Stop by and check out their large selection. All items are five for \$1. In addition, the library is still raising money for their new building, so make sure to check out the money walk while you are there.

Heather Hampton+Knodle of Fillmore, who serves as president of the American Agri-Women organization, shared the link to a webinar about food insecurity. Hampton+Knodle said many members from around the country have expressed concerns about how to evaluate renewable energy lease proposals for property.

The webinar, "A Secure Food Supply Equals National Security" is now available online at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Tq128MzqedXlatiPxSLip9JYN4_PLkdl/view?usp=share_link. The file icon for the video has a red rectangle with three white, diagonal stripes along the top edge.

The University of Illinois Extension has teamed up with the Next Network and the Risk Reduction Committee to offer a poverty simulation on Saturday, March 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Litchfield Community Center. Those in education, healthcare, service industries, government, community volunteers and nonprofits are highly encouraged to attend, but the meeting is open to anyone.

Through this activity, participants will better understand the challenges faced by those in need. They will get the chance to make the difficult daily decisions facing people in poverty. Registration is required by March 9. For more information, call 217-532-3941.

The Litchfield High School girls soccer team will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts this Saturday, March 11, at Library Park in downtown Litchfield. Boxes of glazed donuts are \$10 each and all proceeds benefit Litchfield girls soccer.

Our friends at J.C.'s Jewelry and Repair, open in Hillsboro on Wednesdays, have been recognized by the *St. Louis County Community News* "Best of North County" issue as the #1 Jeweler. In addition to their Hillsboro location, they have locations in O'Fallon and Florissant, MO. "We're honored to be recognized," they wrote. "Thank you to our loyal customers for your trust in us as your personal hometown jeweler for 25 years."

Save the cooking for someone else! The Coffeen United Methodist Church is hosting its annual spaghetti supper this Saturday, March 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. On the menu will be spaghetti, bread, salad, drink and homemade dessert. Donations will be accepted for the meal, and carry-outs will be available. Free delivery is available in Coffeen. For more information, call 217-534-4335 or 217-556-2371.

The city of Hillsboro would like to remind residents that the first installment for permanent campers at Sherwood Forest is due by March 15.

Want to add a special title to your resume? You could be the Old Settlers Queen as Hillsboro celebrates its 200th birthday! The Old Settlers Association is looking for young ladies age freshman through seniors in the Hillsboro School District to join the contest. It's a great chance to meet new people, earn money and represent your hometown. The deadline to enter is April 1. Call or text Shawna Rovey at 217-556-6177 or stop by the high school office to sign up.

Public Meetings

Development And Personnel Committee
The Montgomery County Board Development and Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday, March 9, beginning at 5 p.m. in the county board room at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

Finance And Budget Committee
The Montgomery County Board Finance and Budget Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 10, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. Agenda items include the distribution and authorization of ARPA funding.

Hillsboro Public Library
The Hillsboro Public Library Board will meet on Friday, March 10, beginning at 2 p.m. to discuss basement remodeling, personnel and summer programs.

Plummer Gives Advice To Mortuary Students

Terry Plummer, owner of Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield, returned to his alma mater, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale (SIU-C), to speak to the mortuary students about his more than three decades of experience in the funeral service industry.

Plummer was thrilled to speak at SIU-C, almost 40 years after his own graduation. His expertise in the industry, coupled with his time spent serving on the Illinois Department of Finance and Professional Regulation for Funeral Directors and Embalmers (IDFPR), a position he was appointed to in late 2015, held the mortuary students attention.

In his position with the IDFPR, Plummer helps grade



Terry Plummer

students' intern papers and even takes on a mentorship role, guiding them through the licensing process.

Republican Lincoln Day Dinner Set For March 18

Montgomery County Republicans will rally at their annual Lincoln Day Dinner, set for Saturday, March 18, at the Litchfield Community Center.

Tickets are available at the door, or in advance by calling or texting Daryl Hodges at 217-556-1420. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., a prime rib dinner will be served at

6 p.m., and a program will begin after dinner.

Among those scheduled to speak are State Senators Steve McClure and Jason Plummer, and State Representatives Wayne Rosenthal and Brad Halbrook. Guests will also hear from Judge Doug Gruenke, and attorney Tom DeVore will talk about Illinois gun legislation.

Pre-K Screenings Will Open Soon In Nokomis

Nokomis Community Unit #22's Early Childhood Program will host spring screenings on Friday, March 31, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Nokomis. The Fall 2023 Early childhood classes will be formed from this screening.

Children must be three or four years old on or before Friday, Sept. 1, and live in the Nokomis School District to be eligible for the program. Screenings will be in the areas of health, cognitive, speech/language and motor skills. Nokomis Unit #22 Early Childhood staff will be conducting the screenings.

Children who were en-

rolled in Nokomis' Pre-K program during the 2022-2023 school year do not need to register or be screened again. The Early Childhood Office will automatically enroll these students for a second year of Pre-K if they are not yet eligible for Kindergarten.

Those that had a child screened last year, but did not enroll them will need to have their child screened again.

Starting Monday, March 13, parents are instructed to call the Nokomis Early Childhood office at 217-563-2411 or email Alison Marley at alisonmarley@nokomis.k12.il.us to make an appointment.

Vote For Your Favorite Raymond Parade Theme

Members of the Raymond Celebration Committee have begun gearing up for this year's event.

Residents of the village of Raymond are asked to cast their vote for the 2023 Raymond Celebration Theme.

Those interested in being a part of choosing this year's

theme are asked to visit the Raymond Celebration Facebook page and comment on the original post. Voting will end on May 18.

The options include A. Viva Las Vegas, B. My High School Days, C. Broadway to Broad Street and D. Teaming Up for the Town.

Larry W. Hughes, 74 Chemist At Power Plant



Larry Wayne Hughes, 74, of Litchfield, died on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 2:19 p.m. at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 12, from 12 to 2 p.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Fred Kraemer officiating.

Mr. Hughes was born Oct. 13, 1948, in Blytheville, AR, to Henry Herman and Ima Jo (Colbert) Hughes. He married Theresa "Terry" Sue Hibbeler on May 16, 1970, in

Staunton, and she survives.

He graduated from Round Lake High School and went on to obtain his degree from Blackburn College in Carlinville. He also served in the U.S. Navy. Before his retirement, Mr. Hughes was employed as a chemist with Ameren at the Coffeen Power Plant.

He attended Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield with his grandchildren, enjoyed sports and loved spending time with his family and traveling with his wife. He participated in car shows with his 1966 Ford Mustang. He was an avid Cubs and White Sox fan.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Hughes is survived by his son, Bruce (Lana) Hughes of Litchfield; daughter, Jennifer (Brad) Ryden of Loami; sisters, Reba Verhunce and Donna (William) Clifford, both of Wisconsin; and four grandchildren, Kaytlen Hughes, Collin Hughes, Luke Ryden and Alexis Ryden.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Spencer Wayne Hughes on Dec. 7, 2022.

Memorials may be directed to the Williams Syndrome Association or to Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. To light a candle or sign the online guestbook, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Edward O. Hormann, Jr., 61 Manager At Rural King



Edward O. Hormann, Jr., 61, of Staunton, died on Friday, March 3, 2023, at 7:59 p.m. at Community Hospital of Staunton.

A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, March 7, at the Hormann residence in Staunton. Williamson Funeral Home in Staunton assisted the family.

Mr. Hormann was born June 10, 1961, in East St. Louis, to Edward O. and Mary (Way) Hormann, Sr. He married Elsie Marie Evans on May 23, 1983, in Yokosuka, Japan, and she survives.

He graduated from Livingston High School with the class of 1980. He served in the U.S. Navy as a machinist mate first class (retired) aboard the USS Towers, USS Lynde McCormick, USS Camden, USS Midway and USS Independence.

Mr. Hormann retired from Walmart and most recently worked as a department manager at Rural King in Litchfield. He was an avid fisherman and a diehard St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Hormann is survived by his children, Troy (Robin) Hormann and Diane Marie Whitlow; four grandchildren, Gage Whitlow, Lilyanna Whitlow, Kaylynn Whitlow and Conall Whitlow; brothers, William Hormann, Lenny (Jennifer) Hormann and Warren (Stephanie) Hormann; two sisters, Barbara (Gerald) Meyer and Mary Hormann; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Dennis Hormann and James Robert Hormann.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.williamsonfh.com.

Nursing Scholarship Applications Available

Hillsboro Area Hospital Auxiliary is accepting applications for two nursing scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year. The Mae Seward Sorrells Nursing Scholarship is available to high school students enrolling as first-year nursing students at an accredited school.

Students who have completed a year or more in an accredited nursing program are eligible for the Montgomery County Health Improvement Scholarship.

To be eligible for the scholarships, a student must be a resident of Montgomery

County one year prior to date of application or be currently employed at Hillsboro Area Hospital. Students must be in need of financial assistance.

Applications are available via Hillsboro Area Hospital's website, www.hillsborohealth.org or at any of the high school counselors' offices in Montgomery County. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 12. Questions regarding the scholarships should be directed to Diane Clark at Hillsboro Area Hospital at 217-532-4187 or dianeclark@hillsboroareahospital.org.

Kilton Accepting Apps

The W. Darrell Kilton Foundation is now accepting applications for funding for projects for the betterment, improvement and advancement of the community of Litchfield and the surrounding agriculture community.

Completed applications are due by Friday, March 17, to Denise DeLaCruz, c/o Bank and Trust Company, 401 N. Madison, Litchfield, IL 62056. For more information, call 217-324-3935 or email denise.delacruz@banktr.com.

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Obituaries

Grace A. Stockstill, 95

Secretary, Practiced Nursing



Grace Avenelle Stockstill, 95, of Litchfield, died on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 6:40 p.m. at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs. Visitation will be held Saturday, March 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Gary Schwab officiating. Burial will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield.

Mrs. Stockstill was born Oct. 23, 1927, in Litchfield, to Stephen D. and Myrtle L. (Wilhite) Grimes, Jr. She married Cecil J. Stockstill on Nov. 2, 1947, in Litchfield, and he preceded her in death on April 5, 1973.

She attended Litchfield schools, graduating with the class of 1945. During her career, she was employed as a secretary at Litchfield High School and for Macy and Lober Attorneys at Law. She was also employed at Worley Women's Wear and practiced nursing.

Mrs. Stockstill was a member of St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Litchfield and the Litchfield Women's Club. She was an avid Cardinals baseball fan.

She is survived by her son, Tom (Cheryl) Stockstill of Mt. Olive; brother, George Grimes of Oakley; sister-in-law, Harriet Grimes of Litchfield; grandsons, Bradley (Brenda) Stockstill of Fieldon and Travis (Jennifer) Stockstill of Butler; and four great-grandchildren, Mitchell Stockstill, Macy Stockstill, Wesley Stockstill and Brooke Stockstill.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Stockstill was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Gerald Grimes and Richard Grimes.

Memorials may be directed to Hearts United in Litchfield. To light a candle or sign the online guestbook, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Jeanne M. Ronco, 91

Collected Antiques



Jeanne Mary Ronco, 91, of Litchfield, died on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 7:51 p.m. at Copper Creek Cottages in Litchfield.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 10, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery in Litchfield with Father Dan Willenborg of Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield officiating. There will be no visitation. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is assisting the family.

Mrs. Ronco was born Aug. 17, 1931, in Collinsville, to John and Berdie (Body) Ardison. She married Frank A. Ronco, and they later divorced.

She graduated from Collinsville High School. Mrs. Ronco was a homemaker and member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield. She enjoyed collecting antiques and fashion.

She is survived by her son, Frank (Mary) Ronco of Litchfield; daughters, Susan Whitehead of Mesquite, TX, and Paula (Bob Stevenson) Ronco of Sorento; two grandchildren, Josh (Brittany) Ronco and Danielle (Dereck) Howerton; and six great-grandchildren, Bentley, Brayden and Payton Ronco, and Darlyn, Max and Niala Howerton.

Mrs. Ronco was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Jeannette Lucas; grandson, David Burrus; and ex-husband, Frank A. Ronco.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield. To light a candle or sign the online guestbook, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Ava 'Rennie' Matt, 78

Loving, Enjoyed Sewing

Ava "Rennie" Matt, 78, of Sorento, died on Monday, March 6, 2023, at her home with her husband by her side.

Per her wishes, cremation rites were accorded. No services will be held. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento is assisting the family.

Mrs. Matt was born Nov. 8, 1944, in Los Angeles, CA, to Herbert Leland and Alice (Pickett) Dellinger. She married Robert Lee Matt on Oct. 4, 1963, in Washington Park, and he survives. They were married just short of 60 years.

She was a loving and caring person who enjoyed sewing, working in her garden and tending to her flowers. She had a great sense of humor and even liked the occasional practical joke. She was always happy to see the grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them.

Mrs. Matt met her husband at a dance social. They later married and lived in Washington Park until 1968. They then moved to Dietrich before making the final move to Sorento.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sons, Bobby Matt of Nashville and Richard Joseph Matt of Sorento; grandchildren, Seth Matt of Carlyle, Zach Matt of Sorento and Bailey Matt of Farmington, MO; and sister, Rachel.

Mrs. Matt was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Richard Dellinger; and granddaughter, Jennifer Hamilton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Bond County Hospice, 1520 S. 4th St., Greenville, IL 62246, as the facility was very kind and caring to her. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Larry C. Janssen, 75

Worked In Sales



Larry Carl Janssen, 75, of Mattoon, died on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 10:02 a.m. at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon.

Burial will be held at a later date at St. Maurice Catholic Cemetery in Morrisonville. Hough Funeral Home in Raymond is assisting the family.

Mr. Janssen was born May 31, 1947, in Litchfield, to Carl and Mildred (Niehaus) Janssen. He married Delores Clevenger, and then later married Cathy A. Conlin.

He served in the Illinois National Guard and worked most of his life in sales before he retired.

Mr. Janssen is survived by his daughter, Angela (husband Patrick) Armour of Raymond; son, Shane Janssen of Mattoon; twin sister, Linda Kollenberg of Springfield; and seven grandchildren, Landin, Kayley, Kelsey and Katelyn Armour, and Kelsey, Kara and Kyleigh Janssen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Kent Janssen; and brother, David Janssen.

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

Juanita L. Schmedeke-Keiser, 93

Homemaker



Juanita L. Schmedeke-Keiser, 93, of Irving, died on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 5:20 a.m. at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 12 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Sue Bryce, pastor of United Methodist Church in Irving, officiating. Burial will be held at Irving Cemetery.

Mrs. Schmedeke-Keiser was born Dec. 14, 1929, to Alfred A. and Erblean M. (Geminden) Bailey. She married Cecil A. Schmedeke on May 14, 1949, in Irving, and he preceded her in death in March 1976. She later married Alfred Keiser on Aug. 6, 1983, in Irving, and he preceded her in death in July 2014.

She graduated from high school and went on to become a homemaker. A lifelong resident of Irving, Mrs. Schmedeke-Keiser was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and United Methodist Church in Irving. She loved her pet bird, Peanuts. She enjoyed gardening and flowers, as well as knitting and crocheting.

She is survived by her children, Kyle (wife Deneta) Schmedeke and Karis Schmedeke, both of Irving; five grandchildren, Kayden Schmedeke, Kason Schmedeke, Luke Schmedeke, Jacob Schmedeke and Andrew Schmedeke; and great-grandchild, Braiden Schmedeke.

In addition to her husbands, Mrs. Schmedeke-Keiser was preceded in death by her parents; children, Kent Schmedeke and Kurt Schmedeke; grandson, Christopher Schmedeke; and brothers, Richard Bailey and Robert Bailey.

Memorials may be directed to the Irving Cemetery Association. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.basspattondeanfh.com.

Ellsworth D. Parish Jr., 76

Ties To Litchfield



Ellsworth Daniel Parish Jr., 76, of Alhambra, died on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at his residence.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Cremation rites were accorded. The Lesicko Funeral Home of Livingston, assisted by the Williamson Funeral Home of Staunton, are assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Parish was born on Sunday, Nov. 10, 1946, in Litchfield. He was the son of Ellsworth D. and Florence (Lynch) Parish.

Mr. Parish grew up in Sawyerville and graduated from Gillespie High School on May 29, 1964. He worked with maintenance as a painter at Granite City Steel. His loved ones knew him as a great guy and friend to many.

Mr. Parish is survived by his children, Debbie S. (husband Marty) Cralley of Livingston, Danny Parish of Girard, Adam Parish of Hannibal, MO, Dana Goth of Highland and Eric Parish of Staunton; ten grandchildren, Natosha M. (husband Brian) Cralley, Owen Parish, Jonathon (wife Kelly) Parish, Brian Parish, Cassidy and Katrina Goth, Ethan, Evan and Eric Parish, and Martin Ray Cralley; four great-grandchildren, Haiden (Brooke), Halei Zumwalt, Kloei Siefke and Gwendolyn Parish; grandson-in-law, Shadwell Siefke; great-great-granddaughter, Esmera Ida Zumwalt (arriving in the month of March); and siblings, Thurman (wife Linda) Parish of Sawyerville, Earnie (wife Norma) Parish of Staunton, Rick (wife Vickie) Parish of Kentucky and Faith Cummings of Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Hope Korunka; daughter-in-law, Tina Parish; granddaughter, Crystal D. (Cralley) Siefke; and first wife, Sharon (Shanks) Parish.

Memorial contributions can be directed to the Lesicko Funeral Home at P O Box 7, Livingston IL 62058. Condolences may be left online at www.lesickofuneralhome.com.

Richard W. Meier, 79

Owned Pawnee IGA



Richard "Dick" Wayne Meier, 79, of Pawnee, died on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, at 8:54 p.m. at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

Cremation rites were accorded by Lincoln Land Cremation Society in Springfield.

Mr. Meier was born July 2, 1943, in Springfield, to Elmer and Minnie (Boston) Meier. He married Patricia Ann Cronister on July 13, 1983, in Springfield, and she survives.

He graduated from Litchfield High School. During his career, he owned and operated Pawnee IGA for 30 years and was active in the business community.

Mr. Meier was an avid hunter for many years and served as a hunting guide. He enjoyed gardening, had a large pumpkin patch, and shared the wealth of his crops with his neighbors and numerous friends. He also loved to cook. He will be sadly missed by his community.

In addition to his wife of 40 years, Mr. Meier is survived by his sons, Brian Meier and Harry (Stacey) Thornton, Jr., both of Pawnee, and Richie (Dawn) Meier, Jr. of Hillsboro; daughters, Hope (Kevin) Castle of Farmer City and Shelly (Lance) Craigmiles of Pawnee; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; siblings, Maggie Walker of Hillsboro and Ed Meier of Litchfield; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Jim Meier.

Memorials may be directed to the Pawnee Food Pantry, 704 7th St., Pawnee, IL 62558.

Laura Melton, 60

Enjoyed Her Garden



Laura Melton, 60, of Sorento, died on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento, 201 S. Main St. A graveside service will follow, beginning at 1 p.m. at Kirkland Cemetery in Sorento. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento is assisting the family.

Mrs. Melton was born Jan. 18, 1963, to James and Sherry (Shaffer) Roberts. She married Danny Melton on Feb. 19, 1993, in Hillsboro, and he survives. They were married for 30 blessed years.

After graduating from Hillsboro High School in 1981, she moved to Bloomington-Normal and worked at the Mitsubishi manufacturing plant. During this time, she met her husband, fell in love, married and moved to Sorento in 1993, where they began their life together.

Mrs. Melton was funny, witty, straight-forward and told it how it was. She loved her alone time, but never minded the occasional drop-in from any of her family or friends. She was an easy conversationalist and held a personality that could light up a room. She enjoyed "yard-saleing," Bingo, "tinkering around," and most of all, playing in her garden.

She was loved dearly by those blessed to have known her.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Melton is survived by her mother, Sherry Zanotti of Litchfield, brother, James (Pam) Roberts of Hillsboro; sister, Mona Stevens of Hamilton; children, Dane Morgan of Caseyville, Kelsey Melton and Casey Melton, both of Hillsboro; stepchildren, Jodi Dixon of New Douglas and Bo Melton of Greenville; grandchildren, Garrett Melton, Riley McCario, Karlee Dixon, Trey Melton and Reini Morgan; and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Kirkland Cemetery, 290 Ripson Bridge Ave., Sorento, IL 62086. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Nina M. King, 53

Office Coordinator



Nina M. King, 53, of Virden, died on Sunday evening, March 5, 2023, at her residence.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Litchfield Family Funeral Service. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 3 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Cliff Woodman officiating.

Mrs. King was born June 23, 1969, in Staunton, to Norman and Diane (Fritzsch) Henry. She married Mark E. King on Dec. 7, 1988, in Litchfield, and he survives in Virden.

She attended Lincoln Land Community College, where she studied nursing. During her career, Mrs. King served as a mental health technician for the state at McFarland. After 16 years there, she changed jobs and became the office coordinator for the Disability Determination Services for the state of Illinois.

She was a member of the NRA and enjoyed target shooting and fishing. She loved being with her children and grandson. She loved and cared for animals, especially her dogs Bandit, Smokey and Riley.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. King is survived by her daughter, Heather (Anthony) Harbaugh of Virden; son, Marc (Elizabeth) King of Ellenboro, NC; grandson, Elijah King; stepfather, Gerald Hedderick of Lead Hill, AR; two brothers, Rusty Henry of Omaha, AR, and Chad Henry of Lead Hill, AR; two sisters, Sonya (Ed) Rudolph of Omaha, AR, and Robin (Jack) Wittenmeyer of Raymond; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Memorials may be directed to Shriners Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.litchfieldffs.com.

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Thank you to all our family and friends for your thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

From,
The Catherine "Kitty" Crawford Family



Wetzel, Fuchs Marry This March In Hawaii

Emily Wetzel and Eric Fuchs, both of Kansas City, MO, were united in marriage on March 4, 2023, in Hawaii with their parents in attendance.

The new Mrs. Fuchs is the daughter of Harry and Lynne Hutchison of Hilton Head, SC, and Bart and Sue Wetzel of Hillsboro. A 2013 graduate of Columbia College, she also graduated from the University of Missouri in

2017. She is currently employed by the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Her husband is the son of Ken and Cyndi Fuchs of Columbia, MO. A graduate of the University of Missouri, he is currently employed by Barnes and Noble.

Following their Hawaiian wedding ceremony, the couple is making their first home in Kansas City, MO.

Local DAR Chapter Will Meet On Thursday Night

Members of the Christiana Tillson chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday evening, March 9. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Hillsboro Area Public Library in downtown Hillsboro.

The group will be finalizing plans for the DAR Good Citizen award brunch on Saturday, April 1.

Members will also be responsible for hosting the District V DAR meeting in May and will be making plans for that as well.

Spring Into Reading With Learning Express Program

The Regional Office of Education #3 Learning Express program is inviting young families to "Spring into Reading" during a special event from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro.

The family-centered event is designed to help parents connect with their children through literacy. Age-appropriate reading stations will be set up for the small children to explore different types of books, from black and white books for infants, to interactive books for busy toddlers.

The "Spring into Reading" event will also feature a make-n-take snack station. Attendees will have their names entered into a drawing for a door prize and all of

the little-bitty participants will take home a spring book.

ROE #3 Learning Express is a free, voluntary program that serves families in Montgomery, Fayette, Christian and Effingham counties, funded by the Early Childhood Division of the Illinois State Board of Education. The program is open to expectant parents and families with children up to the age of three.

Parent educators make weekly home visits to enrolled families, where they provide developmentally appropriate activities and help to smoothly transition children into the preschool system.

For more information on Learning Express contact Program Director Paula White at 217-532-9605.

Mt. Zion Lutheran To Host Worship Service

Pastor Cynthia Munker will lead worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, in the church sanctuary. The service will be livestreaming on the "Mt. Zion Lutheran, Litchfield, IL" page on Facebook.

The church will celebrate the third Sunday in Lent by studying the following scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95 and Romans 5:1-11. The gospel for preaching and study is John 4:5-42. The congregation will sing "O, Jesus, Joy of Loving Heart," "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," "When Peace, Like a River" and "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing."

The church's Mission Beyond their Walls for March is Litchfield High School's

Post Prom; a substance-free gathering for Litchfield High School juniors and seniors that will be held on Saturday, May 6, at Litchfield High School.

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

The congregation will gather for Lenten fellowship and a simple soup supper at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, followed by worship at 7 p.m. All Christians are welcome to join in Holy Communion with the church.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 824 N. Monroe in Litchfield.



Pictured above, at right, Lisa White was honored during the Illinois Extension Annual Conference held in November in Urbana for her work as an office support specialist.

Lisa White Honored At Extension Conference

Office support staff in local Extension offices connect residents with resources to solve their problems. These staff are often the first people the public meets at the local office and the voice they hear on the phone.

Lisa White, who serves as office support specialist for Montgomery, Macoupin, Christian and Jersey counties was honored during the Illinois Extension Annual Conference held in November in Urbana.

The extension honored exemplary employees who display a caring, pleasant and supportive attitude to clientele and staff, exhibit creativity and initiative resulting in improved operations efficiency and embrace the image of Illinois Extension.

"Lisa leads with kindness and patience and personifies excellence in her work with

Extension," says Amanda Cole, Extension county director. "Lisa sets the tone of the office; her positive attitude and problem-solving skills made the challenges of 2020 and beyond easy to navigate."

White finds innovative and creative ways to improve office efficiency, Cole says. She manages the unit budgets, coordinates ordering and purchasing, and reorganized the office supplies and warehouse for increased efficiency and greater ease for staff. She embraces technology and works to share her knowledge with others.

"Lisa is consistently patient and caring with every staff member and client who walks through the door or calls the office," says Cole. "She ensures staff in all program areas are successful and clients receive the answers they are looking for."

Cross Over Ministries Board Will Meet On Thursday Night

Members of the Cross Over Ministries will hold their March board meeting tonight, Thursday evening, March 9, beginning at 6 p.m. Board meetings are held at the Cross Over Ministries office, located just above the Montgomery County Farm Bureau building at 102 N. Main Street in downtown Hillsboro.

On the agenda, board members will discuss their financial report, pending grants, activities for Mental Health Awareness in May and more. The fundraising committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. in the student room.

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



Hillsboro Story Hour Has Leprechaun Theme

Leprechauns were the theme of the story hour program at Hillsboro Area Public Library on Monday afternoon, March 6. Nancy Merriman, at right, read a Leprechaun story and helped Charley Herschelmann with a craft and a game for the March holiday. Story hour is held every Monday at the library from 4 to 4:30 p.m. for grades pre-Kindergarten through third grade. Up next, they will meet on Monday, March 13, to read "The Leprechaun Who Lost His Rainbow" and will do a craft and play a game.



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Third Graders Excited To Attend Junior Blues Game

The third grade students in Mrs. Hellum's class at Beckemeyer Elementary School were more than excited to attend the Springfield Junior Blues game on Saturday, Feb. 18. The local youth got a shout out and were even able to get some time on the ice picking up pucks. The students had fun at the game and giving the players high-fives.

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Richardson Speaks About Folklores At Culture Club

Hillsboro High School's Culture Club enjoyed a fascinating lecture led by Bella Richardson on Monday, Feb. 27. Richardson spoke about monster folklore from around the world, and followed up the presentation with folklore inspired crafts and themed treats.

Bridge The Gap Raises Funds For Library, EMS

With the help of several local churches, the Nokomis Christian Missions organization has organized fundraiser meals for every Tuesday evening during this year's Lenten season.

The donation-only meals are served from 5 to 7 p.m. at various locations in Nokomis.

On March 7, they will serve chicken tetrazzini, salad, roll and dessert at Nokomis United Methodist Church, 220 S. Cedar St. Customers have the option to dine-in or carry-out.

On March 14, the meal includes smoked pork, baked beans, Italian salad and dessert at Grace Baptist Church, 965 E. Union. This meal is offered in dine-in or carry-

out fashion.

On March 21, they will serve soup, a sandwich and dessert at First United Pentecostal Church, 211 E. South, with the option to dine-in or carry-out.

On March 28, the meal will include a taco bar and dessert at First United Pentecostal Church, 219 N. Oak, in dine-in or carry-out fashion.

Lastly, on Wednesday, April 5, a drive-thru only meal will be offered, including mostaccioli, garlic bread, a salad and dessert at St. Louis Catholic Church, 311 S. Elm.

The funds raised will benefit the Nokomis Public Library and Nokomis-Witt Ambulance Service.



HHS Interact Club Hosts Community Blood Drive

The members of Hillsboro High School's Interact Club, under the guidance of Kristy Andrews, partnered with ImpactLife to host a blood drive in the school's gym on Friday, Feb. 24. There were 20 first time donors and a total of 39 units of blood collected during the drive; meaning that the Topper donors potentially saved 109 lives. Above, Eli Howard gets hooked up to make a donation.

HSHS Says Better Sleep Boosts Overall Well-Being

The National Sleep Foundation, which launched Sleep Awareness Week in 1998, says 45 percent of Americans report poor or insufficient sleep negatively affects their daily lives.

Sleep Awareness Week, held March 12-18, highlights the importance of good sleep. With everyone moving their clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12, with the start of Daylight Savings Time, sleep schedules may be affected.

Sleep is one of the pillars of a healthy lifestyle, along with a balanced diet and regular exercise. Dr. Manjeshwar Prabhu, HSHS Medical Group sleep medicine specialist, shares that sleep occurs when the brain and body disconnect from the senses, no longer allowing us to process information from the outside.

In turn, sleep allows us to review activities and experiences from the day, which strengthens memory; gives our organs time to rest; allows our immune system to scan for infections and fight illnesses; and allows a child's or teenager's muscles to grow.

"Sleep also improves our mood and allows us to think more clearly and creatively," says Dr. Prabhu. "It also is important for safety by helping prevent drowsy driving and accidents at work due to lack of sleep."

The term "sleep hygiene" refers to a series of healthy sleep habits that can improve ability to fall asleep and stay asleep, including:

- Limit the use of electronics one hour prior to bed to prepare bodies and brains for sleep.
- Do not go to bed hungry.
- Keep the bedroom temperature cooler than the rest of the house.
- Avoid caffeine and alcohol four to six hours before bedtime.

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• If one doesn't fall asleep after 20 minutes, they should get out of bed and do a quiet activity without a lot of light exposure until they feel sleepy.

Dr. Prabhu says it's always best to stay in a routine when it comes to bedtime and wake time, especially with kids.

"We all know that it can be hard to get kids to go to bed sometimes, so it's okay to allow them to stay up a bit later every now and then, but it is best not to deviate more than one hour from their regular bedtime," said Dr. Prabhu.

Insufficient sleep can lead to health conditions such as irritability, obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, depression and diabetes.

There are more than 80 identified sleep disorders, and sometimes, the cause has nothing to do with actual lack of sleep, according to Dr. Prabhu. He says stress, depression, a change in family dynamics, a new career and other life adjustments can lead to trouble sleeping.

Those who have concerns about sleep patterns, or difficulties falling or staying asleep, should talk to their primary care physician to request a referral to the sleep lab at HSHS St. Francis Hospital. Dr. Prabhu sees patients in at the HSHS Medical Group Pulmonary Specialty Clinic on a regular basis.

Learn more about St. Francis's sleep medicine services by visiting stfrancis-litchfield.org or calling 217-324-8518.

For more information about getting quality sleep, visit the American Academy of Sleep Medicine at sleepeducation.org/healthy-sleep/healthy-sleep-habits/



Lisa Peterson, at right, was honored by the University of Illinois Extension for her excellence as a nutrition and wellness educator in central Illinois. The award was presented by Extension Director Shelly Nickols-Richardson at the group's annual conference held in November in Urbana.

Peterson Honored At Extension Conference

The University of Illinois Extension organization gathered to honor outstanding individuals as part of its annual conference held in November in Urbana.

Among those recognized at the conference was Lisa Peterson, who provides leadership to Extension's food preservation and certified food manager programs, in addition to her work as nutrition and wellness educator for Montgomery, Macoupin, Christian and Jersey counties. She was awarded with the Individual Excellence Award.

Peterson helped revitalize the nutrition curriculum, fact sheets and social presence, leading to improved food safety for Illinois residents. Her pass rate as an instructor for the certified food protection manager certification exam nears 100 percent. She spent 18 months with added supervisory responsibilities, covering a leadership vacancy in her four-county unit.

"There has not been one

time when Lisa has not tackled the duties of the last 18 months without a smile on her face," says Janice McCoy, assistant director. "Lisa's leadership skills include the ability to assess and diagnose issues quickly, the ability to effectively contribute to team functioning, directly communicate issues in a considerate manner, and contribute to the overall good of the organization."

Peterson is committed to reaching underserved residents, including those in the 18 to 34 age range. She has transitioned content to online, including a new Instagram account, Dash of Wellness.

She is multi-year winner of national and state awards by the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) since beginning her Extension career in 2014. She currently serves on the national executive board for NEAFCS.

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

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

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DCEO Grants

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The \$40 million program was designed to meet the needs of individual localities by addressing the economic and social impacts of plant closures. The funding can be used on a variety of initiatives and investments, including workforce investments, housing support, business attraction efforts, and more. Recipients were selected by responding to a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) with a letter of support from the municipality or county where the plant or mine was located.

As part of the program, the grantees will develop detailed plans for the grant funding, which includes stakeholder engagement, a detailed project design and budget which outlines specific intended uses for the grant funds. The community stakeholder engagement process is a critical element designed to ensure grantees solicit community input and

consult with a diverse set of stakeholders to best support those most impacted by energy transitions.

"Supporting communities and bolstering economic development in energy transition communities is at the heart of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act," said Acting DCEO Director Kristin A. Richards. "The Energy Transition Community Grant Program supports dozens of projects in impacted areas - providing communities with the resources necessary to invest in their workforce, infrastructure and economy for decades to come."

Agreements are anticipated to be executed starting in July 2023, with \$40 million available per year for the Energy Transition Community Grant Program until 2045.

Grant awards were calculated based on the economic impact of plant or mine closure, specifically, property tax losses and jobs lost due to the plant transition, with a minimum award of \$50,000.

Lake Lou Car Show

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Those born with Williams Syndrome experience a spectrum of conditions, which can include developmental delays as well as physical disorders. Approximately eight-out-of-ten children with Williams Syndrome are born with heart defects and the most significant medical problem that occurs with Williams Syndrome is cardiovascular disease caused by narrowed arteries.

The money from the car and truck show will be used to help fund research for individuals like Hughes and to help educate families of children with Williams Syndrome.

"Spencer was a great guy, who would do anything for anyone. He wore his heart on his sleeve and he genuinely cared about other people," said Sarver. "The condition he had contributed to his great personality - it made him one of the strongest people I know."

Sarver and Hughes met as small children at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield, where both of their families attended and became fast friends.

"We went to different schools but our families would get together often and when we were old enough to have cell phones we would text and play video games together almost daily," Sarver explained. "When we got older we spent a lot of time working on my truck and his four-wheeler together. Spencer was crazy about anything with a motor. I thought that hosting a show would be the best way to honor him because it was something that he loved so much."

Aided by Hughes' parents, Bruce and Lana Hughes, as well as his own parents, Aaron Sarver and Heather Vega, grandparents, Gary and Theresa Baker, and

friends Hannah Whitten, Philip White, Jake Kreitner, Hannah Carrol, Jake Law, Mackenzie Emerson, Remi Carter, Jacob Phillips, Alex Jump and Vance Steward, Sarver has spent the last three months planning the memorial car show and has been blown away by the outpouring of community support.

Sponsors of the event include Sarco Hydraulics and Equipment, Martin Glass, Co., Napa McKay Auto Parts, Dynamic Customs, BeforeN-After Polishing, Pure Air - Heating, Cooling and Air Duct Cleaning, LLC., DRVN Customs, Coops Customs, Midwest Aftermarket, Kals Customs and Krowned Kustomz, as well as several area businesses, such as the First National Bank of Litchfield, Reid Eye Care and Litchfield Chiropractic, that are donating items and services to be raffled off during the all-day event. Litchfield-based business the Briar Rose even hosted a Krispy Kreme fundraiser to help raise money for the show.

While the event organizers are still looking to pull in more vehicles and sponsors they hope to host similar events in the future. Community members of all ages are encouraged to attend, check out the cars, grab some good food, listen to some music and enjoy a day of fellowship and fun.

Those interested in entering a vehicle into the Lake Lou Car and Truck Show can pre-register online through a link located on the "Lake Lou Car and Truck Show" page on Facebook. Registrations will also be accepted the day of the event. General admission is set at \$5 per person.

Questions about entering a car or sponsoring/participating in the event can be directed to Conner Sarver at 217-313-6688 or Lana Hughes at 217-556-0488.



Katy Brumm Pederson and Lisa Brumm of My Formals hosted Project Runaway Winner, TV Celebrity and Internationally Renowned Designer Johnathan Kayne for a weekend full of styling young girls for prom and pageants, raising money for St. Jude Children's Hospital and celebrating Pederson's birthday. Pictured above, from the left, is Lisa Brumm, Johnathan Kayne and Katy Brumm Pederson.

Journal-News/Bethany Martin

Celebrity Designer Visits Litchfield Store In March

It was all glitz and glamour at My Formals in Litchfield this past weekend, March 4-5, as co-owners Katy Brumm Pederson and Lisa Brumm hosted Project Runaway Contestant, TV Celebrity and Internationally Renowned Designer, Johnathan Kayne.

"He's such a great person," said Pederson, noting that the designer is inclusive to all shapes and sizes. "He helps everyone find a great dress."

Johnathan Kayne, who hails from Nashville, TN, visits different retailers each year, beginning Jan. 1 through mid-March, in an effort to help women find the perfect prom, pageant and formal dresses, while raising money for St. Jude Children's Hospital, an initiative close to his heart, as well as the team at My Formals.

The designer first came to Litchfield around 2007-08, and has supported many local girls in their quest to find the perfect gown piece by offering fashion tips and

assisting them with selecting the right jewelry pieces and shoes to complete their look.

Kayne brought 200 of his very own gowns, and for each dress sold, a \$50 donation was made to St. Jude's. Ladies who purchased dresses during the weekend celebration were also asked to round up their total in support of their efforts.

"It's been so much fun," said Lisa Brumm, co-owner of My Formals in Litchfield, who said Kayne encompasses their philosophy that, "it's not about the dress, it's about the girl."

Brumm explained that raising funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital was especially important to them as their former employees Helen Saxby, and her daughter, Sara (Saxby) Porter, were affected by cancer after Porter's two young boys were diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2021. The family stopped by for a special visit on Saturday, March 4.

Also in attendance was



Glambassador Brielle Skye, age ten, traveled to My Formals in Litchfield all of the way from Florida over the weekend and surprised Johnathan Kayne, Katy Brumm Pederson and Lisa Brumm with blinged out Crocs to match her pair. Pictured above, from the left, are Skye, Kayne, Pederson and Brumm.

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With a theme of "Let's Go Girls," the weekend event also served as a birthday bash for Pederson, and the retailer provided birthday treats to those who stopped by. A special birthday gift and free Bluetooth speaker were given to the ladies who purchased a prom or long pageant dress, and they were able to enjoy the selfie station.

A successful fashion designer and business owner, Kayne was selected to compete on Project Runaway Season 3 in 2006, starred on the TLC special Gown

Crazy, and appeared on E!, ABC, NBC, Bravo and The Style. In addition to his dress line, he serves as a fashion expert for Country Weekly. His designs have appeared on celebrity clients Jennifer Lopez, Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire, Tanya Tucker, Britney Spears, Rascal Flatts, Miranda Lambert, Martina McBride and more.

My Formals is located at 1200 North Old Route 66 in Litchfield. For more information, call the storefront at 217-324-4513, visit www.myformals.com or follow their Facebook page. To learn more about Kayne and his initiative, visit www.johnathankayne.com or find him on Facebook and Instagram.

Hillsboro City Council

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In other Police Department matters Public Safety Commissioner Jerry Gregory made two motions - both asked for purchasing ten units in two packages of five because it's the cheapest way to go. The council agreed to purchase 10 body cameras for \$24,195; Chief Leatham said it's mandated by the state beginning in January 2025, but he wants them ordered as soon as possible because of possible supply line delays. The ten will allow for two spares. The second motion was to buy ten 10"x12" rifle plates (to use as body armor in case an antagonist is using a rifle instead of a pistol or shotgun). The cost will be \$4,021. Chief Leatham expects the Rural Fund to cover the costs. Approval was unanimous.

The council had one glad-to-comply motion when they approved a request from the Olde Tyme Tractor Show group to return to City Lake Park near the Firemen's

Club House for their display/activities on a mid-July weekend. Again approval was unanimous, and more details are to come.

Three of the other four action items on the agenda called for legal action. In order for the new waste water plant to go forward, the city has to obtain two pieces of property, 506 Taylorville Road and 469 Taylorville Road. The former is owner occupied; the latter is unoccupied and reportedly has no floor. The background story as to why the owners have not yet agreed to sell is different, but the get-the-ball rolling ordinances are the same as they authorize the city to acquire the separate properties either by negotiation or by condemnation. City Attorney Chris Sherer said it's become a necessary first step.

Utilities Commissioner Kendra Wright asked for approval of a proposal from an appraisal firm with MAI credentials, Webster & Associates, Inc., to appraise four properties in order to force easements, three permanent and one temporary, so that work on the Helston Street Sewer Project can begin. The appraisals will cost \$6,000, and the council voted 4-0 to proceed.

The other action item on the agenda was, according to Commissioner Wright, "...a cleanup of the ordinance dealing with grease interceptors written to regulate restaurants and other food handlers (school and the prison's cafeterias)." The changes are intended to aid compliance.

Commissioner Fred Butler initiated a discussion concerning the use of the remaining ARPA (American Recovery Program Act) Funds. Butler asked how the other commissioners felt about using the city's share on lake improvement (buying a barge, tugboat and track hoe) to aid in rip rap-

ping, which in turn would help control erosion and sedimentation.

Gregory asked who would operate it; Butler said Parks Superintendent Jim May and other city employees would be trained. Wright is concerned about the cost of replacing lead service (water) lines in the city. Butler said he wanted a sense of the council's feelings before he went shopping; no decisions were made.

The other discussion towards the end of the meeting was also initiated by Butler, who has been approached by a businessman who'd like to build on a piece of land just south of Litchfield Bituminous property. The parcels are in city limits of Schram City but are owned by Hillsboro. Sherer reminded the council that any land owned by a public body has to be assessed by an MAI appraiser before it can be sold.

Community Planner Sarah McConnell had good news for the council; the city's grant request to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity was approved for \$53,154. That's Phase I; Phase II will involve submitting projects to utilize the funding. Hillsboro was eligible for the grant because of its proximity to the closing of the CIPS/Ameren/Vista plant east of the city.

She reported that she and Valerie Belusko's presentation at the Rural Community Economic Development Conference in Springfield on Feb. 21 to 23 was well received.

Butler said the Public Properties and Parks Department has done seasonal work as well as carpenter work in the Harkey House/Museum, removed the bench and timbers from the former Monarch Park in hopes of selling it, worked to fix wind damage from last Friday's storm, prepared non-renewed campsites for the Move and Waiting List pro-

cedures scheduled for March 18th at the campground, and modified the boat trailer to better fit the boat.

Superintendent May and Natural Resources Committee Secretary Dave Strowmatt plus Jeff Boeckler, hired to evaluate both lakes, have done an introductory inspection tour of Glenn Shoals and the city lake; Butler said Boeckler was very concerned about the bank erosion he saw.

The Street Department cleaned storm drains, picked up brush and jetted some culverts at Pinnacle Point.

Mayor Downs talked briefly about the "dog ordinance," which was touched upon at the last council meeting. He said the next step is meeting with the county to see if a contractual agreement can be reached.

Downs also thanked Matt Weiss and his father Mack for their help in resurrecting the new, under construction pole barn at the city shed; Friday's wind twisted it, but the Weiss duo helped straighten and then solidify the building.

Utilities Commissioner Wright said the chemical bay garage door opener was replaced by Springfield Overhead Door. The Illinois EPA has reopened funding for Lead Service Line Inventories, and Woodard & Curran will file another application.

The sewer system didn't have many reported issues despite the heavy rain. Hillsboro Electric helped repair a trickling filter pump system problem last week. All is well again.

The council next meets in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, in city hall at 7:30 p.m.; the public is welcome at all council meetings. The Planning Commission meets next Tuesday, March 14, at 12:30 p.m., and the Natural Resources Committee meets at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15. Both meet in city hall, and both would welcome input.

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LANCER LINES • by Avery Pope at Lincolnwood

Lancers Continue Work On Yearbook



Welcome back Lancers! I hope everyone enjoyed their three-day weekend and are also going to enjoy your half-day this Friday.

Tomorrow's incentive will be volleyball! Be sure to sign up in the office, and teams will be picked the morning of. If you do not want to play volleyball, there will also be a choice of movies and games!

Concessions will also be available.

Although basketball season is over, I want to acknowledge Morrisonville senior Braden Whalen on being nominated for 1st Team All-Conference. Your hard work throughout the years has paid off! Congratulations!

Also, if you are a boys basketball player or high school cheerleader, this is a reminder that the annual winter sports banquet and awards program will be next Wednesday, March 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. Make sure to turn in your form and payment by the end of this week!

Scholastic bowl played

their final match against Ramsey this past Monday to end their season. Congratulations on an amazing year and the seniors who participated in this winter sport.

We are less than one week away before the start of spring season games. The girls softball team's first game will be next Monday, March 13, at home against Hillsboro starting at 4:30 p.m.

The boys first game is also coming up next week on Tuesday, March 14. They are traveling to Taylorville and the first game will be played at 4:30 p.m. Good luck to a new season for both teams!

Many FFA members that spent their time planning a record book traveled to Jacksonville yesterday to compete at districts. If they are graded well for their recordkeeping and interview, they will get a chance to compete at state! We wish you the best of luck to whoever is going.

Senior send-offs are now available to be purchased for the yearbook, and are only \$25. You can place words of advice and favorite memories into the yearbook for those to read. To get your senior

send-off form, please visit the office or contact Dawn Germann. These will be due March 31!

Seniors: Please get your senior portrait into Michelle Weitekamp or Mrs. Hardy before the beginning of April! Senior superlatives will also be coming up soon so be sure to talk with your class officers about what day it will be.

Members of the fundraising team on the yearbook committee are now selling Butter Braids to help cover some of the costs of making the yearbook. Please be sure to ask around and check who is selling the delicious butter braids!

The FEMA pizza orders are now ready to be picked up! Please pick them up after school or before the end of this week.

Just a reminder that next Wednesday, March 15, is a 2 p.m. dismissal.

This Friday also marks the end of third quarter. Lancers, we only have one quarter left until the end of the school year. Be sure to keep asking questions, get lots of sleep, and stay on top of your homework. You got this, Lancers!



Faith Bible Christian Academy (FBCA) won its first state championship in girls basketball in school history on Saturday, Feb. 25. Above, are Katie Christer, Grace Jeffrey, Ayanna Jeffrey, Sydney Hardt, Micah Dianne Beetem and Sofia Vallelonga.

Faith Christian Takes Home State Title

by Matt Kessler

Faith Bible Christian Academy (FBCA) won its first state championship in girls basketball in school history on Saturday, Feb. 25, after picking up a 46-27 win over Mississippi Valley Christian School (MVCS) in the Illinois Association of Christian Schools (IACS) Girls Basketball State Final in Jacksonville.

In the semifinal game, the Falcons put up 81 points with an energetic run-and-gun game and enjoyed a high shooting percentage over the course of the contest. The championship game looked very different, as it was a hard-fought defensive battle. MVCS slowed the Falcons scoring with a full

court press, but the Falcons applied their own intense man-to-man defense that created numerous MVCS turnovers and held MVCS to 27 total game points.

Senior forward Grace Jeffrey led the Falcons with 17 points in the championship game and 28 points in the semifinal. Grace was named the MVP of the state tournament. Junior guard Katie Christer was named to the all-state tournament team or the second year in a row, scoring 15 points in the final and 13 in the semifinal. Sophomore point guard Ayanna Jeffrey has a tremendous tournament, scoring ten in the final and 21 in the semifinal.

"I am so proud of the girls. This is our first ever state

championship in Girls Basketball, and it's the first IACS championship in any sport going back twenty years for FBCA," said Adam Jeffrey, the head coach of the Lady Falcons team. "We are really going to enjoy this for some time, but soon, we are going to start thinking about getting back here again next year and competing for another state title."

Faith Baptist Christian Academy is located in Rosamond is the only private Christian school in Christian County that offers preschool through 12th grade instruction.

FBCA is a member of the Illinois Association of Christian Schools (IACS), which is made up of 21 schools across Illinois.



Beckemeyer Students Take Fourth Place

A group of fifth graders from Beckemeyer Elementary School earned fourth place at the Rube Goldberg Competition held at Lincoln Land Community College on Friday, Feb. 24. A Rube Goldberg device, such as the board game "Mousetrap," is an "outlandish machine" designed to complete a certain task through a number of complex steps. Assisted by local engineers, Chase Connor and Kyle Schweizer, and teacher, Mrs. Erin Hammann, the local fifth graders have spent the last two months working on their ten-step Rube Goldberg. The students presented both their project and group journal for judging, and were invited to present their project during a STEAM convention at the end of March.

Pictured above, in front, from the left are Henry Schultz, Cooper Forsee, Hudson Wright and Aliannah Rice. In the middle row are Madison Kirk, Case Cruthis, Ari Lipe and Casen Wilkinson. In back are Mrs. Hammann, Liam Wolf, Frankie VanGiesen and Keegan McDonald.

Local Students On UIS Fall Dean's List

The University of Illinois Springfield has announced the names of students who earned recognition on the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. To be named on the list, the undergradu-

ate students has to earn a grade-point-average of at least 3.75 while completing eight graded semester hours.

Locally recognized students include Landon Carroll of Hillsboro, Danielle

Kalaher, Hayden Kolb and William Morgan, all of Litchfield, Carly Goebel of Morrisonville, Kiry Aumann of Nokomis, Ashley Brocksieck of Raymond and Katharine VandenBergh of Witt.

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Morrisonville Unit School District #1 Public Question

The polls of said Election will be opened at Six o'clock in the morning, and will close at Seven o'clock in the evening of that day.

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Out & About

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News Briefs

Education Foundation Trivia Night

The Panhandle Education Foundation is hosting their annual Trivia night on Saturday, March 25, at the Waggoner Centennial Building. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the friendly-competition to begin at 6:30 p.m.

This year the foundation will repeat the "Crazy Eights" theme, with eight rounds of eight questions. The fun-filled event will include the usual dessert wheel as well as other surprises.

Prices are set at \$88 per ten person table. No pre-registration is required, and attendees are encouraged to bring their own drinks and snacks.

Proceeds from the trivia night will be used to provide grants to Panhandle teachers and Panhandle student scholarships.

Wares Grove Cemetery To Hold Meeting

Wares Grove Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, at Wares Grove Lutheran Church, located at 69 Waresgrove Lane in Butler.

Raymond Egg Hunt To Be Held Saturday, April 1

The Raymond Community Egg Hunt will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the Raymond Park. In addition to the brightly colored eggs, there are lots of exciting prizes to be won.

Questions can be directed to Tammy Butler at 217-341-1469.



Cross Over Ministries (COM) board members, recovery support peers and interns (pictured above) recently held a retreat to "get ready, reset and go forward" with the organization's mission.

Cross Over Team Refocuses On Goals

Cross Over Ministries (COM) board members, recovery support peers and interns met at the home of executive director, Linda Liebscher on Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25, for a retreat to "get ready, reset and go forward" with the vision and mission of the outreach organization.

Friday night started with a lasagna dinner prepared by Terry Leibscher along with a variety of delicious deserts made by the hosts. Natalie Fuller led worship and then offered a devotional based on truth and love. She encouraged the COM mem-

bers to stand firm on their beliefs and not apologize. The evening concluded with Pastor Jay Martin serving communion to all present.

Following a homemade breakfast on Saturday morning, Vice-President Wayne Wedekind and Liebscher led a brief devotional period. Each of the members participated in a team building exercise, which included painting and decorating a bird house. Next up was a "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats" (SWOT) analysis, along with a discussion regarding the short term and long term

goals of the ministry.

The team then assigned responsibilities related to the goals and opportunities discussed. Cross Over Ministries board members were united in moving forward with a mental health recovery home. Crossover's Recovery Support Peers announced that the HOME Committee finalized naming the recovery home, which will be called "Haven Home of Hope."

After concluding prayer, everyone left with a fresh sense of commitment and unity for mental health and substance use work within Montgomery County.

Tootsie To Take Stage At Fabulous Fox

Tootsie, the hilarious Tony Award-winning musical, coming to the Fabulous Fox Theatre in St. Louis, MO for a limited two week engagement from March 21 through April 2.

Tickets for *Tootsie* at the Fabulous Fox are on sale now at MetroTix.com or by calling 314-534-1111. Ticket prices start at \$25. Prices are subject to change; please refer to FabulousFox.com for current pricing. *Tootsie* is part of the

U.S. Bank Broadway Series.

Performances of *Tootsie* at the Fabulous Fox run March 21 through April 2. Show times are Tuesday through Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m., Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. There will also be an evening performance at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 26 and matinee performance at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 30.

Call it "musical comedy heaven" (*Rolling Stone*). Call it "the most uproarious new musical in years!" (*The Hollywood Reporter*). Call it *Tootsie!*

This laugh-out-loud love letter to the theater tells the story of Michael Dorsey, a talented, but difficult actor who struggles to find work until one show-stopping act of desperation lands him the role of a lifetime. Featuring a hilarious Tony-winning book by Robert Horn and

an outrageously clever score by 2018 Tony-winner David Yazbek (*The Band's Visit*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*), this *New York Times* Critic's Pick is "a joyful delight" (*The Washington Post*) that's "so packed with punchlines, it should be called a jokebox musical!" (*Bloomberg*). "In these turbulent times, when the world seems out of balance, we need a place to let the good times roll," raves *Rolling Stone*. "*Tootsie* is it!"

Tootsie is based on the story by Don McGuire and Larry Gelbart and the Columbia Pictures Motion Picture produced by Punch Productions and starring Dustin Hoffman. This production of *Tootsie* was licensed by Music Theatre International. The National Tour of *Tootsie* is produced and managed by TROIKA Entertainment.

For more information, visit www.tootsiemusical.com.

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Buy Mother's Day Gift And Support Post Prom

Hillsboro High School's Post Prom Committee is selling hanging baskets to raise money for after prom activities.

The baskets will be delivered just in time for Mother's Day, between Saturday, May 6, and Friday, May 12. Buyers have their choice between Calibrachoa (million bells), Wave Petunia, New Guinea and Geranium 10" hanging baskets for \$25 apiece. Combo 12" hanging baskets and planters are available for \$35. There are several items for succulent lovers including

assorted six packs for \$30, 12" combo planters for \$35, and moss succulent shoes and purses for \$27.

Orders and payments will be taken through Monday, March 20. Checks, made out to "Hillsboro Post Prom" and cash may be delivered to Tee Shirts, Inc., or PO Box 44, Hillsboro, IL 62049. Payments can also be made via Venmo to @mattsonlaw - note "Post Prom" and list the order in the Venmo.

More information may be found on the "HHS 2023 Post Prom" page on Facebook.

Shoppers Invited To Fling Into Spring At Briar Rose

The Briar Rose in Litchfield is hosting a "Spring Fling" on Saturday, March 18.

The special shopping event will include sales, pop-up vendors, new spring items and more. A special guest, Mrs Cottontail, will also be in attendance from 11 a.m.

to 1 p.m., to greet and take pictures with little attendees.

Located at 216 N. State Street, the Briar Rose carries new and gently used primitives, antiques, home decor, furniture, repurposed items, clothing, shoes, jewelry and more. They also carry a selection of locally crafted items.



As part of their monthly meeting, members of the Litchfield Senior Citizens Club acknowledged two February birthdays. Pictured above, from the left, are Don Sellers and Karen McCaffrey.

Litchfield Senior Citizens Club Installs New Officers

The Litchfield Senior Citizens Club held a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Litchfield Community Center with 39 members in attendance.

As part of their meeting, members enjoyed a potluck dinner and nominated officers for next year. The officers include President Sandy Garwood, Vice President Carl Savage, Secretary Sue Glass and Treasurer Peggy Kibler, who will be installed

at next month's meeting.

In addition, they received five new members and acknowledged two members who have February birthdays, including Don Sellers and Karen McCaffrey.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, March 26, with a catered meal. Anyone ages 55 and older are welcome to join. For more information, contact Peggy Kibler at 217-556-7170.

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As local customers enter the new downtown Litchfield restaurant, they are welcomed with large unique chalkboard mural depicting the dishes served at EJ's Bistro & Gaming.

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Featuring beautiful exposed brick walls, the second story of EJ's Bistro & Gaming in Litchfield is equipped with more dining space, as well as pool tables, dart boards and gaming machines for added entertainment.

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EJ's Bistro & Gaming Now Open In Downtown Litchfield

by Bethany Martin

"I have always wanted to have a restaurant," said Jessica Bearden-Rieffer who owns the new downtown Litchfield restaurant, EJ's Bistro & Gaming, with her husband Ed.

The couple purchased the former Pub Donegal building, located at 308 North State Street in Litchfield, in September 2022. And on Jan. 1, 2023, they simultaneously welcomed a new year, as well as their new local customers as they flipped on their "open" sign.

After some light renovations

and making the two-story space their very own, EJ's Bistro & Gaming opened its doors to provide a new venue where residents can sit down and enjoy some delicious food and drinks.

Serving up all-American cuisine, the menu features sandwiches including breaded and grilled chicken, BBQ pulled pork and turkey/ham clubs, gourmet burgers including western BBQ, chili burger and pony shoes, salads, wings, pizza, desserts and an array of appetizers to choose from.

"A lot of people like the burgers and homemade

fries. The tenderloins are very good, and the reubens, too," Jessica shared. "We smoke our wings in-house. We make our own pulled pork and smoke it in-house also."

The bar is equipped with fresh, ice-cold Busch, Bud Light, Michelob Ultra, Blue Moon and more on tap, as well as a wide selection of spirits to choose from to help wash down the tasty food.

Ed manages kitchen operations and staff, while Jessica oversees the bar and gaming area, making the business a team effort, and most of their staff are family

members.

"It's pretty much family-ran," said Jessica.

As customers walk in, they are welcomed with a large unique chalkboard mural depicting some of the dishes served, a gaming and bar area and dining space. The second story features beautiful exposed brick walls and is equipped with more dining space, as well as two pool tables, two dart

boards and more gaming machines for added entertainment.

EJ's Bistro & Gaming hosts weekly pool leagues each Wednesday and Thursday, and dart leagues each Monday. The Rieffers also plan to host business Christmas parties and other events upstairs in the future.

"We might add some painting classes and maybe some bags tournaments,"

Jessica explained.

She added that they are excited to be a part of the Litchfield Picker's Market this year, too.

EJ's Bistro & Gaming in Litchfield is open seven days a week, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. To check out their daily specials or for more information, stop in or call 217-324-3663.

Time To Change Clocks, Replace Alarms

When residents change their clocks to spring ahead one hour for Daylight Saving Time (DST) this coming Sunday, March 12, Illinois' updated Smoke Alarm Law will now influence how citizens have checked their safety alarms for decades.

The new law went into effect on Jan. 1, and requires that alarms with ten-year sealed batteries be installed in all single or multi-family homes moving forward.

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Illinois Fire Safety Alliance worked with the Illinois General Assembly to pass the new law, which evolves the annual DST campaign message from, "Change your clocks, change your smoke alarms" to requiring that citizens replace smoke alarms that have removable batteries, or those that are not hardwired, with a ten-year sealed alarm once they are past the manufactured date.

Exceptions when residents are not required to im-

mediately install new alarms include homes with smoke alarms that were installed prior to Jan. 1 that have not exceeded their manufactured date yet. In addition, homes built after 1988 that have alarms that are hardwired or utilize wireless integrated alarms also are not required to have the sealed-battery alarms. For more information about Illinois New Smoke Alarm Law, visit www.ifsa.org/prevention-resources/smoke-alarm-law/.

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Midwest Bus Sales Makes Donation

Dan Newkirk, head coach of the Litchfield Wrestling Foundation, and his "danimals" accepted a donation on behalf of the foundation from Midwest Bus Sales, after their practice on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The youth wrestlers were grateful to Tina Gracey, Tim Cyprian and Midwest Bus Sales for their generosity and support. In front, is Kinleigh Entriikin. In the middle, from the left, are Rilynn Younker, Parish Younker, Coach Dan Newkirk, Harley Foulk and Kaitlyn Gibson. In back, is Tristan Staggs.



Annual Drive Benefits Special Education


Members of the Litchfield Knights of Columbus #699 presented their annual donation from the Tootsie Roll Drive, which raised \$1,980.31 to benefit the Litchfield School District Special Education Program. Pictured in front is Gerald Millburg. In the back, from the left, are Roger Krabbe, Bill Borklund, Dale Hughes, Michael Compton, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Special Education Jennifer Thompson, Joe Zalar, John Jurgena, Ted Elizondo, Robert Reid and Gary Bray.

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DRAGON BEAT • by Albany Kindernay at HJHS

Guest Speaker Visits HJHS To Talk Social Media



Hey Dragon Beat! It's Albany Kindernay! Students had a four-day week this week, as we had Monday off in honor of Casimir Pulaski! We also got a little taste of spring last weekend with some beautiful weather.

The seventh grade girls volleyball team's season sadly came to an end last Thursday against North Mac in the second round of regional play. It was a tough loss, but they showed huge improvement and finished with a season they should be proud of! Good luck next year girls!

Now it's the eighth graders chance at a regional win. They are seeded first in the Auburn Regional giving them a BYE for the first round of play. Their first game was Tuesday against Carlinville. Thankfully they won a severely close game. They played Gillespie last night in Divernon for the regional championship. Hopefully, advancing them to Sectionals! Fingers crossed, we are cheering you on next week girls!

Track season has officially begun! The season always starts off a little chilly, so remember to dress appropriately! Last week was Music Appreciation in schools. To honor the week, there was a combined high school and junior high band and choir concert. It was awesome to see and hear all grade levels together! Thanks Mr. Drake and Mrs. Lemons for organizing this event. Great job to all that participated!

The Scholar Bowl team has been busy this past week and this week. They hosted Morrisonville last Thursday and split games with them with one loss and one win. On Tuesday afternoon they hosted Nokomis and repeated their performance—won a game and lost a game. Their next match is next week against Edwardsville on March 14.

On Tuesday, guest speaker Ben Tracy talked to all of the students about the dangers of social media, how it can "follow you" forever and the importance of responsible use. He also spoke to parents on Tuesday evening. What he had to say was timely and important! If you missed the parent talk, the resources he provided will be on the district website. Take some time to check it out!

The third quarter will be ending Friday, March 10. Please check skyward for grades. Also, Friday, March 24 is an Early dismissal at 11:45 a.m. for Teacher Workshop. I think that about wraps it up! Always remember, be original and a good person!

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Time To Schedule Pre-K Screenings In Litchfield

Litchfield School District is getting ready to hold pre-school screenings for the Fall 2023 school year.

Parents with children that will be three or four years old by Friday, Sept. 1, and reside in the Litchfield School District are instructed to contact Mrs. Bishop at 217-324-3514

or email cbishop@litchfieldpanthers.org to schedule an appointment.

Screenings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, and Thursday, May 18, at G. A. Sihler School, located at 601 S. State Street.

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Lady Redskins The Gold Standard In 22-23

by Kyle Herschelmann

In sports, a "golden generation" is a group of gifted players the same age who are expected to reach a level of success beyond what the team has reached in the past.

The Nokomis girls basketball program had one in the late 1990s under Head Coach Maury Hough, when the Lady Redskins won back-to-back state titles in 1998 and 1999.

While they didn't quite reach the level of success that those teams did, there is little doubt that the Class of 2023 fits the same moniker for the program.

The seven senior members of the Nokomis girls basketball team, all of whom played in at least 84 of their team's 114 games the last four years, reached new heights in their final season under Coach Brandon Engelman, winning 28 games, tied for fourth most

in the program's history.

It wasn't just that they won, but how they did it, with an average margin of victory of 24.8 points in their 28 wins. Eighteen-win Carrollton (5) and 20-win Hillsboro (2) were two of the three teams to keep it to single digits. The third team? Three-win Ramsey, who played one of their best games of the season before falling to Nokomis by five.

The teams that Nokomis lost to were among the best in the state, and unfortunately all in the Jacksonville Routt Sectional complex.

Nokomis lost to Carlyle by two early in the season and Calhoun by seven in the championship game of the Carlinville Holiday Tournament, with nine wins separating their first two losses.

They'd peel off eight more wins before dropping their final two games at the Carrollton Tournament, to Fa-

ther McGivney by 18 and West Central by 12, but didn't lose again until the regional championship game seven games later against Okawville.

Calhoun and Carlyle also won regionals, beating West Central and Father McGivney, who ended the season with 21 and 29 wins respectively. Calhoun then lost to Carlyle to end their season with 19 wins, while Carlyle fell to Okawville in the sectional championship to finish the season with 27 wins. The Rockets didn't lose, at least not in the postseason as they went on to defeat Christopher 56-35 in the state championship game to finish the season with a record of 34-4.

The Redskins would have much rather traded places with Okawville at the end of their season, but the fact they weren't able to get to

state takes nothing away from their season. The team's accomplishments dot the program's record book now, both as a group and as individuals.

No one hit more threes in a season (178) or even attempted as many (583). The Redskins also tied the 1997-98 team for most threes in a game (11)... twice, three days apart, in wins over Altamont and South County, the latter of which secured an undefeated conference season and the Lady Redskins second MSM championship.

Individually, Natalie Engelman broke her own record for threes in a game, again, twice. In 2021, Engelman hit five threes against Tri-City to tie Sarah Hitchings (1997) and Alexis McDowell (2013, 2014 and 2015) for the team record, but broke that mark with six against North Mac.

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Starting a girls basketball team from scratch can be a tall task, but Lincolnwood's Haelee Damm (#23) and her fellow seniors, Avery Pope and Amanda Seelbach, did it as well as anyone could. The Lady Lancers have improved each of the four years since the program restarted, building up to eight wins in 2022-23, doubling their previous best. *Journal-News Photo*

Fourth Season The Best Yet For Lady Lancers

by Kyle Herschelmann

By any definition, the 2022-23 Lincolnwood-Morrisonville girls basketball season was their most successful since the program restarted in 2019.

The most evident support of that assertion comes in the win column, where the Lady Lancers doubled their previous win total by going 8-21 on the season. Thirteen games under .500 may not seem like a dramatic increase, but when you consider that the team was 5-55 in the three years prior, getting close to double digit wins is a gigantic step for Coach Justin Millburg's club.

But it wasn't just the number of wins, but the way they won as well. Five of the victories were by double digits, including a 20-point win over Bunker Hill to start the season.

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The Class of 2023 gave the Nokomis girls basketball team and their fans plenty of reasons to celebrate over the last four years, especially this past season when the Lady Redskins went 28-5. *James Ryan/NokoPhoto*

Nokomis Tops 20... Again

by Kyle Herschelmann

In high school gyms across the country you'll see banners commemorating boys basketball teams reaching the 20-win landmark. Over the last 54 years, the Nokomis boys basketball team has averaged 20.62 wins per season. That's right, the milestone that teams strive to accomplish has become what Redskins can expect year in and year out. But even by their lofty standards, the 2022-23 season was a special one for Coach Dan DeWerff's club.

Nokomis went 27-7 on the season, coming up just short of their 21st regional championship in the program's history. The team that knocked the Redskins out of the postseason was the only one that beat them twice this

year, 29-win Altamont, who escaped Nokomis with a four-point win on Feb. 3 before taking the regional title in a 59-37 decision. The Indians lost by four in four overtimes to state-bound Tuscola in the sectional finals a week later.

The seven losses were the exception not the rule for the Redskins. Only two were back-to-back, against Carlyle at the Kaskaskia Classic and at home against Williamsville, a 15-point loss that evened Nokomis' record to 6-6 on the year. They'd beat North Mac by 22 the next night in the Terry Todt Shoot-out and never dipped below .500 again on the season.

The seniors, Elijah Aumann, Ryan Eisenbarth, Nolan Himes and Kamron Coss, were a big part of the success, with three of the four

frequently in the starting lineup. Coss wasn't a starter, but provided a spark off the bench in several games, scoring 61 points, including 12 three-pointers that often brought cheers raining down from the Nokomis student section.

Scoring 17.9 points per game for the second straight season, Aumann turned in one of the best offensive years of the last decade. With 607 points, he joined 2015 grad Marcus Chausse and 2020 grad Carter Sabol as the only three players to score 600 points or more in a season for the Redskins in the last 10 years (Sabol, the school's all-time leading scorer, did it twice in back-to-back seasons).

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With a 14-game win streak and the fourth most wins in the program's history, the 2022-23 season was a ride worth taking for the Lincolnwood-Morrisonville boys basketball team. *Journal-News Photo*

22-23 Was One Heck Of A Ride

by Kyle Herschelmann

One day after Christmas, the Lincolnwood-Morrisonville boys basketball team lost their sixth game of the season, a 14-point loss to New Berlin to even their record to 6-6. While the Pretzels were one of the state's top teams and had beaten the Lancers by 21 to start the season, the loss was Lincolnwood's third straight and could have been the beginning of the end of the 2022-23 season.

Instead, it was a turning point. In their next 20 games, the Lancers lost just twice, once to rival Nokomis in an innovative day-time student filled affair on Jan. 6, and once more to uber-athletic Madison almost two months later on Feb. 24, in the regional championship game at the Woodshed in Raymond.

Those 20 games, which

included a 14-game winning streak that is most likely one of the program's best, were a combination of close calls, blowout victories and landmark moments that made the season memorable not just for the number of wins, but for the style and passion that the Lancers exhibited in those victories.

As surprising as their final 24-8 record may be after a 6-6 start, the final record of Coach Matt Millburg's club is even more eye popping when you consider that they started the season with three losses in their first four games.

But the first glimpses that this season could be something special emerged during those games at the loaded New Berlin Thanksgiving Tournament. The Lancers hung around with New Berlin for three quarters and challenged a pair of 17-win teams,

North Mac and Triopia, in single-point games.

The lone win at the Pretzel Dome was the one that shone through, though. With the game tied at 41-41 against the Meridian Hawks, Brady Schmedeke found Braden Whalen on the inbound and the Morrisonville senior streaked up the court, found a spot just to the left of the key and knocked down a game winning three. The shot gave the Lancers an important victory, but it also put the area on notice that Whalen was not a player to be trifled with.

A rail-thin 6'3", Whalen's length and athleticism was undeniable in his first three seasons, particularly in the last two years when he averaged 10.7 points as a sophomore and 13.7 points as a junior.

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Thanks to a core group seniors, including Elijah Aumann and Ryan Eisenbarth above, the 2022-23 Nokomis boys basketball team continued its tradition of success, going 27-7 for the program's 38th 20-win season. *Journal-News Photo*



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After winning a national title last year, Walshville's Travis Lentz is already off to a quick start in the 2023 Grand National Cross Country Series with two wins in the first two rounds of the elite off-road motorcycle racing series.

Lentz, Walker Off To Fast Start In National Series

After taking home national championships from the 2022 Grand National Cross Country Series last year, Walshville's Travis Lentz and Morrisonville's Jhak Walker were ready to defend their titles as the series kicked off on Feb. 18-19, at Big Buck Farm in Union, SC.

Lentz, the champion of the 65cc (10-11) class last year, moved up to 85cc (12-13) this year and picked up where he left off. Lentz ran seven laps in 1:37:35.519, almost three full minutes ahead of second place finisher Colt Lackey of Hiddenite, NC. Overall, he finished 25th out of 239 racers in the youth division.

Walker, who took first in the 150 A class in 2022, had a tougher time in his GNCC opener. Racing in the FMF XC3 125 Pro-AM class, Walker was running third in the class and 26th overall when he stopped to refuel. Mechanical issues kept the Gas motorcycle from restarting despite the best efforts of family and friends to get him back on the track.

Walker settled for ninth in the class, completing three laps in 1:53:12.299, good for 295th overall.

Round two went much

better for Walker, who finished second in his class and 26th overall at the GNCC Wild Boar on March 5, at Hog Waller in Palatka, FL. Walker ran five laps in 2:58:05.120, finishing just one minute and 32 seconds behind Toby Cleveland, of Erin, NY, who won the FMF XC3 125 Pro-Am class.

In the youth bikes, Lentz picked up his second straight GNCC victory with a first place finish in the 85cc (12-13) class. With a time of 1:33:24.77, Lentz's time was 12 minutes faster than second place finisher Nash Peerson of Fairview, NC.

Round three of the GNCC series is March 10-12, The General, at Aonia Pass MX in Washington, GA.

Feb. 18-19 at Union SC

GNCC Big Buck - Rd. 1

JN Motorsports Results

85cc (12-13): 1. Travis Lentz, Walshville - 1:37:35.519, 7 laps (25th OA)

FMF XC3 125 Pro-Am: 9. Jhak Walker, Morrisonville - 3 laps, 1:53:12.299, 3 laps (295th OA)

March 4-5 at Palatka, FL

GNCC Hog Waller - Rd. 2

JN Motorsports Results

85cc (12-13): 1. Travis Lentz, Walshville - 1:33:24.779, 6 laps (19th OA)

FMF XC3 125 Pro-Am: 2. Jhak Walker, Morrisonville - 2:58:05.120, 5 laps (26th OA)

THE COLLEGE REPORT • by Daniel Chamness

Compton And Co. Win Relay



For a distance runner, **Vanessa Compton**, a Hillsboro graduate, makes a fine long sprinter.

A conference champion caliber long sprinter or middle distance if you prefer. The Greenville University sophomore helped the Lady Panthers post a St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference winning time of 4 minutes, 21.70 seconds in the 1,600-meter relay.

"I enjoy the relays so much," said the Witt resident. "I was a little nervous entering it, but all of the members of the relay were excited to run the event."

She posted a split of 1:04.09. Compton posted one of the fastest two splits. As Compton, who ran the third leg, and Eyonna Owens, the freshman anchor leg. In addition to the other two members, Alexis Roberts and Kiera Coleman are also underclassmen.

The Panther foursome were victorious by over two seconds as Webster University finished second in 4:24.37.

It was not the only race that Compton ran or scored points in. She finished fifth in the 800-meter run. She crossed the finish line in 2:33.95.

"That was the fastest I have ever run the 800 and I was aiming for 2:33 and change," said Compton. "I was happy with that time."

Sara Yakana (Litchfield), also a Greenville Lady Panther track athlete, finished second in her two events to score 16 team points. She finished long jump with a leap of 5.12 meters and 11.08 meters in the triple jump.

The Panthers earned the top three spots and four of the top five in the long jump. In the triple jump, the Lady Panthers earned the top four spots.

Those performances led to the Lady Panthers posting a dominant performance to

easily win the SLIAC team title. They scored 281 points. Webster took second with 48 points, making Greenville's margin of victory an eye-popping 233 points.

"Those team results were great to see as we piled up the points," said Compton. "Everyone works so hard at practice. It is nice to see the results of that hard work. My main goal for the outdoor season is to keep putting forth my best effort in all of my races. Also, I want to enjoy being on the team and suiting up with my friends."

Kaili Hanner (Hillsboro) pitched four innings against Weber State University and five innings against Southeast Missouri State University. Unfortunately, neither of Hanner's performances led to a victory for her chosen school, St. Louis University, nor her. But she did not suffer the loss either.

The Taylor Springs resident allowed three hits, walked two and fanned one against Weber State, who won a 7-1 decision. The senior hurler allowed one earned run on three hits in SLU's 7-4 loss to SEMO. She walked three and fanned one. Hanner does not have any wins, losses or saves on the year. SLU is 2-9.

Jade Scroggins (Hillsboro) scored four points, doled out three assists and pulled down two rebounds for Hannibal-LaGrange University in their final game of the year, a 100-45 loss to Columbia College. She started and played 32 minutes.

In a 67-36 loss to University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis, Scroggins had three points and two assists. Scroggins emerged off the bench and played 15 minutes. Hannibal-LaGrange finished 4-23 overall and 2-18 in the American Midwest Conference.

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Aumann, Whalen, Lohman Land On MSM First Team

Conference champion Nokomis put two players on the MSM Conference all-conference first team, while runner-up Lincolnwood had one as Montgomery County accounted for 60 percent of this year's first team.

Nokomis senior Elijah Aumann and junior Reece Lohman earned their spots by leading the Redskins to a 27-7 overall record and a perfect 8-0 MSM Conference mark.

Aumann led Nokomis in points (17.9), assists (2.5) and steals (3.1) this season, becoming the 25th member of the program's 1,000 point club with 1,286 points, seventh most all-time.

Lohman averaged 12.9 points per game, nearly tripling his output from last year, and pulled down a team-best 202 rebounds. On the other end of the court, Lohman blocked a team-best 116 shots, giving him 176 for the season.

Morrisonville senior Braden Whalen also received a first team nod after starting for the Lincolnwood-Morrisonville co-op squad. Whalen averaged 17.3 points, 7.2 rebounds and 2.2 steals per game for the 24-8 Lancers, who were tied with South County and Calvary for second place in the conference with a 6-2 record.

While they were opponents during the winter all three Montgomery County players were on the same team in the fall as three key

components of the Lincolnwood/Morrisonville/Nokomis/Pawnee soccer program.

Calvary junior Connor Brown and South County junior Trevor Colwell joined the three Montgomery County players on the first team.

Two more seniors made the all-conference second team, Tri-City/Sangamon Valley's Logan Weekly and Pawnee's Cody Ellis. Joining them were South County junior Noah Lyons, Edinburg/South Fork sophomore Alex Peacock and Calvary Freshman Luke Blackford. Lutheran senior Geno Daniels and Calvary sophomore Amari Anderson were also selected as honorable mentions to this year's team.

MSM Conference 2022-23 Boys Basketball Standings

	Overall	MSM
Nokomis	27-7	8-0
Lincolnwood	24-8	6-2
South County	16-16	6-2
Calvary	27-8	6-2
Lutheran	8-21	3-5
Edinburg	11-21	3-5
Tri-City	6-25	2-6
Pawnee	5-24	2-6
Mt. Olive	1-25	0-8

MSM Conference All-Conference Team 2022-23 Boys Basketball

First Team: Elijah Aumann, Sr. - Nokomis; Braden Whalen, Sr. - Lincolnwood; Reece Lohman, Jr. - Nokomis; Trevor Colwell, Jr. - South County; Connor Brown, Jr. - Calvary.

Second Team: Luke Blackford, Fr. - Calvary; Logan Weekly, Sr. - Tri-City; Alex Peacock, So. - Edinburg; Cody Ellis, Sr. - Pawnee; Noah Lyons, Jr. - South County.

Honorable Mention: Geno Daniels, Sr. - Lutheran; Amari Anderson, So. - Calvary.

First Pitch For Hiltoppers Set For Monday, March 13

by Ron Deabenderfer

The season opener for the baseball Toppers is less than a week away, weather permitting, as Hillsboro heads to Rochester for a 4:30 first pitch on Monday, March 13. Both the varsity and junior varsity are scheduled to play if Hillsboro's team numbers are high enough to allow for at-the-same-time games.

Three other games are on the schedule next week; the team travels to East Alton Wood River for a 4:30 game on Thursday, March 16, and then hosts Brownstown/St. Elmo Friday at 4:30 and Marquette Catholic at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Coach Kyle McBrain said his roster is coachable but young and inexperienced. Missing from last year's squad are graduates Drake Vogel, Dillon Smail, Blaine

Stewart, Gavin Matoush, Devin Speiser and Preston Lyerla. Also among the missing are Deklan Riggs, who transferred to Highland, and four seniors and a junior who chose not to play this season.

Listed on the varsity roster are sophomores Elias Baney, Caleb Greenwood, Drake McSperritt, Cody Boerckel, Jackson Tuetken, Clayton Rufus, Nathan Matoush and Jessie Ringhausen; and juniors Elias Gutierrez, Landon Summers, Dawson Guinn, Elliot Lentz, Ketch Mills, Dylan Lessman, Alec Leetham and Cooper Law. There are no seniors.

The junior varsity roster, excluding those who appear on both, are sophomores Bruno Fox and Peyton Chesney; and freshman Kaleb Knodde, Gunner Hefley and Jaden Loskot.

Duff Boys Inside And Out To Start 2023

Duff Boys Racing took it inside on Saturday, Feb. 18, as they competed in the indoor Megacross Woods EX event at Megatraxx in Mendota.

All three of the Duffs finished in the top three as Cooper Duff won the Supermini class and older brother Zach Duff finished second in the B class, with their father Ryan finishing third in the 40+ A class.

The race was the third of the young season for the Donnellson-based off-road motorcycle racers. The week before, the family was in Laurinburg, NC, for round one of the Full Gas Sprint Enduro Series.

Again, all three put in good rides in their respective classes, with Cooper Duff finishing third in the Supermini class and third overall in the youth division. Zach Duff was 10th midway through his run in the 13-racer Lites B standings, but moved up four spaces to sixth with a time of 1:18:13, good for 75th overall in the adult division. Ryan Duff finished 70th in

the adult division, completing the seven sections of the course in 1:17:43.959 to place third in the 40+ A class.

Cooper Duff got the year started off on Jan. 21, at the Mid-South Cross Country Racing Series (MSXC) Glacier Run on Saturday, Jan. 21. Racing in Supermini class, Duff came in fourth in his class and fourth in the youth division with a time of 1:09:35.670 for five laps.

You can follow the team's progress throughout the racing season on their Facebook page, Duff Boys Racing.

February 18 at Mendota

Megacross Woods EX

Supermini: 1. Cooper Duff, Donnellson - 1/1

B: 2. Zach Duff, Donnellson 1/2

40+ A: 3. Ryan Duff, Donnellson - 3/3

Feb. 11 at Laurinburg, NC

Full Gas Sprint Enduro

Supermini: 3. Cooper Duff, Donnellson - 43:42.270 (3 OA)

Lites B: 6. Zach Duff, Donnellson - 1:18:13.143 (75 OA)

40A: 3. Ryan Duff, Donnellson - 1:17:43.959 (70 OA)

Jan. 21 at Greensburg, KY

MSXC Glacier Run

Supermini: 4. Cooper Duff, Donnellson - 1:09:35.670, 5 laps (4 OA)



Donnellson racer Zach Duff started his season off with a sixth place finish in the Full Gas Sprint Enduro in Laurinburg, NC, and followed that up with a second place finish at the indoor Megacross Woods EX event the following weekend.

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Junior High Volleyball

7th Grade Volleyball

2A Waverly Regional

Saturday, February 25

(5) Calhoun def. (4) Mt. Olive 21-25, 25-15, 25-22

(2) Morrisonville def. (7) Madison 25-13, 25-10

(6) South County def. (3) Nokomis 25-21, 25-18

Monday, February 27

(1) Bunker Hill Wolf Ridge def. (5) Calhoun 25-22, 25-20

(6) South County def. (2) Morrisonville 25-22, 25-22

Wednesday, March 1

(1) Bunker Hill Wolf Ridge def. (6) South County 25-13, 25-21

7th Grade Volleyball

3A Divernon Regional

Saturday, February 25

(5) Auburn def. (4) Southwestern 25-20, 25-21

(2) Gillespie def. (7) Carlinville 25-24, 25-22

(3) Hillsboro def. (6) Litchfield 25-20, 25-5

Monday, February 27

(1) North Mac def. (5) Auburn 25-27, 25-23, 25-12

(3) Hillsboro def. (2) Gillespie 25-12, 23-25, 25-22

Wednesday, March 1

6 p.m. - (1) North Mac def. (3) Hillsboro 25-15, 25-17

8th Grade Volleyball

2A Nokomis Regional

Saturday, March 4

(4) Morrisonville def. (5) South County 25-21, 21-25, 25-14

(2) Calhoun def. (7) Madison 25-3, 25-5

(3) Bunker Hill Wolf Ridge def. (6) Mt. Olive 25-13, 25-15

Tuesday, March 7

(1) Nokomis vs. (4) Morrisonville 25-11, 25-12

(2) Calhoun def. (3) Bunker Hill Wolf Ridge 23-25, 25-7, 25-22

Thursday, March 9

6 p.m. - (1) Nokomis vs. (2) Calhoun

8th Grade Volleyball

2A Divernon Regional

Saturday, March 4

(5) Carlinville def. (4) Southwestern 25-21, 25-21

(2) Gillespie def. (7) Auburn 25-19, 25-21

(6) Litchfield def. (3) North Mac 26-24, 15-25, 25-3

Tuesday, March 7

(1) Hillsboro def. (5) Carlinville 25-16, 23-25, 25-16

(2) Gillespie def. (6) Litchfield 19-25, 25-15, 25-11

Thursday, March 9

6 p.m. - (2) Gillespie def. (1) Hillsboro 25-17, 25-19

Regional Title Game Tonight For Braves

The Nokomis eighth grade volleyball team will take on Calhoun tomorrow, March 9 at 6 p.m. in the championship game of the Nokomis Regional. The winner of that game moves on to play either Christ the King or Mt. Pulaski on Monday, March 13, at the Waverly Sectional, with a trip to state on the line. Last year, this same group finished second in the IESA 7th grade 2A tournament.

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Lincolnwood Boys Basketball

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But Whalen took his game to another level in his senior year and became the unquestioned leader of the Lancers.

A water-smooth slashing guard, Whalen led Lincolnwood with 17.3 points per game, scoring 552 points this season, the most since Bryan Graham scored 566 in 2014-15. Only two other players have scored as many as 500 points in a season going back to the 2012-13 campaign: Derek Sale, who scored 516 in 2014-15 and Lincolnwood's all-time leading scorer, Tate Snyder, who scored 517 in 2012-13 and 616 in 2013-14.

The impressive senior season gave Whalen 1,086 points for his career, making him the 16th player to join Lincolnwood's 1,000 point club and the second Morrisonville student on the list. The other Mohawk-turned Lancer, 2017 grad Seth Foster, scored 517 of his 1,260 points before the co-op, making Whalen the first Morrisonville player on the 1,000 point list to score all of his points in a Lincolnwood jersey.

It wasn't just scoring for Whalen, though. He led the team in rebounds for the second straight year with 233 boards, upping his total to 469 for his career. He also paced the Lancers in assists, steals and blocks as he showed that he wasn't just a scoring threat, but one of the best defenders in the area as well.

Whalen was unquestionably the soul of the Lancers, but Lincolnwood's other senior, Zake Guzman, was its heart. With 63 points for the season, Guzman's offensive numbers weren't earth shattering, but the Morrisonville senior's story makes any production at all incredible.

After injuring his knee in football, Guzman sat out the entire 2021-22 season, but was a constant fixture on the bench and a team leader on the sidelines if not on the court. By 2022-23, the knee had healed enough to keep Guzman on the court for all 32 games, but evidence that the injury was gone, but not

forgotten occasionally reared its head.

On senior night, when asked to take a knee for a photo with his fellow seniors and his parents, Guzman gingerly did as asked, wincing slightly in pain. The mere fact that the young man accomplished as much as he did in 2022-23 season makes him as valuable as Whalen.

The success of the Lancers wasn't due solely to the seniors, though. A rising tide lifts all boats and almost every player on the varsity roster improved their production over the previous season.

Junior Brady Schmedeke saw one of the biggest jumps, going from 4.7 points as a sophomore to 8.3 points per game as a junior. The improvement is even more stark when you look at his scoring before the streak, when he averaged fewer than 5.5 points per game, and during it, when his average jumped to 11.7 per contest. With 130 rebounds and 38 steals, second to Whalen in the team ranks, Schmedeke will be a key component for the Lancers again next year.

Lincolnwood's other junior, Gabe Armentrout, finished with a scoring average of 6.8 points per game, up 1.3 over last season despite missing the first eight games due to injury. Armentrout finished second on the team with 25 threes and had five games in double figures, four of which came in the Lancers' final seven games.

The juniors and seniors were joined in the starting lineup by sophomore Jonah Elvidge, who more than doubled his scoring average, going from 4.4 to 9.6 points per game. The Lancer guard was better at the rim (upping his two-point shooting percentage by 13 points while taking twice as many shots) and behind the arc, where he hit a team-high 44 threes at a 28 percent clip. A tenacious defender to boot, Elvidge will be one of those players that coaches will continue ask, "when is this kid graduating" for the next two seasons.

The loss of Whalen and

Guzman will be felt next year, but there are several players ready to take a bigger role next season. Jared Klein's shooting touch, ability to get to the basket and court vision shined at times and the sophomore could have a breakout season in 2023-24.

This year's roster was loaded with sophomores, with Kennedy Cook, Karson Hayes, Donny Daugherty, Drew Gilpin, Brayden Morris and Cooper Poggenpohl joining Elvidge and Klein. That group, along with freshman Tucker Armentrout, all saw some varsity time, but will be relied on more next season.

And next year has the opportunity to be a special one, too. Lincolnwood is eight wins away from the program's 1,000th victory. With 992 wins in 61 years, the Lancers have averaged 16.3 wins per season since the Farmersville/Raymond consolidation.

The first two of those wins will result in another milestone as Coach Matt Millburg is two wins away from the late Larry Edwards' school record for coaching victories (181). Millburg, who is 179-141, tied Edwards for the program's longest tenured coach this year in his 11th season and will pass the coach of the storied 1972 third place state tournament team next year.

Millburg is hoping to gather as many former Lancers as possible next year to celebrate the 1,000th win at a date to be determined. It's sure to be a celebration of the history of Lincolnwood basketball, but if the 2023-24 Lancers play like they did this year, the alumni can be proud of the present and future of the program as well.

Lincolnwood Boys Basketball Class of 2023 Career Stats
Braden Whalen: 94 games; 1086 total points; 11.6 points per game; two-point field goals 379-of-781 (48.5%); three-point field goals 21-of-75 (28%); free throws 265-of-446 (59.4%); 469 rebounds; 97 assists; 149 steals; 111 blocks.

Zake Guzman: 44 games; 83 total points; 1.9 points per game; two-point field goals 13-of-25 (52%); three-point field goals 13-of-52 (25%); free throws 18-of-36 (50%); 66 rebounds; 14 assists; 16 steals.

Lincolnwood Girls Basketball

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The extended points margin showed that the Lancers were not just hopeful that they could beat teams they were more talented than, but they expected to beat them and had the capabilities to do so convincingly.

The three single digit wins were confidence builders too, perhaps none more than the victory over Southwestern in Piasa. The Lancers downed the Piasa Birds 40-37 in that game, but were tied at 37 with 4.4 seconds left. Lilly Terneus threw the ball in to Avery Pope, making a perfect baseball pass to the top of the key three quarters of the court away. Pope made a half turn to her right and passed to Taryn Millburg, who dropped in the three for the game winner.

That play probably doesn't happen in any of the previous three years and showed just how far the Lancers have come.

The play also probably doesn't happen without Pope, one of three seniors on this year's team, along with Amanda Seelbach and Haelee Damm. The senior guard was the undisputed MVP of the team this year, leading the Lancers in points (261), rebounds (165), assists (73), steals (73) and blocks (8).

She made seven fewer three-pointers than she did in 2021-22, but that wasn't what made Pope standout at Lincolnwood. Her ability to get to the basket resulted in 77 two-point baskets and 103 trips to the free-throw line, 68 of which she converted.

Since the program restarted, the Lancers have had plenty of athletes, in part due to the success of the Lincolnwood volleyball program, but have not had someone who could really go toe-to-toe with the best players in the conference and the area. Pope was that player her senior year and she was rewarded for it with first team MSM all-conference honors and 588 career points, the most by any player since the restart of the

program.

Right behind her on that career points list is Damm, who finished her career with 396 points, including 183 in her final year for the Lancers, an average of 6.3 points per game. Damm, the first Lincolnwood player to reach double figures in a game since 1985, doing so in the Lancers' final game of the 2019-20 season, was one of Lincolnwood's better shooters from three-point range and was second on the team with 37 threes.

While Damm had consistently been one of Lincolnwood's better scoring threats, Seelbach developed her offensive game over time, going from four points total in her freshman and sophomore seasons to 79 points in her senior year. She upped her shooting percentage by 11 points in 2022-23 as well and has been one of Lincolnwood's best rebounders each of the past two years.

The three seniors held down a spot in the starting five for virtually every game, with Taryn Millburg, Sophie Foster, Taylor Lush and Lilly Terneus also in the mix.

Millburg led the team in three-pointers with 39 (including the memorable one at Southwestern) and continues to grow as a player. Since her freshman year, her shooting percentage has gone up 20 percent from inside the arc and 17 percent behind it.

What Millburg lacks in height at 5'3" she makes up for in tenacity as she somehow grabbed 75 rebounds this past season and was often tasked with guarding one of the opposition's top players.

Both Foster (1.6) and Lush (1.3) showed flashes of being able to step into the spots vacated by Damm and Seelbach next season and grew quite a bit as players from their freshman seasons. Sophomore Morgan Hampton, who missed part of her sophomore season due to illness, junior Chelsie Anderson and freshmen Leah Anderson and Carly Armentrout will also be in that mix when next season

rolls around.

The most likely to take over Pope's role as the top scoring threat, though, goes to Lilly Terneus, who was leading the Lancers in scoring when she was lost for the season due to a knee injury. A ferocious competitor, Terneus averaged 8.2 points and 5.4 rebounds per game, finishing second in total rebounds with 97 despite playing in just 18 games.

Terneus is also one of the reason's why, as successful as the season was, things feel... unfinished. The goal for the team was 10 wins and a regional victory. It's hard to know if those goals would have been attainable with her on the court rather than the bench, but the odds definitely would have gone up.

But the "what if" aspect shouldn't be reason for lament for the 2022-23 season. It should be reason to look forward to the 2023-24 campaign. Yes, the three seniors who were the first ones to dedicate four years to the program will be gone, and yes, numbers are still an issue for the fledgling program, but the fight the Lancers showed this past year despite some less than ideal circumstances show that they are capable of overcoming such obstacles.

Every year since the program restarted the Lady Lancers have gotten better. Bet against that being the case again in 2023-24 at your own risk.

Lincolnwood Girls Basketball Class of 2023 Career Stats
Avery Pope: 88 games; 588 total points; 6.7 points per game; two-point field goals 166-of-526 (31.6%); three-point field goals 39-of-198 (19.7%); free throws 139-of-223 (62.3%); 425 rebounds; 180 assists; 213 steals; 17 blocks.

Amanda Seelbach: 85 games; 124 total points; 1.5 points per game; two-point field goals 45-of-164 (27.4%); three-point field goals 3-of-38 (7.9%); free throws 25-of-53 (47.2%); 188 rebounds; 36 assists; 49 steals; 3 blocks.

Haelee Damm: 85 games; 396 total points; 4.7 points per game; two-point field goals 37-of-207 (17.9%); three-point field goals 83-of-354 (23.4%); free throws 73-of-124 (58.9%); 247 rebounds; 75 assists; 76 steals; 14 blocks.

Lady Redskins To Play In All-Star Game

Five members of the Nokomis High School girls basketball team will be among the 48 participating in the inaugural Warrensburg-Latham Girls Basketball All-Star game on Sunday, March 12.

Seniors Audrey Sabol, Hailey Engelman, Natalie Engelman, Emma Sneddon and Addison Dangbar will be playing for the West All-

Stars at the event, which begins at 4 p.m. with a game between the North and South all-star teams. The Redskins and their West teammates take on the East All-Stars at 5 p.m.

The losers of the first two games will play at 6 p.m., with the two winning teams playing at 7 p.m. Games will consist of two 20-minute running clock halves. One player

from each of the teams will be recognized as the most outstanding player for their region.

Admission is \$5 per person, with free admission for children five and under. Concessions will be available at the game, which will be held at Warrensburg-Latham High School at 430 W. North Street in Warrensburg.

Nokomis Boys Basketball

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Even with the added attention of being a known scorer, Aumann didn't let up. He made a career-best 34 threes, but really was more adept at slashing to the basket and either converting layups or drawing fouls (he'd shoot 84 percent from the foul line). Not all of Aumann's threes came at the end of the quarter, but it sometimes seemed that way as the buzzer beaters did way more to Nokomis' opponents than simply add three more points to their deficit.

Aumann's numbers were up in virtually all aspects of his game as he put up season highs in rebounds (149), assists (86) and steals (107), leading Nokomis in the latter two categories. But still, it's his 1,281 points that he'll be most remembered for as he currently sits seventh all-time in scoring for the program.

Eisenbarth and Himes were the perfect compliment to Aumann. Both had the ability to do a little bit of everything, as evidence of their numbers in their senior season and their careers.

Eisenbarth averaged 6.2 points per game this season, but was an even bigger presence on the boards as he was second on the team with 172 rebounds. That was a career high for the senior forward, who also set career-bests in assists (55) and steals (46).

Nokomis Girls Basketball

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That record lasted four days before Engelman hit seven in the win over Altamont.

The other two individual records went to Audrey Sabol, who etched her name in the program's history books as one of its best players. Sabol finished her career with 998 rebounds, 214 more than previous record holder Tammy (Stewart) Easterday, who was on hand in Carlinville to see Sabol break the record. Her total is also 12 more than the boys' leading rebounder, her brother Carter, who had 986 rebounds in his career (but also played in 21 more games).

While she didn't quite make it to her brother's scoring record of 2,199, Sabol did join the 1,000 point club on Nov. 18, in the Redskins' Litchfield Tournament opener against Vandalia. She'd go on to finish with 479 points for the season (shooting a program record 57 percent from the field for the season) and 1,434 points for her career, sixth most all-time for Nokomis girls basketball.

All told, the three Sabols who have completed their high school basketball careers (the youngest, Alivia, graduates eighth grade this year) have combined for 4,619 points (older brother Brayden had 986) and 2,626 rebounds (642 for Brayden).

Nokomis was far from a one-person team, though. Seniors Emma Senddon, Hailey Engelman, Natalie Engelman and Addison Dangbar all averaged more than seven points per game and finished with more than 500 points for their careers.

And all five of the senior starters brought something different to the team. Sneddon was the slasher, making more two-point field goals than anyone but Sabol. Her athleticism and drive gave her 559 points and 237 rebounds in her career.

Hailey Engelman is second all-time with 297 assists, behind only former Illinois

Himes echoed Eisenbarth's career-best numbers, setting new highs in rebounds (89), assists (59), steals (49) and points (101). He finished his career with 206 points, 174 rebounds, 105 assists and 103 steals. Aumann also finished his career with triple digits (or more) in all four of those categories, with Eisenbarth coming up just four steals of doing the same. Prior to this year, only Austin Chausse, Andrew Herpstreith, Hendrix Barnes, Alex Tosetti and Carter Sabol had accomplished that in the last 10 years.

Reece Lohman could join that list next year, and maybe even exceed those lofty numbers. In a breakout junior season, Lohman averaged 12.9 points per game, putting him within striking distance of 1,000 for his career if he puts up similar numbers in 2023-24.

Lohman also led Nokomis in rebounds with 202 and blocks with 116. With 62 career assists and 67 career steals, the possibility that Lohman could finish in triple digits in all five of the aforementioned categories.

In order to make up for the loss of Aumann, Eisenbarth, Himes and Coss, DeWerff will rely heavily on Lohman and sophomore Ian Keller, the other player frequently in the starting five. Keller averaged 4.7 points per game and was second in assists with 71.

Miss Basketball Molly McDowell. She's also in the top 20 in steals and top 25 in points, with 786 points, 339 of which came her senior year.

In addition to her aforementioned three-point prowess (264 of her 505 career points came off threes), Natalie Engelman is also tenth in assists with 202 and was second this year behind her cousin Hailey with 90 dimes.

And Dangbar did a little bit of everything. Her 120 three-pointers are the most of the five, while her 683 points and 385 rebounds puts her behind only Sabol in the senior class. She also had 199 assists in her career and 213 steals, 11th and 19th most respectively in the program record books.

Dangbar, Sneddon and the Engelmans all finished not only with more than 500 points, but also in triple digits for their careers in rebounds, assists and steals.

Nokomis' other two seniors, Emily Cress and Carley King don't have the statistics or get the accolades of their teammates, but were just as important. Through years of dedication and practice, they made themselves and their teammates better.

In a world where individual gratification often takes the place of the greater good, Cress and King took the high road, played their roles to the best of their ability and earned memories that will last a lifetime as their reward.

So the question is, how do you replace a golden generation? In short, you don't. What you do is continue the "next person up" mantra of Nokomis Athletics as a whole and give it all you got.

You hope that your seniors passed on the lessons you taught them and players like sophomore Natalie Brownback (who will be the leading returning scorer at 1.9 points per game), junior Cydney Bertolino and sophomores Grace DeWerff and Lizzy and Becca Hill can step into those vacated roles. Those four will be the veterans, with fresh-

Potential is there for others to step up, though, juniors Kennedy DeWerff and Mason Stauder both put up big numbers on the JV side while also being key subs on the varsity. Sophomore Drake Taylor was also a junior varsity standout who showed flashes of things to come at the varsity level. Juniors Maddux Himes, Brody Steele and Saint Newman rounded out the varsity and could play a bigger part in 2023-24.

Ultimately, the outlook for the Redskins looks promising for next season. How promising is yet to be seen, but if the last 50 or so years are any indication, Nokomis may want to make more room on that 20-win banner.

Nokomis Boys Basketball Class of 2023 Career Stats
Elijah Aumann: 87 games; 1281 total points; 14.7 points per game; two-point field goals 404-of-737 (54.8%); three-point field goals 71-of-233 (30.5%); free throws 260-of-326 (79.8%); 291 rebounds; 152 assists; 212 steals; 15 blocks.

Ryan Eisenbarth: 81 games; 518 total points; 6.4 points per game; two-point field goals 193-of-450 (42.9%); three-point field goals 3-of-16 (18.8%); free throws 123-of-189 (65.1%); 371 rebounds; 115 assists; 96 steals; 19 blocks.

Nolan Himes: 75 games; 206 total points; 2.7 points per game; two-point field goals 84-of-194 (43.3%); three-point field goals 2-of-21 (9.5%); free throws 32-of-54 (59.3%); 174 rebounds; 105 assists; 103 steals; 10 blocks.

Kamron Coss: 40 games; 82 total points; 2.1 points per game; two-point field goals 14-of-28 (50%); three-point field goals 12-of-41 (29.3%); free throws 3-of-4 (75%); 19 rebounds; 8 assists; 14 steals.

man Camryn Engelman, Kinley Stolte and Grace King also set to play a role after seeing a few minutes in their varsity debuts.

And maybe you keep your fingers crossed that another golden generation is closer than some think. Both the seventh and eighth grade Lady Braves finished in the top four at the IESA State Finals, meaning that Nokomis may be reloading rather than rebuilding.

Whether the next generation is gold or pyrite, depends less on the end result than on the journey. If they can come together to make each other better, then it will be all worth while. That's what the 2022-23 Redskins did, and things turned out golden.

Nokomis Girls Basketball Class of 2023 Career Stats
Emma Sneddon: 108 games; 559 total points; 5.2 points per game; two-point field goals 108-of-197 (54.8%); three-point field goals 5-of-59 (8.5%); free throws 150-of-271 (55.4%); 237 rebounds; 143 assists; 164 steals; 7 blocks.

Hailey Engelman: 111 games; 786 total points; 7.1 points per game; two-point field goals 186-of-449 (41.4%); three-point field goals 88-of-329 (26.7%); free throws 150-of-244 (61.5%); 345 rebounds; 297 assists; 213 steals; 7 blocks.

Natalie Engelman: 108 games; 505 total points; 4.7 points per game; two-point field goals 76-of-184 (41.3%); three-point field goals 106-of-382 (27.7%); free throws 35-of-73 (47.9%); 172 rebounds; 202 assists; 131 steals; 17 blocks.

Addison Dangbar: 112 games; 683 total points; 6.1 points per game; two-point field goals 114-of-301 (37.9%); three-point field goals 120-of-405 (29.6%); free throws 95-of-159 (59.7%); 385 rebounds; 195 assists; 213 steals; 11 blocks.

Audrey Sabol: 110 games; 1,434 total points; 13.0 points per game; two-point field goals 539-of-992 (54.3%); three-point field goals 10-of-49 (20.4%); free throws 326-of-507 (64.3%); 998 rebounds; 92 assists; 201 steals; 143 blocks.

Carley King: 84 games; 68 total points; 0.8 points per game; two-point field goals 24-of-65 (36.9%); three-point field goals 5-of-58 (8.6%); free throws 5-of-11 (45.5%); 25 rebounds; 51 assists; 41 steals.

Emily Cress: 88 games; 99 total points; 1.1 points per game; two-point field goals 28-of-84 (33.3%); three-point field goals 10-of-44 (22.7%); free throws 13-of-35 (37.1%); 172 rebounds; 31 assists; 78 steals; 4 blocks.

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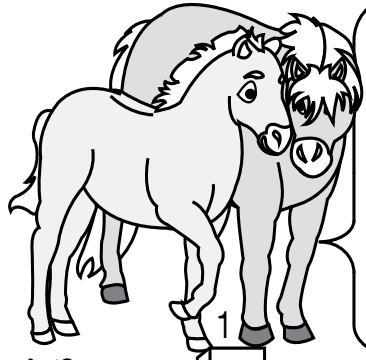
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ponies!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Can you fill in this crossword faster than a leprechaun can disappear?

1. talk with a strong accent
2. reason many Irish came to America:
Great _____
Famine
3. nickname for the island so fair and green: _____ Isle
4. bishop who brought Christianity to Ireland: Saint _____
5. piece of land surrounded by water
6. first American of Irish-Catholic descent to become President of the United States: John F. _____
7. month in which we celebrate St. Patrick's Day
8. capital and largest city of Ireland
9. flag of Ireland is green, white, and orange; the white stands for _____
10. "The Luck of the Irish" means someone is very _____

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Everyone can join in the fun.

Read the clues to fill in this crossword:

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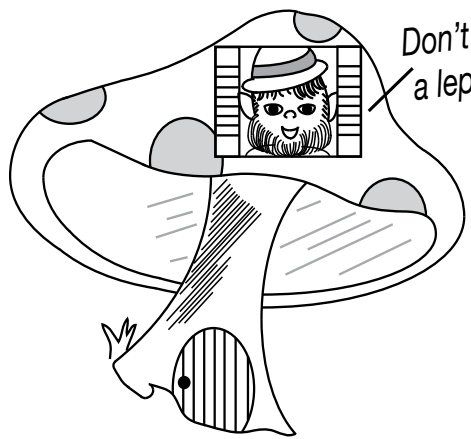
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Ireland is a large island in the Atlantic Ocean. It is west of England, separated from it by the Irish Sea. Ireland is often called the Emerald Isle because people find it so fair and green.

The Irish are proud of their homeland and heritage. People of Irish descent in our country show their pride through pageants, parades, prayer and ceremonies. They invite everyone to be "Irish" during their celebration on St. Patrick's Day.

Hmm...four-leaf clovers seem to be falling from the sky today...I'm one lucky leprechaun!



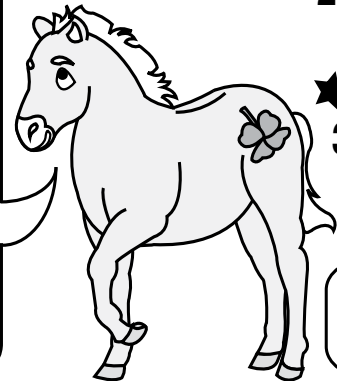
Don't try to trick a leprechaun!

A Delicious Surprise!

Even if you are not Irish, celebrating on St. Patrick's Day can be fun. I've always liked stories about Irish Fairies, especially the leprechauns. It is said that leprechauns, little knee-high fairies, try to stay away from people. If you see one, don't take your eyes off of him or he will disappear. In your sight, he may have to lead you to his secret wealth. **To find out what that is, do these two puzzles!**

I was trying to sneak up on this leprechaun. When I caught up with him all I could see him doing was cooking a great-smelling meal. He knew I was there all along. He invited me to dinner.

Fill in the words with the vowels given to see what he was cooking:



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★ Hint: He used Granny Smith ones in the pie.

Find and circle all the words spelled using the letter "l" as in the word "lucky".

Follow the dot-to-dot to see what this leprechaun has hidden!

Proudly Singing!

On Saint Patrick's Day, Irish-Americans will be singing. What message will they be sharing with everyone? Use the alphabet key to fill in the blanks to find out:

Alphabet key for secret message:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
O	P	Q	R	S	T	
15	16	17	18	19	20	
U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
21	22	23	24	25	26	

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Local Landowners To View Sampling Program

Local land and soil may have been part of a historical and extensive soil sampling program dating back to 1899 by the University of Illinois.

University researchers and Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council are looking for landowners whose property was part of the original research to take new samples and understand changes that have happened in the past century.

"Our predecessors had the foresight to keep records of soil sampling locations and to store those samples

at the university," says Andrew Margenot, crop sciences assistant professor. "By resampling soil from these same locations, we will gain unprecedented insight on how these soils have changed over 120 years."

The results will enable improvements in soil fertility management and conservation, including updates to the Illinois Agronomy Handbook. The project is funded by NREC and the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Many of the original soil sample sites, from around 450

locations, are now located on private land. Researchers are working to identify and contact landowners or producers to ask permission to sample soils. Sampling will take place with a small soil probe down 3 feet at three points within a 10- to 15-ft.-area. All soil sample results will be shared at no cost and will be anonymous to protect privacy of the sampling location.

A map of the site locations is available to review at www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?utm_source=google&mid=1kvdSJ13fQ3O4qJ

ha1am0nrP1lj4dWw&ll=41.61646076784982%2C-91.01184028443622&z=7.

Those interested in participating, can select a specific location to share contact information with the research team for follow up, or contact the research team directly at rothman@illinois.edu or margenot@illinois.edu.

More information about the project history, goals, and process can be found on the Illinois NREC website at www.illinoisnrec.org/be-a-part-of-the-history-of-soils-in-illinois/.



Above, Rodney Knittel of Illinois Farm Bureau leads the Montgomery County Farm Bureau's "Rules of the Road" seminar on Thursday, March 2.

Ag Prices

The January Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 124.6, decreased 9.7 percent from December but increased 11 percent from January 2022.

At 118.1, the Crop Production Index was down 8.3 percent from last month but up 13 percent from the previous year.

The Livestock Production Index, at 136.3, decreased 9.7 percent from December, but increased 9.7 percent from January last year.

Producers received lower prices during January for market eggs, lettuce, milk and broccoli, but higher prices for cattle, oranges, corn and apples.

In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities marketed also influences the indexes.

In January, there was decreased marketing of milk, market eggs, cattle and grapes and increased monthly movement for corn, soybeans, wheat and strawberries.

Jordyn Gerlach Named Turner Scholar Again

Waggoner native Jordyn Gerlach has once again been named a Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, along with 26 other students in the College of ACES.

The JBT Scholars Program is the premier leadership scholars program in the College of ACES. Students apply during their first year and scholars join the program as sophomores, after a rigorous selection process including an application screen and an interview.

Recipients get a scholarship of \$2,500 in years one and two and \$3,000 in year three, provided they remain in the College of ACES, maintain a GPA of 3.4 or higher, and continue their involvement in JBT professional development activities.



Jordyn Gerlach

Gerlach is now in her second year at the University of Illinois, where she is studying animal science with hopes to become an animal nutritionist or large animal veterinarian. She is the daughter of Eric and Angie Gerlach of Waggoner.

USDA To Conduct Hogs And Pigs Survey In March

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is contacting producers for the March Hogs and Pigs Survey.

Each quarter this survey provides comprehensive information on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions in the US.

"As a major hog producing state, it is important that Illinois hog inventory be accurately measured," said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. "I encourage all surveyed producers to respond to the March survey to ensure Illinois hog inventory continues to be accurately counted."

The data gathered in the March survey will allow NASS to accurately measure and report conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the last three months. The information is used by all sectors of the industry, including producers themselves, to help make sound and timely business decisions.

NASS will mail the ques-

tionnaires to selected hog producers in February. Farmers are encouraged to respond online at agcounts.usda.gov, or by mail. Alternatively, NASS representatives will contact those who have not responded to arrange telephone interviews to complete the survey.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. NASS will publish the survey results in the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report on March 30, available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

For assistance with the survey, or for more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or nassrfohlr@usda.gov.

Edge Cooperative Offers Scholarships To Members

Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative will award five \$2,000 secondary education scholarships to its membership.

Applicants must be high school seniors, high school graduates or college undergraduates. They must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time course of study

at an accredited four-year college or university or a two-year program at a technical, junior or community college.

The full application and guidelines can be found on the Edge website at www.voiceofmilk.com. Applications must be submitted online by Monday, May 1.

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

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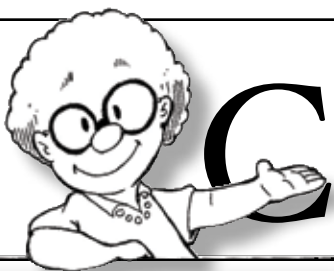
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Starting base salary for police officers is \$42,681, \$47,424 after one year.
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Applicants with prior law enforcement experience/training the City of Hillsboro offers lateral transfer incentives. Officers with a minimum of 3 years of continuous full-time experience at the same department will receive the 5 year longevity benefit time and pay to start, 3 weeks of paid vacation and base salary of \$47,944.
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Traffic

- Daniel J. Ballowe, 53, of Litchfield, driver's license expired for more than one year.
- David L. Engle, 42, of Nokomis, driving on a suspended license.
- George F. Giller, 48, of Donnellson, driving on a revoked license.
- Joshua D. Johnson, 37, of Nokomis, canceled/revoked/suspended registration, driving 1 to 10 mph above the speed limit.
- Long K. Clayton, 57, of Hillsboro, improper turn signal.
- Miranda R. Fair, 26, of Hillsboro, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit, expired registration.
- Raymond J. Gordan, 58, of Nokomis, unlawful parking.
- Bradley T. Hill, 26, of Butler, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Mary L. Kahle, 67, of

- Litchfield, failure to reduce speed.
- Christopher L. Kingery, 33, of Butler, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Seth I. Long, 37, of Irving, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Sheridan O. Lyerla, 21, of Coffeen, driving 11 to 14 mph above the speed limit.
- Dawn H. Major, 53, of Hillsboro, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Devin T. Tefteller, 30, of Litchfield, expired registration.
- Charlene N. Terrell, 24, of Litchfield, operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Nathan K. Verbiski, 30, of Nokomis, driving 11 to 14 mph above the speed limit.
- Danielle N. Vincent, 35, of Witt, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Title Transfers

January 19
Lipe Farms to Borgic Farms, WD, Sec. 25, Pt. SE/SE and NE/SE, Sec. 25, NW/NE and E/2 NE, Raymond Twp.; Sec. 31, N/2 NW and S/2 NW, Sec. 31, Rountree Twp.

January 20
Tracie L. Throne, Tracie Felts to Tracie L. Throne, Randall S. Throne, QCD, Sec. 9, Pt. SE/SE, North Litchfield Twp.

Julia Ann Heise to Mary L. Pigg, Karen R. Whitlock, Todi Accept, Lot 21, Blk. 45, Lot 24, Blk. 45, N/2 Lot 24, Huggins PC Addn.

January 23
Patricia Hernandez to Tobi Simonton, WD, Lot 8, Blk. 12, Nokomis Original Twp.

Rebecca A. Hardy to Michael Vogel, QCD, Sec. 26, Pt. N/2 NW/NW, Irving Twp.

James H. Johnson, Charles A. Johnson, Charles B. Johnson to Brett Goldsmith, Kim Goldsmith, WD/plat, Sec. 4, Sec. 3, Nokomis Twp.

City of Witt to EJ Water Cooperative, Spl. WD, Sec. 32, w/easement, Nokomis Twp.

Denelle E. Leitschuh to Denelle E. Leitschuh Tr., WD, Sec. 17, NW/NW, South Litchfield Twp.

Nickey L. Milanos, Jill E. Tippett to Kelly Fugate, Julie Fugate, QCD, Lot 49, Lot 104, Rountrees 2nd Addn., East Hillsboro Twp.

January 24
Lipe Farms to Brian Brown, Brett Brown, Corp. WD, undivided 1/2 interest, Sec. 1, Sec. 1, Butler Grove Twp.

Patrick L. Jarnagin to Brian Brown, Brett M. Brown, WD/plat, Sec. 6, East Fork

Twp.
Keely J. Burton to Brian Brown, Brett Brown, WD, Sec. 13, S/2 Pt. SE/NW, Butler Grove Twp.

Bryce J. Rupert to Brian Brown, Brett Brown, WD, Sec. 13, N/2 Pt. SE/NW, Butler Grove Twp.

Janice M. Stolte to Janice M. Stolte, Everett D. Stolte, QCD, Sec. 17, 2 Pts. E/2 SW/SE, Pt. W/2 SW/SE, w/easement, Irving Twp.

James H. Johnson Exec., John W. Johnson Estate to James H. Johnson, Charles B. Johnson, Roger A. Johnson Estate, Execs Deed, Sec. 3, Sec. 3, W/2 W/2 SW, Sec. 4, Sec. 4, Pt. E/2 W/2 SE, W/2 E/2 SE, Pt. E/2 SE, Nokomis Twp.

Kimberly J. Reynolds Tr., Lisa Murzynski Tr., Gladys M. Morgan Trust to John Abel, Kathryn Abel, Trustee Deed, Lot 302, Yaeger Place Condominiums.

John S. Crowe, Julia Crowe to John S. Crowe, Julia D. Crowe, Jorgia Crowe, QCD, Lots 6-7, Blk. 2, Spruills Subdn., Nokomis Twp.

Rosalie Toner, Delores Rosalie Toner, Michael Alan Toner POA, Larry H. Lang, Gary Lang to Edward G. Ettling III, WD, Sec. 30, Pt. E/2 NE/SW, Pt. W/2 NE/SW, Fillmore Twp.

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- Jacob T. Bourke, 24, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Saturday, Feb. 18.
- Brian R. Buckley, 33, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of meth delivery on Sept. 22, 2022.
- Derrick D. Courier, 25, of Virden, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Friday, Feb. 17. He was also cited for mufflers and following too closely.
- Denise A. Hegel, 46, of Mt. Olive, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Tuesday, Feb. 21.
- Michael Jackson, 42, of St. Charles, MO, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Tuesday, Feb. 21.
- Nicholas J. O'Connell, 41, of Gillespie, faces a felony charge of theft on Saturday, Feb. 18.
- Charles E. Rayphole, 56, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Wednesday, Feb. 22.
- Donald R. Riley, 41, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of theft on Nov. 13, 2022.

- Justin M. Trueblood, 24, of Litchfield, faces felony charges of burglary without causing damage and theft on Friday, Feb. 10.
- Dean P. Weller, 32, of Farmersville, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Wednesday, Feb. 22.
- Dominic R. Williams, 34, of Decatur, faces felony charges of possession of meth and possession of cannabis (100 to 500 grams) and a misdemeanor charge of driving on a suspended license on June 9, 2022.
- Christopher R. Craig, 26, of Taylor Springs, was charged with unlawful use of a black-jack knife and driving on a suspended license on Saturday, Feb. 18.
- Robin L. Puckett, 54, of Witt, was charged with domestic battery on Friday, Feb. 17.
- Lucas A. Weller, 22, of Litchfield, was charged with domestic battery on Wednesday, Feb. 22.
- Marvin W. Beck, 60, of

Court

Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of violating the sex offender registry on Thursday, Feb. 23, and was sentenced to seven days in jail with a credit of two days served, 24 months of probation, fined \$500, plus court costs.

- An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Friday, Feb. 24, in a felony charge of possession of meth filed in February 2022 against Dominick A. Bolton, 22, of Gillespie.
- Andrew Godwin, 34, of Menard, current inmate, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of criminal sexual abuse on Thursday, Feb. 23, and was sentenced to two years and six months in prison, one year of mandatory supervised release, fined \$75, plus court costs.
- Bruce W. Leonard, 46, of Butler, pleaded guilty to an amended felony charge of possession of meth on Friday, Feb. 24, and was sentenced to 24 days in jail with a credit of 12 days served, two years of probation, drug and alcohol

treatment, fined \$75, plus court costs. Three felony charges of possession of a firearm with a revoked FOID and a felony charge of possession of a firearm with expired FOID were dismissed.

- An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Thursday, Feb. 23, in a felony charge of possession of meth filed in December 2021 against John K. Orzel II, 50, of Litchfield.
- Brittany R. White, 33, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to an amended felony charge of meth delivery on Thursday, Feb. 23, and was sentenced to seven years in prison with a credit of 262 days served, one year of mandatory supervised release, fined \$75, plus court costs.
- Derek T. Zupsich, 34, of Sparland, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possession of meth on Thursday, Feb. 23, and was sentenced to 14 days in jail with a credit of seven days served, 24 months of probation, drug and alcohol treatment, fined \$75, plus court costs.

Police

urday, March 4, at Walmart.

- Jessica D. Law, 38, of Litchfield, was jailed for possession of meth and a Montgomery County warrant at

5:52 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the 700 block of South State.

- Dillian J. Weaver, 24, of Virden, was jailed for posses-

sion of meth and a Macoupin County warrant at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the 100 block of East Union.

Litchfield Police

- Austin M. Hemken, 21, of Litchfield, was cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration at 11:38 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Route 66 and Ferdon.
- Albert J. Buffington, 50, of Litchfield, was ticketed for head/tail/sidelight, defective windshield and improper turn signal at 11:55 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at State and Tyler.
- Austin L. Morrison, 26, of Springfield, was cited for a defective windshield and driving on a suspended license at 12:48 a.m. Friday, March 3, at I-55 milemarker 52.
- Robert A. Celske, 62, of Belleville, was ticketed for a child restraint violation at 3:32 a.m. Friday, March 3, at 2 Ohren.
- Courtney R. Coonce, 26, of Carlinville, was cited for retail theft at 4:48 p.m. Sat-

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 21, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: THE NEXT NETWORK located at 622 NORTH FRANKLIN in the city of LITCHFIELD and state of IL.
Dated February 21, 2023
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
82-3T*

THE CITY OF HILLSBORO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING REMINDER: SHERWOOD FOREST CAMPGROUND PERMANENT CAMPER 1ST INSTALLMENT IS DUE BY MARCH 15TH

MOWING BIDS
The City of Witt will be accepting bids for mowing of the Witt City Cemetery. This will also include weed control (weed eating). Please submit bids in a sealed envelope addressed to City of Witt, P.O. Box 374, Witt, IL 62094. Please mark the envelope with "Cemetery Bid".

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Hughes, Witt City Clerk, at (217) 594-2814.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given to all residents and property owners of the City of Hillsboro, Illinois and all users of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and distribution system that a **Public Hearing at City Hall will take place on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:45 p.m.** The City plans to begin the replacement of all lead service lines in the City. This Public Notice is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the City's proposed construction. A project summary and Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination document provided by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) is available for review at City Hall, 447 S. Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049. The document contains information including the project costs, location, user rate impacts and potential environmental impacts.
This Notice is to provide access to the documents and to satisfy Section 662.330 of the Illinois Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Program from the Illinois EPA. These documents will be on file at City Hall after the Public Hearing to allow for public comment. Written comments can be submitted up to 10-days following the public hearing to the City or directly to Chad Rice at the Illinois EPA, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.
Don Downs
City of Hillsboro
447 S. Main Street
Hillsboro, Illinois 62049
86-1t

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF COFFEEN WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS INTERCONNECTION TO EJ WATER COOPERATIVE, INC. General Notice
The City of Coffeen (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project: **CITY OF COFFEEN WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS INTERCONNECTION TO EJ WATER COOPERATIVE, INC.**
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Office of City of Coffeen** located at **107 Locust Street, Coffeen, IL 62017**, until **Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be **publicly** opened and read.
The Project includes the following Work: **Construction of approximately 30,000 LF of 6" PVC, 1,000 LF of 6" Bores, valves, hydrants, meters, pump station and appurtenances for a complete system.**
Bids are requested for the following Contract: **City of Coffeen Water Main Improvements**
Obtaining the Bidding Documents
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC 114 W. Washington Ave. Effingham, IL 62401**
Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.
Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying a fee of **\$25.00** for each set. Deposit checks for bidding documents should be made to Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC. There will be no refunds issued for bidding documents.
Pre-bid Conference -N/A
Instructions to Bidders:
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
Some of the project funding would be from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Attention is called to the fact that the firm must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and that Federal Section 3 and all other Federal, State and Local provisions shall apply. The City of Coffeen reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any informalities in the procurement process.
The Prime/General Contractor and subcontractors must not be excluded from participating in any federal assistance program [24 CFR 85, Subpart C 85.35] prior to award.
This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **City of Coffeen**
By: **Robert K. Wessell**
Title: **Mayor**
Date: **3/9/2023**
86-1t

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETINGS UNDER ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT
NOTICE is hereby given that Hillsboro Township shall have regular meetings of its Township Board on the following dates for the 2023-2024 year, April, 2023 through March, 2024.
Regular meetings will be the 4th Tuesday of each month.
These meetings shall take place at the hour of **6:30 p.m. at Township Office.**
The annual meeting of the Town Electors for this Township shall take place at 8:00 p.m., April 11, 2023 at Hillsboro Township Building, 9056 S. IL Rt. 127.
Notice of any rescheduled regular meeting, reconvened meeting, special meeting or meeting held in the event of an emergency will be given as required by the Illinois Open Meeting Act.
Any questions concerning meetings of the Township Board or the Electors may be directed to Donald Hamby, 488 Clear Springs Lane, Hillsboro, IL 62049, (217) 532-3726.
Donald L. Hamby
Township Clerk
86-1t

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, JUVENILE DIVISION IN THE INTEREST OF E. S.
Case No. 20-JA-17 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO SARAH L. SELLERS, and to all whom it may concern, that on Dec. 29, 2022, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by the State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in the courtroom of presiding Judge MARC KELLY in Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois, on **March 15, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.** a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and for other relief under that Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.
UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OF JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION.
March 2, 2023
Daniel T. Robbins,
Clerk of the Court
/s/ Amy Taylor,
Deputy Clerk
86-1t



23 GMC Sierra 1500 AT4K B10238 NOW ONLY \$78,153	23 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT B10254 NOW ONLY \$63,153	23 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT B10273 NOW ONLY \$65,626
23 GMC Sierra 1500 SIT B10290 NOW ONLY \$68,817	23 Chevy Silverado 1500 LT Trail Boss B10287 NOW ONLY \$62,534	23 GMC Canyon Elevation B10224 NOW ONLY \$39,452
22 Chevy Silverado 1500 RST B10175 NOW ONLY \$51,956	23 Chevy Silverado 1500 RST B10255 NOW ONLY \$56,402	23 Chevy Trailblazer RS B10267 NOW ONLY \$31,502
23 Chevy Equinox LT B10301 NOW ONLY \$29,842	23 Chevy Blazer 2LT B10229 NOW ONLY \$36,317	23 Buick Envision Essence B10303 NOW ONLY \$42,310
23 Buick Enclave Essence B10296 NOW ONLY \$49,960	23 Buick Encore Preferred B10282 NOW ONLY \$26,338	
22 Buick Encore Preferred B10223 NOW ONLY \$26,773	23 Buick Encore GX B10244 NOW ONLY \$27,788	
23 Buick Encore GX B10294 NOW ONLY \$29,592	23 Buick Encore GX B10225 NOW ONLY \$29,770	23 Buick Encore GX B10278 NOW ONLY \$29,866
23 Buick Encore GX B10302 NOW ONLY \$30,721	23 Buick Encore GX B10279 NOW ONLY \$31,104	23 Buick Envision Preferred B10304 NOW ONLY \$33,508
23 Buick Envision Preferred B10183 NOW ONLY \$34,947	23 Buick Envision Essence B10194 NOW ONLY \$35,714	23 Buick Envision Preferred B10184 NOW ONLY \$37,965

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TOPPER TALK • by Kamryn Kiper at Hillsboro High

Toppers Kick Off Book Cover Contest



Welcome back, Toppers! I hope you all are enjoying your four-day school week.

For seniors, this will not be the only four-day school week of March. On Wednesday, March 22, seniors are not required to come to school as some freshmen and sophomores will be taking the PSAT, and all of the juniors will be taking the SAT. Seniors are encouraged to use this day as a college visit or career fair day. Many schools will strategically plan tours and fairs on this day for your convenience, and it is to your benefit to take advantage of this day off to prepare for your future!

Don't worry freshmen, sophomores and juniors. There will be an early dismissal that same week on Friday, March 24, for all HHS students to enjoy.

March 22 is an incredibly important day for our juniors. It is crucial that you arrive at school before 8 a.m. as that is when testing will officially begin. Testing is estimated to end between 12 and 1 p.m. If you have transportation, you are allowed to leave after testing. However, this is not an early dismissal day for buses, and they will leave at the normal dismissal time so if you are a bus rider, you will be required to stay at school. Lunch will be provided in the cafeteria, which is where you will stay for the remainder of the day.

For those who are looking to prepare for the upcoming

standardized tests, Khan Academy is a great resource! Khan Academy gives students an opportunity to practice questions of all subjects that mimic questions they will see on the actual PSAT or SAT.

Tomorrow marks the last day of the third quarter. Monday, March 13, will mark the first day of the fourth and final quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

Tomorrow is also Power Buff! If you want a chance to watch the junior boys play against the senior boys in a volleyball game tomorrow, come to the HHS gym at 7 p.m. Price of admission is \$5; the winning team will play the girls varsity volleyball. The money made from the Power Buff game will go towards the junior class and their fundraiser for this year's prom.

The ImPact blood drive that took place late February was a success! Topper donors potentially saved nearly 110 lives. There were 20 first-time donors and 39 units of blood collected. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Congratulations to scholar bowl members Alexander Sticha and Saul Quiroz as well as Coach Thomas Lunz. Sticha and Quiroz were named to the Scholar Bowl All-Sectional Team this season. Additionally, Alexander will be eligible to make the All-State Team. Voting for All-State will be next month. Good work, boys!

As one contest ends, another begins at HHS! Last week, senior Kamryn Kiper was awarded first place for the "Positive Friends" essay

contest and freshman Chloe Atkins was awarded second place.

A new contest has been announced, though, and all you need is a piece of printer paper and any coloring material to enter it! Find a book you like and redesign a cover for it. On the back of the cover you design, give a description of the book based on its author and name. The book cover will be judged by a select few teachers. First place will receive \$40, second will receive \$10 and third will get a snack and drink of their choice. Turn in your finished drawing to the office!

The boys and girls track team officially began their competitive season last Saturday in Jerseyville. This week, the track team will compete in the Jerseyville Winter Thaw at Principia on Saturday, March 11. Starting time is 10 a.m.

The rest of our spring sport Toppers will start competing this week. The girls soccer team will host their first game on Monday, March 13, against Quincy Notre Dame at 4 p.m.

Also on Monday, the baseball boys will head to Rochester for a game at 4:30 p.m. Also getting on a bus on Monday will be the softball girls who will play their first game in Lincolnwood at 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, March 14, the boys tennis team will travel to Metro-East Lutheran for their first competition, scheduled for 4 p.m.

Good luck to all of our athletes as they begin their spring season! See you next Thursday, Toppers!

AFSCME Retirees To Hold Meeting At Farm Bureau

The American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Sub-Chapter #87 will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau building in Hillsboro.

Brooke Lang, a licensed

massage and neuromuscular therapist and cosmetologist, will be the guest speaker for this meeting. Lange operates the "Paradise Day Spa" in Hillsboro.

The retirees group is open to any retired senior who wants to stay informed on

the current state and federal issues that affect them. New members are always welcome. Those interested in attending are encouraged to contact David Spinner at bspinner@consolidated.net or 217-324-2018 to register.

DOCTORS' DAY

We love our physicians.

Doctors dedicate their lives to the care of others, bringing hope and healing that only doctors can. These extraordinary individuals reach out to bring comfort to patients and families each day. It is for this reason HSHS St. Francis Hospital Foundation is taking a day to say a special "thank you" for their dedication and sacrifice. We invite you to help us recognize a special doctor who cared for you.

When you honor a physician in this way, your personal note will be presented to your doctor (gift amounts will remain confidential) on Doctors' Day, and he/she will be recognized in a Doctors' Day tribute on our website.

Thank you in advance for helping us celebrate the accomplishments of our physicians and for your commitment to keeping HSHS St. Francis Hospital at the forefront of care.

-----CLIP AND RETURN-----

Yes, I want to honor a special doctor on Doctors' Day.

Enclosed is my gift of: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other: \$ _____

Your tribute will be sent to the following doctor(s):

Doctor's first and last name(s): _____

Donor's first and last name(s): _____

Note of appreciation: _____

Please make checks payable to **HSHS St. Francis Hospital Foundation** and mail to:
Paula Endress, HSHS St. Francis Hospital Foundation
1215 Franciscan Way, Litchfield, IL 62056