



Litchfield Council Learns About Street Project Delays

by Kyle Herschelmann

Two pay requests for Litchfield street projects were approved during the city council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7, but some of the payment was withheld due to issues, according to the engineers for the project.

Adam Pallai of Martin Engineering Company was on hand to talk about the work done on St. John Street and on Sargent Street by

Kamadulski Excavating and the issues with both projects. Pallai said that some of the payment requests for the St. John Street project, which was \$142,578.58, was withheld as they await pavement tests. He added that work was done by the contractor to get the street as ready as possible by the first day of school, with striping done at midnight the night before.

Pallai said that the Sargent Street project is taking signifi-

cantly longer than the original completion date, due in part to a delay regarding a flagger for construction around the railroad. Kamadulski Excavating had issues obtaining the permit to work near the railroad, then were told that the company that provides the flagger had a two month wait.

Pallai said they have been trying to get the contractor to comply with the schedule and that a deadline of Oct. 23 has been set to have the

project entirely complete. If it is not, the city intends to start assessing damages to the contractor.

Pallai said there was also an issue with a drainage gutter that was installed on one of the projects. The valley gutter installed by the contractor was higher than the one designed for the project and needs to be fixed.

In more positive news, Pallai said that Martin Engineering is reapplying for a grant for a water

and sewer project under Jackson Street. He said under the previous grant application, the city did not have the audit in place at the deadline and the state did not look at the application even after they received the audit. Mayor Steve Dougherty said he appreciated Martin Engineering's work for the city in regards to grants and that the city was not used to that.

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Raymond Celebration Begins This Thursday

The 66th annual Raymond Celebration begins Thursday, Sept. 14, through Saturday, Sept. 16, and is sure to provide fun for all ages.

Carnival rides will open from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 12 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday.

The Raymond Celebration Association will hold a bike drawing at 8 p.m. on Thursday night, and at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and winners must be present to accept. The beer tent will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The celebration will kick off on Thursday evening with a welcome from Mayor Denny Held at 6 p.m., from the stage, followed by the longest ponytail contest at 6:15 p.m. The 2023 pageant candidates will be introduced at 6:30 p.m.

The Raymond's Got Talent Show will follow the introductions at 7:15 p.m. on the stage.

The Raymond Celebration Association will give

eventgoers the chance to test their luck at Bossie Bingo, which will be held at 7:30 p.m., across from the stage, all three nights of the event. Proceeds from Thursday's game will benefit the Raymond Celebration Association. Friday's game will benefit the RHSA and Raymond-Harvel Fire Explorers and Saturday's game will benefit the Project Third Day-Panhandle and the Panhandle Education Foundation. Head over the beer tent for live entertainment beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Raymond celebrations continue on Friday with the craft and vendor fair from 5 to 9 p.m.

Head over to the stage at 6 p.m. for the Queen and Jr. Miss candidates dance. 2022 Little Royalty will officially retire their crowns at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening.

Stick around for a game of PLINKO at 8 p.m., on the stage. Fun DMC will close out Friday night's festivities with a live performance at the beer tent.

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Never Forget Those Who Sacrificed Everything

Some of the newest members of the Litchfield Fire Department were barely even born when the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers and Pentagon occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, but each one of them knows the sacrifice that their brothers and sisters in New York made 22 years ago today. Today is now recognized as Patriot Day, a national day of mourning to remember the 2,977 victims of the attack, including the 343 firefighters and 72 law enforcement officers who were killed that day. More than 4,000 other survivors and first responders have died in the years since due to exposure to the conditions around the attack sites, according to the World Trade Center Health Program, making the sacrifice of those men and women all the more important to remember.

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Breaking ground for the new Butler water tower, from the left are Trustee Cary "CB" Cunningham, Kyle Mathenia, Trustee Cathy Shepherd, Trustee Darrell Damm, Bob Lane, Village Clerk Kendra Lane, Mayor Rickey Lane, Trustee Rachel Cunningham, Trustee Debbie Beeler, land owners Jean and Tom Anderson. Not present: Trustee Rachelle Shepherd.

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Butler Breaks Ground For Water Tower

Officials from the village of Butler celebrated the start of construction of a new water tower with a ceremonial ground-breaking on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

"We've been working on

this for about five years," village president Rickey Lane said of the new tower. That work began after the village completed a partial water line replacement about five years ago.

Brown & Roberts of Harrisburg is the engineering firm, and Billy Knowles of ACIX of Chester is the contractor.

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Annual Event Needs Bed Race Teams

The next Shop Hillsboro event set for Saturday, Oct. 7, during the Imagine Hillsboro Harvest Market will include the downtown Hillsboro popular bed races.

The event is hosted by The Journal-News and Imagine Hillsboro.

Bed races will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, on Main Street downtown. Each team must have five persons, and each team member must

be age 14 or older. Beds will be provided by tournament organizers. During a race, one person dressed in pajamas must remain sitting or laying flat on the bed during the entire race and may not aid in propulsion. Four runners, one on each bed corner, must push the bed and remain in contact with the bed throughout the race. Races will be in a blind-draw tournament format

with cash prizes awarded to the top three finishers, plus another prize for the team with the best costumes.

Entry fee is \$25 per team, and an entry form is available at The Journal-News office. Return it to The Journal-News office (431 S. Main St., PO Box 100, Hillsboro IL, 62049) by 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5. For online registration, visit imaginehillsboro.com/events-registration.

Gold Star Riders Will Stop In Litchfield

Illinois Gold Star Mission's 510-mile Gold Star 500 endurance bicycle ride will pass through Central and Southern Illinois from Sept. 19-23—including a stop the first day in Litchfield—with the goal of ensuring we 'Always Remember, Never Forget' the sacrifices of our fallen Illinois service members and their families.

"We are so grateful for the support of the communities. Our mission of remembering our fallen and supporting our Gold Star families is impor-

tant to the people of Illinois and they show their support at all of our stops," Barry Tobias, President of Gold Star Mission, said. The ride is scheduled to end during Gold Star Family weekend just before Gold Star Mothers' Day on Sunday, Sept. 24.

Gold Star Mission uses funds raised through the Gold Star 500 and other events throughout the year to award scholarships in honor of Illinois' nearly 300 service members who have fallen since the terrorist

attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. In addition, they are producing professional videos as part of the Fallen Heroes History Project to remember each fallen service member. The seven videos produced so far can be found at this link: <https://www.goldstarmission.org/fhhp.php>. "The Fallen Heroes History Project is a multi-year project because of the time and resources it takes to produce these videos," Tobias said.

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Weather Forecast			
Mon 11	79°/61°	Cloudy	17%
Tue 12	72°/50°	AM Clouds/PM Sun	24%
Wed 13	73°/49°	Sunny	8%
Thu 14	72°/49°	Mostly Sunny	5%



Nine Split \$10,000 Prize In Taylor Springs

Nine lucky winners split the \$10,000 prize at the 30th annual Taylor Springs Fire Department \$10,000 dance, held Saturday evening, Sept. 9, at the Taylor Springs Community Center. This year's lucky winners taking home \$1,111.11 each were Tim and Vicky Lipe (who donated their winnings back to the fire department), Wayne and Tina Jansen, Dottie Corcoran and Robert Stamper, Brooke Lang, Todd and Lora Dean, Wayne Slightom, Roger Menghini, Becky and Mary Moler-Billo and Mike Gonzalez. Will Applegate won \$250 in the early bird drawing and Jason Wallace won \$503 in the 50/50 raffle (he donated \$100 back as well). Second chance winners were Derek and Amy Jones with \$180, Crystal Flint with \$250 and Ashley Steed with \$450. A full-course meal was served by Fema Catering and music was provided by Total Entertainment and DJ John Kindernay. Proceeds support the ongoing efforts of the Taylor Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured above, from the left are Taylor Springs Fire Chief Brian Redman, Roger Menghini, Mary and Becky Moler-Billo and Brooke Lang.



CEO Students Tour Salvation Army

Students in the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program toured Salvation Army in Litchfield on Thursday, Aug. 24. They got to learn about the operation as a whole and gain valuable knowledge that will help them in their own business endeavors. The team members and managers that led the tour stressed how important employee culture is, and that focusing on the team needs to be a top priority. After the tour, team members were given the opportunity to shop for professional dress items, which was made possible by Friends of CEO. For more information, visit montgomeryceo.com.

Butler Water Tower

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The new tower, built using grant funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic

Opportunity (DCEO), will be constructed next to the current water tower built in 1965, high on the hill just south of town on Tom and Jean Anderson property.

The new 50,000-gallon tower will rest on five feet of concrete poured over two feet of rock. Construction will continue through the fall.

Litchfield City Council

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Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Dougherty told the council that the city is pursuing an EDP (economic development program) TARP (Truck Access Route Program) grant for \$2.346 million for Skyview Drive and the industrial park, as well as the Safe Routes To Schools grant and the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant that were discussed at the previous meeting. He added that the city is also applying for grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, Rebuild Illinois and a Community Development Block Grant for public infrastructure.

In the public comment section of the meeting, Larry Thompson, quartermaster for the Litchfield VFW, expressed concern over the city's requirements to hold raffles. Thompson said that the required pins to attend the raffle was complicated and that the VFW often has raffles, but rarely are they on the same day they purchase the raffle license. He also said that the bond requirements and \$500 fee made a Queen of Hearts raffle impossible for the VFW, adding that their last Queen of Hearts raffle made slightly less than \$300.

Thompson also questioned how the raffles would work if it can't be rolled over. City Attorney Michael McGinley said that the raffle organizer would have to draw cards until a winner is picked.

McGinley also said the pins were a health and safety issue so the city could know the number of people at the raffle and not get in a situation where thousands flood the event. He said that while the pins limit the number of people, the people in attendance can buy as many chances as they want.

McGinley added that a lot of the ordinance was driven by state statute and that any raffle done without a city ordinance in place would have been illegal by that statute. By passing an ordinance, Litchfield legitimized raffles.

Mayor Dougherty said that the discussion was past the time limit, but if Thompson had other questions that he would like answered, if he put them in writing, the city would try to answer them. Thompson thanked the council for their time and said that the VFW would not be participating in the raffles because they were priced out by the ordinance.

Kelly Moroney, director of the Montgomery County Housing Authority (MCHA), was also on hand to discuss

the water and sewer fees associated with the Brown Shoe Apartments, which are owned and operated by the housing authority. Moroney said the water fee for the apartment building, which is master metered, is the same as individual meters, but the sewer fees for master metered properties are double that of individual meters. Moroney said if the sewer fee was the same as individual fee, it would save the MCHA \$13,000 a year.

Moroney said that the fees cost the MCHA \$50,000 a year, which are a budgetary issue for the non-profit. Moroney said that the housing authority doesn't want to cut services down for the apartment building, but it might be necessary without some relief.

Moroney said that Kirk Terrace is also master metered, but it is less of an issue because that complex is scheduled to be torn down and replaced.

Mayor Dougherty said that no action could be taken that night, but the matter would be put on the next agenda to see if anything could be done.

On the regular agenda, 15 motions were approved by the council (Alderman Marilyn Sisson was absent), including the two pay requests previously mentioned.

In lake business, the final pay request for the 16th Avenue sediment dam was approved to Blankenship Construction for \$32,378.85, as was the purchase of largemouth bass from Seven Springs Fisheries at a cost of \$2 per fish (the same price as last year), plus delivery charges for a total not to exceed \$5,370. Lake Superintendent Terry Hancock said that Dometic also contributed \$480 to the purchase of the fish, which allowed the city to purchase more than originally budgeted.

In administrative business, the council approved a contract with Mike Klaves to fill the State Street and Union Avenue planters and beautification project for the fall/holiday season for an amount not to exceed \$10,000, with funds coming from the Duff Fund. Alderman Cassidy Paine mentioned that Klaves has done a great job since taking over the city's planters.

Also under administration was the purchase of services from Civic Plus (Municode), a code hosting site that will allow the city to keep its ordinances more accessible and up to date, and an amendment to the ordinance of water systems described, which City Administrator

Breann Vazquez said will clarify the ordinance, but will keep with what has been the city's policy.

In building and grounds business, the council approved a proposal from D&M Electric to install RAB lighting for two pickleball courts at Madison Park for a cost of \$4,385 and to declare three parcels of property (213 North Lincoln, 612 North Jefferson and 717 South Franklin) as surplus and authorize its sale.

In water department business, a motion to authorize an agreement with Durkin to provide SCADA service for the department was approved with Sara Zumwalt abstaining. Two police motions were also approved, for the purchase of an HP Z2 G9 Workstation PC for the investigator's office from Zobrio for \$3,175 and for a memorandum of understanding regarding data sharing with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration. Police Chief Kenny Ryker said the agreement is regarding the city's license plate reading system and attaches the system to a larger network. Ryker added that the network was key in locating a suspect in a murder that happened in Farmersville a few years ago.

In addition to the pay requests from Kamadulski Excavating, the council also approved a bid from Kinney Contractors for pressure washing and sealing decorative cement within the downtown streetscape at a cost of \$58,800, approved emergency repair work for a 2012 dump truck from Rush Truck Centers at a cost of \$6,153.08 and accepted a bid from Rooters Asphalt for replacing the asphalt surface on Edwards Street from Madison to State and from on Madison Street from Edwards to the Moose Lodge driveway, plus replacing a 12-foot section of curb and pavement markings, for a cost of \$59,750 in street department business.

The last motion to be approved before a short closed session that started at 7:15 p.m. was the purchase of 20 self-contained breathing apparatus with buddy breathers, 40 quick connect bottles and 20 masks for \$179,700 for the Litchfield Fire Department. Fire Chief Adam Pennock, who swore in the department's newest addition, probationary firefighter/EMT-B Jimmy Mayes, earlier that day, said that the purchase was made possible by a grant.

The council will meet again on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Corwin Hall.

Rayond Celebration

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The fun will resume at 11 a.m. on Saturday with kids games at the park and teen games uptown. The kiddie tractor pull will immediately follow at the stage, for children ages four to 12.

Sign in for the adults bags tournament will begin at 1:30 p.m. The game will start at 2 p.m. Entry fees are set at \$20 per two-person team and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places. The craft and vendor fair will reopen from 3 to 9 p.m.

Line-up for the Kiddie Parade will start at 1 p.m. in front of the Raymond Christian Church, with the parade to step off at 1:30 p.m. Categories include bikes and tricycles, walkers, battery operated, pets, wagons and

floats. No mechanical or motorized vehicles will be allowed. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Make sure to check out the pie baking contest at 2 p.m. at the craft tents. The competition is open to amateur bakers of all ages. Pies will be judged on appearance, flavor and texture. Crust and pie filling must be homemade and submissions must include a full recipe with a list of ingredients. No cream or custard pies. Leftover pie will be auctioned with the proceeds to benefit the Raymond Celebration Association.

This year's big parade will step off at 5 p.m. Line-up for the parade will begin at 4 p.m. at the Lincolnwood High School parking lot. This year's theme is "Viva

Las Vegas." There is no fee to enter and cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place. Categories include golf carts, religious/civic organizations, business floats and out of area. For more information call 217-710-6678.

The Jacksonville Drumline Institute will cap off the parade with a live performance at 6 p.m. next to the stage. Parade winners will be announced at 6:15 p.m. The baby contest (zero to 24 months) will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the stage. The eating contest will follow at 6:45 p.m. on the stage.

The Queen coronation and Jr. Miss pageants start at 7:30 p.m. on the stage.

10-55 will perform live starting at 9 p.m. at the beer tent.

Gold Star Riders

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"In the videos, the fallen service member's family, friends, and those they served with give us great insights into who they were as people and how much they meant to their communities. It helps people to better understand the sacrifice of the fallen service member and the sacrifice of the fathers, mothers, spouses and children they left behind. Ultimately, we would like to have a video produced for each of Illinois' fallen service members."

This year the ride will

start and end in Springfield. On Sept. 19, the riders will start at 7 a.m. at Scheels in Springfield bicycling to Jacksonville and then Carlinville before stopping for the night at Litchfield High School, with an anticipated arrival at 4:28 p.m. On Sept. 20 they will ride from Litchfield to Lebanon and Scott Air Force Base then stopping for the night at the Illinois Army National Guard Readiness Center in Sparta. On Sept. 21, they will ride from Sparta to Steeleville to Chester to Carbondale before stopping for the night at Harrisburg High School. On Sept. 22,

they will go from Harrisburg to Fairfield before stopping for the night at the Illinois Army National Guard Readiness Center in Effingham. On Sept. 23 they will travel from Effingham to Shelbyville to Taylorville before ending at the Springfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10302 on Stockyard Road. There will be an "end of mission" ceremony at VFW Post 10302.

For more information about the Gold Star Mission or how to get involved visit <https://goldstarmission.org/> or e-mail goldstarmission@gmail.com.

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Obituaries

Business As Usual For Raymond Village Board

The Raymond Village Board met at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Those present for the meeting included Mayor Denny Held, trustees Greg Bernhardt, Dan Hough, Kendall Snyder, Bruce Poggenpohl, Bill Krager and Ryan Bruntjen, as well as Rick Broaddus, Jason McCallum, Mike Masten, Taylor Link and Shanon Hudgins.

The meeting began by the board approving the minutes of the Aug. 21 meeting, with all voting in favor with the exception of Poggenpohl, who voted present.

Hudgins presented to the library board asking if she could construct a dog park on the property, and was turned down. She explained that she is still reviewing ideas for a potential location, and asked the village board to open an account to place funds in until the money is needed. She further explained that the process of establishing a non-profit 501c organization can take months and sought the board's approval to start collecting money. The board decided to reach out to their auditor to see if this is possible. Hudgins also said that she is working on necessary paperwork for a grant that will fully pay for a dog park for one town. She asked for best wishes and support at the upcoming Raymond Celebration.

The board announced that the Halloween Parade by Project Third Day will be held on Oct. 29 at 3 p.m., with trunk or treat hours from 3 to 5 p.m. Inclement weather will push the parade indoors at the school.

Halloween hours will be

on Oct. 30 and Oct. 31, from 5 to 8 p.m.

In street and alleys, the board announced that there is a tree on Short St. that needs taken down, and a few others in poor shape worth monitoring. The driveways and other businesses oiling will take place on Thursday, Sept. 21, weather permitting. In water and sewer, it was announced that CTI Fiber will be bringing in a bigger crew to finish Raymond. The board also thanks the City of Taylorville for their help recently as there was an issue with the line in the alley behind the Green Tree. Taylorville brought their camera and cleaned out the line. Devin Bedinger is continuing his water treatment classes and testing each week. The board also thanked Bill Kinney and Kinney Contractors for their help cutting the pavement to fix the water main break on Henry St.

In golf course news, the board was informed that the new pump has been installed and adjustments have been made, and Link is happy with the update. The board was also informed that the shelters at the course have suffered from hail damage and require new shingles, and they will be looking over quotes. A discussion with the crew cleaning out the pond will be had over what to do with the sludge removed.

The board hopes that the community enjoys themselves at the upcoming Raymond Celebration and cooler weather.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Amateur Radio Club To Meet This Wednesday

The Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corporation will host their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Challacombe House, located at 509 School Street in Hillsboro.

Other upcoming meetings will be held on Oct. 10, with a wiener roast at the Fireman's Club at Hillsboro Lake, Nov. 8 at the Challacombe House in Hillsboro and the group Christmas party on Dec. 13, with a place to be announced later.

There are also a few upcoming events, and the club invites anyone interested in amateur radio to attend.

The Midwest Superfest, will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17

at the Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe, located at 17189 IL-29. For more information, visit <https://www.w9uvi.org/midwest-superfest-2023>.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the club will attend the 31st Halloween Hamfest at the Kirkwood Community Center, located at 111 S. Geyer Road in Kirkwood, MO from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit <http://halloweenhamfest.org>.

Montgomery County AREC meets on the second Wednesday of each month and invites everyone interested in amateur radio to attend. For more information, contact Judy Reynolds at 217-259-5650.

Early Dismissal Is This Friday For ROE Schools

The Regional Office of Education #3 Alternative Education programs in Vandalia, Effingham and Litchfield will have an early dismissal on Friday, Sept. 15, for school

improvement.

All students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. School will resume on Monday, Sept. 18.

Paul M. Tomazzoli, 78 IHSA Official



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leonard M. Holmgrain, 90 U.S. Army Veteran



Leonard Milton Holmgrain, 90, of Litchfield, died at 10:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, at Carlinville Rehab and Nursing in Carlinville.

There are no services planned for Mr. Holmgrain.

Mr. Holmgrain was born Jan. 5, 1933 in Gordon, NE, a son of Floyd Harold and Lela (Lockwood) Holmgrain. He graduated from Gordon High School, and obtained his undergraduate degree from Chadron State College and the University of Nebraska

with a master's degree in business and hospital administration. He and the former Marie Jean Blundell were married July 31, 1955. She preceded him in death on Sept. 22, 2022.

Mr. Holmgrain proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was employed for many years as a hospital administrator at Kosciusko Hospital in Warsaw, IN. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. He was an avid woodworker, art collector, and traveled extensively with his wife through the years.

Mr. Holmgrain is survived by his daughter, Diane Hardy of Carlinville; grandson, Joseph (Lexi) Hardy of Thayer; brother Everette (Joan) Holmgrain of South Dakota and sister Phyllis Simpson of Nebraska

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Floyd and Ernest Holmgrain.

Memorials in his honor may be directed to Summer Repertory Theatre program at Blackburn College, 700 College Avenue, Carlinville, IL, 62626.

Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is assisting the family. To sign the online register book, light a virtual candle, or for more information, please visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Misty L. Anglin, 48 Homemaker



Misty Lynn Anglin, 48, of Litchfield, died Thursday Sept. 7, 2023, at Lake Kaho.

A memorial visitation for Mrs. Anglin will be held from 4 until 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield.

Mrs. Anglin was born in Dallas, TX on Jan. 10, 1975, a daughter of Michael Brashear and Sharon Kilpatrick. She and Phillip Anglin were married in Ravenden Springs, AR and he survives.

As a homemaker, she enjoyed keeping a nice house, crafting, music and was an excellent cook. She especially loved her dogs, and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

In addition to her husband, Phillip, Misty is survived by her son Cody (fiancée Tessa Fenton) Anglin of Litchfield, and daughter Kyleigh Anglin of Litchfield; brother Marty Brashear of Ennis, TX; and grandchildren Kasey Govaia, Kenadi Dagon, and Milo Anglin.

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

Public Meetings

Nokomis City Council

The Nokomis City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, at city hall. Agenda items include a presentation about project labor agreements, water and wastewater for the village of Coalton and police vehicles.

Montgomery County Board

The Montgomery County Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. Included on the agenda are an update from the CO2 Sequestration Ad Hoc Committee, advertising for bids on the old county highway department property, animal control policy and municipal contracts, a permit application and enterprise zone request from Vistra Energy and a potential increase in election judge salary.

Hillsboro School Board

The fiscal year 2024 budget hearing and a discussion of memorials on district school campuses are among the items on a relatively short agenda for the Hillsboro School Board when they meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the unit office.

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Correction

The Monday, Aug. 31, edition contained an error in the Nokomis City Council report. The story said in error, "At the last meeting (Aug. 14), Commissioner Mike Glenn again approached the subject of having Nokomis use an outside contractor to provide

its water services." It should have read as follows. "At the last meeting, Commissioner Mike Glenn suggested considering a different engineer with a more simple design for the waste water treatment plant."

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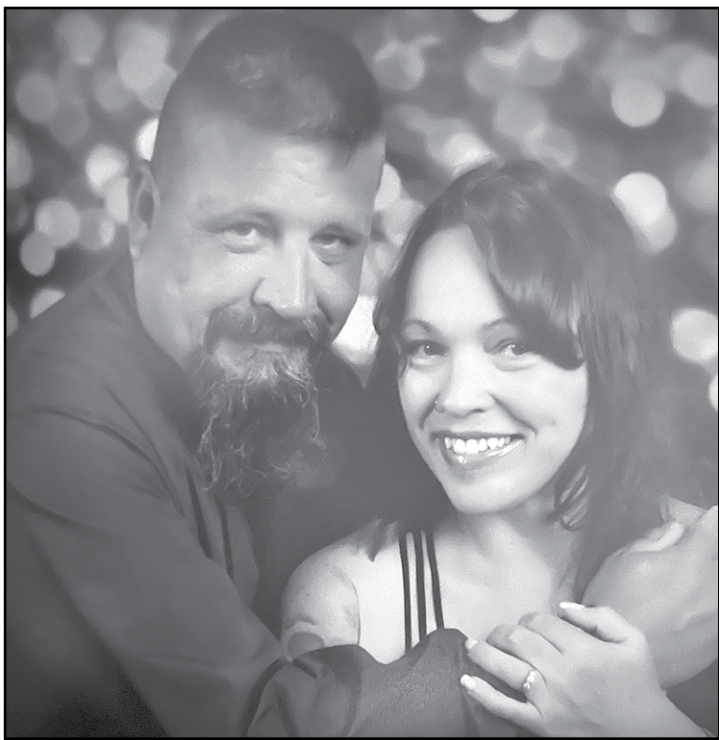
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Applegate And Hughes To Marry In Gatlinburg

Rachael Hughes and William Applegate, both of Hillsboro, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride to be is the daughter of Allen Lynch (companion Evelyn Steel) of Hillsboro and the late Edith Lynch. She is the mother of Nathan Lee and Flora Hathaway. A 1997 graduate of Hillsboro High School, she earned a degree from Lincoln Land Community College in 2009 and is currently employed at Fayco Enterprises as Future Bound

Coordinator.

Her future husband is the son of the late Terry Applegate and Becky Moler-Billo (spouse Mary Moler-Billo) of Hillsboro. He is the father of Eric Applegate, Edward Applegate and Mykenzie Loskot. He is a 1994 Hillsboro High School graduate and served in the United States Armed Forces from 1998 to 2003. He is currently employed as a correctional officer at Graham Correctional Facility.

The couple plan to wed on Nov. 4 in Gatlinburg, TN.

Bremer Sanctuary Plans Upcoming Autumn Events

The Hand B Bremer Wildlife Sanctuary in Hillsboro will be hosting five nature events throughout September, October and November.

Tony Rothering, a licensed bird bander from the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders, will be capturing and banding birds from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Participants will receive an up-close view of birds while learning about the scientific process of banding and how the data is used to study topics such as bird population dynamics and the impact of habitat change on the diversity and density of bird species.

"Be a Bander," a children's program where kids can extract plush birds from a mist net and learn the process of banding will be offered at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The banding program is continuous, so visitors are encouraged to come at any point and bring a lawn chair.

The annual Owl Prowl and Wiener Roast will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. The firepit will be ready

at 4 p.m. so visitors are encouraged to bring their own hot dogs, buns, drinks and a dish or two to share.

The Tree House Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will provide an informative program featuring two the three owls on display beginning at 5 p.m., and will release a rehabilitated owl at the sanctuary at 6 p.m. Beginning at dusk (approximately 6:15 to 6:30 p.m.), owl calls will be broadcast throughout the West Prairie to lure a response/sighting.

Educational displays will be set up for viewing and door prizes will be awarded. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and bug spray.

The final open house for 2023 will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1 to 3 p.m. The open house event is designed to inform folks about the sanctuary as to what they are and do. The barn will be open for viewing educational displays while volunteers will be available to answer questions.

A wagon ride (at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.) on a trail near the barn will inform attendees about the trails, fields, projects and Bremer history. Newcomers as well as old friends are welcomed.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag of bird food donation for use in sanctuary feeders over the winter months.

Immediately following the open house on Oct. 15, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., there will be a public program on "Owls of Illinois." A program for the young and young at heart will help visitors to identify which species one may hear.

The program will explore which owls call Illinois their home and which owls are winter migratory visitors. After a Power Point presentation, all participants can observe the many owl posters on display, dissect an owl pellet and kids can make a take-home craft.

The annual meeting and potluck will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. for the presentation of "Robert Ridgeway: Can Birdwatching Help Save Our Planet?" Storyteller and author Brian "Fox" Ellis portrays Robert Ridgeway, telling the story of his journey across the western wilderness in 1868, when he was still a teenager, and his life-long work at the Smithsonian Institution.

Ridgeway was a student of Spencer Baird, who travelled with John James Audubon, who knew Charles Darwin. Ridgeway's research transformed ornithology, evolution and systematics.

The program begins at 5 p.m., with the Bremer meeting at 5:50 p.m. and potluck at 6 p.m. Guests are invited to bring their own drink, table service and a dish or two to share.

All events listed are free and open to the public, but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information visit their facebook page at Bremer Sanctuary, Hickory Hills Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society or check out their website at bremersanctuary.com



Purse Donations Sought For Annual Fundraiser

Volunteers with the Hillsboro Area Health Foundation are seeking donations of gently carried or new purses for the annual purse auction on Thursday evening, Nov. 2. Pictured above, from the left, Julie Jenkins, Patty Cady and Lori Brown, display some of the already donated, not-quite-new, but wonderful handbags. Contact one of these ladies or Barb Hewitt to make a donation.

This year's purse auction will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2, at The Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and include appetizers, desserts, wine, tea and prize drawings. To purchase tickets, contact Barb Hewitt at 217-259-4103 or Shannon Freeman at 217-532-4168.



Alia Stewart Earns Awards At Illinois Festival Pageant

Alia Stewart, 2019 Miss Litchfield Chamber of Commerce, traveled to Decatur to compete in the 2023 Illinois Festival Pageant on Aug. 19. The queen competition categories included a four-minute interview with the panel of judges, 30-second opening introduction and one-minute speech. The competition concluded with evening gown, where Stewart was decked out head to toe by her sponsor MyFormals.

Her favorite part of the pageant was her speech about her late grandmother, Constance Stewart of Litchfield. Stewart walked away with the highest raffle ticket sales for the queen division, second runner-up and the Director's Award. She is currently the director of student engagement at Blackburn College in Carlinville. Stewart is the 24-year-old daughter of Russ and Susan Campbell of Litchfield and granddaughter of Evelyn Stevenson of Coalton.

Births

Caleb and Chastity Wagahoff of Raymond announce the birth of their son, Quinlin Kole Wagahoff, born at 4:22 p.m. on Sept. 8, 2023, at

HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and measured 20 ins. long.

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Crafting Night Has Halloween Theme Sept. 14

Halloween is coming, and the Litchfield Public Library's next \$9 Night Out will help local residents get ready to decorate.

The project is a black witch's broom, which can be decorated with accents such as flowers, ribbons, spooky eyeballs, skeletons, spiders and other creepy things.

The adults-only event will be Thursday, Sept. 14 starting at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is suggested, as space is limited.

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PANTHER PRESS • by Amy Frerichs at Litchfield

FFA Attends Farm Progress Show



Panthers, are you ready for this coming week?

First, congratulations to the football team on winning against the North Mac Panthers. Big things coming for this team! Juniors, to take the PSAT, sign up in Student Services by Oct. 17 and bring a check for \$18.

The first Art Club meeting will be Sept. 13 in the Art Room at 3:10 p.m. Join if you are interested!

In need of a dress? The Fairy Godmother Boutique is open during lunch hour, before and after school. Be sure to stop by!

Homecoming is right around the corner! If you are bringing an out-of-town guest, check the main office to grab a form.

Here's a little update from the Litchfield FFA Reporter Megan Lee. On Thursday Aug. 31, the Litchfield FFA chapter took a trip up to Decatur, along with the Staunton FFA chapter to attend the Illinois Farm Progress Show. Members arrived and were allowed to walk around and see whatever would entertain them. There were many booths such as John Deere, Case, the Farm Bureau and many more. Members who attended include Tyler Belusko, Brevin Birkenkamp, Emma Bone, Garrison Cleaver, Jayden

Ellinger, Georgia Glover, Keeley Grosenheider, Maddy Hampton, Kennedi Isaacs, Hunter Law, Megan Lee, Kamden Marten, Amanda Niemann, John Stanley, Olivia Sykes, Grason Thimsen, Hudson Walker, Cale Winstead and Hayley Zeller. All members had an amazing time and cannot wait to see what else this year will hold for us!

Don't miss the Panther sports this weekend at home! Girls golf will compete on Tuesday, boys golf will host their senior night on Wednesday and volleyball will be playing against Southwestern! The theme for the volleyball game is white lies!

Have a great week, Panther fans!



Knights Of Columbus Plan Tootsie Roll Drive

The Hillsboro Knights of Columbus will join other Knights of Columbus councils throughout Illinois to collect donations for intellectually disabled people this weekend, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and Sept. 16, with their annual Tootsie Roll drive. The Tootsie Roll drive benefits groups of children and adults in the local areas where funds are raised. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be asking for donations from cars passing by in downtown Hillsboro as part of their efforts. Pictured above are Hillsboro Knights of Columbus, from the left, Stan McCaslin, Charlie Peterson and Mike Foster.

In the past, the Hillsboro council has provided funds to the Hillsboro Education Foundation for teachers' wish lists, for the benefit of special education students. The Knights have also donated funding to Fayco Enterprises' adult workshop in Schram City.

Journal-News/Isaiah Atkins

REDSKIN REVIEW • by Reaghan Jonas at Nokomis

Nokomis Ready For Homecoming



Happy Monday, Redskins fans!

Next week, Sept. 18-23 is Homecoming week! This year's theme is "There's No Place Like Homecoming." The dress up days will be Monday: Oz the Great and Powerful (wear your assigned color - freshmen - yellow, sophomores - pink, juniors - blue and seniors - red), Tuesday: Which Witch is Which? (win with someone), Wednesday: Lions, Tigers, and Bears.. Oh My! (Dress like your favorite Oz character), Thursday: Welcome to the Emerald City (dress in green and glitter), Friday: There's a Storm Coming (Spirit day! Wear red and black!)

Congratulations to the students who made Homecoming Court, including freshmen Maliah Harris, Makenzie Mehochko, Hunter Arkebauer and Kannon Jonas, sophomores Camyrn Engelman, Kinley Stolte, Deiken Altevogt and An-

drew Suslee, juniors Gracie DeWerff, Elizabeth Hill, Atticus Bertolino and Bruno Fox and seniors Reaghan Jonas, Irene VandenBergh, Cydney Bertolino, Presley Mehochko, Reece Lohman, Brenton Lyons, Jaxson Batty and Kennedy DeWerrf.

Wednesday night, Sept. 20, will be the Junior versus Senior Dodgeball game, followed by the Homecoming bonfire for all students.

Friday morning, Sept. 22, fall athletes will travel to North School for Breakfast of Champions. The Homecoming parade will be Friday afternoon. The dance will be on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The Redskins football team had a tough loss on Friday night, losing to Villa Grove 19-12. They will travel to Cerro Gordo this Friday, Sept. 15, to take on the Broncos. The junior varsity team defeated Argenta - Oreana's junior varsity team last Monday. They will face Villa Grove's junior varsity team on Monday, Sept. 11, at home.

The Lady Redskins defeated Macon Meridian on

Thursday. They competed in the Grace Tournament on Friday and Saturday going 4-1 and finishing 3rd in the tournament! Congratulations to Addison Glenn and Mackenzie Mehochko for making the All Tournament Team! They will play at home against South County on Monday, Sept. 11, for their first conference game. They will travel to Vandalia on Wednesday.

The soccer team defeated Staunton last Tuesday. They took two ties against very good Beardstown and Pleasant Plains teams on Thursday and Saturday, respectively. They will host North Mac in Raymond on Monday, Sept. 11. They will travel to play Metro East Lutheran on Thursday and will play at home against Lutheran on Friday.

The golf team played very well last week. They will have two away matches this week. They will travel to Staunton on Tuesday and Sandoval on Wednesday.

I hope everyone has a great week!



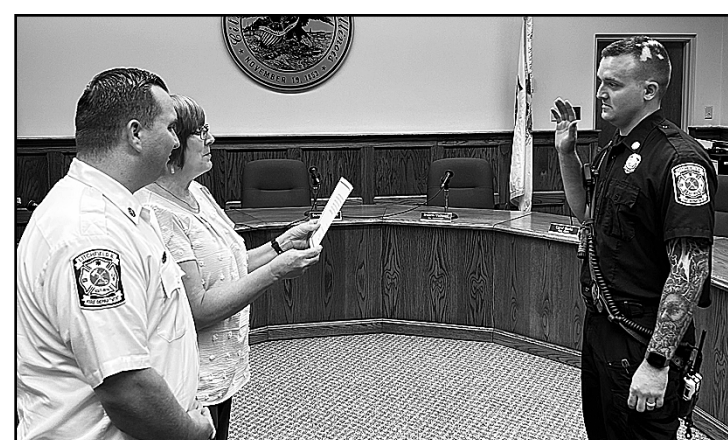
NHS Class Of 1955 Celebrate 68 Years

The Nokomis High School class of 1955 held their 68th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 26, when seven classmates and guests gathered at Angelo's Pizza in Taylorville. Three classmates have passed away since the 66th reunion, including Dorothy (Fricke) Redeker, Marion Dahler and Glenda (Zeifang) German. Classmates spent an afternoon visiting and reminiscing. Pictured above are the remaining classmates, in front, from the left, Dewey Dunaway, Delora (Ward) Stolz and Joyce (Wright) Best. In back are Melba (Hoffman) Cassidy, Pat Norris, Mary Lou (DeWerff) Bertolino and Larry Cearlock. Classmates are currently making plans for another reunion in 2024.



Mayes Added To Litchfield Fire Roster

On Thursday, Sept. 7, James (Jimmy) Mayes was sworn in as a probationary firefighter EMT-B for the City of Litchfield by City Clerk Carol Burke and Litchfield Fire Chief Adam Pennock. Mayes spent part of his youth in Litchfield, attending Litchfield Middle School and Litchfield High School. Pictured above are Captain Chris Handshy, Josh Mayfield, Alex Dilks, Jimmy Mayes, Chad Dooley and Chief Pennock.



AFSCME Group Will Meet Sept. 12

The AFSCME Sub-Chapter #87 Retirees will meet on Monday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Taylorville Public Library, located at 121 W. Vine Street. The featured guest speaker is Jessica Ward, Aetna Health Care staffer.

A virtual option is avail-

able through Zoom. To register, contact president David Spinner at 217-324-2018 or email Bspinner@consolidated.net.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m., the AFSCME Sub-Chapter #87 Retirees will meet in Hillsboro at the

Montgomery County Farm Bureau. Ward will be the special guest speaker at that meeting as well.

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Heartland Greenway Representatives Visit County Ad Hoc Committee

by Mary (Galer) Herschelmann

Members of the Montgomery County Board's ad hoc committee on carbon sequestration met Tuesday evening, Aug. 22, at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro.

All committee members were present for the nearly two-hour meeting, as well as members of the public and representatives from the Heartland Greenway project, including from Tenaska and Navigator.

In calling the meeting to order, Chairman Doug Donaldson reminded those present that the meeting was open to the public, but that it was not a public forum. Members of the public were allowed to speak during the designated portion for public comment. The committee had submitted a list of nearly 25 questions to representatives of Heartland Greenway to be answered that evening. Many of those questions came from concerned county residents. Any other questions may still be submitted to the committee and they will seek answers from Heartland Greenway.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Greg Archibald cautioned the committee that he felt the county was one earthquake away from economic disaster if the carbon sequestration pipeline comes to fruition. He added that he has issues with the project seeking the use of eminent domain, as it's a private company.

Barb Payne asked several questions during her time. She asked if the pipeline would go under all roads in the district, including dirt ones. She also asked about the process for reconstructing the roads. Payne asked about how much pressure the carbon dioxide would be pushed through the pipeline, as well as if the company had chosen a path for the pipeline through Audubon Township yet. She said her family had spent thousands of dollars to maintain a road by their property and wondered who would fix it if it's damaged. She had a final question for the committee, asking if they would locate

their homes in a place with carbon sequestration pipelines under the ground.

Sabrina Jones had a couple of comments to share from the previous committee meeting. She said it was commented that the carbon dioxide which would be stored underground was toxic, which is not true. She encouraged those who speak to do their research before making comments. She said another comment was clarified. It was mentioned that no one would die if the pipeline were to rupture. That comment was clarified to focus on emergency management personnel, and how they would have a plan in place to keep first responders safe. Jones cautioned that nobody could promise no one would die. She also encouraged EMA to include other surrounding counties' first responders in the planning as they would likely be called in to help in case of an emergency.

Following the public comment, Donaldson introduced representatives of Heartland Greenway, including Don Leach, who serves as vice president of carbon storage for Navigator. Other technical experts were also part of the panel providing answers to the county's list of questions.

Among the first questions was about what type of model had been developed for the sequestration project. Every site has a couple of models, including geologic and reservoirs. There are a handful of wells as deep as the ones being projected for this project, and they have gleaned information from that data, as well as from the Illinois State Geological Survey, known as the world's leaders in this type of survey.

Another question posed whether or not Heartland Greenway had access to this data, and the information from the survey is public and anyone can access it. However, it is highly technical and requires expertise in this type of data to be able to utilize it properly.

Other questions focused on potential seismic activity, and representatives said their design will not include any areas of known seismic activity. The representatives

added that the wells storing the carbon dioxide were unlikely to be affected in case of an earthquake.

Donaldson asked some more questions, including how does the carbon dioxide not go through the sandstone layer, as well as how they keep it from invading a neighbor's pour space. Representatives from the Heartland Greenway project said once they stop injecting into the wells, the carbon dioxide stops moving and over time dissolves into salt water thousands of feet below the surface.

Representatives added they want to work with landowners in this area, as well as the county. They have already secured ten wells in Montgomery County and 10,000 acres, meaning \$50 million of economic benefit to those landowners. Leach added they are hearing positive feedback as well.

He also talked about creating a project development agreement to provide financial support to the county as well. Other states have a tax on infrastructure projects that doesn't exist in Illinois. He added that it's in the company's best interest to partner with the county and be a good neighbor.

Another question posed if it was possible to monitor where the highly pressurized carbon dioxide goes once it's injected into the ground. Representatives said they take lots of photos underground before ever injecting any carbon dioxide. Over time, they continue to take photos to monitor where it goes.

Another question asked how many landowners had signed contracts with the company, and representatives said it was dozens, but they didn't have an exact number on hand.

Donaldson asked about the purpose of the observation wells, and representatives said it gives them a chance to see if the rock truly is what they think it is, and allows them to take core samples as well.

Donaldson asked about the water requirements for the project. Representatives said that once the project is operational there will be no water requirements. During

the drilling phase, 2,000 gallons of water per day per well would be needed. They equated that to about the same amount used by seven households.

The company utilized EJ Water on their test site, and did encounter an issue like several landowners did. It was an issue with a main water loop event that affected all their customer water volumes, including at the test site.

Leach said they always want to be a good neighbor. He said that's one reason they invested quite a bit of money into a sound wall for the test site, which was located next to the Jones home. The hope was that the wall would mitigate some of the sound and light coming from the site 24 hours a day.

The committee questioned the need for ten wells, when the company was proposing four to five wells in the county for carbon sequestration. Representatives said other well sites would be used for monitor wells.

Donaldson asked what the company was doing to protect the aquifer. Representatives said they will employ the best practices in well building, noting that requirements for these wells are extremely stringent.

Questions arose about brine, and representatives from Heartland Greenway said it would be temporarily moved while the injection takes place over 30 years. It would be regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The committee questioned if the level of carbon dioxide injected would increase over time. Representatives said phase one includes storing 6.6 to 10 million pounds of carbon dioxide. Phase two is up to 15 million, but that phase is still years away. The representatives added that the Heartland Greenway project is just one of many like this in the industry at this time, due to government incentives to reduce carbon emissions.

The committee questioned what pressure the carbon dioxide will be stored at, and representatives said

2,800 to 3,330 PSI.

Questions arose about fracking, and representatives from Heartland Greenway said they never frack. They added that the permit process for fracking is extremely rigorous.

The committee asked about if the carbon dioxide would react to elements underground, and representatives said the sandstone would not be affected. They also expect that over time (thousands of years), the carbon dioxide will turn to rock.

Donaldson told representatives they are concerned about this land for future generations, and the representatives said they continue to monitor the wells, even after they stop injecting carbon dioxide.

Donaldson said their committee had questions about the spacing between shut-off valves. Representatives said they would follow the guidelines set by PHMSA, with shut-off valves from 7.5 miles to 20 miles. Higher risk areas would have shut-off valves closer together. Based on the monitoring, representatives said their goal is to get something shut off in less than five minutes in case of an incident.

Questions arose about permits, and they are currently preparing six class six permits for approval with the EPA, and those are more specific permits than PHMSA.

The committee asked about compression stations, and none are being planned for Montgomery County at this stage.

Donaldson said their committee was also concerned that if the project is approved and then the project is sold, what happens to the agreements landowners have signed. Representatives said the project has a couple of investors, including Black Rock, and that all contracts would continue to be honored moving forward.

The committee asked about the net worth of the company, and representatives from the project said that's difficult to find out because it's a private company. The proposed Heartland

Greenway project is worth \$3.2 billion.

The committee asked about the government incentives, and the project does not take government incentives. Those go to the ethanol plants, who in turn pay the company to store the carbon dioxide. Representatives said that money finds its way back into the local economy and to local landowners.

The committee asked about utilizing local labor for the project, and representatives said they always try to use local labor. That was one reason that they utilized EJ Water for the test site.

The committee asked how storing the carbon dioxide will help the climate crisis. Representatives said this is just one option ethanol plants are looking at to reduce carbon emissions.

The committee asked why they were looking at Montgomery County. Representatives said it has the right geology to store the carbon dioxide. Representatives added they have to space wells out for the success of the project, which is why they are looking at four to six wells per county.

The committee said they feel there are still a lot of unknown factors, which is why they invited representatives from the project to come. Representatives said there is transparency in the regulatory process, such as when they apply for an EPA grant.

In closing, representatives said carbon dioxide pipelines have been in existence since 1972 with only one major issue in Satartia, where there were other factors than just carbon dioxide.

The committee said they worried Montgomery County would become a dumping ground for carbon dioxide, and representatives said these projects will continue all over.

Donaldson said if committee members or the public has any other unanswered questions about the proposed contract, they may submit them to the county, who will share them with Heartland Greenway representatives.



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JR LeVora Visits With CEO Students

JR LeVora joined the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) team on Thursday morning, Aug. 31, to talk about his various ventures and share great life advice with students. LeVora said that the average multi-millionaire has seven sources of income, and he broke down three of his current streams to show the team how important diversification is. Another great lesson from LeVora was to "always have a mentor." He shared how important this is and even gave the team a list of people he has learned a lot from, both for business and life advice.

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Raymond royalty will retire their crowns during this year's celebration, Sept. 14-16 in downtown Raymond. From the left are 2022 Mister Muscle Freddie Wagahoff, 2022 Miss Independence Kasandra Reif, 2022 Junior Miss Josie Beeler and 2022 Little Miss Zoey Robinson.

Photos courtesy of Ramie Jayne Photography

Raymond Royalty Will Be Crowned Sept. 14-16

It's their turn to shine when the Raymond Celebration hosts pageants in downtown Raymond Sept. 14-16.

This year's new 2023 Little Miss Independence and 2023 Mister Muscle will be crowned on Friday, Sept. 15, at the stage in downtown Raymond, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reigning royalty including 2022 Little Miss Independence Zoey Robinson, daughter of Jason and Tiffany Robinson, and 2022 Mister Muscle Freddie Wagahoff, son of Neil and Lindsay Wagahoff, will assist with the pageant.

This year's new 2023 Junior Miss Independence and 2023 Miss Independence will be crowned on Saturday, Sept. 16, in downtown Raymond, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Assisting with the pageant will be reigning royalty, 2022 Junior Miss Independence Josie Beeler, daughter of Matt and Megan Beeler, and 2022 Miss Independence Kasandra Reif, daughter of Tom and Kat Reif.

2023 Little Miss Independence

- Evelyn Goebel, daughter of Brian and Jamie Goebel, sponsored by Creekstone Kettle Works.
- Gabryella Hayes, daughter of Amanda Lipe and Bryan Hayes, sponsored by Raymond Shell.
- Hadleigh Millburg, daughter of Brian and Charliene Millburg, sponsored by Bank and Trust Company.
- Madalynn Millburg, daughter of Matt and Mal-

lory Millburg, sponsored by First National Bank of Raymond.

- Adelyn Nicol, daughter of Alex and Melissa Nicol, sponsored by West End.

- Cora Owens, daughter of Kyle and Kim Owens, sponsored by DR Designs.

- Blaire Seaton, daughter of Julian Welsh, sponsored by Capital Area Tree Service, LLC.

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- Chloe Hoffman, daughter

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2023 Miss Independence

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Little Miss Independence and Mister Muscle



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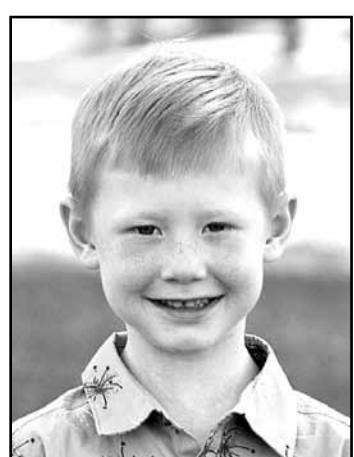
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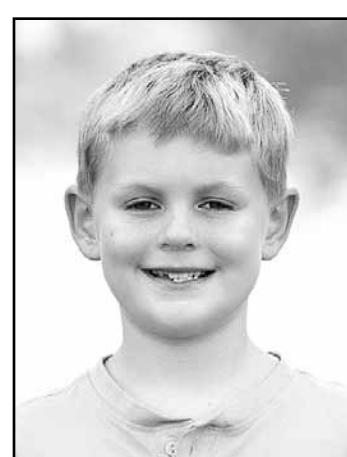
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Opinion

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A FEW GOOD THOUGHTS • by Isaiah Atkins

Maybe The Network Worked Too Well



On Oct. 28, 2003, a young Harvard student gets dumped by his girlfriend. He spends the rest of his late evening drunkenly hacking into the Harvard student databases, stealing photos of female students for a new website that compares female Harvard students attractiveness.

The site draws an extraordinary amount of traffic, crashing the Harvard servers, and the student is subsequently given six months of academic probation.

That is the opening scene to 2010's "The Social Network," the eight-time Academy Award-nominated film, directed by David Fincher, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Andrew Garfield.

As school is back in session and millions of students head back to college for another year, I took the chance to look at the first movie that comes to my mind when thinking about college. Yes, really. Is there anything more college than launching your own company? (Facebook, Alpha Candles; it's all the same.)

For Fincher, "The Social Network" was just another hit in a long line of impressive films released over the previous two decades. Beginning with in 1995's horror/thriller "Se7en," starring Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman, he then directed the 1997 mystery "The Game," and 1999's cult classic "Fight Club." Those three films would all have critical success, as well as put Fincher in the running as one of the best filmmakers on the planet.

After a few more films, highlighted by 2007's "Zodiac," Fincher arrived at "The Social Network," a film based on the book *The Accidental Billionaires* by Ben Mezrich, which chronicles the beginning of Facebook, and it's young founders, Mark Zuckerberg and Eduardo Saverin.

He teamed up with one of the best dialogue writers in the industry, Aaron Sorkin, known for 1992's "A Few Good Men," the acclaimed television series "The West Wing," 2007's "Charlie Wilson's War," as well as writing numerous successful plays.

Fincher and Sorkin would have a dynamite cast at their disposal, starting with Garfield and Eisenberg. "The Social Network" was not quite the first film of their respective careers, but it certainly is the most important, pushing them both into mainstream status, especially Garfield, who sneakily has developed into one of the best actors in the world. (I recommend "Hacksaw Ridge" and "Tick, Tick... Boom!") He was cast as Peter Parker/Spider-Man shortly after.

Justin Timberlake, Mara Rooney and Armie Hammer round out the cast, and each would turn in impressive performances.

Of course, the story of Facebook has multiple sides, and "The Social Network" doesn't paint an entirely truthful picture, leaning heavily on a biased Saverin account. So while "The Social Network" might not be a 100 percent truthful account of what really went down, the movie tells plenty of truth.

The movie introduces us to a young Zuckerberg, played coldly by Eisenberg. Eisenberg's performance of the young billionaire captures the essence of his public persona, friendly, but cold, calculating and generally awkward. He's a social outcast at the premier college in the country, and he's nothing if not determined to change

his status.

Zuckerberg determines that the quickest way to achieve status and popularity is to join the Porcellian Club, a final club on campus with a history of U.S. presidents and other notable figures. Unfortunately, he is declined, without as much of a second thought.

But then he is approached by members of the club, asking him to assist them on their own coding project, the Harvard Connection, a social media prototype designed exclusively for Harvard students. Zuckerberg tentatively agrees to help them, but quickly takes inspiration for his own website, which he launches soon after. The Facebook.

If Zuckerberg had truly only wanted status, he no doubt would have wholeheartedly assisted the club with their project, because what better way to achieve notability then working with the most elite club on campus?

But Zuckerberg didn't do that, because ultimately, he didn't want status from the club. He just wanted all that came with it; acceptance, of who he was, and appreciation for what he was doing.

Saverin is shown receiving an invitation to the club, something that drives Zuckerberg crazy. But Saverin is forced to participate in rigorous hazing competitions to deem who is worthy, and its clear Zuckerberg never would take part in that. Because in his eyes, he already is worthy to be in the club. Fair enough.

The Facebook provides an answer to all those needs. On his company, he could be whoever he wanted to be, and with no barriers to entry besides internet access, everyone else could too, which would ultimately provide him status as the CEO of Facebook, the website that everyone was on. He received the status he sought, and then he gave users a status too. Literally.

And so, Facebook did exactly what it was meant to do.

But looking back from 2023, it is unclear if that is an altogether good thing.

With the acceptance, appreciation and status Facebook provided, billions of users have become hooked. Social media has allowed users to idealize themselves in ways that were impossible beforehand. You can be exactly who you wish to be, and others will most certainly 'like' the post.

It is those likes, the positive response packaging of acceptance, appreciation and status, that might have had further reaching effects than anything Zuckerberg could have imagined.

Social media users now find themselves deeply attached to positive responses (likes, comments, views, etc.) on Facebook and the like. So much so, that the lack of a positive response is actively negative. It has always been a blessing to receive a compliment or affirmation in one's life. Social media has seemingly turned it into a binary necessity. The grey area of ambivalence has been all but removed from the minds of social media users as they look and see how 'a post is doing,' if it meets a certain level of response signifying meaning.

In the film, Zuckerberg wanted a positive response to his life; he sought acceptance, status and appreciation, and he got it, providing it to the world on the way. But doing so took away the intentionality that makes kind words so powerful, and instead making them a cheap obligation.

And so, tied to it as we are, so often we find ourselves just like Zuckerberg in the closing scene of the film, alone with a screen, hitting refresh.

LETTERS to the editor

Trade School In The County Is A Good Start

Have we taught all the right things to our students for them to succeed in life?

First, I applaud those who have been instrumental in establishing the trade center in Litchfield.

I have scratched my head for years as to why we have not been able to figure out that many students do not wish to attend college, because they desire other pursuits in life or feel they may not be capable of doing so or may not be able to afford to do so.

I think most educators in charge have had a lot of schooling including college, etc. and think that is the way it should be. Well, we are supposed to be preparing people to succeed in their lifetime, and we should have a system that does that for them and for the benefit of a well-balanced society. After all, if we all like to do the same thing, how would the rest of it get done? Maybe that is why each of us was created with different talents.

We have had a shortage of skilled workers for a long time. Many types of skilled workers are usually so busy that many times people have to wait, or they cannot even get anyone. What is going

to happen when they are all gone? It is a well known fact that there is a shortage of mechanics, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, welders, painters, machinist and the lists goes on. I think FFA (Future Farmers of America) have figured this out.

The school dropout rate in this country is bad. I am sure if many had the opportunity to go to school and also learn the skills to do something that they enjoy the drop out rate would decrease significantly. They would probably also come to understand that if you get good at something and are willing to work, they will come knocking at your door. Naturally those wishing to go into business for themselves would need some business classes and all need some general education classes.

Any career should be something you like, so it is enjoyable, worthwhile and a benefit to the individual and society as a whole. I have been in the real estate and retirement planning business for nearly 50 years now, and I cannot think of many individuals who really understand a property tax bill—why we have them and how they work. I think

if they realized that is what pays for many things we use every day and for people who serve us in many ways, they would feel it is really one of the lowest cost things they have versus paying to get on the road, go to the park, the library, school, law enforcement, etc. Why are we not educating people on how it works? Yes, it is reverse motivation, as you improve your property and it will cost you more, let it run down and it costs you less, but nearly everyone enjoys the same rights. That needs fixed with a cap of some kind so individuals are not discouraged for fixing up their property and rewarded for letting it run down. Give assistance to those who really need it.

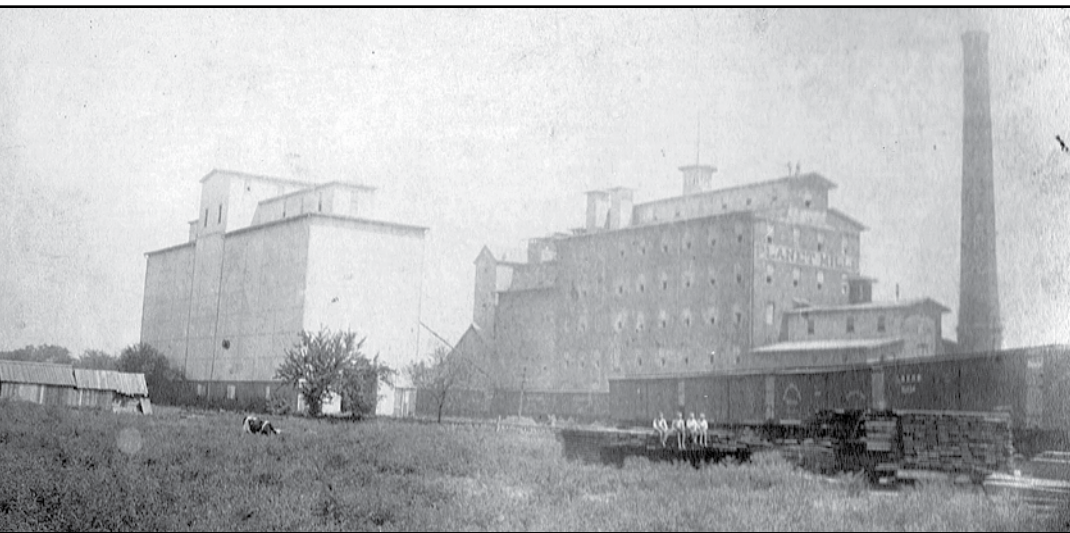
These problems are not irreversible and the trade school in the county is a good start to that problem, so let us build on that and start teaching more of the basics that individuals need to know about and understand, so we can all function in a better way now and into the future.

We can always try to make things better, so let's put our minds together to consider all options.

Jack E. Tosetti
Nokomis

Joe's Corner

by Joe Rollins



Built in 1881, the Planet Mill in Litchfield was considered the world's largest steam flour mill of its kind, capable of producing 2,000 barrels of flour a day and employing around 200 men. Above, is a photo of the mill prior to the fire and explosion that destroyed it.

Litchfield Museum Photo

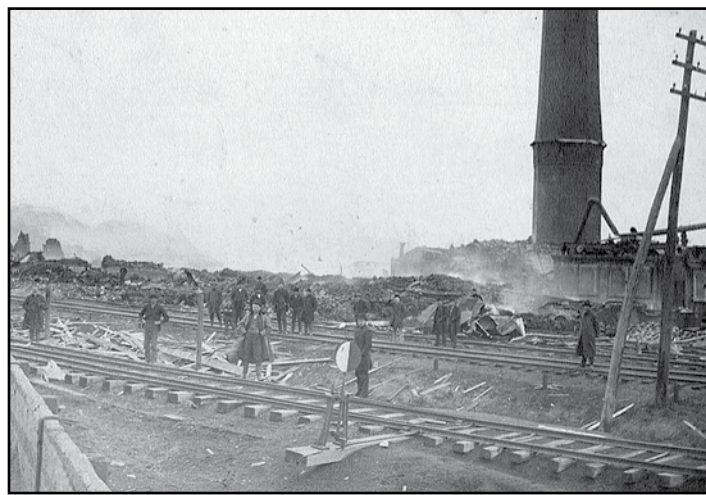
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Did You Know... About Planet Mill

The Planet Mill in Litchfield was considered the world's largest steam flour mill of its kind, capable of producing 2,000 barrels of flour a day. Located between two railroad tracks and stretching from south of South Street to West Martin Street, Planet Mill was built in 1881.

Per the *History of Bond and Montgomery Counties, IL, 1882*: "The mill building proper is 50x100 feet, and five stories high, exclusive of basement and Texas....It may be of interest to know that flour-making consists of about thirty operations. A barrel of flour is made every two minutes and a half. The grain elevator has a capacity of 100,000 bushels. There are six buildings belonging to the mill, and the out and the in business is equal to twelve car loads per day. Sixty-five men are employed. The cost of the mill was \$200,000.... The mill went into operation in November, 1881, and the wheat is nearly all obtained from the close neighborhood."

On Tuesday, March 21, 1893, at about 3:20 a.m., a watchman discovered a fire in the elevator and before the fire department could respond the fire reached the "dust room." The resulting explosion destroyed the main building and elevator, and within minutes the fire was



Above, is a photo of Planet Mill taken after the devastating fire and explosion that destroyed the operation in 1893.

Litchfield Museum Photo

out of control. The explosion was heard 75 to 100 miles away. The blast was so strong, it shook the ground 50 miles away, like an earthquake. The only thing left standing was the 130-foot smokestack.

Nearly every structure in Litchfield had some damage. Houses in the immediate area were nearly destroyed and several people were injured. Uptown, sidewalks were covered with broken glass and doors blown off their hinges. The Litchfield Car Shops could not run their machinery because the explosion had thrown their shafts and wheels out of plumb. Two hundred men no longer had employment and

Litchfield businesses were at a standstill. John Cawl, the head millwright, died when he tried to get his tools out of the burning building. Also lost were 10 to 12 cars of grain.

Further information about the Planet Mill, including a drawing that is proudly displayed in the conference room, 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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The Great Outdoors

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Spending time in nature provides a host of health benefits that might surprise even the most devoted outdoors enthusiasts.

The Health Benefits Of Being In Nature

Nature enthusiasts are known to say that spending time in the great outdoors has a positive effect on their mental and physical well-being.

Such an outlook is more than mere speculation, as it turns out spending time in nature provides a host of health benefits that might surprise even the most devoted outdoors enthusiasts.

Nature And Cognitive Health
A 2010 study published in the *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias* found that engaged persons with dementia in horticultural therapy-based (HT-based) programming solicited higher rates of participation than traditional activities (TA) programming.

In addition, a separate 2013 study in the journal *Dementia* found that exposure to a therapeutic garden had a positive impact on quality of life for people with dementia.

And it's not just dementia patients who can experience

the cognitive benefits of time spent in nature, as the Hagley Museum and Library reports that numerous studies have found exposure to nature improves cognitive function.

Nature And Vitamin D
The potential health benefits of vitamin D are increasingly drawing the attention of medical researchers, and for good reason.

According to Harvard Medical School, recent research has suggested that vitamin D may offer added protection against conditions such as osteoporosis, cancer, heart attack, stroke and depression. Exposure to sunshine can help the body generate vitamin D, thus providing further reason to spend time in nature.

Nature And Overall Well-Being

Given the aforementioned health benefits related to spending time in nature, it's easy for even non-scientists to conclude that being outdoors has a profound impact on overall well-being.

But non-scientists can rest assured that recent research has confirmed such conclusions.

A 2019 study published in the journal *Scientific Reports* found that individuals who spent at least 120 minutes a week in nature were significantly more likely to report good health and psychological well-being than those who spent less time outdoors.

Though the authors of the study cautioned that the exposure-response relationship was under-researched, and therefore likely needed to be studied more extensively, in the meantime individuals, after a consultation with their physicians and confirmation that it's safe to get out more often, can aspire to spend at least 120 minutes in nature each week. The results may speak for themselves.

Nature has a lot to offer, and the benefits of spending more time outdoors may be even more significant than people recognize.

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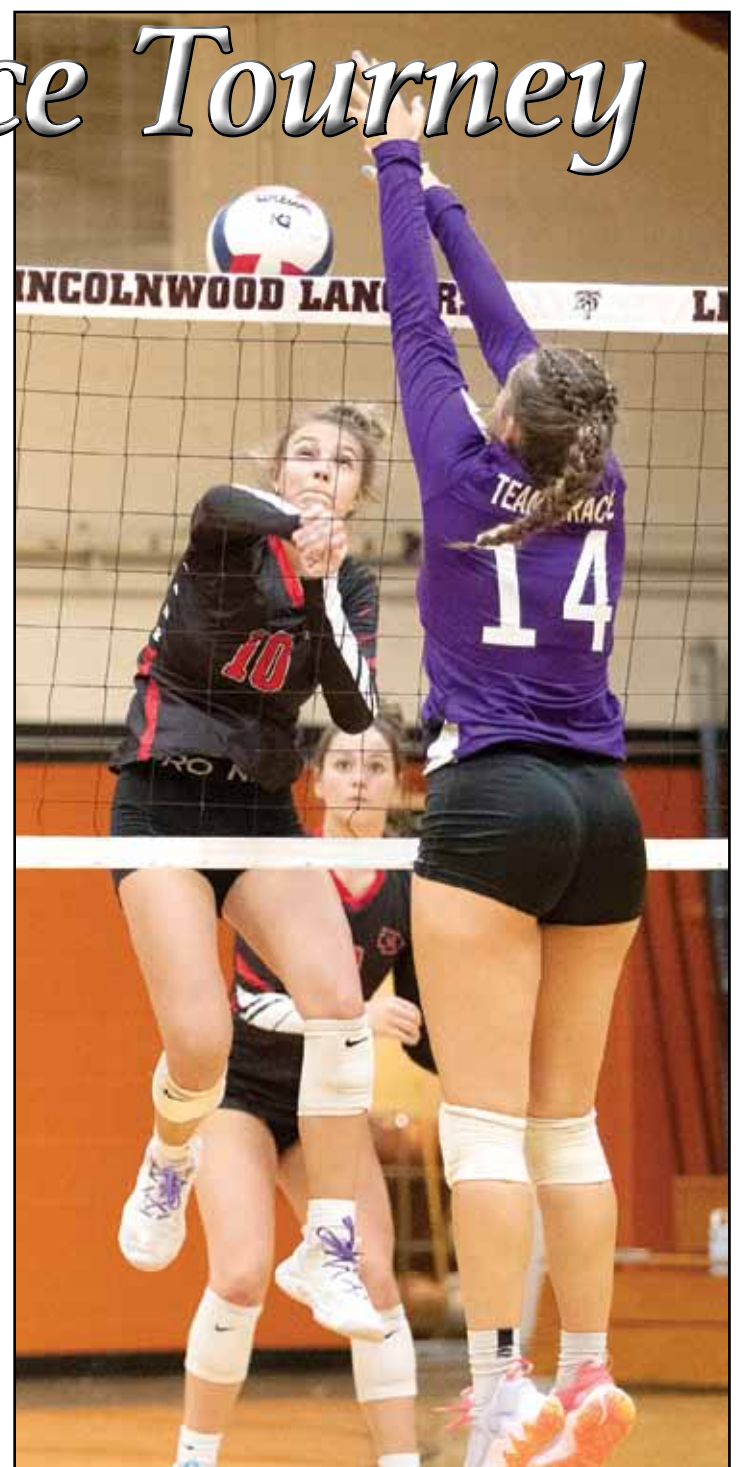
Players from all eight teams in the gold and silver bracket of the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament join in a circle prior to the start of the championship game on Saturday, Sept. 9. Following a few words from Kyle Herschelmann, father of the tournament's namesake, the late Grace Herschelmann, about the impact the tournament has had on their family, Lincolnwood senior Morgan Cowdrey led the group in a prayer for Grace, her family, all those battling infantile neuroaxonal dystrophy and the family of the late Ayden O'Malley of Nokomis.

Brandi Lentz Photo



With Lincolnwood middle hitter Tori Elvidge (#20) looming on the other side, Hillsboro's Amy Greenwood (#6) pushes a shot over the net during the championship game of the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament in Raymond on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Brandi Lentz Photo



Nokomis' Addison Glenn (#10) looks for some space around the block of Hillsboro's Addison Lowe (#14) during the gold bracket semifinal between the Redskins and Hiltoppers on Saturday, Sept. 9. Hillsboro eeked out a three-set win over the Redskins, 17-25, 25-17, 15-11, but Nokomis bounced back with a win over Father McGivney in the third place game, 17-25, 25-17, 15-13.

James Ryan/NokoPhoto



The Lincolnwood-Morrisonville volleyball team celebrates as senior Taryn Millburg receives the championship trophy for the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament from Charley Herschelmann, the sister of the tournament's namesake, the late Grace Herschelmann. The Lancers won the tournament for the second year in a row, defeating Hillsboro 25-19, 23-25, 25-19 to improve to 10-0 on the season.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



Litchfield libero Amy Frerichs makes a diving save to keep the ball aloft during the Panthers' pool play game against Vandalia at the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament on Sept. 8. Litchfield went on to win that game in three sets and eventually finished sixth in the 16-team tournament.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann



Running for 344 yards and six touchdowns, Litchfield senior A.J. Sypherd had a game that most can only dream about on Friday, Sept. 8, as the Panthers defeated North Mac 42-21 for their first victory of the season.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann

Sypherd Runs Wild For Litchfield

With an 0-2 record the Litchfield Purple Panthers may have been singing the same old tune from years past, but this Purple Panthers football squad is different than the past squads.

The first two weeks have been competitive games, with Litchfield in both games throughout before coming up short. On Friday night, Sept. 8, at Lloyd Hill Field, the Purple Panthers cracked into the win column as they defeated the North Mac Panthers 42-21.

The performance on the gridiron in this contest by the Purple Panthers was one of the most complete Litchfield has seen for some time. The bottled up frustration from the first two games poured out onto the field, resulting in a three touchdown win.

Litchfield's offense produced 429 total yards of offense, compared to just 448 yards in the first two weeks combined.

A.J. Sypherd led the way for Litchfield's ground attack with 344 yards, an average of nearly nine yards per carry with all six Litchfield touchdowns. Sypherd's hard nose running helped carry the Purple Panthers, but Litchfield's offensive line helped produce those runs. Throughout the contest the big guys in the trenches would explode off the line, pushing North Mac's line several yards back, producing holes that could be ran through without being touched.

The Purple Panthers would not allow the North Mac defense into the back field, resulting in only one

play for negative yards, a pass play.

The Purple Panthers lit up the scoreboard on their first drive of the game. Taking over possession of the football on North Mac's 36 yard line with 9:21 left to play in the opening quarter, the Purple Panthers produced a scoring drive that would take 97 seconds. Sypherd would get the honors as he crashed into the end zone from four yards out. Cooper Martin would add the extra point, giving Litchfield a 7-0 lead with just under eight minutes to play in quarter one.

After struggling on their opening drive the North Mac Panthers had better results on their second possession.

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Hillsboro's Dylan Lessman, who scored the Toppers' first touchdown in Staunton on Friday, Sept. 8, throws a stiff-arm at a defender during the third quarter of the Toppers' 35-21 loss to the Bulldogs.

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Staunton Dogs Hillsboro In Week 3

by Ron Deabenderfer

If one is a fan of Hillsboro football, Staunton was not a good place to be Friday night, Sept. 8, as the Bulldog offense put 35 points on the scoreboard while the Toppers were limited to 21. Turnovers hampered Hillsboro, but the host's senior quartet of quarterback Dalton Bianco, running backs Trace Trettenero and Drake Rose, and receiver Braden Buffington seized and kept the momentum throughout the second half.

Staunton scored first as Bianco found the fleet Buffington along the east sideline for a 17-yard touchdown after the 'Dogs recovered a Topper fumble at midfield on the game's third play from scrimmage. The 50 yard drive took five plays, two of them passes to Buffington for 36 yards. Sophomore Carter Legendre kicked the PAT less than four minutes into the contest.

The Toppers charged back, using nine plays and five minutes of clock time to cover 73 yards. Drake McSperritt gained six yards to begin the drive; quarterback Jace Stewart kept inside left for seven more on second down. The longest run was 32 yards by Dylan Lessman, with Buffington preventing a score.

A sweep by back Zander Wells (12 yards) put the ball on the enemy 5; then Staunton's defense, featuring big men in the line, stiffened. After three plays lost two yards, presenting the Toppers with a fourth and goal from the seven, Lessman ran outside while the Bulldogs concentrated inside; he scored untouched, and Hunter Payne's foot tied the game. At least one Topper fan breathed a sigh of relief.

The worst was yet to come, though. In the second quarter the Bulldogs began to growl. The Toppers used nine plays, six in the second quarter, to reach the 'Dog's 25; Wells had runs of 28 (stopped by Buffington) and 20 during the drive, but another Buffington tackle caused a Topper two yard loss when Hillsboro faced fourth and two on Staunton's 24.

Though they didn't score, the hosts dominated the rest of the half, running the ball 11 times and passing twice. The first pass (Bianco to Rose out of the backfield) kept the drive alive at the Topper 20. When Hillsboro's defense held the 'Dogs to five yards on two carries, a Bianco pass was overthrown on third

down before Legendre missed a 32 yard field goal attempt on fourth down, but only 37 seconds were left until halftime. In the second quarter Hillsboro ran only six plays while defending 15, including the missed field goal attempt.

Because Staunton deferred after running the game-opening coin toss, they received the second half opening boot. Beginning their first drive on their own thirty, the 'Dogs scored nine plays later when Bianco found Buffington with a 15 yard pass. The only other completion on the drive was also a big gainer to Buffington covering 21 yards. Carson Dugger, a quick sophomore, raced from the Topper 26 to the 15 on a reverse just before the td. pass, and it was 14-7 when Legendre's boot banged off the left upright to deflect through the goal (the wind was strong from the east at the time, and that would also affect Paine's attempt at the other end six plays later).

The Topper touchdown preceding Paine's kick came three minutes later when Stewart threw to Wells from 57 yards out in the right side of the end zone; the catch came despite a flag thrown for defensive pass interference. Payne's kick to forge a tie, though, hit the right upright and ricocheted back to the field of play. Some would interpret that as a bad omen. After three quarters the hosts held a 14-13 lead.

On the first play of the last quarter, Rose turned a fourth and one challenge on the Topper 38 into the first down at the 25 by running wide when expectations called for a push up the middle. Bianco then kept three times for another first down; four plays later, Rose scored from the 6 to complete the 14 play, 74 yards clock-consuming drive. Rose added two more points with a conversion run.

The Toppers fought back for the rest of a half that didn't feature defense from either team. Trailing 23-13, Hillsboro had 8:20 to respond. Stewart gained 11 yards to begin a comeback drive, and a penalty moved the ball to midfield two plays later.

The Topper offensive line then asserted itself as fullback Drake McSperritt gained 12, then 6, before McSperritt recorded a first down on the 'Dogs' 12. Lessman ran right to the 8, and McSperritt, following center Jesse Ringhausen and line-

men Elliott Lentz, Landon Reincke, Cole Lencyzycki, and Alec Leatham, scored two rushes later. When Lessman rushed for two extra points, Staunton's advantage was one, 22-21, with 4:14 to play.

Sixteen seconds later, hopes for a remarkable comeback win for the visitors all but vanished as back Trace Trettenero broke through the center of the Topper defensive line and outspurred Hillsboro's secondary for a 75 yard touchdown. Though Legendre's PAT attempt failed (this attempt was from the 8 rather than the 3 because of a procedure penalty), Staunton was ahead 28-21 with 3:58 left.

In hurry-up mode, the Toppers fumbled at their own 39 less than a minute later. Trettenero almost scored again, gaining 19 yards down the east sideline before Treyton Kuhl ran him down. Rose did score from the seven with 1:30 to play; Legendre's successful kick made the final score 35-21, and the Staunton fans waited at the gates to storm the field.

The Toppers last gasp was a pass that was intercepted; the last play was a Bianco kneel-down.

Both teams are now 1-2; this Friday, Gillespie comes to Sawyer Field for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Sept. 8 at Staunton
Hillsboro (1-2) 7 0 6 8---21
Staunton (1-2) 7 0 7 21---35

Scoring Summary
1st - 8:26 - Staunton - Dalton Bianco 27-yard TD pass to Braden Buffington (Carter Legendre kick)
1st - 3:26 - Hillsboro - Dylan Lessman 7-yard TD run (Hunter Payne kick)
3rd - 7:34 - Staunton - Dalton Bianco 27-yard TD pass to Braden Buffington (Carter Legendre kick)
3rd - 4:12 - Hillsboro - Jace Stewart 57-yard TD pass to Zander Wells (kick failed)
4th - 8:20 - Staunton - Drake Rose 6-yard TD run (Drake Rose run)
4th - 4:14 - Hillsboro - Drake McSperritt 4-yard TD run (Dylan Lessman run)
4th - 3:58 - Staunton - Trace Trettenero 75-yard TD run (kick failed)
4th - 1:30 - Staunton - Drake Rose 7-yard TD run (Carter Legendre kick)

Hillsboro Statistics
Passing: Jace Stewart 3-8-68, 1 TD, 1 INT.
Rushing: Drake McSperritt 18-98, 1 TD; Zander Wells 7-79; Dylan 8-46; Jace Stewart 5-16; Seth Hubbard 2-10.
Receiving: Zander Wells 2-61; Ketch Mills 1-7.

Tackles (Solo/Assists): Landon Reincke 11/6; Zander Wells 6/3; Seth Hubbard 5/1; Jackson Tuetken 2/3; Treyton Kuhl 1/3; Elias Baney 2/1; Elliott Lentz 1/2; Jace Stewart 1/1; Caleb Page 1/1; Cole Lencyzycki 1/1; Hunter Payne 1/1; Drake McSperritt 1/0; Dylan Lessman 1/0; Cody Boerckel 1/0; Austin Newingham 1/0.

Weiss Goes 3-Under At Hillsboro

The Hillsboro boys golf team shot a season-best 156 on their home course on Thursday, Sept. 7, as they defeated Rochester in a dual meet at the Hillsboro Country Club.

Led by sophomore Colton Weiss, the Toppers shot a 156 on the day to beat the Rockets by 37 strokes. Weiss was untouchable in the match as he shot a 3-under-par 33 to take medalist honors by six

strokes.

Second place also belonged to Hillsboro as Austin Loskot shot a 39 to give the Toppers the top two spots. Talon Sperry was Rochester's top scorer with a 40.

Tylen Thacker and Carson Walker weren't far off the pace set by their teammates. Both players shot 42 on the day, which would have been the second best score for Rochester.

Hillsboro will be back on their home course today, Sept. 11, as they host Roxana and Pana.

Sept. 7 at Hillsboro
Hillsboro Country Club - Par 36
Boys Team Results: 1. Hillsboro 156; 2. Rochester 193.
Hillsboro (156) - Colton Weiss 33, Austin Loskot 39, Tylen Thacker 42, Carson Walker 42.
Rochester (193) - Talon Sperry 40, Dalton King 43, Ethan Liston 52, Trace Friedman 58, Cameron Sweeney 61.
Record: Hillsboro (5-0).

Loss A Lesson For Nokomis

by Kyle Herschelmann

The coaching adage is that you win or you learn, and after Nokomis' 19-12 loss to Villa Grove on Sept. 8, the Redskins have some opportunities to learn.

"We were more physical than them, but we just made too many mistakes and it killed us," Coach Paul Watson said. "We can't make those mistakes against a decent team and expect to win."

Despite some of the Redskins miscues, they still had a chance to win until the final moments of Friday's game in Nokomis.

Villa Grove took a 13-0 lead into halftime after scoring two long touchdown connections between quarterback Layne Rund and receiver Brady Clodfelder that measured 83 yards total. The first TD came with 3:50 to go in the first half when Clodfelder turned a short pass into a 53-yard score after a missed tackle by the Redskins.

After Nokomis turned the ball over on downs four plays after the kickoff, the two connected again on a play that was shorter on the stat sheet, but longer in the air as Clodfelder made a leaping catch near the goal line for a 30-yard score.

The Redskins' comeback started on their first series of the second half as they moved into Villa Grove territory with a 21-yard pass from Brody Steele to Atticus Bertolino, then up to the Blue Devils' 17 yard line on a personal foul.

Four plays later, Steele found Drake Taylor on a 4th-and-nine to keep the drive alive and set up a one yard touchdown run by Nolan Herpstreith that made it 13-6.

Another personal foul by the Blue Devils helped set up the second Nokomis touchdown. Following the Nokomis score, Villa Grove marched down to the Nokomis 13 yard line before back-to-back false start penalties pushed them back to the 23.

On second and 18, Rund tried to find Clodfelder in the end zone, but was picked off by Kadynn Petty for the second time in the game. Trying to take Petty down, Clodfelderplexed the sophomore defensive back, which gave Nokomis the ball at the 35 instead of the 20 after the personal foul.

Two plays later, Daryl Evans broke through the line for the Redskins for a 35-yard gain and the march was on. Steele picked up another key fourth down conversion on 4th-and-10 on a 23-yard pass to Brenton Lyons and Evans finished off the drive with a one-yard score with 11:23 to



Nokomis' Drake Taylor (#23) tries to track down Villa Grove's Brady Clodfelder during the Redskins' home game on Friday, Sept. 8. Clodfelder had two touchdown receptions in the 19-12 win over Nokomis.

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play in the fourth.

Unfortunately, one of Nokomis' mistakes followed the score as a penalty for too many men on the field pushed the extra point attempt back five yards. The yards proved costly when Nolan Herpstreith was caught just before the goal line on the two-point conversion to keep Villa Grove in front, 13-12.

With the ball back, the Blue Devils tried to eat away at the clock and put together a 14-play drive that ate up five minutes of the clock before Nokomis got the ball back on their own nine.

The Redskins got a quick first down on back-to-back runs by Herpstreith and Evans, but the Villa Grove defense stepped up after that and forced Nokomis into a 4th-and-8 situation. Deep in their own territory, with 3:51 still on the clock, Nokomis opted to go with a punt play that they work on in practice.

"It's a rugby punt that we do. You run out there and if you don't have it, you punt," Coach Watson said.

Unfortunately for the Redskins, the punt came a little too late, hitting a Villa Grove player and bouncing back, where the Blue Devils recovered at the Nokomis six.

"We just got too deep and he hit the guy right there."

Rund scored Villa Grove's third touchdown three plays later, but Nokomis still had life left after stopping the two-point run attempt to keep it 19-12 with 2:18 to play.

After a five-yard run by Lyons, Villa Grove's Noah Wilcoxon iced the game for the Blue Devils as he snagged a pass from Steele out of mid-air near midfield for the interception with a

little over a minute to play. Villa Grove was able to run the clock down from there as they picked up their first win of the season.

Despite all that went wrong on Friday, the Redskins still had a chance to pull ahead late and if they can fix some of those errors, then they'll have a good shot at adding two marks to the win column in the next two weeks.

"We go to Cerro Gordo then we have Tri-County after that for homecoming. Those are two very winnable games," Coach Watson said of the Broncos (1-2) and Titans (0-3), both of whom also lost on Friday. "We will watch the film and learn from it and go from there."

September 8 at Nokomis
Villa Grove (1-2) 0 13 0 6---19
Nokomis (1-2) 0 0 6 6---12

Scoring Summary
2nd - 3:50 - Villa Grove - Layne Rund 53-yard TD pass to Brady Clodfelder (kick good)
2nd - 1:05 - Villa Grove - Layne Rund 30-yard TD pass to Brady Clodfelder (kick failed)
3rd - 7:08 - Nokomis - Nolan Herpstreith 1-yard TD run (run failed)
4th - 11:23 - Nokomis - Daryl Evans 1-yard TD run (run failed)
4th - 2:18 - Nokomis - Layne Rund 2-yard TD run (run failed)

Nokomis Statistics
Passing: Brody Steele 8-9-113, 1 INT.
Rushing: Nolan Herpstreith 18-73, 1 TD; Daryl Evans 7-49, 1 TD; Saint Newman 3-23; Brenton Lyons 7-18; Brody Steele 5-12; Ryan Quinn 1-5.

Receiving: Drake Taylor 2-45; Atticus Bertolino 3-29; Brenton Lyons 1-23; Nolan Herpstreith 2/1; Skylar Pavolko 1-5.

Tackles (solo/assists): Brody Steele 1/5; Daryl Evans 2/3; Atticus Bertolino 1/3; Riley Reynolds 2/2; Jaxson Batty 1/2; Conner Wilson 1/1; Kadynn Petty 1/1, 2 INT; Drake Taylor 2/0; Nolan Herpstreith 2/0; Garrett Engelmann 1/0; Dolan Harrison 0/1; Ryan Quinn 0/1; Hunter Arkebauer 1/0; Kyle Reynolds 0/1.

Staunton Tops Litchfield, Vandalia

The Staunton Bulldogs improved to 15-2 on the season and handed Litchfield its first loss of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Vandalia Country Club.

The Bulldogs shot a 161 to edge Litchfield by eight strokes. Vandalia finished third with a 173, while Christ Our Rock Lutheran was fourth with a 208.

Litchfield senior A.J. Odle was low man for the Panthers, shooting a 3-over-par 38 to finish one stroke behind medalist Jonah Beesley of Vandalia. Odle had birdies on the par-4 second hole and the par-5 sixth hole, with four pars, a bogey and two double bogeys mixed in.

Odle was one of just three players to shoot in the 30s, with Staunton's Broc Best adding a 39 to Odle's 38 and Beesley's 37.

Sam Schwab was Litch-

field's number two man with a 43, posting two pars and a birdie on number six, while Tucker Pastrovich, Ian Otto and Tucker Maguire all tied for the third and fourth scoring rounds with 44s. Pastrovich had three pars on the day, while Otto and Maguire had two apiece.

Brawly Jacobs was Litchfield's sixth man, shooting a 45 with three pars, which came consecutively on holes six, seven and eight.

In addition to Best, Owen Rizzi (40), Bryce Coalson (41) and Preston Denney (41) also contributed scoring rounds for Staunton.

The win gives the Bulldogs a confidence boost going into the South Central Conference Tournament, which is two weeks away on Sept. 25, at Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore. Staunton hasn't won the tournament

since 1998 and will have plenty of competition this year, including Hillsboro, Litchfield and Vandalia, the latter of whom were missing their top two players on Wednesday (the Panthers' Tug Schwab and the Vandals' Conner McCall).

Sept. 6 at Vandalia
Vandalia Country Club - Par 35
Boys Team Results: Staunton 161; 2. Litchfield 169; 3. Vandalia 173; 4. Christ Our Rock Lutheran 208.
Medalist: Jonah Beesley (Vandalia) 37.

Staunton (161) - Broc Best 39, Owen Rizzi 40, Bryce Coalson 41, Preston Denney 41, Luke Goldasich 47, Drake Billings 49.
Litchfield (169) - A.J. Odle 38, Sam Schwab 43, Tucker Pastrovich 44, Ian Otto 44, Tucker Maguire 44, Brawly Jacobs 45.

Vandalia (173) - Jonah Beesley 37, Colton Justice 42, Dylan Peters 47, Will Calhoun 47, Owen Halford 50, Gabriel Weischedel 59.
Christ Our Rock Lutheran (208) - Parker Boehne 40, Tim Meyer 52, Silas George 58, Tommy Cox 58.
Record: Litchfield (11-1); Staunton (18-2); Vandalia (4-4).

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The all-tournament team for the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament was announced following the conclusion of the championship game on Saturday, Sept. 9. From the left are MVP Morgan Cowdrey (Lincolnwood), Amya Greenwood (Hillsboro), Tatum Christian (Hillsboro), Kierstyn Denney (Lincolnwood), Mackenzie Mehochko (Nokomis), trophy presenter Charley Herschelman, Gina Painter (Litchfield), Addison Glenn (Nokomis), Taryn Millburg (Lincolnwood), Maddie Hylla (Father McGivney), Ellie Miller (Hillsboro) and Courtney Picklesimer (Civic Memorial).

Lancers Repeat At Grace Tourney

What has been a banner year for Montgomery County volleyball got even better over the weekend as Lincolnwood, Hillsboro and Nokomis took the top three spots at the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 9.

The stellar outing by the county teams came on the heels of an all-Montgomery County gold bracket last year. Litchfield nearly made it that line-up two years in a row, but were knocked off by Father McGivney and settled for a trip to the silver bracket, a 3-2 record at the tournament and a sixth place finish overall.

Saturday's games were befitting of four teams that entered the day with a combined record of 38-2. All four games, the two gold bracket semifinals plus the first and third place matches, went to three sets and only one set was decided by more than eight points.

The championship game, a rematch between Lincolnwood and Hillsboro from last year's title bout, was a fitting conclusion to the day as the Lancers narrowly repeated as champions, beating the Toppers 25-19, 23-25, 25-19 in front of a roaring crowd that brought the sound in the Woodshed to rock concert levels at some points.

Game one of the title bout was close in the early going, with neither team leading by more than two points. Hillsboro led 11-9 with Hanna Hughes serving but the Lancers managed to get the serve back and turned things over to Jazmin Seaton-Hobson.

The junior hitter rattled off five straight points, including a pair of aces to give Lincolnwood their biggest lead of the game, with Morgan Cowdrey putting down a kill and freshman Tori Elvidge accounting for two points with a block and a kill.

Hillsboro battled back, cutting the lead to two once again with kills from Kearstynn Davis and Addison Lowe, plus a hit out of bounds, but Lincolnwood managed to keep them at an arm's length.

Up 19-17, Camryn Poggenpohl served up five straight points as the Lancers benefited from Hillsboro crossing under the net twice. The two teams traded points three times before Seaton-Hobson

served up her third ace of the game for the winner.

In game two, Hillsboro came out firing and smacked the Lancers with a 4-0 deficit early on. They'd maintain that advantage up to 6-2 following a block by Hanna Hughes, but Lincolnwood rebounded and went on a run of their own. Four kills by Seaton-Hobson and two from Cowdrey helped turn a four-point Hillsboro lead into a 12-6 advantage for the Lancers as they looked to end things in two.

As the game wore on, Lincolnwood continued to hold off Hillsboro, but eventually, the Toppers reeled them back in. Ellie Miller started the run that erased the Lincolnwood lead as she served up an ace, the first of four straight points for the senior. Miller's second ace of her serving rotation tied the game at 18-18, before a block out of bounds by the Toppers gave Lincolnwood a slim one-point lead once again.

Down the stretch, the two teams traded points, tying at 19-19, 21-21 and 22-22. The Toppers scored three of the next four points after the final tie, with three kills by Addie Lowe, who went on to lead the team in kills with nine.

With the tournament's fate up for grabs in game three, Lincolnwood made a statement that dethroning the defending champs was going to be anything but easy.

Early in the day, the Lancers smacked Father McGivney 15-1 in the third set of the gold bracket semifinal, a deflating result for the Griffins after the Glen Carbon Catholic school fought back to win the second set 29-27.

The third set of the championship game threatened to follow the same formula early on as Lincolnwood rolled up a 4-0 lead and continued to pour on the points. Getting kills from Kierstyn Denney, Elvidge and Cowdrey, the Lancers led by as many as 11 late in the game, holding an 18-7 advantage at one point.

But if Hillsboro's nine game win streak to start the season has shown anything, it's that underestimating the Toppers' ability to come back is a very dangerous thing.

Another serving run by Miller cut the lead to seven, with Tatum Christian pick-

ing up three kills in a short span, the last of which made it 19-12. After swapping points, the margin grew even smaller, with Hillsboro coming within five following a hit that the Lancers were unable to handle.

Back-to-back service points from Seaton-Hobson, who led all players in points with 11, boosted the lead back to six, but a kill by Lowe, a hit out of bounds and an ace from Amya Greenwood pulled the Toppers within four at 22-18. That was a close as Hillsboro would get, though, as the two teams traded points before Lincolnwood finished off the 25-19 win with Morgan Cowdrey at the service line.

Cowdrey was named the tournament's MVP a few moments after the victory, not a shock to anyone who watched the junior play over the weekend. In the championship game, Cowdrey posted an improbable triple-double as she led the team in kills (13), assists (12) and also had 12 blocks on the defensive end.

Taryn Millburg and Kierstyn Denney joined Cowdrey on the all-tournament team. Like Cowdrey, Denney operates as a Swiss Army knife for the Lancers, who are coached by her mother, Kimberly. Denney was second in service points with 10, but also had six kills, eight assists, two blocks and 12 digs.

Millburg, the team's lone senior, joined Hillsboro's Kennady Clayton in putting on a clinic of what the libero position should look like. Millburg posted a season-best 21 digs, with just three errors in the three setter. Clayton also had a season-high in the title game, posting 28 digs against the Lancers.

Hillsboro also three all-tournament selections: senior Ellie Miller, junior Tatum Christian and freshman Amya Greenwood. Miller led the team in service points (8) and aces (3) while also posting eight assists. Greenwood led the team in assists (12) and was second in service points (6). Christian had five kills against the Lancers in the championship game, plus three blocks at the net.

In addition to Clayton's unreal performance on the defensive end (she also received 21 serves and made just two errors), Addison

Lowe had nine kills and three blocks and Hanna Hughes four points and 11 digs amongst the Toppers who weren't on the all-tourney team. Lincolnwood's Jazmin Seaton-Hobson (11 points, 4 kills) made a significant impact in the championship.

While the result of the championship elicited different emotions from both sides of the decision, both teams can take solace in the fact that their appearance had a greater impact than that of just the game. Sporting purple jerseys instead of their typical orange and black attire, the Lancers and Toppers used the tournament to continue to share the legacy of its namesake, Grace Herschelman, who passed away in 2021 from infantile neuroaxonal dystrophy (INAD) and would have been 12 on Sept. 7.

By continuing to keep Grace's name and memory in front of others, the players and coaches have left a mark that will last long after the championship is nothing but a memory.

Sept. 9 at Raymond
Montgomery County Invitational
Grace Tournament
Championship Game

Hillsboro 19 25 19
Lincolnwood 25 23 25

Lincolnwood Statistics
Service Points: Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 11, Kierstyn Denney 10, Camryn Poggenpohl 4, Morgan Cowdrey 4, Taryn Clarke 3, Ella Jenkins 1. Aces: Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 3, Morgan Cowdrey 2, Taryn Clarke 1, Kierstyn Denney 1. Kills: Morgan Cowdrey 13, Kierstyn Denney 6, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 4, Ella Jenkins 2, Taryn Clarke 1. Assists: Morgan Cowdrey 12, Kierstyn Denney 8. Blocks: Ella Jenkins 2, Kierstyn Denney 2, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 1. Digs: Taryn Millburg 21, Kierstyn Denney 12, Morgan Cowdrey 10, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson 8, Morgan Hampton 8, Taryn Clarke 7, Camryn Poggenpohl 3.

Hillsboro Statistics
Service Points: Ellie Miller 8, Amya Greenwood 6, Maycie Fuller 5, Tatum Christian 4, Hanna Hughes 4, Kennady Clayton 2. Aces: Ellie Miller 3, Amya Greenwood 1, Hanna Hughes 1. Kills: Addison Lowe 9, Tatum Christian 5, Kearstynn Davis 3, Amya Greenwood 2, Hanna Hughes 2, Ellie Miller 1. Assists: Amya Greenwood 12, Ellie Miller 8, Kearstynn Davis 1. Blocks: Addison Lowe 3, Tatum Christian 3. Digs: Kennady Clayton 28, Hanna Hughes 11, Maycie Fuller 7, Tatum Christian 7, Addison Lowe 6, Ellie Miller 4, Amya Greenwood 4, Leah Satterlee 3. Records: Lincolnwood (10-0); Hillsboro (9-1).

Litchfield Sixth At Grace Tournament

The Litchfield High School volleyball team celebrated co-hosting the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament on Friday, Sept. 8, by doubling their season win total.

The Panthers, who were 2-3 entering the tournament picked up a pair of wins in their three games in the Grace Pool at the tournament as they advanced to Raymond for the second straight year.

Litchfield drew Vandalia in their opening game as the two South Central Conference foes kicked things off in Simmons Gymnasium. The match turned out to be a marathon as Litchfield beat the Vandals in three sets.

Litchfield fell behind by 10 early to the visitors from Fayette County, but battled back to make a game out of the first set. The Vandals would hold on, however, winning 25-23 to hold the early edge.

The second set was just as close, but with Litchfield coming out the victor by a 25-21 final score. The deciding set followed the same pattern as the first two and after taking an early lead, the Panthers held on for a 15-10 win.

Litchfield's only loss in pool play came against Father McGivney as the Glen Carbon-based Catholic school dominated in a 25-12, 25-14 affair.

In the late game, Litchfield had to get past Edinburg in order to earn a trip to the silver bracket in Raymond. The Wildcats were also 1-1 in pool play at the time, with a three-set loss to Father McGivney in their opener and a three-set win over Vandalia in their second game.

The two tiebreakers may have had an affect on the Wildcats as Litchfield won in convincing fashion, 25-14, 25-16 to advance to the silver bracket.

Gina Painter, who was later named to the all-tournament team, led the team in aces (3), blocks (5) and kills (18) in the first three games, while also contributing seven digs. Amya Frerichs led the team in digs with 41 over the three games.

Megan Lee also had a solid start with 17 kills and five blocks, while Annika Rhodes added 13 kills, three blocks and 20 digs. Avery Stewart handled setting duties with 62 assists, while also post-

ing 19 digs and seven kills. Kendall Stewart (12 kills, 18 digs) and Alli Frerichs (11 digs) also played key parts in moving Litchfield on in the tournament.

Saturday's trip to Raymond yielded the Panthers another win as they improved to 5-4 with a victory over Southeast, who fell to eventual champion Lincolnwood 25-17, 28-26 in their opener before beating Ramsey and Mt. Olive in their other two pool play games on Friday. After falling to the Spartans 25-20 in the first set, Litchfield rallied to throttle the Springfield public school 25-10 in the second set. The third set was much closer, but Litchfield eeked out a 15-13 win.

In the fifth place game, Litchfield drew Civic Memorial, who they beat last year in pool play in the tournament. This year, the Eagles would exact some revenge, beating the Purple Panthers to claim fifth place in the tournament.

As it did in their first game on Saturday, Litchfield's second game also went three sets. The Panthers pulled out a 27-25 win in the opening set against the Eagles, but Civic Memorial won the next two, 25-16, 15-10.

The loss moved Litchfield to 5-5 on the season as they go into their next game against Southwestern on Sept. 14.

Sept. 8 at Litchfield
Montgomery County Invitational
Grace Tournament

Grace Pool Game One

Litchfield 23 25 15
Vandalia 25 21 10

Grace Pool Game Two

Litchfield 12 14
McGivney 25 25

Grace Pool Game Three

Litchfield 25 25
Edinburg 14 16

Litchfield Pool Play Statistics

Service Aces: Gina Painter 3, Alli Frerichs 3, Amya Frerichs 2, Kendall Stewart 2, Avery Stewart 1. Kills: Gina Painter 18, Megan Lee 17, Annika Rhodes 13, Kendall Stewart 12, Avery Stewart 7, Taylor Bradburn 18, Brooke Braasch 1. Assists: Avery Stewart 62, Amy Frerichs 3, Annika Rhodes 1. Blocks: Megan Lee 5, Gina Painter 5, Annika Rhodes 3, Kendall Stewart 2, Avery Stewart 2, Taylor Bradburn 1. Digs: Amy Frerichs 41, Annika Rhodes 20, Avery Stewart 19, Kendall Stewart 18, Alli Frerichs 11, Gina Painter 7, Taylor Bradburn 3, Jaydah Caldwell 2.

Sept. 9 at Raymond
Montgomery County Invitational
Grace Tournament

Silver Bracket Semifinal

Litchfield 20 25 15
Southeast 25 10 13

Fifth Place Game

Litchfield 27 16 10
Civic Memorial 25 25 15

Record: Litchfield 5-5.

Sports Calendar

Hillsboro Hiltoppers

Monday, September 11
4 p.m. - Girls Tennis at Bunker Hill
4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Pana, Roxana at Hillsboro Country Club
5 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Alton Marquette Catholic
6 p.m. - JV Football hosts Staunton
Tuesday, September 12
4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Civic Memorial, Litchfield, Pana at Litchfield Country Club
5 p.m. - Boys Soccer hosts Greenville

Lincolnwood Lancers

Monday, September 11
4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Litchfield, Southwestern, Carlinville at Carlinville Country Club
4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Auburn, North Mac at Edgewood Golf Course
4:30 p.m. - Soccer hosts North Mac
5 p.m. - Volleyball at Carlinville
Tuesday, September 12
4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. South County, Ramsey, Mt. Olive at Timber Lakes Golf Course
4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. South County, Ramsey, Mt. Olive at Timber Lakes Golf Course

Litchfield Purple Panthers

Monday, September 11
4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Lincolnwood, Southwestern, Carlinville at Carlinville Country Club
6 p.m. - JV Football at North Mac
Tuesday, September 12
4 p.m. - Cross Country at Greenville Sports Complex
4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Gillespie, Southwestern, Greenville, Staunton at Timber Lakes Golf Course
4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Gillespie, Hillsboro, Pana at Litchfield Country Club
5:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer hosts Staunton

Nokomis Redskins

Monday, September 11
6 p.m. - JV Football hosts Villa Grove
6 p.m. - Volleyball hosts South County
Tuesday, September 12
4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Mt. Olive, South County, Lincolnwood at Timber Lakes
4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Mt. Olive, Lincolnwood, South County at Timber Lakes

Redskins Repeat Third Place MCI Finish

Only one of the 16 teams entered into this year's Montgomery County Invitational Grace Tournament had the chance to go undefeated. But if you can't go 5-0, going 4-1 is a pretty good consolation prize.

For the second year in a row, the Nokomis Redskins made it to the gold bracket of the tournament, sweeping their way through pool play with a 3-0 record. And also like last year, the Redskins bounced back from an aching close loss in the semifinals to take third overall.

After falling to eventual champion Lincolnwood 25-13, 24-26, 16-14 in last year's gold bracket semifinal, Nokomis drew Hillsboro on Saturday, Sept. 9, in their first game and lost another three-set heartbreaker, 17-25, 25-17, 15-11.

No matter how disappointing that may have been, Nokomis had no time to lament the loss as they played Father McGivney (who lost to Lincolnwood in three in their semifinal) for third just minutes after finishing their game against the Toppers.

Despite the short turnaround, Nokomis pulled ahead early with a three point lead propagated by

three early kills by Mackenzie Mehochko. The Griffins weathered the storm, though, battling back to tie the game at 6-6 and 7-7 before going on a serving run that gave them momentum for the rest of the set. Senior Sami Oller served up six straight aces to give her team a 13-7 lead before Nokomis was finally able to stop the bleeding with a kill from Mehochko.

Nokomis battled back to get the game within two, but never regained the lead in the first set and McGivney led by a game-high eight at the final whistle.

The second set was as close as you can get in the early going as the two teams were tied seven times, the last of which came at 14-14. A kill by Becca Hill broke that tie and gave Nokomis the serve, with Hill's sister Lizzy taking over from there, with a serving run that included five points and an ace, one of her team-high three in the game.

The streak extended Nokomis' lead to six points, but the Redskins weren't done. They'd lead by as many as eight after another kill by Mehochko, before settling for the eight-point win.

Heading into the third set, both teams were looking

for a better result than their outcome in the semifinals (McGivney fell 15-1 to the Lancers in the rubber match).

As was the case in the second set, ties were frequent in the third set as the two teams were knotted at 4-4, 5-5, 6-6 and 11-11. Nokomis regained the lead and built up a three-point edge thanks to a four-hit call and a hit out of bounds by the Griffins, but McGivney battled back to pull within one, 14-13.

With all-tournament pick Maddie Hylla hoping to pick up her second straight service point, Nokomis worked the ball to Addison Glenn, who hammered home her 12th kill of the game to give the Redskins third place.

Both Glenn and Mehochko, daughter of Nokomis Head Coach Megan Mehochko, joined Hylla on the all-tournament team and showed why in the win over the Griffins. Mehochko had 14 kills and 15 digs, both team-highs, while Glenn had 12 kills and a team-best five blocks.

Kinley Stolte and the Hills also had big games for Nokomis. Stolte led the team in points (11) and was second in assists (13) and digs (12). Becca Hill led the team in

assists with 17, while Lizzy Hill added seven digs and eight service points.

The win improved Nokomis' record to 12-3-1, while Father McGivney fell to 12-4.

Sept. 9 at Raymond
Montgomery County Invitational
Grace Tournament

Third Place Game

Nokomis 17 25 15
McGivney 25 17 13

Nokomis Statistics
Service Points: Kinley Stolte 11, Lizzy Hill 8, Presley Mehochko 6, Becca Hill 3, Grace King 2. Aces: Lizzy Hill 3, Kinley Stolte 2, Presley Mehochko 2. Kills: Mackenzie Mehochko 14, Addison Glenn 12, Camryn Engelman 6, Kinley Stolte 4. Assists: Becca Hill 17, Kinley Stolte 13. Blocks: Addison Glenn 5, Camryn Engelman 1, Reagan Jonas 1. Digs: Mackenzie Mehochko 15, Kinley Stolte 12, Presley Mehochko 8, Lizzy Hill 7.

Father McGivney Statistics
Service Points: Sami Oller 7, Olivia Klusas 6, Maddie Hylla 6, Jada Zumwalt 6, Grace Nesbit 3, Mia Lieberman 2. Aces: Sami Oller 6, Jada Zumwalt 3, Mia Lieberman 2, Olivia Klusas 2, Maddie Hylla 1, Grace Nesbit 1. Kills: Mia Lieberman 6, Sami Oller 5, Mia Range 2, Izelle Vernarsky 1, Jada Zumwalt 1, Caroline Rakers 1, Anna Henke 1. Assists: Jada Zumwalt 10, Grace Nesbit 4. Blocks: Mia Lieberman 3, Mia Range 2. Digs: Maddie Hylla 20, Sami Oller 7, Olivia Klusas 6, Mia Lieberman 6, Jada Zumwalt 4, Grace Nesbit 4, Izelle Vernarsky 4. Record: Nokomis (12-3-1); Father McGivney (12-4).

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Litchfield Football

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North Mac's senior play caller Dane Vance would find Kadin Casey from 14 yards out. Vance finished the touchdown play with the extra point and tying the contest at seven with 3:56 left to play in quarter one.

After the opening quarter ended with neither team having an advantage, Litchfield grabbed the lead once again in the second frame. A.J. Sypherd found the end zone as he would scamper in from 11 yards out. Martin added the extra point as the Purple Panthers now held a 14-7 lead with 8:48 to play in the second quarter.

Throughout the year the Purple Panthers have had success in the second quarter, averaging nearly 18 points in that frame. Litchfield would try to build on their lead as they took over possession of the football with less than a minute to go in the first half.

Expecting some deep passes, North Mac turned to their prevent defense, which allowed Litchfield's ground game to continue to produce. Sypherd and Litchfield's offense line brought the ball across midfield and into North Mac's territory. The drive would stall out on North Mac's 30 yard line as the Purple Panthers turned to their freshman kicker for a lengthy field goal attempt.

With only a few ticks on the clock the attempt would not hurt, as a miss would end the half, but a successful attempt would add more points. Martin's attempt fell just short, ending the half with a 14-7 Litchfield lead.

Even though the Purple Panthers would not add any more points to the scoreboard in the quarter, Litchfield's defense held the North Mac offense scoreless in the second as the Purple Panthers carried a lead into the locker

room for a second straight week.

Sypherd, who started the contest off on a slow start, 4 carries from 19 yards in the opening quarter, would leave the first half with 12 carries for 121 yards. The 121 yards was already be a season high as passing his week one performance of 109 yards rushing.

Leading at the half for the second straight week would be progress for a football program that has struggled collecting wins. Litchfield saw their week two halftime lead slip through their fingers in the second half, but they wanted to make sure that didn't happen in week three.

Coming out of the locker room the Purple Panthers made a statement in their opening drive. Sypherd would continue to carry the load on the ground for the Purple Panthers as he once again crossed into the end zone, this time from four yards out. The extra point missed as Litchfield now held onto a 20-7 lead.

Just over six minutes later, Sypherd and the Purple Panther's offensive line were at it again. Pushing in from two yard out, Sypherd would pound in his fourth touchdown of the contest and would follow with a two point conversion, increasing the Purple Panthers lead to 28-7. The three touchdown lead remained in the final minutes of the third quarter as Litchfield led 28-7 after three.

After being held scoreless in the third frame, North Mac struck early in the final quarter of action. Just a few ticks from the 10 minute mark, North Mac's Dane Vance hit Payne McLean for a 25-yard touchdown pass. North Mac added the extra point, dropping Litchfield's lead to 28-14.

After adding 96 more yards

in the third quarter Sypherd would not be finished as he continued to be a hard man to tackle. Sypherd would carry the ball five times in Litchfield's first drive of the final quarter, resulting in his fifth touchdown of the game and 543 more yards. Martin would be successful on his extra point attempt increasing Litchfield's lead to 35-14 with eight minutes to play in regulation.

Even though the Purple Panthers' defense would put together their best performance of the year, the air strikes by North Mac gave Litchfield fits. In the first two games of the year the Purple Panthers gave up over 300 yards of offense, in week three Litchfield held North Mac to under 300 yards, with 231 of those yards coming through the air and 37 of those passing yards coming on North Mac's third touchdown of the game.

Dane Vance once again heaved the ball into the end zone, finding Nick Lancaster for a touchdown strike. The successful extra point would narrow Litchfield's lead to 35-21 with 6:53 left to play.

Trying to overcome losing over so many years, it always seems like nothing will go your way. Leading by two touchdowns, the Purple Panthers still had the contest in hand, but on the ensuing kickoff North Mac recovered their outside kickoff attempt.

Nearly a minute later Vance once again led a North Mac player into the end zone for what appeared to be their fourth touchdown.

Instead the play would be moot as North Mac was flagged for holding. Jayden Ellinger was the Purple Panther who was held, as he would attempt to break through the North Mac's line.

The cancelled touchdown play would stop the momentum from reaching North

Mac as the following play resulted in an interception by Martavious Jones. Jones would snatch the ball out of the air at Litchfield's 24 yard line with 5:41 left to play in the contest.

After North Mac came close to moving within a touchdown of Litchfield's lead, the Purple Panthers looked to add another touchdown for security reasons. Litchfield once again turned to its workhorse Sypherd to get results. Sypherd sprinted into the endzone from 40 yards out, but was aided by a block in the back, resulting in a penalty near the end zone.

The penalty put the ball on North Mac's 12 yard line and two plays later Sypherd collected his sixth touchdown of the contest, increasing the Litchfield lead to 42-21 with a few ticks over three minutes to play. Sypherd's touchdown would end his night with 344 total yards, with quarters of 19, 102, 96 and 127 yards.

North Mac's final possession would result in turnover on downs as the Purple Panthers finished the contest in victory formation.

The win would be the first of the year for Litchfield as they moved their record to 1-2 overall, while North Mac would fall to 1-2 overall. The Purple Panthers will look to produce a winning streak in week four when they travel to Greenville. The Purple Panthers will have the 3-0 Comets waiting for them, but will be ready for the challenge.

Sept. 8 at Litchfield
Litchfield (1-2) 7 7 14 14 ---42
North Mac (1-2) 7 0 0 14 ---21
Litchfield Statistics
Rushing (39-344) - A.J. Sypherd 39-344, 6 TD.
Passing (7-13-85) - Tate Dobrinich 7-13-85.
Receiving (7-85) - Carson Saathoff 3-41, Easton Grammer 1-15, Kayden Bergman 1-12, Keenan Powell 1-6, A.J. Sypherd 1 (-8).
North Mac Statistics
Rushing: 17-54
Passing: 22-31-231



Last year nearly 40 former Panthers took the floor for the Litchfield High School Alumni Game, held after the school's girls and boys basketball Purple and White Games. Organizers are hoping for another big turnout for this year's game, which will be on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Litchfield Alumni Game Is Back, Better Start Stretching

Litchfield High School will once again hold an alumni basketball game in conjunction with their annual girls and boys basketball Purple and White Games on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Simmons Gym.

One of the highlights of the pre-season, last year's game drew 24 players and 14 cheerleaders and organizers are hoping for another big crowd in 2023.

The Purple and White Games will begin at 6 p.m., with the alumni game starting around 8 p.m. Any boys or girls basketball alumni and cheerleaders are invited to participate.

For more information, email Litchfield Athletic Director dstewart@litchfieldpanthers.org or Boys Basketball Coach Nick Gerndt (ngerndt@litchfieldpanthers.org)

Litchfield Youth Soccer Photos Set Sept. 15-16

Bethany Seely of Captured Moments Photography in Litchfield has announced the picture dates for Litchfield Youth Sports Association fall soccer photos.

Pictures will be taken on Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Litchfield Community Center. There will be no make-up dates due to the feasibility and reservations of the community center.

Athletes are encouraged to show up early to the time slot for his or her team. Photos will be taken inside the community center on the stage side.

Order forms will be provided on picture day. Cash, check, credit or debit cards will be accepted.

The schedule on Friday, Sept. 15, is Harlee Traylor's team at 6:30 p.m., Angela Weidner's team at 6:45 p.m., Jeff Budd's team at 7 p.m., Jerry Cruthis' team at 7:15 p.m., Scott Hartel's team at 7:30 p.m. and Michaela

Gray's team at 7:45 p.m.

On Saturday, the schedule is Matthew Walker's team at 8 a.m., Mary Ellen Morgan's (K/PK4) team at 8:15 a.m., Mary Ellen Morgan's (3/4) team at 8:30 a.m., Leo Hernandez's team at 9 a.m., Jason Cooper's team at 9:45 a.m., Katie Ridgeway's team at 10 a.m., Jeremy Height's team at 10:15 a.m., Ryan Niehaus' (PK3) team at 10:30 a.m., Ryan Niehaus' (K/PK4) team at 10:45 a.m., Bert Holloway's team at 11 a.m., Jimmy Gorowski's team at 11:15 a.m., Brian Hampton's team at 11:30 a.m., Meagan Johnson's (K/PK4) team at 12 p.m., Meagan Johnson's (1/2) team at 12:15 p.m., Brittany Ronco's team at 12:30 p.m., Wyatt Pence's team at 1 p.m., Gregg Hires' team at 1:30 p.m. and Chris Bates' team at 2 p.m.

For more information, visit www.capturedmomentsphotography321.com/litchfield-youth-soccer-association.

Soccer Toppers Rebound Against Piasa Birds

After taking one on the chin at the hands of the Litchfield Purple Panthers and dropping their first conference game in two calendar years, the Hillsboro High School boys soccer team returned to the pitch Thursday afternoon as they hosted the Southwestern Piasa Birds in a varsity only matchup at the Sports Complex. For the two teams, it was a renewed rivalry as low numbers forced the Birds to shelve their program for the past few years. It would also be a chance for the orange and black to get an all important SCC win in hopes of staying in the running for the title. When the dust settled, the Toppers would prevail, but the way they started and the way they finished would be two totally different stories.

Hillsboro would nearly get the scoring started just 1:00 into the contest as senior Logan Murray rocked one

off the crossbar and junior Clayton Rufus put one right into the hands of the Piasa keeper, but it would be SW who would open the scoring as a broken play in front of the Topper net and a breakdown on defensive communication allowed the Birds to jump out to an early lead.

Hillsboro would have their chances and would hit two more crossbars after the Piasa goal, but an inability to finish and a bit of underestimating their opponent left the Toppers scrambling for offense until late in the half when, with just 3:38 left in the first, sophomore Mark Mattson would connect with junior Mitchell Cunningham at midfield. From there, Cunningham would find fellow junior Nico Clark in front and Clark would head the ball past the SW keeper to knot the score at 1-1.

When play resumed in the second, Hillsboro would

pick up where they left off as Clark added his second just 2:45 into the half and Murray would add another at the 8:37 mark making it 3-1. The Toppers would continue to barrage the Bird back liners and hit another crossbar before Mattson would find Rufus with a beautiful touch pass and Rufus would nail it home to make it 4-1. Just fifteen seconds later junior Caleb Greenwood would find sophomore Tony White across the middle and the sophomore would bury the redirect to make it 5-1 and Rufus would pick up his second minutes later as Mattson placed a perfect corner kick in front and Rufus was waiting on the doorstep making it 6-1. Greenwood would net his first career varsity goal to make it 7-1 with 6:12 left and Mattson would cap the scoring as he took it to the house off a beautiful pass from senior defender Hunter

Payne and beat the Bird net-minder to the low left side to make it 8-1.

The victory would improve the Toppers to 6-2-1 overall and 1-1 in SCC play but the victory would be short enjoying as a 4-0 loss to Civic Memorial Saturday would drop Hillsboro to 6-3-1.

The Toppers return home and return to action Tuesday afternoon as they host the Greenville Comets with varsity action starting at 5 pm.

Sept. 7 at Hillsboro
Southwestern 1 0 - 1
Hillsboro 1 7 - 8
Scoring: Nico Clark (Mitchell Cunningham), Nico Clark (unassisted), Logan Murray (unassisted), Clayton Rufus (Mark Mattson), Tony White (Caleb Greenwood), Clayton Rufus (Mark Mattson), Caleb Greenwood, Mark Mattson (Hunter Payne). **Goalkeeper:** Mitchell Lowe.

Sept. 9 at Bethalto
Hillsboro 0 0 - 0
Civic Memorial 0 4 - 4
Record: Hillsboro (6-3-1, 1-1).

Hillsboro Gets SCC Win In Three Set Thriller

The Hillsboro High School volleyball team picked up their first South Central Conference win of the season and improved to 5-0 with a gutty three-set win over Vandalia on Thursday, Sept. 7.

The Vandals made the first bid to hand Hillsboro their first loss of the season with a 25-16 win in the opening set, but Hillsboro battled back to win game two 27-25, then won the rubber match 25-22.

The hallmark of the Toppers' undefeated run has been their hustle on the defensive end and Thursday was no different. Three different players had double digit digs, with Kennady Clayton leading the way with 21. Maycie Fuller

added in 14 digs, with Hanna Hughes chipping in 12. Amaya Greenwood (9 digs), Tatum Christian (7 digs) and Ellie Miller (7 digs) also had big days defensively.

On the attack, Addison Lowe continues to be a force as she put down 16 kills against the Vandals. Tatum Christian added seven kills, while Hanna Hughes had six. Amaya Greenwood also chipped in four kills while leading Hillsboro in assists with 21.

Greenwood paced the Toppers in serving too, with nine points and one ace. Maycie Fuller had seven points and an ace, while Ellie Miller and Kennady Clayton had five points each, with

Clayton posting a team-best two aces. Hillsboro will be at home tonight, Sept. 11, against Alton Marquette.

Sept. 7 at Vandalia
Hillsboro 16 27 25
Vandalia 25 25 22
Hillsboro Statistics
Service Points: Amaya Greenwood 9, Maycie Fuller 7, Kennady Clayton 5, Ellie Miller 5, Tatum Christian 3, Hanna Hughes 3; **Aces:** Kennady Clayton 2, Amaya Greenwood 1, Maycie Fuller 1; **Kills:** Addison Lowe 16, Tatum Christian 7, Hanna Hughes 6, Amaya Greenwood 4; **Assists:** Amaya Greenwood 21, Ellie Miller 6, Addison Lowe 1, Kennady Clayton 1, Tatum Christian 1; **Digs:** Kennady Clayton 21, Maycie Fuller 14, Hanna Hughes 12, Amaya Greenwood 9, Tatum Christian 7, Ellie Miller 7, Leah Satterlee 5, Addison Lowe 4.
Record: Hillsboro (5-0, 1-0); Vandalia (1-6-1, 0-1).

Tennis Toppers Beat Vandals For Third Victory

In a match characterized by good competition and some long rallies, the Hillsboro girls tennis team picked up their third victory of the season on Thursday, Sept. 7, with an 8-1 win over Vandalia at the Hillsboro Sports Complex.

After falling to Father McGivney two days earlier by a 9-0 margin, the Tennis Toppers were able to bounce back against the Vandals. Hillsboro took five of the six singles matches, with Jesse Balla, Ryder Hoover, Aly Leisure, Aubrey Reincke and Melissa Bell all coming away wins in two sets.

With the win already clinched, the Toppers finished the job with three good

performances in doubles play. Team captain Ryder Hoover and doubles partner Aubrey Reincke picked up their first victory of the season with a 10-4 win over Charlie Graumenz and Mallory Hopkins. Chloe Martincic and Zoey Spinner partnered up in the number two match to edge Delaney Ward and Kaylee Tompkins 10-8, while Avery Reynolds made her varsity debut with team captain Jesse Balla in the number three doubles match. The pair won 10-2, beating Vandalia's Sophia Kirby and Delaney Patterson.

Hillsboro travels to Bunker Hill today, Monday, Sept. 11, to take on the Minutemaids, who co-op with Staunton

for tennis.

Sept. 7 at Hillsboro Hillsboro 8, Vandalia 1
Singles: 1. Jesse Balla (H) def. Charlie Graumenz (V) 6-2, 6-2; 2. Ryder Hoover (H) def. Delaney Ward (V) 6-4, 6-4; 3. Aly Leisure (H) def. Mallory Hopkins (V) 6-2, 6-4; 4. Aubrey Reincke (H) def. Delaney Patterson (V) 6-1, 6-3; 5. Kaylee Tompkins, (V) def. Annie Wright (H), 6-0, 6-4; 6. Melissa Bell (H) def. Sophia Kirby (V) 6-0, 6-1.
Doubles: 1. Ryder Hoover/Aubrey Reincke (H) def. Charlie Graumenz/Mallory Hopkins (V) 10-4; 2. Chloe Martincic/Zoey Spinner (H) def. Delaney Ward/Kaylee Tompkins (V) 10-8; 3. Jesse Balla/Avery Reynolds (H) def. Delaney Patterson/Sophia Kirby (V) 10-2.
Record: Hillsboro (3-3).

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Lady Lancers Score MSM Tourney Title

Last year, the Lincolnwood girls golf team won the MSM Conference Tournament by a little. By three strokes over South County to be exact. This year, the Lady Lancers won by a lot.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn, the Lincolnwood-Morrisonville co-op team shot a 418 to beat the Vipers by 93 strokes. Mt. Olive also sent a pair of golfers to the tournament, two short of enough to qualify for a team score.

The Lancers had a strangle hold on the top six individual spots as well, collecting five of them on the day. The only exception was South County's Miley Crow, who tied Lincolnwood's Carly Armentrout for the lowest score at the 18-hole tournament.

Both Armentrout and Crow shot 100s on the day, both with 50s on the front nine and on the back nine as well. Armentrout, who had three pars in her 18 holes, took medalist honors by virtue of a scorecard playoff, giving second to Crow.

Four straight Lincolnwood players followed the South County runner-up. Senior Kaylee Gerlach had a 103 on the day, with rounds of 50 and 53, while Jenna Matli added in a 106 with rounds of 56 and 50. Anna Jones added

in the fourth scoring round with a 109 to finish fifth individually, posting rounds of 54 and 55.

While she didn't factor in her team's scoring, Kennady Klinger was sixth overall with a 117. She posted rounds of 57 and 60 on the day. Rian Deardorff shot a 132 for Lincolnwood's final spot in the lineup, with rounds of 65 and 67 to finish eighth individually.

Lincolnwood will be at the Carlinville Country Club today, Sept. 11, to face the host Cavaliers, Litchfield and Southwestern. The following day they will be at Timber Lakes Golf Course in Staunton for a match with South County, Ramsey and Mt. Olive.

September 6 at Auburn MSM Conference Tournament

Edgewood Golf Course - Par 71
Girls Team Results: 1. Lincolnwood 418, 2. South County 511.
Medalist: Carly Armentrout (Lincolnwood) 100*

*won over Miley Crow (100, South County) by scorecard playoff
Lincolnwood (418) - 1. Carly Armentrout 100; 3. Kaylee Gerlach 103; 4. Jenna Matli 106; 5. Anna Jones 109; 6. Kennady Klinger 117; 8. Rian Deardorff 132.

South County (511) - 2. Miley Crow 100; 7. Taetam Short 123; 9. Camri Phillips 140; 11. Keeley Ayers 148.

Mt. Olive - 10. Lili Readenour 143, 12. Mia Merano 149.

Ramsey Golf Picks Up Wins Over Altamont

The Ramsey-Nokomis boys golf team picked up a victory over Altamont on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the St. Elmo Golf Club.

The Rams shot a 182 on the day to beat the Indians by five strokes, with the two teams sharing medalist honors for the match. Gunner Finley had the Ramsey share of the top individual spot, with Gavin Flack representing the Indians. Both players shot a 4-over-par 40 on the day.

Altamont's number two man, Daniel McCammon, edged Ramsey's Bryce Gillock 42 to 44, but the Rams got the better of the Indians in both the third and fourth scoring slots. Dylan Yeske shot a 48 for Ramsey, two strokes better than Altamont's Justin Kollman, while Walker Stewart shot a 50 to beat Altamont's number four man, Alex Walker, by five strokes.

Blaine Goodwin and Patrick Click also played for Ramsey on Tuesday, shooting scores of 54 and 59 respectively.

Ramsey Girls

The Ramsey girls also played Altamont on Tuesday in St. Elmo. The Indians had just two players, two short of qualifying for a team score.

Altamont did earn med-

alist honors in the match thanks to a 12-over-par 48 by Sophia Pearcy. Corey Keagy of Ramsey (via Nokomis) shot a 53 to finish second individually.

In addition to Keagy's top round, Summer Spencer added a 55, Annabelle Click pitched in a 58 and Rilee Waterman added a 64. Ella Short also played for the Rams, shooting a 67 to finish just outside of the scoring.

Ramsey played Greenville at home on Wednesday, Sept. 6, and will be in Pana on Thursday, Sept. 7, at Oak Terrace, with Central A&M also in attendance.

Sept. 5 at St. Elmo St. Elmo Golf Club - Par 36

Boys Team Results: 1. Ramsey 182; 2. Altamont 187.

Medalist: Gunner Finley (Ramsey) 40; Gavin Flack (Altamont) 40.

Ramsey-Nokomis (182) - Gunner Finley 40; Bryce Gillock 44; Dylan Yeske 48; Walker Stewart 50; Blaine Goodwin 54; Patrick Click 59.

Altamont (187) - Gavin Flack 40; Daniel McCammon 42; Justin Kollman 50; Alex Walker 55.

Records: Ramsey-Nokomis (4-2)

Sept. 5 at St. Elmo St. Elmo Golf Club - Par 36

Girls Team Results: 1. Ramsey 230

Medalist: Sophia Pearcy (Altamont) 48.

Ramsey-Nokomis (230) - Corey Keagy 53; Summer Spencer 55; Annabelle Click 58; Rilee Waterman 64; Ella Short 67.

Altamont - Sophia Pearcy 48; Gabby Weishaar 58.

Records: Ramsey-Nokomis (1-2)

Armentrout Medalist In Lancers' Win At Lakeshore

Carly Armentrout continued her run of strong play as she took medalist honors and led Lincolnwood to a win at a quad meet at Lakeshore Golf Course in Taylorville on Sept. 7.

Armentrout shot a 49 on the day to beat out Elly Painter of PORTA by two strokes. The Lincolnwood junior didn't have a score worse than double bogey on the day with pars on number seven and number nine.

As a team, the Lancers shot a 220 to beat PORTA by 10 strokes. Taylorville was third with a 239, while Auburn was fourth with a 245.

Kennady Klinger and Anna Jones backed Armentrout with a 55 and a 56, while Rian Deardorff contributed the fourth scoring round with a 60. Jenna Matli and Sally Corso also played for the Lancers, shooting rounds of 62 and 68 respectively.

Now 9-2 on the season, Lincolnwood will be in Carlinville on Monday, Sept. 11, to play the host Cavaliers, Litchfield and Southwestern. On Tuesday, Sept. 12, they return to Macoupin County to face Mt. Olive, South County and Ramsey-Nokomis at Timber Lakes Golf Course in Staunton.

Sept. 7 at Taylorville Lakeshore Golf Course - Par 36

Girls Team Results: 1. Lincolnwood 220; 2. PORTA 230; 3. Taylorville 239; 4. Auburn 245.

Lincolnwood (220) - Carly Armentrout 49, Kennady Klinger 55, Anna Jones 56, Rian Deardorff 60, Jenna Matli 62, Sally Corso 68.

PORTA (230) - Elly Painter 51, Chelsie Wilken 56, Bren Bailey 61, Katy Kuehl 62, Addison Corum 62, Amelia Schoenwies 68.

Taylorville (239) - Ryleigh Mizeur-Crist 54, Laura Wayman 55, Jordan Dieterich 60; Liz Martin 70.

Auburn (245) - Madi Bartlett 57, Ava Bridges 62, Evy Duffy 63, Haily Woker 63, Alyssa Miller 67.

Records: Lincolnwood (9-2).



Lincolnwood Girls 1st, Boys 2nd In MSM

The Lincolnwood-Morrisonville-Pawnee boys and girls golf teams competed in the MSM Conference Tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn. The Lincolnwood girls won this year's tournament with a 418, while the Lincolnwood boys shot a 356 to finish second behind South County. From the left are Rian Deardorff, Brady Schmedeke, Kaylee Gerlach, Lance Weitekamp, Bryce Cowdrey and Luke Pope. In the back are Jenna Matli, Zeke Castleberry, Carly Armentrout, Anna Jones, Kennady Klinger and Jared Klein. Armentrout was the girls individual medalist, while Gerlach, Matli, Jones and Klinger joined her on the all-conference team. Cowdrey, Castleberry and Weitekamp all made all-conference on the boys' side.

Photo courtesy of Angie Gerlach

Lincolnwood Boys Runner-Up At MSM Meet

For the third year in a row the Lincolnwood boys golf team finished second at the MSM Conference tournament at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn, but the Lancers did shave a few strokes off South County's winning margin.

Lincolnwood shot a 356 at this year's tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 6, a 19-stroke improvement over last year's score. South County also improved, but only by one stroke as they shot a 335 to take the top spot over Lincolnwood, Springfield Lutheran (456) and Mt. Olive (462).

The Vipers also had three of the top six individuals, with Logan Smith and Tanner Frye finishing 1-2 with a 73 and an 80, and Collin Johnson finishing fourth with an 88. Smith finished the day with nine pars and four birdies, while Frye had 10 pars and one birdie. As a

team, South County had 37 pars and six birdies in their 108 holes.

Lincolnwood had 10 fewer pars and two birdies on the day as they took the other three individual spots in the top six for the tournament.

Bryce Cowdrey made an impact in his first MSM Conference Tournament, shooting an 86 to finish third overall. The Lincolnwood freshman had three pars and a birdie on the par-5 fifth hole on the front nine and five more pars on the back half of the course for rounds of 46 and 40 on the day.

Zeke Castleberry (Pawnee) shot an 88 to finish tied with Collin Johnson for fourth, but a scorecard playoff gave the spot to the South Central golfer. Castleberry shot 44 on both the front nine and the back nine, with three pars on each half of the course.

Lance Weitekamp (Mor-

rissonville) had five pars and Lincolnwood's other birdie, a three on the third hole. Weitekamp's 89 gave him the sixth and final spot on the all-conference team.

Weitekamp's fellow Mowhawk-turned-Lancer, Brady Schmedeke, had Lincolnwood's fourth scoring round, carding a 48 on the front nine and a 45 on the back nine for a 93, with six pars on the day.

In addition to the four scoring rounds, freshman Luke Pope shot a 98 in his first trip to conference, while Jared Klein added a 107. Klein (113), Schmedeke (94) and Weitekamp (101) all played in the tournament last year and collectively trimmed 19 strokes off their scores from a year ago.

Lincolnwood will be at the Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn today, Sept. 11, to face the host Trojans and North Mac. The following day they will be at Timber Lakes

Golf Course in Staunton for a match with South County, Ramsey and Mt. Olive.

September 6 at Auburn MSM Conference Tournament

Edgewood Golf Course - Par 71
Boys Team Results: 1. South County 335; 2. Lincolnwood 356; 3. Springfield Lutheran 456; Mt. Olive 462.

Top Six: 1. Logan Smith (SC) 73; 2. Tanner Frye (SC) 80; 3. Bryce Cowdrey (LW) 86; 4. Collin Johnson (SC) 88*; 5. Zeke Castleberry (LW) 88*; 6. Lance Weitekamp (LW) 89.

*Johnson 4th, Castleberry 5th by scorecard playoff

South County (335) - Logan Smith 73; Tanner Frye 80; Collin Johnson 88; Trevor Colwell 94; Bandt Crews 95; James Ushman 102.

Lincolnwood (356) - Bryce Cowdrey 86; Zeke Castleberry 88; Lance Weitekamp 89; Brady Schmedeke 93; Luke Pope 98; Jared Klein 107.

Springfield Lutheran (456) - Aaden Hilligoss 101; Max Yenchkos 108; Connor Hilligoss 122; Caleb Cox 125; Alex Sullivan 135; Kahne Hall 147.

Mt. Olive (462) - Dexter Frizzo 99; Jake Frizzo 104; Max Grejtak 118; Landon Tooley 141.

Lincolnwood 2nd, Litchfield 6th At Terry Park

The Lincolnwood and Litchfield girls golf teams competed in the 2023 Lady Viper Invite at Terry Park Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 9. The Lady Lancers finished second on the day with a 415, while the Lady Panthers shot a 487 to finish sixth.

Last year, Lincolnwood came in seventh, shooting a 469 to finish at the bottom of the team results. The 54-stroke improvement over last year's score was the biggest of the tournament, with champion Williamsville improving by 34 strokes (going from a 396 to a 365) and third place Auburn improving 27 strokes (going from a 447 to a 420).

Junior Anna Jones was the only Lincolnwood player in the top 10 individually, but the Lancers' success on Saturday was due more to steady play from all six players. Just 11 strokes separated Jones and the Lancers' sixth-player, Kennady Klinger, who would have had a scoring round on five of the other six teams with a 110 on the day.

Jones was one of two Lancers with three holes of par or better, including the team's lone birdie on the par-5 seventh hole, acting as hole number 16 as each player played the nine-hole course in Palmyra twice. Jones also had pars on number six and number nine as she finished the day with a 99.

Carly Armentrout had three pars on the day, on holes number one, eight and 10, as she finished just outside the top 10 with a 103. Kaylee Gerlach, in attendance for her seventh Lady Viper Invite in a row (her fourth as a player, plus three as a spectator when her sister Jordyn played for the Lancers), shot a 105, with a par on the par-3 fifth hole.

Lincolnwood's final scoring round came from Rian Deardorff, who had a par on the fourth hole and shot a 108 on the day. Klinger and Jenna Matli were just behind their teammates with a 110 and a 109. All told, Lincolnwood had 11 nine-hole rounds in the 50s, with Jones breaking 50 with a 49 on the second

nine holes.

With the loss of the loss of five seniors from last year's team that shot a 375 to win the 2022 Lady Viper Invite, a repeat for Litchfield probably wasn't in the cards for the Panthers in 2023. Instead, the tournament offered an opportunity for the team to get more rounds under their belt and prepare for regionals.

Kennedi Isaacs made the most of her opportunities and shot a 103 to finish just three strokes out of the top 10. Isaacs shot a 50 on the front nine, with a par on number eight, then shot a 53 on the back nine to finish her day.

Keeley Tabor added in a 125 with a 64 on the front and a 61 on the back, with Faith Ellinger shooting a 128 with rounds of 63 and 65, including a par on the 10th hole. Aryn Dooley rounded up things for Litchfield with a 131, with rounds of 65 and 66.

Both Litchfield and Lincolnwood will be in Carlinville today, Sept. 11, as the two county schools take on the host Cavaliers and

Southwestern at the Carlinville Country Club.

Litchfield has another Montgomery County clash on Tuesday, Sept. 12, when they host Hillsboro, Gillespie and Pana, while Lincolnwood travels to Mt. Olive to face Mt. Olive, South County and Nokomis-Ramsey.

Sept. 9 at Palmyra Lady Viper Invite Terry Park - Par 72

Girls Team Results: 1. Williamsville 365; 2. Lincolnwood 415; 3. Auburn #1 420; 4. North Mac 425; 5. Auburn #2 461; 6. Litchfield 487; 7. South County 492.

Individual Top 10: 1. Taylor Keirs (North Mac) 79; 2. Zoey Beard (Williamsville) 83; 3. Naomi Roberts (Williamsville) 91; 4. Chelsea Clack (Williamsville) 93; 5. Emma Kallal (Carrollton) 94; 6. Kaedyn Locke (Williamsville) 98; 7. Kaylee Stead (Auburn #1) 99; 8. Mailee Schoen (Auburn #1) 99; 9. Anna Jones (Lincolnwood) 99; 10. Miley Crow (South County) 100; 10. Kristilyn Levora (Carlinville) 100.

Lincolnwood (415) - Anna Jones 99, Carly Armentrout 103; Kaylee Gerlach 105; Rian Deardorff 108; Jenna Matli 109; Kennady Klinger 110.

Litchfield (487) - Kennedi Isaacs 103; Keeley Tabor 125; Faith Ellinger 128; Aryn Dooley 131.

Lincolnwood Boys First At Carlinville Country Club

The Lincolnwood boys golf team was lights out on Thursday, Sept. 7, in Carlinville as they turned in one of their best rounds of the season to win a five-team meet at the Carlinville Country Club.

The Lancers combined for 28 pars and four birdies in their 54 holes, shooting a team score of 152 to finish just eight strokes over par. Carlinville finished second on their home course, three strokes back, with Gillespie (193), Southwestern (194) and Taylorville (201) rounding out the team standings.

Carlinville's Tate Duckels was medalist for the match as he shot a 1-under-par 35 on the day. Duckels had six pars, birdies on the third and fifth holes and a bogey on number eight to finish off a stellar round for the Cava-

liers. Colin Pope added in a 37 for the Cavies with six pars and a birdie on number five, but Lincolnwood countered with three rounds in the 30s, plus one more just over that threshold.

Bryce Cowdrey and Zeke Castleberry both shot par for the Lancers, combining a birdie and a bogey with seven pars. Cowdrey went bogey-birdie on holes one and two, followed by seven straight pars on holes three through nine. Castleberry picked up his birdie on the par-5 sixth hole, with pars on the first five holes, seven and nine.

Lance Weitekamp was right behind his Lincolnwood cohorts with a 39, paced by a four-hole stretch where he had three pars and a birdie on number six. He'd finish with a par on nine as both

he and Brady Schmedeke ended the day with four pars and a birdie. Schmedeke was Lincolnwood's fourth scorer, shooting a 41 to help the Lancers to the win.

Zach Waldeck and Luke Pope were in the fifth and sixth slots for the Lancers and shot 42 and 48 respectively. Waldeck, who had four pars on the day, would have been low man for three of the four other teams, while Pope would have had a scoring round for Southwestern, Gillespie and Taylorville as well.

The Lancers will be at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn today, Sept. 11, as they play the host Trojans and North Mac. On Tuesday, Sept. 12, Lincolnwood plays Mt. Olive, South County and Ramsey-Nokomis at Timber Lakes Golf Course

in Staunton.

Sept. 7 at Carlinville Carlinville Country Club - Par 36

Boys Team Results: 1. Lincolnwood 152; 2. Carlinville 155; 3. Gillespie 193; 4. Southwestern 194; 5. Taylorville 201.

Medalist: Tate Duckels (Carlinville) 35.

Lincolnwood (152) - Bryce Cowdrey 36, Zeke Castleberry 36, Lance Weitekamp 39, Brady Schmedeke 41, Zach Waldeck 42, Luke Pope 48.

Carlinville (155) - Tate Duckels 35, Colin Pope 37, Carter Zilm 41, Cade Vinyard 42, Aaron Cordani 51, Britton Mitchell 70.

Gillespie (193) - Haeden Kellebrew 46, Owen Schweppe 47, Bryce Buhs 49, Josh Feeley 51, Adam Peterson 55, Cole Katich 60.

Southwestern (194) - Ike Austin 45, Nic Ragsdale 48, Austin Bates 49, Wyatt Johnson 52, Ben Biciocchi 55, Bryson Bloch 60.

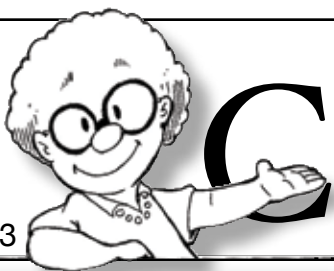
Taylorville - Isaac Corso 47, Luke Poor 50, Jacob Franklin 51, Evan Parks 53, Aiden Sieler 56.

Records: Lincolnwood (15-6).

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LLCC's SkySoar Fest To Be Held Friday, Sept. 15

Lincoln Land Community College's Computer Science Academy is hosting SkySoar Fest, an outdoor showcase of radio-controlled flyers and drones, on Friday, Sept. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. on LLCC's Springfield campus, located at 5250 Shepherd Rd., north-

east of Cass Gymnasium. In case of rain, displays and presentations will be moved inside to the Student Union in the lower level of Menard Hall.

The event is free and open to the public. Faculty from LLCC com-

puter science, agriculture, geography and unmanned aircraft system remote pilot training programs and

members of the Sangamon Valley RC Flyers will have displays and provide demonstrations.

Fall Tours To Be Offered In Grafton And Elsay

Calling all leaf peepers and history buffs, the Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau is once again offering a series of guided Fall Color and River Road History Tours in Grafton and Elsay starting in late October and running through early November.

The Fall Foliage and River Road History Tours are 20-passenger guided shuttle tours that will highlight the stunning fall colors found on the river bluffs flanking the mighty Mississippi River and include visits to the historic Village of Elsay, Principia College and Pere Marquette State Park. The three-hour tours will kick off Thursday, Oct. 12 and are scheduled to run Friday, Oct. 13, Thursday, Oct. 19, Friday, Oct. 20, Thursday, Oct. 26, Friday, Oct. 27, Thursday, Nov. 2, Friday, Nov. 3, Thursday, Nov. 9 and Friday, Nov. 10.

"These are one-of-a-kind tours that can't be found anywhere else in southwest Illinois," said Cory Jobe, the president and CEO of the Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau. "We want to be able to give people the chance to drink in the beauty of the region and learn more about our local history at the same time."

Tours will include a fall color drive along the Meeting

of the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway between Grafton and Elsay showcasing one of the top fall color drives in the U.S. There will be a stop in the historic village of Elsay with the opportunity to stroll through the village and visit the Elsay General Store, which has vintage sodas and candy among other local delights.

The tour also includes a drive through acclaimed Principia College and will include a photo stop at the college chapel with jaw dropping views of the Mississippi River from a scenic overlook. The tour will then continue to Pere Marquette State Park, north and west of Grafton. Pere Marquette is the largest state park in Illinois and home to brilliant fall colors. There will also be a photo stop in the park.

Following the shuttle tour, visitors can enjoy a ride on the Grafton SkyTour on their own or explore the historic community of Grafton.

Tours will begin and end at the Grafton SkyTour in downtown Grafton. All tours start at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50 per person, and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available online at www.RiversandRoutes.com/things-to-do/buy-tickets/.

State of Illinois Releases 2023 Labor Day Report

The Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) is recognizing and celebrating the achievements of working people, in Illinois and across the country this Labor Day, while also highlighting the important work done statewide by the employees of IDOL.

"We are particularly proud of IDOL's significant focus this year on reaching communities across the state to increase awareness of employment protections and strengthen enforcement," said Illinois Department of Labor Director Jane Fla-

nagan. "We look forward to continuing our work on behalf of working Illinoisans in the year ahead, including implementing the Paid Leave for All Workers Act, administering a Women Building Infrastructure grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, and the continuing to expand IDOL's strategic enforcement efforts."

Read the full report at https://labor.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idol/documents/23_IDOL_LaborDayReport_Final_083123.pdf.

Gillespie Community Hosts Blood Drive On Sept. 18

The Gillespie community will be hosting a community blood drive on Monday, Sept. 18, from 1 to 6 p.m. inside the United Methodist Church gym, located at 900 Broadway.

Those interested in making a donation should contact Brenda Lowe at 217-710-1336, ImpactLife Springfield at 800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 60020 to locate the drive. Appointments are requested.

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

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16

with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 lbs. A photo ID is required to donate.

For questions about eligibility, call ImpactLife at 1-800-747-5401. Donors who last gave on or before July 24, are eligible to give at this drive.

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Lancer FFA Attends Farm Progress Show

On Wednesday, Aug. 30th, the Lincolnwood High School FFA chapter brought 53 students to the Farm Progress Show in Decatur. While there, students got to see a glimpse into the future of agriculture and how it is evolving through the decades. Students were able to learn through hands-on experiences, along with observing field demonstrations, new crop production techniques and even high technology drones that are projected to be a large part of the future of agriculture. Students also had the opportunity to learn more about ag business and all the opportunities available in the field. *Submitted by Lincolnwood FFA Reporter Morgan Hampton*

Rosenthal Attends Annual Farm Progress Show

Illinois State Representative Wayne Rosenthal of Morrisonville recently attended the 2023 Farm Progress Show in Decatur to meet with farmers and industry experts.

Local and international visitors saw live demonstrations, new agriculture technology and had the opportunity to speak with industry experts about innovations that are re-shaping farming

practices.

"Illinois farmers continue to lead the nation in the production of agricultural goods and commodities, especially when it comes exports," said Representative Rosenthal. "The latest innovations and cutting-edge technology that integrate into farm equipment will strengthen farmers' businesses and production yields. Investing in Illinois Ag is a boost to

the local economy and will increase sales of Illinois exports."

The Farm Progress Show is dedicated to building a brighter future for farmers across the country, customers and the communities.

Farmers must sustain a future of growth and elevate inclusive agriculture communities. The next Farm Progress Show will be Aug. 27, 2024 in Boone, IA.

Fire Calls

House Fire

Shoal Creek Fire Department responded to a fully involved house fire on Central and West St. in Sorento at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9. Mutual aid from New Douglas, Greenville, Livingston and Taylor Springs was present. The firefighters were on the scene for 4.5 hours.

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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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Raymond Community Fire Protection District will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at the regular meeting of the Raymond Community Fire Protection District Board of Trustees and that final action therein will be taken by the Raymond Community Fire Protection District Board of Trustees at said meeting.

Notice is further given that the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Raymond Fire Protection District in the County of Montgomery, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2024 will be on file and available for public inspection at the Raymond Fire House from and after September 6, 2023.

Robert Matli
Secretary

JN 35-1t, RN 43-1t

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PROPERTY SOLD AS ONE LUMP SUM!! Located in Hurricane Township in the north west corner of Fayette County Illinois, this 21+/- farmland has 20+/- of tillable acreage with an estimated PI of 100. This property is owned by Dale Jr and Sarah Williams of Fillmore, Illinois. To get to the property location from Bingham go 3 1/4 mile North on 225E, then 1/2 mile East on 2975N, then 1/2 mile North on 275E, then 1/2 east on 3000N and 1/4 mile South on 325E - property on left. Farming rights available for 2024 farming season. Soil types are Bluford, Hickory, Ava and Parke. View property at will or contact Mollett Auction Service for information at advertising@mollettauctions.com. Selling As is Where is. Thanks! Adam & Wayne

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Myra Mollett, Managing Broker For Seven Oaks Realty

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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.

/s/ Alan Pretnar
Alan Pretnar #6182987
Attorney at Law
510 Hillsboro St., P.O. Box 310
Taylor Springs, IL 62089
217/532-9298
apretnar@alanpretnar.com
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MON, SEPT. 11 - 6 p.m. soft close. Bidding ends for John Foster estate and others on-line auction. Register/bid at mikecrabtree.auctions.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 Twp., 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.

TUES., SEPT. 26 - Online auction for City of Nokomis liquidation of vehicles & equip. such as lawn mowers, 4-wheeler, snow plows & more at 22 S. Cedar, Nokomis. Viewing at Nokomis City Hall M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Bidding open now at aumannauctions.com. 10% buyers premium.

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

SAT, SEPT. 30 - 9 a.m. Live onsite auction of RE located at 307 Cundiff, Coffeen. Open house: Sept. 11, 4-6 p.m. RE consists of a 3BR/1BA home located on a large lot, 2-car garage, storage shed and a gazebo in the back yard. There are 2 lots to the S. of the home across Cundiff w/ an older storage garage as well that will sell separately after the main residence. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SUN, OCT. 1 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for Dale, Jr. and Sarah Williams farmland consisting of 21+/- acres (with 20+ tillable) in Fayette County located at xxx 325 E. Hurricane Township, Bingham. Sold as one. View at will. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

THURS. & FRI, OCT. 12 & 13 - Taking consignments now for lawn/garden, heavy equipment, construction & farm related items such as: tractors, tillage tools, harvest and hay equipment, semi tractors, trailers, mowers, tillers, golf carts, ATVs, tools, etc. By appointment now, call Adam or Wayne. Consignment drop off dates: Sept. 22 & 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 937 US Rt. 40 Frontage Road, Greenville. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

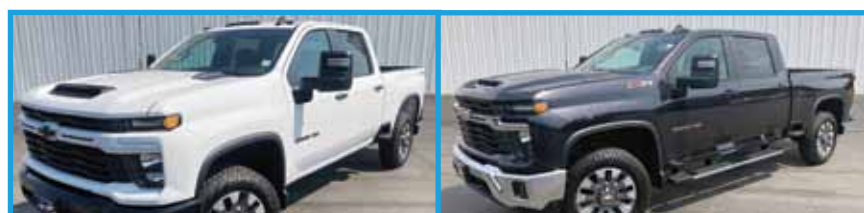
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23 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 RST M175, crew cab, 4WD, red hot RJI SALE PRICE ... \$57,410	23 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LTZ M174, Crew, 4WD, iridescent pearl RJI SALE PRICE ... \$66,405	23 CHEVY SILVERADO K1500 ZR2 M158, summit white RJI SALE PRICE ... \$72,260	23 CHEVY TAHOE PREMIER M165, 4WD, iridescent pearl RJI SALE PRICE ... \$88,043	24 CHEVY EQUINOX RS N110, AWD, mosaic black metallic RJI SALE PRICE ... \$37,555
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24 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500HD N102, Custom, Duramax, summit white RJI SALE PRICE ... \$68,263	24 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500HD N104, crew cab, Duramax, dark ash RJI SALE PRICE ... \$75,003
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23 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 RST, 4WD, black.....\$56,030	24 CHEVY EQUINOX RS, riptide blue metallic.....\$35,770
23 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER LT, sterling gray metallic.....\$27,638	24 CHEVY SILVERADO 3500HD LT, 4WD, sterling gray met.....\$74,933
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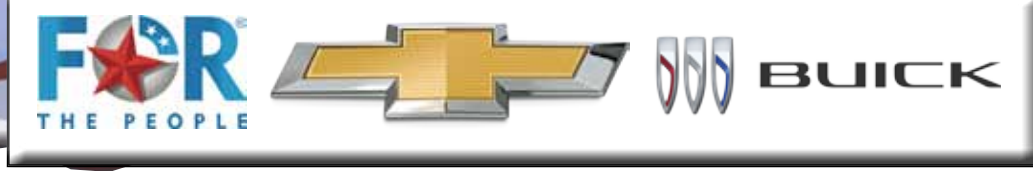


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