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IDOT Route 16 Bridge Work Will Start On Tuesday

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the replacement of three bridges and the repair of one box culvert along Illinois 16 between Nokomis and Ohlman in Montgomery County begins Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Traffic is expected to be reduced to one lane and a 9'-6" width restriction will be in place. Message boards, temporary traffic signals,

barriers and flaggers will assist with traffic control in the project area. The lane reduction is necessary so that the concrete bridge decks can be completely removed and reconstructed, half at a time.

Benefits include adding durability to the road by replacing bridges that have reached the end of their lifespan and providing improved drainage that will increase public

safety. The \$4.8 million project is expected to be complete in November 2024.

Motorists traveling through these work areas can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile

devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,000 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through year four of Rebuild Illi-

nois included approximately \$12.1 billion of improvements statewide on 5,339 miles of highway, 533 bridges and 762 additional safety improvements.

For IDOT District 6 updates, follow IDOTDistrict6 on Twitter or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on GettingAroundIllinois.com.

Pickers Market Returns To Litchfield Sept. 10

The Litchfield Pickers Market returns Sunday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 400 N. State St. in downtown Litchfield.

This vintage and antique market is a fun, family-friendly event and the city is excited to welcome back visitors and vendors for the third market of the season. It is the largest open-air pickers market in the region and specializes in antiques, collectibles, vintage items and refurbished items.

Each month the market welcomes musicians to perform at the Carnegie Park stage. On Sept. 10, two favorite Pickers Market bands will return to the stage, with *Mattison Avenue* starting the music at 9 a.m., followed by Michael Burnett at noon. A limited number of picnic tables are provided in the park area, so bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit and enjoy the music.

To make the most of the pickers market experience, it is recommended that attendees bring totes, wagons, carts, pick-up trucks and anything that will help haul all the great treasures you will find.

Visitors will find plenty to eat at the market with a food vendor or two parked at every intersection throughout the market. Their menus are listed on the

sandwich boards on the streets and on the website listed below.

While exploring the market, please stop by the Litchfield Tourism Information Booth on the west side of Carnegie Park and check out the exclusive 2023 Litchfield Pickers Market T-shirt and other Pickers gear. Volunteers at the booth can also provide more information about the market and the Litchfield area.

Some downtown streets will be closed on Sept. 10, from 4 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., including State Street from Union Ave. (Route 16) to the south entrance of the Brown Shoe Apartments and Ryder, Kirkham and Edwards streets from Monroe Street to Madison Street. Any vehicles parked on those streets during that timeframe will be towed at the owner's expense. Sargent Street is also closed for construction.

Admission to the market is free and with multiple entry points, visitors can park around the perimeter. Remember, only service animals are permitted.

For more information, please follow the Litchfield Pickers Market Facebook page, visit the website at visitlitchfield.com or call the Litchfield Tourism Office at 217-324-8147. The office is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Rowdy Luck was one of the volunteers manning the kettle at the annual Panama Mulligan, hosted by the Iron Horse Saloon this year. The line of folks waiting to taste the product was steady. *Journal-News Photo*

The Mulligan Was On In Panama

The village of Panama was again alive with the smell of burning wood and simmering stew during the annual Panama Mulligan on Sunday, Sept. 3.

The annual fundraiser was begun at the Panama VFW over 70 years ago by Frank Motyka, John "Mush" Malisia and Raymond "Fuzzy" Coleman, but this year, the Iron Horse Saloon next door picked up the tradition.

"We're happy to be able to keep it go-

ing," Iron Horse owner Dawn Tracy said.

Although the location of the event changed, it still required substantial volunteer effort. Helping prep for the beef and chicken stew were Emily, Shannon, Dawn, Candy, Dolly, Mike, Don, Linda, Paula, Deb, Terry and Sherman.

In order to be ready to serve mulligan at noon on Sunday, the fires were lit at 8 p.m. Saturday, and many volunteers spent the night: Rowdy, Matt, Billy,

Danny, Tractor, Earl, Todd, Jim, Roger, Mike, Tom, Don, and Ron "Wiggles" Malisia, son of original organizer "Mush" Malisia.

This year's event featured a car and big show, live entertainment from *The Strugglers* and a 50/50 raffle. In addition to tasty mulligan, there was also pulled pork, brats, hot dogs and chips, and Nu-Way Deli down the street served fried chicken.

New Faces Reign Over Labor Day

Amid all the sparkle and shine at this year's Witt Labor Day Homecoming pageants, several smiling faces will represent the community in the coming year. This year's pageant was held on Sunday evening, Sept. 3, on the stage in downtown Witt. Pictured above, from the left are Tiny Mr. Witt Colt Porter and his mom Kassie Price, Little Miss Witt Indi Flowers, Miss Witt Brynn Connor, Junior Miss Witt Kaelin Cress and Tiny Miss Witt Charleigh Camp with her mom, Kennah Camp. For more from this year's Witt Labor Day pageants, see page 8A.

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Prepare 2023 Entries For County Farmers Institute

The 132nd annual Montgomery County Farmers Institute—one of the longest standing traditions in Montgomery County—will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, at the University of Illinois Extension building in Hillsboro. This year the institute will be highlighting horticulture and agriculture.

Registration will be on Friday, Sept. 8, from 4 to 6 p.m., and on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 8 to 10 a.m. Judging will follow. The public will be able to view the exhibits after judging is complete, with exhibit items closing at 1 p.m.

All exhibitors must be residents of Montgomery County, and all exhibits must be property of the ex-

hibitor, entered in the name of the individual actually producing the crop, article or item. Only one entry in a class or category shall be permitted from one farm or family. Exhibitors must pick up their exhibits at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Monetary prizes of \$10, \$5 and \$2 will be awarded in all categories this year and must be claimed at the close of the institute.

A lunch counter featuring soft drinks, BBQ pulled pork, hot dogs and snack items will be available.

For more information on the institute and categories, pick up a booklet at *The Journal-News* office, located at 431 S. Main St. in Hillsboro.

Win Number 1

Nokomis Celebrates First Football Win

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Weather Forecast

Tue 05	89°/71°	Partly Cloudy	24%
Wed 06	83°/59°	Partly Cloudy	20%
Thu 07	80°/57°	Mostly Sunny	5%
Fri 08	80°/55°	Sunny	6%

Witt Celebrates Holiday With Labor Day Parade

Witt was the place to be to celebrate Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 4, when the annual parade stepped off at 11 a.m.

Kicked off by veteran honor guards, first responders, and the venerable old "Witt Labor Day" banner on the Witt Lions float, the parade featured royalty, antique vehicles and tractors, local Democrats and Republicans, the Hillsboro High School band led by Hillsboro Junior High School cheerleaders, clever and colorful floats, and of course—labor from Laborers Local 1084 in Hillsboro and Carpenters Local 270 in Springfield.

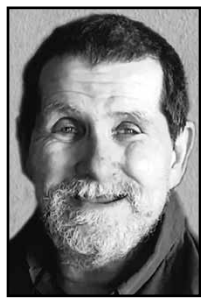
Security National Bank won the Witt Commercial parade category followed by Mac's Diner in second and

Witt Bar in third. The Witt Museum finished first in Witt Non-Commercial, and Starr Shooters 4-H finished first in Witt Youth Groups.

In Out-Of-Town Floats, it was Hellsboro Haunted House in first, Grace Fellowship in Fillmore in second, FastFlo of Hillsboro third, St. Louis School in Nokomis in fourth, Miller's Lime of Fillmore in fifth, and Securus Insurance of Hillsboro finished sixth.

Alex Fuserier's 1953 GMC fire truck won the Antique Cars class, Mike Niehaus finished second in his 1937 Jaguar, Nathan Ruppert was third in his 1929 Model A pickup, and Edmond Hill finished fourth in a 1931 Model A roadster.

Mark Parish, 66 Chicago Cubs, Wrestling Fan



Mark Elmo Parish, 66 of Litchfield, died on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Funeral services will be held on Monday, Sept. 11, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. George Bankston officiating.

Mr. Parish was born Jan. 28, 1957, in St. Louis, MO, a son of James Junior and Hazel Harrison Parrish.

He graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1975. Throughout his life, he was employed as a general laborer by several different companies. He attended First Apostolic Church in Greenville, was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed watching wrestling.

Mr. Parish is survived by two brothers, Wesley (Brigitte) Parrish of Germany and Bobby (Corinna) Parrish of Litchfield; two sisters, Peggy (Danny) Weinberg of Kilgore, TX and Fanny (Jon) Chasteen of Pocahontas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jesse Parish and Daniel Parrish; and a sister, Rose Werner.

To sign the online register book, light a virtual candle or for more information, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Gerald R. Rogers, 95 U.S. Navy Veteran



Gerald Rolland Rogers, 95, of Litchfield, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023 at 7:35 p.m. at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Funeral services for Mr. Rogers will be held at Plummer Funeral Home Saturday, Sept. 9, at 12 p.m. Burial will be in Elm Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of service. The Rev. John Vidakovich of St. Timothy United Methodist Church will officiate.

He was born in Litchfield on May 10, 1928, a son of Clay and Florence (Ellington) Rogers. He attended Litchfield schools, and proudly served his country during WWII. He was stationed in Guam in the South Pacific Theatre, and served on the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, Antietam. He and the former Fern Marie Hittmeier were married Nov. 14, 1948 in Mt. Olive, and she preceded him death on June 25, 2015.

Mr. Rogers was employed as a warehouse manager with McKay Auto Parts for over 45 years prior to retirement. He held memberships in St. Timothy United Methodist Church, Methodist Men's Group, both in Litchfield and Mt. Moriah Lodge #51 A.F. & A.M., Hillsboro. Mr. Rogers enjoyed fishing and trail riding with his horse, Smokey. On May 10, 2011, he was chosen to travel to Washington, D.C on an Honor Flight.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his children, son Gary (Kathy) Rogers of Litchfield and daughter, Jane Rogers of Springfield; brother, Bob (Donna) Rogers of Litchfield; five grandchildren, Julie Rogers, Matt (Kerry) Rinker, Lauren (Jason) Baker, Bradley Titsworth, and Amanda Titsworth; ten great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Mr. Rogers was preceded in death by his step-mother, Ruth (Cayce) Rogers, and an infant identical twin brother.

Memorials may be made to Hearts United or the Litchfield Veteran's Memorial Garden.

To sign the online register book, light a virtual candle, or for more information, please visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Helen V. Flowers, 94 Grandmother Of Bank President



Helen V. Flowers, 94, of Carrollton, died Wednesday morning, Aug. 30, at Boyd Memorial Hospital in Carrollton. Mrs. Flowers is the grandmother of Misty Borrowman of Sorento, president of Bank of Hillsboro.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Airsman-Hires Funeral Home in Carrollton. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 6, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be held in Eldred Memorial Gardens in Eldred.

Mrs. Flowers was born Oct. 7, 1928, in Carrollton, daughter of the late Roy and Florence (Beckman) Rhoades. She married Clarence Evans, Sr., who preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1983. She later married Harry D. Flowers, Sr. on Aug. 17, 1984 and he survives. During her lifetime, Mrs. Flowers worked at Greene County Farm Bureau and later for Columbiana Seed Company and CNB Bank (formerly Greene County National Bank). She was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Mt. Gilead Club and Greene County Home Extension.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by children, Virginia L. "Tunie" Brannan (Michael) of Eldred, Clarence "Junior" Evans (Cathy) and Roy "Butch" Evans (Janice) all of Carrollton, Marsha Flowers (Lorraine) of Frederick, MD, Becky Howard (Chris), "JR" Harry Flowers, Jr. (Gena), and Cindy Howard all of Carrollton and Kirby Flowers (Georgi) of Edwardsville; grandchildren, Amy Struble, Linda Evans, Joe, Jake, Josh and Jon Evans, Dean Evans, Misty Borrowman, Megan Becker, Tim Brannan, Kery Jo Baumgartner, Joe Howard, Angela Nguyen, Katie Dudley, Nichole Flowers, Chad Flowers, Toby Howard, Jenny Arnett, Cory Howard, Leah Flowers, Krista Flowers and Brett Flowers; 42 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband; sisters, Mary Hacker, Rosie Flowers and Norma Busey; and brothers, Roy "Sam" Rhoades and Franklin "Bud" Rhoades.

Memorials may be made to Our Redeemer Church and sent care of Airsman-Hires Funeral Home, 5th St. Carrollton, IL 62016. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.airsmen-hires.com.

Dave Sexton, 72 Father Of Local Pastor



Dave Sexton, 72, of Dade City, FL, died on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 6, beginning at 10 a.m. at Hodges Family Funeral Home in Dade City, FL. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Military rites will be accorded, beginning at 1 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery.

Mr. Sexton was born Jan. 17, 1951, in Martin, KY, to the late Elkana and Louvern Osborn Sexton, where he was the ninth of fourteen children. He married Lisa McClain Sexton in 1986 in Daytona Beach, FL.

Mr. Sexton worked as an appliance repairman before becoming an HVAC technician. He worked for Pasco County as a supervisor, and later retired from the Pasco County School Board. He was drafted into the United States Army, where he worked in communications and continued to serve his country in the Army Reserves.

He enjoyed being with his family and was very proud to be an elder of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Zephyrhills, FL.

In addition to his loving wife of 37 years, Mr. Sexton is survived by a son, Aaron (Sherry) Sexton of California; a daughter, the Rev. Cassandra (the Rev. Michael) Sexton-Riggs of Litchfield, grandson Dylan Sexton of North Carolina, three brothers, four sisters and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Everett E. Shreve, 83 Lifetime County Resident

Everett E. "Gene" Shreve 83, of Litchfield died on Sept. 1, 2023, in St. Louis.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Shreve was born in Litchfield on Sept. 26, 1939, to Everett E. and Marie (Hopper) Shreve. He lived his entire life in Litchfield and Hillsboro. He worked at Olin Corporation in Alton.

He is survived by his companion of many years, Alice Ogden; two children, son Stanley (Brenda) Shreve and daughter Melissa Hale; sister, Susan Shreve and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Alicia Shreve, siblings Jane, David, Gary and Bill; and two half-brothers, Glenn and Lon.

Condolences may be left at houghfuneralhome.com



Two sumo wrestlers in the first place Security National Bank entry encouraged customers to "knock out high fees."

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Some of the many smiling faces with the second place Grace Fellowship Church of Fillmore float that invited everyone to "Come to the table."

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"He didn't have time to finish it, so I did," a sign behind an Oliver 550 driven by Kenny Lohman of Hillsboro read. The parade entry was in memory of his brother, Oliver collector Jimmy Lohman who just passed on Aug. 9. Trent Lohman of Nokomis, Jimmy's son, followed on his father's Oliver 77.

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The men and women of Laborer's Local 1084 of Hillsboro reminded parade watchers to drive safely in construction zones. They were followed in the parade by Carpenters Local 270 of Springfield.

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Witt Museum's first place float celebrated and promoted the development of a new veterans memorial in Witt.

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The large, active Starr Shooters 4-H Club won first place with this road-trip entry in the Witt Labor Day Parade.

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Meetings

Building And Grounds

Members of the Montgomery County Board Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro. The agenda items include tuck-pointing at Annex building, old highway department property update and elevator preventative maintenance service agreement. 0

Hillsboro City Council

The Hillsboro City Council will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5 in City Hall. Items included on the agenda will be the annual lease payment for the South Marina dock, the annual dam inspection, bid for the Lake Hillsboro spillway and payment for concrete work around the Historic Courthouse.

Nokomis

Planning Commission
Members of the Nokomis Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at Nokomis City Hall. Items on the agenda include selection of a chairman and secretary. There will be an open discussion regarding future projects.

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Obituaries

Brandon Leonard, 35

Nurse, Loved To Sing



Brandon Scott Leonard, 35, of Litchfield, died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at Net Community Church, located at 1255 S. Hackman Street in Staunton. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Derrick Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield.

Mr. Leonard was born in Litchfield on Jan. 5, 1988, a son of Denis Sam and Donna Jean Leonard. He graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 2006, and went on to graduate from Greenville College with a degree in pastoral studies and from St. John's School of Nursing. He was in the process of becoming a nurse practitioner.

Mr. Leonard was employed with the Springfield Clinic in the Department of Neurology, and had been formerly employed at various locations within the HSHS system, an associate at Dollar Tree and a substitute teacher. He lived out his Christian faith as an active member of Net Community Church in Staunton, where he served on the praise team, acted as a greeter and attended Bible studies.

He loved going to musical concerts, acting and drama in various plays, participating in "The Promise" musical at Zion Lutheran Church, enjoyed singing in the choir while a student at Greenville College and spending time with his friends. He most enjoyed going on mission trips and spreading the joy and love of Christ.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Carrie Ferguson of Highland; two nephews, Aubrey Aabuschon and Gaike Ferguson; a niece, Mercie Ferguson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Irving Ray Deck and Stella Elizabeth (Neverdowski) Deck; his paternal grandparents, Christopher Charles Leonard and Dorothy Mae (Curto) Parsons; and paternal step-grandparents, Bill Grindley and Melvin Parsons.

Memorials may be made to St. John's School of Nursing, Hearts United or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

To sign the online register book, light a virtual candle or for more information, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Sharon Weaver, 81

Teacher At Graham



Sharon B.E. Weaver, 81, of Donnellson, died at 1:10 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation in Taylor Springs.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, Sept. 8, at Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home, located at 201 S. Main Street in Sorento. The funeral ceremony will follow at noon with Pastor Ray Snider officiating. Interment will follow the ceremony at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sorento.

Mrs. Weaver was born April 8, 1942, in Chicago, the daughter of Raymond and Bertha Esther (Lawrence) Bagus. She married Hoyt Eugene Weaver on May 16, 1964, in Chicago, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 15, 1998.

A graduate of Jones Commercial High School in Chicago, she graduated from Calumet College with her bachelor's degree in education. She went on to teach computer science at Ivy Tech in Valparaiso, IN.

When she and her husband relocated to central Illinois, she began teaching at Graham Correctional Center, where she would retire from after more than ten years of service. She loved her job and always treated the inmates with compassion and respect.

A longtime member of the Panama Methodist Church, she was a talented quilter and loved sewing and scrapbooking.

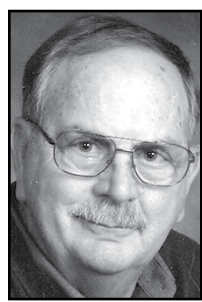
Mrs. Weaver is survived by her children, Sheryl (husband Mark) Reynolds of Sorento and Jeff Weaver of Springfield; grandchildren, Mark (wife, Errin) Reynolds, Jr., Matthew (wife Laura) Reynolds, Jannel Wood and Zachary (wife, Kaylee) Weaver; eight great-grandchildren; siblings, Jerome Bagus of Palatine and Lillian (husband Kenneth Skahn) Bagus of Aspers, PA; special nephew, Adam Bagus and a great-niece and a great-nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250 or Salvation Army, 615 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314. Visit www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com to share memories of Mrs. Weaver or to offer condolences to her family.

Donald E. Mueller, 75

U.S. Army Veteran



Donald Edwin Mueller Sr. 75, of Hillsboro died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, at 7:46 p.m. at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro. Military Rites will be accorded by the Department of Defense following the service at the church. Visitation will precede the services on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro. The Rev. Michael Plummer, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro will officiate.

Mr. Mueller was born on May 14, 1948 in Highland, to the late Theodore and Veronica (Turnoprovich) Mueller. He was a 1966 graduate of Collinsville High School in Collinsville, and would serve in the U.S. Army during Vietnam.

He married Carol Kershaw on Dec. 2, 1967 at Maryville Baptist Church in Maryville, and she survives in Hillsboro.

He worked as an operation supervisor for Shell Oil Refinery in Wood River, and lived in Collinsville, Staunton, Bunker Hill, Kansas while serving and Hillsboro.

He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #1308 in Alton, the Woodburn Bible Church in Bunker Hill and Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro.

He is survived by his wife; three children, Donald (Shannon) Mueller Jr. of Moro, Michael (wife, Lisa) Mueller of Wisconsin and Jeffrey Mueller of Wisconsin; five grandchildren, Lauren Dunn, Jacob, Tristan, Milo and Stella Mueller; one great grandchild, Izadora Mueller; and his siblings Ted, Paul and Pat Mueller.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandchild Casey Mueller; and brother William Mueller in infancy.

Memorials may be made out to the Disable Veterans - Wounded Warrior Project. Send condolences online to basspattondeanf.com.

Anne Follis, 76

Follower Of Jesus



Anne Bowen Follis, 76, of Nokomis, died Aug. 28, 2023, in Nokomis, surrounded by family after fighting a long battle with Parkinson's disease and dementia.

Services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Crosspoint Church, located at 400 S. Pleasant Hill Rd., in East Peoria. A visitation will begin at 10 a.m. with a memorial service to follow at 11 a.m. Mrs. Follis requested bright colors and balloons at her funeral because, in her words, "my funeral is not a sad occasion; it's a party for my homecoming with Jesus."

Mrs. Follis was born on Aug. 22, 1947, to Don and Leona Bowen in Albany, NY. She was educated in Cherry Hill, NJ and attended Houghton College for one year before returning home to work as a secretary. She married Daniel Dean Follis on Aug. 24, 1968. The two moved to Illinois and began what would become over 50 years in ministry together.

Mrs. Follis was passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with others. She spent her life working alongside her husband in ministry. Mrs. Follis was a leader in churches throughout central Illinois. She was a student and teacher of the Bible and she loved to worship her Savior in song as a worship leader.

In the 1970s, Mrs. Follis became a leader for the ERA movement and was a founding member and president emerita of HERA, Homemaker's Equal Rights Association. She became a national speaker and was featured on talk shows, at state legislatures, and radio stations across the country. Mrs. Follis wrote the bestseller, *I'm Not a Woman's Libber, But...* in 1981. She later returned to school and graduated from Blackburn College with a degree in English. Mrs. Follis owned her own resume business, Career Pro, in Peoria for 20 years. She published the book, *How to Power Pack Your Job Search* in 1997. She retired in 2010 to spend more time with her family and grandchildren.

In addition to her beloved husband, Dean, Mrs. Follis is survived by two children, Troy (Abby) Follis and Ryan (Tara) Follis of Nokomis and eight grandchildren. Always a kid at heart, she was a proud mother and cherished her time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Megan Jean McQuellon, who died in 2015.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Nokomis to support future Women in Ministry. Online condolences can be left at stiehdawsonfh.com.

Rosemary Mattli, 95

Active At Holy Family Church



Rosemary Cecelia Anna Mattli, 95, of Litchfield, died on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at 8:08 p.m. at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

She suffered from a fall, and never completely recovered. Fortunately, all her family gathered to celebrate her birthday earlier in August.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of the service at Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield. A Concelebrated

Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Daniel J. Willenborg and the Rev. James L. Neuman, pastor emeritus of Holy Family Catholic Church, presiding. Burial will follow at Harvel Cemetery. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is assisting the family.

Mrs. Mattli was born on Aug. 27, 1928, in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of John William and Lelah Anna (Holmer) Mattli, and they preceded her in death.

Mrs. Mattli graduated from Notre Dame High School in St. Louis, MO with the class of 1946. She was employed at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in St. Louis, MO for more than 30 years before retiring. After retirement, she moved to Litchfield.

An active member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield, she formerly served as eucharistic minister and gift bearer. She was also a member of the Durant Life Council Telephone Pioneers in St. Louis, MO, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Notre Dame Missions in St. Louis, "The Eyes Have It" Renew group and Royal Neighbors of America. She was a former member of the Montgomery County Home Extension Suburbanite Unit.

Mrs. Mattli is survived by a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to the Holy Family Parish Youth Group. To sign the online register book, light a virtual candle or for more information, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Margaret M. Sharp, 73

Retired From Hillsboro Glass



Margaret Mary (Wells) Sharp, 73, of Hillsboro, died Aug. 31, 2023, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 6, beginning at 11 a.m. at Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Graveside services will follow at noon in Green Hill Cemetery in Van Burenburg, with Pastor Run Butler officiating.

Mrs. Sharp was born in Chicago to her parents, Tom and Ann Wells, on Aug. 6, 1950. Mrs. Sharp married John Sharp, and they had been married for 38 years.

She was a high school graduate and studied at Lincoln Land Community College.

Mrs. Sharp was a hard worker who loved Jesus, her family and life altogether. She worked at Hillsboro Glass, but had since retired. In her free time, she enjoyed going to the casinos and slot machines.

Along with her husband John, she is survived by her four children, Mike Lebeter of Morrisonville, Robbi Hoppes of Gillespie, John Sharp of Taylor Springs and Jonnalyn Sharp of Carlinville; five grandchildren Katrina Grundy, Maddlin Lebeter, Charles Williams, Jayde Sharp, Chad Sharp and one great-granddaughter Lena Grundy; siblings Pat Plank, Nancy Peat, Wess Wells, Matt Wells and Angie McDonald; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Mrs. Sharp was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Billy Wells and Theresa Blanchong.

Memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. Condolences may be left online at www.houghfuneralhome.com.

Marilyn I. Caveny, 94

Cub Scout Leader, Volunteer



Marilyn Isabell Caveny, 94, of Litchfield, died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, at 7 a.m. at Litchfield Health and Rehab Center.

Visitation will be held on Thursday evening, Sept. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. The Rosary will be recited at 6:45 p.m. with Deacon Sean Caveny, Mrs. Caveny's nephew, leading.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, Sept. 8, beginning at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield

with Father Dan Willenborg presiding. Burial will be in St. Denis Cemetery in Shipman.

Mrs. Caveny was born Feb. 10, 1929, a daughter of Lyle and Ema (Cummings) Duncan. She graduated from Shipman High School with the class of 1947, where she was a cheerleader. She and Joseph Emmett Caveny were married April 29, 1950, at St. Denis Parish in Shipman, with Father Walsh officiating. Mr. Caveny preceded her in death Jan. 9, 2000.

As a young woman, Mrs. Caveny worked as a veterinary assistant for Dr. Robert Brakefield in Macoupin County, worked at Western Cartridge in East Alton and at the JC Archer Allis-Chalmers Dealership in Shipman at the parts counter.

As a young Army bride, she followed her husband to Kansas when he was drafted in 1950, where she planted trees along the highway for the state. When he was sent overseas, she returned to her parents' farm in Shipman. Upon his discharge in 1954, they started farming in North Litchfield Township. She became a full-time farmer's wife, and then later a full-time coal miner's wife.

Active in St. Aloysius Parish Altar and Rosary Society, she also cared for the priest's and altar boys' vestments for many years. A Cub Scout leader, she volunteered for the American Red Cross and for the food pantries. She loved fishing, animals and baseball, and was a die-hard Brooklyn Dodgers fan, transferring her allegiance to Los Angeles, CA, when they moved.

In later years she loved mowing, reading, traveling, lunch and games with friends, swimming, dancing and music. Her grandchildren were the joy of her life, and she attended all of their events until her health made that impossible.

Mrs. Caveny is survived by two sons, Joe (Lori) Caveny of Litchfield and Tim (Candace) Caveny of O'Fallon; one daughter, Elaine (Jeff) Stone of Lewistown; four grandchildren, Shannon Caveny of St. Louis, MO, Erin Caveny of Litchfield, Justin (Cassie) Stone of Lewistown and Tysin Stone of Lewistown; two great-grandchildren, Cameron Stone and Regan Stone, both of Lewistown; and three sisters-in-law Billie Caveny, Kathy Hantla Walden and Arlene Duncan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings and their spouses, Boyd (Christie) Duncan, Bill (Margie) Duncan, Robert Duncan, Jinny (Thornton) Leatherby and Ardie (Ed) Caveny.

Her love of her grandchildren and her love of music led to her wish for memorials in her name to be made to Lewistown School District #97 Music Department or to Litchfield School District #12 Music Department. To sign the online register book, light a virtual candle or for more information, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Donna M. Henninger, 87

Homemaker



Donna Mae Henninger, 87, of Litchfield, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, at 3:14 a.m. at Hillsboro Rehab and Health Center.

Private family services will be held at a later date for Mrs. Henninger.

Mrs. Henninger was born Jan. 26, 1936, in Good Thunder, MN, a daughter of Ervin and Evelyn (Schubbe) Dalluge. She and Fred Werner Otto Henninger were married Sept. 1, 1956 in Good Thunder, MN, and he preceded her in death Sept. 19, 2013.

Mrs. Henninger was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, enjoyed watching game shows, playing cards, gardening and making homemade soup. Most of all, she enjoyed being a homemaker and was happiest spending time with her family and her cats.

Mrs. Henninger is survived by her children, sons Frederick M. Henninger of Dandridge, TN, and Glenn E. Henninger of St. Louis, MO, and daughters, Susan G. Haring of Litchfield and Amy E. Henninger of Alexandria, VA; and three grandchildren, Ashley (Andy) Applegate, Brittany Henninger and Rochelle Henninger.

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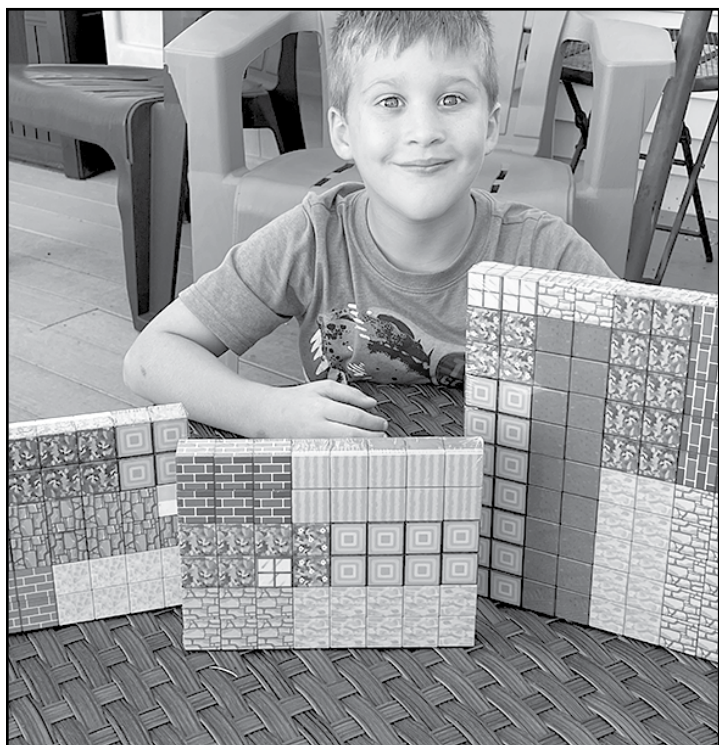
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Litchfield Library Hosts Minecraft Mania Friday

The Litchfield Public Library will host Minecraft Mania on Friday, Sept. 8, from after school to 5 p.m. Several games, crafts and activities focused on the popular building game will be available. Shown in the photo is Dylan DeWitt with some of the magnetic Minecraft building blocks that will be at the event.

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.



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Imagine Hillsboro To Host Lunch Fundraiser Sept. 11

The Parks and Rec Committee of Imagine Hillsboro is hosting a cookout fundraiser on Monday, Sept. 11, at the parking lot of CNB Bank and Trust, located at 549 S. Main Street in Hillsboro.

Volunteers will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with both drive-thru and delivery service available.

On the menu will be brats and pork patties. Meals will be sold for \$8, and additional sandwiches will be \$6.

Group order deliveries are available. For more information, contact Nancy Slepicka at nrslepicka@gmail.com.

All proceeds will benefit the Parks and Rec Committee of Imagine Hillsboro.

Autism Support Connection To Meet Thursday, Sept. 7

The Autism Support Connection (TASC) will hold their monthly support group meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro, located at 1400 Seymour Ave.

The meetings are open to all interested parents, grandparents and individuals who are affected by autism or

other related disorders that are looking for a place to connect, share information and experiences, gain education and find support. Childcare is provided at each meeting by trained staff.

For more information, contact the support group at tascillinois1@gmail.com or call Lynn Sellers 217-556-9535 or Kim Draper 217-710-3598.

Red Hat Magnolias Meet For Lunch At Whit's End

The Red Hat Magnolia Society met at Whit's End in Taylorville on Wednesday, Aug. 16. Beverly Greenwood provided the blessing for the food. It was a beautiful day and all who attended had a good time. They celebrated three birthdays and two anniversaries for the month of August.

Those present were Beverly Greenwood, Barb Cass, Betty Ellington, Cleda Ches-

nut, Glenda Banchi, guest Lance Banchi, Mary Dietl, Maxine Milanos, Janet Chaplin, Sandy Dilly, Ella Hamby, guest Don Hamby and Jennifer Campbell.

The Red Hat Magnolia Society will meet again at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 behind the Salvation Army building in Hillsboro to go to Kretzer's Grill in Hoyleton for their next meeting.

Marriage Licenses

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kutis, Litchfield Kiefer Ray Thacker, Hillsboro; Shayna Marie Christy, Hillsboro Damon Joseph Elder, Vandalia; Nikki Marie Hultquist, Vandalia

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who attended our joint birthday party on Aug. 19th, and to those who sent cards!

Special thanks to the Keating siblings who planned and made it happen. Also thank you to Fr. Dan Willenborg for his special blessing for us.

-Leonard "Lee" and Mary "Jo" (Keating) Cerny



Dixon, Hilgenkamp Wed At Calvary Baptist Church

Abigail Dixon of Hillsboro, and Blake Hilgenkamp of Jackson, MS, were united in marriage on July 15, 2023, at Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Michael Plummer.

The new Mrs. Hilgenkamp is the daughter of Steve and Kimber Dixon of Irving. Her husband is the son of Dan and Linda Hilgenkamp of Hendersonville, TN.

For her special day, the bride chose her sister Elisabeth (Lissie) Dixon as her maid of honor. The other bridesmaids were her sisters Hannah Blank and Beth Alvarez, and her close friends Hannah Hester and Belle Hester.

The flower girl was her niece, Evelyn Alvarez.

The groom chose his brother, Brad Hilgenkamp, as his best man. Groomsmen also included his nephew, Zaiden Hilgenkamp, the bride's brother Micah Dixon, the bride's brother-in-law Joe Alvarez, and the groom's close friend Jonathan Lugo.

Serving as usher for the

ceremony was Ethan Dixon, brother of the bride.

The couple chose pink, yellow and blue as their color theme for flowers and decorations.

The bride selected an Oleg Cassini dress from David's Bridal for the ceremony. Her bouquet was filled with pink and white roses.

The new Mrs. Hilgenkamp is a 2016 homeschool graduate. She is a professional photographer and runs an online ministry.

Her husband is a 2012 graduate of Belhaven University in Jackson, MS. He is currently employed by Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, and is also a tennis teaching pro.

Prior to the ceremony the couple enjoyed a rehearsal dinner with the bridal party and family at Chinatown Restaurant in Litchfield. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Calvary Baptist Church.

Upon returning from their honeymoon on Camano Island in Seattle WA, the couple will reside in Hillsboro.

Parks & Rec Committee

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Litchfield To Co-Host Grace Tourney



It's another busy week at LHS coming up!

Pop Culture is going to be starting up this week! Check out Classroom to vote for this year's officers.

Trash bag sales are going on now! Get your trash bags from any LHS student.

Are you interested in art? Art Club will be having their first meeting on Sept. 13, from 3 to 4 p.m. Join them in the Art Room if interested!

Homecoming is right around the corner! Do you need a dress? The Fairy Godmother Boutique is open to anyone in need of a free

Homecoming dress.

If you have any out of town guest make sure to fill out the Homecoming guest form that will be in the main office. Some things have changed, so make sure you are reading directions carefully.

The Grace-Filled Tournament is being hosted at Litchfield and Lincolnwood this year! Come support the Lady Panthers on Friday in Simmons Gym at 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., and 9:45 p.m. in your superhero costumes!

The busy week in sports will start off with volleyball traveling to Pawnee on Monday, Gillespie on Thursday, then ending their week in Simmons Gym on Friday!

Boys golf will travel to Lake Shore on Tuesday,

Vandalia on Wednesday and Mattoon on Friday and Saturday.

Girls golf will start the week off with a home match on Tuesday, travel to Cloverleaf on Thursday and then travel to Waverly on Saturday.

Boys soccer will play at home on Tuesday, travel to North Mac on Thursday and end the week at Springfield Lutheran on Saturday.

Cross country will be competing on Saturday at Shelbyville.

Football will take on North Mac this week at home! Kickoff is at 7 p.m., and the theme is superhero!

Good luck to all Panthers this week!



Durbin Donates Bench At Witt Park

Reigning Old Settlers Queen Jenna Durbin of Hillsboro delivered a new bench to Witt Lions Park in memory of Kaden Reynolds on Monday evening, Aug. 28. For months, Durbin collected plastic lids from across Montgomery County. She raised additional funding through bake sales and raffles to turn 1,500 pounds of plastic lids into two picnic tables at Central Park in Hillsboro and the bench pictured above. A student at Hillsboro High School, Durbin is also a member of the Starr Shooters 4-H Club. She is the daughter of Travis and Kendra Durbin of Hillsboro.

REDSKIN REVIEW • by Reaghan Jonas at Nokomis

NHS Football Team Picks Up First Win



Hello Red-skin fans!

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend and Monday off!

Seniors:

Be sure to turn in your graduation order forms this Thursday!

The Redskins football team had a good game last Friday, beating Argenta-Oreana 46-14! The junior varsity team played Argenta-Oreana's junior varsity team at home on Monday night, Sept. 4. Varsity will play at home again this Friday, Sept. 8, against Villa Grove.

The Lady Redskins volleyball team had a busy week last week, beating Gillespie on Tuesday, losing to a tough Shelbyville team on Thursday and playing five games in the Altamont Tournament on Saturday, where they took home second place!

They will play at home this Thursday, Sept. 7, against Macon Meridian. They will play in the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament on Friday and Saturday. On Friday, Sept. 8, they will play at Lincolnwood in Raymond at 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

The soccer team had a good week! They beat Vandalia 9-0 last Monday. In

the Carlinville Tournament, they beat Staunton 5-0 on Tuesday and had a tough loss to Hillsboro in the championship game losing 2-1.

They beat Taylorville 8-0 on Saturday. They will play at Staunton this Tuesday, Sept. 5, at home against Beardstown on Thursday and at home again against Pleasant Plains on Saturday.

After having an off week, the golf team will play at St. Elmo on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Ramsey on Wednesday and at Pana on Thursday.

Good luck to all athletes this week!

I hope everyone enjoys their four-day week of school!



Pictured above, from the left are Jeff Hundley of NAPA in Mt. Vernon, Larry Cavallo, McKay Chairman of the Board Jim McKay, McKay Vice President of Purchasing Chad Zimmerman, Chris Ertel of NAPA Mt. Vernon and McKay President Earl Flack.

McKay Golf Outing Helps Make-A-Wish

The annual McKay Napa golf outing raised over \$55,000 for Make-A-Wish Illinois this summer.

This year's golf outing was held on Friday, Aug. 4, at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Godfrey. The tournament boasted its largest turnout ever with 207 golfers. Taking home bragging rights were Dan Hooten, Jamie Walker, and Brad Miller with Napa Filters.

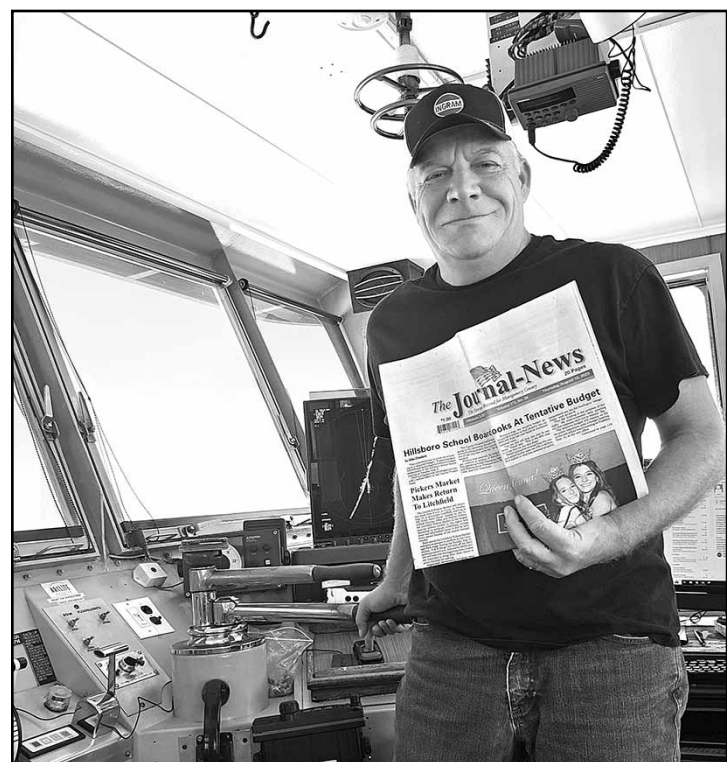
In addition to the golf outing, the fundraiser included a live auction, a cooler raffle, 50/50 drawing and a putting contest.

Helping to make the day a huge success were members of the McKay ownership team, sales staff, office staff, Make-A-Wish volunteers and Make-A-Wish employees.

During the event, golfers heard from Make-A-Wish

volunteers, as well as the dad of a local wish kid, who spoke about the experience of a Disney wish. Another speaker was actually a Make-A-Wish kid himself, who went onto volunteer with the organization and later became a full-time employee of Make-A-Wish.

This day could not have been possible without the help of generous sponsors, donors, customers and Napa.



All Aboard With Chumley And The Journal-News

The Journal-News traveled the Ohio River with Sam Chumley of Fillmore serving as pilot, pictured above, aboard the tow boat Robert C. Loading. Chumley is piloting the ship from Aug. 17 through Sept. 14.

Hillsboro Area Hospital Hosts Diabetes Class

Hillsboro Area Hospital will host a diabetes self-management class on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Cloud Room near the hospital's main entrance.

The class is designed to help people with diabetes improve their health and well being.

The class is free to attend, and light refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended, but not required, by calling 217-532-4183.

Vendors Can Register Online For Fall Market

Imagine Hillsboro's Festivals and Events Committee is seeking vendors for the Hillsboro Harvest Market on Saturday, Oct. 7.

The annual fall festival features free entertainment, friendly competitions and an outdoor vendor fair filled with locally made wares, handmade items, specialty foods, artwork, crafts and more.

Interested vendors can register online at www.imaginehillsboro.com/events-registration. Questions may be directed to contact@imaginehillsboro.com, or Caitlyn Voyles at 217-710-2495 or Tori O'Dell at 618-795-4170.

Hemken Plans To Attend James Madison University

Audrey Hemken of Butler has enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2023 semester. Hemken has decided to study for a bach-

elor's of science in inclusive early childhood education.

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RAMBLINGS • by Ron Deabenderfer

Exciting Things Over Summer



Back in the early to mid-1950s elementary and junior high teachers were likely to ask their students to write about exciting things they did over summer vacation. It was a frustrating question for me because I lived on a small dairy farm. That meant I had spent the summer sweating under a hot sun. Even when I was a little tyke in grade school, I was expected to do what I could.

One of my earliest memories was pointing our small (but only) Farmall (the forerunner of International Harvester equipment) down a row of potatoes we had planted at the edge of a corn field. I'm sure I had a part in dropping the pieces of potato used for seed (there had to be an eye in each piece), but I probably forgot that memory because I'm sure I had shouts aimed in my direction—for being too slow, for throwing the potatoes in the furrow Dad had prepared earlier (he preferred the pieces he laid gently with the eyes on the bottom so roots could point into the ground), or for looking at birds (or ants, or worms—it didn't take much to distract my young mind.)

At harvest time Dad put me on the tractor headed down the row. Mom's job was to pick the potatoes out of the ground once the one-bladed plow—pulled in an earlier life for it behind horses—uncovered them. Dad handled the plow, keeping it at the right angle and depth. I'm sure mom told him I was too young to drive the tractor; a short kid (as I am a short man 70 years later), I couldn't reach the clutch or the brake pedals. His reply, "All he has to do is steer."

I did well until we reached the end of the row, probably 200 yards long. Dad was a busy man—handling the plow and wasn't looking up; Mom was considerably behind us because she had to stoop over to find the treasures. I saw the pasture fence at the end of the row coming, but other than switching off the ignition, I had no idea of what to do. I probably at that age didn't know what an ignition was nor could I reach it with my stubby arms.

So, the tractor kept edging towards a fence post. I could/should have said, "Hey, dad, what do I do now?" I've since learned to ask for help when I need it (sometimes), but back then questions weren't always welcomed from sprouts. Dad was a proponent of, "Spare the rod—spoil the child," as were the elementary teachers I had to deal with in that era, so I didn't want to annoy or disappoint him.

The tractor, the smallest farm tractor that International made, was going slowly, so it stalled before it could push the post over. Looking back, that stall saved my butt, literally. Strong words hurt, but a leg lashing with a willow wand would have hurt more.

A few years later Dad bought an Allis-Chalmers CA tractor; antique tractor fans know that's smaller than the more popular WD. Dad was a good mechanic and operator; he and the small tractor worked our 80 acres and another 30 acres or so he rented admirably. He prized that tractor as much as some young men prize their pick-ups today. Later, he brought a pull-behind-the-tractor Allis-Chalmers combine. I remember shocking wheat, oats, and corn when grain binders were in use, but after dad bought a combine with canvas-covered draper rolls to move the wheat or oats into the separation chamber, Allis produced a machine with a rotating spiked cylinder to move the grain from the sickle bar into the separation chamber. Dad had to have it. (Economics of farm life always caused contention between my parents. Each time we seemed ready to break even, Dad would want better equipment.) Mom, a stay-at-home housewife, wouldn't be happy but was always over-ruled. He never bought a self-propelled unit, though, because they were impractical on the hills we farmed.

The AC dealer told Dad his CA wouldn't pull that power take-off combine, but my father proved him wrong on the hills and in the hollows of western PA. After Dad died in December of 1965, (cancer caused by smoking) Mom sold the land—with the exception of an acre which held the house they built when I was in fifth grade—and all the equipment. I'd been home from college earlier, doing the farming when we thought he had a chance to recover, but when it became obvious that the diagnosis was terminal, we had a dispersal sale of the dairy herd. Even now, when I think of the two sales, I become glum.

One more incident from my vacations from school but not from farm work came to mind as I wrote about the potato row experience. Dad, and later an older I, would use a two-row cultivator mounted on the tractor to eliminate weeds and grass from the space between the rows. One problem was attaching the cultivators to the tractor frame; not as heavy as the immovable tractor, they were still too heavy for me if the bolts were an inch or so out of alignment. If I couldn't do the job, Dad would, but some caustic remarks came with his help.

When we reached the field, it was my job to run behind the outfit to straighten any corn plant pushed from vertical by a clod of clay. To dad, who didn't have access to weed

spray, each plant was valuable, and if his young son could straighten ten plants or so in a row, it was worth the kid's time in the 80 degree heat. I sometimes wonder if my foot speed and endurance, both of which are long gone, didn't come from those sessions. We'd cultivate three times before the corn was "knee high by the Fourth of July." Now, locally, when corn is planted earlier, with chemicals replacing cultivation, corn that isn't knee-high long before July Fourth is considered a failure.

This isn't the direction I intended to take with this column. My intent was to indicate I had little to contribute in the 50s to a best-vacation-ever theme. Now I do, and I intended to write about my Father's Day present/trip this year. Now, perhaps luckily for readers who don't find others' trips especially exciting, I'm off on another tangent. Perhaps that's because I so enjoyed seeing old and new friends at the Antique Tractor Show in mid-July; I hope it isn't the last one as some of the presenters hinted.

First I saw tractors I had driven. Dad had adjusted from horse power, literally, to tractor power before I was very old. My grandfather Deabenderfer didn't adjust. (He felt about tractors as I feel about computers). At the show in Hillsboro's city park were examples of the Farmall and the AC tractor that Dad owned. Also there was a WD and a Massy-Ferguson diesel like the ones I drove on the Warren Wilson Junior College farm and the International M that I operated at Berea College for the semester I attended there. Those tractors caused memories to head back to me. Old friends? I met Della Niemann when she typed my articles at *The Journal-News* and then her husband Jim shortly thereafter. I talked a lot to Kent Spinner, and I saw Andy Theriac at a distance. New friends? Great-granddaughter Emma Matthewson participated in her first pedal-tractor pull and was elated by the third place prize for her division. My sister Janet was visiting from North Carolina that day, and that made it a special day too.

As youngsters, neither I, Janet, nor younger brother Dale saw much of the world outside Indiana County, PA. Farm life wouldn't allow it. We did have a peek because of black and white television, which was color when Dale became a teen. I was a radio listener; one of Janet's complaints while she was here was my listening to Pirate games every night on the radio. Then, when I left, Dale commandeered the radio—to listen to the Pirates. She loved music, not baseball.

My first foray out-of-state was to the junior college in North Carolina. I found my true identity there, though I didn't realize it then. My first (and only) foray out of the country was with the Hewitt group to England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. I particularly enjoyed Ireland, perhaps because my grandmother Jenni (Ray) McCunn's family emigrated from there.

Last year Dawn, Jenni, and I went to the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee and North Carolina. My grandmother once told me that her husband's family had settled in the Smokies (after leaving Scotland) before moving to western PA. Perhaps that knowledge heightened my experiences both in Scotland and in the Tennessee/North Carolina highlands. It seemed like friendly-to-me spirits exist in those places.

This trip this summer was the topper, though. Jenni had lived with husband Phil for a time in Montana and still owns acreage there. I had never been to Big Sky Country, so she and Dawn decided to take me on a road trip for Father's Day (and for my birthday, too, I hope). From June 22 to July 2, we covered over 5,000 miles by car and visited five National Parks in the process.

I have now seen Old Faithful do its thing, saw both a bison and an elk graze near a road, examined sagebrush up close and personally, toured a working ranch, saw cattle and antelope on open range ground, drove through two Indian Reservations, and almost lost my liver (it was scared out of me) on a dirt road no passenger car should take.

Best of all for me, though, was the time we spent in a car together. We argued, especially Jenni and I, about politics; for me it was like talking to a combination of Dick James and Bill Schroeder. After one session, when we seemed to be revving up again, Dawn intervened—she may have threatened to jump out of the moving car if we didn't stop.

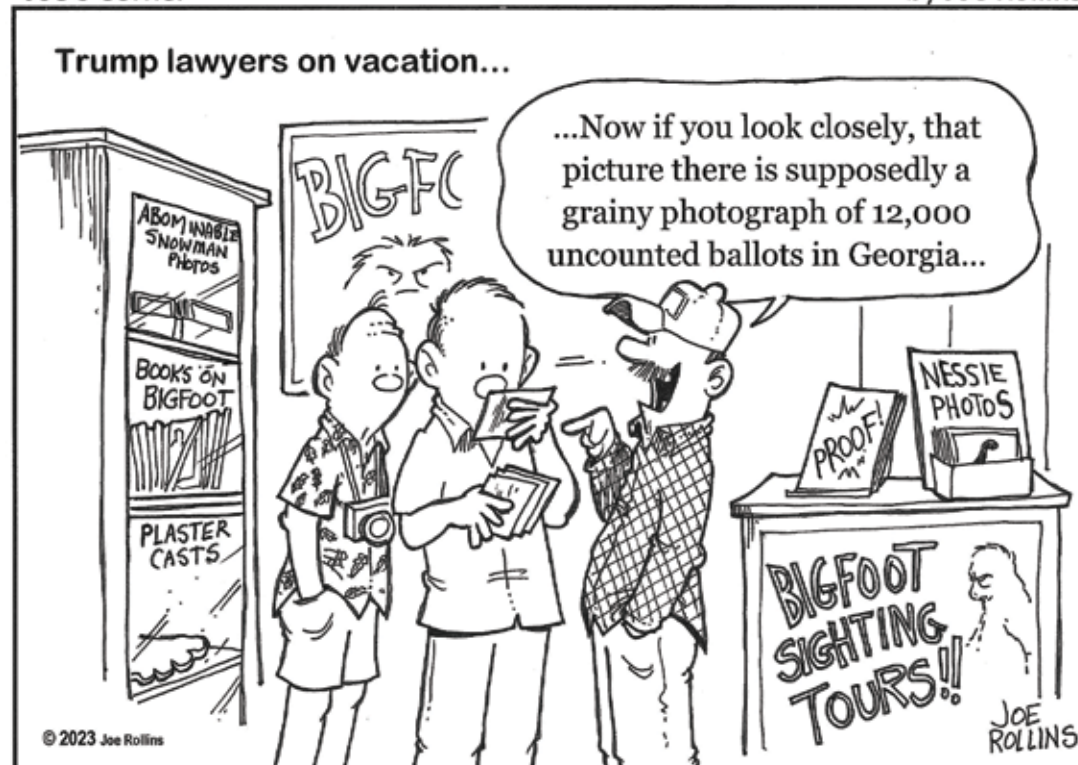
We laughed—I was the object of the biggest guffaws, and that's all anyone needs to know about that isolated rest area. We were philosophical, and we laughed some more. I realized I could see parts of Judy and parts of me in each of them. The science of genetics is not just about physical traits.

To me that realization reveals much about past behavior in our lives. Something (an impulse, an aura) brought Judy and I together, and our children, grandchildren, and now Emma became a reality because of that.

If only I were back in Rayne Trip grade school—I would have an essay to contribute to Miss Koontz or Mrs. Rayback that would delight either of them.

Joe's Corner

by Joe Rollins



LETTERS to the editor

A Plea To The Montgomery County Board

What a great county we live in, where town and country meet. The best overall location in the state. Close to many major highways, hospitals, colleges, lakes, major cities, churches, and we have good soils. We are far enough away to keep nearly all the local items and conveniences we need and nearly all the recreational things needed as a very desirable county and—most of all—a very friendly and loving area. After all, it is not the quantity of life but the quality of it.

We appreciate all the individuals who offer to serve their communities, cities, etc. After all, we must stay on course in the right direction and look to the future before us (down the road).

Having said that, we must also continue to be mindful, thoughtful and human in every respect if we want to attract the people we desire to our area. This

county is setting on a gold mine—if we keep it clean and safe. Most people want to be free, safe and to live in a clean area.

I personally could not and will never understand why the county took away such an important item as recycling with all the trash items. Was that an improvement for the county? This is not the safe and clean county it once was.

Now it is under consideration to euthanize dogs, cats, etc. at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter. What is man, woman and child's best friend? What wags its tail instead of its mouth? What is always happy and glad to see you? I know of no animal that has ever done me wrong, but I know of a few individuals who have tried. They say animals need people, true, but people also need animals. This is why God put them here. If we keep it up

people will have to go to a state park to see a tree or a zoo to see an animal.

There are much better and humane ways to deal with our pets—our best friends. Let us have a reputation as county with pet parks, no-kill shelters and regulations on pet businesses and help with spaying and neutering. These are all part of God's creations and are here for a reason. Let the county, animal organizations, veterinary professionals all work together to find a good solution to make everyone's life and our animal's life better for a better today and tomorrow for all. Let's do it.

There are better ways, and we need to do a better job. We are not euthanizing them, we are killing them and dehumanizing us as a society! I would hope you would not do that to your family pets.

Jack E. Tosetti
Nokomis



John McDaniel and his son, George, opened New Era Windmill Factory in Litchfield in 1892, going on to display their windmill in the 1904 World's Fair. The photo above shows the New Era Wind Mill powering a pressurized, elevated water delivery system for domestic, indoor plumbing in an isolated, rural area in Alabama in 1927.

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Did You Know...New Era Windmill

How to harness the abundant Illinois wind to improve rural life and farm production was a desire of John H. McDaniel of Windsor. In 1888, he successfully built the New Era Wind Mill and, along with his son, George, moved west to Litchfield in 1892 to establish a manufacturing plant near the railroad system.

The father and son erected the New Era Wind Mill Factory on Wind Mill Hill at the 1904 World's Fair in Saint Louis, MO. The fair was especially popular with the rural public because it was their primary source to learn about the newest agriculture products and technologies. The duo re-

ceived high awards not only for their windmill design, but also for the grinder assembly attachment—a unique, automatic and self-feeding grain grinder, demonstrating their wind mill could do so much more than just pump water.

After John McDaniel died in 1914, George McDaniel and his son, John C., owned and operated the windmill factory and even expanded the business. However, by 1927, electric pumps were replacing windmills and most of the New Era Wind Mills were being exported to South America. George McDaniel eventually sold the New Era license and closed the factory located on Clinton Street.

With the factory closed,

"McDaniel and Son" moved to 118 West Ryder and continued to sell windmill parts along with plumbing and heating supplies.

Further information about the New Era Windmill Factory, a facsimile windmill that offers a close-up view of how the famous windmill operated - in addition to a unique photo opportunity - including a can be found by visiting the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center located at Historic Route 66 North in Litchfield.

The museum and welcome center is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

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New Faces Reign At Witt Labor Day

It was their night to sparkle and shine as five new faces will represent the Witt community, following this year's Witt Labor Day pageants, held Sunday evening, Sept. 3, in downtown Witt.

This year's pageant winners include 2023 Miss Witt Brynn Connor, daughter of Jeremy and Shanna Connor of Hillsboro; 2023 Junior Miss Witt Kaelin Cress, daughter of Kyle and Amanda Cress of Hillsboro; and 2023 Little Miss Witt, Indi Flowers, daughter of Matt and Nina Flowers of Irving.

The winners of this year's monetary voting photo competition include 2023 Tiny Mr. Witt Colt Porter, son of Kassie Price and Trevor Porter of Witt; and 2023 Tiny Miss Witt Charleigh Camp, daughter of Brandon and Kennah Camp of Coffeen.

Opening the pageant was Director Meghan Maretta, who introduced this year's emcee, Chris Sherer of Hillsboro.

Sherer introduced the retiring 2022 royalty, including Miss Witt Lauryn Miller, Junior Miss Witt Rylie Jones, Little Miss Witt Briella Osborn and Little Mister Witt Griffin Maretta.

Miller led the singing of the National Anthem. As the competition opened, Little Miss contestants danced to "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus while the Junior Miss and Miss contestants danced to "Kings and Queens" by

Ava Max.

This year's Tiny Miss Witt and Tiny Mister Witt contestants competed in a photo contest and the winners were selected based on monetary voting. All proceeds benefit the scholarship for the new Miss Witt.

Colt Porter was the winner of the 2023 Tiny Mister Witt contest. He is the son of Kassie Price and Trevor Porter of Witt. The Best Smile award went to Leyton Schmitt, son of Evelyn and Adam Schmitt of Hillsboro.

This year's 2023 Tiny Miss Witt is Charleigh Camp, daughter of Brandon and Kennah Camp of Coffeen. First runner-up was Doratheia Wright, daughter of Oliver and Alexandra Wright of Hillsboro.

Other awards included Best Smile Liana Gorman, daughter of Nicole Gorman of Witt, Best Laugh Raven Smith, daughter of Brittany and Justin Smith of Hillsboro, Most Outgoing Kairi Smith, daughter of Brittany and Justin Smith of Hillsboro, Cutest Baby Hazel Kistner, daughter of Gabriela Stewart and Dustin Kistner, Prettiest Eyes Hallie Hillbrant, daughter of Madysan Scheifer of Irving, People's Choice Hazel Hillbrant, daughter of Madysan Scheifer of Irving and Best Dressed Jacqueline Eaton, daughter of RaeAnna Eaton.

The pageant competition included onstage evening

gown competition with several pop questions. This year's Miss Witt contestants also each presented a one-minute speech.

In the Little Miss competition, Indi Flowers, daughter of Matt and Nina Flowers of Irving, was crowned this year's winner. First runner-up was Sawyer Spencer, daughter of Michael and Caitlin Spencer of Hillsboro.

Best USA Outfit went to Korra Smith, daughter of Brittany and Justin Smith of Hillsboro. Best Smile went to Harlie Pilgrim, daughter of Ashley Bell and Kory Pilgrim. Best Dressed went to Hadley Kennedy, daughter of Steven and Dora Kennedy of Hillsboro.

Kaelin Cress was crowned 2023 Junior Miss Witt. She is the daughter of Kyle and Amanda Cress of Hillsboro. Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality went to Emberlee Gilbert, daughter of Justin and Jillian Gilbert of Hillsboro. People's Choice went to Angel Spensberger, daughter of Jake and Heather Spensberger of Irving.

The final coronation of the evening went to 2023 Miss Witt Brynn Connor, daughter of Jeremy and Shanna Connor of Hillsboro. She was also awarded a \$2,500 scholarship and was named Miss Photogenic. Summer Spencer, daughter of Michael and Caitlin Spencer of Nokomis was named Miss Congeniality.



2023 Miss Witt

Pictured above, from the left are 2023 Little Miss Witt Indi Flowers, 2023 Junior Miss Witt Kaelin Cress, 2022 Junior Miss Witt Rylie Jones, 2023 Miss Witt and Miss Photogenic Brynn Connor, 2022 Miss Witt Lauryn Miller, Miss Congeniality Summer Spencer, 2022 Little Mister Witt Griffin Maretta and 2022 Little Miss Witt Briella Osborn.

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2023 Junior Miss Witt

Pictured above, from the left are 2022 Little Miss Witt Briella Osborn, 2022 Junior Miss Witt Rylie Jones, 2023 Junior Miss Witt Kaelin Cress, People's Choice Angel Spensberger, Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality Emberlee Gilbert, 2022 Miss Witt Lauryn Miller and 2022 Little Mister Witt Griffin Maretta.

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Witt H.S. Alumni Share Memories

Alumni from Witt High School enjoyed the All-School Reunion, held Saturday evening, Sept. 2, at the Witt Lions Club. The annual event is part of the Witt Homecoming celebration each year. As part of the festivities, Jean Sarsany, age 93, a former English teacher at Witt High School shared special memories.

Classmates from 1973, celebrating their 50th high school reunion, are pictured above. In front, from the left are Alta (Hughes) Lovsey of Sawyerville, Linda (Darnell) Kottwitz of Nokomis, Patricia (McNeill) Smith of Taylorville, Connie (Durbin) Smalley of Nokomis and Lou Ann (Davidson) Bolte of Nokomis. In back are Randall Lowe of Witt, Steve Yeske of Nokomis, Yvonne (Clayton) Hicks of Pana, David Lowe of Witt, Jeff Martin of Nokomis, Brenda (Yeske) Degg of Henderson, KY, Melba (Joyce) German of Nokomis and Laura (Huber) Durbin of Taylorville.

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High school sweethearts Bill and Margaret Etting came all the way from Cape Girardeau, MO, to reminisce with their classmates. Bill Etting graduated from Witt High School with the class of 1958, while Margaret (Hadsall) Etting followed a year later with the class of 1959.

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Several members of the Witt High School class of 1963 shared 60 years of memories at this year's All-School Reunion. In front, from the left are Steve Borgic of Decatur, Don Walcher of Chatham, Barbara (Bauerle) Brooks of Oconee, Dale Walcher of Irving and Lorraine (Panieri) Jones of Pana. In back are Velma (Altevogt) Beck of Carlinville, Gerald Sommers of Edelstein and Jean (Corns) Eggleston of Ohlman.

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2023 Little Miss Witt

Pictured above, from the left are Best Dressed Hadley Kennedy, 2022 Little Miss Witt Briella Osborn, first runner-up Sawyer Spencer, 2022 Miss Witt Lauryn Miller, 2023 Little Miss Witt Indi Flowers, 2022 Junior Miss Witt Rylie Jones, Best Smile Harlie Pilgrim, 2022 Little Mister Witt Griffin Maretta and Best USA Outfit Korra Smith.

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2023 Tiny Mister Witt

Pictured above, from the left are 2022 Junior Miss Witt Rylie Jones with 2022 Tiny Mister Witt Roland Castellanos; 2022 Little Mister Witt Griffin Maretta, Best Smile Leyton Schmitt with his mom, Evelyn Schmitt; and 2023 Tiny Mister Witt Colt Porter with his mom, Kassie Price.

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2023 Tiny Miss Witt

Pictured above, from the left are Best Dressed Jacqueline Eaton and her mom, RaeAnna Eaton, first runner-up Doratheia Wright and her mom, Alexandra Wright; People's Choice Hazel Hillbrant with her mom, Madysan Scheifer, 2022 Junior Miss Witt Rylie Jones, 2023 Tiny Miss Witt Charleigh Camp and her mom, Kennah Camp, 2022 Little Mister Witt Griffin Maretta, Cutest Baby Hazel Kistner with her mom, Gabriela Stewart, Most Outgoing Kairi Smith and Best Laugh Raven Smith with her mom, Brittany Smith, and Best Smile Liana Gorman with her mom, Nicole Gorman. Not pictured is Hallie Hillbrant, who won the award for Prettiest Eyes.

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Sporting camouflage jerseys sponsored by the Illinois National Guard, members of the Nokomis High School football team took time to honor the military prior to their game with Argenta-Oreana on Friday, Sept. 1, in Nokomis. After the ceremony was over, the Redskins marched through the Bombers' defense to the tune of 350 yards of offense for a 46-14 victory.

James Ryan/NokoPhoto

Nokomis Marches Past Argenta-Oreana

by Kyle Herschelmann

The first half of Nokomis' week one matchup in Arcola wasn't the tone that Coach Paul Watson wanted for the start of the 2023 season, but since then, the Redskins have shown a little more on what teams can expect in the Lincoln Prairie Conference this year.

"From watching the film from Friday night, we knew that wasn't the team we were," Coach Watson said. "So we came in Saturday before we left, watched film and got those things corrected in

the second half. I still feel like if we'd have played the whole game Saturday, it would have been a different story."

The story was definitely different in week two as Nokomis picked up more than 350 yards of offense, including 285 rushing yards, in a 46-14 victory over Argenta-Oreana on Friday, Sept. 1, in Nokomis.

What's more impressive is that the increase in offense came in spite of the absence of senior running back Brenton Lyons, who sat out as a precautionary measure after an injury in Arcola.

"He dove for a ball and extended that right arm out," Coach Watson said of Lyons, who is expected to return next week against Villa Grove. "He had some swelling in that joint and we just rested him up."

In Lyons' absence, the Bombers were fed a steady diet of sophomore running backs Nolan Herpstreith and Daryl Evans. At 5'10", 170 pounds, Herpstreith is the speedier of the two backs, showing so on his first touch of the game as he busted through the line for a 50-yard gain that set up

Nokomis' first touchdown. Evans, on the other hand, is a bulldozer in shoulder pads, a 6'0", 215-pound force of nature that carried three would-be tacklers into the end zone on the second of his two touchdowns.

Together, Herpstreith and Evans make up the nucleus of a sophomore class that was pressed into action last year as freshmen and are reaping the rewards for that trial by fire so far in 2023.

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Lady Redskins 2nd At Altamont Invite

Nokomis' four-game win streak to start the season may have come to a close in Shelbyville on Aug. 31, but the Lady Redskins bounced back from the setback in fine fashion as they finished second in the Altamont Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 2, with a 3-1-1 record.

The Redskins finished fourth last year, taking an interesting route to the first place bracket with three ties in pool play, and made it back for a shot at the championship with two wins and a tie in pool play this year.

The two wins in pool play came against Heritage by a 21-11, 21-12 final score, and against Vandalia, who the Redskins beat 21-17, 21-17.

In the game against Heritage, located in Broadlands, about 90 miles northeast of Altamont, Grace King had a big day on the service line with 13 points and three aces. Mackenzie Mehochko

led the team in kills with seven, while Kinley Stolte paced the Redskins in assists (9) and digs (7). Stolte led the Redskins in assists in the Vandalia game, with 10, as well, but also did damage in the serving game with a team-best 12 points. Addison Glenn (6) and Natalie Brownback (5) combined for 11 kills to lead the attack, while Mackenzie Mehochko had 10 digs on the defensive end.

Nokomis came within five points of a clean sweep in pool play as they split with Altamont 21-10, 16-21.

Lizzy Hill had a team-best 10 points in the tie, while Kinley Stolte had seven points and 12 assists. Mackenzie Mehochko had eight assists to lead the Nokomis attack, while Addison Glenn came up big at the net with six kills and four blocks on the defensive end.

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Schwab 2nd, Litchfield 3rd At Olney Invitational

In theological circles, St. Anthony is the patron saint for recovery of lost items, but in high school golf, St. Anthony doesn't lose much of anything.

The defending Class 1A state champions from the Effingham private school finished first and second at the Olney Invitational at Richland Golf Club on Friday, Sept. 1, but the Litchfield

boys golf team didn't make it easy on the Bulldogs.

The Purple Panthers finished third in the team standings and were tied with the parochial powerhouse through 14 holes, before finishing with a 319, three strokes behind St. Anthony's "B" team and four behind St. Anthony's "A" team.

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Litchfield receiver Keenan Powell (#4) tries to create some space between himself and Southwestern Blake Rimbey (#4) and Deacon White (#62) during their game in Piasa on Friday, Sept. 1. Southwestern rallied back from a 21-7 deficit to edge the Purple Panthers in a 27-21 thriller. For more photos from the game, go to www.lmm-photography.smugmug.com.

Photo courtesy of LMM Photography

Birds Snatch Victory From Panthers

Litchfield's bid for their first win of the season came up just short in week two, as Southwestern defended their home turf with a 27-21 come-from-behind victory on Sept. 1.

In the first two weeks the second quarter has been the magic quarter for the Purple Panthers as they have outscored their opponents 35-19. Twenty-one of those 35 points came Friday night in Piasa as Litchfield would turn a 7-0 Southwestern lead into a 21-7 lead with just under two minutes to play in the first half.

The success, though, would not be carried over to any of the three other quarters as Litchfield has yet to put points on the board in any quarter besides the second quarter. In the three other

quarters the Purple Panthers have been outscored 43-0 in the first two weeks.

Southwestern collected 14 of those points in the fourth quarter, overtaking the Litchfield lead and claiming a 27-21 South Central Conference victory.

In the opening quarter neither team's offense could get anything in motion, as most of the quarter was played in between the 35 yard lines. Southwestern was the first team to break the 35 yard line, which would result in the first points of the contest. The Piasa Birds' Rocky Darr would take it in for a touchdown from 18 yards out. Following the successful extra point, Southwestern would hold a 7-0 lead with just over a minute to play in the opening quarter.

The lone touchdown by Southwestern would be the only excitement in the opening quarter as the Piasa Birds held a single touchdown lead after one quarter of action.

In the second quarter, the Purple Panthers took over the contest in a big way, as they piled on 21 points to overtake the early lead held by Southwestern.

After completing only one of his first eight attempts, Litchfield's quarterback would find his groove in the second frame. Tate Dobrinich completed four of his next five attempts, including an 18-yard touchdown strike to senior counterpart Carson Saathoff.

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Comets Hold Off Hiltoppers

by Ron Deabenderfer

When the football Toppers traveled to Greenville Friday night, Sept. 1, the game against the Comets was exciting and fun to watch for the first quarter. Then the Greenville size in the offensive and defensive lines took over; the fun for the nice-sized crowd of Hillsboro fans diminished as the Comets outscored Hillsboro 27-7 while gradually pulling away.

The omens were ominous even in the scoreless first quarter when Greenville had five first downs and the Toppers had one. The host's first play after the Toppers' kickoff was a Ben Hutchinson to Declan Graber pass and run for 19 yards, Graber slipped two tackles to reach his own 48. By game's end Hutchinson had thrown for 204 yards; Graber, Nick Grull (75 yards) and Eli Shadowens (37 yards) proved to be shifty receivers, but seven receivers in all contributed to the passing total. Hutchinson completed 19 of his 34 passes.

The Topper defense kept the Comets off the scoreboard (Dylan Lessman intercepted a pass on the Topper 11 for the first stop; a fumble on a fourth down carry on the Topper 3 was recovered by Landon Reincke for another). That eventually lead to a 41 yard punt from Ketch Mills; with its high hang time, it brought back memories of Jordan Chiles as a Topper punter. However, because the line of scrimmage was the 2, Graber's fair catch still left the Comets with good field position.

On the Topper's first possession, one that started on



Hillsboro quarterback Jace Stewart ran elusively at Greenville on Friday, Sept. 1, but Comet defenders like Austin Wall (#43) made offense difficult for the Toppers in a 27-7 loss to the home team.

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their 11 after Lessman's interception, the Toppers had two indication of things to come. Faced with a fourth and inches from their 20, Hillsboro won a gamble when Lessman battled his way for five yards and their first first down. Then disaster struck as the next snap sailed over Stewart's head; he was able to fall on it, but it became second down and 22. The next two plays lost one and four yards, but Mills boomed the required punt 58 yards to the Comet 38. That boot sent the Comet receivers back to receive it; they wouldn't be caught anticipating a short punt again.

Because of Graber's fair

catch on the Topper 43, the first scoring drive was relatively short. Jackson Tuetken tackled Graber after a three yard pass completion, and Lessman broke up a pass headed for Shadowens, but on third down and seven, Grull caught a nine yard pass, then another for 20 yards to the Topper 10. Sophomore Dayton Oliver reached the 3 on his first carry of the contest, but a score was then delayed by a quarter-ending false start penalty.

The Toppers' good fortune at stopping deep drives in the first quarter disappeared on the second play of quarter two.

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Hillsboro Hiltoppers
Tuesday, September 5
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. North Mac, Greenville at Indian Springs
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Staunton, Carlinville at Timber Lakes
 4:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer at Litchfield
 4:30 p.m. - Girls Tennis at Father McGivney

Lincolnwood Lancers
Tuesday, September 5
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Pana, Lanphier, Decatur Eisenhower at Shoal Creek
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Lanphier, Rochester at Bunn Golf Course
 5 p.m. - FR/JV Volleyball hosts Auburn
 7:15 p.m. - Varsity Volleyball hosts Calvary

Wednesday, September 6
 9 a.m. - MSM Conference Golf Tournament at Edgewood Golf Course

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

Tuesday, September 5
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Taylorville, Auburn, South County at Lakeshore Golf Course
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Roxana, Greenville, Vandalia, Auburn at Litchfield Country Club
 4:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer hosts Hillsboro

Wednesday, September 6
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Vandalia, Staunton, Christ Our Rock Lutheran at Vandalia Country Club

Nokomis Redskins
Tuesday, September 5
 4 p.m. - Golf vs. Altamont at St. Elmo Country Club
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Litchfield Soccer Gets Past Lions In Shootout

After falling to Maryville Christian 6-0 in 2022, the Litchfield boys soccer team was hoping to exact a little revenge when the Lions came to town on Saturday, Sept. 2. As it turns out, the Panthers would do just that as they boosted their record to 3-2 on the season with a penalty kick shootout victory over the Lions.

Maryville Christian, coached by Litchfield grad Jacob Jones, held the early advantage in the match as they led 1-0 at halftime. Litchfield, however, tied things up in the second when Chance Holliday scored to even things up.

The penalty kick shootout proved to be just as close as

the regular match as both teams made their first five penalty kicks. Litchfield would get the win on their sixth attempt, with the Lions missing to seal the deal.

Coach Chris Bates and company hope that Saturday's result can give Litchfield some momentum going into tonight's game against Hillsboro. The Toppers are 5-1-1 on the season with their only loss coming to Class 2A Highland.

Sept. 2 at Litchfield
 Maryville Chr. 0 0 - 1
 Litchfield 0 1 - 1
Goals: Litchfield - Chance Holliday 1.
Litchfield wins 6-5 in penalty kicks
Records: Litchfield (3-2); Maryville Christian (2-4).

To No One's Surprise, Quarton Still Really Fast

A new addition to the Carlinville Early Meet kept Camden Quarton from repeating as the winner of the annual three-mile race that kicks off the Litchfield Cross Country team's season each year, but it didn't keep the Panther senior from running a faster time than he did last August.

Quarton, who won last year's event in a time of 16:40.5, finished third this year, but ran a 16:32.2. The only runners to finish ahead of him were Taylorville's Owen Morgan (15:31.05) and Liam Bettis (16:15.55). The Tornados are a new addition to the Carlinville Early Meet this year and made their presence felt with five runners in the top five and the overall team title by 60 points over second place Lincoln.

Litchfield finished seventh overall in the standings, with Rochester (93), Auburn (126), Carlinville (131) and Jerseyville (145) finishing in between them and the second place Railers. Gillespie was eighth with 194 points, while Greenville was ninth with 202. All told 101 runners from 15 different schools competed in the boys race.

In addition to Quarton, Mitchell Floyd and Lucien Quarton also returned to Loveless Park after competing in the race last year for Litchfield. Both ran faster this year as Floyd was Litchfield's fourth runner with a time of 20:04.33, 29 seconds faster than last year, while Quarton was Litchfield's sixth fastest runner with a time of 22:21.05, 37 seconds faster than his 2022 time.

Junior Kenny Traylor, freshman Chris McGee and Sophomore Braxton Kieffer had Litchfield's other three scoring times. Traylor, who missed the race last year, but ran a 21:44 in 2021, finished 38th with a time of 19:32.45. McGee and Kieffer both made their prep cross country debuts, finishing 48th and 67th respectively with times of 19:48.30 and 21:59.77.

In addition to the scoring runners, Quarton, sophomore Alec Roach and junior Matt Green also competed for the Panthers. Both Roach and Green are new additions to the squad. Roach finished 78th with a time of 22:59.42, while Green was 84th with a time of 23:45.39.

Litchfield's next meet is Saturday, Sept. 9, in Shelbyville for the Rams' invitational.

August 29 at Carlinville
Carlinville Early Meet
 Loveless Park - 3 Miles
Boys Team Results: 1. Taylorville 25; 2. Lincoln 85; 3. Rochester 93; 4. Auburn 126; 5. Carlinville 131; 6. Jerseyville 145; 7. Litchfield 162; 8. Gillespie 194; 9. Greenville 202.
Boys Individual Top 10: 1. Owen Morgan (Taylorville) 15:31.05; 2. Liam Bettis (Taylorville) 16:15.55; 3. Camden Quarton (Litchfield) 16:32.17; 4. Luke Jones (Lincoln) 16:38.74; 5. Jesse Sloan (Taylorville) 16:47.11; 6. Jacob Barth (Auburn) 17:05.45; 7. James Baisden (Auburn) 17:05.64; 8. Jack Chesser (Taylorville) 17:06.64; 9. Brenton Good (Taylorville) 17:14.36; 10. Jack Armbruster (Rochester) 17:20.24.
Litchfield (162): 3. Camden Quarton 16:32.17; 38. Kenny Traylor 19:32.45; 48. Chris McGee 19:48.30; 49. Mitchell Floyd 20:04.33; 67. Braxton Kieffer 21:59.77; 72. Lucien Quarton 22:21.05; 78. Alec Roach 22:59.42; 84. Matt Green 23:45.39.

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Keller, Lancers Score A Glut Of Goals

Like all sports, soccer has its own terminology. A brace is two goals. Three goals is a hat-trick. Four goals is a haul. But five goals? Five goals is a glut. By definition, a glut is an excessively abundant supply of something, which fits the soccer term and Ian Keller's game against Taylorville well.

The Nokomis High School junior, who suits up for the Lincolnwood co-op team, scored five of the Lancers' eight goals in their shutout win over the Tornados on Saturday, Sept. 2.

The five goals were the most in one game for Keller in his career, although he had scored multiple goals 11 times prior to Saturday's glut. Keller, who has 14 goals on the season, also had an assist for 11 points on the day, another career-best.

The Redskin-turned-Lancer isn't the first Lincolnwood soccer player to torch the Tornados for five goals. Last season Elijah Aumann also scored five goals and had an assist in an 8-2 win over Taylorville on Aug. 22.

As impressive as Keller's accomplishment was, he was far from the only player to



Taylorville's Lincoln Coffey (#32) tries to stay a step ahead of Lincolnwood's Charlie Clavin (#8, via Nokomis) during their game at Terry Todt Field in Raymond on Sept. 2. Behind five goals from junior Ian Keller, the Lancers improved to 5-1 on the season with an 8-0 victory over Taylorville.

James Ryan/NokoPhoto

contribute to the scoring on Saturday. Cade Johnson scored a pair of goals to his total to three on the season,

while Reece Lohman also found the back of the net.

Kennedy DeWerff served up three assists in the win, with Gabe Armentrout and Bond Knodle also contributing an assist apiece.

Freshman Keaton Thomas was credited with the win in net for Lincolnwood, who led 7-0 at halftime, meaning that time was cut in half for the second half.

The win allowed Lincolnwood to bounce back after suffering their first loss of the season in the championship game of the Kickoff Classic on Route 66 to Hillsboro and improved their record to 5-1 on the season.

Today, Sept. 5, Lincolnwood plays at Staunton (2-3) at 5 p.m. in a rematch of a pool play game from the early season tournament. In the first meeting on Aug. 29, the Lancers won 5-0 with goals from Keller (2), Jacob Butler (2) and Armentrout.

Sept. 2 at Raymond
 Taylorville 0 0 - 0
 Lincolnwood 7 1 - 8
Goals: Ian Keller 5, Cade Johnson 2, Reece Lohman 1. **Assists:** Kennedy DeWerff 3, Ian Keller 1, Gabe Armentrout 1, Bond Knodle 1. **Goalkeeper:** Keaton Thomas. **Records:** Lincolnwood (5-1); Taylorville (1-1-1).

Toppers Finish Off Busy, Successful Week

After finishing off the Kickoff Classic on Route 66 as the overall champions, the first Classic title in school history, the Hillsboro High School boys soccer team returned home Thursday afternoon to host the Jerseyville Panthers at the Sports Complex. For the Toppers, it would open regular season play or at least restart it after the orange and black interrupted tournament play to sneak down to Highland for a regular season tilt last Monday. As well, it would be a test of heart and head as three battles in three days, the Highland game, a 1-0 win against Carlinville, and the title game 2-1 victory over Lincolnwood left Hillsboro with jello legs and in bad need of a day off. Duty called though and what started as a definite loss turned into a 3-3 draw as the Toppers battled back from a 3-0 deficit to tie it up with just :16 left in the match to tie the Panthers 3-3.

Noodle legs aside, Hillsboro would have chances early and often against Jerseyville as the Topper offense used timely passing and a spread field to work the ball around the Panther squad. It was what happened at the end of the passing that hurt the home team however as fatigue greatly limited the quality of shot Hillsboro could muster. The Toppers would actually outshoot the Panthers in the first half, but the inability to find the net along with a couple of good runs on the part of the visitors would leave Hillsboro trailing 2-0 at the break.

Just :22 into the second half Jerseyville would add its third goal as a broken play in front on the part of the Toppers backline made it 3-0. That's when the resilience of the Hillsboro side began though as they worked to string passes together and open up more offense in the Panther end.

With 11:06 to go, the Toppers would finally break through as a Hillsboro corner kick off the foot of sophomore Mark Mattson was redirected by senior Hunter Payne making it 3-1. Just 2:30 later, it would be Mattson himself with a rocket from outside the 18 yard box that beat the Panther keeper to the left side making it 3-2 and the 1 momentum switch was palpable as one sensed that the only opponent now would be the clock and those precious few seconds that remained.

The Toppers would continue to pick away at the Panther backline and, finally, with just :16 left on the clock, the inevitable happened as Mattson would connect with junior Clayton Rufus all alone on the back post and Rufus would tap it in to knot the score at 3-3. From there, time would expire and Hillsboro would find themselves 4-1-1 after they had pretty much resigned themselves to being 4-2.

The Toppers would get a rest day Friday before traveling to Effingham to face off against St. Anthony Saturday morning. Freshman keeper Beto Quiroz would get the start in net for Hillsboro as senior keeper Mitchell

Lowé got a very important additional rest day but the freshman and the offense would pick right up they left off as Mattson's penalty kick conversion would give Hillsboro an early 1-0 lead and junior Nico Clark would score 1:00 later to make it 2-0. Mattson would add a second of the half to make it 3-0 and the Toppers would score two more in the second as senior Logan Murray found the back of the net and Mattson finished off the hat trick to make it 5-0.

The Toppers travel to Litchfield this afternoon for the all important SCC opener with varsity action beginning at 4:30 p.m.

August 31 at Hillsboro
 Jerseyville 1 2 - 3
 Hillsboro 0 3 - 3
Hillsboro Scoring: Hunter Payne (Mark Mattson), Mark Mattson (unassisted), Clayton Rufus (Mark Mattson). **Goalkeeper:** Mitchell Lowé.

Sept. 1 at Effingham
 Hillsboro 3 2 - 5
 St. Anthony 0 0 - 0
Hillsboro Scoring: Mark Mattson 3, Nico Clark 1, Logan Murray 1. **Goalkeeper:** Beto Quiroz.

Litchfield Girls Second For Second Straight Year

Despite losing Delanie Ulrich and Myka Fenton to graduation, the Litchfield High School girls cross country team repeated their second place finish from a year ago at the Carlinville Early Meet on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Last year, with Ulrich and Fenton both finishing in the top 15, the Panthers took second with 50 points, 33 behind Rochester for the top spot. This year, the top two were the same, with the Rockets putting four runners in the top 10 and winning with 25 points, compared to 68 for the Panthers.

Of the six runners who competed in the 17-team, 84-athlete girls race for Litchfield, five also ran for the Panthers last year when they started the season at Loveless Park in Carlinville.

Caitlyn Travis was one of those five and led Litchfield with a time of 21:43.33. Travis, who finished seventh this year, ran a 23:03.70 in 2022 for an improvement of over a minute and 20 seconds.

Emma Diveley slipped one spot in the individual standings, going from 10th last year to 11th this year, but ran a much faster time of 22:11.95, compared to 22:45.52 in 2022.

Sophomore Darby Braasch and freshman Rilynn Younker (the lone newcomer to Tuesday's squad) also finished in the top 25, running times of 22:47.39 and 23:52.61. Alex Gasperson cut 12 seconds off her time from last year and finished 27th in a time of 24:17.89 for Litchfield's last scoring time, while Joelle Hughes finished 47th with a time of 27:10.21.

Litchfield's next meet is Saturday, Sept. 9, in Shelbyville for the Rams' invitational.

August 29 at Carlinville
Carlinville Early Meet
 Loveless Park - 3 Miles
Girls Team Results: 1. Rochester 25; 2. Litchfield 68; 3. Taylorville 76; 4. Alton Marquette 101; 5. Jerseyville 126; 6. Carlinville 181; 7. Greenville 183; 8. Staunton 193.

Girls Individual Top 10: 1. Ella Goodman (Taylorville) 19:37.55; 2. Ashley Zeibert (Rochester) 20:20.92; 3. Brooke Zeibert (Rochester) 20:34.67; 4. Natalie Nichols (Rochester) 20:43.21; 5. Mackenzie Mallicoate (Auburn) 21:06.02; 6. Izzy Wellenreiter (Winchester) 21:09.39; 7. Caitlyn Travis (Litchfield) 21:43.33; 8. Maria Olson (Rochester) 21:47.95; 9. Hallie Smith (Taylorville) 22:01.17; 10. Katrina Campbell (Greenville) 22:10.39.
Litchfield (162): 7. Caitlyn Travis 21:43.33; 11. Emma Diveley 22:11.95; 19. Darby Braasch 22:47.39; 24. Rilynn Younker 23:52.61; 27. Alex Gasperson 24:17.89; 47. Joelle Hughes 27:10.21.



The pickleball courts at Central Park in Hillsboro will be slammed once again as the MoCo Pickleball Club hosts the Central Park Slam Pickleball Tournament on Sept. 8-10.

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Central Park Will Be Slammed September 8-10

The distinctive dink of a pickleball bouncing against a paddle will be heard all over Hillsboro on Sept. 8-10 as the MoCo Pickleball Club will be hosting the Central Park Slam Pickleball Tournament at the Central Park courts.

Eighty-four players from around Illinois and surrounding states will be competing at different levels of play. Friday night the tournament kicks off with singles events. Saturday is dedicated to men's and women's doubles.

Sunday will conclude with mixed doubles.

Food trucks will be on-site to feed players and spectators alike. Que One Seven is providing the menu on Saturday. On Sunday, food will be available for sale from Off the Wall. Both will be around during lunch only.

The public are welcome to come watch the games, buy merchandise from 100% Pickled, eat at the food trucks and sign up for various raffle items.

Sports Calendar

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| <p>South Central Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenville 27, Hillsboro 7 • Southwestern 27, Litchfield 21 • North Mac 28, Gillespie 22 in OT • Vandalia 21, Staunton 7 • Pana 30, Carlinville 20 | <p>Lincoln Prairie Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nokomis 46, Argenta Oreana 14 • Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 43, Villa Grove 35 • Cerro Gordo 16, Tri County 0 • Cumberland 41, Sangamon Valley 14 • Sullivan 54, Arcola 6 |
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Litchfield High School senior Kendall Stewart (right) spoke about suicide awareness prior to the start of the Panthers' volleyball game in Hillsboro on Thursday, Aug. 31. Both teams sported "Spike Out Suicide" shirts prior to the game in honor of Suicide Awareness Month, which began Sept. 1.

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Toppers Win Streak Continues At Expense Of Rival Purple Panthers

by Kyle Herschelmann

Nothing would have made the Hillsboro volleyball team happier than extending their season opening win streak to four games at the expense of their biggest rival, the Litchfield Purple Panthers. The same applied to the Panthers, who would have revealed in handing the Lady Hiltoppers their first loss of 2023. Either way, someone was leaving the Hillsboro High School gym happier than when they arrived on Thursday, Aug. 31.

In front of a large crowd and a pair of boisterous student sections, Hillsboro managed to take down the Panthers in two games, but Litchfield didn't make it easy on the Toppers before falling 25-12, 25-22.

The first set was back and forth in the early going, with the two teams tied at 2-2, 3-3, 4-4 and 5-5. Hillsboro broke the final tie with a kill from Tatum Christian, then took the first two-point lead of the game on a lift call against the Panthers. Megan Lee got one point back for the Panthers with the first of her team-high six blocks, but a serve out of bounds and two kills and a block from Addison Lowe built the Hillsboro lead up to 11-6.

Litchfield wasn't able to get closer than three the rest of the way out, with Hanna Hughes serving up two aces and four straight points to close out the set and the 13-point win.

The Panthers reset the momentum to start the second set as Annika Rhodes broke the Hillsboro's serve off the bat with her third kill of the game. A hit out of bounds, a block by Gina Painter and a miscue by the Toppers gave Litchfield an early 4-0 lead before Hillsboro finally got on the board.

The lead was still four points, 7-3 in Litchfield's favor, when Hanna Hughes put down a kill to give serving honors back to Hillsboro. With Ellie Miller on the line, the Toppers rallied back to score the next six points and take a 9-7 lead.

Hillsboro continued to hold the lead but Litchfield would not go away as they tied the contest at 9-9 and 10-10 before Tatum Christian hammered home a kill on a free ball over the net.

The Toppers continued to hold the lead as the game progressed, but Litchfield kept it in the three to five



Hillsboro's Tatum Christian slaps a hit past the block of Litchfield's Megan Lee during the match-up between the two rivals on Thursday, Aug. 31. Lee was a defensive stalwart for the Panthers with six blocks at the net, but Christian (seven kills) and company managed to extend their win streak to four games with a 25-12, 25-22 win.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

point range. With Hillsboro up 21-17, the Panthers got the serve back and went on a five-point run with Alli Frerichs serving. After a Topper error, Megan Lee took over at the net for LHS. The junior middle hitter had three blocks and a kill during the streak, with Avery Stewart also assisting on a block.

A hit out of bounds stopped the run, making it 22-22, and gave Hillsboro the serve. Hanna Hughes took over and choked out any momentum Litchfield had with an ace to give Hillsboro a one-point lead. Two more good serves that the Panthers were unable to handle finished off the set and upped the Toppers' record to 4-0, while Litchfield fell to 1-2 on the young season.

Hillsboro will have a week off until their next game, when they take on Vandalia on the road on Sept. 7. Litchfield, who played at Pawnee on Monday, Sept. 4, also plays on Sept. 7, in Gillespie.

On Aug. 8-9, the Toppers and Panthers join Nokomis and Lincolnwood in the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament, which will be held in Raymond and Litchfield this year. Litchfield is in the Grace Pool at the Litchfield

High School gym with Vandalia, Father McGivney and Edinburg, while Hillsboro is in the Purple Pool at the Litchfield Middle School gym with Lanphier, Auburn and South County.

August 31 at Hillsboro

Litchfield 12 22
Hillsboro 25 25

Hillsboro Statistics

Service Points: Ellie Miller 9, Hanna Hughes 5, Kennady Clayton 5, Tatum Christian 5, Amy Greenwood 4, Maycie Fuller 4. **Aces:** Ellie Miller 2, Hanna Hughes 2, Tatum Christian 1. **Kills:** Addison Lowe 7, Tatum Christian 7, Amy Greenwood 4, Hanna Hughes 4, Ellie Miller 3, Kearstynn Davis 1. **Assists:** Ellie Miller 10, Amy Greenwood 7, Leah Satterlee 1, Tatum Christian 1. **Digs:** Kennady Clayton 15, Maycie Fuller 15, Hanna Hughes 10, Ellie Miller 7, Amy Greenwood 6, Addison Lowe 2, Leah Satterlee 2. **Blocks:** Addison Lowe 2, Tatum Christian 1, Kearstynn Davis 1.

Litchfield Statistics

Service Points: Alli Frerichs 5, Avery Stewart 4, Annika Rhodes 2, Megan Lee 2, Gina Painter 1, Amy Frerichs 1. **Aces:** Gina Painter 1. **Kills:** Annika Rhodes 7, Megan Lee 3, Gina Painter 1, Avery Stewart 1. **Assists:** Avery Stewart 8, Annika Rhodes 1. **Digs:** Amy Frerichs 19, Annika Rhodes 6, Alli Frerichs 6, Avery Stewart 5, Kendall Stewart 4, Gina Painter 1. **Blocks:** Megan Lee 6, Kendall Stewart 3, Taylor Blackburn 1, Gina Painter 1, Avery Stewart 1.

Records: Hillsboro (4-0); Litchfield (1-2).

Armentrout Medalist At Home Meet

The Lincolnwood girls golf team welcomed golfers from Carlinville, Carrollton and Shelbyville to Shoal Creek Golf Course on Thursday, Aug. 31. While the Lady Lancers were the only school in attendance with a full team, they did get bragging rights individually as Carly Armentrout earned medalist honors for the match.

Armentrout shot a 12-over-par 48 for her second straight round in the 40s. The Lancer sophomore had pars on holes six and seven en route to a two-stroke win over her teammate Jenna Matli. Matli, who didn't have a score worse than double bogey on the day, shot a 50 to give the Lancers

the top two finishers.

As a team, Lincolnwood shot a 205, with Kaylee Gerlach and Anna Jones contributing the final two scoring rounds. Gerlach parred number two en route to a 52, while Jones had a 55. Kennady Klinger and Rian Deardorff also played varsity rounds for Lincolnwood. Klinger shot a 58, while Deardorff had a 60.

Abby Norris was low scorer of the four JV players who hit the course for Lincolnwood, shooting a 58 on the day. Emmy Norris added in a 67, while Sally Corso and Ally Norris shot rounds of 70 and 72 respectively.

Lincolnwood will be back

home today, Sept. 5, where they will host Decatur Eisenhower, Pana and Lanphier. On Wednesday, Sept. 6, the Lancers tee off at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn for the MSM Conference Tournament.

August 31 at Raymond

Shoal Creek - Par 36

Girls Team Results: 1. Lincolnwood 205.

Lincolnwood (205) - Carly Armentrout 48, Jenna Matli 50, Kaylee Gerlach 52, Anna Jones 55, Kennady Klinger 58, Rian Deardorff 60.

Carlinville - Kristilyn LeVora 51, Olivia Kunz 53.

Carrollton - Emma Kallal 53.

Shelbyville - Taylor Culumber 64.

Lincolnwood JV (267) - Abby Norris 58, Emmy Norris 67, Sally Corso 70, Ally Norris 72.

Records: Lincolnwood (3-2).

Nokomis Football

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"With this group of kids, I hear, and they hear, that they're young. They're young, but most of them played last year," Coach Watson said. "So yes, they might be sophomores or juniors, but they got a lot of playing time. They're experienced. They learn from their mistakes and fix them."

The group as a whole didn't make too many mistakes on Friday. Evans ran 10 times for 62 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including the first one of the day three and a half minutes into the first quarter. His second came with 7:05 to play in the fourth quarter to give Nokomis a 46-8 lead at the time.

Herpstreith had three touchdowns on the night, from one, five and four yards out, five two-point conversion runs and ran 24 times for 179 yards. Once Lyons is back, Coach Watson expects the pair to be a potent one-two punch, with Evans landing a knockout blow when needed.

"Herbie (Herpstreith) stepped up and played really well," Coach Watson said. "Coming into the season, we had Herbie playing defense and Lyons not playing D. It's kind of one of those things where you can get him in there and just rotate them to keep them both fresh."

Two of Herpstreith's touchdowns came in the first half, at the 8:43 and 5:07 marks of the second quarter as Nokomis built up a 24-8 lead. The Bombers' score came in between the two Herpstreith touchdowns on an eight-yard run by Tyson Oros that was set up by a 67-yard pass from quarterback Ethan Mahan to junior wide receiver Damian Gude, one of the bright spots for Argenta-Oreana with 136 receiving yards. But even that play had its benefits for the Redskins.

"I thought he picked it," Watson said of the long pass play, which was heavily defended by sophomore Kadynn

Petty. "It was a good gamble by Petty out there going after the ball. I told him that there was nothing wrong with what he did there, you know, except catch the ball."

Petty made amends in the second half, after the Redskins started the third quarter with a 12-play touchdown drive that ate up almost seven minutes off the clock before Herpstreith scored from four yards out to make it 38-8.

On the fifth play of the ensuing drive, Petty jumped in front of a pass meant for Gude and got the ball back for the Redskins at midfield. While Nokomis didn't score in their next series, they did eat more time off the clock and took the ball all the way down to the Bombers' 11 yard line. Argenta-Oreana tried to put something together with a 23-yard pass from Mahan to Tyson Tennin on third and seven, but two plays later Gude tipped a pass attempt into the air and Herpstreith intercepted the pass to set up Evans' second touchdown three plays later.

While the two running backs handled most of the heavy lifting, the prettiest of the Redskins' six touchdowns was the one they got through the air with a minute left in the first half. Under pressure, quarterback Brody Steele rolled to his right and threw a picture-perfect pass that sailed over the outstretched hands of the defender and into the hands of receiver Ryan Quinn, who sprinted to the corner of the end zone for a 29-yard completion and a 32-8 halftime lead. The pass was one of three completed by Steele, who had 74-yards passing on three completions.

The play was an example of how just about everything went the Redskins' way on Friday as they evened their record to 1-1 on the season.

Nokomis will be back home on Friday, Sept. 8, when they host Villa Grove. The Blue Devils are 0-2 on the season after two shootouts. Sullivan-

Okaw Valley beat Villa Grove in week one 39-25, while Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond were the victors in week two 43-35.

While the Redskins haven't matched up with Villa Grove recently, technology has made the learning curve less dramatic for Watson and his coaching staff.

"With film now, we got to watch their (Argenta-Oreana) game last week and we had a pretty good idea of what they were going to do," Watson said. "I think with this group, we can show them, we can rep it and correct it and they get it fixed if it's wrong and they play hard."

That hard work paid off in week two. They'll see if it does the same in week three against the Blue Devils.

September 1 at Nokomis
Argenta-Oreana (0-2) 0 8 0 6---14
Nokomis (1-1) 8 24 6 8---46

Scoring Summary

1st - 8:32 - Nokomis - Daryl Evans 3-yard TD run (Nolan Herpstreith run)

2nd - 8:43 - Nokomis - Nolan Herpstreith 1-yard TD run (Nolan Herpstreith run)

2nd - 6:54 - Argenta-Oreana - Tyson Oros 8-yard run (Ethan Mahan run)

2nd - 5:07 - Nokomis - Nolan Herpstreith 5-yard TD run (Nolan Herpstreith run)

2nd - 0:59 - Nokomis - Brody Steele 29-yard TD pass to Ryan Quinn (Nolan Herpstreith run)

3rd - 5:27 - Nokomis - Nolan Herpstreith 4-yard TD run (run failed)

4th - 7:05 - Nokomis - Daryl Evans 5-yard TD run (Nolan Herpstreith run)

4th - 4:04 - Argenta-Oreana - Tyson Oros 2-yard TD run (pass failed)

Nokomis Statistics

Passing: Brody Steele 3-5-74 1TD.

Rushing: Nolan Herpstreith 24-179, 3 TD; Daryl Evans 10-62, 2 TD; Brody Steele 6-22; Saint Newman 2-9; Garrett Engelman 4-9; Dolan Harrison 1-5; Skylar Pavolko 1(-1).

Receiving: Atticus Bertolino 2-45; Ryan Quinn 1-29, 1 TD.

Tackles (Solo/Assist): Garrett Engelman 3/6; Drake Taylor 3/4; Nolan Herpstreith 1/3, 1 INT; Ryan Quinn 2/2; Riley Reynolds 1/3; Caleb Bauer 0/4; Levi German 1/2; Kadynn Petty 0/3, 1 INT; Kyle Reynolds 1/1, 1 fumble recovery; Daryl Evans 1/1; Atticus Bertolino 0/2; Conner Wilson 0/2; Skylar Pavolko 1/0; Bruno Fox 0/1; Jaxson Batty 0/1.

Lincolnwood Boys 2nd At Shoal Creek

Tate Duckels and Carter Zilm shot matching 3-over-par 39s to lead Carlinville to a win at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Raymond on Thursday, Aug. 31.

In addition to earning medalist honors with Duckels and Zilm, Carlinville also had the next two lowest rounds with a 40 from Colin Pope and a 41 from Cade Vinyard.

The Cavies' team score of 159 was enough to hand the host Lancers their fifth loss of the season as Lincolnwood shot a 177, with Shelbyville coming in third with a 205.

Zeke Castleberry, Brady Schmedeke and Bryce Cowdrey all shot 43s for the Lancers, with Castleberry and Schmedeke coming up with four pars each. Cowdrey finished with three pars, which came consecutively on holes four, five and six.

Luke Pope also finished in the 40s for Lincolnwood's fourth scoring round, with a

48. Zach Waldeck added in a 50, while Lance Weitekamp was a stroke behind his teammate with a 51.

In addition to the varsity lineup, 10 other Lincolnwood golfers played on Thursday in JV rounds. Jared Klein, a frequent varsity golfer, shot a 43 to lead all JV players, with three pars and a birdie on the par-3 seventh hole. Griffin Boblitt (51), Kade Osterholt (52) and Jonah Elvidge (54) had the next three lowest rounds on the JV side. The aforementioned four shot a 200 as a team, which would have been good for third in the team standings.

Other JV rounds for Lincolnwood came from Zane Whalen (55), Liam Page (59), Luke Armentrout (61), Hudson Wort (68), Patrick Lipe (72) and Reiss Downen (72).

Lincolnwood will be back in action today, Sept. 5, at Lincoln Greens Golf Course in Springfield, where they will play Rochester and

Lanphier. On Wednesday, Sept. 6, the Lancers tee off at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn for the MSM Conference Tournament.

August 31 at Raymond

Shoal Creek - Par 36

Boys Team Results: 1. Carlinville 159, 2. Lincolnwood 177, 3. Shelbyville 205.

Medalists: Tate Duckels (Carlinville) 39, Carter Zilm (Carlinville) 39.

Carlinville (159) - Tate Duckels 39, Carter Zilm 39, Colin Pope 40, Cade Vinyard 41, Houston Turley 54, Aaron Cordani 59.

Lincolnwood (177) - Zeke Castleberry 43, Brady Schmedeke 43, Bryce Cowdrey 43, Luke Pope 48, Zach Waldeck 50, Lance Weitekamp 51.

Shelbyville (205) - Will Nohren 47, Carter Schrock 50, Hampton Petska 53, Mason Jones 55, Zayne Hankins 57, Drew Nohren 58.

Carrollton - Liam Albrecht 61.

Lincolnwood JV 1 (200) - Jared Klein 43, Griffin Boblitt 51, Kade Osterholt 52, Jonah Elvidge 54.

Lincolnwood JV 2 (243) - Zane Whalen 55, Liam Page 59, Luke Armentrout 61, Hudson Wort 68, Patrick Lipe 72, Reiss Downen 72.

Record: Lincolnwood (9-5).

Lady Panthers Host Cavies, Comets

The Litchfield High School girls golf team hosted players from Carlinville and Greenville on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Litchfield Country Club.

Keeley Tabor led the Lady Panthers with a 54 on the day as she finished six strokes behind Kristilyn LeVora of Carlinville, who earned medalist honors. Tabor had two bogies and six double bogies in her nine holes to finish second in the match.

Faith Ellinger added a 58 for the Panthers with one bogey and four double bogeys, while Kennedi Isaacs was a stroke behind her teammate

with a 59. Aryn Dooley was Litchfield's fourth scorer with a 63, but did have a par on the par-3 eighth hole.

In addition to LeVora, Carlinville's Olivia Kumz shot a 55 to tie for third with Greenville's Stella Lagermann. The Comets brought three players to the meet, with Kaitlyn Lurkins finishing with a 56 and Adrianna Oliver adding a 71.

Litchfield will be back at home today, Sept. 5, as they host Gillespie, Greenville, Vandalia and Auburn.

August 30 at Litchfield

Litchfield Country Club - Par 37

Girls Team Results: Litchfield 234.

Litchfield (234) - Keeley Tabor 54, Faith Ellinger 58, Kennedi Isaacs 59, Aryn Dooley 63.

Carlinville - Kristilyn LeVora 48, Olivia Kumz 55.

Greenville - Stella Lagermann 55, Kaitlyn Lurkins 56, Adrianna Oliver 71.

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The Nokomis High School volleyball team finished second overall in the Altamont Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 2, going 3-1-1 to improve to 7-2-1 on the season. In front, from the left, are Kinley Stolte, Maddison DeWerff, Camryn Engelman, Grace King and Becca Hill. In the back row are Assistant Coach Amy Stolte, Lizzy Hill, Mackenzie Mehochko, Addison Glenn, Natalie Brownback, Reagan Jonas, Presley Mehochko and Head Coach Megan Mehochko.

Nokomis Volleyball

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Mehochko also contributed defensively, but further back as she led the team in digs with nine.

Nokomis' record moved them to the first place bracket with Altamont, Cerro Gordo and Armstrong (located north east of Champaign, 120 miles from Altamont), the latter of whom was their opponent in the championship semifinal. The Redskins made short work of the Trojans, beating them in two games 25-14, 25-8.

Reagan Jonas put down five blocks at the net to lead the defense, with Mackenzie Mehochko reaching double figures in digs with 11. Mehochko also led the team in kills with nine, while Kinley Stolte had nine assists, three aces and seven service points, matching Lizzy Hill for the team lead in points.

Cerro Gordo also won in two sets, beating Altamont 25-17, 25-11, and hadn't lost a game in eight opportunities going into the championship.

The Redskins would do their best to end that streak as they battled back from a 25-12 first set to win 25-17 and force a third set. Again it would be close, but the Broncos eventually escaped with a 15-9 win to take the championship and keep their spotless record intact.

Nokomis was tough at the net again as Reagan Jonas had six of the Redskins' 13 blocks, with Kinley Stolte adding four and Mackenzie Mehochko contributing three. Mehochko also had a team-best 18 digs, with Becca Hill (7), Kinley Stolte (6) and Presley Mehochko (6) also keeping the Cerro Gordo hitters from racking up kills.

In the serving game, Grace King had six points, while Lizzy Hill had five points and a team-best two aces.

Shelbyville

After picking up four wins in a row to start the season, the Nokomis High School volleyball team's luck ran out on Thursday, Aug. 31.

The Lady Redskins traveled to Shelbyville to face the Rams, who were 1-1 to start the season, with a loss

to Taylorville to open the season, followed by a two-set win over Mattoon. Thursday was Shelbyville's first game on their home court and they made the most of the advantage, winning 25-14, 25-13.

The Redskins had trouble stringing together points as Presley Mehochko, Becca Hill and Grace King led the team in service points with just three points each. On the other side, Shelbyville's Millie Clark had 14 points and three aces, while Maisie Kull and Jaycee Brinkoetter also had seven and six points respectively.

On the attack, Mackenzie Mehochko continued her strong start with nine kills, but Brinkoetter and Ella Storm combined for 27 digs as they limited the rest of the Redskins to just seven kills combined. Kenzie Jones also wrought havoc at the net with six of Shelbyville's eight blocks.

Nokomis did have more success in defending the Rams' attack than they did on their own assault, limiting Shelbyville to 15 kills, five of which came from Emily Duckett. Lizzy Hill was the only Redskin with double digit digs, but Mackenzie Mehochko (9), Kinley Stolte (9) and Grace King (8) all put up big numbers as well.

The loss dropped the Redskins to 4-1 going into the Altamont Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 2. Nokomis will have a few days off before returning home on Thursday Sept. 7, to play the Meridian Hawks from Macon. The Redskins also play on Sept. 8-9 at the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament in Raymond.

August 31 at Shelbyville

Nokomis 14 13

Shelbyville 25 25

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Presley Mehochko 3, Becca Hill 3, Grace King 3, Kinley Stolte 2. **Kills:** Mackenzie Mehochko 9, Addison Glenn 3, Natalie Brownback 2, Becca Hill 1, Kinley Stolte 1. **Assists:** Kinley Stolte 8, Becca Hill 6, Mackenzie Mehochko 1. **Digs:** Lizzy Hill 10, Mackenzie Mehochko 9, Kinley Stolte 9, Grace King 8, Becca Hill 2, Presley Mehochko 2, Natalie Brownback 1, Addison Glenn 1. **Blocks:** Becca Hill 1, Reagan Jonas 1.

Records: Nokomis (4-1), Shelbyville

Sept. 2 at Altamont Invitational

Nokomis 2nd place, 3-1-1

Nokomis 21 21

Heritage 11 12

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Grace King 13, Kinley Stolte 4, Lizzy Hill 4, Mackenzie Mehochko 3. **Aces:** Grace King 3, Mackenzie Mehochko 1, Presley Mehochko 1, Lizzy Hill 1. **Kills:** Mackenzie Mehochko 7, Addison Glenn 4, Becca Hill 2, Reagan Jonas 2. **Assists:** Kinley Stolte 9, Becca Hill 6. **Blocks:** Reagan Jonas 1, Addison Glenn 1, Natalie Brownback 1. **Digs:** Natalie Brownback 6, Kinley Stolte 7, Becca Hill 3.

Nokomis 21 16

Altamont 10 21

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Lizzy Hill 10, Kinley Stolte 7, Becca Hill 4, Grace King 4. **Aces:** Kinley Stolte 1, Becca Hill 1. **Kills:** Mackenzie Mehochko 8, Addison Glenn 6, Natalie Brownback 2. **Assists:** Kinley Stolte 12, Becca Hill 4. **Blocks:** Addison Glenn 4, Becca Hill 6, Kinley Stolte 5.

Nokomis 21 21

Vandalia 17 17

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Kinley Stolte 12, Becca Hill 4, Grace King 3, Mackenzie Mehochko 3, Presley Mehochko 2. **Aces:** Becca Hill 2, Mackenzie Mehochko 1. **Kills:** Addison Glenn 6, Natalie Brownback 5, Mackenzie Mehochko 4, Becca Hill 2. **Assists:** Kinley Stolte 10, Becca Hill 4. **Blocks:** Addison Glenn 5, Becca Hill 3, Kinley Stolte 1. **Digs:** Mackenzie Mehochko 10, Grace King 5, Kinley Stolte 3.

Championship Semifinal

Nokomis 25 25

Armstrong 14 8

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Kinley Stolte 7, Lizzy Hill 7, Grace King 5, Presley Mehochko 4, Camryn Engelman 4. **Aces:** Kinley Stolte 3, Camryn Engelman 2. **Kills:** Mackenzie Mehochko 9, Addison Glenn 5, Reagan Jonas 3, Natalie Brownback 3. **Assists:** Kinley Stolte 9, Becca Hill 5. **Blocks:** Reagan Jonas 5, Addison Glenn 2, Kinley Stolte 2. **Digs:** Mackenzie Mehochko 11, Lizzy Hill 8, Grace King 3.

Championship Game

Nokomis 12 25 9

Cerro Gordo 25 17 15

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Grace King 6, Lizzy Hill 5, Mackenzie Mehochko 4, Presley Mehochko 2. **Aces:** Lizzy Hill 2, Grace King 1. **Kills:** Addison Glenn 7, Mackenzie Mehochko 7, Natalie Brownback 4, Becca Hill 2, Reagan Jonas 2. **Assists:** Becca Hill 8, Kinley Stolte 8. **Blocks:** Reagan Jonas 6, Kinley Stolte 4, Mackenzie Mehochko 3. **Digs:** Mackenzie Mehochko 18, Becca Hill 7, Kinley Stolte 6, Presley Mehochko 6.

Record: Nokomis (7-2-1).

Litchfield Football

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Cooper Martin would connect on the extra point as Litchfield tied the contest at seven with 7:41 left to play in the second quarter.

Just over five minutes later, the Purple Panthers claimed their first lead of the year, as A.J. Sypherd scammed to the end zone from 17 yards out. Sypherd, with his second touchdown of the year, put the Purple Panthers up 13-7 with 2:18 left to play in the half.

On Southwestern's ensuing drive the Purple Panthers' defense came up big and forced their third turnover of the year with a fumble. The first two forced turnovers by the Purple Panthers' defense came in week one, both resulting in a touchdown.

The result on Friday would be no different as the Purple Panthers claimed their third touchdown of the quarter. The senior duo of Dobrinich/Saathoff would once again strike as Dobrinich hit Saathoff for a 35-yard touchdown pass. The two-point attempt by Sypherd was successful as Litchfield increased their lead to 21-7 with 1:54 left to play in the half.

Southwestern got the last say before both teams entered the locker room as the Piasa Birds quarterback Blake Rimbe found Hunter Newell for a 22-yard touchdown strike. The extra point attempt was blocked by Litchfield as the Purple Panthers held a 21-13 lead with 3.2 seconds left in the second frame.

Even though Southwestern would get the momentum to swing their way before the half expired, the Purple Panthers would still hold the eight-point lead.

Litchfield found a lot of success in the second quarter but one thing they struggled to get going was their ground game. In the first week Litchfield found some success on the ground, including a 100-yard performance from senior A.J. Sypherd. The struggles on the ground would not come from lack of effort but from execution by the Southwestern defense that continued throughout

the second half.

Sypherd, who usually finds a way to hit the century mark, was held to under 50 yards on 17 attempts in this contest. His 17-yard touchdown run was the longest of the game for any Purple Panther rusher.

Like in the first quarter, the opening quarter of the second half did not see much fire power from either team's offense. Neither team would find the end zone throughout the quarter as Litchfield remained ahead 21-13 after three quarters of action.

It has been a while since the Purple Panthers held a lead entering the final quarter, but they would look to build on that lead in the final frame. Instead, the Piasa Birds overcame the eight-point Litchfield lead with two touchdowns.

Rimbe and Newell hit paydirt once again with just over six minutes to play in the contest for their second touchdown. A successful two-point conversion would result a tied ball game at 21 points a piece.

Four minutes later, the Piasa Birds would once again find the end zone, this time on the ground. Once again it would be Rocky Darr crossing into the end zone, giving Southwestern a 27-21 lead.

With only 2:27 on the clock the Purple Panthers had their backs against the wall. Trailing by six and the clock not in their favor, the Purple Panthers needed to put together a solid drive to regain the lead. Starting inside their own 30, the Purple Panthers drove the ball down into Southwestern's territory, crossing the Piasa Birds' 30 yard line.

The 50-plus yard drive put the Purple Panthers in striking distance of the end zone. What seemed like the drive that the Purple Panthers needed to get over the hump, quickly came to a screeching halt as Dobrinich's pass found the hands of Southwestern's Hunter Newell in the end zone. The interception would end the drive for Litchfield and close out the game as Southwestern claimed a 27-21 victory.

The Purple Panther's defense would be a strong point

throughout the contest lead by Keaton Morgan who was part of 11 tackles, including five solo tackles. Kayden Bergman, Martavious Jones, Caiden Lamb and Easton Grammer all recorded at least five solo tackles in the ball game as well.

The Purple Panthers defense came up big throughout the contest for Litchfield including a big stop on the goal line in the second half. After giving up over 293 yards of offense on the ground in week one, the Purple Panthers' defense held the Piasa Birds to only 146 total rushing yards.

Litchfield's offense would produce over 200 yards; A.J. Sypherd led the ground game with 48 total rushing yards, while Tate Dobrinich completed 12 of his 33 passing attempts for 174 yards.

The Purple Panthers will return home with a 0-2 record for a week three battle with the North Mac Panthers. North Mac will enter the contest with a 1-1 record, as they picked up their first win in week two in an overtime thriller over Gillespie.

September 1 at Piasa

Litchfield 0 21 0 0 ---21

Southwestern 7 6 0 14 ---27

Scoring Summary

1st - 1:16 - Southwestern - Rocky Darr 18-yard TD run (Ian Brantley kick)

2nd - 7:41 - Litchfield - Tate Dobrinich 18-yard TD pass to Carson Saathoff (Cooper Martin kick)

2nd - 2:18 - Litchfield - A.J. Sypherd 17-yard TD run (kick failed)

2nd - 1:54 - Litchfield - Tate Dobrinich 35-yard TD pass (A.J. Sypherd run)

2nd - 0:03.2 - Southwestern - Blake Rimbe 22-yard TD pass to Hunter Newell (kick failed)

4th - 6:16 - Southwestern - Blake Rimbe 38-yard TD pass to Hunter Newell (2pt. failed)

4th - 2:27 - Southwestern - Rocky Darr 14-yard TD run (Ian Brantley kick)

Litchfield Statistics

Rushing: AJ Sypherd 17-48, Tate Dobrinich 3-5, Easton Grammer 2-0.

Passing: Tate Dobrinich 12-33-178

Receiving: Carson Saathoff 5-94, Martavious Jones 1-30, Keenan Powell 1-20, AJ Sypherd 2-15, Easton Grammer 2-12, Kayden Bergman 1-7.

Tackles (Solo/Assist): Keaton Morgan 5/6; Martavious Jones 6/4; Kayden Bergman 5/3; Caiden Lamb 5/2; Easton Grammer 6/0; Mannix Hancock 3/2; Carson Saathoff 3/2; A.J. Sypherd 2/3; Hunter Hancock 2/3; Keenan Powell 1/3; Harrison Thomas 2/0; Max Leitschuh 2/0; Devin Hansel 1/1.

Hillsboro Football

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Grull barged to the 1; then Austin Wall plunged in for the first score. Gavin File kicked the extra point. Three threats had been stymied; but once the Comets scored, they really claimed momentum.

The next time Mills punted, Graber returned it to his 43. Oliver then carried on eight of the next eleven plays (the other three were passes) until Hutchinson threw to Grull for a three yard touchdown. Once the passing game was established, the Comet running game became successful. File's kick was true, so with 6:26 left in the half, Greenville was ahead, 14-0. At the time, the hosts had run or passed 31 times, the Toppers 13; the Comets were controlling both lines of scrimmage, the ball and time of possessions.

The Toppers' lone score came quickly. As the kickoff man, File specialized in short kicks, hoping for a Topper miscue that would give possession to his team. That strategy backfired after the Comets' second score when Jesse Ringhausen covered the kick on the Topper 47. From there the Toppers scored in four plays - Zander Wells carried for 9, Drake McSperritt carried for a first down; and, after a two yard loss, Stewart and Wells connected for a late-half 41 yard touchdown. Hunter Payne's conversion kick was good.

Sadly for Topper fans, that was as close as the Toppers could come. The Comets continued to rule the clock in the second half, limiting scoring chances for the Toppers. Though the Toppers received the second half kickoff, the Comets recovered a fumble on the second play from scrimmage and it was ball and clock control for the final 24 minutes. An interception by Austin Wall halfway through the third quarter meant more anguish for Topper followers, and the third touchdown (a Hutchinson to Grull nine yard pass followed by another File kick all but ended any doubt about the final result).

When Connor Compton intercepted a Topper pass immediately after that kick off, fans began to leave the stands. With 10:22 to play, Graber scored from the 11 as the Topper defense, exposed to 37 rushing play and 34 passing plays, showed signs of frustration and exhaustion. As the game ground on, Topper qb. Jace Stewart was injured and replaced by fellow senior Chase Knetzer, who completed his first two (ever) varsity passes, one to Mills and one to Wells, before Nick Eyman intercepted his fourth pass.

Hutchinson was then sacked twice, once by Knetzer and then by Elliot Lentz, or the Comets' rushing total of 170 yards would have been

larger. Wells had a nice punt return nullified by a block-in-the-back penalty. The game ended at midfield five plays later.

This Friday, Sept. 8, the Toppers head to Staunton, the first victims of the Comets. Game time is 7 p.m.; it will be the Bulldogs first home game of the season.

Sept. 1 at Greenville

Hillsboro (1-1) 0 7 0 0 ---7

Greenville (2-0) 0 14 7 6 ---27

Scoring Summary

2nd - 11:48 - Greenville - Austin Wall 2-yard TD run (Gavin File kick)

2nd - 6:26 - Greenville - Ben Hutchinson 5-yard TD pass to Nick Grull (Gavin File kick)

2nd - 4:32 - Hillsboro - Jace Stewart 41-yard TD pass to Zander Wells (Hunter Payne kick)

3rd - 1:36 - Greenville - Ben Hutchinson 9-yard TD pass to Nick Grull (Gavin File kick)

4th - 10:22 - Dayton Oliver 11-yard TD run (kick failed)

Individual Statistics

Passing: Hillsboro - Jace Stewart 3-9-58 1 TD, 2 INT; Chase Knetzer 2-4-23, 1 INT; Greenville - Ben Hutchinson 19-33-214, 2 TD, 2 INT.

Rushing: Hillsboro - Dylan Lessman 8-31, Drake McSperritt 9-17, Zander Wells 6-7, Jace Stewart 7-5, Chase Knetzer 2-1. Greenville - Austin Wall 20-116, Nick Grull 1-7.

Receiving: Hillsboro - Zander Wells 3-65, 1 TD; Ketch Mills 2-16. Greenville - Nick Grull 7-84, Austin Wall 3-48, Gavin Doll 2-22.

Tackles (Solo/Assist): Hillsboro - Landon Reincke 6/7; Jace Stewart 7/1; Elliott Lentz 5/3, 2 sacks; Seth Hubbard 5/3; Zander Wells 5/1, 1 INT; Jackson Tuetken 5/1, 1 INT; Treyton Kuhl 2/4, 1 fumble recovery; Chase Knetzer 2/0, 1 sack; Dylan Lessman 2/0; Austin Newingham 2/0; Cole Lenczycki 1/0.

Litchfield Boys Golf

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None of the other 12 teams in the field broke 320 on the day, with Richland County coming the closest with a 327.

Litchfield senior Tug Schwab, who announced his intention of playing college golf at Illinois Wesleyan University this week, was the driving force behind the Panthers' bid to take down the defending champs. Schwab was second overall behind St. Anthony's Dakota Flaig, shooting a 3-over-par 74 to Flaig's even-par 71.

Schwab shot a 2-under 33 on the front nine with pars on the first, second and fourth holes. He'd shoot a 41 on the back half of the course, finishing one stroke ahead of Teutopolis' Coen Pennington for the runner-up spot.

Tug's younger brother Sam Schwab finished tied for 13th with an 80, matching St. Anthony's Joey Trupiano. The younger Schwab shot a 35 on the front nine, with birdies on number three and number six, and a 45 on the back half of the course.

A.J. Odle and Tucker Maguire also finished in the top 25 in the 94-player field for Litchfield. Odle shot rounds



Tug Schwab

of 37 and 35 (with birdies on holes five, 12 and 16) to finish with an 82, good enough to tie for 17th with Cisne's Hagen Howard and St. Anthony's Charlie Wegman, Ethan Karolewicz and Preston Phillips. Maguire was just a stroke back, tying for 22nd with Brody Thoele of Teutopolis as he shot a 42 on the front and a 41 on the back, with birdies on holes number one, 10 and 14.

Tucker Pastrovich was Litchfield's number five man with a 90, shooting rounds of 46 and 44 to finish in 44th position, while Brawly Jacobs rounded out the lineup with a 93, shooting rounds of 45 and 48 to finish in a tie for 52nd.

The Litchfield boys will be in Taylorville today, Sept. 5, as they take on the host Tornadoes, Auburn and South County at Lakeshore Golf Course. On Wednesday, Sept. 6, the Panthers play at the Vandalia Country Club against Staunton, Christ Our Rock Lutheran and the host Vandals, led senior Conner McCall, who signed to play golf at Northern Illinois University recently.

Sept. 1 at Olney

Olney Invitational

Richland Golf Club - Par 72

Boys Team Results: 1. St. Anthony 315; 2. St. Anthony 2 316;

3. Litchfield 319; 4. Richland County 327; 5. Teutopolis 335;

6. Mt. Carmel 336; 7. Teutopolis 2 353; 8. Paris 353; 9. Newton 354; 10. Lawrenceville 359; 11. Sullivan 377; 12. Robinson 379;

13. Marshall 382; 14. Flora 386; 15. Oblong 391; 16. Richland County 2 428.

Individual Top 10: 1. Dakota Flaig (St. Anthony) 71; 2. Tug Schwab (Litchfield) 74; 3. Coen Pennington (Teutopolis) 75; 4. Jack Swinger (St. Anthony) 76; 5. Kollin Kelsey (Mt. Carmel) 77; 6. Reese Glover (Richland County) 77; 7. Ayden Nealis (Richland County) 78; 8. Levi Beesley (Mt. Carmel) 79; 9. Alec Hakman (St. Anthony) 79; 10. Nathan Rich (Robinson) 79.

Litchfield (319) - 2. Tug Schwab 74;

T-13. Sam Schwab 80; T-19. A.J. Odle 82; T-22. Tucker Maguire 83;

44. Tucker Pastrovich 90; T-52. Brawly Jacobs 93.



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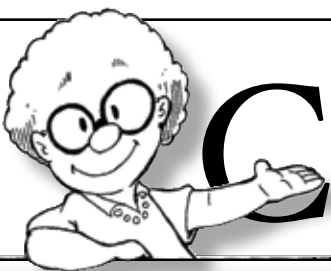
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Fire Calls

Gas Leak

Raymond Fire Department responded to a gas leak at 105 Rt. 127 on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 1:45 p.m. Ten firemen were on the scene for roughly 30 minutes.

Semi Truck Ran Off Road

Members of the Raymond-Harvel Fire Department responded to a semi truck ran off the road northbound on I-55 at 9:06 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1. There were 17 members on the scene for just over an hour.

Rollover Car Accident

Coffeen Fire Department responded to a rollover car accident at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31. Two trucks and three firefighters responded, and Fillmore provided mutual aid for rescue. They were on the scene three hours.

Unknown Fire Alarm

Hillsboro Fire Department was dispatched to Hillsboro Rehab on Friday, Sept. 1, for an unknown fire alarm at 12:56 a.m. There were 16 members on the scene for 25 minutes.

Police

Litchfield Police

Alexey B. Hufnagle, 26, of Bristol, WI, was arrested on an outstanding Kenosha, WI, Police Department warrant at 7:41 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 120 E. Ryder.

Misty L. Anglin, 48, of Litchfield, was arrested on charges of resisting a peace officer and domestic battery on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the 700 block of S. Grant.

State Announces New Grants For Farmer Mental Health

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, Governor JB Pritzker joined the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) at the 2023 Farm Progress Show to announce funding for a grant program aimed at breaking down the stigma of accessing mental health services in agricultural communities. The announcement was made in partnership with the Illinois FFA Foundation and the Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine.

"As governor, as a father, and as someone who has personally witnessed the mental health epidemic among family and friends, there is nothing more important than making sure every Illinoisan has access to the mental health services they need to lead happier and healthier lives," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Our greatest problems require our most creative solutions and I am confident that this grant program will simultaneously break down barriers and open up doors for our state's number one providers."

"As chair of the Governor's

Rural Affairs Council, it is clear how much our farmers and agricultural communities contribute to Illinois. As many in our rural communities struggle not only with mental health but overcoming stigma to seek help, our state is coming together with the rural mental health grant program to provide the support our rural communities need and deserve," said Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton.

The Farm Family Resource Initiative (FFRI) was created initially as a pilot program covering six Illinois counties providing telehealth mental health access in addition to a helpline. Following its overwhelming success, the FFRI was expanded to cover all 102 counties in the state. In addition to the telehealth helpline, family members can now access six free telehealth mental health sessions.

The program will also fund up to 20 grants at \$1,000 each to support FFA chapters implementing local initiatives encouraging access to mental health resources. Grants will

be used to increase awareness of mental health and wellness in schools and communities across Illinois. All FFA chapters in Illinois are eligible to apply for the grant, and grant applications will be available from the Illinois FFA Foundation in fall 2023.

The FFRI funding resulted from IDOA's grant application for the "Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network" funded by the United States Department of Agriculture National Food and Agriculture (USDA NIFA). Funds are provided to state departments

of agriculture to connect individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching and other agriculture-related occupations to stress assistance programs.

"FFA members are creative thinkers and know and understand their communities," said FFA Executive Director Mindy Bunselmeyer. "I'm excited to see the unique ways our membership will look to tackle this challenge."

The Farmer Assistance Helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-833-FARM-SOS.

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 JIMMY LEE LOHMAN, DECEASED.
No. 2023-PR-26 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION - WILL AND CLAIMS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILL ADMITTED

Notice is given of the death of Jimmy Lee Lohman of Hillsboro, IL 62049. Letters of office were issued on August 25, 2023 to Kenneth W. Lohman, whose attorney is Alan Pretnar, 510 Hillsboro St., P.O. Box 310, Taylor Springs, IL 62089.

Notice is given to unknown heirs, legatees and devisees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on August 25, 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 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 6/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it had been filed.

For further information regarding the electronic filing of claims, contact the Montgomery County Circuit Clerk at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Hillsboro, IL.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 16, 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: T-TEEZ COMPANY DBA T-TEEZ BAR located at 121 E. STATE ST. in the city of IRVING and state of IL.

Dated August 16, 2023
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
29-3tM*

PUBLIC NOTICE

WITHDRAWAL NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, August 31, 2023, a supplementary certificate for withdrawal was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names or names and post-office address or addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: COFFEEN TRUCKING CO. located at COFFEEN, IL 62017.

Dated
Thursday, August 31, 2023
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
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JOHN FOSTER ESTATE AND OTHERS ONLINE AUCTION #2

Located: 823 N O'Bannon St., Raymond, IL 62560
Starts: Monday, Aug. 28
Ends: Monday, Sept. 11 • 6 p.m. CST soft close
Viewing: Sunday, Sept. 10 • 1-3 p.m.

Pickup/Checkout: Saturday, Sept. 16 • 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Motorhome: 2000 Western Alpine Coach 37" with 14' Pull Out, Cummins Diesel, Generator, Fridge, Microwave, Sink, Vanity, Toilet, Bed Cabinets, TV, Runs Excellent! Needs New Batteries To Run Utilities And Amenities. 105,000 Miles.
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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 mikecrabtreeauctions.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.

TUES., SEPT. 5 - 6 p.m. soft close. Bidding ends for Ralston estate online auction located at 29672 Goshen Rd., Palmyra. Bidding starts Mon., 21. Register/bid at mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com. Viewing Aug. 31, 4-6 p.m. Pickup/checkout Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2010 Ford F-150, Panzer ant. tractor, horse saddles/tack, tools, shop tools, collectibles, antiques, household, appliances, furniture. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507.

SAT., SEPT. 9 - 9 a.m. Live onsite auction of RE and personal property of Donnie Culbertson at 22182 E. 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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MON., SEPT. 11 - 6 p.m. soft close. Bidding ends for John Foster estate and others online auction. Register/bid at mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com. Viewing Sept. 10, 1-3 p.m. Pickup/checkout Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2000 Western Alpine Coach 37" w/14' pull out, drones, antiques, collectibles. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507.

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 Twps., Christian Co. Field Level Agriculture, Inc., Logan Frye-broker, 217-619-6473, www.fieldlevelad.com.

SAT., SEPT. 16 - 9 a.m. Fall consignment auction at Ohlman, north of Rt. 16 on N. Walnut. Accepting consignments of vehicles, tractors, lawn mowers, farm related items, lawn & garden, plus misc. items. Dennis Aumann, auctioneer, 217-825-6384 or 217-563-2143, dennisaumann.com, auctionzip.com #19610.

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., Hoopesport; & 122 W. State Highway 133, Oakland. Williams & Williams Worldwide Real Estate, LLC, Jeffery Oberling, auctioneer, Monte Lowderman, auctioneer, 800-801-8003, www.williamsauction.com/Casays.

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Raymond-Harvel Hosts Annual Fireman's Picnic

Members of the Raymond-Harvel Fire Department hosted their annual Fireman's Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 27. The community gathered to enjoy food and fellowship. Kids enjoyed a day of sliding down water slide inflatables, playing games and hopping aboard the fire truck.

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August 7
Linda Joan Bland, Linda Joan Bland Exec., Ivan William Quattlander Estate, Marlin Dale Quattlander, Marlin Dale Quattlander Exec. to Marlin Dale Quattlander, Executor's Deed, NH NE Sec.12, Roundtree Twp.
Greenwood Farms to Jay D. Greenwood Tr., John D. Greenwood Tr., Greenwood Farms, Corporation Deed, Pt. NH NE Sec.10, Pt. SWNE Sec. 10, South Fillmore Twp.
Frances L. Kenny to Steve Kenny, QCD, Lot 6, Klars Addn., Hillsboro.
Troy S. White to Melody White, Troy S. White, QCD, Pt. SE/SE Sec. 35, East Fork Twp.
Brenda Cloyd, Kent Sorrells, Mark E. Sorrells to David W. Fuchs Tr., Jean M. Fuchs Tr., WD, NE/SW/NW Sec. 36, Pt. NW/NW Sec. 36,

Zanesville Twp., Parcel 1-3. Noah Durbin, Phyllis Townsley POA to Cherie R. Blackmon, WD, Lots 9 & 12, Blk. 7, Ohlman OT (Schuyler's Addn.)
Montgomery County Sheriff, Eric R. Stillman to Midfirst Bank, Sheriff's Deed, Pt. WH SW Sec. 1, Hillsboro Twp.
August 8
Sherry L. Hills Garner, Sherry L. Hills Garner, Natasha L. Hills, Natoshia L. Hills to Russell A. Klekamp, WD, Lot 3, Blk. 69, Pt. Lot 4, Blk. 69, Huggins PC Addn.
Jill Wright to Beth Cherry, WD, Pt. Lot 3, Pleasant Ridge.
Mission Bible Training Center, Mission Teens to Country Bend Campground, Corporation Deed, Lots C, 1-3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16, 19, 22, 24-28, 30, 31, 36, 42, 47, 53, 54, 56, 58, 61, 62, 64, 66,

67-76, 79, 80, 83-87, 89, 90, 82, 93-103, 105-107, 109, 113, 115-120, 124-126, 131-142, 155, Deer Creek Condo Campground, Parcels 1-89.
Rick Myers, Rickie G. Myers to Justus Carter, WD, NH/NH NW/NW Sec. 6, Butler Grove Twp.
August 9
Casey Baron to Kelsey N. Calvert, Evan M. Kershaw, WD, Lots 9-12, Blk.11, Donnell and Hamptons Addn.
Dale L. Walcher, Gloria A. Walcher to Ethan A. Lee, WD, Lots 13,15,17 & 19, Pt. Lot 21, Dixons Addn., Witt.
Alice Ondrey to Shane Uhly, WD, Pt. SW/SE Sec. 19, Fillmore Twp.
Nicholas W. Novosel to Nicholas W. Novosel, Rushelle L. Novosel, QCD, 2 Pts. WH SW Sec. 10, Walshville Twp.
Frances C. Weitekamp Tr., Roy L. Weitekamp Trust No.

100 to Allan J. Weitekamp, Dale L. Weitekamp, Trustee's Deed, Pt. SW Sec. 3, Pitman Twp.
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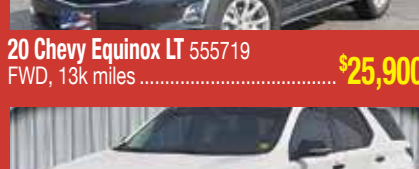
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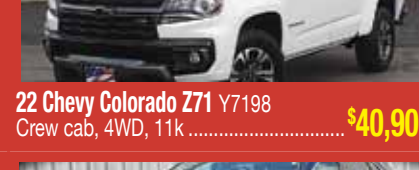
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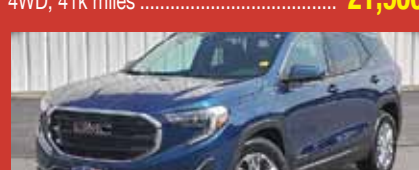
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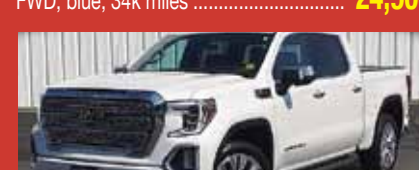
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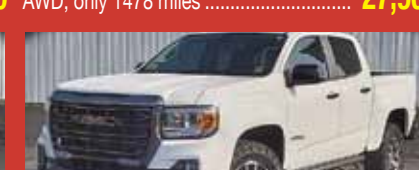
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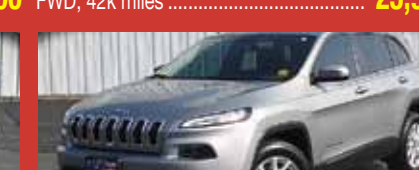
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