



Panhandle District ‘Charges Toward’ New School Year

by **Kyle Herschel**

School is back in session in the Panhandle School District and the students teachers and staff are “Charging Toward Excellence” in the new year.

The phrase, appropriate for Lincolnwood High School’s horse mounted mascot, was the overwhelming winner out of a poll of potential new mottos for the school district according to Superintendent Aaron Hopper

during the Panhandle School Board meeting on Monday, Aug. 28.

Pursuit of that excellence was evident in the items discussed at the meeting as Hopper thanked the staff for all of their hard work in getting the schools ready for the start of the new year. After touring the Farmersville campus earlier, the board toured the Raymond campus prior to Monday’s meeting.

Among the projects completed during the summer were concrete work at both

campuses, along with updates to the junior high rest room and high school auditorium.

Hopper added that he and buildings and grounds lead Jason Wagahoff are looking at one and five year plans for replacing air conditioning units, which are close to 20 years old. Hopper said that with the recent extreme heat, some of the units experienced problems, in part due to the black roof on which they set. Deflectors and other options to prevent overheating are being considered.

The charge toward excellence doesn’t just pertain to Raymond and Farmersville for the Panhandle students, though, as Hopper discussed during the board development section of the agenda.

Earlier in the day the Panhandle superintendent and Board President Terri Payne were in Litchfield for the opening of the South-Central Illinois (SCI) Training and Innovation Center.

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Illinois Governor JB Pritzker stopped in Litchfield on Monday afternoon, Aug. 28, for the grand opening of the South Central Illinois Regional Workforce Training and Innovation Center. Prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony, Governor Pritzker toured the facility, which includes hands-on training in construction trades, welding and automotive tech. Pictured above, from the left are Litchfield School District Career and Technical Education Coordinator Dr. David Lett, Deputy Governor Andy Manar of Bunker Hill and Governor JB Pritzker.

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Governor Attends Grand Opening Of SCI Center

by **Mary (Galer) Herschel**

“What a wonderful day for the students of Montgomery and Macoupin counties as we open the SCI Center,” said Litchfield Superintendent Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau.

Located at 2001 Eilerman Ave. next to Lincoln Land Community College in Li-

tchfield, the renovated warehouse is now home to state-of-the art career and technical education thanks to an \$8.6 million grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The South Central Illinois Regional Workforce Training and Innovation Center becomes the 25th career center in the state, and is the first new one since the 1970s.

“This is a proud moment,” Dr. Fuerstenau told the crowd of about 100, gathered on Monday afternoon, Aug. 28, for the official grand opening and ribbon cutting.

Helping to mark the special occasion was Illinois Governor JB Pritzker and Deputy Governor Andy Manar of Bunker Hill.

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Nokomis To Temporarily Fill Former Library Space

by **Ben Schwarm**

The Nokomis City Council voted to temporarily rent out the vacant space in city hall to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) at its council meeting on Aug. 28.

The large room had previously been the home of the Nokomis Public Library before it moved to a new, larger space in the former Masonic Lodge quarters. According to Mayor Dylan Goldsmith, IDOT reached out to him to ask about a potential place for its engineers to work from as it will be beginning a lengthy road project in the area along Illinois Route 16. Commissioners approved a motion to extend to IDOT a six-month lease for the space for \$650 per month. IDOT hopes to start operations there as soon as possible.

At previous meetings, commissioners discussed possible uses for the vacated area. Depending on whom eventually takes over

the space (the Nokomis Police Department has expressed interest), some remodeling will need to be done. Until that is decided, the council decided that it would be prudent to lease it temporarily to IDOT to assist the department and to generate revenue for the future renovations.

The results of a contentious discussion at the last regular council meeting on Aug. 14 manifested itself at Monday’s meeting. At the last meeting, Commissioner Mike Glenn again approached the subject of having Nokomis use an outside contractor to provide its water services (EJ Water Co-op has approached the city previously). However the last city council had voted against that idea earlier this year. A special meeting of the council was then held on Aug. 16 to talk more about the water issue. Commissioner Lou Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith were absent from the meeting, declaring

that they were not notified of it in advance. Glenn chaired that meeting, though no official action was taken.

This led to Glenn requesting that any sitting commissioner have the right to place an item on the council agenda (currently, the Mayor has that authority). On Monday, the council approved a motion made by Glenn stating that any commissioner has the right to place any items on the agenda for discussion and decision for any regular meeting. Mayor Goldsmith stated his objection to the motion, declaring that it was the mayor’s duty to set agendas as he is ultimately responsible for city action on ordinances. Commissioners Glenn, Tisha Morris and Scott Arkebauer voted for the change while Mayor Goldsmith voted against it - Commissioner Lou Stauder was absent for the meeting. The motion passed 3-1.

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Cross Over Event Marks Overdose Awareness Day

Cross Over Ministries is marking National Overdose Awareness Day with a special program on Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Lincoln Plaza in downtown Hillsboro from 4 to 9 p.m.

The program will remember loved ones who have passed away from a drug overdose.

This year’s program includes something for the whole family, with guest speakers, a candlelight vigil, Narcan training, outreach information tables, a bounce house, lemonade shake-up stand and a food truck from 4 to 8 p.m.

They will also provide live entertainment by *Linkboyz 3D-J7* and Christian hip hop artists, *AK The Christian Rapper* and *Dunamis Actz*.

Thu 31	78°/53°		Sunny	9%
Fri 01	82°/57°		Sunny	6%
Sat 02	87°/65°		Sunny	6%
Sun 03	91°/67°		Sunny	6%

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Meals On Wheels

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

Friday, Sept. 1: Egg, sausage breakfast casserole, hash browns, hot herbed tomatoes, cantaloupe and a cinnamon roll.

Monday, Sept. 4: Closed in observance of Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 5: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, butter beans, Melon Medley and whole grain bread.

Wednesday, Sept. 6: BBQ baked chicken, baby baked potatoes, broccoli with cheese, chilled peaches and a peanut butter cookie.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Pork roast, sweet potatoes, brussels sprouts, apple sauce and a whole grain roll.

Friday, Sept. 8: Chicken salad sandwich on wheat bread, potato salad, lettuce leaf with tomato and watermelon.

Monday, Sept. 11: Oven baked chicken, parsley potatoes, peas, whole grain bread and a banana.

Tuesday, Sept. 12: Hamburger on a bun, romaine lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, potato salad, three bean salad and watermelon.

Wednesday, Sept. 13: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, strawberries and a whole grain roll.

Thursday, Sept. 14: Chef salad with turkey, ham, egg, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrots, shredded cheese and salad dressing, mandarin orange, cake and club crackers.

Friday, Sept. 15: Sloppy joes on bun, au gratin potatoes, calico baked beans and cantaloupe.

Monday, Sept. 18: Turkey burger on a bun, glazed carrots, green beans and fruit cocktail.

Tuesday, Sept. 19: Ham hash brown casserole, succotash, whole grain roll and chilled pineapple.

Wednesday, Sept. 20: Chicken salad sandwich on wheat bread, Asian cole slaw, waldorf salad and strawberries.

Thursday, Sept. 21: Beef and noodles, brussels sprouts, corn and apricots.

Friday, Sept. 22: Pork burger on a whole grain bun, cole slaw, pickled beets and melon medley.

Monday, Sept. 25: Ball park frank on a bun, macaroni and cheese, California blend vegetables and peaches.

Tuesday, Sept. 26: Grilled chicken salad with romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and salad dressing, mandarin oranges, bread stick and graham crackers.

Wednesday, Sept. 27: Pork chops, roasted red potatoes, green beans, strawberries and a whole grain roll.

Thursday, Sept. 28: Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrots and peas, tossed salad with tomatoes and salad dressing, baked apples and garlic bread.

Friday, Sept. 29: Fish on a bun, cauliflower with cheese, baked beans and cantaloupe.

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

Hillsboro Water Conducting Free Chlorine Conversion

The City of Hillsboro Water Department will be conducting a free chlorine conversion from Thursday, Aug. 31 to approximately Friday, Oct. 13.

During this period, there is potential for a stronger smell of chlorine in the drinking water. Residual levels are constantly monitored leaving the treatment plant and are below the maximum regulatory limits.

To coincide with this process, the city of Hillsboro will begin hydrant flushing later in the week of Sept. 4.

During this time, there may be periods of lower water pressure and the potential for discolored water. If one encounters dirty water, please run the cold faucet until it subsides. Do not use the hot water supply until the water has cleared up.

It is also advised to check aerators after this is completed.



Panhandle Friends Take Paper On River Cruise

Two couples from the Panhandle area took a copy of The Journal-News with them on a Rhine River cruise in Europe this August. Pictured above, from the left are Kim and Dale Weitkamp of Raymond and Kim and David Jaeger of Waggoner. Their trip started in Zurich, Switzerland with stops in Basel, Switzerland, Strasbourg, France and Heidelberg, Germany to see the castle there.

The photo above was taken when they went through the Rhine River Gorge with the castle above them. The final stops on the cruise included Cologne, Germany and Amsterdam, Holland. While the guys toured a Maginot Line, the ladies toured wineries, and enjoyed a wonderful cruise together.

HSHS Hospitals Working Through System Outage

HSHS hospitals, Prairie Heart and Cardiovascular, and local medical group clinics continue to work through a temporary system outage. Currently, access to their phone system is sporadic, and MyChart communication is temporarily unavailable.

The hospitals have well-established downtime policies and procedures when experiencing technology outages, and are following those protocols and continuing to care for their patients with the same level of quality, safe and effective care that

has defined their Franciscan health ministry for decades.

The hospitals acknowledge this outage is causing inconvenience for some patients and that services may take longer to schedule or receive. They are grateful to caregivers, colleagues and physicians, who are doing everything possible to ensure the hospital can continue to serve the community while working diligently to resolve the outages.

The hospitals will provide updates on the situation as they become available.

Advanced Vet Care Hosts Open House In September

Hillsboro Advanced Vet Care is hosting an open house this fall to meet new doctors now working at the center.

New doctors are eager to meet the center's loyal clients and build relationships with them.

The open house will be

held on Saturday, Sept. 16, with a meet and greet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hillsboro Advanced Vet Care is located at 8153 IL Route 127 in Hillsboro. For more information, call 217-532-5310.



Famed former Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi once said, "the only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."

To honor the hard work of American men and women every day, the country will pause to celebrate Labor Day this Monday, Sept. 4.

The Journal-News office in downtown Hillsboro will be closed for business that day, and the next edition of The Journal-News will not be published until Tuesday, Sept. 5. The deadlines for both news items and advertisements will be Saturday, Sept. 2, at noon, and the office will be open for regular business hours on Tuesday.

And speaking of Labor Day, that can only mean one thing, it's time for the Witt Labor Day celebration! Festivities kick off with the all-school reunion on Saturday, pageants on Sunday, and parade on Monday, just to name a few! A full line-up of events appears in today's edition. See pages 8A-9A.

And don't forget about the annual Panama Mulligan! Things will be a little different this year as it won't be at the Panama VFW, but the tradition will still continue on Sunday, Sept. 3. Mulligan will be served at the Iron Horse Saloon, starting at noon, with food at the Nu-Way Deli as well.

Don't miss the car and bike show, with registration from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and judging at 1 p.m. Also included is live entertainment by The Strugglers from 2 to 6 p.m.

With fall on the horizon, there's only two more chances to catch the Imagine Hillsboro Farmers Market this season. Stop by the Lincoln Plaza in downtown Hillsboro this Saturday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon to find a wide variety of local vendors. The final event of the season will be Saturday, Sept. 16.

Montgomery County Treasurer Nikki Lohman reminds local residents that the final installment of local property taxes are due to her office in the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro by this Friday, Sept. 1. A penalty of 1.5 percent will be added to those bills not paid by the deadline. For more information, contact the treasurer's office at 217-532-9521.

Calling all readers! Wednesday, Sept. 6 is National Read a Book Day. Kids are invited to stop by the library after school and find a copy of their favorite book. Library staff will then add that book to the favorite reads shelf.

Just for joining the fun, all kids will get to pick out a prize from the treasure chest.

After more than a week of waiting and anticipation, Hillsboro High School Choir Director Amy Lemons has announced the spring operetta will be Something Rotten!

Set in 1595, Something Rotten takes place in London, England where brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are trying to find success writing plays. However, they are outshined by rock-star playwright, William Shakespeare. Desperate to find success, Nick gets help from a soothsayer for his next big hit and hilarity ensues. You won't want to miss any of the fun as the musical sets stage this spring.

And speaking of musicals, Hiltopper alumnus Shaw Riggs will be making his debut with the Lincoln Community Playhouse in Nebraska this October in Over the River and Through the Woods.

Riggs, who is a student at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, has been cast as Nick in this production. The son of Dave and Melody Riggs of Highland, he has been delighting fans onstage the past two summers at the Springfield Muni.

Also making headlines this summer is Ty Knodle, son of Mark and Julie Knodle of Fillmore. Knodle has been named a 2023 Silver Merit recipient by the American Simmental-Simbrab Foundation. He was one of 12 to be honored with a \$2,500 scholarship for post-secondary education. Knodle is described as "an excellent role model, whose actions speak louder than words."

Knodle's future plans include pursuing a degree in agricultural economics at Kansas State University, where he will continue his livestock judging career.



Lincolnwood Graduates Contribute To New Sign

Recent graduates of Lincolnwood High School have given back to their school district this fall. Members of the class of 2022 and class of 2023 made class gift donations to the school district for new signs in front of the building. The district appreciates their continued support of the school's programs.

TICKETS! PRINT YOUR TICKETS!

Have an event coming up and need to print tickets? Or programs? Or invitations? We can help with all of your printing needs. Call Journal Printing at 217-532-3933 or stop by 431 S. Main in Hillsboro.

Public Meetings

County Board Coordinating Committee

The Montgomery County Board Coordinating Committee will be meeting at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, in the county board room in the Historic Courthouse, located at #1 Courthouse Square in Hillsboro.

Agenda items include discussions on an EMA report and hazardous mitigation plan, CO2 Sequestrian Ad Hoc Committee update, update on the old highway department property, animal control facility and policy update, and fiscal year 2024 budget update and approval.

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No School For ROE #3 On Labor Day

The ROE #3 Alternative Education programs in Vandalia, Effingham and Litchfield will not have school on Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day, and resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

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Obituaries

Thursday, August 31, 2023 - **3A**

Paul M. Tomazzoli, 78

IHSA Official



Paul Mario Tomazzoli, 78, of Hillsboro, died on Aug. 28, 2023, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Memorial services will be held privately, but friends are invited to join the family for a remembrance reception open house to be held at the Lions Club in Hillsboro on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Tomazzoli was born on March 23, 1945, in Springfield, the son of Mario "Tye" and Blanche (Lorion) Tomazzoli. From the age of ten, he was raised by his maternal grandparents, Zephyr and Mary (Charles) Lorion of Coalton. He was a graduate of Nokomis High School with the class of 1963.

On May 7, 1966, Mr. Tomazzoli married Barbara Eddington of Witt at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Witt. They had three children, Dawn, Paul Jr. and Sean, and recently celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Directly out of high school, Mr. Tomazzoli was employed by Allis Chalmers in Springfield. He then began a long career as a construction carpenter, who helped build several projects, including the Pawnee Power Plant, Hillsboro Area Hospital, the Coffee Power Plant, the Litchfield overpass and the Clinton nuclear power plant. He was the superintendent of the construction of the Graham Correctional Center in Hillsboro. After its completion, he was employed at Graham Correctional Center as a carpenter.

After his time at Graham Correctional Center, he worked at the State of Illinois Library, first with the construction and later as an engineer. He then returned back to the Graham Correctional Center as chief engineer, where he retired in 2002, after 28 years of employment with the State of Illinois.

Mr. Tomazzoli and his wife Barbara also owned and operated the American Lounge in Coalton from 1970 to 1977. The American Lounge was a popular night club that had live bands.

Mr. Tomazzoli devoted his entire life to sports, as a player, coach, official and spectator. At Nokomis High School, he played baseball, basketball and football. For many years, he played on local men's softball leagues and coached his sons' sports teams. Mr. Tomazzoli's love of sports led him to become an official for 37 years with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), certified in baseball, softball, football and basketball. He had officiated three state high school football championships.

Mr. Tomazzoli was a member of the American Softball Association (ASA). He served on the ASA National staff, most recently holding the title of Umpire-In-Chief for Region 10. He served as the longest running State Umpire-In-Chief in the history of Illinois ASA, a position he held for 21 years. He was fortunate to umpire for the United States Women's Olympic softball team. In 2004, Mr. Tomazzoli was inducted to the ISA Hall of Fame and received the ISA lifetime achievement award in 2022, for 52 years of service to Illinois softball.

Mr. Tomazzoli was also the chairman for the Montgomery County Republican Committee for many years. He helped organize the visit of President Ronald Reagan to Butler in 1980. He also served on the Illinois Lottery Board, a post he held for several years.

Mr. Tomazzoli enjoyed attending auctions where he collected arrowheads and other native American artifacts. He was an avid wood carver for many years, and enjoyed researching the history of Montgomery County and anything related to the Old West.

One of Mr. Tomazzoli's favorite vacations was a trip to Italy with his wife, where they visited his father Mario's birthplace near Verona, Italy.

Mr. Tomazzoli was a man of strong convictions. He believed in telling things like they were and not what someone wanted to hear. He was never one to back down from confrontation; he would meet it head on. If you became his friend, you were a friend for life. He was very proud of his Italian heritage and his small-town upbringing. But his greatest love belonged to his family. They had his heart.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, daughter Dawn Stewart of Buellton, CA, sons Paul "Zee" (Lisa) Tomazzoli of Cobden and Sean (Michelle) Tomazzoli of Germantown; grandchildren Sara (Eric) Hartzog, Matthew (Hannah) Tomazzoli, Haley Tomazzoli, Bradley Tomazzoli, Chase (fiancé Taylor) and Reece Schneider and Will, Jackson and Colton Stewart; great-grandchildren, Sawyer Zephyr Bohannon and Emma Sue Tomazzoli; brother Richard Tomazzoli; brothers-in-law Alan Eddington and Brad "Smoke" Eddington, sisters-in-law Staci (Tom) Eakins and Jill (Robert) Winger; half brothers and sisters Ron, Mike and Debbie Vandever; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, in-laws Carl and Margaret Eddington, sister Mary Tomazzoli, brother-in-law Gerry Eddington, granddaughter Taylor Cheyanne Tomazzoli, nephew Shane Tomazzoli and son-in-law David Stewart.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Taylor Tomazzoli Scholarship Fund at 413 N. Appleknocker Dr., Cobden, IL 62920.

Clayton O. Compton, 61

Avid Outdoorsman



Clayton Owen Compton, 61, of Witt died Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at 9:07 a.m. at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Cremation rites were accorded per Mr. Compton's wishes, and no services are planned. Stiehl Dawson Funeral Home of Nokomis is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Compton was born Sept. 7, 1961, in Hillsboro, to the late Walter and June (Jacobson) Compton. He married Sharon Fleming on July 8, 1995, in Groveland, and she survives.

A high school graduate, he had worked for 23 years as a painter with Local 157. He loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycles, fishing, hunting and camping.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Compton is survived by his children, Christopher and Casey Compton, both of Omaha, NE, and stepdaughter, Shelly Carver of Witt; grandchildren, Heaven Xandra Rain Worthy and Isaha Worthy of Witt; brother, Bob (Faye) Compton of Panama; and sisters, Sandy (Leo) Miller of Sorento and Gail (Mark) Schuler of Pierron.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Tim R. Compton, on Dec. 8, 2020, and brother, Rich Compton on Aug. 29, 2014.

Memorials may be directed to the family of Clayton Owen Compton, in care of Stiehl Dawson Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left at stiehl dawsonfh.com

Ruth A. Trobaugh, 94

Devoted Wife And Mother



Ruth A. (Paisley) Trobaugh of rural Greenville, passed away on Aug. 19, 2023, at Greenville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

A private family service was held on Aug. 22, at Donnell-Weigand Funeral Home in Greenville, officiated by the Rev. Dawson Miller. Interment followed at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Greenville, and Mrs. Trobaugh was laid to rest between her husband and her father.

Mrs. Trobaugh was born to Alve M. and Sylvia Ruth (Smith) Paisley on Dec. 18, 1928, in Highland. She was raised on the former Paisley farm, where she lived her entire life. After attending Elm Point School, she graduated from Reno High School.

She met Ernie Trobaugh, and they were married on Feb. 22, 1947, sharing more than 64 years of marriage before he passed away on Oct. 7, 2011. The couple built their life farming, raising Black Angus cattle and most importantly, raising their two daughters. Mrs. Trobaugh was a hard worker and a devoted and selfless wife and mother. She was a member of the Baptist faith.

Her legacy lives on in her survivors, two daughters, Cynthia "Cindy" Grove of Litchfield and Charlene "Cheri" (husband Brad) Ozee of Hillsboro; three grandchildren, Kristi (husband Travis) Rogers, Matthew (fiancee Ariel) Ozee and Abby (husband Barry) Wright; and four great-grandchildren, Ethan, Olivia, Grace and Andrew.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by one brother.

The family suggests memorials to VITAS Health Care, Suite 100, 16 Executive Drive, Fairview Heights, IL 62208 or to Greenville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 400 E. Hillview, Greenville, IL 62246.

Norman R. Rhoades, 88

High School Band Director



Norman Rex Rhoades, 88, of Vandalia, formerly of Ramsey, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, surrounded by family at SBL Fayette County Hospital LTC in Vandalia.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 31, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, as well as from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, also at the church. Funeral services will follow visitation at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, with the Rev. Curtis Flake officiating. Burial will be in the Ramsey Cemetery. Miller Funeral Home in Vandalia is assisting the family.

Mr. Rhoades was born at home on Aug. 13, 1935, in rural Ramsey, the son of Alvia V. and Hettie O. (Blythe) Rhoades. He married Mary Ann Vandever on August 13, 1961, in Kinmundy, and she survives.

A farmer, he worked as the high school band director in Lovington, Kinmundy and Nokomis for several years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ramsey and later Vandalia. In addition, he held memberships with Gideons International, Illinois Music Educators Association, Illinois Educators Association, Board of Directors of Lincoln Farm Bureau Farm Management and board of directors of Pana Community Hospital and Foundation and was a past membership with Rotary International.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Rhoades of Vandalia; his children, sons Kevin (Janette) Rhoades of St. Charles, MO and Kelly (Tamra) Rhoades of St. Louis, MO and daughter Kathryn (Paul) Taylor of Fillmore; sister Mabelene Virden of Vandalia; grandchildren, Aftan, Meghan, Taylor, Abigail, Scott, Matthew, Grant and Claudia and great grandchildren Emmet, Lucas, Jackson, Rayland, Daniel and Samuel.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Norman Virden.

Memorials may be made to Pana Community Hospital Foundation Fund, Gideons International or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research.

Online memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.millerfh.net.

Emma Vlasich, 102

Gourmet Chef



Emma Lena (Parola) Vlasich of Gillespie, 102, died on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023, at 8:40 a.m. at Gillespie Health and Rehab Center.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, at SS Simon and Jude Church in Gillespie. There will be a memorial Mass following at 11 a.m. at the church. Inurnment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Gillespie. Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Vlasich was born on Sept. 13, 1920, in Taylor Springs, the daughter of James and Maddalena (Davito) Parola. She married Henry Vlasich on Oct. 13, 1940, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 2004.

Mrs. Vlasich worked as a legal secretary and a secretary for SS Simon and Jude Church in Gillespie before she retired. She was defined by her church, beauty and cooking expertise. A devout Catholic, she practiced her religion faithfully.

Twice a queen, Mrs. Vlasich was crowned the Hillsboro High School Homecoming Queen in 1937, the first Italian girl from Taylor Springs to do so. She was later crowned queen for the annual Cannan Anna civic organization festival in 1955, which was held every summer in Gillespie.

She was recognized by everyone as a gourmet chef, and eating at her table was a memorable experience that was shared by all her friends and family.

She is survived by her sons, Henry Daniel (Suzanne) Vlasich of Arizona and James (Grace) Vlasich of Colorado; grandchildren, Daniel Christopher Vlasich and Brooke Vlasich both of California and Ming (Danny) Scheid of Colorado.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Gillespie Public Library, 201 West Chestnut, Gillespie, IL 62033.

St. Jude Novena

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Pamella Ellington, 66

Long-Time Care Giver



Pamella Sue (Long) Ellington, 66, of Sorento, died unexpectedly at 1:23 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1 at Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento. Funeral services will follow visitation at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Dee Armes officiating. Private interment rites will be held at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sorento at a later date.

Mrs. Ellington was born on Sept. 28, 1956, in Litchfield, the daughter of Wayne William and Mary Lou (Loew) Long. She graduated from Greenville High School with the class of 1975. She worked as a caregiver most of her life, primarily caring for her mother. A lifetime member of the Sorento Presbyterian Church, she loved crocheting, dancing and Zumba.

Mrs. Ellington is survived by a daughter, Billie (Mathew) Worstell of Greenville; grandchildren, Austin Sorensen, Evan Worstell and Reece Worstell; siblings, Gary W. (Christina) Long of Donnellson, Larry D. (Rosella) Long of Taylor Springs, Ronald L. (Melody) Long of Litchfield, Russell W. Long of Sorento and Clara L. (Mike) Jatcko of Litchfield and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son and an infant daughter.

Memorial are suggested to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852 or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116. Condolences may be left online at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Tammy J. Logsdon, 59

Lifetime Litchfield Resident



Tammy Jean Logsdon, 59, of Litchfield died on Sunday evening, Aug. 27, 2023, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Litchfield Family Funeral Service, located at 700 South State in Litchfield. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield.

Mrs. Logsdon was born April 29, 1964, in Litchfield, a daughter of Carl and Jean Hofmann-Curto.

She graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1982.

Mrs. Logsdon is described by her family and friends as "a creative soul who infused her warmth, love, and kindness in every aspect of her life." She enjoyed crafting, crocheting and refinishing furniture, while accompanied by her two cats. Always the driver, she enjoyed taking trips with her mom and sisters. In her role as a mother, daughter and grandmother she was loving, caring and funny. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

Mrs. Logsdon is survived by her mother, Jean Curto of Litchfield; her children, daughter Katherine Logsdon of Litchfield and sons Brian Logsdon and Jeremy (Katelyn) Pattillo, both of Litchfield; seven grandchildren; sisters, Laurie Birkenkamp and Carla Halbe, both of Litchfield; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Memorials are suggested to the family's choice. Visit www.litchfieldffs.com to leave condolences or light a candle in her memory.

Donna M. Pringle, 88

Outgoing Caregiver

Donna M. Pringle, 88 of Greenville, died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at Greenville Nursing and Rehab.

The funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Columbus Baptist Church, with the Reverend Bruce Sasse, officiating. Burial will follow at Taylor Cemetery, in rural Mulberry Grove. Assalley-Young Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Pringle was born March 6, 1935, in Fayette County, the daughter of William and Lois (Bone) Alton. She married Darrell Willeford then she married Harold Pringle, they both preceded her in death.

Mrs. Pringle was an outgoing person who loved to chat, make friends and she never knew a stranger. Her ability to talk assisted in her job as a waitress and a care giver to the elderly. She belonged to the Columbus Baptist Church.

Mrs. Pringle is survived by her sister, Inis Long of Carlyle; brother, Randall Alton of Centralia; three grandchildren, Jessica, John, and Wendy.

In addition to both husbands she was preceded in death by her parents; children, John William Willeford, Kimberly Willeford, Lucinda F. 'Cindy' Willeford, Stanley Willeford; siblings, Barbra J. Spratt, Gerald Alton, and Murvil Alton.

In lieu of flowers or other gifts memorials may be sent to the Greenville Nursing and Rehab Activities Department, 400 E. Hillview Ave., Greenville, IL 62446. Condolences may be left online at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.



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Matt Ozee, Ariel Johnsey Plan October Ceremony

Ariel Johnsey of Mt. Olive and Matt Ozee of Carlinville announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kirk and Cathy Johnsey of Hillsboro. A 2005 graduate of Hillsboro High School, she earned degrees from Illinois State University in Bloomington in 2009 and 2012. She is currently employed as a special education teacher for the Litchfield School District.

Her future husband is the son of Brad and Cheri Ozee of Hillsboro. Also a 2005 graduate of Hillsboro High School, he earned his degree at Blackburn College in Carlinville in 2010. He is currently a coal miner for Patton Mining.

The couple plan to marry on Oct. 14, 2023.

Mt. Olive Church Hosting One Day VBS On Sept. 9

Mt. Olive First Baptist Church will be hosting a one-day Vacation Bible School program on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The theme will be "Jesus is My Super Hero," and the day will consist of a free lunch, games, prizes and more. The free event is open to children ages four to 12 years old, and pre-registration is not required. The First Baptist Church is located at 410 W. 3rd North St. in Mt. Olive.

Local DAR Chapter Will Meet At Hillsboro Library

Members of the Christiana Tillson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet in September to discuss their upcoming trivia night fundraiser in November.

Although the group typically meets on the first Thursday of each month, the September meeting has been moved to Wednesday evening, Sept. 6, due to some scheduling conflicts. The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Hillsboro Area Public Library, beginning at 6 p.m.

On the agenda, members will discuss the trivia night fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 11, to benefit the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship. Members are reminded that annual dues may be paid at this meeting as well.

Blended Artists Plan Trivia Night Fundraiser

Members of the Blended Artists Imaginarium group are planning a trivia night fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 30, at The Event Center of Montgomery County.

With a Halloween theme, this horror trivia night is sure to be spooky, especially with some help from their friends. Organizers of the annual Hellsboro haunt are teaming up with Blended Artists Imaginarium to offer some spooky good fun.

Registration is \$100 per table, with up to eight players per table. Mulligans will also be available to purchase. The fundraiser will also include a raffle for a booze coffin, lotto tree and a couple of extra games throughout the evening.

Prizes will be awarded for best group costumes and scariest costumes.

Participants may bring outside snacks, but drinks must be purchased inside.

Proceeds from the trivia night will help to fund future shows, equipment, rights and scholarships.

For more information or to reserve a table, contact Blended Artists Imaginarium on Facebook.

Litchfield Church To Host Worship Service Sunday

Pastor Cynthia Munker will lead worship with Holy Communion for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The worship service will be live-streamed on the church's Facebook Page.

The congregation will study scriptures including Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8. The gospel for preaching and study is Matthew 16:21-28.

The service will feature a favorite hymn sing of songs chosen by the congregation. The Mission Beyond Our Walls for September is ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States.

When the dust settles and the headlines change, ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Current reasons for the need of disaster relief in America are flooding, hurricanes, severe storms, tornadoes and wildfires.



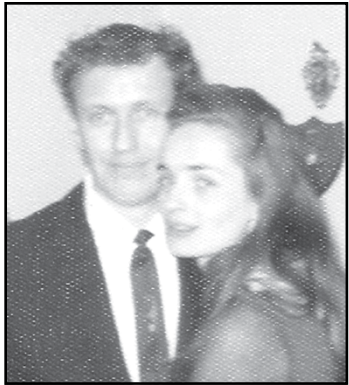
Robert and Linda Schwehr, pictured above, celebrated 50 years of marriage this year.

Schwehr Couple Celebrate Golden Anniversary In 2023

Robert and Linda (Odle) Schwehr of Hillsboro celebrated their 50th anniversary with a small gathering at the Canton Inn, surrounded by close friends and family helping celebrate.

The Schwehrs' were married on Feb. 7, 1973, and have five children, Sherry (Robert), Vernon (Patti), John (Nicole), Todd (Rachel) and Robert, as well as 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Schwehr worked for Hillsboro Glass for 30 years, before driving a mail truck for 15 years, and then retired. Mrs. Schwehr was employed by Heritage Manor in Litchfield for many years.



Robert and Linda Schwehr in 1973

Nokomis Fall Festival Set For This October

Although it may not feel like fall yet, the Nokomis community has announced plans for the annual Fall Festival.

This year's event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Memorial Park in Nokomis.

With something for everyone, the event includes free inflatables for the kids, hay rides, food vendors, craft and product vendors, pumpkin painting and more.

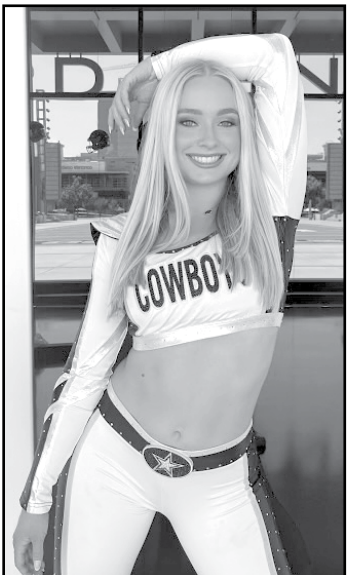
Live entertainment will be provided by Molly Seaton from 10 a.m. to noon and Josh Holland from noon to 2 p.m.

Madison Galer Chosen As Dallas Cowboys Dancer

Madison Galer of Ft. Worth, TX, has officially made the squad of the Dallas Cowboys Rhythm and Blue Dancers for the 2023-2024 season, and has already begun performing with the team this season.

Galer is the daughter of Troy and Chari Galer of Ft. Worth, TX, and granddaughter of Doug and Janice Galer of Hillsboro.

She graduated cum laude in May 2023 from the University of North Texas with a bachelor of science degree in fashion merchandising. While in college, she spent three years as part of the North Texas Dancers and was a Nationals Captain.



Madison Galer

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY - HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC., PLAINTIFF
vs.
GEORGE A. GUINN IV; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; JANELLE JAROS; DEFENDANTS
No. 2022FC34
Address: 654 East Crickenberger Avenue, Nokomis, IL 62075
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2023, I, Sheriff of Montgomery County, Illinois, will on October 4, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 AM at the Montgomery County Courthouse 120 N. Main Street, Hillsboro, IL 62560, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Montgomery, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
COMMON ADDRESS: 654 East Crickenberger Avenue, Nokomis, IL 62075
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The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.
THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$75,868.81
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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Earl Flack, at right, an alumnus of the Hillsboro High School wrestling program, presents a \$500 donation to HHS Wrestling Coach Garrett Young on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 29.

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HHS Wrestling Team Seeks Donations For Equipment

The Hillsboro High School wrestling program sent out letters this month asking for donations from alumni of the program and community members.

Head Coach Garrett Young has served at the helm of the program for the past five years, averaging 17 athletes each year.

"Our kids are passionate about wrestling and committed to representing Hillsboro with pride, which is why I'm reaching out," Young said.

The team needs about \$3,000 in donations for this year's program. Among their needs are to replace outdated equipment that can no longer be repaired, including two assault bikes and three slam balls. They are also looking for funding for team T-shirts and a pair of workout shorts for each athlete, as well as finances for hotel lodging during wrestling tournaments.

Young said they do receive some support from the HHS

Sports Boosters, but it's not enough to cover all their needs this year.

One alumnus, Earl Flack, donated \$500, and encouraged others in the community to do the same. Flack said the Hiltopper wrestling program and former Coach Dave Ball made a huge impact in his life and he wants to continue to support current wrestlers.

Donations may be sent to Hillsboro High School, 522 E. Tremont Street, Hillsboro, IL 62049, with checks designated to the HHS Wrestling program. Any contributions that exceed the \$3,000 will be put toward future teams or providing meals for athletes at wrestling events.

Young, who is himself an alumnus of the HHS wrestling program, said the community support will help build the program, and he encourages local residents to check out the team in person this winter.

Nokomis Community Plans Christmas Event

The newly formed Nokomis Community Events Group is making plans for this year's Christmas celebration in downtown Nokomis.

A "Snowkomis Christmas" will be held Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9.

The new group has joined with 20 other community groups to bring this year's Christmas celebration to Nokomis. Among the activities planned are a live nativity, parade, pictures, treats with Santa and ice skating to name a few.

Local businesses, groups and individuals are invited to help with this year's event. The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Nokomis City Hall.

They are also looking for a slogan and logo, which will be essential for their marketing

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Litchfield Travel Group Planning Next Trips

by **Mary (Galer) Herschelmann**

"I'm an extrovert and I love being around people," said travel organizer Shane Cress, a teacher at Litchfield High School. "I love getting to know students in ways you just can't in the classroom."

For the past four years, Cress has been taking students from Litchfield High School on European adventures through the Education First travel company.

He said it started in 2018-2019 when his wife, Karen, was working in the Staunton School District. One of her co-workers invited him to a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game to learn more about the Education First travel program.

Cress said he wasn't sure at first, but he took a random poll in one of his classes and many of the students said they wanted to go on a trip to Europe.

"It launched at the Cardinals game, and ten days later I had 33 people signed up for our first trip to Paris, London and Dublin," he said.

Even before taking that first trip in the summer of 2019, Cress began making plans for the 2020 trip to Italy and Greece.

"I set it up on a leap of faith even before I ever went on the first trip," he said.

Cress said he works hard to set the trips up two years in advance to allow for students to make monthly payments, which in turn makes them more affordable.

His leap of faith turned into a fabulous trip in the summer of 2019, and everyone was looking forward to the next trip.

But then Covid hit, putting a halt to any travel outside the country. By that time, Cress was not only planning the 2020 trip but the 2021 trip to Germany, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and more.

The delay in travel caused somewhat of a reduction in local travelers, but both the 2020 and 2021 trips took off without a hitch in the summer of 2022.

This past year, Cress's travelers joined a group of students from Nevada for a tour of Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and London. Among the highlights was a visit to the Anne Frank House



Pictured above, Litchfield travelers stop in Amsterdam. In front, from the left are Mary Ann Fenton, Amanda Sypherd, Madi Bremerkamp, Josie Bebee, Charlene Matuszak, Sofia Ray, Emily Frerichs, Karen Cress, Carlee Harmon and Amber Harmon. In back are Jes Kruse, Myka Fenton, Jackson Painter, Amber Wheat, Billy Calladine, Colten Hester, Will Cress, Kaiden Law, Zach Boston, Kristin Gruelle, Laura Boston, Charlotte Gardner and Shane Cress.



Pictured above, the Litchfield travelers are posing in Florence. In front, from the left are Anna Baugher, Charlotte Gardner, Emma Reid, Jennifer Reid, Denise Shrewsbury-DeLaCruz and Karen Cress. In back are Andy Fischer, Jennifer Baugher, Toby Baugher, Ryan Baugher, Brian Reid, Shane Cress, Alex DeLaCruz, Cy Cress, Audrey Fischer and Amy Fischer.

in Amsterdam and seeing some of the sights where the popular Apple TV show "Ted Lasso" was filmed in Richmond, just outside London.

Cress said the students loved the stop in Brussels and had a chance to really explore the city on their own.

Prior to taking students to Europe, Cress had only been outside the country twice, once on a mission trip to India and once on a Education First training tour to Rome, Italy.

"I love traveling myself," he said. "I definitely found a spirit of adventure I didn't

know I had until six or seven years ago."

Cress has been able to share his passion for traveling with his wife, Karen, who has been on all the trips but one, and two of his sons, who have each taken a trip across the sea.

He is now looking for fellow adventurers in the Litchfield community for two upcoming trips. Currently, he has 17 signed up for an Ireland adventure in the summer of 2024 for nine days, and there's still room for more.

He's also planning an 11-day trip to Switzerland, Italy, Lake Como, French Riviera, Nice, Provence and ending in Barcelona.

A meeting for anyone interested in attending those trips will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 6, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Unit Office in Litchfield.

"It's been amazing," Cress said. "The more I travel and repeat trips, the more it becomes about me enabling this amazing experience for others."

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The applicant operates a former coal fired steam electric generating station (SIC 4911) which generated approximately 1000 MW. The plant ceased operation on November 1, 2019. Plant operation after closure results in an intermittent discharge of sewage treatment plant effluent, stormwater runoff, emergency recycle pond overflow, and ponded and subsurface free liquid wastewaters from Outfall 020, stormwater and treated ponded and subsurface free liquid wastewaters from Outfall 023, and an intermittent discharge of stormwater runoff from Outfalls 002, 018, and 024.

The application, draft permit and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the Agency between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A Fact Sheet containing more detailed information is available at no charge. For further information, call the Public Notice Clerk at 217/782-0610.

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Tiny Miss Witt and Tiny Mister Witt



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Leyton Schmitt



Hazel Kistner



Kairi Smith



Raven Smith



Doratheia Wright



Colt Porter

The annual Witt Labor Day celebration kicks off this weekend with an all-school reunion, parade, pageants and more.

This year's new Witt royalty will be crowned on Sunday evening, Sept. 3, beginning at 6 p.m. at the stage in downtown Witt. The pageant director is Meghan Marette.

Assisting with the pageant will be retiring 2022 royalty, including Tiny Mister Witt Roland Castellanos, Little Miss Witt Briella Osborn, Little Mister Witt Griffin Marette, Junior Miss Witt Rylee Jones and Miss Witt Laurn Miller.

Nine youngsters are vying for the title of Tiny Miss Witt. They are Charleigh Camp, daughter of Brandon and Kennah Camp of Coffeen, Jacqueline Eaton, daughter of RaeAnna Eaton, Liana Gorman, daughter of Nicole Gorman of Witt, Hallie Hillbrant, daughter of Madysan Scheifer of Irving, Hazel Hillbrant, daughter of Madysan Scheifer of Irving, Hazel Kistner, daughter of Gabriela Stewart and Dustin Kistner, Kairi Smith, daughter of Brittany and Justin Smith of Hillsboro, Raven Smith, daughter of Brittany and Justin Smith of Hillsboro and Doratheia Wright, daughter of Oliver and Alexandra Wright of Hillsboro.

Two contestants are vying for the title of Tiny Mister Witt. They are Colt Porter, son of Kassie Price and Trevor Porter of Witt and Leyton Schmitt, son of Evelyn and Adam Schmitt of Hillsboro. Both the Tiny Miss Witt and Tiny Mister Witt competitions are photo contests, based on monetary voting.

Other new royalty to be crowned at this year's pageants including Little Miss Witt, Junior Miss Witt and Miss Witt.

Vying for the title of Little Miss Witt are Indi Flowers, daughter of Matt and Nina Flowers of Irving, Hadley Kennedy, daughter of Steven and Dora Kennedy of Hillsboro, Harlie Pilgrim, daughter of Ashley Bell and Kory Pilgrim, Korra Smith, daughter of Brittany and Justin Smith of Hillsboro and Sawyer Spencer, daughter of Michael and Caitlin Spencer of Hillsboro.

Competing for the title of Junior Miss Witt are Kaelin Cress, daughter of Kyle and Amanda Cress of Hillsboro, Emberlee Gilbert, daughter of Justin and Jillian Gilbert of Hillsboro and Angel Spensberger, daughter of Jake and Heather Spensberger of Irving.

Vying for the title of Miss Witt are Brynn Connor, daughter of Jeremy and Shanna Connor of Hillsboro and Summer Spencer, daughter of Michael and Caitlin Spencer of Nokomis.

Miss Witt



Brynn Connor



Summer Spencer

Junior Miss Witt



Kaelin Cress



Emberlee Gilbert



Angel Spensberger

Little Miss Witt



Indi Flowers



Hadley Kennedy



Harlie Pilgrim



Korra Smith



Sawyer Spencer

Nokomis FFA Collecting Tabs

Members of the Nokomis High School FFA chapter are collecting soda can tabs this school year to benefit Ronald

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Registration is still open for the 13th annual Litchfield Triathlou triathlon. The city of Litchfield is partnering with Racemaker Productions to present the race on Saturday, Sept. 10, at Lake Lou Yaeger, welcoming athletes from across the country to compete in sprint, Olympic, half and aquabike

half-distance races. The race will begin and end at Marina 1. The running portion will cover the flat streets of Litchfield on an out-and-back course. Lake Lou Yaeger, with its large sand beach, is considered one of the best lakes in the Midwest for open water swims, and the area's country roads

allow for fast racing during the biking portion.

All Triathlou athletes get the official race shirt, custom finisher medal, post-race snacks and free photos. Register at runsignup.com. More information is also available on the Racemaker Productions Facebook page, or by calling 217-324-8147.

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The Downtown Nokomis Association is teaming up with Cake It On Corner Cakery and 16 and State Mercantile to host a special event this September.

Canines and Cars will take center stage at Fred B. Johnson Park in Nokomis on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Registration for the car show begins at 9 a.m. The pre-registration fee is \$10, and cars may still register the day of the event for \$15. The car show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to the car show, there will be food trucks, vendors, raffles and on-site

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WITT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION
Witt Lions Building

4 - 6 p.m. Registration of Alumni and Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6 p.m. Banquet for Alumni and Guest
(Reservations for Banquet needed by August 24 -- 217-556-6082)

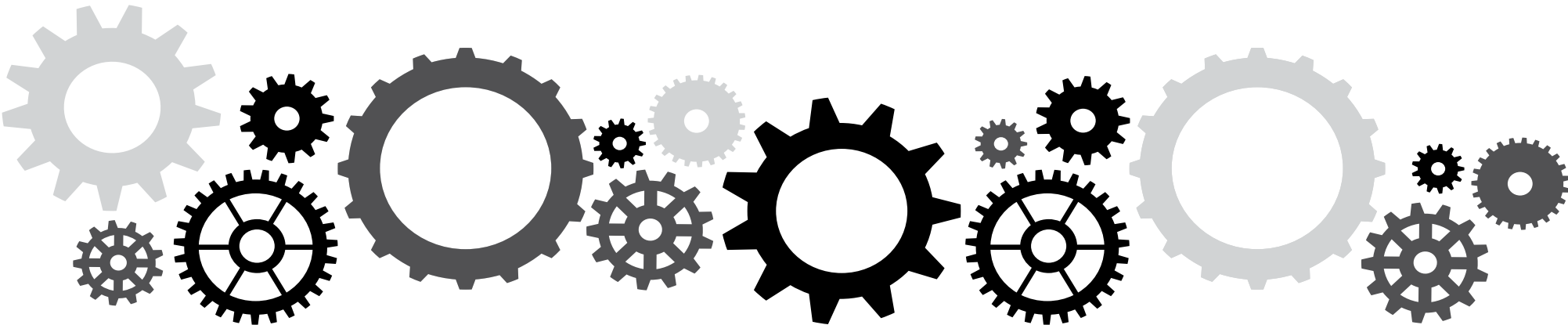
8 p.m. - MidnightChapman Brothers Band (Beer Pavilion)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9 a.m. - 12 Noon Car-Motorcycle Show Registration (City Park)
12 - 3 p.m. Car-Motorcycle Show
3 p.m. Car-Motorcycle Show Trophy Presentation
10 a.m.-3 p.m. Witt Firemen’s Flea Market (Broadway)
12 - 5 p.m. Witt Area Historical Museum Open House
1 p.m. Washer Pitch Contest (Beer Pavilion)
4-7 p.m. Hunter Sharp (Beer Pavilion)

1-9 p.m. Bounce House

6 p.m. Witt Pageant (Grandstand)
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- 11 a.m. PARADE
- 12 Noon. Announcement of Parade Winners (Downtown)
- 12 Noon. Pedal Tractor Pull Sign-Up (Downtown)
- 12 - 3 p.m. Bounce House
- 12:05 p.m. Performance by Hillsboro High School Marching Hiltoppers (Downtown)
- 12 - 3 p.m. Witt Area Historical Museum Open House
- 1 p.m. Pedal Tractor Pull (Downtown)
- 1 p.m. Washer Pitch Contest (Beer Pavilion)
- 3 - 6 p.m. Molly Seaton (Beer Pavilion)
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Deputy Governor Andy Manar and Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, center, officially cut the ribbon to open the South Central Illinois Training and Innovation Center on Monday afternoon, Aug. 28. They are pictured above with speakers from the ceremony and business partners of the program.

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After the ceremony, Governor Pritzker took photos with some of the current students enrolled in the program. From the left are Luke Lankutis of Litchfield, construction teacher Jason Jackson, Prestyn Buzick of Litchfield, Isabel Cano of Hillsboro, Mattie Johnson of Nokomis, Remington Koniak of Gillespie, Ian Mitchell of Mt. Olive, Easton Grammer of Litchfield, Martavious Jones of Litchfield, Governor JB Pritzker, Dalton Overmeyer of Litchfield, Kyle Voyles of Litchfield, Brawly Jacobs of Litchfield, Deputy Governor Andy Manar, Gage Sellers of Litchfield, auto teacher Eric Gray and welding teacher Matt Belusko.

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SCI Center Ribbon Cutting

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“It’s an exciting time for jobs and economic growth across downstate Illinois and for the first time, students here in south-central Illinois will have access to 21st century career paths that can begin upon high school graduation, said Governor Pritzker. “These are the types of strategic investments that build our workers’ skills to take the jobs available right now in high growth industries of the future. And most importantly, this puts Illinois at the forefront of economic progress in the nation.”

In addition to serving students at Litchfield High School, the center also works with students from eight other regional high schools, including Bunker Hill, Carl- ington, Gillespie, Hillsboro, Mt. Olive, Nokomis, Panhandle and Staunton. Organizers hope to offer adult education classes in the

evenings in the future.

Governor Pritzker noted that for decades the nation pulled back from career and technical education, and he has dreamed of seeing it brought back. He thanked Lincoln Land Community College and Lewis and Clark Community College for offering dual credit classes through the new center, as well as local business partnerships and the school district.

“This is a testament to the very best of private/public partnerships,” Governor Pritzker said. “It’s set to become a model for rural communities across the state of Illinois.”

In addition to the \$8.6 million grant, private partnerships helping with the project include the John D. Brubaker Foundation, which helped in the auto tech center, Worksaver for providing equipment for the welding program and McKay Auto

Parts for putting a small shop inside the auto tech classroom.

Governor Pritzker also thanked Deputy Governor Andy Manar, who helped to kick start the project when he was a state senator. Helping to finish was Senator Doris Turner.

“The concept is quite simple,” said Manar. “Not every student dreams of a college degree. Not every employer needs workers with a college degree. And not every school district can offer these opportunities to students. But that’s not going to happen here anymore because of the leadership of the Litchfield School District and surrounding school districts.”

State Representative Wayne Rosenthal, who also serves as a trustee on the board for Lincoln Land Community College, credited Dr. Fuerstenau and Litchfield School District Career and Technical Education Coordi-

nator Dr. David Lett for their vision in this project.

“It benefits everyone in this area and there’s plenty of room to expand,” Rosenthal said.

Litchfield Mayor Steve Dougherty said his administration has been regionally-minded for years, adding that he was glad the school district had that same philosophy.

“We can’t grow without being regionally-minded,” he said. “What we are lacking here is a well-trained workforce. SCI will be able to provide that for us. Watch us grow.”

Roger Eddy, a member of the Illinois State Board of Education praised Dr. Fuerstenau and Dr. Lett not only for their vision in the center, but for bringing that vision to fruition and getting businesses, industry, educators and more to work together on the project.

Charlotte Warren, who serves as the president of Lincoln Land Community College, said they are looking forward to having good neighbors in Litchfield at the SCI Center. She said they are excited to continue to grow the partnership as well.

Panhandle School District Superintendent Aaron Hopper, who also serves as the president of the non-profit SCI Prairie Works, talked about the journey to expand career and technical education in this region, which started with the four school districts in Montgomery County. He talked about the growing Ag Academy programs offered at Lincolnwood High School in Raymond as part of this program as well.

Earl Flack, president and CEO of McKay Auto Parts said he hopes their partnership with the school district will help to create a positive shift in career and technical education.

In closing, Litchfield School Board President Julie Abel thanked everyone for coming and recognized many dignitaries in attendance. She also thanked Dr. Fuerstenau and Dr. Lett for daring to dream big and understanding the need for this type of program in this region.

“This is the day we have been waiting for,” Abel said.

After her remarks, dignitaries helped to officially cut the ribbon on the new center, and those present were invited to tour the facility.

Students from several school districts began classes at the South Central Illinois Regional Workforce Training and Innovation Center on Aug. 16. A public tour is also being planned at a later date.

Oak Grove Cemetery Group Postpones Trivia Fundraiser

Members of the Oak Grove Cemetery Association have announced plans to postpone their inaugural trivia night fundraiser.

Originally planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, the group has postponed that event until a later date. Group

members felt there were lots of trivia night fundraisers planned for this fall already and they didn’t want to oversaturate things.

Any participants who have already donated or submitted entry forms, checks will be returned at this time.

Panhandle Board

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The facility will offer a variety of programs including welding, construction, automotive and other trades and is partnering with Lincoln Land Community College and Lewis & Clark Community College. Nine schools are included in the partnership for the SCI Center, with Litchfield, Hillsboro, Nokomis, Mt. Olive, Staunton, Gillespie, Carlinville, Bunker Hill joining Panhandle.

In addition to the opportunities at the new SCI Center, Hopper said that several students from other schools are involved in the Lincolnwood Ag Academy. Lincolnwood students can also take part in education classes through Nokomis, EMT classes and automotive and construction classes through Litchfield and Hillsboro.

Hopper also spoke about some of the other organizations in which the district is involved, including the Regional Office of Education, which includes schools in Bond, Fayette and Effingham counties; the Midstate Special Education cooperative, where Panhandle is one of 13 districts; and the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative and Egyptian Area Schools Employee Benefit Trust.

Hopper said that the high school and junior high are also part of the MSM Conference, which could be adding Bunker Hill for some sports.

In a different type of agreement, the board briefly discussed what to do with the land that was donated to the district that was previously the Raymond Saddle Club. The donation of the 18 acres of land, half of which is tillable, was made in 2012 for use by the Lincolnwood FFA program.

Hopper said since discussing the property at the last meeting he had a former saddle club member ask if there was an issue with the property. Hopper said there wasn’t, but the district was trying to determine what was the best way to use the donation and if the best option might be to sell the property to see if something closer to campus might be a better fit for the district.

Payne asked if the person who called was ok with the district selling the property. Hopper said they were and that they just wanted whatever was best for the students.

Board member Gabe Pope said he thought it would be worthwhile to see if there was any property closer to the school that might fit the district’s needs better.

Hopper said that he would incorporate Lincolnwood agriculture teacher Monty Elvidge’s expertise in any

decision about the saddle club property as well.

Later in the meeting an update on district registration was given, with 450 students registered before the start of school. Hopper said that was fewer than three years ago, when 460 were registered, but similar to the last two years. He added that number has fluctuated with new additions to the district and the start of Pre-K, which has 40 spots this year.

The board also discussed another option for solar power, which is having the district contract most of the project itself. With rebates, the school would be responsible for 30 percent of the total cost and could receive more cost savings down the road, but it is also more work for the school to get the project going.

The board did give approval to pursue grant funding for a generator that would keep the district’s data connections in good order during a power outage. Hopper said that Jason Blankenship and Robert Straub from the district’s technology team advised that when power outages last longer than the 30 minute battery back up, there can be some damage to the servers when the power comes back on.

The team recommended the generator, which costs between \$40,000 to \$50,000 and would be wired directly to the IT department at the school.

Board member Dana Pitchford questioned whether there might be a larger community grant available that would allow for the school to be used as a warming or cooling center for Raymond. Hopper said he wasn’t sure, but most likely that would have to be a large grant and multiple generators would be needed.

Pitchford and Terri Payne also mentioned that it would be nice if the generator could also run the refrigerators and freezers to prevent food spoilage. Hopper said they would have to talk to the contractors regarding that possibility. The project will be dependent on receiving grant funding, but the board approved putting out a request for proposal.

Before going into closed session at 7:37 p.m. (there was not action after closed session), the board approved the FFA’s annual trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis in November. This year 25 students from Lincolnwood will be making the trip.

The next board meeting will be held on Sept. 25, at the Panhandle Learning Center, which was most recently used as the ROE alternative school.

Nokomis Council

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The council also approved a motion offered by Commissioner Morris to make improvements to the aesthetics of the downtown business district. The action involves painting the electric poles black along Illinois Route 16 downtown, attaching planter brackets to them, and purchasing planters of flowers to hang on each pole. The flowers and planters will be purchased from Nokomis Gift and Garden. The estimated cost of the beautification project is approximately \$7,700.

The meeting opened with the annual audit report delivered by the city’s accountant,

Whitey Patton. Patton stated that the overall audit indicated that city finances are sound, but suggested that the city open an additional bank account to separate expenses between the water/sewer funds and the city’s general funds; and to consider transferring some funds into a fiscal vehicle that generates better returns by taking advantage of the higher interest rates (such as certificates of deposit) instead of sitting in a low-interest savings account or money market.

Finally, commissioners approved the use of Fred B. Johnson Park for the annual “Trunk or Treat” event on Oct. 28.



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Coffeen Firefighters Celebrate 70 Years

Members of the Coffeen Volunteer Fire Department held their annual awards banquet on Sunday, Aug. 27, at Washington Park in Coffeen. They also celebrated the 70th anniversary of the department, which was founded on Nov. 4, 1952.

Firefighter of the Year, and Most Improved Firefighter went to Seth Redman, who is currently in his second year with the department. Redman has completed the 220 hour basic operations firefighter course through the Illinois State Fire Mar-

shal over the last six months.

Awards for years of service went to Breanna Wasson for five years on the district board, Richard Beaudry for ten years of service, Russell Ringhausen for 25 years of service, Phil Lee and Walter Tarran for 40 years of service and Bob Smith for 60 years of service.

Former Chief Tarran was also honored for his years of service as fire chief.

The meal was catered by Ponderosa in Vandalia and the celebratory cake came from IGA in Hillsboro.



Former Chief Walter Tarran was honored for his years as chief and serving 40 years on the department.



Pictured above, from the left are Breanna Wasson for five years of service, Phil Lee for 40 years of service, Richard Beaudry for ten years of service, Bob Smith for 60 years of service, new member Leah Stanfill, 2023 Firefighter of the Year and Most Improved Firefighter Seth Redman, new member Trenton Phillips and Walter Tarran for 40 years of service.



Pictured above, in front, from the left are District Treasurer Jodi Summers, District President Robert Wessell, District Secretary Breanna Wasson. In back are Captain Thomas Stanfill, Assistant Chief Brayden Summers, volunteer Secretary and Treasurer Hugh Satterlee, Chief Collin Wasson and Captain Gabe Osborn.

Coffeen Fire Fundraising For MD

The Coffeen Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a 'Fill the Boot' fundraiser for Muscular Distrophy research on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 7 a.m. to noon. Firemen will be posted in front of Casey's at 501 W. Main Street in Coffeen collecting donations.

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It was an up and down start to the week for Lincolnwood's Brady Schmedeke as the Morrisonville High School senior shot a team-best 37 on Monday, Aug. 28, at Terry Park in Palmyra, followed by a 47 the following day in Litchfield. The second place finish at Terry Park and the third place finish at the Litchfield Country Club moved the Lancers' team record to 8-4 on the season.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

Lincolnwood Volleyball Wins Two

The Lincolnwood High School volleyball team improved to 3-0 on the season with a pair of wins over Edinburg and Greenfield-Northwestern at home on Aug. 28 and 29.

The Lancers received contributions up and down their lineup on Monday as they defeated Edinburg 25-13, 25-15 in the MSM Conference opener for both teams.

Morgan Cowdrey led the team in assists (15), blocks (1) and points, serving up 10 of Lincolnwood's 36 points. Cowdrey, Ella Jenkins and Millburg were all snipers from the service line, each contributing three aces, while Taryn Clarke and Jazmin Seaton-Hobson had an ace apiece as well.

Tori Elvidge and Kierstyn

Denney paced the attack with five kills each, with Denney also setting up five assists. Cowdrey added four kills, while Seaton-Hobson had three.

Defensively, Taryn Millburg and Morgan Hampton led the team in digs with 15 between them (Millburg with eight, Hampton with seven), while Denney also had five digs. Cowdrey, Clarke and Seaton-Hobson also kept the Edinburg hitters from getting the Wildcats back into the game as they had four digs apiece in the win.

After winning their first two matches by an average of 25 to 12.5, Lincolnwood was tested more on Tuesday as they hosted Greenfield-Northwestern.

For the first time this sea-

son the Lancers dropped a set, falling 27-25 to the Tigers. But Lincolnwood rebounded in the second set to win 25-21, then put the hammer down in the third set with a 25-14 victory to remain unbeaten on the season.

Morgan Cowdrey had three aces and led the team in both kills (7) and assists (21). Cowdrey also had 14 digs, second most to Taryn Millburg (18) on the team.

Jazmin Seaton-Hobson also had seven kills, while Ella Jenkins added six. Both Taryn Clarke, Tori Elvidge and Kierstyn Denney had four kills in the win, with Denney also contributing eight assists.

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Hillsboro Starts Season 3-0

The Hillsboro High School volleyball team hadn't started the season with back-to-back wins since 2016, but three straight wins? It's been even longer.

The Toppers' got to 2-0 in both 2015 and 2016 with wins over Gillespie and Roxana, but then ran into a Carlinville club led by Coach Fran Struble, who was winning down her 900-plus win career. But seven years after their last opportunity, the Lady Hiltoppers are 3-0 thanks to wins over Pana, Auburn and Carlyle.

After downing the Panthers in their first game of the season on Aug. 22, Hillsboro took down Auburn at home on Monday, Aug. 28, in two games, then battled back to beat Carlyle in three the next night.

In their home debut, Hillsboro led 6-2 early on, but the Trojans charged back to take a 7-6 lead. The Toppers answered with two straight points to tie the game and retake the lead, but Auburn persisted in keeping it close and tied the game at 8-8.

The Hillsboro lead grew to 16-10 at one point, but the Trojans held the Toppers without a service point in twice in a row, before the hosts pulled out in front again, 20-15. Auburn launched one last attempt at a comeback and got as close as two, but Hillsboro closed five of the last six points to come away with the 25-19 win.

The second set was a different animal for the Toppers as they rushed out to a 9-1 lead before Auburn scored their second point. Hillsboro upped

their lead to double digits at 14-3, before a mini-run by the Trojans cut the margin down to four.

That was as close as Auburn got as Hillsboro continued to string together points and finished off the 25-16 win to take the match.

Maycie Fuller had 12 points to lead Hillsboro at the service line, while Kennady Clayton added six and Addison Lowe had five. Lowe, Clayton, Fuller and Hanna Hughes all had aces in the win.

On the attack, Lowe had nine kills, followed by Hughes with six. Amya Greenwood had double digit assists with 10, while Ellie Miller contributed six dimes.

Defensively, Clayton and Fuller kept the Trojans from too many kills, with 13 and nine digs respectively. Lowe had two blocks at the net, while Greenwood added one.

Carlyle

The win over the Indians was a little more dramatic as the Toppers lost the first match 25-17, then won the next two 26-24, 25-20.

Carlyle started the game on a 5-0 run and led 10-3 shortly after. The lead continued to grow as the Indians were within two points of ending the first set up 23-11.

The Toppers scored the next three and added three more after Carlyle got it to 24, but the Indians held on for the eight-point win.

The second set was closer, but the Indians were still ahead late. Down 23-19, Hillsboro broke the Indians' serve and scored four straight points with Amya Greenwood

serving to take a slim 24-23 lead.

Carlyle tied things up but Hillsboro pulled ahead and finished off the win with a kill by Addison Lowe.

Tied at a set apiece, Hillsboro put the hammer down to start the final set. A kill by Hanna Hughes made it a six-point game, but Carlyle rallied back to cut the lead to four at 12-8.

The two teams traded points before the Indians pulled within one, 14-13. Hillsboro regrouped and scored the next five points, getting four service points from Maycie Fuller, who went on to lead the Toppers with eight.

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Hiltoppers, Panthers To Spike Out Suicide

Initiated by Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Queen Kendall Stewart, who is a senior on the Litchfield volleyball team, both teams will wear turquoise and purple "Spike Out Suicide" warm-up shirts and will be handing out facts and resource sheets, along with suicide prevention awareness bracelets at the game.

A team store will be available for anyone interested in purchasing one of the team warm-up shirts through Sept. 8th. A portion of the proceeds will go to local fundraising organizations that support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

September is Suicide Prevention month and the Toppers and Panthers are hoping to "Spike Out Suicide" to kick off the month.

Panthers Go Low At Home

After having a pair of matches canceled last week due to the heat, the Litchfield boys golf team hit the links on their home course on Tuesday, Aug. 29, with Vandalia, Gillespie, Taylorville and county foe Lincolnwood in tow.

The Panthers shot a 151 in their return to the Litchfield Country Club, beating Vandalia by 15 strokes and Lincolnwood by 21 in a decisive win. Gillespie finished fourth with a 196, while Taylorville was fifth with a 203.

Vandalia standout Conner McCall took medalist honors with a 1-under-par 34, but Litchfield's Sam Schwab and A.J. Odle took second and third. Schwab had pars on the first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and ninth holes, with a birdie on the par-5 seventh hole. Odle also birdied the seventh hole and had pars on the first, second, fourth, eighth and ninth holes.

The Panthers also had the fourth place finisher, Tug Schwab, who tied Jonah Beesley with a 3-over-par 38. Schwab joined his younger brother and Odle with a birdie on seven, while also picking up another one-under on the fourth hole.

Tucker Maguire added a 40 for Litchfield's fourth scoring round, with four pars and nothing worse than a bogey,

while Ian Otto and Brawly Jacobs weren't far behind with a 41 and a 44. Both Otto and Jacobs would have not only had a scoring round for the other four teams, but they would have been the second or third best round for Vandalia, Lincolnwood and Gillespie and the best round of the day for Taylorville.

That speaks more to how good the Panthers are this year than to deficiencies on their neighbors in Montgomery County's panhandle. Even with only three of last year's starters in their top six, the Lancers have put together some solid scores early on, including Tuesday night at Litchfield.

Freshmen Bryce Cowdrey and Luke Pope are two of the new additions to the lineup and both contributed scoring rounds on Tuesday. Cowdrey was low man for Lincolnwood with a 4-over-par 39, good for sixth individually, as he had six pars in his nine holes. Pope was five strokes behind his classmate, shooting a 44 with three pars on the sixth, seventh and eighth holes.

Lance Weitekamp finished in between the two freshmen with a 43 and had three pars and one of the better turnaround holes on the day.

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Litchfield's Sam Schwab reacts after his putt on the ninth green at the Litchfield Country Club comes up a tad short on Tuesday, Aug. 29. That was one of the few times the ball didn't roll Schwab's way as the Litchfield sophomore shot a 1-over-par 36 to win over Vandalia, Lincolnwood, Gillespie and Taylorville.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

Lady Redskins Still Perfect In 2023

The Nokomis Lady Redskins continued their strong start to the season with a pair of wins over St. Elmo/Brownstown and Gillespie on Aug. 28 and 29.

Both wins were in two sets as the Lady Redskins dispatched St. Elmo/Brownstown 25-18, 25-13 and Gillespie 26-24, 25-14.

Lizzy Hill, Grace King and Mackenzie Mehochko all had eight service points for the Lady Redskins in Monday's win over the Eagles, with Kinley Stolte adding seven. Stolte also had two aces,

while Hill had four and Mehochko had three.

Mehochko also led the team in kills with seven, while Stolte had nine assists and Becca Hill added six.

Defensively, the freshman hitter continued to earn her keep as Mehochko led the team in digs with nine, followed by Lizzy Hill and Stolte with seven apiece and Grace King with five. Closer to the net, Addison Glenn had three blocks, with Becca Hill and Reagan Jonas also adding a block apiece.

Things continued to go

well in Tuesday's win against Gillespie, at least after the Redskins survived the close call in the first set.

Addison Glenn and Mackenzie Mehochko formed a two pronged attack at the net as each put down eight kills. Kinley Stolte assisted on 16 of the team's kills and had one of her own, while Becca Hill also had five assists and a kill. Stolte and Grace King led the team in service points with eight each, followed by Lizzy Hill with seven.

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Lady Panthers Notch First Win

The Litchfield Lady Panthers picked up their first win of the young season at Maryville on Aug. 28, but it was not without a bit of drama.

The two teams met at Litchfield last year and the purple and white prevailed in two relatively easy sets, 25-9, 25-14. After Monday night's 25-18 first set win and a comfortable 20-14 lead in the second set, it appeared the next five points would be easily attainable before

Maryville could reach the magic number of 25. But the Lions had other ideas and outscored their guests 11-4 to put themselves in a position to send the match into a third set.

Litchfield held leads of 5-1, 12-5, 18-13 and 19-14 in the second set before the momentum shifted to the Lions. The two teams traded points before Maryville's Kerstin Howell downed a spike and Litchfield's Gina Painter failed in an attack. Litchfield regained the serve and a point after Kendall Stewart and Painter threw up a screen to Ella Harrison's attack. Painter guided a return down the sideline and it was 22-17, but the Panthers turned it back over to the Lions on a service error and it was 22-18 Litchfield.

With Maryville's Ashley Castillo at the service line, the next sequence of plays had the Litchfield fans sitting on the edge of their seats. An out-of-bounds return followed by a return in the net, a net call and a return in the net by the Panthers tied the score at 22.

Another return failure prompted Litchfield Coach Kari Drago to call a timeout, but the Panthers failed to respond with a clean serve return and it was 24-22 Maryville.

Litchfield would regain the serve and a point after a

hitting error from Ella Harrison. With Alli Frerichs at the serving line, the sophomore Panther delivered a much needed jump served ace and tied the score at 24, but possession and a point went Maryville on the next play.

Leading 25-24 with senior Kerstin Howell at the service line, her offer headed into the net and the score was knotted at 25. With Kendall Stewart serving for Litchfield, an out-of-bounds attack from Annika Rhodes returned the serve to Maryville for their second opportunity to take the set. Ella Harrison's attack sailed over the end line and it was 26-26 and Litchfield's serve.

Megan Lee's serve also gravitated to the magnet in the net and Maryville had yet another opportunity to send it to three sets. Rhodes and Painter turned back a Lion attack and it was 27-27 with Litchfield in possession. The outcome of the next two plays were senior driven as Litchfield's Annika Rhodes turned away a Lion attack and followed up with her ninth kill of the match to preserve a 29-27 match win for the Panthers.

In addition to her team leading nine kills, Rhodes finished the match with 10 inbound serves, two aces, a block and a dig.

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The Hillsboro boys golf team of, from the left, Austin Loskot, Colton Weiss, Tycen Thacker and Carson Walker shot a 168 on Tuesday, Aug. 29, to pick up their first two wins of the season. Weiss and Thacker both shot 39s at Oak Terrace Resort in Pana to take medalist honors for the match.

Hillsboro Boys Get Opening Win

The Hillsboro boys golf team picked up a pair of wins in their first dual meet of the season as they knocked off Altamont and Pana at Oak Terrace Resort in Pana. The Toppers shot a 168 on the day to beat Altamont by 13 and Pana by 36. Not only did Hillsboro have the top team spot, but they held medalist honors as well. Colton Weiss and Tycen Thacker shot matching 3-over-par 39s on the day to come out on top individually. Their teammates weren't far behind them as Austin Loskot and Carson Walker also matched, shooting a pair

of 45s. With the wins, Hillsboro is now 2-0 on the season. They will have a few days off before their next meet on Sept. 5, when they play Greenville and North Mac at Indian Springs Golf Club in Fillmore. **August 29 at Pana**
Oak Terrace - Par 36
Boys Team Results: 1. Hillsboro 168; 2. Altamont 181; 3. Pana 214. **Medalists:** Colton Weiss (Hillsboro) 39, Tycen Thacker (Hillsboro) 39. **Hillsboro (168)** - Colton Weiss 39, Tycen Thacker 39, Austin Loskot 45, Carson Walker 45. **Records:** Hillsboro (2-0). **Hillsboro Girls Golf**
With the heat finally subsiding, Sam Frailey and Emma Bell were finally able

to get back on the course for the Hillsboro girls golf team on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Rochester Rocket Invitational. Frailey finished tied for 24th with a 104 in the 49-player field, while Bell was 43rd, shooting a 134. On Tuesday, Aug. 29, the pair were at Westlake Country Club in Jerseyville to play the host Panthers. Emma Bell shot a 70 on the day, while Sam Frailey had to pull out after three holes due to a nagging wrist injury. Hillsboro will be at home this Friday, Sept. 1, as they host Auburn and Vandalia.

Lancers Show Early Improvement

It's early in the season, but the Lincolnwood girls golf team is already making progress. The Lancers were unable to put a round under 50 in the books last year, but had three players crack that mark on Monday, Aug. 28, in Palmyra. Jenna Matli, Kennady Klinger and Carly Armentrout all finished in the 40s on Monday as the Lancers shot a 201 as a team to finish in between Pleasant Plains (175) and South County (234). The round was 38 strokes better than the one Lincolnwood put up at Terry Park last year. Jenna Matli led Lincolnwood with a 46 as she had the third best round of the day behind Pleasant Plains' Alaina Ervin (32) and Brandi Leesman (44). Matli had a pair of pars in her nine holes to go with five bogeys. Both Armentrout and

Klinger shot 49s on the day. Klinger had the team's lone birdie, a three on the par-4 first hole, plus a par and three bogeys. Armentrout didn't have anything worse than a double bogey all day as she shot her best round of the year. Rian Deardorff was Lincolnwood's fourth scorer with a 57, scoring a par on the fourth hole, plus bogies on the sixth and ninth holes. Senior Kaylee Gerlach wasn't far behind Deardorff with a 59 in the number five slot, while Abby Norris added in a 62 for Coach Verne Pinkston's team. Anna Jones and Sally Corso also played extra rounds for the Lancers. Jones, who missed the first few weeks of the season, came back with a strong 51 to start her year, while Corso finished with a 67.

Lincolnwood will be back at home on Thursday, Aug. 31, to face Shelbyville, Carrollton and Carlinville at the Shoal Creek Golf Course in Raymond. **August 28 at Palmyra**
Terry Park - Par 36
Girls Team Results: 1. Pleasant Plains 175, 2. Lincolnwood 201, 3. South County 234. **Medalist:** Alaina Ervin (Pleasant Plains) 32. **Pleasant Plains (175)** - Alaina Ervin 32, Brandi Leesman 44, Katie Abraham 49, Isabelle Coleman 50, Kate Carney 58, Madison Arnolds 59. **Lincolnwood (201)** - Jenna Matli 46, Carly Armentrout 49, Kennady Klinger 49, Rian Deardorff 57, Kaylee Gerlach 59, Abby Norris 62. **South County (234)** - Miley Crow 48, Taetam Short 60, Keeley Ayers 62, Carmi Phillips 64. **Mt. Olive** - Addy Pruden 60, Lili Readenour 66, Mia Merano 68. **Lincolnwood JV** - Anna Jones 51, Sally Corso 67. **Record:** Lincolnwood (3-2)

Duo Pick Up ‘W’s With Roughnecks

The 2023 season was a banner year for Hillsboro High School's Ella Greenwood and Anika Camp on the softball field as the pair batted .322 and .448 respectively, with Camp earning a spot on the South Central Conference first team. But the two Class of 2025 standouts didn't stop there. The momentum from a solid high school season carried over to the duo's club season, where they played for the 16U Lady Roughnecks, coached by Jeff Wilson of Highland, Chad Johnson of Mulberry Grove and Chris Collins of Jerseyville. The team was made up of players from seven different schools, including Hillsboro. Mulberry Grove and Highland also had multiple players on the team, with Jenni Mezo, Lily Johnson and Lola Johnson representing the Aces and Kaitlyn Wilson, Hailey Ritz and Holly Sexton representing the Bulldogs. Maddie Fenstermaker (Southwestern), Emily Collins (Jerseyville), Haley Pratt (East Alton-Wood River) and Chloe Nordmann (Lebanon) rounded out the roster. Greenwood played shortstop and outfield for the Lady Roughnecks, while Camp played third and pitched. But mostly what Greenwood, Camp and their fellow teammates did was win. Twenty-seven times in 36 games to be exact. The Lady Roughnecks picked up championships in four different tournaments this summer, including the Play the Turf Tournament in Jacksonville on June 16, the Mt. Zion Mashup on June 24-26 and the 16B Illinois State Tournament in O'Fallon on June 30. To finish things off, the team won the Midwest Championships in Rantoul on July 28-30, going a perfect 5-0 on the weekend. All told, the Lady Roughnecks outscored their opponents 30 to 18 during the weekend, with a tournament-best average of just 3.6 runs allowed. The summer experience will undoubtedly pay dividends when Greenwood and Camp take the field for the Toppers in 2024. Hillsboro won eight games last year, but that was twice as many as they won in 2021 and 2022 combined and the Toppers bring back their entire lineup minus one 2023 grad.



Ella Greenwood (left) and Anika Camp (right) had plenty of opportunities to flash the “W” during their summer season with the 16U Lady Roughnecks as the team went 27-9 with four tournament wins.

Soccer Toppers Continue To Grind

The Hillsboro High School boys soccer team kicked off their seemingly endless week of soccer Monday, Aug. 28, at Highland for a non-conference regular season tilt against the Bulldogs, before traveling back to Carlinville Tuesday, Aug. 29, to finish up pool play in the Kickoff Classic of Rt. 66. The Toppers, fresh off two commanding victories in the opening round of play at Carlinville on Saturday, a 4-1 win over Athens and then a 5-2 victory over Springfield Lutheran, knew they had taken the first step in doing what they needed to do at the Classic to set themselves up for a chance at the title game. Before that could happen, however, Highland would loom large. This was the orange and black's first trip to Highland for a regular season contest in school history as the Bulldogs were an addition to the Topper schedule over the summer. As with most big schools they play, Hillsboro knew they'd be in for a fight, but with timely passing and a hard-nosed, physical attitude, the Toppers surprised Highland by not only their ability to keep up, but their ability to play straight up with them. After a Bulldog goal 10 minutes into the first, junior Nico Clark would knot things up at one apiece and the two teams were tied at the break. Once play resumed, the host team ramped up the physicality, which the visitors answered and then

some. But after a miscue and a yellow card, the Toppers quickly found themselves playing 10-on-11. The disadvantage of playing a man down didn't hinder the Hillsboro effort one bit as they were more than able to compete, but some timely penalty calls down the stretch would doom the Toppers and the result would be a 3-1 defeat. On Tuesday, Hillsboro went back to Carlinville to complete pool play against the host Cavaliers. The tempo felt like a heavyweight boxing match with back and forth action, big saves, and near misses. Senior goalkeeper Mitchell Lowe would single-handedly keep the Toppers in it in the first half but Carlinville keeper Pierce Rovey was just as steady at the other end and the two squads would remain tied at the half. When play resumed in the second, it would be more of the same as physicality coupled with tired legs on the part of both teams didn't make for much offense. With 24:32 left in the match, Clark would take a terrific lead pass from the backfield and turn on the after burners, working it deep into the Cavie defensive zone. Clark would play a perfect cross in front and right into the vicinity of sophomore Tony White, who was there on the back post. From there, the sophomore did the rest, burying the shot and giving Hillsboro the 1-0 lead. Carlinville would continue

to battle and so would Hillsboro, but as time wore down, the Toppers would tighten the ship on defense, make some adjustments, and seal the deal, winning their pool and punching their ticket to the title match. “We are so proud of our guys,” Topper coach Jason Burke said. “We went and gave Highland just about all they could handle and then came back here and found a way to grind out a victory we very much needed. These guys refuse to give up and Coach (Matt) Lentz and I couldn't be more proud. Its been a long week already and we've played some great teams so it feels like twice the amount of games anyway and its only Tuesday.” The win moved Hillsboro into Wednesday's title game with Lincolnwood, who defeated Staunton 5-0 to win their pool. More on Wednesday's game will be in the Sept. 5 edition of *The Journal-News*. **August 28 at Highland**
Hillsboro 1 0 - 1
Highland 1 2 - 3
Goals: Hillsboro - Nico Clark 1; Highland - Jacob Lewis 1, Logan Mollet 1, Luke Morris 1. **Goalkeepers:** Hillsboro - Mitchell Lowe; Highland - Cole Ellis. **Records:** Hillsboro (2-1); Highland 2-0. **August 29 at Carlinville**
Kickoff Classic on Rt. 66
Hillsboro 0 1 - 1
Carlinville 0 0 - 0
Goals: Hillsboro - Tony White 1. **Assists:** Hillsboro - Nico Clark 1. **Goalkeepers:** Hillsboro - Mitchell Lowe. **Records:** Hillsboro (3-1); Carlinville (2-1).

Lancers Score Back-To-Back Shutouts

Four games into the 2023 season and the Lincolnwood High School soccer team already has three shutouts under their belts. The Lancers, who beat North Mac 9-0 and Litchfield 3-1 at the Kickoff Classic on Rt. 66 in Virden on Saturday to open their season, upped their record to 4-0 with a 9-0 win over Vandalia in Raymond on Aug. 28, and a 5-0 victory over Staunton on Aug. 29, in Carlinville that landed them in Wednesday's championship game at the Kickoff Classic. Junior Ian Keller (Nokomis) entered the season as one of the most likely heirs to the Lancers' top scorer title after the graduation of Elijah Aumann, who scored 42 goals last year. Keller, who had 20 goals in his sophomore campaign, has done nothing in the first four games of the 2023 season to dissuade anyone from that notion. After scoring three goals against North Mac, Keller netted his second hat trick of the year on Monday against Vandalia. Keller also assisted on another goal, his second assist of the season, for a team-best seven points on the day. Keller's three goals came in less than 25 minutes as a new rule and a misunderstanding limited the time that both teams were on the pitch. IHSA implemented a nine-goal mercy rule this

year that stops the game when the goal differential is nine at the start of the second half or any time after the start of the second half. Unfortunately, the officials on Monday inadvertently believed the nine-goal rule applied to any point in the game and cut the contest short at the 25-minute mark. Still, six other players joined Keller in scoring in the contest, including five of Lincolnwood's seven seniors: Kennedy DeWerff, Gabe Armentrout, Cade Johnson, Reece Lohman and Jacob Butler. Another senior, Maddux Himes, assisted on another goal. Freshman Carter Westten also scored for the Lancers, with Tucker Armentrout contributing an assist. Carson Contreras got the win in net for Lincolnwood and his second shutout of the year. The sophomore keeper's third shutout would come the following day as Lincolnwood clinched their spot in Wednesday's championship game with a 5-0 victory over Staunton. The Lancers led 3-0 at halftime and tacked on two more goals in the second half to seal the deal. Contreras was credited with the shutout, but benefited from the stout Lincolnwood defense as he needed to make just one save to keep the clean sheet. Offensively, Jacob Butler had two goals and an assist,

while Ian Keller also had two goals to up his total to eight. Gabe Armentrout had the other Lincolnwood goal, with Kennedy DeWerff, Cade Johnson and Carter Westten all picking up assists. The win put Lincolnwood in the championship game of the Kickoff Classic for the second straight year. Last season, Carlinville topped the Lancers 3-2 in double overtime, but the Cavies fell to Hillsboro 1-0 in the second game on Tuesday night to prevent a rematch. Instead, the Lancers squared off against Hillsboro Wednesday evening for the first of at least two meetings between the two rivals. **August 28 at Raymond**
Lincolnwood 9 x - 9
Vandalia 0 0x - 0
Goals: Lincolnwood - Ian Keller 3, Jacob Butler 1, Gabe Armentrout 1, Kennedy DeWerff 1, Carter Westten 1, Reece Lohman 1, Cade Johnson 1. **Assists:** Lincolnwood - Cade Johnson 2, Kennedy DeWerff 1, Ian Keller 1, Tucker Armentrout 1, Maddux Himes 1, Jacob Butler 1, Gabe Armentrout 1. **Goalkeeper:** Lincolnwood - Carson Contreras. **Records:** Lincolnwood (3-0); Vandalia (0-3). **August 29 at Carlinville**
Kickoff Classic on Rt. 66
Lincolnwood 3 2 - 5
Staunton 0 0 - 0
Goals: Lincolnwood - Ian Keller 2, Jacob Butler 2, Gabe Armentrout 1. **Assists:** Lincolnwood - Jacob Butler 1, Kennedy DeWerff 1, Carter Westten 1, Cade Johnson 1. **Goalkeeper:** Lincolnwood - Carson Contreras. **Records:** Lincolnwood (4-0); Staunton (1-2).

Litchfield Bounces Back At North Mac

After losing a heartbreaker to Lincolnwood on Saturday in their second game at the Kickoff Classic on Rt. 66, the Litchfield boys soccer team looked to bounce back on Tuesday, Aug. 29, with a win over North Mac on their home turf. Just 32 seconds into the game the Purple Panthers launched their opening salvo and never looked back, eventually finishing off a 6-0 win over the host school to advance to Wednesday's third place game. Drake Gasperson had four of Litchfield's six goals, including the first goal at the 39:28 mark. Gasperson took the pass in front of the net after a breakaway down the left side and slotted home the opening goal. He'd score again on another breakaway six minutes later as Litchfield staked itself to a two goal lead.

The scoring onslaught slowed after that, but picked up again in the final 10 minutes. Chance Holliday scored on a run down the left side to make it 3-0 with 10:08 to play, then Landon Wernsing hammered home a direct kick at the 9:28 mark that hit the North Mac goalie's hands and went into the net. Gasperson scored again with 5:42 to play in the first, then just 90 seconds into the second half he added his fourth goal when he side-stepped the keeper and put one into an open net. That was the end of the scoring for the Panthers, who improved to 2-1 with the win. The Litchfield defense made sure that goalie Cooper Martin wasn't tested often, but even when he was, the freshman performed well. The closest North Mac came to scoring was at the 13 minute mark on a direct

kick from 40 yards out, which Martin knocked over the bar. He'd save the ensuing corner kick too and nearly sparked a counter attack goal before Landon Wernsing's shot drifted right and out of bounds. Litchfield played nearly as well in the third place game, but fell short to a solid Carlinville squad by a 1-0 final score. Now 2-2 on the season, Litchfield will be back in action Saturday, Sept. 2, when they host the Maryville Christian Lions at 10 a.m. **August 29 at Virden**
Kickoff Classic on Rt. 66
Litchfield 5 1 - 6
North Mac 0 0 - 0
Scoring: Litchfield - Drake Gasperson 4, Chance Holliday 1, Landon Wernsing 1. **Record:** Litchfield (2-1). **August 29 at Virden**
Kickoff Classic on Rt. 66 - 3rd
Litchfield 0 0 - 0
Carlinville 1 0 - 1
Record: Litchfield (2-2); Carlinville (3-1).

Hillsboro Volleyball

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Hillsboro extended its lead to eight points and kept the Indians at an arm's length for the rest of the set as they escaped with a 25-20 win.

In addition to Fuller's eight points (one of which was an ace), Amya Greenwood also had six points and an ace, while Addison Lowe had five points. Hanna Hughes also served up an ace for the toppers.

Hughes (12), Fuller (14) and Kennady Clayton (14) all had double digit kill totals for the Toppers, while Lowe wasn't far off with nine digs of her own. Lowe also led the team in blocks with three, but Hillsboro had six more stuffs at the net, with Kearnstynn Davis (2), Ellie Miller (2), Tatum Christian (1) and Amya Greenwood (1) also contributing blocks.

Lowe led the team in kills as well, posting 10 on the night. Christian and Hughes finished with seven and six, while Davis added four. Greenwood finished with 18 assists, with Miller dishing out 10.

For Coach Emily Zimmerman, Tuesday's win marked the first time her team had started the season 3-0 since she took over in 2011. The same would stand true for 4-0, but in order to do that,

the Toppers will have to beat Litchfield on Thursday, Aug. 31, in Hillsboro.

August 28 at Hillsboro
 Auburn 19 16
 Hillsboro 25 25

Hillsboro Statistics
Service Points: Maycie Fuller 12, Kennady Clayton 6, Addison Lowe 5, Amya Greenwood 3, Hanna Hughes 3, Ellie Miller 1.
Aces: Addison Lowe 1, Hanna Hughes 1, Kennady Clayton 1, Maycie Fuller 1. **Kills:** Addison Lowe 9, Hanna Hughes 6, Tatum Christian 2, Ellie Miller 1, Maycie Fuller 1. **Assists:** Amya Greenwood 10, Ellie Miller 6, Leah Satterlee 2, Hanna Hughes 1. **Digs:** Kennady Clayton 13, Maycie Fuller 9, Ellie Miller 5, Hanna Hughes 4, Addison Lowe 3, Amya Greenwood 3, Kearnstynn Davis 2. **Blocks:** Addison Lowe 2, Amya Greenwood 1.

August 29 at Carlyle
 Hillsboro 17 26 25
 Carlyle 25 24 20

Hillsboro Statistics
Service Points: Maycie Fuller 8, Amya Greenwood 6, Addison Lowe 5, Kennady Clayton 4, Ellie Miller 3, Hanna Hughes 3. **Aces:** Amya Greenwood 1, Hanna Hughes 1, Maycie Fuller 1. **Kills:** Addison Lowe 10, Tatum Christian 7, Hanna Hughes 6, Kearnstynn Davis 4, Amya Greenwood 1, Ellie Miller 1. **Assists:** Amya Greenwood 18, Ellie Miller 10. **Digs:** Kennady Clayton 14, Maycie Fuller 14, Hanna Hughes 12, Addison Lowe 9, Ellie Miller 7, Amya Greenwood 6, Kearnstynn Davis 2, Tatum Christian 1. **Blocks:** Addison Lowe 3, Kearnstynn Davis 2, Ellie Miller 2, Tatum Christian 1, Amya Greenwood 1.
Records: Hillsboro (3-0); Carlyle (2-2).

Litchfield Volleyball

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Sophomore Avery Stewart was perfect at the service line as she led the team with 14 inbounds and also distributed 13 assists from the setter position. Gina Painter was credited with six kills and two blocks.

Litchfield's eight-point first set win was a blend of contributions up and down the lineup. Rhodes unleashed her first kill of the match to put Litchfield up 2-0 and a tip at the net by Painter boosted the score to 3-0. Point four for the Panthers belonged to Taylor Bradburn and the lead was pushed to 7-3 but Maryville came back and tied it at seven. A net foul against the Lions boosted Litchfield's lead to 12-9 and with Amy Frerichs at the service line, the Panthers padded their lead with return errors by the Lions.

Leading 19-13, Painter put one down and Coach Jill Harrison quickly signaled for a timeout but a four hit call against the Lions and a successful attack from Kendall Stewart boosted the Panther lead to 22-13. Maryville closed the gap to 23-18 but a Megan Lee block of Jettie

Pfeiffer's attack and a serve from Taylor Bradburn wasn't returned and Litchfield captured a 25-18 first set win.

The Lions defeated the Panthers 25-19 and 25-8 in the junior varsity match.

Litchfield visits Hillsboro tonight and travels to Pawnee on Sept. 4 for a non-conference match with the Indians before heading west to Gillespie on Sept. 7.

August 28 at Maryville
 Litchfield 25 29
 Maryville Christian 18 27

Litchfield Statistics
Serves In/Out: Alli Frerichs 2/1, Amy Frerichs 4/2, Annika Rhodes 10/0, Avery Stewart 14/0, Gina Painter 1/1, Kendall Stewart 5/0, Megan Lee 2/2, Taylor Bradburn 3/1; **Aces:** Alli Frerichs 1, Annika Rhodes 2, Kendall Stewart 2; **Kills:** Annika Rhodes 9, Gina Painter 6, Kendall Stewart 4, Taylor Bradburn 2; **Blocks:** Gina Painter 2, Annika Rhodes 1; **Digs:** Alli Frerichs 1, Amy Frerichs 2, Annika Rhodes 1, Avery Stewart 3; **Assists:** Avery Stewart 13, Amy Frerichs 7, Kendall Stewart 1.

Maryville Christian Statistics
Aces: Ella Harrison 2, Ady Ballard 1, Ashly Castillo 1. **Kills:** Ella Harrison 4, Ashly Castillo 4, K. Howell 2, Jettie Pfeiffer 1, Lydia Hale 1. **Assists:** Ady Ballard 6, Emma Karlas 1, Ella Partney 1. **Digs:** K. Howell 11, Ady Ballard 7, Peyton Hipp 4, Ella Harrison 4, Ashly Castillo 3, Jettie Pfeiffer 2, Emma Karlas 2, E. Partney 2.
Records: Litchfield 1-1, Maryville Christian 2-1.

Nokomis Volleyball

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All three had a pair of aces as well, while Mackenzie Mehochko also had six points, three of which came on aces.

Defensively, Mehochko and Kinley Stolte reached double digits with 11 and 10 digs, respectively, while Lizzy Hill added nine. At the net, Reagan Jonas, Addison Glenn and Becca Hill all had two blocks apiece.

Nokomis will take on Shelbyville on Aug. 31, in their next game, on the Rams' home floor.

August 28 at Nokomis
 St. Elmo/Brownstown 18 13
 Nokomis 25 25

Nokomis Statistics
Service Points: Lizzy Hill 8, Grace King 8, Mackenzie Mehochko 8, Kinley Stolte 7. **Aces:** Lizzy Hill 4, Mackenzie Mehochko 3,

Kinley Stolte 2. **Kills:** Mackenzie Mehochko 7, Kinley Stolte 2, Natalie Brownback 2, Addison Glenn 2. **Assists:** Kinley Stolte 9, Becca Hill 6. **Digs:** Mackenzie Mehochko 9, Lizzy Hill 7, Kinley Stolte 7, Grace King 5. **Blocks:** Addison Glenn 3, Becca Hill 1, Reagan Jonas 1.

August 29 at Gillespie
 Nokomis 26 25
 Gillespie 24 14

Nokomis Statistics
Service Points: Kinley Stolte 8, Grace King 8, Lizzy Hill 7, Mackenzie Mehochko 6, Natalie Brownback 1. **Aces:** Mackenzie Mehochko 3, Kinley Stolte 2, Grace King 2, Lizzy Hill 2. **Kills:** Addison Glenn 8, Mackenzie Mehochko 8, Natalie Brownback 3, Kinley Stolte 1, Becca Hill 1. **Assists:** Kinley Stolte 16, Becca Hill 5. **Digs:** Mackenzie Mehochko 11, Kinley Stolte 10, Lizzy Hill 9, Presley Mehochko 4, Becca Hill 4, Grace King 3. **Blocks:** Reagan Jonas 2, Addison Glenn 2, Becca Hill 2.
Record: Nokomis (4-0).

Mattson Gives Toppers Late Win Over Lancers

There are theories in soccer that scoring too early is bad and scoring too late is bad. Apparently if you do both, you're in the clear.

Hillsboro scored in the first six minutes and the last six minutes of their game with Lincolnwood on Wednesday, Aug. 30, to win the championship of this year's Kickoff Classic on Rt. 66.

Clayton Rufus got the early goal for the Toppers as he found the back of the net at the 34:22 mark. After a Hillsboro throw in toward the middle of the field, Rufus took a pass on the left side and got a foot on a shot before Lincolnwood keeper Carson Contreras could get to the ball.

It remained a 1-0 game until there was 12:45 to play in the first half, when a through-ball attempt glanced off a defender's foot and fell to Ian Keller behind the Topper defense. Keller took it from there, scoring his ninth goal in four games to make it 1-1.

Both teams would have their chances in the second half, but both came up empty until Hillsboro was awarded a free kick after a foul just outside of the box. Mark Mattson was picked to take the set piece and smoked a shut in the smallest of spaces between the crossbar and outstretched limbs of Contreras.

Hillsboro managed to hold off the Lancers for the final six and a half minutes of the game and came away with an early season win over their rivals.

Lincolnwood Volleyball

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The Lancers are now off until Tuesday, Sept. 5, when they host Auburn.

August 28 at Raymond
 Edinburg 13 15
 Lincolnwood 25 25

Lincolnwood Statistics
Service Points: Morgan Cowdrey 10, Taryn Clarke 6, Ella Jenkins 6, Kierstyn Denney 6, Taryn Millburg 5, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 3. **Aces:** Morgan Cowdrey 3, Ella Jenkins 3, Taryn Millburg 3, Taryn Clarke 1, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 1. **Kills:** Kierstyn Denney 5, Tori Elvidge 5, Morgan Cowdrey 4, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 3, Ella Jenkins 2, Taryn Clarke 1. **Assists:** Morgan Cowdrey 5, Kierstyn Denney 5. **Blocks:** Morgan Cowdrey 1. **Digs:** Taryn Millburg 8, Morgan Hampton 7, Kierstyn Denney 5, Morgan Cowdrey 4, Taryn Clarke 4, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 4.
Record: Lincolnwood (2-0, 1-0); Edinburg (0-3, 0-1).

Lincolnwood Boys 2nd At Terry Park Quad

The Lincolnwood boys golf team finished second to South County on Monday, Aug. 28, at an MSM Conference quad meet at Terry Park Golf Course in Palmyra.

Led by the combo of medalist Tanner Frye (34) and runner-up Logan Smith (36), the Vipers shot a 152 to beat Lincolnwood by eight strokes. Springfield Lutheran finished second with a 210, while Mt. Olive was fourth with a 225.

Senior Brady Schmedeke led Lincolnwood and was just behind the two leaders from South County. The Morrisonville product had six pars and ended his day on a high note with a birdie on the par-4 ninth hole.

Bryce Cowdrey was fourth individually, finishing three strokes behind Schmedeke. The Lincolnwood freshman had five pars, including three straight on holes number seven, eight and nine.

Just four strokes separated the other members of the Lincolnwood roster, with Lance Weitekamp and Jared Klein finishing out the scoring with a 46 and a 47. Weitekamp had two pars, coming on the eighth and ninth holes, while Klein didn't have a par, but had a birdie on the par-4 sixth hole and five bogeys.

Luke Pope finished with a 48 in the fifth slot, highlighted by a birdie on the par-4 ninth hole, while Zeke Castleberry finished with a 50 with two pars.

The result moved both teams to 4-1 on the season. Lincolnwood will play Taylorville this Saturday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m. as they try to rebound from their first loss. Hillsboro hosts Jerseyville today, Aug. 31, then plays at Effingham St. Anthony on Sept. 2, at 10 a.m.

The first, if not the only, rematch between the two county rivals will be on Sept. 18, in Hillsboro as the Lancers and Toppers battle it out for bragging rights and the newly created Grace Cup traveling trophy, named in honor of the late Grace Herschelman.

August 30 at Carlinville
Kickoff Classic on Rt. 66

Hillsboro 1 1 - 2
 Lincolnwood 1 0 - 1

Scoring: Hillsboro - Clayton Rufus 1, Mark Mattson 1; Lincolnwood - Ian Keller 1.

Records: Hillsboro (4-1); Lincolnwood (4-1).

Kickoff Classic on Rt. 66
Carlinville Pool: Hillsboro (2-0); Carlinville (2-0); Springfield Lutheran (0-2), Athens (0-2).

North Mac Pool: Lincolnwood (2-0), Litchfield (1-1), Staunton (1-1), North Mac (0-2).

Saturday, August 26
 • Lincolnwood 9, North Mac 0
 • Litchfield 4, Staunton 0
 • Carlinville 4, Lutheran 3
 • Lincolnwood 3, Litchfield 1
 • Carlinville 3, Athens 1
 • Hillsboro 4, Athens 1
 • Staunton 9, North Mac 0
 • Hillsboro 5, Lutheran 2

August 29 at Carlinville
 • Lincolnwood 5, Staunton 0
 • Hillsboro 1, Carlinville 0

August 29 at North Mac
 • Lutheran 6, Athens 3
 • Litchfield 5, North Mac 0

August 30 at North Mac
 7th: North Mac vs Athens
 5th: Lutheran vs Staunton
August 30 at North Mac
 3rd: Carlinville 1, Litchfield 0
 1st: Hillsboro 2, Lincolnwood 1

JV: Edinburg def. Lincolnwood 25-16, 25-21.

FR: Edinburg def. Lincolnwood 22-25, 25-11, 15-12.

August 29 at Raymond
 Greenfield-NW 27 21 14
 Lincolnwood 25 25 25

Lincolnwood Statistics
Aces: Morgan Cowdrey 3, Taryn Clarke 2, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 2, Ella Jenkins 1, Taryn Millburg 1. **Kills:** Morgan Cowdrey 7, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 7, Ella Jenkins 6, Taryn Clarke 4, Kierstyn Denney 4, Tori Elvidge 4. **Assists:** Morgan Cowdrey 21, Kierstyn Denney 8, Morgan Hampton 1. **Blocks:** Ella Jenkins 3. **Digs:** Taryn Millburg 18, Morgan Cowdrey 14, Taryn Clarke 7, Kierstyn Denney 5, Tori Elvidge 4, Ella Jenkins 3, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 3, Morgan Hampton 3.
Records: Lincolnwood (3-0); Greenfield-Northwestern (4-3).

JV: Lincolnwood def. Greenfield-Northwestern 16-25, 25-19, 25-16.

FR: Lincolnwood tied Greenfield-Northwestern 25-22, 10-25.

Sports Calendar

Hillsboro Hiltoppers

Thursday, August 31
 4:30 p.m. - Girls Tennis hosts East Alton-Wood River

5 p.m. - Boys Soccer hosts Jerseyville
 5 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Litchfield
 6 p.m. - Freshman Football hosts Williamsville

Friday, September 1
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf hosts Auburn, Gillespie, Vandalia
 7 p.m. - Varsity Football at Greenville

Saturday, September 2
 10 a.m. - Boys Soccer at St. Anthony (Varsity Only)

Monday, September 4
 6 p.m. - JV Football hosts North Mac

Nokomis Redskins

Thursday, August 31
 6 p.m. - Volleyball at Shelbyville

Friday, September 1
 7 p.m. - Varsity Football hosts Argenta-Oreana

Monday, September 4
 6 p.m. - JV Football hosts Argenta-Oreana

Litchfield Purple Panthers

Thursday, August 31
 5 p.m. - Volleyball at Hillsboro

Friday, September 1
 1 p.m. - Boys Golf at Olney Tiger Invitational at Richland Golf Club
 7 p.m. - Varsity Football at Southwestern

Saturday, September 2
 10 a.m. - Boys Soccer hosts Maryville Christian

Monday, September 4
 6 p.m. - Volleyball at Pawnee

Lincolnwood Lancers

Thursday, August 31
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Carlinville, Carrollton, Shelbyville at Shoal Creek

4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Carlinville, Carrollton, Shelbyville at Shoal Creek

Saturday, September 2
 11 a.m. - Soccer hosts Taylorville

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Toppers Prepare For Week Two Vs. Comets

by Ron Deabenderfer

The rivalry between Hillsboro and Greenville will be renewed at Don Stout Field in Greenville this Friday, Sept. 1; it will feature two different styles of offense as the Comets pass often while the Toppers feature the run. It always is an interesting contest.

This year head coach Todd Hutchinson will have his son, junior Ben Hutchinson, as his starting quarterback; when he's had a son at quarterback in the past, good things have happened. The Comets have three more than competent receivers: Nick Grull (#3), Declan Graber (#2) and Eli Shadowens (#12), who scored their lone touchdown last year in a 13-7 Topper win in the opener at Sawyer Field.

Defensively the Comets are huge up front, especially when 6'5", 300 lb. Jacob Sperandio anchors the middle. Their size (eight linemen on the roster are listed at 220 and more) could test the

Topper offensive line, which is "cohesive, communicating well," according to Topper coaches Joe and Zach Reed. Both teams are 1-0 before the game begins.

The offensive line drew praise from the Topper coaches last week, especially for their work in the heat and humidity. The defensive line dominated too; Reed was pleased with the way his team responded when Captain Landon Reincke was injured in the first half and didn't play in the second. He will be in the lineup this Friday. Reed also was pleased with the way Drake McSperritt filled Reincke's spot at middle linebacker.

Zach Reed said he was happy with how defensive end Ketch Mills played in his first varsity start, and both were pleased about the Toppers' overall team depth.

That depth will be tested this Friday in a more hostile environment; kickoff time is 7 p.m.



Litchfield's A.J. Odle shot a 2-over-par 37 to help the Panthers to a 151 on their home course and a win over Vandalia, Lincolnwood, Gillespie and Taylorville on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

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Boys Golf

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After carding a 3-over seven on the sixth hole, Weitekamp hit his drive into the trees on number seven, but got a lucky bounce into the fairway. Three shots later the Morrisonville senior sank his putt for birdie, the only one of the day for the Lancers.

Zach Waldeck, a Pawnee senior and another newcomer to the starting lineup, shot a 46 for Lincolnwood's fourth scoring round, while Jared Klein and Brady Schmedeke were just a stroke behind their teammate with a pair of 47s.

Lincolnwood will be back home on Thursday, Aug. 31, as they host Carlinville, Carrollton and Shelbyville. Litchfield has a slightly longer trip as they head to the Olney Tiger Invitational at the Richland Golf Club on Friday, Sept. 1. The host Tigers won last year's 12-team tournament with a 319, beating Effingham St. Anthony by 14 strokes.

August 29 at Litchfield
 Litchfield Country Club - Par 35

Boys Team Results: Litchfield 151, Vandalia 166, Lincolnwood 172, Gillespie 196, Taylorville 203.

Medalist: Conner McCall (Vandalia) 34.

Litchfield (151) - Sam Schwab 36, AJ Odle 37, Tug Schwab 38,

Tucker Maguire 40, Ian Otto 41, Brawly Jacobs 44.

Vandalia (166) - McCall 34, Beesley 38, Halford 47, Justice 47, Weischedel 51, Calhoun 51.

Lincolnwood (172) - Bryce Cowdrey 39, Lance Weitekamp 43, Luke Pope 44, Zach Waldeck 46, Jared Klein 47, Brady Schmedeke 47.

Gillespie (196) - Kellebrew 40, Schweppe 49, Feely 49, Buhs 58, Katich 62, Peterson 63.

Taylorville (203) - Poor 45, Seiler 52, Corso 53, Franklin 53, Parks 62.

Records: Lincolnwood (8-4), Litchfield (7-0).



Freshman Bryce Cowdrey was low man for Lincolnwood at the Litchfield Country Club, shooting a 4-over-par 39.

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- doctor who specializes in medicine and care for animals
- _____ biologist - works in the lab and on the ocean; names and classifies the animals in the seas
- _____ worker - rescues animals that are sick or abandoned; helps to find them new, loving homes
- helps animals have babies safely; keeps the whole family healthy; sells the babies to people looking for pets
- uses praise and treats to teach animals behaviors
- maintains land for livestock to graze; uses herding dogs to make sure livestock is guided and kept safe
- park _____ - watches over the wildlife in parks; enforces the laws in the parks; watches for forest fires

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13. K-9 _____ - trains police dogs to help sniff out trouble

14. has lots of animals to help keep the property running smoothly: roosters and hens, cows, horses, others

Grab your colored pencils. Follow the color code to see who is hidden in my puzzle.

This is a very cool job!

Who Am I?

B = Blue
G = Gray
K = Black
P = Peach
O = Orange
R = Red
W = White
Y = Yellow

Animals help people do their jobs every day.

Match the clues to the area of service that the animals work in:

How Do Animals Help Us At Work?

- Some dogs are trained to help blind people cross busy streets.
- Sheepdogs are trained to keep sheep in fields or where they need to be.
- In Thailand, trained monkeys climb high into trees to gather coconuts.
- People in the Middle East may ride camels in the desert.
- Dolphins and seals have been trained to do flips and tricks.
- Greyhounds bolt around a track. Pigeons fly on a set path and return home quickly.
- Dogs trained to guard homes can scare away intruders with loud barking.
- Mules help people bring all their goods to market.
- St. Bernard dogs are herding dogs. They are able to help find people lost in the snow.

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C. Herding and Hunting
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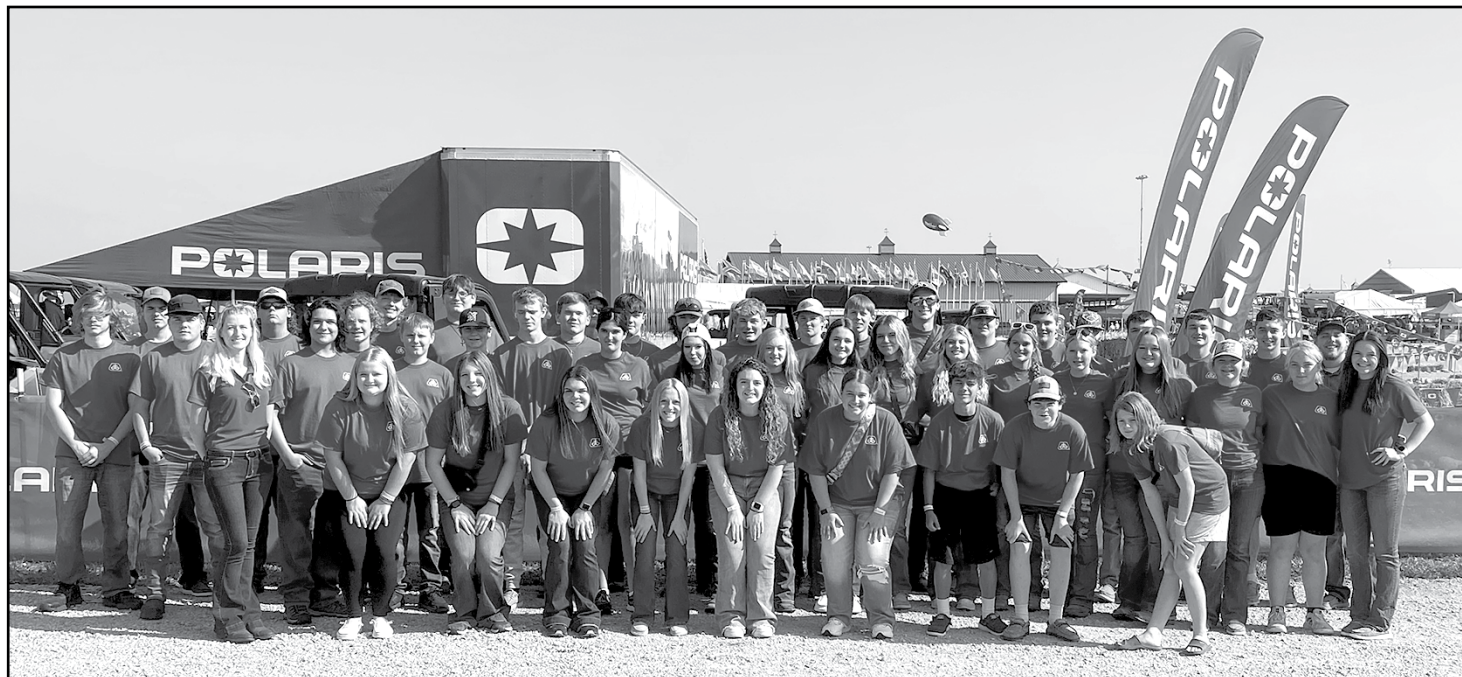
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Nokomis FFA Members Attend Farm Progress Show

Nearly 50 members of the Nokomis High School FFA chapter attended the Farm Progress Show in Decatur on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Members saw hundreds of agricultural exhibits and engaged with the latest farm products and specialists. They had a great time and enjoyed seeing great progress in agriculture. Pictured above, in front, from the left are Ella Huelson, Kinley Stolte, Grace King, Libby Watson, Addie Pearse, Katelyn Marley, Dalton Yeske, Trevin Sanders and Maddie Barding. In the second row are Connor Ishmael, Marissa Hartke (advisor), Fausto Centeno, Mason LaChance, Talon Rivers, Dylan Yeske, Zane Spinnie, Austin Davis, Elsie Patton, Maliah Harris, Fallon Knodle, Lizzy Hill, Faith Morrison, Rilee Waterman, Cloey Dirks, Peyton Harrison, Reese Goodin, Kalasandra Cook and Becca Hill. In back are Nick McKinney, JJ Denby, Glenn Goodin, Austin Hausman, Cody Norine, Riley Reynolds, Andrew Suslee, Daryl Evans, Ryan Quinn, Caleb Bauer, Konnor Reynolds, Walker Stewart, Kaeden Loafman, Kyle Reynolds, Owen Jackson, Kannon Jonas, Hunter Arkebauer, Levi German, Nolan Herpstreith and Advisor Mason Fesser.

Survey Shows Progress Reducing Nutrient Loss

Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association (IFCA), alongside several agricultural partners, announced on Aug. 29 the preliminary findings from the first-ever Illinois Ag Retail Survey, setting a new baseline to track nutrient management practice adoption and quantify nutrient loss reduction achieved at retail locations and on farms across the state.

The 2022 IL Ag Retail Survey was designed to collect accurate, science-driven data to track nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer use and application methods throughout the state as part of industry efforts to meet state Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) goals.

"With NLRs goals for 2025 quickly approaching, pressure from Illinois legislature, regulatory agencies and stakeholders to document progress within the state is mounting," said Shane Gray, Illinois Corn Marketing Board member. "These survey results show farmers are implementing conservation practices and wanting to share their story about how voluntary agricultural framework is vital for meeting state goals."

The survey was supported by the Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Certified Crop Advisers, Illinois Corn Growers, Illinois Farm Bureau, IFCA, Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Pork Producers Association, and the Illinois

Soybean Association, with funding from the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices (CBMP).

"The Illinois NLRs emphasizes the importance of partnerships in meeting its goals," said Richard Guebert Jr., IFB president. "The ag retail survey is a great example of multiple groups working together to contribute to improving water quality."

Iowa State University Center for Survey Statistics and Methodology (ISU CSSM) designed the survey, dividing Illinois into nine regions or crop reporting districts (CRD) with a goal of surveying 500 fields. The survey was modeled after the Iowa Ag Retail Survey.

Ag retail businesses were randomly selected to acquire anonymous data related to agricultural practices from grower and customer records for the 2022 crop year. Data was collected in early 2023.

"Illinois Ag Retail Survey leaders are continuing to dig into the data provided by the survey," said Kevin Johnson, IFCA president. "This baseline of data will provide them with opportunities to identify patterns and trends of best management practices usage over time, as well as opportunities to develop new programs and initiatives to tackle key areas identified by the survey."

From a total population of 535 ag retail locations across Illinois, 150 were randomly

selected to participate in providing ten randomly selected individual field records. Of the customer fields selected for additional collection, only 13 customers opted out. In total, 917 agricultural fields across the nine CRDs were surveyed. High participation rates ensured statistically sound findings, in addition to showing that farmers and ag retailers were aware and engaged in the effort.

Much of the data provided in the initial reports is in-line with estimates from state and federal agencies, as well as other states.

Of the fields surveyed, tillage generally occurs ahead of corn more frequently than soybean as no-till corn was 24 percent and no-till soybean

was 44 percent.

Cover crops were found on approximately 9 percent of fields in fall of 2021.

Anhydrous ammonia application in the fall was 49 percent with 97 percent use of a nitrification inhibitor.

"Overall, the 2022 data is robust and can be aggregated and averaged across the state; however, continual annual data collection will greatly strengthen data sets for each CRD," said Ron Kindred, ISA board chairman. "This survey will provide the agriculture industry with the tools needed to track nutrient management practice adoption and quantify nutrient loss reduction achieved across the state for years to come."

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MON., SEPT. 4 - 6 p.m. soft close. Bidding ends for online RE auction located at 802 S. 6th St., Girard. Bidding starts August 18. Register/bid at mikercabtreeauctions.hibid.com. Viewing by appointment with auctioneer - 217-473-2507. Modern one bedroom, 1-1/2 bath home with C/A and heat, one car attached garage and some appliances. Home is situated on a corner lot with two additional joining lots. PIN: 07-001-301-00. Dallas Banister, seller. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507.

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SAT., SEPT. 9 - 9 a.m. Live onsite auction of RE and personal property of Donnie Culbertson at 22182 IL Rt. 185, Fillmore. Open House: Aug. 20, Noon-2 p.m. RE consists of 9.4 acre tract with a 3BR/2BA 1993 Redman Homes double wide mobile home. 2004 Ford Ranger, portable sheds, antiques, collectibles, appliances, electronics, furniture, household, lawn/outdoors, tools/garage. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

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FRI., SEPT. 15 - 10 a.m. Farmland auction of 169.50 +/- tax acres, offered in 3 tracts. Live & in person bidding/online bidding available. Sale to be held at Lakeshore Golf Course, 1460 E. 1000 North Rd., Taylorville. Land located in Assumption & King Twp., Christian Co. Field Level Agriculture, Inc., Logan Frye-broker, 217-619-6473, www.fieldlevelag.com.

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THURS., SEPT. 28 - Bid online only Sept. 26-28 at auctionnetwork.com. Open for public inspection Friday, Sept. 8 & 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Casey's at 308 E. State St., Irving; 225 E. Orange St., Hoopston; & 122 W. State Highway 133, Oakland. Williams & Williams Worldwide Real Estate, LLC, Jeffery Oberling, auctioneer, Monte Lowderman, auctioneer, 800-801-8003, www.williamsauction.com/Caseys.

SAT., SEPT. 30 - 9 a.m. Live onsite auction of RE. Open House: Sept. 11, 4-6 p.m. RE consists of a 3BR/1BA home located on a large lot, 2-car garage, storage shed and a gazebo in the back yard. There are 2 lots to the south of the home across Cundiff with an older storage garage as well that will separate after the main residence. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

PUBLIC AUCTION

9.4 Acre Mini Farm - Donnie Culbertson
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REAL ESTATE: What a nice location on the west edge of Van Burenburg, 1/2 way between Vandalia & Hillsboro. This 9.4 acre tract w a 3 bed/2 bath home would be a great place to start a mini farm. This 1993 Redmann Homes double wide mobile home was built and placed with 6" walls & drywall throughout; or it could be relocated for construction of a new home as well. This property has a concrete milkhouse used for storage and hosts fruit/nut trees - peaches, plums, apples, pears, Ohio buckeye trees, English walnut trees, and a blackberry patch. Hwy. 185 gives access with plenty of road frontage making it ideal for your own produce business. Buyer must transfer and uphold 4 acres CRP contract to October 2025, with \$1,027 income. REAL ESTATE WILL SELL AT 12 NOON ON SEPTEMBER 9. Selling at auction AS IS WHERE IS WITH NO WARRANTIES OR GUARANTEES EXPRESSED, WRITTEN OR IMPLIED. Seller has the right to accept or reject the final bid price on the day of the auction. Call for a private showing!

VEHICLE/WAGONS: 2004 Ford Ranger 180xxx miles 4 cyl 5 speed manual 2WD VIN 1FTYR10D54PB65136, 2 Hay Wagons.

PORTABLE SHEDS: 10x16 Shed, 8x12 Shed, 8x12 Chicken Coop.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES: Coca-Cola Glasses, Old Maps, Vintage Books, Easterling China Set, Vintage Collapsible Aluminum Cups with Lids, Comptoirs FranGais Chocolat Mignot 1924 Calendar, The Updated Last Whole Earth Catalog as of May 1974, Marbles, Boyd by Boyd Hopalong Cassidy "Hoppy 7" #810 of 1000, 1902 Edition of The Sears Roebuck Catalogue, 1930-31 Sears Roebuck and Co. Catalog, 1927 Edition of The Sears Roebuck Catalogue, A Treasury of American Prints, 1957 Plaza Savoy Belvedere Plymouth Service Manual, Vintage Books & Cookbooks, Collectors Books, Black American Pieces, Advertising Yardsticks, Canes, Prince Albert Can, Cowbell, 1991 Cadillac Owner's Literature, Cash Register Drawer, Keys, Stamps, Jewelry, Beer Nuts Mug, Fayette County Real Estate Assessor's Book Field 1983-1986, 1907 & 1992 McCormick and Others Auction Paper Advertisements and Flyers, Happy Time Pinball Bagatelle, Gung Ho Sign, Wagner Ware Sidney -O- Cast Iron, Victorian Green Glass Lemonade Pitcher and Glasses, James Kent Old Foley Strawberry Butterfly Tea Cup Pitcher/Cups/Saucer Serving Set, Vintage Aluminum Small Pitcher Scoop, Vintage Cast Iron Trick Dog Mechanical Bank, Staffordshire Style Ceramic Cow, Milk Glass, Vintage Metal Ertl Toy Tractors - Ford 4600, International, Ford LGT-145, Lindstrom's Gold Star Marble Game Board, Brass Figurines, Carboy, Tootsie Toys, Prison Art, so much more!!

APPLIANCES/ELECTRONICS: Whirlpool Refrigerator, Speaker Boxes, MCS Series 3705 Stereo Tuner/3552 Stereo Cassette Deck/Integrated Amplifier/Record Player, Peavey Rage 158 Guitar Amp, Gorilla Guitar Amp, etc.

FURNITURE/HOUSEHOLD: Headboard, Dresser with Mirror, Standing Shelf, Matching Headboard and Dresser w/Mirror, Metal 3 Drawer Filing Cabinet, Desk Chairs, Vintage Wooden China Cabinet Hutch Cupboard Buffet, Kitchen Island/Breakfast Bar, Rooster Décor, Framed Pictures by Spencer Coleman, Picture Frames, Round Electric Heater, Stock Pots, Correlle Dinnerware Set, Emerson Microwave, Showtime Rotisserie & BBQ, 18qt Roaster Oven, Buffet Server, Coffee Pot, MORE!!

MISC.: 3 Live Chickens & a Rooster, Luggage, Steam Cleaner NIB, Culligan Heavy Duty Sediment Water Filter, Jars, Office Supplies, Cash Register Drawer, Auctioneer Clerking Equipment, Amplifiers & Speakers, Showcase, lots more!!

LAWN/OUTDOORS: John Deere Edge 42" Deck 100 Series Riding Mower, Craftsman 22 Inch Push Mower, Metal Glider, Horse Bridle, T-Posts, Outside Frame Screen House NIB, Bug Zapper, Hedge Trimmer, Yard Spreader, etc.

TOOLS/GARAGE: Honda 5.5 2400 PSI Pressure Washer, Stihl Chainsaw, Aluminum Extension Ladder, Aluminum Ladder, Garage Chemicals, Neiko 18v Cordless Circular Saw, Come A Long, Vise, Organizers, Story Stick and Transit, Bench Grinder, etc.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTES: Donnie Culbertson has decided to move into town and will be downsizing. He will be offering his property and personal contents at auction. Mr. Culbertson has been an auctioneer for many years and has the interesting collectibles to show it. His household items are clean and well kept. There is something here for everyone! Personal Property starts at 9 a.m. - real estate will sell at 12 noon! Rain or Shine! Lunch Stand and Restroom on grounds. Thanks! Adam and Wayne

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Lori Dickerson to Evan P. Lynch, WD, Pt. WH NE Sec. 26, Fillmore Twp.

Shirlee J. Chapin Trust, Beth M. Furness Tr. to Michael G. Chapin, Beth M. Furness, Julie A. Huber, Trustee's Deed, Pt. NW Sec. 29, WH SW Sec. 16, Pt. NW/ NW Sec. 21, Mineral Rights Only, Harvel Twp.

Ronald Clark to Arianna Clark, Kurtis Clark, QCD, Pt. SW/SW Sec. 6, Hillsboro Twp. Pt. SH/EH NE/SE Sec. 1, South Litchfield Twp. Pt. NW/SW Sec. 6, Easement Only, Hillsboro Twp.

Gerald C. Jeffers, Jamie L. Jeffers to Litchfield National Bank, WD, Pt. Lots 1 & 2, Blk. 28, Litchfield Original Town.

July 25

City of Hillsboro to Adam H. Anderson, QCD, Pt. NE/ SE Sec. 11, Hillsboro Twp.

Michael Murphy to Korenne L. Cleveland, Zachary C. Mesnard, WD, Lots 20-23, Blk. 3, Lake Drive Subn., Hillsboro.

July 26

Betty Warren, Jay Warren to Richard L. Suhre Trust, WD, Pt. NW Sec. 14, Walshville Twp.

Helen K. Roberts Estate, Michael R. Whitworth Exec. to Paul Walther, Executor's Deed, Lot 5 Blk. 10, Pt. Lot 6, Blk. 10, Hardebecks Subn.

William D. Black to Ron White, WD, Pt. Lot 24 & 25, Edgewood, Litchfield.

Ron White to Tracy Davidson, WD, Pt. Lots 24 & 25, Edgewood, Litchfield.

Travis Akalan to Ashley Akalan, Travis Akalan, WD, Pt. SE/SE Sec. 15, North Litchfield Twp. Pt. Blk. 11, Tylers 3rd Addn. Litchfield. Gary Robinson to Mason

Huber, WD, 2 Pts. SW/NW Sec. 4, South Litchfield Twp. Furness to Alex J. Holtschulte, Jenna R. Holtschulte, QCD, Pt. Lot 17, Lake Road Estate.

July 27

Carol Fraley to Harold E. Odle, James W. Odle, John T. Odle, QCD, Lot 3, EH Lot 2, Howards Subn. Litchfield.

Becky A. Moler Billo, P. Mary Billo, Becky A. Moler Billo to Matt Reitz, Tiffany Reitz, WD, Pt. SE/NW, Sec. 1, Hillsboro Twp.

Barbara A. File, Gary G. File, Montgomery County Clerk to Montgomery County Tr. 21 23, 226 008, Tax Deed, Pt. SW/NE/NE Sec. 23, East Fork Twp.

Dalton Goldsmith to Dalton Goldsmith, Paige Goldsmith, QCD, Pt. NW Sec. 9, Nokomis Twp.

Olin D. Clayton to Nick English, Sarah M. Petty, WD, Lots 2 - 9, Blk. 3, Blackwelders JM 1st Addn., Witt

July 28

Denise L. Moore Admin., Gregory L. Moore Estate to 30th Properties, Administrator's Deed, Pt. NE Sec. 33, Bois D'Arc Twp. Pts. Lots 1 - 4, Blk. 2, Witts Addn, Farmersville.

Lisa C. Heyen, Steven W. Heyen to Lisa C. Heyen Tr., Steven W. Heyen Tr., WD, Pt. NE/SE Sec. 10, South Litchfield, 2 Pts. NE/NE Sec. 5, Hillsboro Twp., SH/EH/WH NW Sec. 11, Pt. SH NE Sec. 10, NW/SW Sec. 10, South Litchfield Twp. Parcels 1-5. Judy K. Thacker, Michael Thacker to Judy K. Thacker, Michael Thacker, QCD, Lots 1, 2 & 3, Blk. 1, Barrys W. Scott Addn., Coffeen.

Michael Thacker, Judy K. Thacker to Michael Thacker, Tycen Thacker, Judy K. Thacker, QCD, Pt. SE/NW Sec. 1, East Fork Twp.

Cayla Simonton to Tara A. Blaser Tr., Tara A. Blaser Trust, David E. Turnbull Tr., WD, Lots 71, 72 & 73, School Addn. Taylor Springs.

July 31

Carol Ann Schneider to Carol A. Schneider, Jerald L. Schneider, QCD, EH/NH NE Sec. 33, Bois D'Arc Twp. RB2 Holdings to Betty A. Everley, Ronald D. Everley, QCD, EH NE/SE Sec. 4, Irving Twp.

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Beal Bank USA to MCLP Asset. Company, QCD, Lot 3, Blk. 1, Gees 2nd Addn. Furness to Melissa Eskew, Richard Eskew, Corporation Deed, Pt. Lot 17, Pt. Lot 18, Lake Road Estates.

Tamara A. Joyce to Lee W. Joyce, QCD, Pt. NW Sec. 34, Irving Twp.

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Douglas L. R. Galer and Janice R. Galer, Trust, Janice R. Galer, Tr. to Jeffery L. Mullen, Tysha Mullen, Trustee's Deed, Pt. SW/SW Sec. 20, Irving Twp.

Aug. 1

Russell Campbell, Theresa Campbell to Matthew

Coatney, Rayanne F. R. Thompson, WD, Pt. Lot 1, Blk. G, Berrys JH Addn., Litchfield

Michael P. Murphy, Patricia L. Murphy to Korenne L. Cleveland, Zachary C. Mesnard, WD, Lots, 11 - 14, Blk. 3, Lake Drive Subn., Hillsboro

Edward G. Ettling III to Curtis Gene Warner, QCD, Lot 6, Blk. 1, Coffeen Original Town

Janet M. Martincic, John P. Martincic Jr. to John P. Martincic III, Melissa K. Rice, QCD, Pt. SW, Sec. 18. Pts. SE, Sec. 18, Hillsboro Twp., Lots 11 - 15, Blk. 7, Parcels 1-7, Hillcrest

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Paul Donald Durand to James W. Stieren, WD, Pt. NW/SE Sec. 7, Raymond Twp.

Aug. 2

Davis Land Management to Cultivate Power Land Holdings, SWD, Pt. SW Sec. 8, East Fork Twp.

Jeffery B. Harris to Jeffrey B. Harris, Jeffery B. Harris II, Lots 5, 7, 9, 11 & 13, Blk. 2, Paisley Original Town

Tamara Gehlbach, Kindra Hawkins, Buddy J. Masters Sr. Estate, James Masters, Steven Masters to Kevin Jones, QCD, Lot 2, Blk. 22, Harvel Original Town.

Aug. 3

Claude Jeffers to Nathan Riley Jeffers, QCD, Pt. SW Sec. 2, South Litchfield Twp.

City of Witt to EJ Water Cooperative, Lease, Pt. NE Sec. 6, Witt Twp.

City of Witt to EJ Water Cooperative, Lease, WH SW/ SW/SW Sec. 33, Nokomis Twp.

Lisa C. Lowe, Lucas S. Lowe to Jeffery W. Cray, WD, Lot 14, Blk. 3, Sedentops Addn.

Joanna Archibald, Ryan Archibald to Glenice Durbin, Mark A. Durbin, WD, Lot 34, Bourquins Addn, Nokomis

Aug. 4

John R. Goggans, Marilyn E. Goggans to John R. Goggans Tr., Marilyn E. Goggans Tr., WD, Lot 9, Blk. 49, Nokomis Original town

Jan M. OMalley to Ryan M. Danner, Transfer on Death Lots 4, 5, & 6, Blk. 49

Kara Elaine Klinger to Florence Jewel Mitchell, Theodore Roosevelt Mitchell, WD, Lot 39, Gantleys Subn.

Danielle Vincent, Wade Vincent to Charles E. Edgington, WD, Lot 4 & 5, Blk. 14, NH Lot 3, Blk. 14, Hammonds 1st Addn., Witt

Shirley K. Marty to Nancy L. Swick, Terry A. Swick, WD, Lot 63, North Park Addn., Taylor Springs

August 7

Brittani Ready to Dariusz Kunio, WD, Pt. WH NE Sec. 14, East Fork Twp., Lot 7, Holtzclaw Subn.

Linda Joan Bland, Linda Joan Bland Exec., Ivan William Quattlander Estate, Marlin Dale Quattlander, Marlin Dale Quattlander Exec. to Linda Joan Bland, Executor's Deed, WH NW Sec. 12, Rountree Twp.

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July 19

Marilyn Jean Murphy, Marilyn Jean Murphy Tr., William D Murphy, William D. Murphy Tr., Trust 011743, Trust 051422 to Marilyn Jean Murphy Tr., William Dean Murphy Tr., Trust 011743, Trustee's Deed, Pt. EH NE Sec. 15, Pitman Twp.

Marilyn Jean Murphy, Marilyn Jean Murphy Tr., William D Murphy, William D. Murphy Tr., Trust 011743, Trust 051422, to Lazy Lone Elm, Trustee's Deed, Pt. EH NE Sec. 15, Pitman Twp.

Rodney L. Hoffman, Viola L. Rollo to Margaret Crivello, Theodore Kallmeyer, WD, Lot 62, Bourquins Addn., Nokomis.

July 20

McKenzie Welsh, Nicholas P. Welsh to Kevin Gordon, Sarah Gordon, WD, Lot 3, Blk. 2, McElroys Addn., Raymond.

Roveys Harvest & Home to Rovey Seed Company, WD, 2 Pts. NW Sec 20, Bois D'Arc Twp.

Sonja A. Heldebrandt to Michelle Plummer, John Tuttle, Jr., WD, Lot 8 & 9, Blk. 8, Miller & Youngs Addn.

Adam H. Anderson to Richard Denny, WD, Lot 10, Blk. 1, Fishs AE Addn., Hillsboro.

July 21

Sharon K. Kuchar to Mary L. Pigg, Steven D. Pigg, WD, 5, 2 Pts SE Sec. 28, South Litchfield Twp.

Alan W. Hughes, Jr., Jami J. Hughes to Dysten S. Brauer Alexandria Mullink, WD, Lot 12, Southland Court No. 2, Farmersville.

Richard Denny to Richard Denny, Doris A. Loskot, WD, Lot 10, Blk. 1, Fishs AE Addn. Hillsboro.

Deborah S. Atkins, Lynn Fritzsche, Monica Hancock, Perry Kinnett, Ruth McCario, Sondra Templeton to Ruth McCario, Steven McCario, WD, SE/SW Sec. 10, Pt. SE/SW Sec. 10, Pt. SW/SE Sec. 10, Pt. NE/NW

Fire Calls

Car Accident

Hillsboro Fire Department responded to a car accident after striking a pole on 9th avenue at 7 a.m. Monday morning, Aug. 28. There were 17 firefighters on the scene for 45 minutes.

Smoke In Residence

Hillsboro Fire Department responded to a smoke in residence call at 1112 School St. at 4:32 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30. There

were 24 members on the scene for 25 minutes.

Vehicle Rollover

Coffeen Fire Department responded to a single vehicle rollover crash near Van Burensburg at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25. They had five firefighters and two trucks on the scene, and Fillmore provided mutual aid with 6 firefighters and 2 trucks. they were on the scene for three hours.

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

The Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 is seeking qualified individuals to fill vacancies for substitute school bus drivers. Individuals must be at least 21 years of age. Candidates must be able to secure a CDL license, bus permit, and successfully complete the bus driver-training program. Flexible hours are necessary

Applications are available at the Unit Office at 1322 Vandalia Road, Hillsboro, IL 62049-2034 or on the district website hillsboroschools.net. For further information, please contact Mr. Adam Gregg, Transportation Director, at 217-532-6012.

Apply to Adam Gregg, Transportation Director, Hillsboro Unit Office, 1311 Vandalia Rd., Hillsboro, IL 62049.

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Serious applicants apply at Doyle Public Library. Mail résumé or come in and fill out an application.

Questions: Contact Darcy at 217-229-4471.

Crop Progress

There were 6.5 days suitable for field work during the week ending Aug. 27. Statewide, the average temperature was 80.9 degrees, 7.3 degrees above normal. Precipitation averaged 0.49 inches, 0.23 inches below normal.

Topsoil moisture supply was rated 8 percent very short, 35 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated 12 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 54 percent adequate.

Corn dough reached 85 percent, compared to the

five-year average of 88 percent. Corn dented reached 54 percent, compared to the five-year average of 57 percent. Corn mature reached 7 percent, compared to the five-year average of 6 percent. Corn condition was rated 4 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

Soybeans setting pods reached 88 percent, compared to the five-year average of 90 percent. Soybean condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 13 percent excellent.

Police

Litchfield Police

- Darryl E. Lawrence, 58, of Bethalto, was arrested for retail theft at 12:24 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at Walmart.
- Breanna R. Fogle, 26, of Butler, was cited for disorderly conduct and resisting a peace officer at 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at the 300 block of E. Hauser.
- Tasha T. Perry, 46, of Decatur, was cited for unregistered or expired registration at 12:42 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at W. IL Rt. 16.
- Sean C. Sneed, 30, of Iberia, MO, was cited for driver's license being expired for more than a year at 9:41 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, on S. 4 Lane and Rt. 66.
- Jessica E. Jenkins, 31, of

Litchfield, was cited for driving on a suspended license at 12:56 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at the I-55 MM 52.

- Charles Beiermann, 40, of Litchfield, was arrested on an outstanding Montgomery County warrant at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the 400 block of S. Jefferson.
- Jessie C. Bates, 37, of Litchfield, was arrested on outstanding Madison County and Collinsville Police Department warrants at 12:18 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the intersection of Rt. 66 and Columbia.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 14, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: JS CONSTRUCTION located at 114 SHERMAN STREET in the city of NOKOMIS and state of IL.

Dated August 14, 2023
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of:
Nicholas Robert Berry
Case Number: 2023MR16
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from:
Nicholas Robert Berry
to the new name of
Dutch Tiberius Harlow
The court date will be held:
on October 3 at 10:00 a.m. at 120 N. Main Hillsboro Montgomery County in Courtroom #2.
/s/ Nicholas Robert Berry
Nicholas Robert Berry
28-3t*

ACCEPTING BIDS

The City of Litchfield is accepting sealed bids for a **2022 or 2023 F250/2500 pick-up with service body and a 2022 or 2023 F550/5500 cab and chassis with stainless steel dump body with snowplow and stainless steel under tailgate spreader**. Bid specifications can be picked up at the Mayor's Office at City Hall, 120 E. Ryder St., Litchfield, Illinois or on the City of Litchfield web page.

Sealed Bids must be returned to the City Clerk by **10 A.M. Friday, September 8, 2023, bid opening at 1 P.M. September 8, 2023**. Any bids received after 10 A.M. will be returned unopened.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLORIA JUNE EVERETT, Deceased.

NO. 2023-PR-17 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Gloria June Everett, of Harvel, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 6, 2023, to Ruth Ann Mize, of Bunker Hill, IL as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Erik Hyam of Silver Lake Group, Ltd. of Litchfield, IL 62056.

Claims may be filed within six (6) months from the date

of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred as to the estate which is inventoried within that period. Claims must be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro Illinois, and copies mailed or delivered to the Executor and to her attorney.
Erik Hyam
IL Bar No. 6311090
Attorney for Administrator Silver lake group, ltd.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Chantel Alyssa White, formerly a resident of Summerfield, Florida and Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, on July 27, 2023. Letters of Office were issued out of the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois, on the 10th day of August, 2023 under Case No. 2023-PR-24 unto Troy White and Kimberly Randolph whose addresses are: Troy White, 701 N. Ash Street, Coffeen, Illinois, and Kimberly Randolph, 1116 Reavis Barracks Road, St. Louis, Missouri, and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Cullison, 220 South Main Street, P. O. Box 188, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

Claims may be filed within

6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

If you need further information regarding the electronic filing of claims with the Court, you should contact the Montgomery County Circuit Clerk at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Troy White and Kimberly Randolph, Personal Representatives of the Decedent's Estate
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARVEY ERNST, DECEASED.

No. 2023-PR-21 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of HARVEY ERNST, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on August 9, 2023, to DOROTHY A. ERNST, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Harvey M. Stephens, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Montgomery County

Courthouse, 120 North Main Street, Room 125 Hillsboro, IL 62049, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 20th day of February 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY - HILLSBORO ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC., PLAINTIFF

vs.
GEORGE A. GUINN IV;
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; JANELLE JAROS; DEFENDANTS
No. 2022FC34
Address: 654 East Crickenberger Avenue, Nokomis, IL 62075
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2023, I, Sheriff of Montgomery County, Illinois, will on October 4, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 AM at the Montgomery County Courthouse 120 N. Main Street, Hillsboro, IL 62560, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Montgomery, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOTS 4, 5 AND 6 IN BLOCK 13, AS LAID OUT ON THE RECORDED PLAT OF MILLER, YOUNG AND CRICKENBERGER'S ADDITION TO NOKOMIS, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF COALTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS: 654 East Crickenberger Avenue, Nokomis, IL 62075
P.I.N.: 08-27-206-022

The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.

THE JUDGMENT

AMOUNT WAS: \$75,868.81

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale

is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650, Chicago, IL 60602, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 22 9997.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BESS J. RYAN, Deceased.

No. 2023-PR-25 NOTICE TO HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of BESS J. RYAN of Nokomis, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 16, 2023, to DONNIE SIMS and BARRY DONALDSON, 5880 38th Ave N. #110, St. Petersburg, FL 33710, whose attorney is Andy Scharf, 606 N. State St., Litchfield, IL 62056.

Notice is given to JAMES PATRICK RYAN, JESSICA RYAN CARTWRIGHT, NYSHA (WESTIKA) SOPER and AVA JO LOUISE WESTIKA, addresses unknown, UNKNOWN DESCENDANTS/ HEIRS OF BESS J. RYAN, DECEASED, names and addresses unknown, heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names and/or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on August 16, 2023, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, you may file a petition with

the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open Court or other evidence, as provided in section 621 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-20). You also have the right under section 81 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-20) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, IL 62049, via mandatory e-filing, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 1, 2024, or three months from the mailing of notice to creditors, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DONNIE SIMS & BARRY DONALDSON, Independent Co-Executors ANDY SCHARF, Attorney 606 North State Street Litchfield, IL 62056 Telephone: (217) 324-4001 andy@scharflawfirm.com Attorney Registration #06198303
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SECURITY NATIONAL BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BARBARA E. KRAGER, JOHN J. KRAGER, TAMBATHA HAMILTON, NICKOLAS STOKES, CHRISTINA HICKS, TAMMY HICKS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, and GRANDMA COOKIES, LLC, An Illinois limited liability company, Defendants.
2023-FC-22

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for foreclosure of a certain mortgage and other relief, as follows:

COUNT I

1. Names of All Plaintiffs and the Case Number: SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, Case No. 23-FC-22

2. The Court in Which the Action was Brought: Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Illinois.

3. Names of Titleholder of Record: BARBARA E. KRAGER and JOHN J. KRAGER

4. Legal Description of the Real Estate Sufficient to Identify It with Reasonable Certainty:

Lot Nine (9) in Block Seventeen (17) in the original town (now City) of Nokomis, situated in the City of Nokomis, Montgomery County, Illinois.

5. Common Address or Descriptions of the Location of the Real Estate:

113 E. Front St. Nokomis, IL 62075

6. The Parcel Number is: 08-23-113-007

7. Identification of the Mortgage(s) Sought to be Foreclosed:

(a) Names of Mortgagor: Barbara E. Krager and John J. Krager

(b) Name of Mortgagee: Security National Bank

(c) Date of Mortgage: March 28, 2019

(d) Date of Recording or Registering Mortgage: March 28, 2019

(e) County where recorded: Montgomery County

(f) Identification of Mortgage Recording: Inst. 201900000966 or Book 1690 at Page 440
COUNT II

1. Names of All Plaintiffs and the Case Number: SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, Case No. 23-FC-22

2. The Court in Which the Action was Brought: Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Illinois.

3. Names of Titleholder of Record: BARBARA E. KRAGER and JOHN J. KRAGER

4. Legal Description of the Real Estate Sufficient to Identify It with Reasonable Certainty:

The Southeast Ninety (90) feet of Lot Seven (7) in Block Eighteen (18) in the original town (now City) of Nokomis, situated in the City of Nokomis, Montgomery County, Illinois.

5. Common Address or Descriptions of the Location of the Real Estate:

124 W. Front St. Nokomis, IL 62075

6. The Parcel Number is: 08-23-112-011

7. Identification of the Mortgage(s) Sought to be Foreclosed:

(a) Names of Mortgagor: Barbara E. Krager and John J. Krager

(b) Name of Mortgagee: Security National Bank

(c) Date of Mortgage: July 26, 2019

(d) Date of Recording: July 29, 2019

(e) County where recorded: Montgomery County

(f) Recording Document Identification: Inst. 201900002258 or Book 1699 at Page 525

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main St., Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, on or before September 29, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Daniel Robbins
Clerk of the Court

Erik Hyam
IL Bar No. 6311090
Silver Lake Group, Ltd. Attorneys for Plaintiff 314 N. Monroe St. P.O. Box 98 Litchfield, IL 62056 Tel. (217) 324.6147 erik@silverlakelaw.com
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