



Hillsboro City Council Discusses Lake Restoration Work

by Ron Deabenderfer

One question about watershed restoration for Hillsboro's two lakes may have received a partial answer at the end of the city's council meeting held Tuesday evening, June 6, during a presentation by Parks Superintendent Jim May.

May said that Northwater consultant Jeff Boeckler suggested a possible source for grant money matches that will be needed as work progresses. Boeckler said Carlinville had received a nice chunk of change by selling standing timber from land that city owns as he and May conducted a windshield survey of the watershed.

Hillsboro owns timber growing on land at the north end of Glenn Shoals (on the east side) that contains white oak, hickory, and

walnut trees. May says he feels white oak is particularly valuable now, but he also said a disease is slowly spreading in woodlands. The city may face a sell it or lose it situation.

Boeckler, according to May, suggested hiring a forestry consultant to manage the potential sale; the cost to the city would be 10% of the highest bid from professional companies in the business of responsibly harvesting timber.

Parks Commissioner Fred Butler said he hoped all of the revenue could go to the Lake Restoration Fund to help pay for projects needed on the lakes, but that will require a separate vote if the project goes through. Hiring a consultant was on the agenda as a discussion item only, so no vote was made, but the council seemed agreeable to proceeding.

Butler did move to enter a land lease

option on the north end of the Eagle Zinc Superfund reclamation area. U.S. Power asked for the option so they can approach Ameren to see if grid capability is available to collect and disperse any power a solar farm would produce. The ground in question is 17 acres, so it's not the entire site. Mayor Don Downs said he knows some citizens in town had hopes to use the entire area for light industry, but he said those businesses seemed hard to attract (based on experience with the first industrial park which is now the sports complex).

Both Downs and Finance Commissioner Patrick Ward reminded the council that the vote was only about a lease option, not the actual lease that will be required if Ameren and U.S. Power can come to an agreement. In the meantime it will provide some income

for Hillsboro. The motion passed with no objections.

Butler also moved to list two city-owned lots for sale; one is at 123 South Douglas and the other at 672 Virginia Street. According to Butler, selling those lots would put them back on the taxable property list and reduce the mowing the city is obligated to do. The votes to do so were unanimous.

Not all of the motions were income producing. Butler was upset at the only bid received by the county and the city for sidewalk, curbing, and American Disabilities Act work needed around the courthouse. He and the other council members were reluctant to ask for more bids, however, because other bids could be higher, given the trend in construction costs.

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Pickers Market Makes Return To Litchfield

The Litchfield Pickers Market will return this week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, at downtown Litchfield, starting at 400 North State Street. Hosted by the Litchfield Tourism Office and Prairie Pickers, the Litchfield Pickers Market is the largest open-air pickers market in the region and specializes in antiques, collectibles, vintage items and refurbished items. It will be open every second Sunday of the month through October.

Each month the Litchfield Pickers Market welcomes musicians to perform at the Carnegie Park stage. During the Sunday, June 11, market, *The Tangents* will kick off the day's performances at 9 a.m., followed by *The Mound City Slickers* who will take over the stage from noon to 3 p.m. Guests are reminded to bring their lawn chairs or picnic blankets for seating.

Organizers recommend bringing totes, wagons, carts, pick-up trucks and anything that will help haul all the great treasures to be found at the Litchfield Pickers Market. While exploring the market, please check out the exclusive 2023 Litchfield Pickers Market t-shirt found at the Litchfield Tourism information booth, as well as hats and tote bags. At this booth, volunteers will be able to provide information and answer questions.

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Road Work Begins

Kamadulski Excavating of Granite City has begun work on relocating a road on the Hillsboro High School campus, the first step in a building project that will replace the old main building. The road project will relocate the road behind the cafeteria/library building on the east side of the campus from in front of the ag building to behind it and directly into the bus parking lot. Kamadulski's \$1.474 million scope of work will also relocate utilities that are under pavement where the new building will be constructed.

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Ten-year-old Isabel McLaughlin of Hillsboro, pictured above with Dr. Lauren Draper of Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, has been named the honorary chairman of the Montgomery County Cancer Association's Birthday Party and Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 24.

McLaughlin Named Honorary Chair For MCCA

by Mary (Galer) Herschelmann

It wasn't exactly the birthday present she was hoping for when Isabel McLaughlin found a bump in her mouth on her eighth birthday. That bump turned out to be a rare form of childhood cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma.

After a year and a half of treatments, McLaughlin has been declared cancer-free and has been named the honorary chairman for this year's Montgomery County Cancer Association Birthday Party and Celebration of Life.

This year's festivities will be held on Saturday, June 24, at The Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs. In addition to McLaughlin's remarks as the honorary chairman, the event will include a dinner, both a live and silent auction, balloon animals and magic tricks with Professor Longhair, recognition of this year's fundraising teams and scholarship grant recipients and a special survivorship ceremony. Tickets are still available for this year's event by calling Shelley Halleman at 217-412-8598.

McLaughlin and her family will share her story for those present at the dinner. She is the ten-year-old daughter of Phil and Lindsey McLaughlin of Hillsboro.

After discovering the bump in her mouth, McLaughlin saw local dentist Dr. Rob Hamm, who gave her a ten-day antibiotic, treating it as a cyst.

"At this point, no one thought it was cancer," said Isabel's mom, Lindsey.

While she was taking the antibiotic, they noticed the bump was still growing, and Dr. Hamm sent them to a pediatric dentist in Edwardsville. That dentist took some x-rays and recommended them to a periodontist at St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO.

"He told us not to lose any sleep over it," Lindsey said. "Which was good because my dad had just gotten done with a bone marrow transplant in his battle with cancer."

In May, Isabel was scheduled for surgery with an oral dentist to remove the bump. What they found was a tumor that was not only wrapped around her tooth, but the inside of her mouth as well.

It took two weeks for a biopsy to confirm Isabel had cancer on June 7.

"They told me and I cried," Isabel said. "I had to start treatment right away."

The very next day, Phil and Lindsey took her to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO, for scans and to meet her doctor, Dr. Lauren Draper. Testing continued as they prepared to begin treatments.

"We daily got bad news, Lindsey said. First the tumor was bigger than they initially thought. Then, genetic testing showed the cancer was the worst of the two options.

Treatment officially began on June 16, and Isabel was given a 50-50 chance of beating the odds. Her first treatment included port access, a spinal tap and her very first dose of chemotherapy.

"My first night stay in the hospital, I puked a lot," Isabel said.

Initially, she was given a 42-week treatment plan, but that was increased to 52-weeks when they learned the cancer had metastasized to her bone marrow.

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News About People and Events of Interest Throughout The County

It's here! The grand opening of the Epop Experience will be held on Saturday, June 10, at Fusion Fitness and Aquatics, located at 1210 E. Tremont Street in Hillsboro, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by for an outdoor class (weather permitting), drawings and giveaways, T-shirts, active apparel, handmade items, a dead-hang contest and food trucks.

And speaking of exciting things on Saturday, the Small Town Dreamers Market is returning to Farmersville this Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Farmersville. Don't miss out on a variety of unique, local vendors, live entertainment, food, children's activities and more. The market is hosted by The Rooted Home and Nova Brooks Boutique.

After a postponement due to inclement weather, the Litchfield Municipal Airport will host its Young Eagles Spirit of Aviation event on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to noon. Youth ages eight to 17 will have the opportunity to take to the sky with a free flight as part of the event.

Members of the Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge #51 will be honoring local emergency personnel on First Responders Day, this Saturday, June 10, beginning at 11 a.m. The family-friendly event will be held at Fourth of July Point at Old Lake Hillsboro, and will include free refreshments and prizes for kids.

Lace up those running shoes! Project Third Day-Panhandle is hosting the inaugural Tutus and Bow Ties 5K and one-mile fun run/walk this Saturday, June 10, beginning at 8 a.m. at Lincolnwood High School in Raymond. Medals will be awarded for first, second and third places. For more information, call 618-570-9089.

Fore! There's still time to get a team signed up for the inaugural "Driving Out the Darkness" golf outing to benefit Cross Over Ministries. Four-person teams are needed to register for \$200. Each team member will receive a round of golf, tournament T-shirt and lunch. The tournament tees off with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. For more information or to register, contact Kate Wedekind at 217-851-0154.



See you at the fair! The wellness fair that is, Hillsboro Area Hospital is once again hosting a wellness fair on June 13-14 in the Cloud Room. Testing will be done from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Appointments are required for the wellness fair by calling 217-532-4200.

Meet the "Man with the Yellow Hat" as Alison Marley hosts a special Curious George program at the Nokomis Public Library today, Thursday, June 8, at 10 a.m. Due to the library's move, the program will be held in the Council Room. Don't miss all the fun as "Curious George Builds a Tree House."

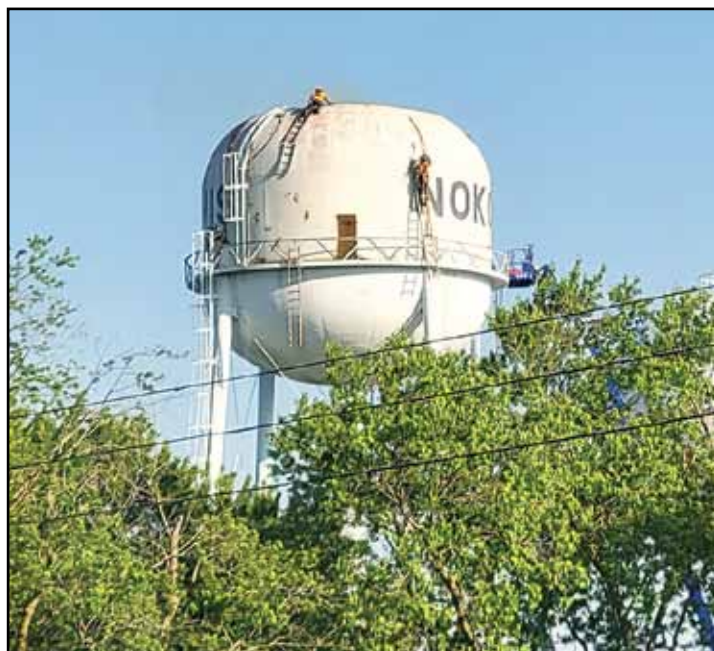
Save the cooking for someone else! The Raymond Knights of Columbus are hosting a drive-thru fried pork chop dinner this Friday, June 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Raymond. Meals are \$15 and include two fried pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll and cake. And on Monday, June 12, members of the Hillsboro Sertoma Club will be grilling out pork patties from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the parking lots of CNB Bank and Trust in downtown Hillsboro. Meals are \$8 and sandwiches only are \$6.

Public Meetings

County Board Finance And Budget Committee
The Montgomery County Board Finance and Budget Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 9, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. Agenda items up for discussion include equipment requests and distributing ARPA funding.

Montgomery County Mental Health Board
The Montgomery County Community Mental Health Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 12, at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Hillsboro. In addition to quarterly reports, agenda items include forming a community wellness committee and funding applications amendments.

Montgomery County Board Mayors Meeting
The Mayors Meeting that was originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, June 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. Items to be discussed during the meeting include the tax sale, emergency management, animal control municipal contracts, enterprise zone, economic development and law enforcement.



City Of Nokomis Takes Down Old Water Tower



A relic of the past, the old water tower in Nokomis was taken down on Friday, June 2. Built in 1964, the tower was replaced with a newer elevated water storage tank in 2016.

Raymond Village Board Discusses Improvements

Raymond Village Board met at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 5. Those present for the meeting included Mayor Denny Held, trustees Greg Bernhardt, Dan Hough, Kendall Snyder, Bill Krager, Ryan Bruntjen and Bruce Poggenpohl, Sally Broaddus, Taylor Link, Rick Broaddus, Ken Eller, Rachel Skinner, Jason McCallum and Wayne Angle.

After approving the minutes from the May 15th meeting, Trustee Hough made a passing motion to accept a bid with Louis Marsch for the 2023 Motor Fuel Tax. The chief of police was at a meeting at a school to review protocols and procedures.

In Streets and Alleys, all three dumpsters were filled up during junk week, and an extra guy was hired to help during the village's clean up. Trustees learned that the railroad tracks are in bad shape and while several calls have been made nothing has been done to address the issues. The village will continue to inquire about work that needs to be done at the tracks. The ditch

by Route 48 near the Shoal Creek Golf Course looks nice and trustees will continue to have the area sprayed.

A new sign has been installed at Shoal Creek Golf Course and things are in full swing now that a full staff is in place. A request has been made to purchase a few extra golf carts over the next few months. Trustees will look into prices and discuss the matter further. The course has received an offer for a discount on shingles for the pavilion in exchange for allowing an advertisement sign to be placed at the course. The offer will be discussed at a later meeting. Trustee Krager made a passing motion to hire Jim Taylor to work at the golf course pro shop.

The board learned that the roof at the sewer plant is in need of repair, and that the front of the village hall building needs to be scraped and repainted this summer, as well as repairs made to the back door.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Calvary Baptist Offers Vacation Bible School

Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro invites local youth to attend their "Twist and Turns" Vacation Bible School. The game themed VBS will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16.

The game themed VBS is open to children ages four years old through the fifth

grade. Registration will be open at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 12.

For more information contact the Calvary Baptist Church office at 217-532-3035, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1001 Roundtree Street in Hillsboro.

City Of Litchfield Begins To Spray For Mosquitos

The City of Litchfield Street Department will spray for mosquitos beginning the week of June 12 and will continue to spray through the end of summer each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting.

The spraying will be done in city limits and will take place on those days from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Panhandle Hires Three At Monday Special Meeting

Members of the Panhandle Board of Education approved three hires and two advisor positions during a special meeting held on Monday, June 5, in Raymond.

Kenneth Wolf, a 2017 graduate of Lincolnwood High School and a 2023 grad of Blackburn College, was approved as an elementary teacher for the 2023-24 school year, while another Lincolnwood alum, Jessica (Webb) Sidwell was approved as a para-professional for the district.

The board also hired Kaitlan Cray as the district's bookkeeper for the upcoming school year. A native of Waterloo, Cray graduated from Murray State University in May 2012 and has been teaching in agriculture at New Berlin for the last 10 years. She and husband John

were married in May 2021 and live on a farm outside of Morrisonville.

Two current staff members, Christina Lipe and Erica Watts, who are cross categorical/resource staff for Lincolnwood Junior High and Raymond Grade School respectively, were approved to the two advisor positions. Lipe will be the student council advisor, while Watts will be Young Authors co-advisor.

Earlier in the meeting, the board approved the purchase of a used school van, not to exceed \$45,000, utilizing grant funds. That was the only item on the agenda before closed session, which was held between 7:09 and 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The Panhandle Board of Education will meet again on Monday, June 26, at 7 p.m.

Hillsboro Area Hospital Welcomes Tommi Cline

Hillsboro Area Hospital welcomes Chief Nursing Officer Tommi Cline, DNP, RN, NE-BC. Cline will serve an integral part of the Hillsboro Area Hospital leadership in its continued effort to redefine the hospital's approach to health care delivery to the community.

Cline most recently served as director of nursing at Community Hospital of Staunton/Anderson Healthcare where she led operations and clinical oversight. She previously held clinical and management roles at Kindred Hospital St. Louis South, DePaul Hospital SSM Health Care, Christian Hospital and BJC Healthcare.

"I believe Tommi will be a key member of our team as we continue to achieve new heights for Hillsboro Area Hospital," says Chief Executive Officer Michael Alexander.

Cline's experience and education has focused on leadership development and



Tommi Cline, DNP, RN, NE-BC

staffing, transparent and thriving working environments and process efficiency and improvement. She holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Ethical Leadership and Master of Science in Nursing Management.

She and her husband, Tim, reside in Bethalto and have two adult daughters.

TCCU Food Drive Stocks Shelves At Local Pantries

For the past eight years, TCCU members and the general public have generously donated to TCCU's annual "Freedom Tree" community food drive, donating hundreds of pounds of canned and boxed items, as well as cash, have been donated to help support the efforts of our local food pantries.

This year, the Freedom Tree food drive will run Monday, June 5, through Friday, July 14, and community donations are more important than ever before as federal COVID emergency allotments to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) were cut on March 1. This drop in SNAP benefits has already resulted in even greater demand for support.

"We all are aware of the rising costs of food, and that some items remain in short supply," said TCCU President Will Perkins. "What many people don't realize is that the demands on food pantries traditionally soar during the summer months. Now add the reduction in SNAP benefits and you can see the mounting challenges people and organizations in need confront every day."

Through the Freedom Tree food drive community members can make donations of canned and boxed

food items, personal hygiene products and cash to help support the efforts and programs of local food pantries and volunteer organizations that help ensure that families who need assistance get the nutritious food they need to stay healthy.

All donations made during the 'Freedom Tree' drive go to local food pantries.

"As a community-chartered credit union, TCCU is deeply committed to the strength of our communities, and the people and organizations within them," Perkins said. "We invite all area residents, not just our members, to give generously again this year. Boxed and canned food items are always needed, and cash donations are especially important."

Perkins went on to explain that food pantries use cash donations to purchase more items in bulk from food banks, to get 'more bang for the buck.' Every dollar and cent donated at any of TCCU's four offices goes directly to local food pantries.

Donations can be dropped off at any of TCCU's locations in Hillsboro, Litchfield, Taylorville or Pana. All locations have a 'Freedom Tree' display and drop-off for boxed and canned items. Cash donations can be made at all teller stations within the offices.

Monarch Statue Will Be Installed June 15

A ten-foot monarch butterfly sculpture—the result of a Natural Area Guardians (NAGs) fundraising effort—will be installed at the Route 66 Prairie natural restoration area long Interstate 55 north of Litchfield beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 15.

The monarch sculpture will rest atop a 25-foot pole, angled toward the interstate. Established in 2009, Route

66 Prairie is an incredibly diverse area just north of the weigh station off the interstate north of Litchfield. The Illinois Department of Transportation, along with NAGs, Pheasants Forever and several others, planned and built a concrete parking lot with room for vehicles and busses there, along with a 200-foot long concrete walkway to a terminus in the middle.

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Obituaries

Martha M. Long, 95 Music Teacher, Choir Director



Martha Mae (White) Long, 95, died at 5:02 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, at her residence in Springfield.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to noon today, Thursday, June 8, at the United Methodist Church in Hillsboro. Funeral services will start at noon at the church with the Rev. Michael Lawton and the Rev. Ralph Ward officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Long was born on March 6, 1928, in Versailles, MO, to Elmer C. and Ruby (Finley) White. She married Donald R. Long on June 4, 1950, in Salem, and they were married nearly 66 years before he preceded her in death on February 13, 2016.

Mrs. Long graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia, MO, during this time she played bass violin in the high school band and was able to perform in the USO Swing Band. She then went on to Murray State University, in Murray, KY, on a full ride music scholarship.

In her life Mrs. Long lived in New Holland, Hillsboro and Springfield. She worked as an elementary education music teacher for the Hillsboro School District. Her love of music also led her to direct the choir at United Methodist Church in Hillsboro and Concordia Village in Springfield. Mrs. Long was a member of the United Methodist Church in Hillsboro and the Retired Teacher Association. She loved to play bridge and was a doting grandmother.

Mrs. Long is survived by her children, Cindy (Joe) Adams of Chandler, AZ, Mike (Glenda Bickel) Long of Rochester, and Stan (Darcy Dalzotto) Long of Bastrop, TX; six grandchildren, Brooke Gianelli, Joe S. Adams, Drew Long, Chuck Long, Kurt Long and Lena Long; and eleven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two sisters.

Memorials are suggested to the Oak Grove Cemetery Maintenance Fund in Hillsboro. Condolences may be left online at www.basspattondeanfh.com.

Robert L. Bennett, 92 Formerly Of Hillsboro



Robert L. "Bob" Bennett, 92, of Annawan, formerly of Hillsboro, died on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at his home in Annawan.

As per his wishes, his body was donated to Anatomical Gift's Association of Illinois. Private family memorial services will be held in Missouri. Stackhouse-Moore Funeral and Cremation Services in Annawan is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Bennett was born on Sept. 12, 1930, in Onida, SD, the son of Lane and Iva (Olson) Bennett. He married Elizabeth "Betty" Girten in Geneseo, and she survives.

A graduate of Brandon High School in Brandon, MN, he was drafted into the United States Marine Corp. and served from 1952 to 1954. During his career, he worked for Growmark, retiring as a sales manager in 1994. Over his years with Growmark, he worked at Christian County F.S., Montgomery County F.S. and Henry County F.S.

Mr. Bennett was a member of Wares Grove Church in Butler and VFW Post 7176 in Annawan. He loved softball, playing on a men's team until the age of 62. He had also coached several girls' softball teams. He had also held many offices in all of his activities.

In addition to his wife, Betty, he is survived by his children, Kandy Hege, Kristy Ross, Gary Bennett and Judy Nelson; grandchildren, Kameron, Kellyanne, Austin, Jennifer, Amanda, Brittney, Craig, Chris, Curt and Catherine; seven great-grandchildren; twin sister, Betty Lou Vandegriff; sister, Mary Lee Marsh; sister-in-law, Linda Bennett and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lorrell and Norris Bennett; and sister, LaVon Rapp.

Memorials may be made to Rebuilding Together of Henry County, P.O. Box 254, Geneseo, IL 61254. Condolences may be expressed online at www.stackhousemoore.com.

Peter A. Kocis, 71 Avid Baseball Fan



Peter A. "Pete" Kocis, 71, of Springfield, died at 6:07 p.m. on Sunday, May 14, 2023, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, May 23, at Butler Funeral Home in Springfield. A private family inurnment was held at Calvary Cemetery. Cremation rites were accorded. Butler Funeral Home in Springfield assisted the family with arrangements.

Mr. Kocis was born on April 18, 1952, in Litchfield, the son of Albert Thomas and Betty Virginia Griffith Kocis. He married Janet Kay Allan on April 12, 1975, at Saints Simon and Jude in Gillespie.

Mr. Kocis graduated from Gillespie High School in 1970 and earned his bachelor's degree in business with a minor in history at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He was employed as an insurance underwriter for Franklin Life, which later became AIG, retiring in 2008. Mr. Kocis was also a scorekeeper for Lincoln Land Community College's softball team. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus Council #2076. Mr. Kocis loved to watch his daughters and grandkids play sports and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. He enjoyed watching softball and baseball, yardwork, vegetable gardening, and meeting with his "Klatch" at Starbucks.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Kocis is survived by his daughters, Nichol (Bill) Antonacci of Springfield and Amanda (Wendy Smith) Kocis of Kewanee; grandchildren, Abbie and Sam Antonacci, both of Springfield; siblings, Phil (Jolene) Kocis of Estero, FL, Paul Kocis of Riverton, Monica (Gene) Beyer of Chatham and Mary (Larry) Hebert of Springfield; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and infant sister, Kathleen Kocis.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be left online at www.butlerfuneralhomes.com.

Jean Joy Hulbert, 99 Loved To Travel



Jean Joy Hulbert, 99, of Nokomis, died on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Nokomis Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

No funeral services are planned at this time. Cremation rites have been accorded. Sutton Funeral Home in Nokomis is assisting the family with with arrangements.

Mrs. Hulbert was born on Nov. 28, 1923, in Nokomis, the daughter of Glen and Bessie Davidson. She graduated from Nokomis High School with the Class of 1942. She married Lloyd William "Bill" Hulbert

on Nov. 13, 1943, in Visalia, CA, where Mr. Hulbert was a cadet in the United States Army Air Corps. The couple was stationed in California, New Mexico and Texas as he completed pilot training before being sent to the South Pacific. He preceded her in death on March 23, 2006.

Mrs. Hulbert was a 75-year member of the Eastern Star. She loved to travel, and always said she wished her husband had stayed in the service, so they could have been stationed in more places. Mrs. Hulbert took her first trip by train to Washington, D.C. at two years old and her last trip at 93 to Europe on a river cruise.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert owned Hulbert Hardware in Nokomis, where she worked in the store and kept the books. After selling the business to their son, Gary, she became a homemaker. She was very active in various groups and loved her card clubs.

Mrs. Hulbert is survived by her children, Gary (Clarann) Hulbert of Nokomis and Norman Hulbert of Irvine, TX; granddaughter, Kelcy (Michael) Voegele of Mascoutah; nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Irene Clark of Nokomis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and siblings, Roy Davidson, Leslie Davidson, Glennis O'Malley and Wanetta Schievenin.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children or the United Methodist Church of Nokomis. Condolences can be left online at suttonmemorialhome.com.

Arlene Anna Butts, 68 Seamstress, Avid Reader

Arlene Anna Butts, 68, of Litchfield, died on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Kravanya Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Butts was born Aug. 27, 1954, in Mt. Olive, to Louis Pauge and Viola Eickmeyer Pauge. She married Larry G. Butts on July 7, 2000, in Gillespie. Mrs. Butts was a factory assembler in the boat and motor parts industry. She was an avid reader and seamstress. In her spare time, she enjoyed video games.

Mrs. Butts is survived by her husband; sons, Ron Street, Eric Street and Chris Peters, two grandchildren; brother, Pete Peters of Missouri; and sister, Betty Pierce of Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Condolences may be left online at www.kravanyafuneral.com.

Jeremy C. White, 36 Loved By Many



Jeremy Craig White, 36, of Aurora, CO, formerly of Hillsboro, died on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, unexpectedly at his home.

Funeral services will be held graveside at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro, with Pastor Randy White officiating. A Celebration of Life will follow at noon at the Irving Century House, located at 121 Union Street in Irving. Cremation rites were accorded.

Mr. White was born on March 13, 1987, in Hillsboro, to Larry White of Florida and Jane (Mike) Smith of Hillsboro. He was a native of Hillsboro and graduate of Hillsboro High School. During his school days, while riding the school bus, he met the love of his life Amie Potts, they were married on Jan. 3, 2016, in Las Vegas NV.

The couple's free spirits and free will found them and their cat Ebony moving to Colorado. Mr. White loved the outdoors and nature. He also loved sports, especially baseball. Mr. White was a graduate of The Harry Wendelstedt School of Umpiring. Living in Colorado gave him a great opportunity to umpire many games at various levels. Mr. White was blessed to have an abundance of family and friends who loved him. He was always there to help anyone.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. White is survived by his nephew, Brody Jeremy White; grandparents, Alvin and Judy Bertram; many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends; his wife's family, who loved him beyond words as did so many; and the couple's cat Ebony.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Christopher Allen White; and grandparents, Clinton and Shirley O'Bryant, Thomas White and Beatrice Grabow.

Thank You!
We want to thank everyone
for their food, cards,
hugs, and prayers.
The Otto Rau Family

Thank You!

The family of Gail (Sanders) Stewart would like to thank Dr. John Mihelcic and staff, St. Francis Hospital 3rd floor staff, and Promedica Hospice for their excellent care. Thanks also to Father Dan Willenborg for the beautiful mass. Special thanks to Todd and Lora Dean for their excellent service. Thank you all for the cards, flowers, prayers, and donations made in Gail's honor.

Sincerely,
Dale Stewart and Nola Sanders

Mike Pashia, 55 United States Navy



Mike Pashia, 55, of Sorento, died on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at his home with his loving family at his side.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, May 29, at the Pashia family's residence. Asalley Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.

Mr. Pashia was born on Dec. 13, 1967, the son of Joseph and Vella (Niswonger) Pashia. He married Christina Jo Paul on January 31, 2015, in Sorento. Family was very important to Mr. Pashia, being one

of six children, there was always lots of camaraderie. Just about every Sunday was filled with big family dinners, competitive UNO card games, laughter and practical jokes. He had a larger-than-life personality.

In high school, Mr. Pashia played the trumpet in the marching band, football and baseball. Following high school, he served in the United States Navy as a radioman on the Destroyer U.S.S. Waddell and fought in the Persian Gulf War. Mr. Pashia began his career in the prison system as a Correctional Officer in 1993. He retired from FCI Greenville after 30 years of service in 2020. Mr. Pashia was loved by his fellow officers.

He met his wife, the love of his life, in 2010, and was an amazing father to her two children. Mr. Pashia loved his home and was always working on an outdoor project. His biggest joy was their granddaughter, Rori, whom he called "My Bugger." They had a very special bond, and his last few years were spent spoiling her endlessly.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Pashia is survived by his children, Brendan Pashia of Festus, MO, Hunter (Morgan Zbinden) Booth of Hillsboro and Lexi Booth of Sorento; granddaughter, Aurora Booth of Hillsboro; and siblings, Robert (Sandra) Pashia of Union, MO, Catherine (Kevin) Bone of Farmington, MO, Stephen Pashia of Belleville, Barbara (Fred) Lyles of De Soto, MO, and Mary (Gregory) Basse of St. Louis, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a great nephew, Trey Krodinger.

Memorials may be directed to the Bond County Hospice, 1520 S. 4th Street, Greenville, IL 62246. Condolences may be left online at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Mary I. Kasmak, 95 Bookkeeper, Loved Animals



Mary Isadora (Turley) Kasmak, 95, of Greenville, died on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Greenville Nursing and Rehab.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, at Assalley Funeral Home, located at 118 E. College Ave., Greenville, IL 62246. Graveside services will follow at 11 a.m. at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Greenville, with the Rev. Glenn Kreider, officiating. Assalley Funeral Home in Greenville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ms. Kasmak was born on Nov. 19, 1927, the daughter of Warren Ellsworth and Mary E. (Swartz) Turley. She married Frank Kasmak in Chicago in 1951. They later divorced.

Ms. Kasmak attended the Cherry Grove elementary school in rural Bond County and graduated from Greenville High School in 1945. The very first day after graduating high school, she jumped on a Greyhound bus outside of the Purity café and went to Chicago. Ms. Kasmak got a job as a bookkeeper for the Federal Railroad Retirement Board. She worked there for 15 years and it is also where she met her future husband, Frank. They raised their son, Todd, together until their divorce. After retiring from the railroad, she moved back to Greenville and worked at the First National Bank, volunteering at the Utlaut Hospital and the Bond County Humane Society. Ms. Kasmak was a great lover of animals, enjoyed being outdoors anytime she could, and had a great ability to garden and raise flowers.

Ms. Kasmak is survived by her nephews, John (Charlotte) Turley and Eldon (Marilyn) Turley, both of Greenville; a niece, Beverly Stewart of Greenville; and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Todd; and a brother, Ellsworth Turley.

The family requests memorials be made to the Bond County Humane Society, 2510 S. Elm St., Greenville, IL 62246, as Ms. Kasmak was such an advocate for animals. Condolences may be left online at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

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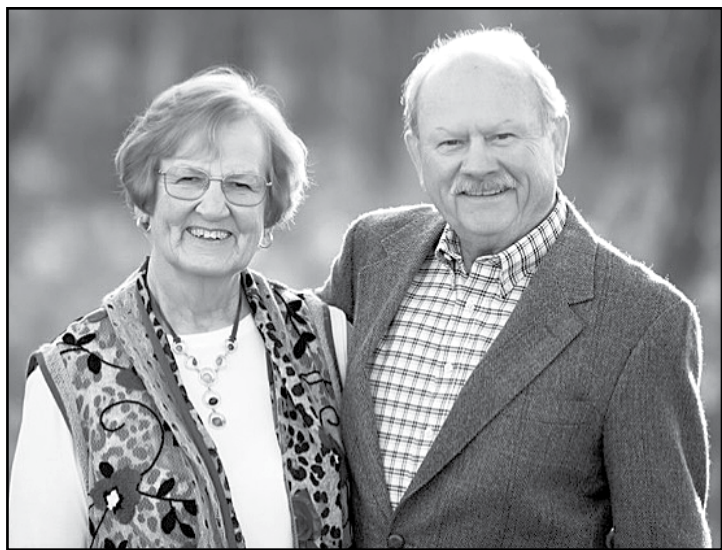
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Friday Makes 55 Years Of Marriage For Broadduses

Mick and Sally Broaddus, of Raymond, will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary this Friday, June 9. They were married June 9, 1968 at the First Baptist Church in Mulberry Grove by Pastor Louie Thiele.

Mick is self-employed owning Mick's Auto Body and Mick's Auto & Truck Wash in Raymond for 56 years. Sally retired from Ameritech and Finley Engineering in

Springfield and is currently employed as treasurer for the Village of Raymond and works with her husband at his shop.

They are the parents of one daughter, Lindsay Pope, wife of Gabe, and they have two grandchildren, Avery and Luke.

Cards to mark this special occasion can be sent to PO Box 55, Raymond, IL 62560.

Hillsboro Library Plans Fun Activities In June

A lot of fun activities are coming to the Hillsboro Area Public Library during the month of June.

On Mondays, the story time activity from 4 to 4:30 p.m. has been revised. Alexis Lessman, a zoology major at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, is hosting a program focused on animals. Her first session was well attended, and the attendees had fun. She will be discussing Lazy Lions on June 12, Jiggly Jellyfish on June 19, and Giant Giraffes on June 26.

A young teen book club is starting Tuesday, June 13 at 5 p.m. The group will be coordinated by Natasha Hatfield-Cline from the Hillsboro Junior High School library staff. The plan is to bring young authors to the library to talk with those who attend. Other activities will be planned by the group. If you have junior high or high school age students in your household, encourage them to attend.

Peggy Fox from the Montgomery County Health Department will be at the library every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. A new topic for discussion will be presented each week. This Wednesday will be goal setting. The subject for Wednesday, June 14 is decision making; June 21 is nutrition and healthy eating; and June 28 will be managing emotions. The sessions would be especially helpful for students in grade school as they grow and encounter new experiences in life.

Lego Club continues all day on Wednesdays. Come show off your building skills! Staff members will display the items in the library.

On Friday, June 16 at 1 p.m., the library will be invaded by cockroaches and grasshoppers. This is a STEM activity, and the bugs are solar powered. The event is limited to 15 cockroaches and 15 grasshoppers. If you haven't signed up, please call the library at 217-532-3055.

June is Dairy Month and Katie Wilson from the Montgomery County Farm Bureau will be there Monday, June 19 at 2 p.m. She will read a story, do a science experiment using milk and finish off with ice cream for all attendees.

Professor Longhair will be there on Thursday, June 22 at 2 p.m. He will be teaching all attending how to make balloon animals.

Tuesday, June 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. will be Bingo games in honor of National Bingo Day. Prizes will be awarded from the treasure chest for all children who play bingo. Parents and grandparents are welcome too.

Finally, June 30, starting at 10 a.m., will be Archeology Day. This activity teaches kids how digging in the dirt and cutting through rock can tell us about the past and the history of where they live. Since this is the Bicentennial year for the City of Hillsboro, this program comes at a perfect time.

Stay tuned for July events, with the return of Bristle Bots and more STEM activities.



Reading Buddies Returns To Hillsboro Area Library

The Reading Buddies program has returned for a second year to the Hillsboro Area Public Library as part of the Summer Reading program. It officially kicked off on Friday, June 2, with older readers paired with younger readers to practice reading together. Pictured above, Parker Ripley, at left, practices a Dr. Seuss book with her reading buddy, Arianna Halford. The library is still looking for both younger and older readers to participate in the program, which meets on Friday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m.



The Journal-News Travels To Eilean Donan Castle

One local family made sure to bring a copy of *The Journal-News* along on their trip abroad to the Scottish Highlands, the week of Sunday, May 28. Above, (L-R) are Janet McElroy, Zoey Seago, Danielle Seago, Dana Grammer, Easton Grammer, Kinley Guthrie, Shane Grammer, Ron McElroy, Greg Seago, Linda Guthrie, Terry Guthrie, Kathy Guthrie and Brian Guthrie at Eilean Donan Castle.

AFSCME Members Will Meet In Hillsboro June 13

The next Taylorville meeting of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Sub-Chapter #87 Retirees will meet in-person and virtual Zoom on Monday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at the Taylorville Public Library, located at 121 West Vine Street in Taylorville.

The next Hillsboro meeting in-person and virtual Zoom will be held on June 13 at 1 p.m. at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau building in downtown Hillsboro. Mark Osborn from the Amateur Radio Club is the guest speaker.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Local Students Earn Honors On Dean's List At Maryville

Maryville University has announced the names of the students who earned recognition on the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester. To earn a place on the academic list students were required to earn a grade-point-average of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 credit hours.

Local students from the College of Arts and Sciences include Makenna Bolte of Litchfield, Shyrea Cunn-

ham of Litchfield, Karrigan Hart of Hillsboro and Emily Senjan of Mt. Olive.

Students from the College of Health Professions include Grace Flannery of Litchfield.

Students from the School of Business include Ellen Fleming of Litchfield, Bryton Hart of Hillsboro and Nicholas Ondrey of Hillsboro.

Students from the School of Education include Emma Hill of Nokomis.

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Cross Over Board To Meet Thursday Night

Members of Cross Over Ministries will hold their June board meeting Thursday evening, June 8, 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.

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



Vendors Of All Ages Set Up For Village Yard Sales

Kyndall Poggenpohl (above) set up a lemonade and chocolate chip cookies stand at her grandparents house (Russell and Linda Poggenpohl) during the village-wide yard sales in Raymond and Harvel on Friday, May 26, and Saturday, May 27. Lots of little entrepreneurs took advantage of the opportunity to sell sweet treats while there was so much foot-traffic in the village. This year more than 28 residents held yard sales during the event.

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Free Methodist Church Hosts Vacation Bible School

Dozens of local children joined the fun at the Keepers of the Kingdom Vacation Bible School program at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church Sunday, June 4 through Thursday, June 8. As part of the program, the young "knights" learned how to be a part of God's kingdom and the armor of God. Each evening's activities included fun, snacks, crafts, games and a message about the kingdom of God.

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Betty Darda Celebrates 100th Birthday In June

It's a celebration 100 years in the making, as longtime Hillsboro resident Betty Darda is turning 100 years old this year.

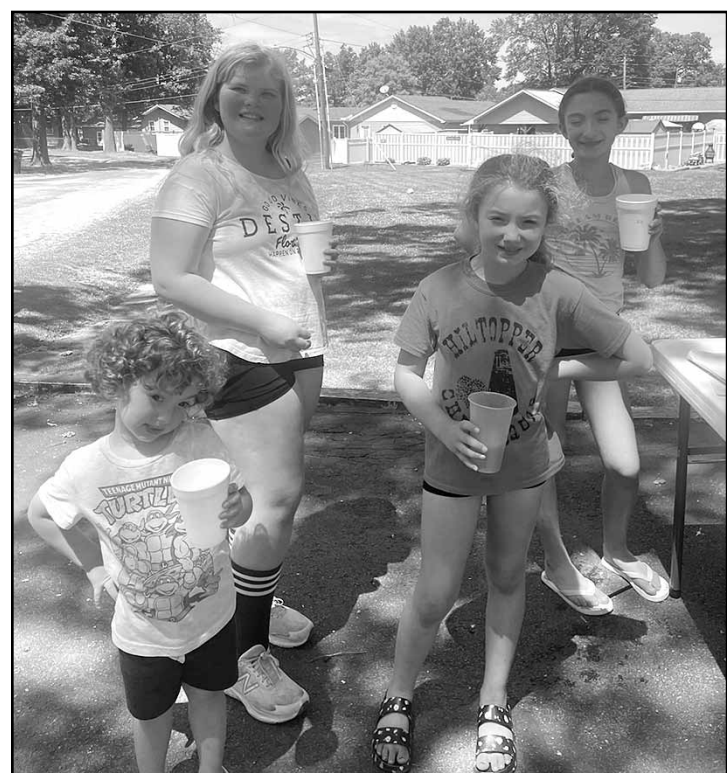
Family and friends are hosting an open house in her honor on Monday, June 12, at Montgomery Nursing Center in Taylor Springs, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

A short program will begin at 2 p.m. with the singing of "Happy Birthday."

Well wishes and cards will reach Mrs. Darda c/o Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9086 Illinois Route 127, P.O. Box 309, Hillsboro, IL 62049.



Betty Darda



Maass Siblings Raise Money For Paws Care

Siblings Dahlia, Demi and Dominic Maass, children of Michael and Allison Maass of Hillsboro, hosted a lemonade and cookie stand on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, in their neighborhood. Since they live in a quiet neighborhood, the siblings walked around the neighborhood selling and delivering cookies and lemonade for donations. The trio donated their proceeds to Paws Care of Montgomery County. Pictured above, from the left are Dominic Maass, Avery Duncan, Demi Maass and Dahlia Maass.

St. Paul's Church Continues To Ladle Out Love

by Tori O'Dell

"If you do a good thing more good things will follow," said Pastor Stefan Munker of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, when asked about the impact the church's Ladles of Love ministry has had on the community it serves.

Stop by St. Paul's Lutheran Church on a Wednesday morning and you will find the kitchen swarming with cheerful volunteers preparing lunches to be distributed to anyone in the community that would like a meal. Wednesday, June 7, was no exception, but there as a bit of added excitement as the date marked the ministry's 12th anniversary.

Started in 2011 by members of one of the church's Bible Study groups, spearheaded by Sandra Moody and Diane Singler, the outreach originally began with volunteers passing out loaves of bread in front of Capri IGA in Hillsboro. It quickly shifted to a full lunch that was prepared and served in St. Paul's fellowship hall and kitchen. Ladles of Love followed that format for nine years until the ministry was once again required to shift how they served the commu-



Ladles of Love celebrated its 12th anniversary by handing out to-go meals of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, rolls and cake on Wednesday afternoon, June 7. From the left, are volunteers Pastor Stefan Munker, Paula Keeper, Maribeth Rahe, Margarite Bolen, Lisa Finley, Carolyn Meier and Lori Evans.

Journal-News/Tori O'Dell

nity during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

After a five month shut down, Ladles of Love returned to serving meals only this time they were distributed drive-through style. While the meals continue to be served to-go it has not hampered the ministry's outreach and volunteers say

that they actually hand out more meals than they did when they offered dine-in options. The meals are available to anyone that would like a handmade lunch and are not based on need.

Made with love, June's menu includes ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, carrots and dip, and a dessert

on June 14; a hot dog, chips, baked beans and dessert on June 21; and soup, a turkey sandwich, chips and dessert on June 28. While the meals are always free, goodwill donations are accepted from those that would like to give to the ministry.

Litchfield Church To Host Worship

Pastor Cynthia Munker will lead worship for Holy Trinity Sunday with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 11, in the church sanctuary. The service will be livestreaming on the "Mt. Zion Lutheran, Litchfield, IL" page on Facebook.

Scriptures for study are Psalm 50:7-15 and Romans 4:13-25. The gospel for

preaching and study is Matthew 9:9-13 and 18-36. The congregation will sing "Morning Has Broken," "Great is Thy Faithfulness," "Bind us Together" and "I'm so Glad."

Mt. Zion Lutheran church's Mission Beyond their Walls for June is Education Station.

"Education Station is organized by Southside Church. The program purchases and

distributes school supplies to students in the Litchfield area," explained Pastor Munker. "Students receive brand new bookbags and school supplies, enabling them to start the school year all bright and shiny. In each recent year, upwards of 100 children have been served."

The church is located at 824 North Monroe Street




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Hillsboro City Council

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After discussion, the vote was 5-0 to accept the bid from Kinney Construction (of Raymond). The county's portion is \$97,220, while Hillsboro's cost will total \$134,950.

Already budgeted but needing approval by council vote because the amount was \$10,000, that amount heads to the soccer pitch lighting fund at the Sports Complex. That motion was approved unanimously. Also approved was the final payment for the Huber Drive water line project.

Other motions were cash-neutral for the city. Approved was a resolution to go to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to close Rt. 16 and 127 for the Old Settlers Parade on Thursday, August 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Zach Wygal asked permission to host a cardboard boat regatta at the old lake on July 15 beginning at 11 a.m. The regatta/race was very popular until COVID caused a halt to the tradition. Crossover Ministries asked that part of the Courthouse Square traffic be halted on July 10 as they mark their third year as a local organization. The closing will be similar to that of street closings for the biweekly Farmers Market.

Tabled was a motion by Public Safety Commissioner Tommy Justison to close select city streets for the Old Settlers' Parade. Mayor Downs began a discussion about the need for moving the temporary stage set up for Wednesday and Thursday proceedings be moved from east of the courthouse and relocated at the intersection of Seward and Broad Street (by the Red Rooster and the gymnastics center).

Tabling the motion until the next meeting on Tuesday evening, June 20, will give council members a chance to research the motion. Perhaps some public opinion will arise. The commissioner and mayors' initial reports were insightful but routine. Butler began with his dual reporting duties. He thanked Bret Reeves for his service time on the Natural Resources' Committee; Reeves' resignation (so he could take on part-time work with the Parks Department) leaves an opening on that committee, which meets in city hall at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday each month.

He also had a warning; the Central Park pool is open for the summer - its eighty-sixth year. Butler said that because of its age, it takes

more work and more money to open it each year. The Kiddie Pool pump quit after the re-opening. A new motor will be installed soon. In Butler's opinion, the council will "...have to make hard decisions..." about the current pool's fate...soon.

Butler also had thanks for the fire department's dive team for attaching the final cables to the South Marina. Boeckler trained Park staff members about sampling, testing, and measuring flow amounts so data gathering can continue. Measurements will be taken twice a month through October. Commissioner Kendra Wright later added that the Illinois EPA was on site Monday (June 5) to begin summer lake monitoring for cyanotoxins, and they test both raw and treated water).

Butler thanked the twelve to fifteen volunteers who carted off debris from around the lake and from abandoned lake lots on a recent Saturday. May and others, including a water resources engineer, inspected the Glenn Shoals dam; the original assessments were made in the 1960s, and rain-fall patterns have changed since then.

The Street Department's mortuary division removed two deceased raccoons from Kinkead Road. They are also pouring sidewalk on Smith Road. There was a good turnout for the spring cleanup to the dumpsters by the city shed. A meter pit was installed on Virginia Street and they raised a sewer access point on East Braille Street.

A newcomer to the council, Justison gave his first public safety report. He plans to meet soon with the fire department and police department leadership teams. He noted that summer time seems to bring more calls to the dispatch center (492 in May) and more traffic stops. Fifty-one of those contacts involved traffic violations. One hundred-seventy-seven of the calls came on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Justison also plans to check in with Code Enforcement Officer Mike Lee soon. He wants the departments that report to him to be transparent but effective.

Downs asked parents with teenage (or young adult) drivers to tell their offspring that city streets are not race tracks nor venues for displaying the sounds of loud mufflers. The mayor said he personally noticed unwarranted behavior downtown on Monday evening "...that will not be

tolerated."

Downs also had a printed and highlighted copy of Ordinance 33-3-1. "It shall be unlawful to plant any bushes, trees, shrubs or other plants on the right-of-way of any public street, including the space on the right-of-way between the sidewalk and the adjacent street pavement."

In addition to reporting about IEPA testing, Wright said Phase I of the Lead Service (line) Replacement Project has been approved by the IEPA at 100% - \$583,000. That will cover the cost of replacing approximately 74 water lines (from the main to the meter) in 2024. It helps receive such awards because Hillsboro is on the Disadvantage Community list. A low interest loan would make up any gap between the award and the actual cost. Another phase will follow.

Wright thanked the Street Department for fixing a leak in the sampling hydrant in front of the water plant.

Sewer Department employees have been cleaning the tanks in the old plant while the weather is dry and flows are down. The first round of samples to be used for Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing has been submitted. It's a necessary step before a new permit will be issued; the last permit came in 2016.

City Engineer Jeremy Connor reported that only the signing of papers is stopping work on the Mechanic Street project, so that's imminent. OSLAD Grant research is complete, and a meeting with IDOT will occur in the next week or so. Connor also helped explain the difference in costs concerning sidewalk work at the courthouse, citing the curbing and ADA work as that which boosts the city's cost.

Community Planner Sarah McConnell couldn't be at the meeting, but she submitted a written report. The Head to Hillsboro website is about ready to launch. She's working to "...establish a good way to incorporate an efficient calendar." The tourism map goes to the printer soon. She termed the Shop Hillsboro event on June 3 a success. Wright added the crowd that appeared at the Abbey on Broad for the concert that night was impressive.

The council agreed unanimously to cancel the July 4th meeting; fireworks of another kind awaits that evening. They will meet in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. in city hall.



Old Settlers Queen Candidates Enjoy Bowling

This year's Old Settlers Queen candidates earned a special incentive gift from their first ticket turn-in event. The girls and a friend earned the "royal" treatment at Galaxy Family Entertainment in Hillsboro on Monday, June 5. The party included two games of bowling for all, shoe rental, two pitchers of soda and pizza. Galaxy Family Entertainment is formerly Knisley Hillsboro Bowl. Pictured above, from the left are 2022 Old Settlers Queen Marah Huber and candidates Tessa Gordon, Resi Hollo, Jenna Durbin and Infinity Speed.

Litchfield Pickers Market

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Food vendors will be lined up at the intersections along State Street and their locations are listed at the Tourism Information booth as well as on the Litchfield Pickers website at <http://visitlitchfield.com/events/litchfieldpickersmarket/>. Animals are not permitted at the Litchfield Pickers Market.

The following roads will be closed from 4 a.m. to 5:30

p.m., on Sunday, May 8, and every second Sunday of the month through October: State Street from Union Ave./Route 16 to the south entrance of the Brown Shoe Apartments, Ryder Street and Kirkham Street from Monroe Street to Madison Street, Edwards Street from Monroe Street to Jefferson Street, Monroe Street from Union Ave./Route 16 to Edwards Street, and Jackson Street from Union Ave./Route 16 to Edwards Street.

Vehicles left in these areas during this time will be towed at the owner's expense. Visitors can park around the perimeter of the closed-off streets of the market (adhering to any parking signage), and parking is free, as is admission.

More information may be found online at the "Litchfield Pickers Market" Facebook page, the tourism website or by contacting the Litchfield Tourism Office at 217-324-8147.

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"It was really hard," Isabel said, noting the six weeks of radiation were the hardest parts of her overall treatment.

Lindsey said Isabel was the sickest during the first six weeks of treatment as her body got used to the chemotherapy.

At week 20, Isabel started radiation, and she lived in St. Louis, MO with her parents for the duration of the six-week treatment. Her younger brothers, Henry and James, stayed with their grandparents, Ralph and Anne McLaughlin of Hillsboro.

"I barely ate anything during radiation," Isabel said. "It hurt to eat, but also because I just wasn't hungry."

During her treatments, she got thrush three times and lost her voice for awhile.

Toward the end of radiation, she ended up with an eight-night stay in the hospital because her body was so weak.

"I think the hardest part for her was the radiation," Phil said. "If you look back on the pictures, her smile was so forced and you could hardly recognize her. It was definitely the lowest point."

But once radiation was complete, they went back to

the treatment plan of chemotherapy. In addition to the now 54-week plan, Isabel would have six months of maintenance chemo to make sure it was all taken care of.

In February, the McLaughlins finally got some good news. Her latest scans showed no evidence of the cancer at all.

"It was the first time we really saw a reaction from her," Lindsey said. "You kind of become numb to what's going on around you, but that was the first time they used the words, 'cancer free.'"

On June 14, Isabel took her last dose of chemo before the maintenance plan began, and her family planned a special celebration. They invited family, friends and the community to celebrate with them as Isabel rang the bell just outside Beckemeyer Elementary School in Hillsboro.

"They really surprised me," said Isabel, who completed nearly all of her third grade year at Beckemeyer remotely.

She said she also missed a lot of holidays with family.

And while it was a tough year for Isabel, there were also some good parts, including Camp Rainbow, a summer camp for kids with cancer; a Make-A-Wish trip to California to bake cakes with Duff

Goldman and modeling in a fashion show for Friends of Kids with Cancer.

Up next, Isabel will be a fifth grader at Beckemeyer this fall, where she looks forward to time with her friends. And while they don't look at the odds of the cancer returning, her family remains hopeful she will stay cancer-free.

"Because she responded so well to the treatments, doctors are hopeful it won't return," Lindsey said.

Isabel will continue scans for five years for this type of cancer, and then move to additional scans to monitor for other types of cancer from the chemo.

The McLaughlins are very grateful to the local community for their support, as well as the MCCA, which provides financial assistance to local cancer patients and mileage reimbursement for treatments.

Isabel said some of her friends even hosted a lemonade stand to raise money for her.

"The community at-large was just amazing," Lindsey said.

"We're very grateful for the people in our community and the MCCA," Phil added. "Everyone was very generous throughout our journey."

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HSHS St. Francis Hospital colleagues on hand to congratulate Cassie James, Radiology, who was named the BEE Award winner, were (left to right) Jim Timpe, CEO; Jennifer Lewis Radiology Manager, Carrie Small, Radiology; Lauren Armstrong, Radiology; Cassie James; Sam Moseley, Radiology, Aryn Hunter, Director of Operations.

HSHS Presents BEE Award To James

HSHS St. Francis Hospital recently presented the Being Exceptional Everyday (BEE) Award to Cassie James of the Radiology Department.

James was nominated by a colleague, who stated, "Cassie is truly a great asset to the radiology department. She is so helpful, never says 'not my job' and she is kind and caring with our patients. Cassie goes above and beyond with her co-workers as well. Cassie is the center of Radiology Department. She is always checking on patients in the waiting room. She makes sure that they

are okay or if they need anything. If we need help, she is always willing to help with no questions."

The BEE Award was established to recognize colleagues outside of nursing who go beyond expectations of their daily work to exemplify the hospital's Mission and deliver outstanding service to patients. Distribution of St. Francis Hospital's semi-annual BEE Award is made possible through funds provided by HSHS St. Francis Foundation.

Nominations for future BEE and other awards at St.

Francis Hospital continue to be accepted. Patients and visitors are encouraged to share and submit their story of witnessing excellent and compassionate care from staff.

Award descriptions and an online nomination form can be found on the home page of the hospital's web site at www.hshs.org/st-francis/patients-guests/recognize-a-colleague and selecting "Recognize a Colleague" under the "Patients & Guests" menu, or on paper forms available throughout the hospital.



Above, Dr. Helaine Silverman from the University of Illinois Mythic Mississippi Project speaks to a group of community members about how they can work with the project to expand Hillsboro's tourism reach.

Journal-News/Tori O'Dell

Coal History Could Draw Tourism

by **Tori O'Dell**

At the invitation of the Montgomery County Historical Society, Dr. Helaine Silverman, a professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois, spoke to community members about her desire to include the City of Hillsboro in the Mythic Mississippi Project during an informal tourism meeting held at the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, May 30.

Created by the University of Illinois three years ago as a way to invest in the economic and social development of often overlooked municipalities in downstate Illinois, many of which have rich historical legacies, The Mythic Mississippi Project works alongside communities to establish thematic tourism routes centered on the historical events that happened in their areas.

"This would be appealing to a very specific, niche tourist," explained Silverman. "It would primarily attract academics and history enthusiasts, prompting them to spend more time, and subsequently money, downstate."

Silverman went on to explain that the university's

idea of "heritage tourism" deploys history as a product for consumption in the present. Hillsboro would be a fit for the project's "Coal Triangle" heritage route, which is based around Illinois' history as a major coal producing state in the early part of the 20th century. During this time period coal towns, many of which were located downstate, were thriving with active main streets and proud communities and the project hopes to help revitalize these areas by engaging residents to build and tell the stories of their own history.

The overarching goal is to link communities with coal histories, in particular Virden, Gillespie, Mt. Olive, Benld, Carlinville and potentially Hillsboro, together into a cohesive coal-labor history route to promote tourism within the region.

"Community engagement is a primary factor for inclusion in the project," Silverman explained.

In order to be part of the Mythic Mississippi Project communities must demonstrate that they are capable of coming together to build attractions that will generate outsider interest, while the university will act more

as a silent partner by providing funding and marketing, as well as coordinating between the areas included in the "Coal Triangle" route. Among Silverman's suggestions for Hillsboro were erecting an "Illinois State Historical Society" marker at the Historic Courthouse, creating a visitor center that includes historic depictions of the city, and developing home and cemetery tours with informational signs at each stop.

She noted that the city already boasts many amenities that will peak tourists interest including the Red Rooster Inn, the Abbey on Broad, restaurants, coffee shops, lodging and recreational venues, making Hillsboro an ideal candidate for the project.

After her presentation, attendees spoke about the potential of being included on the heritage route as well as the many elements that are already in place and how to best coordinate efforts among differing groups and organizations.

More information about the Mythic Mississippi Project can be found online at mythicmississippi.illinois.edu.

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HHS Students Make Honor Roll Lists

Hillsboro High School has announced the students named to the Honor Roll lists for the second semester.

Seniors: Levi Arkebauer, Keeley Barnhart, Dahlia Bertolino, Charlotte Booth-Jones, Kyle Butler, Breana Campbell-Westbrook, Kenedie Carlock, Wyatt Chappellear, William Christian, Tanner Clayton, Jaben Compton, Sierra Compton, Marissa Davis, Breona Dobrinic, Zane Duff, Sabrina Durbin, Acacia Dyer, Elizabeth Flowers, Alexandria Frailey, Aurelie Granito, Cameron Hacke, Isabella Harston, Lauren Hartman, Hannah Hefley, Blaze Helton, Audrey Hemken, Brookelynn Hopley, Benjamin Huber, Morgan Jarrell, Katherine Jones, Alyah Kershaw, Kamryn Kiper, Christopher Klump, Allie Krummel, Alexandra Kuhns, Paige Lucykow, Sally Mattson, Adyson McCammack, Timothy McConnell, Reese Morford, Dimitri Plum, Adison Pollard, Saul Quiroz III, Skyler Robinson, Emilee Roemelin, Antonio Romero, Layne Rupert, Ethan Schreiber, Ava Schultz, Avery Smith, Taelyn Smith, Alexander Sticha, Selena Summers, Aidan Swick, Avery Walden, Halley Werner-Long, Isabella White, Meagan White, Paitynn Wilson, Graceyn Young

Juniors: Ethan Anderson, Ian Anderson, Jesse Balla, Melissa Bell, Meriem Bizid, Sophia Blankenship, Nathan Brown, Donald Buske Isabel Cano, Hailey Christian, Lily Churchwell, Kyleigh Currie, Zachary Duff, Caesar Edwards, Samantha Frailey, Maycie Fuller, Dawson Guinn, Elias Guitierrez, Faith Haines, Kylie-Ann Halteman, Adrian Harston, Camden Hendricks, Benjamin Hoehn, Kyle Holcomb, Logan Hollo, Madison Hollo, Ryder Hoover, Griffen

Hughes, Hanna Hughes, Kylee Jarman, Chloe Kenny, Jessica Kidwell, Treyton Kuhl, Cooper Law, Cole Lenczycki, Dylan Lessman, Austin Loskot, Emily Lowe, Mariana Lowe, Mitchell Lowe, Chloe Martincic, Heidi McDonald, Audrey Meyer, Ellie Miller, Ketch Mills, Alyson Mullen, Logan Murray, Aurora Olson, Ava Pollard, Landon Reincke, Kinley Richardson, Leah Satterlee, Lucian Saucier, Emoree Shepard, Charles Shepherd, Carl Sies, Addyson Smith, Kenna Snoddy, Jace Stewart, Brekin Swick, Madeline Watkins, Alexander Wells and Anabelle Wright

Sophomores: Clara Armbruster, Elias Baney, Kyle Beckom, Emma Bell, Kydin Benson, Greg Bland, Brandon Blankenship, Cody Boerckel, Mya Bolton, Peyton Brewer, Gavin Buckley, Emilie Cakora, Anika Camp, Peyton Chesney, Tatum Christian, Kennady Clayton, Brodie Clinard, Addison Compagni, Brynn Connor, Mitchell Cunningham, Samuel Dilley, Caleb Duff, Natalee Fenton, Zoe Fulhorst, Gideon Fuson, Miah Garmon, Keltian Gartee, Tessa Gordon, Dominic Granito, Caleb Greenwood, Ella Greenwood, Eryka Gunderson, Brennan Harston, Cheyenne Harston, Leah Hemken, Hunter Hockett, Elijah Howard, Seth Hubbard, Andrea Huber, Frances Huber, Quinn Hunt, Sebastian Jeffries, Shelby Kaliyan, Brenden Kershaw, Heidi Knott, Kamryn Langston, Emily Lanter, Alyssa Leisure, Reagan Lentz, Kaden Long, Addison Lowe, Nathan Matoush, Aubrey McCario, Addison McLaughlin, Drake McSperritt, William Meyer, Aiden Meyers, Hailey Meyers, Sara Milanos, Lauryn Miller, Wesley Myers, Kaycee Nave, Gerhard Netemeyer, Austin

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Freshmen: Delia Aguilar, Milla Anderson, Susan Anderson, Chloe Atkins, Alexis Carlyle, Amber Caroll, Connor Chappellear, Xavier Clark, Amoy Claybrook-Anderson, Olivia Collins, Blake Cullison, Matthew Currie, Kearstynn Davis, Alexander Duff, Jenna Durbin, Skylar Durbin, Kaleb Eller, Logan Gill, Ethan Hamby, Devin Hartman, Alexa Hendricks, Resi Hollo, Sadie Houchlei, Lilly Huber, Lola Hughes, Mackenzie Jarman, Karley Jernigan, Rylie Jones, Donovan Joynor, Liam Kalar, Brody Kieffer, Carly Kimbro, Jossalyn Kimbro, Brooklyn Kirby, Kaleb Knodle, Aidan Law, Mette Lee, Rumer Lemmon, Maui Lemons, Olan Lentz, Violet Lentz, Makayan Leonard, Jaden Loskot, Claire Matthews, Mark Mattson, Kinley McConnell, Rachael McDonald, Sophia Mullen, Ryan Page, Jozhua Pineda, Jayden Poggemoeller, Avery Reynolds, Bella Richardson, Melissa Robinson, Samuel Sanchez-Ramos, Kale Simonton, River Smith, Maryn Tarver, Kinsley Trader, Owen Trader, Adelyn Ulrich, Ian VanDoren, Madison VanOstran, Taylor VanOstran, Reagan Voyles, Colton Weiss, Anthony White, Alivia Willman, William Wilson, Kassidy Wineburner, William Yeske, MaKenna Zanni and Izac Zerrusen



Butterflies In Memory Of Loved Ones

Twenty families released 38 butterflies in memory of loved ones who have passed during a ceremony Thursday afternoon, June 1, on the front lawn of HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. St. Francis bereavement services supervisor Valerie Engelbart compared the transformation of the grief process into the transformation of the butterfly. In the center of the photo, Claire Trader of Hillsboro releases a butterfly with her family—Eric, Melissa and Owen—in memory of her grandfather, Rex Trader, who passed on Oct. 16, 2022.

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Fans Meet Racers At McKay Napa

Christian Eckes (left) and Jake Garcia (right), professional stock car race drivers, took some time to meet fans and sign autographs at McKay Napa Auto Parts Distribution Center in Litchfield on Thursday afternoon, June 1. The chance to talk to fans was a moral boost for the racers who were preparing to hit the World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison on Saturday, June 3, one of the races in the Nascar craftsman truck series tour. Eckes and Garcia were joined by Bill McAnally, owner of McAnally-Hilgemann Racing, a professional stock car racing team, based in Roseville, CA, that competes full-time in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. In addition to meeting the racers and checking out their trucks, attendees were entered into a drawing to win tickets to Saturday's race. From the left, are Bill McAnally, race team owner; Christian Eckes, #19 NAPA Auto Care Chevrolet; Earl Flack, CEO of McKay Napa Auto Parts; and Jake Garcia, #35 Adaptive One Brakes Chevrolet.

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Spring Honor Roll Named At HJHS

Hillsboro Junior High School has announced the honor roll for the fourth quarter grading period.

Eighth Grade: Delaney N. Adams, Noah J. Andrews, Natalie L. Atkins, Landon D. Bandy, Hunter J. Beaudry, Sloan E. Bertolino, Kaden D. Brown, Anne L. Buske, Peyton S. Chappellear, Peyton S. Christian, Isabella E. Collins, Anika S. Cunningham, Mason A. Currie, Bailey A. Davis, Jermaine D. DeClue, Lexi M. Downey, Owen S. Earnest, Folsom S. Gifford, Amya J. Greenwood, Karsyn A. Greenwood.

Also, Jacklynn R. Harris, Emma Harwood, Kenley J. Hefley, Sawyer W. Hindle, Isaiah D. Hopley, Carson Huber, Austin L. Hughes, Makenzy L. Jenkins, Garrett W. Kalaher, Olivia G. Keiser, Albany S. Kindernay, Briley R. Kirby, Natalee P. Kuhns, Hannah L. Laurent, Jackson M. Law, Chanse W. Liebscher, Caiden V. Lienlokken, Jaida B. Linn, Kash D. Malloy, Mikenna M. McSperritt, Douglas A. Oiler, Aaron M. Page, Dominic P. Palazzolo, Madelyn A. Payne.

Also, Kendall M. Peterson, Abraham J. Putnam, Kamdyn B. Putnam, Roberto Quiroz Garcia, John D. Rafferty, Rhys M. Riggs, Emma J. Roach, Brandon A. Schaefer, Cayden W. Stanbery, Brianna N. Taylor, Trevin M. Taylor, Luci G. VanGiesen, Harmony J. Werner-Long, Jaxon P. Wittenmyer and Raegan L. Worley.

Seventh Grade: Raelyn M. Brown, Lorelai M. Carlock, Gracie A. Chambers, Jayden A. Christ, Kaya R. Connor, Jackson D. Cunningham, Benteleigh M. Dearmond, Ryleigh J. Dilks, Ava L. Dossett, Kaleb M. Dossett, Cooper R. Duff, Hunter L. Elwood, Kohl H. Fuller, Owen W. Fuller, Grayson G. Gile, Kinley O. Greenwood, Callen J. Hanger, Liberty J. Helton.

Also, Matthew L. Hemken, Emily R. Irvine, Aubrey E. Jeffers, Kenley A. Jernigan, Kiera B. Jones, Taegan L. Kieffer, Joseph T. Lanter, Travis R. Lentz, Landen G. Lipe, Autumn E. Long, Avery L. Maddaleno, Calie M. Martincic, Randal A. Matthews, Abigail J. McArthur, Madux C. McLaughlin, Kylie M. Meyer, Aubrey E. Milanos, Averie D. Miller.

Also, Wyatt R. Noyes, Michael C. Pryor, Lux L. Reynolds, Aiden J. Robinson, Rylee A. Rogers, Austin A. Rolland, Ella M. Schaake, Abby L. Springman, Skyler M. Sturgeon, Kiera A. Thomet, Claire A. Trader, Harrison D. Tuetken, Samanntha D. Vollintine, Sophia M. Watkins, Kailey J. Weiss, Colby A. Wilkinson, Alexander L. Yeske and Raya M. Yount.

Sixth Grade: Karsyn O. Adams, Nolan J. Adams, Michael A. Aguilar, Emma G. Andrews, James E. Archer, Leland J. Armbruster, Josiah K. Atkins, Alice M. Beckett, Alaina J. Beeler, Lily E. Bell, Kaelyn M. Benning, Audrey

H. Billington, Layla M. Blankenship, Katelyn G. Bolton, McKenzie L. Boyer, Miya D. Brent, Grant A. Bryant, Jaxon G. Chambers, Bailey L. Chappellear, Lydia K. Collins, Brylee J. Connor.

Also, Gracelyn M. Crayne, Kaelin M. Cress, Alyce J. Cunningham, Greyson W. Cyrus, Lucas R. Demartini, Zachary G. Eaves, Kaidynce R. Ellis, Jackson J. Frame, Maelie D. Frayer, Kylee M. Furness, Addyson M. Goewey, Arianna E. Halford, Chloe A. Hall, Brielle L. Harbert, Aubrey R. Huber, Nataleigh M. Jackson, Khloe N. Jarman, Lilly R. Jeffers.

Also, Elaina S. Kenny, Nolan W. Klump, Tysen T. Lash, Sophia N. Law, Jacob P. Lenczycki, Clara L. Lentz, Grayson P. Lowe, Elijah J. Mastrolia, Nora R. McDonald, Kendael M. McSperritt, Nandie N. Morales, Will T. Netemeyer, Castle P. O'Donnell, Dawson L. Pace, Hayley M. Parshall, Aniston R. Payne.

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The following afternoon, on Friday, June 2, the line at the McKay Napa Auto Parts Distribution Center was out to the street to meet NASCAR driver Chase Elliott, who earned the 2020 NASCAR Cup championship and finished atop the regular season in 2022. Fans began forming a line for the 4 p.m. event before 8 a.m., and while they waited, got the chance to get an up-close look at his #9 Napa Chevrolet. With a race on Sunday, June 4, at Gateway Motorsports Park in Madison, fans came from all over the Midwest to the event, including Donald Stevens Jr. (above) from Bettendorf, IA. There were lots of local fans, too, including Jason, Camden, Gina and Renna Burke (right) posing for a photo with Elliott.

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Saathoff On A Hot Streak

Few riders in the Progressive American Flat Track (AFT) Singles class were better than Chase Saathoff in the month of May as the Hillsboro motorcycle racer upped his total to five podium finishes on the year and slid into a tie for second place in the overall standings.

Saathoff, who was second at the Dallas Half-Mile on April 22, made it two straight runner-up finishes on May 6, as he finished second to Kody Kopp by 0.293 seconds at the Ventura Short Track race.

California seemed to suit the Illinois boy just fine as he scored his third straight podium finish at the Sacramento Mile on May 13. Saathoff finished third at the Cal Expo track in Sac-town, just .036 seconds behind winner Tom Drane, with Saathoff's Turner Racing teammate Trent Lowe finishing second by five thousandths of a second.

Saathoff was back in the midwest on May 27, for The Red Mile in Lexington, KY. The Red Mile suited the Team Red Hondas as Lowe and Saathoff finished first and second, with Lowe winning by .089 seconds.

If the AFT wins weren't enough, Saathoff was also part of a Turner Racing sweep at the Dairyland Classic on June 2, in Sheboygan, WI. Saathoff, who won heat

three of the Pro-Am, finished third behind teammates Trent Lowe and Morgen Mischler in the super competitive race.

If there was ever a time a time for Saathoff to win his first AFT race, the next one may be it. Not only is the race on June 17 relatively close to home at the DuQuoin State Fair Grounds, but that complex has a special place in the hearts of the Saathoff family. In 2021, Saathoff won the AMA Flat Track Grand Championships at the short course in DuQuoin, bringing home the Nicky Hayden Horizon Award in the process and paving his way to the jump to the pros.



Johnson First, Walker Second At Little Red Enduro

Gillespie's Collin Johnson made his enduro return at Cahokia Creek Dirt Riders in White City and came away with a win in this year's Little Red Sprint Enduro.

Johnson, who had been sidelined since May with a sprained MCL, but returned for the race at his home club on June 4. Racing in the AA classes, Johnson made three laps in each of the two courses in a time of 1:47:50, beating out friend and fellow racer Jhadyn Walker of Morrisonville by 30 seconds.

Johnson and Walker were two of the nearly 125 racers who competed in a dozen class for the sprint enduro, with racers ranging from those in their 20s like Johnson and Walker to seasoned veterans in the Masters 60+ class.

A pair of Carlinville riders won the Open A and Vet 30+ A classes, with Jordan Emmons winning Open A in a time of 1:50:32 to finish fifth overall and Riley Brueggeman winning Open Vet 30+A in a time of 1:56:02 to finish 12th overall. Rockton's Ryan Moss won the Senior 40+ A, running a 1:54:40 to finish 11th, while Chris Graber of Chester took the top spot in the Super Senior 50+ A class and was seventh overall with a time of 1:52:45.

Two local riders took the top spot in Open B, with Carlinville's Nathan Dyer finishing first in a time of 1:53:28 and Litchfield's Ryan Komor finishing second in a time of 1:57:09. Hillsboro's Chase Saathoff also competed in the Open B class as the elite flat track racer finished 14th in the class and 64th overall. Other B class winners were Waterloo's Dylan Wappel (2:04:13 in the Vet 30+ B), Carlinville's Mike Robinson (2:07:23 in the Senior 40+ B) and Columbia's Daniel Woelfel (1:32:50 in Super Senior 50+ B).

In the C class, Jacksonville's Jaret Zoellner won Open C with a time of 1:20:08, while Okawville's Tyler Yehling won Vet 30+ C with a time of 1:26:30.

Collinsville's Tanner England wrapped up the class winners, taking first in the

Masters 60+ class with a time of 1:21:20, good for 66th overall.

Hare Scrambles

In addition to the big bikes in the Little Red Sprint Enduro, the club also hosted hare scrambles that day.

Easten Daniels won the 50cc (4-6) class and the Mini E-Bike (4-6) class. Brodi Kiesow won the Mini E-Bike for the seven and eight-year-olds, while Robert Johnson took the top spot in the 50cc seven and eight-year-old class.

Bradley Crays won the 65cc Beginner class, while Charlie Burge won the 65cc class, beating out Carlinville's Colt Rosentreter by four seconds, with Panama's Case Cruthis finishing sixth.

Hank Burge (85cc) and Tucker Ahrling (Super Mini) also won in the youth ranks, while Rochelle Longstreth won the women's class.

Cahokia Creek Dirt Riders will be back on the club grounds on Tuesday, July 23, for a benefit team race for the family of Raymond Devlin. Devlin, who raced Sunday and passed away later that

day, worked at Hall's Cycles for 33 years and was a fixture of the motorcycle racing community.

"Raymond Devlin was an absolute staple in our race community," race organizer Jerrod Marfell said about Devlin. "Lets come together and honor his memory. Find a partner, bring your dirt bike and we will share stories and race in memory of Ray."

A fundraising account has been set up for Devlin's family at gofund.me/f60078e1.

June 4 at White City Cahokia Creek Dirt Riders Little Red Sprint Enduro Youth Hare Scrambles

50cc (4-6): 1. Easten Daniels - 5 laps, 29:48.985; 2. Mitchell Marfell - 5 laps, 30:12.498

50cc (7-8): 1. Robert Johnson - 8 laps, 31:59.912; 2. Andrew Burge - 8 laps, 32:00.483; 3. Carter Workman - 7 laps, 30:24.720; 4. Jakob Sherwood - 6 laps, 28:31.420; 5. Tandem Johnson - 6 laps, 29:19.198; 6. Ty Rosentreter - 6 laps, 30:30.880; 7. William Ahrling - 5 laps, 28:27.913; 8. Tucker Hazlet - 3 laps, 31:21.952

65cc Beginner: 1. Bradley Crays - 7 laps, 31:54.445; 2. Walker Lancaster - 7 laps, 33:05.874; 3. Mason Strader - 6 laps, 30:27.369; 4. Madoc Marfell - 6 laps, 30:35.295; 5. Casen Thursby - 6 laps, 33:10.987; 6. Teddy Capiello - 6 laps, 33:36.692; 7. Ethan Russell - 6 laps, 33:53.935; 8. Jax Sledge - 4 laps, 30:27.662

65cc: 1. Charlie Burge - 4 laps, 1:00:42.933; 2. Colt Rosentreter - 4 laps, 1:04:37.849; 3. Caden Ficek - 4 laps, 1:05:34.008; 4. Gavin Myers - 4 laps, 1:06:44.683; 5. Jack Mize - 4 laps, 1:09:30.461; 6. Case Cruthis - 3 laps, 1:11:35.878; 7. Owen Hammann - 1 lap, 27:21.537

85cc: 1. Hank Burge - 5 laps, 1:12:18; 2. Charles Calloway - 4 laps, 0:59:48; 3. Tucker Durbin - 4 laps, 1:05:12; 4. Adam Brandt - 4 laps, 1:07:25; 5. Dawson Wise - 4 laps, 1:15:15; 6. Devyn Henneberry - 3 laps, 1:00:04

Super Mini: 1. Tucker Ahrling - 4 laps, 1:03:43.100; 2. Rylan Wise - 4 laps, 1:15:41.710; 3. Thomas Slifer - 4 laps, 1:15:50.772

Women: 1. Rochelle Longstreth - 4 laps, 1:05:21.106; 2. Alexis Kohn - 3 laps, 1:01:03.523

E-Bike (4-6): 1. Easten Daniels - 12 laps, 31:57.787; 2. Sebastian Kohn - 10 laps, 30:33.682

E-Bike (7-8): 1. Brodi Kiesow - 11 laps, 30:53.458; 2. Keegan Fehring - 10 laps, 30:51.276

Sprint Enduro
AA: 1. Collin Johnson - 1:47:50 (1 OA); 2. Jhadyn Walker - 1:48:20 (2 OA); 3. Austin Wells - 1:48:47 (3 OA); 4. Christopher Huffman - 1:49:42 (4 OA); 5. Rylan Frankford - 1:51:20 (6 OA); 6. Cable Hogue - 2:24:36 (53 OA);

7. Kyleer Vance - 1:38:03 (57 OA)
Open A: 1. Jordan Emmons - 1:50:32 (5 OA); 2. Luke Beach - 1:53:59 (9 OA); 3. Michael Burtle - 1:54:24 (10 OA); 4. Jason Kedzie - 2:03:55 (22 OA); 5. Daniel Ryan - 2:16:48 (45 OA); 6. Tom Elliott - 2:27:45 (54 OA); 7. Hayden Windsor - 1:38:25 (58 OA); 8. Karson Getz - 1:16:01 (63 OA)

Vet 30+ A: 1. Riley Brueggeman - 1:56:02 (12 OA); 2. Blake Beckmann - 1:57:43 (15 OA); 3. Derek Thomas - 1:58:25 (18 OA); 4. Joseph Greene - DNF - 42:13.62 (120 OA)

Senior 40+ A: 1. Ryan Moss - 1:54:40 (11 OA); 2. Ryan Gusewelle - 2:03:59 (23 OA); 3. Eric Sieh - 2:05:57 (27 OA); 4. Brian Connor - 2:11:45 (36 OA)

Super Senior 50+ A: 1. Chris Graber - 1:52:45 (7 OA); 2. John Roth - 1:56:33 (13 OA); 3. Alex Rossetto - 1:58:10 (17 OA); 4. Brett Dubois - 2:01:07 (20 OA); 5. Darold Johnson - 2:04:23 (26 OA); 6. Kevan Zini - 2:19:29 (48 OA); 7. Raymond Devlin - DNF - 54:53.488 (121 OA)

Open B: 1. Nathan Dyer - 1:53:28 (8 OA); 2. Ryan Komor - 1:57:09 (14 OA); 3. Dalton Garecht - 1:57:56 (16 OA); 4. Reece Frankford - 2:00:31 (19 OA); 5. Preston Enyeart - 2:01:46 (21 OA); 6. Brandon Searl - 2:04:22 (25 OA); 7. Tyler Cloyd - 2:05:57 (28 OA); 8. Tyler Wolf - 2:08:38 (32 OA); 9. Jon Graf - 2:09:58 (33 OA); 10. Brady Hunt - 2:10:03 (34 OA); 11. Chris Caballero - 2:12:48 (37 OA); 12. Benjamin Ferrill - 2:16:26.83 (42 OA); 13. Dylan Thomas - 1:55:57.45 (60 OA); 14. Chase Saathoff - 1:19:18.785 (64 OA); 15. Camden Thomas - 1:03:46.227 (112 OA)

Vet 30+ B: 1. Dylan Wappel - 2:04:13 (24 OA); 2. Nick Graf - 2:07:41 (30 OA); 3. Joey Shultz - 2:08:22 (31 OA); 4. Kyle Zygmund - 2:12:59 (39 OA); 5. Michael Bickerton - 2:13:09 (40 OA); 6. Derrick Schwartz - 2:16:30 (43 OA); 7. Davey Herring - 2:16:39 (44 OA); 8. Ron Mueller - 2:16:56 (46 OA); 9. Jason Lash - 2:17:15 (47 OA); 10. Michael Heller - 2:20:36 (50 OA); 11. Charles Kohn - 2:20:54.990 (51 OA); 12. Chaney Ferguson - 2:28:02.753 (55 OA); 13. Chris Knepler - 1:56:34.616 (61 OA); 14. Jake Politte - 1:51:55.166 (100 OA); 15. Evan Branham - 1:12:08.574 (114 OA)

Senior 40+ B: 1. Mike Robinson - 2:07:23 (29 OA); 2. Tim Kirchner - 2:11:26 (35 OA); 3. Josh Wardell - 2:12:50 (38 OA); 4. Greg Bubak - 2:15:22 (41 OA); 5. Ed Villadonga - 2:20:12 (49 OA); 6. Bradley Wagahoff - 2:21:29 (52 OA); 7. James Ahrling - 2:32:40 (56 OA); 8. Gary Wolf - 1:49:16 (59 OA); 9. Casey Boyett - 2:14:56 (62 OA); 10. Bill Schultz - 1:40:39 (89 OA) Senior 40+ B

Super Senior 50+ B: 1. Daniel Woelfel - 1:32:50 (76 OA); 2. Shad Goins - 1:33:40 (78 OA); 3. Michael Myers - 1:34:31 (79 OA); 4. Tim Bowman - 1:37:06 (82 OA); 5. Hy Hunt - 1:38:25 (85 OA); 6. Wick Hawes - 1:40:33 (88 OA); 7.



Gillespie racer Collin Johnson catches some air going over a hill near the bridge that crosses the creek at the Cahokia Creek Dirt Riders grounds in White City, during the Little Red Sprint Enduro on Sunday, June 4. Returning from a knee and ankle injury, Johnson took first in the AA class and was the overall winner of the event, beating friend and Morrisonville rider Jhadyn Walker by just 30 seconds in a race that lasts close to two hours.

Clara's Captures Photo

Vince Henneberry - 1:48:15 (96 OA); 8. Brian Scaman - 1:52:36 (102 OA); 9. Troy Zoellner - DNF - 22:13.459 (122 OA)

Open C: 1. Jaret Zoellner - 1:20:08 (65 OA); 2. Grayson Plowman - 1:24:15 (67 OA); 3. Ford Klocke - 1:26:15 (69 OA); 4. Hank Ahrling - 1:26:58 (71 OA); 5. Dylan Roth - 1:29:23 (72 OA); 6. Blake Hansen - 1:31:53 (73 OA); 7. Hunter Gann - 1:33:32 (77 OA); 8. Zack Reznicek - 1:37:25 (83 OA); 9. Casey Watt - 1:39:33 (86 OA); 10. Marty Borowski - 1:43:26 (93 OA); 11. Chad Steele - 1:49:15.867 (98 OA); 12. Rickie Woods - 1:51:34.40 (99 OA); 13. Aiden Wagner - 1:52:17.846 (101 OA); 14. Brandon Bodine - 1:53:58.231 (103 OA); 15. Owen Krueger - 2:08:06.431 (109 OA); 16. Chaz Dees - 2:08:26.29 (110 OA); 17. Jake Frizzo - 1:15:14.98 (115 OA); 18. Gavin Steele - 1:19:22.819 (117 OA); 19. Ethan Hammann - 1:39:33.84 (118 OA); 20. Zachary Carter - 59:12.121 (119 OA)

Vet 30+ C: 1. Tyler Yehling - 1:26:30 (70 OA); 2. Joe Erickson - 1:31:59 (74 OA); 3. Travis Yehling - 1:32:00 (75 OA); 4. Tyler Spangler - 1:36:19 (81 OA); 5. Kurt Smith - 1:37:44 (84 OA); 6. Joe Pasha - 1:41:28 (92 OA); 7. James Bodine - 1:46:40 (95 OA); 8. Matt Wassell - 1:55:10 (104 OA); 9. Alex Morgan - 1:56:06 (105 OA); 10. Joe Haws - 2:02:37 (107 OA); 11. Jason Capiello - 1:16:35.35 (116 OA); 12. Eric Reiger - DNF - 27:30.564 (123 OA)

Masters 60+: 1. Tanner England - 1:21:20 (66 OA); 2. David Pucharich - 1:24:54 (68 OA); 3. Michael Beiermann - 1:36:14 (80 OA); 4. Andy Garecht - 1:39:49 (87 OA); 5. Steven Steele - 1:40:49 (90 OA); 6. DJ Ryan - 1:40:50 (91 OA); 7. Timothy Berry - 1:45:41 (94 OA); 8. Kenny Matway - 1:48:29 (97 OA); 9. Dan Farson - 2:01:43 (106 OA); 10. Jim Denby - 2:04:07 (108 OA); 11. Rick Morgan - 2:11:04.300 (111 OA); 12. Thomas Burtle - 1:11:48.865 (113 OA); 13. Danny Smith - DNF - 1:03:20.514 (124 OA)



Panama's Case Cruthis finished sixth in the 65cc class at the hare scrambles at Cahokia Creek Dirt Riders in White City on Sunday, June 4.

Clara's Captures Photo



Busch Wins At WWT

Kurt Busch picked up his 63rd NASCAR Cup Series victory on Sunday, June 4, at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison and The Journal-News was there to witness the sold out event. Watch Monday's Journal-News for more photos from this year's Enjoy Illinois 300. Journal-News/KyleHerschelmann



Pickleball Play Heats Up At Central Park

Care to find yourself in a pickle? We have just the place for you. Open pickleball play has begun this summer on Tuesday evenings on the courts at Central Park in Hillsboro. Players of all skill levels are invited to join the fun at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday, weather permitting. For more information, visit MoCo Pickleball at www.m.facebook.com/groups/mocopickeball.

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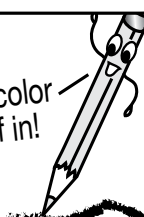
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...about myths and legends of other countries.



Kids: color stuff in!



People all over the world have shared stories called myths. Myths are ancient tales that tried to explain mysterious things that people wondered about in the past – events they did not know the reasons for or things they did not understand. People believed these stories to be true. Myths were very important to them.

Who or What? Myths are full of people, gods, heroes and creatures. Who or what are these characters in myths? **Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

- powerful beings, rulers of all
- stories to explain things people did not know or could not understand
- huge manlike beings that some people thought existed before humans
- pilots with problems in their engines or instruments would blame these
- they search and dig to find items that will tell about myths of different peoples
- played harmless pranks, did household chores overnight
- people of great strength and courage
- physically smaller than giants; hunted and ate people
- fire-breathing, flying monsters
- underground folk, under four feet tall, hard-working; they mined and worked precious metals like gold
- ugly elves, pesky and annoying
- they lived under bridges, in forests and on mountains; they protected their lands

Myths and Legends!

What Are Myths About?
Find out by filling in the phrases:

- how the _____ began
- secret of the rhythm of _____
- heroes slaying _____ animals
- natural happenings like _____
- why _____ things happen

life evil world unlucky lightning

Pandora opened a box and let evil into the world, but there was still HOPE.

Mythical Creatures

Have you heard or read about myths? Ask Mom or Dad to help you **match each name to its description:**

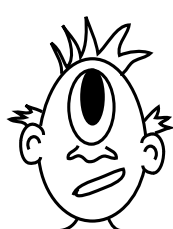
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| 1. Neptune | A. one-eyed giant |
| 2. Cyclops | B. ruler of all the gods (Greek) |
| 3. Centaurs | C. bird rose from ashes: reborn |
| 4. Zeus | D. each was half man and half horse |
| 5. Phoenix | E. god of the sea (Roman) |

Mystical, Magical Things

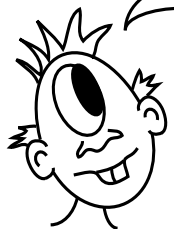
Myths are full of magical things. **Read the items below and match them to their use:**

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| 1. Pandora's Box | A. magical "rug" brought rider anywhere instantly |
| 2. Excalibur | B. Greek god used this to pull the sun across the sky |
| 3. Flying Carpet | C. famous sword locked into an enchanted stone |
| 4. Magic Lamp | D. item that held all the evils of the world |
| 5. Crystal Ball | E. helped wizards see the future or cast spells |
| 6. Chariot of Apollo | F. rub this and a Genie pops out to grant wishes |
- and Golden Things:**
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| 1. Golden Rings | A. Rumpelstiltskin could turn straw into this |
| 2. Golden Ram | B. food of the gods; Hercules would quest to find this |
| 3. Golden Goose | C. jewelry that gave protection or invisibility to wearers |
| 4. Golden Thread | D. fable tells of a hen that could lay this |
| 5. Golden Touch | E. time of peace, harmony and prosperity |
| 6. Golden Age | F. from German fairy tale; don't touch its feathers |
| 7. Golden Apple | G. king who could turn anything into gold had this |
| 8. Golden Egg | H. winged animal whose fleece was golden |

Do you see a winged monkey thing?



Nah, that's just a myth! But, I do see a fire-breathing dragon.



A Little Bit of This and...



Myths often make things "larger than life." They have a *little bit of this and a little bit of that* to help explain things. Some creatures in myths and other stories are half human and half animal. Do you know these? **Write the numbers that describe them in the boxes.**

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Deadline For Free Litchfield FCA Power Camp Is June 16

Young athletes from all over the area will once again be in Litchfield on June 26 through June 28 for this year's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Power Camp at the Litchfield High School and Litchfield Middle School complex.

All students entering fifth through eighth grade are invited to participate and can register online at fca.regfox.com/2023litchfieldpw. In an effort to ensure that enough lunches for the campers are available, the registration deadline is June 16.

The free sports camp will be held daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and lunch will be provided to all campers. Each camper will be able to choose two sports to participate in.

Camp days include a lunch and a Huddle time or devotional.

Sports available at this year's camp include volleyball, track, softball, soccer, golf, football, cheer, basketball and baseball.

Organized by Rob and Patrice Corso of Litchfield, the Power Camp will also include special guest speakers. Organizers give special thanks to the Litchfield School District for the use of the facility, as well as this year's sponsors and supporters.

Students do not have to live in the Litchfield School District to participate in the camp. For more information about the camp, contact Patrice Corso at 217-710-8259.

Wiffle Ball Tournament Kicks Off Busy Summer For Camren's Causes

Jed's Food Shed will be in Fillmore on Saturday, June 10, as the second annual Camren's Classic wiffle ball tournament begins at 10 a.m.

The food truck, operated by Julie Friesland, will have tacos, quesadillas, nachos, hamburgers, rib-eye sandwiches, Philly Cheesesteaks and much more to quick off the two-day tournament that benefits causes in the Nokomis area in the name of the late Camren Neisler.

Stan's Field, located at 220 East Locust Street in Fillmore, is named after Stan Toberman, the grandfather of the wiffle ball field's founder, Matthew Ulrici. Last year's event drew more than 100 spectators and players to Fillmore.

In addition to the wiffle ball tournament, Brandy Chausse (Camren's mother) and the Camren's Causes team are also preparing for this year's Camren's On

The Green Memorial Golf Tournament, which will be held Saturday, July 15, at Lake Shore Golf Course in Taylorville.

While the deadline to enter the tournament was in May, there is still time to purchase a tournament shirt or hat to support the cause. The deadline to purchase apparel from this year's Camren's On The Green tournament is June 15, and order forms can be found at www.facebook.com/CamrensOnTheGreen.

Raffle tickets for an Ooni 12-inch wood fire pizza oven w/stone, spatula and carrying case are also being sold for \$10 apiece or three for \$25.

In addition to helping fund community projects, including the renovation of the public pool in Nokomis, the group also presented three scholarships in 2023 to Craig Bertolino, Ryan Eisenbarth and Kristen Mascher.



Lady Hiltoppers Host Youth Basketball Camp

The members of the Hillsboro Lady Hiltopper basketball team helped hone the skills of the next generation on May 31-June 2 at the annual youth basketball camp hosted by Coach Bret Tuetken and Assistant Coach Lauryn Tuetken. Thirty-three campers in grades three through six signed up for the camp, which focused on the fundamental skills of the game. In addition to the knowledge gained, the campers also received an orange and white basketball, which members of the high school team signed at the end of the camp.

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Winner Of Waggoner Ball Field Raffle To Be Drawn At Small Town Dreamers Market

The Farmersville-Waggoner Athletic Association tee ball teams have been teeing off at the newly refurbished Waggoner ball diamond this season, but improvements are still in the works for the field. Volunteers are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Henry lever action rifle donated by Bruce's Welding for \$5 a ticket or three tickets for \$10. Tickets will be available at the Small Town Dreamers Market in Farmersville on Saturday, June 10, with the winning ticket drawn that afternoon. Members of the Bank & Trust and Boston Chapel tee ball teams, in front, from the left, are Aiden Barber, Jacob Arnold, Tinglee Waldeck, Cara Stone, Maylee Hampton, Blakely Weitekamp, Foster Millburg and Zachary Palmer. In the back row are Kendon Rovey, Ainsley Smith, Reese Sidwell, Quinn Sidwell, Parker Mason, Beau Weitekamp, Zeke Mendoza and Easton Rovey.

Photo courtesy of Cassandra Hampton



Hillsboro High School tennis players Ryder Hoover (left) and Aubrey Reincke (right) got a little time on the courts with Alexandria Rayford recently. Rayford, the new weekday morning anchor at WICS-TV in Springfield, played tennis for Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL, and talked to the girls about her experience there.

WICS Anchor Rayford Talks Tennis With Lady Hiltoppers

Four members of the Hillsboro High School girls tennis team had the chance to pick the brain of a former college player and welcome a new face to the Midwest recently.

Aubrey Reincke, Ryder Hoover, Zoey Spinner and Izabella Collins welcomed Alexandria Rayford, the new weekday morning anchor at WICS-TV in Springfield, to the area with a return to the tennis courts.

Rayford moved to Springfield in May from Yakima, WA, where she was a reporter for the last two years at KIMA-TV. Prior to her tele-

vision career, she attended Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL, where she played on the women's tennis team for four years, lettering for the Badgers in 2018 and 2019.

In addition to the competition on the court, Rayford shared her college playing experience with the girls. She said she had fun and really enjoyed playing with and meeting the girls. Rayford also wished them good luck this upcoming season, which kicks off on Aug. 21, at Hillsboro, against Father McGivney.

Nearly Sixty Attend Youth Golf Camp In Hillsboro

Nearly 60 local youth going into grades first through eighth joined the fun in the annual Youth Golf Camp, hosted by the Hillsboro Country Club. Hillsboro High School girls golf coach Son Clayton is leading the camp with help from club volunteers and high school players.

Youth camp is held each Monday from June 5 through July 3, from 8 to 11 a.m. Young golfers will be learning about course etiquette, the rules of golf, proper swing, how to keep score and more.



Pictured above, youth golfers make a circle around the first hole to practice their golf swings on the first day of golf camp, June 5, at the Hillsboro Country Club.

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Tennessee Softball Exits World Series In Semifinals

A magical year for the University of Tennessee softball team ended in the national semifinals on Monday, June 5, with a 5-1 loss to number three ranked Florida State.

The Lady Volunteers, who are coached by Head Coach Karen Weekley and are assisted by Nokomis High School grad Kate Singler (Singler Malveaux and her husband Chris, went 2-2 at the NCAA Women's College World Series before bowing out against the Seminoles. Tennessee opened the tournament June 1, with a

victory over Alabama by a 10-5 final score, but fell to number one ranked Oklahoma 9-0 on Saturday, June 3. The Lady Vols rebounded with a 3-1 victory over Oklahoma State University.

It's no coincidence that the two teams who beat Tennessee in the tournament will face off in the best of three championship series, which began June 7. Game two of the series will be on June 8, at 6:30 p.m. eastern time, with game three scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, if necessary.

Local Players Step Up Game At SIU-E Soccer Camp

Several local youth athletes have been attending soccer camp at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville June 5-9. Throughout the week, they offer stations of drills and games, working on skills and basic mechanics.

At the end of the week, they will host a three-on-three tournament. They will also announce a camper of the week for each age group, based on ability to be coached, good attitude and working hard.

Camp is held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at Korte Stadium in Edwardsville. Another session will be offered in July. For more information, visit www.cougarsoccercamps.com.



A large contingent from the area made the trip to the SIU-E soccer camp on June 5-9. Above, in front, from the left are Liam Tarran, Leo Lipe, Meleah Edwards and Haylee Edwards. In back are Coach Ignacio Abeal Pou, Alexa Compton, Caleb Kirk, Madison Kirk, Bryson Tarran, Wes Luckett, Ari Lipe, Wyatt Luckett and Coaches Ashlyn Nichols and Grace Ferguson.

Out & About

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Junior League Starts Soon At Shoal Creek

Shoal Creek Golf Course in Raymond will offer their junior golf league from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings beginning Thursday, June 15. The introductory camp is open to students in grade school through junior high. The cost to attend is set at \$5 for week.

For more information call Shoal Creek Golf Course at 217-229-4545.

Litchfield Senior Club Will Host Dance Saturday

The Litchfield Senior Citizens Club will host a dance from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, at the Litchfield Community Center, located at 1100 South State Street. The free dance is open to anyone 55 years of age and older.

"Midnight Express" will keep guests on the dance floor. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be furnished, however attendees are also allowed to bring non-alcoholic beverages and finger foods.

Cross Over Board Meets Tonight At 6

Cross Over Ministries will hold their June board meeting at 6 p.m. tonight, Thursday, June 8, at their offices, located in Suite #1 of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau.



Above, Officer Shane Grammer conducts field sobriety tests on (L-R) Lizzie Lee, Katie Pospischel, Daniel Lott and Maddie Danham.

Prevention Week At Litchfield Middle

Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD) and students at Litchfield Middle School recently participated in National Prevention Week.

National Prevention Week, held Sunday, May 7, through Sunday, May 14 this year, is a national public education platform showcasing the work of communities and organizations across the country dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of substance misuse prevention and positive mental health.

MCHD Prevention Specialist Peggy Fox and assistant Hayley Woodson spoke to students regarding the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Students were able to drive pedal cars through an obstacle course while wearing goggles that depicted how driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs



Caleb Coulter (above) drives a pedal car with goggles depicting what it is like to drive under the influence.

affects the ability to drive. While wearing the goggles, students also tossed balls to each other demonstrating

how the effects of alcohol and other drugs impairs their reaction time, depth perception and vision.



Pop With A Cop A Hit With Litchfield Families

Kyler Finnegan gives Sergeant Zack Spaur of the Litchfield Police Department five during the Pop With A Cop event at McDonald's in Litchfield on May 24. The event featured games, crafts, cookies and the chance for visitors to chat with members of the Litchfield Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann



After putting some personal touches on his own police hat, Xavier Wall gets a soccer ball painted on his hand by McDonald's employee Jade Wey during the Pop With A Cop event at the Litchfield McDonald's on May 24.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

'Drive Out Hunger' Golf Event Set For July 28

Have a great day while helping the Montgomery County Farm Bureau fill bellies during the annual Drive Out Hunger Golf Scramble, set for Friday, July 28, at Indian Springs Golf Course on Route 185.

Proceeds will benefit food pantries in Montgomery County. The scramble will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry fees are \$280 per team for Farm Bureau members and \$340 per team for non-members. The entry deadline is Friday, July 14.

Registration includes golf carts, mulligans, skins, and

lunch for the entire team provided by Illinois Pork Producers. Teams will compete in flights.

The tournament is limited to the first 25 four-person teams, and there will be prizes for the longest drive, longest putt, skins and other contest, plus a 50/50 raffle.

The tournament is sponsored by Montgomery County Farm Bureau and Country Financial, but there is still opportunities for hole sponsors. Call 217-532-6171 or email kwilson@montcofb.com for hole sponsor or entry information.

Autism Support Group Hosts Pool Party Tonight

In place of their monthly support group meeting TASC (The Autism Support Connection) will host a swimming party tonight, Thursday, June 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Central Park Pool in Hillsboro.

The free event is open to individuals and families affected by autism and other related disorders. All chil-

dren must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call Lynn Sellers 217-556-9535 or Kim Draper 217-710-3598 or email tascillinois1@gmail.com. In the event of inclement weather, please check TASC's Facebook page, WSMI or call Sellers or Draper at the numbers provided.

Schieferdecker Recognized On Missouri State Academic List

Julia Schieferdecker of Litchfield has been named on the Dean's List at Southeast Missouri State University of the Spring 2023 term. To

earn recognition on the list students must earn a grade point average of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Free Young Eagles Flights In Litchfield On Saturday

Youth age 8-17 will have the opportunity to take to the sky with a free airplane ride during a Young Eagles Spirit of Aviation event this Saturday at Litchfield Municipal Airport.

The event, sponsored by EAA Chapter 864, will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 10. Each youth must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who is willing to sign a consent agreement. In case of rain, the event will be postponed to the same time on Sunday.

Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated 30 years to giving youth ages 8-17 their first free ride in an airplane. Each Young Eagle will experience a safe and enjoyable flight from one of eight local pilots that will give them new perspectives.

Pilots will explain what will happen during the flight, talk about the airplane, review an aeronautical chart, complete a walk-around

pre-flight inspection, identify parts that control the airplane including the instrument panel, then buckle up for a ride.

Once in the air, Young Eagles will see the earth and sky in a new and exciting way in a 15-20 minute flight. Back on the ground, there will be additional time for questions.

After the flight, the pilot will issue the child the official Young Eagles logbook and certificate, and registers them in the world's largest logbook. EAA will send out follow-up information about the free online ground school course and details regarding other youth aviation programs and EAA scholarships.

Pilots volunteer their time and aircraft to make first flights possible. Each pilot is certificated by the FAA and all aircraft are likewise licensed by the government. The flights are conducted according to federal regulations, and no aerobatic maneuvers are performed.

Litchfield Chamber Golf Tournament On June 16

Litchfield Chamber of Commerce is preparing for their annual 4-Man Scramble Golf Tournament on Friday, June 16, at Litchfield Country Club.

The all-day event will begin with registration from 10:30 a.m. to noon, a welcome and shotgun start will officially kick off the tournament at noon. Teams will be treated to dinner and a live performance by Kelley Hatlee at 5:30 p.m. An awards presentation will follow at 6:30 p.m., and Hatlee will return to the stage from 7 to 8 p.m. to cap off the evening.

Ticket prices are set at

\$400 a team or \$100 a person and include lunch, dinner and a drink ticket.

Cash prizes will be awarded. The first place team will receive \$400; second place \$250 and the third place team will be awarded \$100. Prizes will also be given closest to the pin (male and female), for longest drive (male and female) and longest putt (male and female).

Those interested in participating in the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament can register online through a link located on the "2023 Annual 4-Man Scramble Golf Tournament" event page on Facebook.

Bremer Sanctuary Plans Family Friendly Events

Sunday, June 25, will be a day filled with fun at Bremer Wildlife Sanctuary in Hillsboro.

The family-friendly event will begin with an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Guests are invited to check out the many splendors, including hiking trails, woodlands and prairies, that the property has to offer. Volunteer stewards will be on site to answer questions about the sanctuary. An easy hike or wagon ride will leave from the barn area at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., during which stewards will discuss the sanctuary's history and

goals for the future.

Stick around for Bremer's "Which Nest is Best" program from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Open to all ages, the event centers around bird nests and will begin with a power point presentation. After the brief lecture, participants will take a short hike and complete a kid's craft.

Both events are free, however donations are always welcome. For more information about Bremer Sanctuary visit www.bremersanctuary.com or follow the "Bremer Sanctuary" page on Facebook.


Cross Country Bike Team To Pass Through Litchfield

A cross-country team of bicyclists is pedaling their way across the country and will pass through Litchfield on Tuesday, June 13.

The biking team is taking on the endeavour in support of Shriners Hospitals healthcare system, which provides advanced care for children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft palates. All care is provided regardless of the families' ability to pay. The non-profit relies on the generosity of donors.

Biking enthusiasts are riding alongside the team for parts of their 45-day trek, which began at the Pacific Ocean in southern California and will end at the Statue of Liberty. Shriners and Masonic lodges are also contributing to the cause by hosting receptions for the team as they travel along the path.

Those that would like to ride along the team are encouraged to send an email to usacyclingdave@gmail.com.



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Winners of the Classroom Citizenship Award, from the left are Keegan McDonald, Kenna Weiss, Madison Kirk and Isabelle Zbinden. Not present for the photo was Uriel Antemate. *Journal-News Photo*



Winners of the Handwriting Award, in front, from the left are Liam Wolf, Kendall Markezich and Hailey Laurent. In back are Blair Dilks, Gunner Spratt, Hudson Wright and Kate Cunningham. Not present for the photo was Riley Callahan. *Journal-News Photo*

Beckemeyer Presents Fifth Grader Awards

Beckemeyer Elementary School Principal Zach Frailey and Vice Principal Michelle Reeves presented the annual fifth grade awards on Monday morning, May 22, in the school gym.

Recipients of the Handwriting Award were Blaire Dilks and Liam Wolf in Mr. Atkins' class, Kendall Markezich and Gunner Spratt in Mrs. Leek's class, Hailey Laurent and Riley Callahan in Mrs. Smith's class and Kate Cunningham and Hudson Wright in Mrs. Zimmerman's class.

Recipients of the Classroom Citizenship Award are Kenna Weiss in Mr. Atkins' class, Madison Kirk in Mrs. Leek's class, Isabelle Zbinden in Mrs. Smith's class, Keegan McDonald in Mrs. Zimmerman's class and Uriel Antemate in Mrs. Knodle's class.

American Citizenship
Mr. Atkins' class: Emma Alexander, Blaire Dilks, Meleah Edwards, Layla Hanners, Braxton Kimbro, Brayden Laughlin, Sawyer Lipe, Bryson Motley, Cody Payne, Aliannah Morford, Kenna Weiss, Casen Wilkinson and Liam Wolf.

Mrs. Leek's class: Paxton Chesney, Alexa Compton, Case Cruthis, Avery Duncan, Emberlee Gilbert, Matthew Hoehn, Hayden King, Madison Kirk, Ari Lipe, Kendall Markezich, Adilyn Milanos, Tyler Newingham, Lola Scheifer, Gunner Spratt, Frankie VanGiesen and Mia Wells.

Mrs. Smith's class: Riley

Callahan, Sophia Freer, Hailey Laurent, Mason Milanos, Alex Reinacher, Mary Roller, Isabella Taylor and Isabelle Zbinden.

Mrs. Zimmerman's class: Kowen Bechtel, Kaytie Beckett, Kate Cunningham, Kamie England, Kyla Greenwood, Mila Harrell, Harper Helton, Harrison Helton, Easton Kershaw, Cedric Longwell, Wyatt Luckett, Keegan McDonald, Avery Robinson, Marisa Shipman and Hudson Wright.

Mrs. Knodle's class: Uriel Antemate and Levi Carlock.

Principal Award
Mr. Atkins' class: Brayden Laughlin, Bryson Tarran, Casen Wilkinson and Liam Wolf.

Mrs. Leek's class: Alexa Compton, Krystelynn Cooper, Case Cruthis, Avery Duncan, Cooper Forsee, Tyler Newingham, Lola Scheifer, Brooklinn Scribner, Gunner Spratt and Frankie VanGiesen.

Mrs. Smith's class: Riley Callahan, Sophia Freer, Berkely Gill, Noah Kernebeck, Colby McCormick, Alex Reinacher, Henry Shultz, Isabella Taylor, Colin Worley and Isabelle Zbinden.

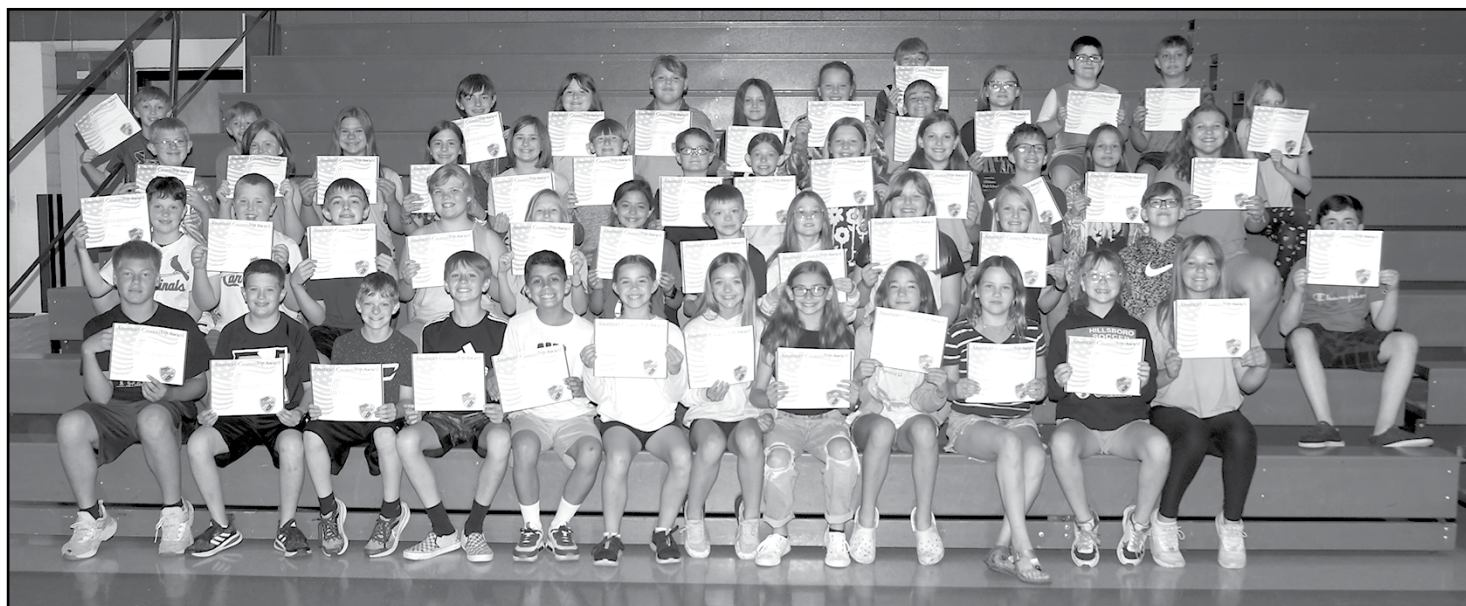
Mrs. Zimmerman's class: Kyla Greenwood, Harrison Helton, Wyatt Luckett and Avery Robinson.

Mrs. Knodle's class: Uriel Antemate.

Academic Achievement
Mr. Atkins' class: Johnathon Damm, Leah Hockett-Martin, Braxton Kimbro, Sawyer Lipe, Bryson Motley



Pictured above are Beckemeyer Elementary School fifth graders who earned this year's Academic Achievement award. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above are Beckemeyer Elementary School fifth graders who earned this year's American Citizenship Award. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above are Beckemeyer Elementary School fifth graders who earned this year's Principal Award. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above are Beckemeyer Elementary School fifth graders who earned this year's Library Helper Award. *Journal-News Photo*

and Maci Summers.

Mrs. Leek's class: Carmen Cano, Lucas Duff, Emberlee Gilbert, Hayden King, Izaiah Lohman, Anthony Speed and Mia Wells.

Mrs. Smith's class: Edward Applegate, Tallulah Bertolino, Stephanie Brent, Jayben Denny, Logan Echols, Brayden Johnson, Grant Phillips, Mary Roller and Lillian Rumsey.

Mrs. Zimmerman's class: Alex Baxin, Kowen Bechtel, Kaytie Beckett, Jazmine Branham, Rylan Chambers, Kamie England, Mila Harrell, Harper Helton, Cedric Longwell, Dahlia Maass, Marisa Shipman and Colson Trimble.

Mrs. Knodle's class: Levi Carlock.

Academic Excellence
Mr. Atkins' class: Blaire Dilks, Meleah Edwards, Layla Hanners, Aliannah Morford and Kenna Weiss.

Mrs. Leek's class: Paxton Chesney, Matthew Hoehn, Madison Kirk, Ari Lipe, Kendall Markezich and Adilyn

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THURS., JUNE 15 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Personal Property for John & the late Millie Sales auction. Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Preview & pickup at 1210 E. College Ave., Greenville. Preview June 12, 4-6 p.m. Checkout June 16, 4-6 p.m. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, mollettauctions.com, Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SAT., JUNE 17 - Bidding ends for live & simulcast online RE auction for Dustin Knerrer & Christal Scott of 6BR/6BA home located at 5 IL Rt. 140, Mulberry Grove, 2 tracts. Camper/trailer, tractors, misc., lawn/garden, farm items, tools/shop equip. Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Home sits on 52.4A, attached in-law quarters, updated kitchen & master bath, 2-car att. gar., full walkout bsmt., hay ground in bottom, located in Bear Grove Twp., Fayette Co. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, mollettauctions.com, Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

MON., JUNE 19 - Bidding ends for on-line only RE auction of 2108 Miller Ave., Schram City at 6 p.m. with a soft close. 3BR/2BA, full bsmt., all steel I-beams, att. 2-car gar., appls. stay. Bidding starts Sunday, May 14. To register/bid, go to micenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com. Micenheimer & Meyer Auction Services, Jim Micenheimer, 217-820-9324 and Cory Meyer, 217-710-5642, auctioneers.

MON., JUNE 19 - 4-6 p.m. Open house, 2BR, 1BA bungalow style Sears home at 302 W. State St., Pochontas. Public auction July 8 at 9 a.m. Charles & Velda Carson Estate. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, mollettauctions.com, Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

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SAT., JUNE 24 - 9 a.m. at 1754 Maxey Cemetery Ave., Smithboro. Public auction of Pat & the late Jim Henson. 2008 16' Load Master Trailer, tandem axle 2' Beaver Tail, 81" wide (with title), Bass Hunter Boat, tools, firearms, ammo, antiques, collectibles, household, lawn & garden/outside items. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, mollettauctions.com, Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

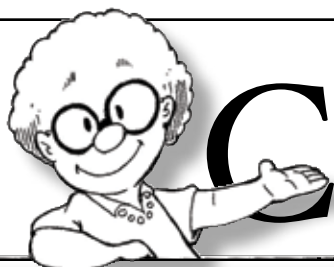
THURS., JUNE 29 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Gerald & Sharon Schreckenberger Trust auction. Register/bid now at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Preview June 5, 4-6 p.m. & checkout June 30, 4-6 p.m., both at 1221 S. Clinton Rd., Caseyville. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, mollettauctions.com, Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

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THURS., AUG. 24 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only machinery auction. Bidding begins Mon., Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. All items must be delivered to Micenheimer Auction lot, 4.5 mi. S of Taylorville, by Sun, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. Register/bid at micenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com. Micenheimer & Meyer Auction Services, Jim Micenheimer & Cory Meyer, auctioneers, 217-824-9324 or 217-820-9324 or 217-710-5642.

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Litchfield Kindergarteners Honor Vets

The students in Mrs. Elizabeth Clark's kindergarten class passed out artwork, necklaces, pinwheels and flags during Litchfield's Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29. From the left, are Mason Cox, Alex Vinson, Jayce Porter, Vanessa Randazzo, Elizabeth Clark and Autumn Clark.



MAC Visits Farmersville Elementary

The kindergarten through first grade students at Farmersville Grade School were treated to a special art class hosted by the Macoupin County Art Collective, prior to the end of the school year. Based out of Staunton, the not-for profit organization hosts a traveling art bus that offers a variety of creative classes. Above, the little learners enjoy the sunshine while creating their own three dimensional hot air balloons.

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Four Departments Called To Taylor Springs Fire

The Taylor Springs Fire Department was paged to a fully-engulfed vacant residents at 111 Water Street in Taylor Springs at 5:27 p.m. Tuesday, June 6.

According to the T.S. Fire Department, auto-mutual aid arrived from the Coffeen Fire Department, Shoal Creek Fire Department, and Witt Fire Department, along with the Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service, and the blaze was knocked down in time to save a neighbor's house leaving only siding damaged from the heat.

Coffeen responded with two trucks and seven firefighters, Shoal Creek sent two trucks and five firefighters, and Witt sent a ladder truck and five firefighters. Firefighters remained on the scene for two hours. Vacant House Fire

The Shoal Creek Fire Department responded to a fully-involved vacant two-story residence fire in Sorrento at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5.



Along with nine Shoal Creek firefighters, eight Greenville firefighters and eight from New Douglas arrived in mutual aid.

Firefighters were on the scene for four and a half hours, and the structure was a total loss. The Illinois State Fire Marshal's office is investigating the origins of the blaze.

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SLS Students Graduate Kindergarten

St. Louis Catholic School in Nokomis held their Kindergarten graduation on Wednesday, May 10. The special ceremony took place during Mass and was followed by a celebration with the little learners' families. In front, from the left, are Abilene Clavin, Wesley Ishmael, Kreed Bertolino, Wyatt Wilson and Harper O'Connell. In back, from the left, are Principal Cheryl Gonet, Wyatt Colgan, Colton Ishmael, Father Michael Meinhart, Harper Glenn, Heidi Slightom and teacher Diantha Harston.

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Nokomis Grads Donate To Causes

As Nokomis High School graduates, with the class of 2023, prepared to say farewell to high school, they had some extra money left in their class account and decided to honor three former Nokomis students with donations. The seniors presented three checks to Camren's Causes in memory of Camren Neisler, Crossover Ministries in memory of Kaden Reynolds and AVM research in memory of Ayden O'Malley. Pictured above, from the left are Jodi Reynolds (Kaden's mom), Carley King, Natalie Engelman, Brandi Chausse (Camren's mom), Emily Cress, Emma Keller and Roz and Denny O'Malley (Ayden's parents).



Pictured above, from the left are Diane Hendricks, Dianne Hampton, Lisa Bertolis, Mary Brown, Kara Bails and Lori Erskine.

Brown Insurance Honored With Awards

For the third year in a row, Brown Insurance, with offices in Hillsboro and Harvel, has been honored in the top tier for Erie Insurance.

The company has four tiers of recognition for the 134 agents, and staff members from Brown Insurance were honored at the annual Erie ABM awards night on Tuesday evening, May 9, at the Crowne Plaze in Springfield.

Pictured above, Mary Brown presents the Erie Producer of the Year Award to Lisa Bertolis of Brown Insurance.

"We could not have placed a tier without our great clients," said owner Mary Brown. "We thank you!"

In addition to the company award, agent Lisa Bertolis was awarded the Erie Producer of the Year.

"To say we are proud is an understatement," said Brown. "Lisa has received this award in recognition of her continuous hard work and leadership."

Blood Drive To Be Held At St. Francis

A Community Blood Drive will be held at HSHS St. Francis from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, at 1215 Franciscan Drive, inside the donor bus.

Those interested in making a donation are instructed to contact ImpactLife Springfield at 800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 60456 to locate the drive. Appointments are required.

Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 lbs. A photo ID is required to donate. For questions about eligibility, call ImpactLife at 1-800-747-5401. Donors who last gave on or before April 19, are eligible to give at this drive.

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