



Pictured above, from the left are City Council member Tommy Justison, Mayor Don Downs, Officer Tim Sheldon and Police Chief Randy Leetham. Sheldon was honored at the city council meeting for 24 years of service to the community. He retired in February.

Hillsboro Council Discusses Animal Control

by Ron Deabenderfer

Animal control contract issues were on the Hillsboro City Council agenda again Tuesday evening, May 21. Mayor Don Downs said he felt the county's mayors and the Montgomery County Board had reached a tentative contractual agreement through give and take negotiations, but when the final document came to the city, financial terms had been unilaterally changed by the county board.

Downs said he expected the agreed-upon per capita

charge for towns and cities within the county to be \$2.00, so that was the amount the city budgeted for services. When negotiations with the county ended, there was to be no extra after-hours (between 5 p.m. to 9 a.m.) charges; the version presented to the council Tuesday night carried a \$250 charge per after-hour incident. Emergency calls (weekends and holidays) would also entail a \$250 fee.

Finance Commissioner Patrick Ward said the added fees made budgeting for these impossible because

their frequency couldn't be predicted. In answer to a question, Police Chief Randy Leetham said most calls for help with dangerous dogs come after the 9 to 5 working day because that's when dogs are released from confinement (after their owners come home from work).

Because Hillsboro's population was 4,252 in 2020, at \$2.00 per capita the cost to the city for animal control services would be \$8,504. That's the amount in the budget recently approved for the next fiscal year. According to The Journal-News

article covering last week's county board meeting, only Chairman Doug Donaldson voted against the changed version sent to Hillsboro. The topic is sure to be addressed at the next Mayor's meeting (Wednesday, May 29, at 5 p.m. in the board room of the Historic Courthouse).

Though the agenda was lengthy (30 items), the rest of the meeting was more routine. Bills sent to the city in the past month were approved for payment; the total was \$532.875.23.

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Panhandle Summer Projects Underway

<u>by Kyle Herschelman</u>

School has only been out a few days, but the summer projects in the Panhandle School District are in full swing.

Superintendent Aaron Hopper updated the board of education during its meeting on Monday, May 20, of the summer maintenance work going on at the Raymond and Farmersville campuses. Board member Gretchen Rovey was unable to attend the meeting.

In Raymond, concrete work is being done to connect an exit to the gym, with forms set and rock poured on the new pathway. Work has also begun on the renovation of one of the science rooms at Lincolnwood with the tables

had to be repaired before the gutters could be installed.

Hopper said that Keasha Wagahoff is working on putting bar codes on equipment in the district, as well as taking photos of individual rooms to help the district keep track of its inventory better. He added that the technology department is already doing something similar.

Hopper also expressed his appreciation to Jason Wagahoff, who coordinates transportation, buildings and grounds in the district, for managing the different groups and teams who are working on projects in the district.

In other business, the board accepted a bid of \$3,200 for one of the surplus bus-



Sunday, May 26, 1 p.m.....Irving United Methodist 1:30 p.m. Irving Cemetery

Monday, May 27, 10:30 a.m. Litchfield Veterans Memorial Monday, May 27, 10 a.m....Nokomis Memorial Park Monday, May 27, 10 a.m.....Raymond Memorial Park

Monday, May 27, 10 a.m...... Hillsboro Veterans Memorial

removed so abatement of tile can begin soon.

Preliminary work for installing the new generator at the Raymond campus is also underway. Hopper said that may cause the systems at the school to be down briefly during the installation process.

At Farmersville, the gutters have been replaced on one of the buildings, and preparations are underway to do the same on another. Facia on the other building

ses, which was purchased by Grace Baptist Church of Sperry, OK. Board member Dana Pitchford said that someone asked her about the other bus, which is a 2007 Thomas brand with over 100,000 miles on it. Hopper said that the district is hoping to break even on the sale of the busses after purchasing two activity vans for \$3,000 apiece.

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Litchfield School District Celebrates Retirees And State Qualifiers In May

by Mary (Galer) <u>Herschelman</u>

It was a night of celebration for members of the Litchfield School Board, who recognized district retirees and state qualifiers as part of their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, May 21, at the Unit office.

During the Citizens' Agenda, Litchfield School Board President Julie Abel recognized the district's retirees this spring. Although many could not be present, she read all their names and years of service to the district. Retirees include Mark Elvers, Brenda Elvers, Lori Heise, Bill Jones and Lisa Schaffer. The one retiree present at the meeting was Superintendent Dr. Greggory Fuerstenau,

who received a plaque from Abel for his five years of service to the district. His last day will be June 30.

Next up, Abel introduced Litchfield Middle School girls and boys track coaches Stephanie Short and Drew Logan. Each introduced the state qualifiers who competed in East Peoria. Girls state qualifiers include Lana Cress, Maggie Schwab, Ava White, Harley Foulk, Lydia Gruelle, Sicily Lamb, Libbey Gibbs, Aubrie Boston, Jada Carroll, Hailey Green, Adia Melchert, Kilee Hoover, Jennah Longwell, Mckenna Harmon, Emma Weidner and Adyson White. Boys qualifiers include Brylan Marten, Jaylen Komor, Braedyn Knapp, Ryker Witt, Andrew Boston, Jalen Stewart, Jaxon



Litchfield School Board President Julie Abel, at left, presented a plaque to Superintendent Dr. Greggory Fuerstenau to recognize his retirement from the district on June 30. Journal-News Photo

Ray, Lukas Paine, Troy Masinelli and Braylen Stewart. athletes and their families, as

Both coaches thanked the

well as the district and school board for their support.

"These are not only exceptional athletes, but exceptional people," said Logan. "These guys set the standard for what we want in the middle school track program."

The final recognition came from Litchfield High School teacher Amy Jones, who presented the state qualifiers in this year's Science Olympiad. It's the first time the school has competed in the event. Zachary Leitschuh and Jackson Painter won second place at regionals and second place in state at towers. Cal Frerichs and Liam White won first place at regionals and fourth place in state in the wind power division. Conner Favre and Isaiah Burdell took home first place honors in

regionals and state for their knowledge of fossils.

All the student state qualifiers received a certificate from Abel.

Other Business

In calling the meeting to order, the board went immediately into closed session for just over ten minutes to discuss a student discipline issue. Upon returning to closed session, the board unanimously voted to expel a student for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year. Board members Ron Anglin and Valerie Cain were absent.

The board unanimously approved the consent agenda, including the minutes from the April meeting, paying the bills and the treasurer's report.

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Pictured from left to right are the Sources of Strength Peer Leaders Chloe Atkins, Chloe Martincic, Mitchell Cunningham and Brooklyn Kirby.

Hiltopper 'Penny Wars' Benefit Grant's Family

Grant Bryant, a seventh grade student at HJHS, has a rare form of muscular dystrophy and relies on a motorized wheelchair to get him wherever he goes. When the need for reliable wheelchair accessible vehicle came about, the HHS students and staff stepped up, along with the help of the sponsor, Sources of Strength.

Thanks to the generosity of the students and staff of HHS, \$3,000 was raised to donate towards the purchase of this vehicle. To help foster some friendly competition between place was Mrs. Gonzalez's different classes at HHS, the English 3 at \$158.86.

fourth hour class that raised the most amount of money would receive a pizza party.

The winning class was Mrs. Edwards' fourth hour consumer education class, which raised \$786.46. This class will be provided a pizza party lunch provided by Sources of Strength.

In second place was Mrs. Kaucil's business tech at \$626.76; 3rd place was Mr. Harm's chemistry at \$297.65; fourth place was Mr. Morford's algebra at \$235.27; and fourth

Gold Star Mother Will Speak On Memorial Day

Gold Star mother Sally Nation of Hillsboro will be the speaker at this year's Memorial Day service in Hillsboro on Monday, May 27.

The service begins at 10 a.m. at the Hillsboro Veterans Memorial Park. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved to the Hillsboro Junior High School gym.

Nation lost her son, Ryan Buckley in Iraq on June 23, 2006.

The youngest of four children, Nation was raised in Quincy. She graduated from Quincy High School and later married Dennis Buckley. They had two sons, Ryan, born in 1985 and Cody, born in 1987.

In January 1986, Nation became a cashier at Aldi in Jacksonville. A short while later, she moved to the Montgomery County area to be the assistant manager at the Litchfield Aldi store. She married Russ Nation in 2001, and became a blended family with his children, Aaron and Danielle Nation. She continued to work for Aldi and her husband worked for Graham Correctional Center. They enjoyed their lives, raising their children and working toward a bright future. As their children became young adults, they started making their own decisions about their futures. Ryan enlisted in the Army on Feb. 19, 2004. Nation and her family

got a life-changing phone call on June 23, 2006, that Ryan

had been killed in Iraq. As she and her family struggled through their grief, Hillsboro and the surrounding communities showered them with love and support. The following months were a struggle as emotions ran wild.

Nation said she's confident that God gave her the strength to carry on. She started attending church and became a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Fillmore. With her church and her husband by her side, she started to heal.

Nation retired in January 2024 after 38 years of employment. She spent almost 25 of those as store manager at Aldi in Litchneid. Nation is now enjoying retirement. She feels blessed to be a part of the community and is grateful for her friends and family, including her four grandchildren, Gavin Buckley, Kearstynn Davis, Ryan Nation and Makenzie Buckley. Brad Huber will serve as master of ceremonies for the annual program. Also participating will be the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard, the Hillsboro High School Chamber Choir, Mayor Don Downs, the Hillsboro Ministerial Fellowship, the Christiana Tillson chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Hillsboro High School band.

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American President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "We must dare to be great; and we must realize that greatness is the fruit of toil and sacrifice and high courage."

This Monday, May 27, marks the annual celebration of Memorial Day, a federal holiday to honor the United States military personnel who died in service to their country. A complete schedule of services in the county appears on the front page of today's edition.

In recognition of Memorial Day, *The Journal-News* office in Hillsboro will be closed. Regular business hours resume on Tuesday, May 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Due to the postal holiday on Monday, the next issue of The Journal-News will be printed on Tuesday, May 28. The deadlines for both news items and advertising is Saturday at noon.

And speaking of Memorial Day, volunteers with Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro will be collecting donations this weekend for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Volunteers will be at the



cemetery Friday through Monday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accept donations.

The Historical Society of Montgomery County has announced the postponement of the "A Pickin' and a Lickin" program that was originally set for June 2, at the Challacombe House in Hillsboro.

Due to the noise from the cicadas at this time, the program has been postponed, and will be re-scheduled. Those who have already purchased tickets may keep them as they will be valid for the upcoming show.

Volunteers with the an-

nual Raymond Celebration have announced the theme of this year's festivities. "Neon Nights in Down-

town Raymond" will take center stage when the village hosts its annual celebration

Aug. 2-3 in Raymond.

If you're looking for some great bargains, then stop by Raymond this weekend for the annual village-wide yard sales, May 24-25.

A complete list of addresses appears in today's edition, and paper maps will be available throughout the community. Don't miss out on any of the great deals!

Save the cooking for someone else!

The Hillsboro Knights of Columbus are hosting a fish fry on Friday, May 24, at the CNB Bank and Trust parking lot in downtown Hillsboro.

They will be serving from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. On the menu will be fish, chips a cookie and a drink for \$9. Fish sandwiches only will be \$7.



Volunteers at Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro continue to monitor the next boxes, with the most recent report on May 10.

The 50 nest boxes on the property contain eastern bluebirds, tree swallows and wrens. To date this year, the boxes have four eastern bluebird eggs, ten hatchlings and 50 fledged, all of which were banded by Nancy Redman.

Tree swallows occupy 12 nest boxes with 61 eggs and house wrens have begun to built nests in four boxes with 21 eggs.

County Pheasants Forever Holds Habitat Day

Hands on Habitat day was conducted by Montgomery County Pheasants Forever at Route 66 Prairie in Litchfield on Friday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m. State and local Pheasants Forever leaders and volunteers participated, as well as FFA students. Natural Area Guardians, part of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District, hosted the event.

Agriculture students from Raymond High School, supervised by Mason Fesser, learned to identify invasive species, how to mechanically remove teasel, marked suspected invasive species and scattered seed collected by Henry Eilers near Molly the Monarch. Pheasants Forever volunteers Glenn Bishop and Brad Ozee moved dirt for the prairie underneath the



Nokomis High School agriculture students participated in the Habitat Day hosted by Montgomery County Pheasants Forever. Pictured above, from the left, are Jeff Bernardini, Atticus Bertolino, Walker Stewart, Garrett Engelman, Grace King, Summer Spencer, Dylan Yeske, Ella Huelson, Rem Tester, Kinley Stolte and Mason Fesser, Nokomis agriculture teacher.

watchful eye of Henry Eilers. Natural Area Guardians have nurtured Route 66 Monarch Park at Litchfield

for the Illinois Department of Transportation with guidance from Site Superintendent Henry Eilers, for more

than 16 years. Lunch was provided by Farm Credit of Taylorville.





IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY - HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS** FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff,

VS. AMITR MOHABBAT, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF VIRGIL ROBBINS, DECEASED; JULIE VANCUREN; KELLY ROBBINS; DALE ROBBINS; CYN-THIA ROBBINS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VIRGIL ROBBINS; DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendants, 22 FC 18

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause the Sheriff of Montgomery County will on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., Courthouse lobby, 120 North Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 10-34-476-055.

Commonly known as:

3380 ILLINOIS ROUTE 16, LITCHFIELD, IL 62056

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 22-021186 SHERIFF 13244186

Ace Hardware Helps To Beautify Hillsboro

Ace Hardware and Imagine Hillsboro folks worked together on Friday afternoon, May 17, to plant the large terra cotta colored planters on Main St. Hillsboro. Ace Hardware provided the plants and the Imagine Hillsboro volunteers provided the man power. Pictured left to right are Angie and Don Harban, Joyce Fath, Kaitlyn Fath, Rory Fath and Winry Fath. Other volunteers not pictured include Doug Johnson, Bob Fuehne and Bob Schwander.

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Hillsboro Library Closed This Week For Construction

May 28.

Due to the ongoing construction project in the base $ment of Hills \vboro Area Public$ Library, the library closed early on Tuesday, May 21.

The library will remain closed throughout the week as construction continues. They will re-open during

> Public Meetings

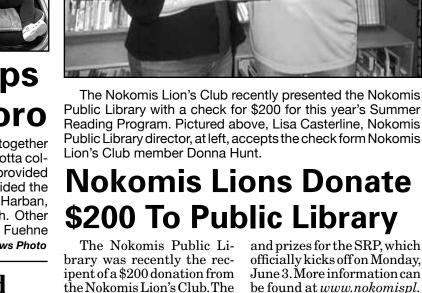
Coordinating Committee Meeting

The Montgomery County Board Coordinating Committee will be meeting on Thursday, May 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the county board room at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

Agenda items include an update from EMA director Kevin Schott, an update on the DCEO Energy Transition Grant and the county board room tech grant and ARPA ordinance approvals.

from businesses, individuals and organizations in and normal hours on Tuesday, around the community, will help pay for programs, events

and prizes for the SRP, which officially kicks off on Monday, June 3. More information can be found at www.nokomispl. org, the Nokomis Public Library Facebook page or at the Library, located at 100 N. Spruce St. in Nokomis





donation, along with others

Worksaver Inc. Donates \$10,000 To SCI

Tim Burenga, vice president of sales for Worksaver, Inc. in Litchfield is pictured with the SCI Center's welding class, which serves students in Litchfield and surrounding Montgomery and Macoupin County schools. Worksaver, Inc. contributed \$10,000 to support first year consumable needs of the program at the Center.

Pictured left to tight are Brawley Jacobs, Luke Lankutis, Donnie Daugherty, Tim Burenga, Hayley Zeller, Matt Belusko, Billy Nockman, Gage Sellers and Payton Noyes.

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Obituaries

David L. Scott, 77 Served His Country



David L. Scott, 77, of Nokomis, died May 18, 2024 at 10:52 p.m. at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Services will be held on Thursday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Hough Funeral Home in Raymond. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. A walk through for the Law Enforcement and EMS Communities will be held at 6 p.m. Those members taking part are to assemble at the Raymond Baptist Church, located at 511 E. Broad St. in Raymond.

Mr. Scott was born on March 12, 1947,

in Hillsboro. He married Theresa Pillars-Langford and she survives. He served in the U.S. Navy and dedicated his life to serving others. He retired from Graham Correction as lieutenant after 20 years of service. He had worked for 13 years the City of Nokomis Police Dept. serving as sergeant and was a EMT for the Nokomis Witt Area Ambulance Service for many years. He had served as chief of Schram City and worked for Witt Police Dept. for a period of time.

Mr. Scott enjoyed riding motorcycles, fishing, boating, being outdoors NASCAR and spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Scott is survived by his stepchildren, Amy Stiner of Sullivan and Justin (Shannon) Langford of Bloomington; grandchildren Lexus, Zoey, Preston, Caven, Boston and Kasten; brother Charles Casey of Hillsboro; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Scott was preceded in death by his parents, William L. and Ollie H. Light Scott; and two brothers and three sisters.

Memorials may be given in Mr. Scott's honor to the Nokomis Witt Area Ambulance Service. Hough Funeral Home in Raymond is assisting the family. Those wishing to share memories or give condolences to the family may do so at www.houghfuneralhome.com

Hillsboro Senior Club To Meet At Maverick

nity Senior Club will meet at Maverick Steaks and Spirits in Litchfield for their May meeting on Tuesday, May 28.

The club will eat off of the buffet at noon. Dues 217-532-3662.

The Hillsboro Commu- must be paid to participate in the meal.

Those interested in attending are asked to place their reservation by Friday, May 24 by calling Lyn at

Edwin W. Sievers, 91 Army Vet, Farmer

Edwin W. "Sonny" Sievers, Jr., 91, died on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at his residence in Worden, with family by his side.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 17, at Zion Lutheran Church in Staunton with Pastor Philip Girardin officiating. Burial was held at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Hamel.

Mr. Sievers was born on April 28, 1933, in New Douglas, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. and Esther (Sievers) Sievers Sr. He married Carmen Oehler on June 23,

1957, at Zion Lutheran Church in Staunton and she survives. He served in the U.S. Army and worked as a farmer on the family farm for many years. He loved his family more than anything.

He is survived by his wife, Carmen; three children, Nadine Sievers of Litchfield, Denise (Keith) Buschmann of Staunton and Kevin (Mary) Sievers of Gillespie; five grandchildren, Jeremy Engelke of Staunton, Jenny (Jason) Overby of Staunton, Justin Engelke of Staunton, Nick Sievers of Edwardsville and Colin Sievers of Worden; three great-grandchildren; two siblings, Melvin (Lucille) Sievers of Staunton and Velma (Don) Granda of New Douglas; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Sievers was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Joshua McCrady and Brittney Sievers.

William J. Bergman, 72 Loving Grandfather

William Joseph Bergman, 72, died May 16, 2024. Mr. Bergman was born to Mary Lou and Joseph Bergman on Sept. 18, 1951, in Litchfield. He had an associate's degree in Technology and maintained a career as a navigator for Mobile Oil search in Houston, TX, where he traveled all over the world.

He married Joyce Hooper on Nov. 1, 2000, in Hillsboro. He was affectionately known as Papa Bill, and he loved telling stories about his adventures to his two grandsons. He loved his family very much.

Mr. Bergman is survived by his wife Joyce Bergman; one daughter Leslie Hooper; grandsons Zeith and Zyler McKinney; mother Mary Lou Bergman; Luanne (Greg) Stewart; James (Emma) Bergman; Jeanie (Doyle) Roth; and many nieces and nephews.

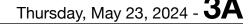
He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Bergman of Raymond.

NNA Meets With Congress In Nation's Capital

The National Newspaper Association (NNA) held a leadership fly-in in Washington D.C. Events began with attending the second annual Keep US Posted Mother's Day greeting event on Capitol Hill. More than 750 cards were distributed to members of Congress and hundreds of staff in under two hours. The enthusiasm and goodwill generated was palpable.

Five members of Congress attended the event which was





James C. Howard, 87 U.S. Army Veteran



James C. Howard, 87, of Coffeen, died at 10:28 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, at his daughter's residence in Coffeen.

Burial will be held at a later date in Shiloh Cemetery in Coffeen. Toberman Dean Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Mr. Howard was born on March 6, 1937, in Coffeen, to the late Berthol 'Buck' Howard and Iva M. (Snider) Howard. He graduated from Coffeen High school and attended SIU in Carbondale. He also served his country in the U.S. Army. Mr. Howard worked at Ozark

Airlines and the C.I.P.S. Power Station in Coffeen, before retiring after 30 years. He married Mary Wilderman, and they later divorced. He married Rachel (Anderson) Herder on July 27, 1991, in Little Rock, AR, and she survives.

Mr. Howard was a member of the Mt. Moriah Lodge #51. He loved to fish and be outdoors, and spent 20 years traveling the country in an RV with his wife, Rachel. He was known as a great storyteller and he loved spending time with his family.

Mr. Howard is survived by his wife, Rachel, of Coffeen; children Patricia Howard of Coffeen, Sue (Brian) Gray of Coffeen, Allen (Cyndy) Howard of Coffeen, Jerry Howard of Missouri, Lisa (Joe) McClelland of Waggoner and Karl (Mary) Herder of Fairbury; grandchildren Jason (Aleah) Ginos, Nicole (Zach) Lipe, Alexandra Ginos, Shelby Gray, Dylan (Kelsey) Gray, Eric Howard, Jessica McClelland, Maggie McClelland, Michael (Laura) Herder and Amber Herder; great-grandchildren Landon Lipe, Sawyer Lipe, Jase Lipe, Tanner Ginos, Luke Ginos, Charli Ginos, Lakyn Gray, Layni Gray, Livvy Gray and Amari Thomas; brother Gerald L. Howard of Coffeen; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister Janet (Howard) Beard.

Condolences may be left online at tobermandeanfh.com

Gary L. Bergschneider, 75_____ Loved The Outdoors

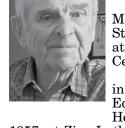
Gary Leo Bergschneider, 75, of Farmersville, died on May 18, 2024, at his home with his wife and family by his side, after living with Parkinson's disease for almost 15 years.

In accordance with his wishes cremation with private graveside services at Tine Sawyer Cemetery will take place on Friday, May 24, and a celebration of life to be planned at a later date. Hough Funeral Home in Raymond is assisting the family.

Mr. Bergschneider was born Aug. 18, 1948, the son of Leo and Betty Westbrook Bergschneider in Hillsboro. He lived in Harvel for many years where he served as fire chief and an EMT for the Raymond/Harvel ambulance. He moved to rural Farmersville in 1988. He worked at Bergschneider Trucking and a short time for UPS.

Mr. Bergschneider enjoyed being outdoors and many years were spent camping and boating. He loved living in the country with his wife Connie of almost 49 years together. He loved his pets and will be sadly missed by his 17 year old cat Baby Gray, who was never far from him.

Mr. Bergschneider is survived by his wife Connie (Pernicka) Bergschneider; son Matt (Jana) Bergschneider of Taylorville; grandchildren Jade (Lane) Bollinger, Reese Bergschneider and Jase Bergschneider, Ashley Page and Tiffany (Jason) Robinson; great-grandchildren Dominic, Zoey and Charlotte; and brother, Ron (Gail) Bergschneider. Memorials may be made to Montgomery County Paws. Those wishing to share memories or express their condolences may do so at *www.houghfuneralhome.com*



a little down from last year, but understandable because votes were called during the event.

Some NNA representatives participated in a fundraising event for Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), who leads the Senate oversight committee. During the event, he announced that he would be sending a letter with 25 other senators to the USPS, calling on them to pause the implementation of the network changes under the Delivering for America plan.

The group let him know that the rate increases in the plan are equally problematic and urged him to encourage a pause of the large increase scheduled for July as well.

On Thursday, May 8, the USPS Board of Governors met publicly and there appeared the first glimmers of pushback from some board members against the plan. Board member and former Deputy Postmaster General, Ron Stroman, expressed concern about what is taking place and suggested that some pause may be in order.

Later in the meeting, the USPS released its latest financial results, which indicate that while revenue is understandably up modestly due to the large number of rate increases, mail volume is down and labor costs are up.

Furthermore, for March, parcel volumes also decreased undermining the viability of

track to lose \$7 billion this fiscal year with no improvement in sight.

NNA Fly-In attendees are pictured above with former Representative Kevin Yoder (R-KS) who

leads Keep US Posted. On the far left is John Galer, owner of The Journal-News in Hillsboro.

During the fly-in, discussions with staff for representative Jake La Turner (R-KS) confirmed that he still intends to introduce regulatory modernization legislation as early as the end of the month if oversight committee chairman, James Comer, agrees. Efforts are underway to get that agreement to support the introduction of this legisthe plan. The USPS is now on lation, as the Postal Regula-

tory Commission prepares to undertake a major review of the rate-setting system.

NNA leadership also met with Democratic and Republican staff for both House and Senate oversight committees and other members of Congress who have expressed concern for newspaper issues and will be following up on those discussions to advance the introduction of regulatory modernization legislation and a cap in in-county postage rates.

Local Students Earn **Degrees From UIS**

The University of Illinois Springfield closed out the spring semester with a total of 1,625 graduates on Saturday, May 11.

Local graduates are Spencer Jorn (BA in elementary education) and Kavli Ward (BS in management information systems), both from Hillsboro, Katherine Brandt (MATR in atheltic training),

Sabrina Gulliver (BA in education), Hayden Kolb (BS in computer science) and Amber Scott (MBA in business administration), all from Litchfield, KiryAumann (BA Elementary Education), and Keri Riebe (MBA Business Administration), both from Nokomis, and Sophia Britt (BA in visual arts) from Raymond.

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Security National Bank Merges With Bank & Trust

(SNB) is merging into Bank & Trust Company. As part of the transaction, the merger will begin at the close of the business day at 4 p.m., at all SNB branches on Friday, May 24. Every SNB branch will remain closed until Tuesday, May 28, when all branches will reopen as Bank & Trust Company.

The merger will allow Bank & Trust Company to offer all of its banking products and services to SNB's customers in an efficient and effective manner. In addition, the merger will allow each of SNB's employees to become employees of Bank & Trust Company, ensuring both a smooth transition and a continuation of the service and relationships that SNB's customers have previously experienced.

Both Bank & Trust Company and SNB have enjoyed

Security National Bank strong core deposit funding and held to a tradition of relationship banking, customer service and community involvement. Bank & Trust Company says that the merger will promote the continuation of these important community banking objectives.

> After the merger is completed, Bank & Trust Company will have 11 banking offices with a primary focus of providing traditional community banking, trust and wealth management services to South-Central Illinois.

> "We are looking forward to bringing both Bank & Trust Company and Security National Bank into one community banking organization. For many years, each of the banks have fostered similar cultures focused on serving our customers and communities," Dan Fleming, president and chief



Security National Bank in Witt will be merging with Bank & Trust Company. Dan Fleming, president and CEO of Bank & Trust Company, at left, will maintain his position. He is pictured with Lisa Henrichsmeyer of Security National Bank, at right.

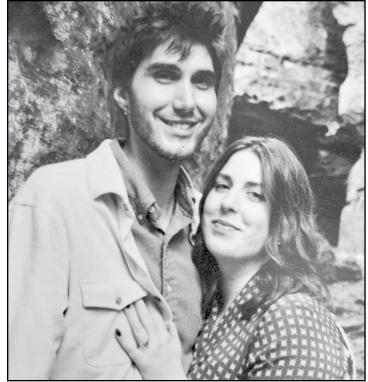
executive officer of Bank & Trust, said. "Together, the combined bank will provide extensive community banking products, services and resources. We look forward to continuing the completion of this important strategic

transaction for the benefit of each bank's customers and communities."

Following the merger, Mr. Fleming will remain as president and chief executive officer of Bank & Trust Company.

Family

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Fair And Emery Make **Plans For Fall Wedding**

Miranda Rae Fair and Joseph Cole Emery, both of Hillsboro announce their engagement and upcoming fall wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mike Fair of Jerseyville and Jessica Collins of Hillsboro. She is an art teacher at Hillsboro Junior High School.

Her future husband is the son of Joe and Lisa Emery of Panama. He is a guest experience representative at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

The couple plan to marry on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Copper Dock Winery in Pocahontas.



Local Artist Begins New Library Donor Wall Mural

Artist Joseph Williams of Hillsboro began painting a new donor wall mural inside the Hillsboro Area Public Library this May. Earlier this year, Williams completed a series of paintings for the children's library. More information will be available as he continues his work at the library.

Births



the birth of their

first child, a daughter, Riley Jo Jaeger, born at 5:24 p.m. on April 28, 2024, at Memorial Health in Springfield. She weighed 8 lbs., 4 ozs., and measured 21 ins. long.

Her father is a salesman for Sloan Implement and her mother is an assistant cashier at First National Bank in Raymond.

Paternal grandparents are David and Kim Jaeger of Waggoner. Maternal grandparents are Allen and Becky Poggenpohl of Raymond.

Paternal great-grandfather is Lester Jaeger of Litchfield. Maternal greatgrandparents are Russell and Linda Poggenpohl of Raymond and Chuck and Linda VanAusdall of Virden.



Churches Celebrate Holy Sacraments

Holy Family and St. Agnes Catholic churches celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 13, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield. The Celebrant in attendance was Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, as well as Father Daniel L.Willenborg and Deacon Leland Johns.

Those recieving the Sacrament, in front, from left to right are Landon Treece, Abigail Young, Charlotte Reams, Jemma Schneider, Lilly Odle, Alivia Leetham, Grace Williams. In the second row are Benjamin Imel, Jensyn Lipe, Carsynn Mills, Melanie Hanners, August Gonzales, Michael Eyman, Lillian Beeler. In the third row are Deacon Leland Johns, Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, and Father Daniel L. Willenborg.

DAR Recognizes the 80th Anniversary Of D-Day

The Daughters of American Revolution want to recognize the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. On this day, the Allied Troops, consisting of American, Canadian, United Kingdom and Soviet Union forces, landed on the beaches of Normandy, and invaded the German Axis forces, which were German, Italian and Japanese forces in occupied France.

Well over 150,000 troops were dropped on the beach throughout the day on June 6, 1944 in a military attack known as Operation Overlord. Throughout the next three days more than 350,000 troops along with 50,000 vehicles and about 100,000 tons of other equipment made its way into France from that . It was and is still today considered the largest joint military operation in world history. D-Day is universally considered the beginning of the end of World War II. General Dwight D. Eisenhower began planning the invasion when he took command of the forces in January 1944. In an effort to accomplish the

invasion, he executed one of the most daring deceptions known to man. He led the Axis forces to believe the Allied soldiers would be attacking at a different location, even using dummy soldiers lead by General George Patton and tons of equipment. The original planned invasion was scheduled for June 5, but poor weather conditions delayed

the attack a full 24 hours.

On May 8, 1945, less than one year later, the Allied forces accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces, and on September 2, 1945, Japan's unconditional surrender was accepted, signaling the end of World War II.

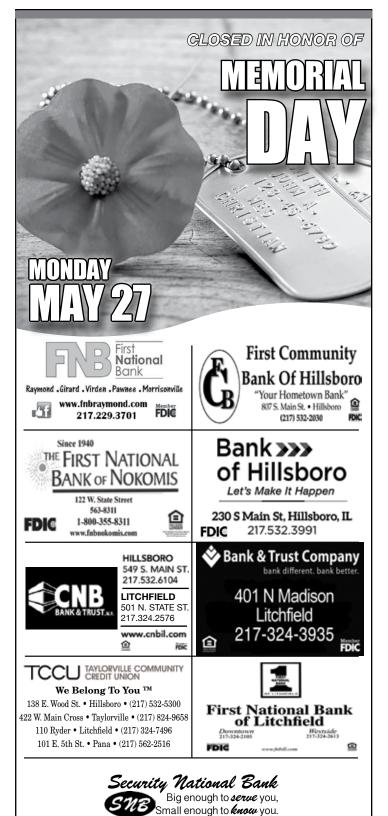
In celebration of the brave military forces and the protection of the Americans they



Bremer Sanctuary Holds Wildflower Walk

Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro held its annual Woodland Wildflower Walk at the sanctuary on Saturday morning, April 27. Ken Schaal led the walk and was assisted by Jerry Prater. The group of 12 interested individuals hiked along the West Prairie timber and onto Pipeline Trail. Due to the early spring weather, many of the typical species were already past their prime, but the group still viewed many favorites.

Kinder Cemetery Will Host Memorial Service



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stood for and fought for, the Christina Tillson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution would like to offer a heartfelt thanks on behalf of all citizens and urge all Americans to take a moment to say thank you to these courageous men and women for all the freedoms we enjoy today.

Marriage Licenses

Darrell Martin Jett, Jr., Mulberry Grove; Danielle Breanne Beeler, Mulberry Grove





The 157th Memorial Observance at the Kinder Cemetery will be held Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m. at the cemetery. The guest speaker will be Patty Whitworth, Regent of the Christiana Tillson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She will honor the veterans buried at Kinder by presenting the various activities that the DAR provides.

Even before a national Memorial Day was legislated, the first Sunday in June was chosen by Hornsby area residents as the date for an annual tribute to their forefathers and veterans.

Kinder Cemetery is located two miles south of Hornsby. The route to follow travels south through town on Oriel Road. Continue straight onto a gravel road. Drivers should turn left (east) on Brand Ln Litchfield, IL 62056.

for 1/4 mile and turn right at the black mailbox onto an unmarked lane. When drivers reach the tree line, they'll make a left onto a grassy area between a row of trees and the timberline. Follow the lane, turning right (south) at the end of the trees. The community of Hornsby is on Route 16 about halfway between Gillespie and Litchfield. The cemetery is not visible from the road but is an attractive site with more than 275 graves.

The board invites all relatives, friends and visitors to come to this traditional ceremony and visit the cemetery. Attendees are asked to bring a chair.

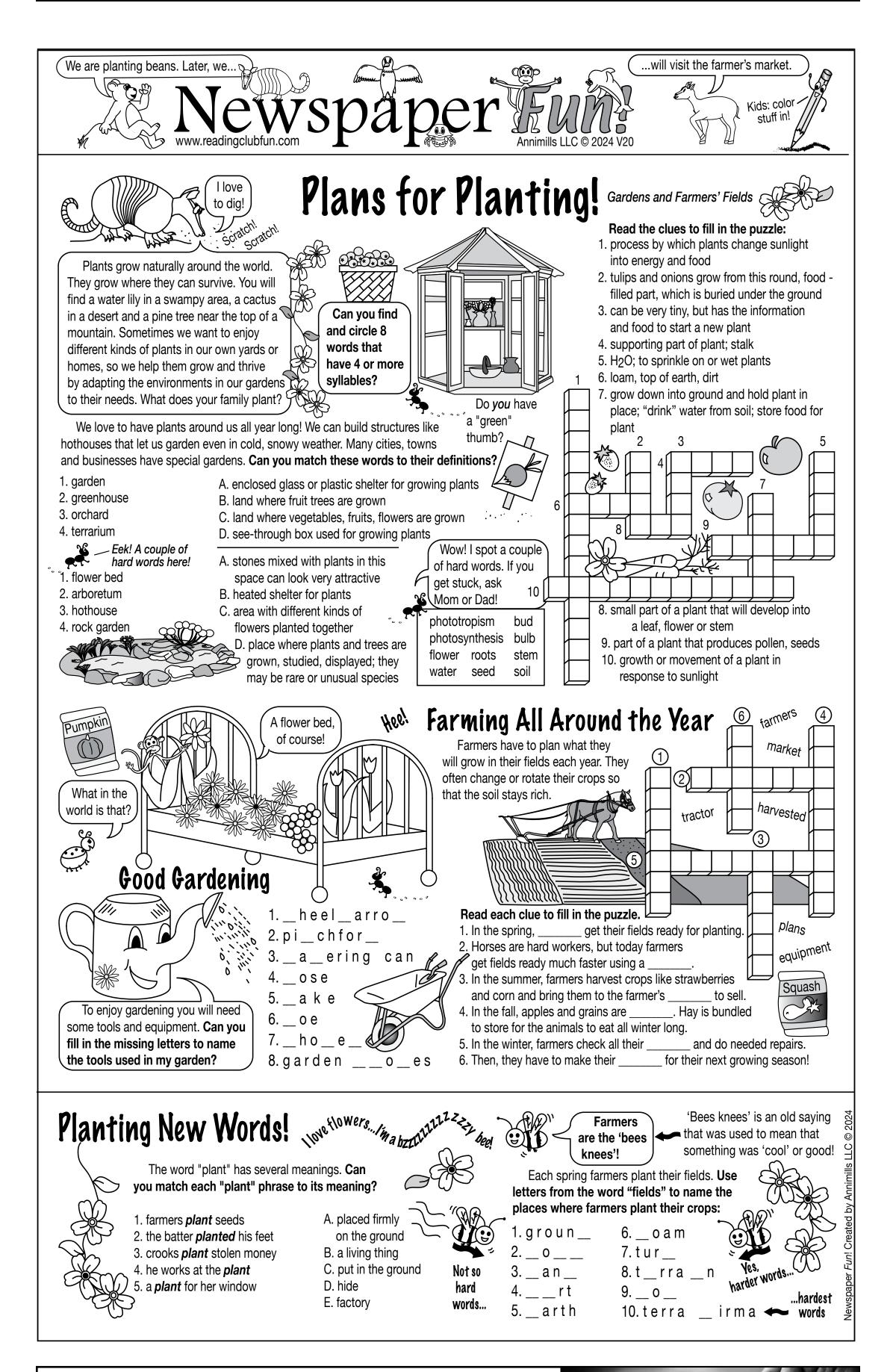
Donations for cemetery upkeep are appreciated and may be sent to Treasurer Bill Guthrie, 714 East Union Ave,

Mount Olive Church To Host Special Memorial Day Service

Mount Olive Illinois First Baptist Church will be having "Honor Memorial Sunday" on Sunday, May 26, in the 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. services at 410 W. 3rd North Street. Special music will include "The Battle of Hymn of the Republic."

Former and current service members are welcome to wear their uniforms, and everyone is welcome to attend the services. For more info, call 217-299-0508.





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Lewis Takes Newspaper **On First Trip To The Beach**

"It took 81 years, but my mom finally got to see the ocean and beach!" said Melanie Sherer of Hillsboro. The Journal-News accompanied Cathy Lewis, seated, on a May trip to Punta Cana, Mexico with her daughter, Melanie, and granddaughters, Chloe and Mia Sherer, on a trip that was most definitely worth the wait.

Prolux Energy Will Host Grand Opening Saturday

The grand opening of and beer, raffle prizes and Solarships USA and Prolux Energy will be on Saturday May 25 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At the event, plan to see a variety of fun activities and learning experiences such as axe throwing, bounce houses, a DJ booth, free food a solar education and job fair. Prolux Energy wants to change the way people think about energy while having a good time with friends in the community. The event location will be at 1915 Schram Avenue in Hillsboro

Raymond Board Buys Four Golf Carts, Sells Surplus

Mayor Denny Held called An idea to leave score cards the Monday, May 20 meeting of the Raymond Village Board to order at 7:03 p.m. Those in attendance included Trustees Dan Hough, Ryan Bruntjen and Bruce Poggenpohl. Other attendees included Sally Broaddus, Jason McCallum, Ken Eller and Wayne Angle. Trustees Greg Bernhardt and Kendall Snyder were absent

A motion was made by Trustee Krager and seconded by Trustee Hough to approve the minutes of the May 6 meeting, as well as approve the financial report for April. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

In golf course updates, the golf course has purchased four golf carts. The golf course will be selling off four

and a tri-fold to advertise the golf course was discussed. Due to the golf course being for paying customers only, no trespassing signs will be put up.

In streets and alleys, the street department will be fixing the area that floods by the Pitchford residence. The current plan is to put in an eight inch double tile and line it up with the ditch and culvert. MFT bid letting will be held on Monday, June 3, at 9 a.m.

Junk week will be held from Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 7. Approved items should be set out on the curb and a crew will come by for a one time pick up. The village-wide yard sale will be

Litchfield School Board

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Dr. Fuerstenau said the bills reflect the end of the school year plus construction costs at the Litchfield Early Childhood Center. He added that the budget is tracking as expected and he will present preliminary ending balances at the June meeting.

Bills for the month of May totalled nearly \$1.7 million, including \$206,633.19 from the education fund, \$73,819.35 from operations and maintenance, \$21,233.11 from transportation, \$522,351.82 from capital projects, \$6,989.50 from tort and \$838,893.31 from health life safety. As of April 30, the ending balance of all funds is \$19.8 million, with \$12.8 million in operating funds, \$4 million in capital projects and \$1.7 million in health life safety.

Under old business, the board unanimously approved a second reading of board policy updates from Press Plus.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Bill Frichter of OPAA Foods addressed the board to thank them for working with the Litchfield School District for the past five years.

New Business

Peter Ratermann of Poettker Construction provided a construction update on the Litchfield Early Childhood Center. In the kindergarten and first grade section (formerly JD Colt), exterior work is nearly complete, as they do asphalt work when they can. Ratermann said the playground is done, and inside, the building is nearly ready for the punch list. In the pre-K addition, they are doing some minor grading and working on parking. Inside, they are getting ready to start painting and priming.

Dr. Fuerstenau said the project is really coming together and taking shape. He said the board would approve a few change orders. The original parking lot wasn't in as good of shape as they thought, and they changed the bus lane from asphalt to concrete. All six change orders were approved unanimously.

The change orders included \$27,234.25 for revised grading and finish the plan tion. The second change order had no cost to the district, but tracked the cost of JP Burns changing the type of piping used for the sanitary sewer line on the southwest side of the addition, due to EL Pruitt routing the domestic water service closer to the building. The third change order was for \$15,123.36 to track the cost with reimbursing Poettker Construction for renting temporary heating units during construction. This cost was carried in the contingency budget to avoid

starting the district's equipment before the turnover of the building.

The fourth change order was for \$41,993.23 for costs associated with east parking lot work. The fifth change order was a credit of \$1,257 to the district with changes to material costs not used to furnish one of the classrooms (switched from the kindergarten to the pre-K addition). The final change order was in the pre-K addition for \$8,978.60 for changes including the visual display, exterior building signage, addition of conduit for communications and rough-in for CCTV cameras.

Dr. Fuerstenau introduced Jeff Krause, vice president of sales for Arbor Management. School board members unanimously approved the company as the district's food service provider for \$683,386.10 for the 2024-2025 school year. Krause said they are very excited for the opportunity to work with the district. Arbor Management has been around since 1986, and works with 60 school districts in the midwest in mostly Illinois and Wisconsin.

'Our goal is to elevate the food service program in your district," Krause said.

Abel asked if they would keep the current district employees, and Krause said they would. She also asked if they would keep the fresh fruit and salad bar options available at the middle school and high school, and Krause said they would. He added they have 3,000 recipes in their database and their chefs are always willing to try new things. Dr. Fuerstenau introduced Krause to incoming superintendent Dr. Kelly McClain, who was present at the meeting, as well as kitchen manager, Nicole Logan. Krause concluded his remarks by presenting some Arbor Management cookies to board members.

The board unanimously approved renewal for the district's property/casualty insurance with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust and worker's compensation insurance with Zenith Insurance Company for the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Fuerstenau said they saw a slight increase in property/ the addition of the Litchfield Early Childhood Center, as well as the district's fairly new bus fleet. Abel asked if there was an increase for the middle school and high school, and Eric Braasch of **Dimond Brothers Insurance** said inflation only. Dr. Fuerstenau said they also made adjustments for tech equipment at the unit office, as well as 2 million in cyber securitycoverage. Dr. Fuerstenau added the insurance company had high praise for the district's safety

committee, which helped the worker's compensation claims to stay low.

Board members unanimously approved nine other motions with little to no discussion. They approved a one-year contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield for employee health insurance renewal. The board approved a contract with Byrne and Jones Sports Construction for resurfacing of the high school track, as well as a short-term lease with First National Bank of Litchfield not to exceed \$1.2 million for roof renovation and the high school track refurbishment projects.

Board members approved a five-year contract with Watts Copy systems for the lease of copiers, printers, supplies and maintenance. The board approved the district's wellness policies on physical activity and nutrition. Dr. Fuerstenau said the board has to review the food service policy every three years, and that there were no changes.

The board approved the student handbook for the 2024-2025 school year with changes to the district's dress code policy, tobacco and vaping, the use of artificial intelligence and absences from school on the day of sport or activities.

Board members approved the consolidated district plan, which is approved annually so the district can finish grant applications. They approved an athletic co-op with the Mt. Olive School district for middle school baseball and softball and high school football, baseball and softball for two years.

In a final motion, the board approved the proposed fee schedule for the coming year with no changes. Dr. Fuerstenau announced the district would once again participate in the Community Eligibility Program, providing free breakfast and lunch for students. He said it's been a great benefit to students and families in the district.

Information Items

Dr. Fuerstenau presented the final enrollment update for the school year. He then introduced administrators for updates on the final iReady test scores of the school year for a ten-minute presentation.

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students to set iReady test scores and taking ownership in the program. Heigert said scores went up this year.

Litchfield Middle School Principal Dr. Russ Tepen said their scores went up, and he's amazed at how hard the kids worked.

Dr. Fuerstenau said the district should see phenomenal growth in the coming year. He said he felt there was some student fatigue for the final round of iReady testing, but they will continue to move forward.

Favre reiterated that the scores included all district students.

In his report, Dr. Fuerstenau said it had been a good year with lots of good recognition during the meeting.

Personnel

With no closed session, the board approved more than 20 personnel items unanimously.

Board members approved the reduction in force of social worker Mae Shriver at the end of the school year. Shriver was then hired as a social worker for the district for the coming school year with funding coming from a school-based mental health project grant.

The board accepted the resignation of fourth grade teacher Amber Barnes, middle school social studies teacher Nick Gerndt, pre-Kindergarten teacher Ashley Hunsinger, Eric Weeks as a full-time bus driver and pre-Kindergarten aide Jessica Diveley.

They approved FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) requests from elementary school teacher Sarah Malloy from Aug. 31 through Nov. 25, high school science teacher Evan Malloy from Aug. 31 through Oct. 28, elementary school instructional tutor Megan Brown from Aug. 13 through Nov. 5, and band teacher Cassie Lord-Remmert-McKorkle from Aug. 13 through Sept. 30.

Board members hired Greg Urbanc as a third grade teacher, Madyson Kapp as a fourth grade teacher, Mallory Beechler as a fifth grade teacher, Rebecca Deal as an aide to the Make-It program, Josh Hughes as a high school summer school teacher, Trey Swanson as a high school social sciences Alivia Ree high school varsity volleyball coach and eighth grade volleyball coach, Whitney Miller as a behavioral technician for the district, Nick Todt as a volunteer coach with the high school boys basketball program and Mallory Beechler as the assistant high school volleyball coach and seventh grade volleyball coach. The board voted to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. after meeting just over 90 minutes. They will meet again on Tuesday evening, June 18, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Unit Office.

of the surplus golf carts via a sealed bid with the option to raise bids at the opening. Sealed bids will be opened at Shoal Creek Golf Course on Monday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. An ad will be placed in *The* Journal-News to advertise the sale.

The hole sponsor signs at the course are faded and need replaced. Trustee Hough made a motion that was seconded by Trustee Bruntjen to order new aluminum signs, with all present voting in favor. The motion carried. Edging and colored rock will be placed around the signs to spruce them up. held on Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25.

A no trespassing sign will be ordered for the cemetery as well as a "cross traffic does not stop" sign for Springfield Road and Broad Street. The village will be losing worker, Gabe Armentrout at the end of May.

In water and sewer, a new shut-off valve was purchased for the water line project that started on Tuesday, May 21.

A motion was then made by Trustee Hough and seconded by Trustee Krager to adjourn the meeting, with all present voting in favor and the motion carrying.

School Principal Adam Favre said the district just finished its second year of iReady testing, adding that overall the final results were consistent with what they saw last year. He said they will offer additional professional development for support staff to better utilize some of the iReady tools.

Litchfield Elementary School Principal Jeremy Heigert said he's really proud of his students and staff. This year, they hosted student-led conferences to work with

Saturday May 25th 505 W. Third North, Mt. Olive 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. **4 FAMILY YARD SALE** Lead crystal + assorted glass, antique reproduction dolls (handmade), clothes size 6 boys, books + assorted holiday decorations, some toys, curtains + bedding. Too much to list, come one come all!



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303 S. Prairie St.	212 N. Prairie St.	506 S. McElroy St.
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406 W. Shirley St.	327 E. Broad St.	202 S. McGown St.
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109 Lincoln St.	511 E. Broad St.	107 N. Elm St.
110 Lincoln St.	601 E. Broad St.	304 E. Montgomery
110 Maple St.	608 E. Broad St.	414 N. Springfield Rd.
510 North West St.	207 S. Oak St.	22218 Black Diamond
105 W. Broad St.	205 S. McElroy St.	• Pork Chops/Pork Patties at
108 N. Prairie St.	206 S. McElroy St.	Home Oil Saturday•

Maps are at West End, Raymond Shell, Tosi's, PK's, Village Hall and the post office





McKay Hosts Napa Driver At May Event

McKay Napa Auto Parts is hosting a special meet and greet event with Napa driver Christian Eckes, who drives in the Nascar Craftsman Truck Series.

Eckes will be signing autographs and posing for photos on Thursday, May 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKay Napa Auto Parts Distribution Center, located at 120 S. Industrial Drive in Litchfield. In addition to the meet and greet, McKay will provide free lunch to racing fans and give away tickets to a Nascar event.

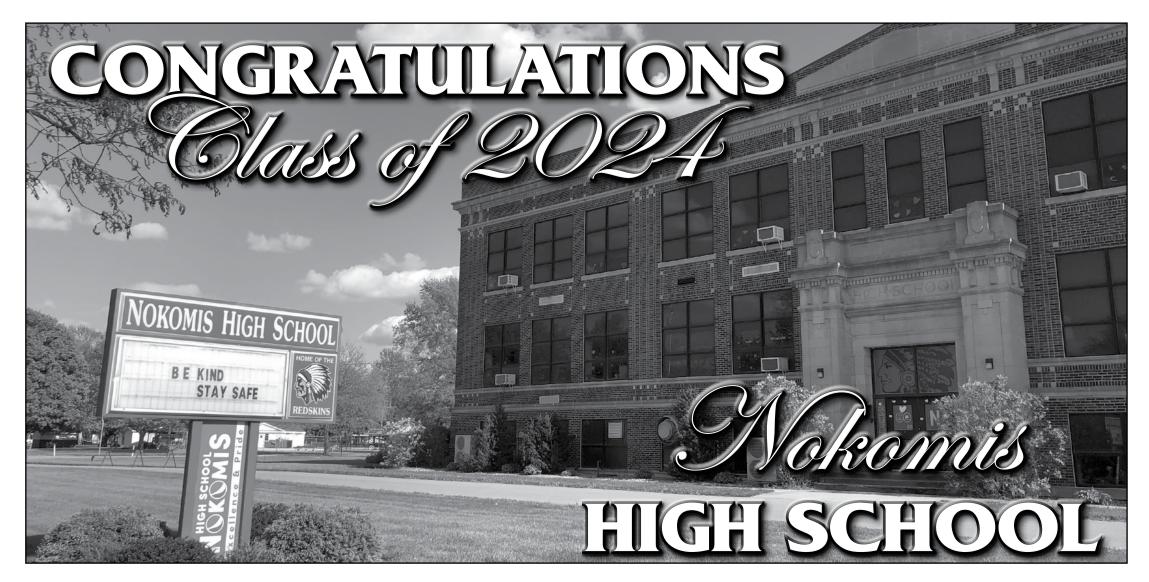
With seven career wins, Eckes has already won two races in 2024 and has six top ten finishes this year.

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Jaxson Batty



Kayla Hampton



Cydney Bertolino



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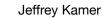














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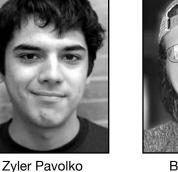
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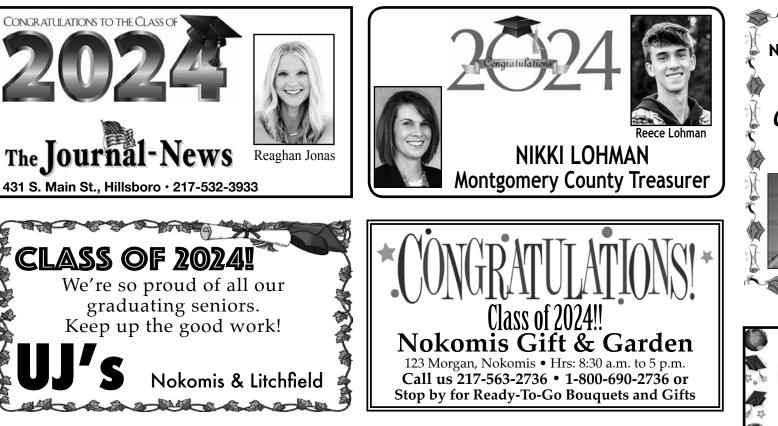




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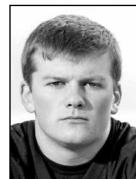








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The Effingham Highway Credit Union Scholarship was awarded to Amy Miller Journal-News Photo



Presley Mehochko was presented the Harold and Grace Brown Medical Scholarship. Journal-News Photo



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Pictured above, this year's All-Conference Academic award winners. In the front, from the left is Jayde Gonet, Lucas Stinson, Jaxson Batty, Presley Mehochko, Abygail O'Malley, Natalie Brownback, Allie Sneddon, Elizabeth Hill, Rebecca Hill, Gracelynn DeWerff, Jesse Osterhous, Marcie Carroll, Garrett Engelman, Bond Knodle and Mason Stauder. In the second row is Jack Johnson, Riley Steele, Ian Keller, Reece Lohman, Cade Johnson, Kohen Stolte, Brody Steele, Cydney Bertolino, Reaghan Jonas, Irene Vanden Bergh, Coree Keagy, Kennedy DeWerff and Noah Blaum. Not pictured is Drake Taylor and Maddux Himes. Journal-News Photo







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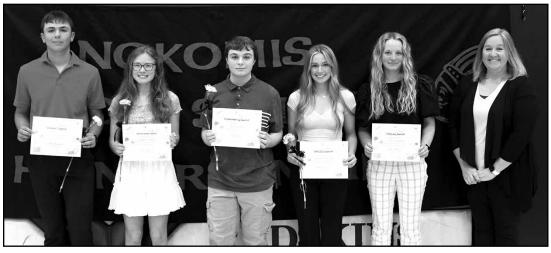
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Pictured above, from the left are Geraldine Hovey Choir Award winner Jahna Guinn, Colonius Most Improved Musician Hannah Tucker, Geraldine Hovey Band Award and Colonius Most Outstanding Musician winner Coree Keagy, John Philip Sousa Award winner Morgan Smoot, Fred Waring Director's Choice Award winner Nicole Jannik and National School Choral Award winner Amy Miller. Awards were presented by Stephanie Kilzer. Journal-News Photo



Pictured above, from the left, winner of this year's Algebra II award, Bryce Gillock, College Algebra award winner Abby O'Malley, Trigonometry winner Jesse Osterhous, Statistics award winner Gracelynn DeWerff, Calculus award winner Presley Mehochko and presenter Cinthia Journal-News Photo Gillespie.



The Hamlin Family presented the Pattie Hamlin Memorial Scholarship to Presley Mehochko. pictured above in the center.

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The Journal-News - Nokomis High School Honors



Paula Hamrock, Joni Lori and Suzanne Dooley, pictured above, presented the Nokomis Christian Missions Scholarship to Reece Lohman. *Journal-News Photo*



Jackson Porter Foundation Scholarship was presented by Jackson Porter to Reece Lohman, left, and Mason Stauder, right. *Journal-News Photo*



Winner of the Eunice May Russell Democrat Scholarship was Reece Lohman, pictured above with presenters Charles Napier, left, and Bryant Hitchings, right. *Journal-News Photo*



The Montgomery County Cancer Association awarded scholarships, pictured above, to Reece Lohman, Dolan Harrison, Camryn Engelman, Paige Coots and Peyton Harrison. Journal-News Photo



Reece Lohman and Gracelynn DeWerff were named this year's Male and Female Athlete of the Year Award winners. *Journal-News Photo*

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Pictured above with her award is Reaghan Jonas, winner of the Leona Stanford Vollintine Charitable Trust Scholarship, and award presented Karen Sanders. Journal-News Photo



Rebecca Hill was honored for placing fourth in the Phi Beta Kappa Young Scholars Competition.

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Presenter Sgt. Adam Phillips, left, with with National Guard Montgomery GI Bill Certificate winners Kaeden Loafman and Chloe Flowers. Journal-News Photo



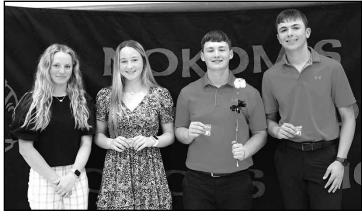


Pictured above, Jodi Reynolds presented the KDR Memorial

Scholarship to Reece Lohman, left, and Brody Steele, right.



Pictured above, from the left are Artistic Excellence award winners Irene Vanden Bergh and Morgan Smoot, Most Improved Artist Leigha Smith and Excellence in Ceramics winners Kennley Kirk and Zion Hocq. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above are presenter Josua Matthias and MTI Scholarship winners Kennedy DeWerff, Connor Ishmael and Jeffrey Kamer. Journal-News Photo



Pictured above, Cydney Bertolino, winner of the Camren Neisler Memorial Scholarship, along with presenters Colton Neisler, left, and Austin Akre, right. *Journal-News Photo*

From the left, Biology award winner Harry Lynch, Biology II awardwinner Arianna Hocq, Anatomy and Physiology Award winner Abygail O'Malley, and Physics award winner Jesse Osterhous. *Journal-News Photo*

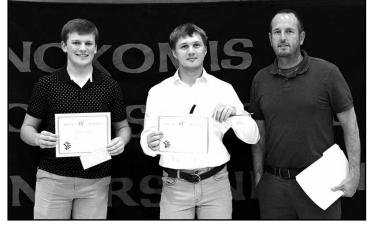
Presley Mehochko, left, was awarded the Forensics award, while Camryn Engelman, Levi German and Bryce Gillock were awarded the Chemistry award. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above, from the left are Jesse Osterhous, winner of the Psychology/Sociology award, Coree Keagy, winner of the U.S. History award and Abygail O'Malley, winner of the World History award. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above are Irene Vanden Bergh, winner of the English IV award, presenter Evan Rench and Coree Keagy, winner of the Writer's Award. Not pictured is Shelby Johnson, winner of the English IV award. *Journal-News Photo*

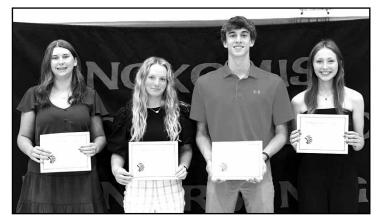


NEA Scholarship winners Brody Steele and Brenton Lyons with presenter Dan DeWerff. Journal-News Photo



The Illinois Top Ten FFA Presifent Recognition and DeKalb Award were both given to Cydney Bertolino, pictured above with ag teacher Marissa Hartke, presenter Kinley Stolte, presenter Grace King and ag teacher Mason Fesser.

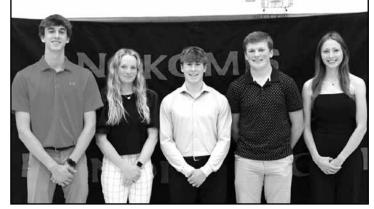
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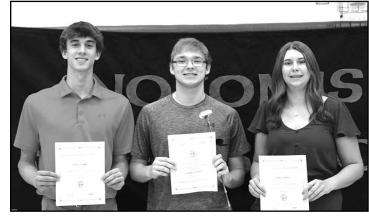
The Selma J. Hartke Scholarship was awarded to Coree Keagy, Presley Mehochko, Reece Lohman and Irene Vanden Bergh. *Journal-News Photo*



Denny Bauman, left, presented the Denny and JoAnn Bauman Scholarship to Presley Mehochko and Irene Vanden Bergh. *Journal-News Photo*



The David Stanley Archibald Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Reece Lohman, Presley Mehochko, Mason Stauder, Brody Steele and Irene Vanden Bergh. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above, Reece Lohman, Cade Johnson and Coree Keagy were honored as Illinois State Scholars. Not present for the photo is Maddux Himes. *Journal-News Photo*

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Reece Lohman was presented the Illinois Association of County Officials scholarship. *Journal-News Photo*



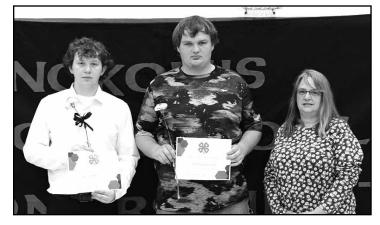
Travis Broers was presented the Southern Illinois Bowling Proprietors Association Scholarship by Jodi Dirks. *Journal-News Photo*



Reece Lohman and Presley Mehochko were named this year's IHSA All State Academic Nominees, pictured above. *Journal-News Photo*



The Nokomis Education Foundation Scholarship was awarded by presenter Charlie O'Malley to, pictured above, from the left, Coree Keagy, Presley Mehochko, Kohen Stolte and Cydney Bertolino. *Journal-News Photo*



Montgomery County 4-H Foundation Scholarship winners Kohen Stolte and Travis Broers with presenter Theola Broers. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above, from the left are presenter Eleni Tharouniati, Algebra I award winner Bridget Jones and Geometry award winner Harry Lynch. *Journal-News Photo*



From the left, German I award winner Harry Lynch, German II award winner Dylan Yeske, presenter Matthew Boelke, German III award winner Marcie Carroll and German IV award winner Coree Keagy. *Journal-News Photo*



Recipients of the Redskin Scholarship are pictured above. From the left, presebter Amy Stolte, Cydney Bertolino, Brody Steele, Coree Keagy, Reaghan Jonas and Irene Vanden Bergh, Not pictured is Maddux Himes. *Journal-News Photo*



Students named Academic Challenge Award winners are pictured above. In the front row, from the left, are Arianna Hocq, Addelyn Pearse, Camryn Engelman, Harry Lynch, Jeffrey Bernardini, Leigha Smith, Daelon Patton, Abby O'Malley and presenter Erica King. In the second row are Reece Lohman, Bryce Gillock, Cade Johnson, Gracelynn DeWerff, Jayde Gonet, Jesse Osterhous, Levi German, Mason LaChance and Glavine Himes. Not pictured are Zyler Pavolko, Maddux Himes and Austin Hausman, *Journal-News Photo*





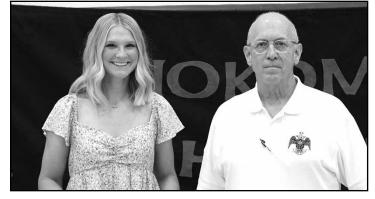
From the left are EIU High Achieving Merit Award winner Brody Steele, Maryville Saints Scholarship winners Kohen Stolte and Presley Mehochko, Mark Twain Level 1 award winner Reece Lohman and SIUE Cougar Pride Scholarship winner Coree Keagy. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above, from the left are winners of the Nokomis Lions Club Scholarship: Coree Keagy, Reece Lohman, Presley Mehochko, Mason Stauder, Irene Vanden Bergh and presenter Jim Rupert. *Journal-News Photo*



The Montgomery County Veterans Task Force Grant was awarded to Irene Vanden Bergh by presenter Cassandra Hampton. Journal-News Photo



Scott Scaife presented the Scottish Rite Masonic Healthcare Scholarship to Reaghan Jonas. Journal-News Photo



Winners of the Shane Cole Memorial Scholarship and the Shona Cole-Edwards Memorial Scholarship were Kennedy DeWerff and Irene Vanden Bergh, pictured above. Journal-News Photo



Pictured above, Reece Lohman was awarded the Albert and Mary Ann Pretnar Memorial Scholarship, presented by Nikki Lohman.

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Cydney Bertolino was presented the John DeWerff Memorial Scholarship by members of the DeWerff family. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above, Mason Stauder and Cydney Bertolino were given the CEO Recognition Award. *Journal-News Photo*



Presented by Amy Stolte, Presley Mehochko and Reece Lohman were named the Top Honor Scholar Female and Male Athlete, respectively, pictured above. *Journal-News Photo*



Pictured above, Patty Whitworth presented Reece Lohman the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship. Journal-News Photo



Reece Lohman was awarded the Chi Upsilon Sorority Scholarship.





The Firemen Memorial Scholarship was presented by Charlie O'Malley to Presley Mehochko, pictured above.

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The Omicron Delta Sorority Award was given to Irene Vanden Bergh and Shelby Johnson (not pictured) by presenter Donna Engelman. *Journal-News Photo*

Hillsboro City Council

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Among the bills to be paid in the future are the purchase of two trucks (a 2024 F-550 from Victory Lane Ford with a dump bed and salt spreader to be used by the Street Department for \$97,175 and a Ford F-250, also from Victory Lane Ford, to be used by the Parks Department, for \$69.998).

Other deemed necessary infrastructure improvements also proved expensive. DeLaurent Construction Company of Wilsonville will renovate the city parking lot at the intersection of E. Wood and Berry Street for \$4,766.40. It will take another \$860 to restripe the same lot; that work will be done by PLC Pavement Striping located in Gillespie. The pedestrian bridge abutments for the new bike/hiking trail in Challacombe/Central Parks will cost \$59,470. The work is to be done by Stutz Excavating of Alton. Too, a new heating/cooling unit for the building in Central Park will cost \$4,299.90.

Recreation type expenses were also on the agenda. 7,143 large mouth bass (each 5-7 inches long) will be stocked in Glenn Shoals Lake this fall. Purchased from Seven Springs Fishery in Evansville, the \$15,000 cost includes \$3.00 per mile for delivery. The city will pay JL5 Marine, Inc., of Springfield \$19,600 for a replacement floating dock for Glenn Shoals Marina; that price includes installation. CW Auto Sales LLC of Sullivan sold a 2024 golf cart for use by the campground manager to the city. Also within the rec. area but without direct cost to the city was approval for use of the older lake for this year's cardboard boat regatta on Saturday, July 13; more information about that popular event will be forthcoming from Imagine Hillsboro.

Utilities Commissioner Kendra Wright asked the council to approve accepting the bid of Murphy Brothers Construction (of Monticello, MO) for the Hillsboro Lead Service Line Replacement Contract. The bid is \$763,990; the acceptance was unanimous.

who like to fish. The brood pond once established on Glenn Shoals will hereafter be a youth fishing pond. Two adults may accompany each young person, but their role is limited to baiting hooks, removing fish from the hooks, and casting if help is needed in that area. In those instances, "Once the cast is made the adult <u>must</u> immediately hand the rod to the youth." No boats or night fishing is allowed; fish can't be cleaned on site or on any city property, and no jug or trot lines are permitted. Also not allowed are swimming, wading, and alcohol consumption; the catch limits are six catfish per day, 25 blue gill per day, one bass (at least 18" long) per day, and as many crappies as one can

catch each day. The second amendment is intended to help lake beautification efforts. The builder of a dock on lake frontage must 1) have a permit from the city; 2) build a dock no longer than 30 feet or less in specific locations); meet specific requirements for lumber used, post size, and steel cable tie-downs; and must be of a floating nature. The use of oil drums, chemical drums, and pontoon boats as supports are prohibited. In addition, all docks must have the lot number permanently attached and visible from the lake.

The third ordinance amendment was introduced by Wright in reaction to good news – proceeds of a loan from the IEPA Water Supply Loan Program are higher then previously anticipated, so the ordinance accepting the loan had to be amended upwards. The new amount is ...not to exceed \$900,000." The proceeds must be used for the lead pipe replacement project.

Personnel continue to come and go within the Police Department. Before the financial portion of the council meeting started, Patrolman Tim Sheldon was given a certificate of appreciation for his 24 years of service to the HPD. He's now retiring; Mayor Downs thanked him for his service and Chief Leetham presented him with a plaque.

Another announced retire-The council also agreed ment was Richard Hewitt's decision to leave the Police

Force. Leetham said he hopes Carlock will be on duty here by June 10.

Two resolutions passed quickly. Butler said the first is a "test run" of a new adjacent land sale policy that had been discussed for months by the city's natural Resources Committee and concerns a lot on Meisenheimer Avenue. An appraiser (Donna Howard, MAI certified, of DJ Howard and Associates, Inc.) valued the lot at \$9,400; Michael and Carrie Anderson agreed to that price. The lot is .705 acres, more or less; is vacant now; and is zoned Residential (R-1). The sale was approved by a 5-0 vote.

The second resolution, also approved unanimously, was a request drawn by Attorney Steve Cullison representing Thomas Terneus, who wanted to transfer his ownership of real estate at 212 Lands End Road, Hillsboro, to his trust fund. The city had to approve the transfer of part of Lot 57, Lot 58, Lot 59, and part of Lot 60 in the Lakewood Estate Subdivision.

In the last, discussion only, agenda segment, Mayor Downs told of the need to make North Access Drive an official road to be maintained by the city. He cited that houses on that stretch need addresses to facilitate delivery of packages

The preliminary officials' reports were informative in nature. Parks and Public Properties Commissioner Fred Butler said mowing is taking many of his crew's available hours. Work continues on Central Park's restrooms, and the available lake lots have been marked and a list sent to those on the waiting list.

The Marina will be open to sell fuel and boat stickers Saturday through Monday of Memorial Day Weekend. He hopes the remodeled facility will be open full-time soon, but the new floor goes in the day after Memorial Day.

He said the carp tournament (not to be confused with the Asian Carp festivals on the Illinois River) drew only two entries for its debut on Saturday, May 18, but 97 pounds of carp were removed from the lake. It will most likely become an annual event, but perhaps be held

ficer Frank Kenney, and the pair visited Beckemeyer, the junior high, and the high school. Justison said he was impressed with the rapport that Kenney has developed with students, faculty, and other personnel at each of the schools.

He also talked about being present at a fire fighters training session Monday night (May 20) when a serious accident occurred on the North Road. Volunteers went to the scene to offer aid; he was impressed with the way firefighters and police worked together during the emergency.

According to Justison, the long-awaited new pumper truck has arrived, but a need for "fleet modernization" is still evident. He is concerned about new requirements that may be coming from national or state agencies. Fire hydrant testing needs to be completed.

Commissioner Wright and Woodard & Curran representative Tim Ferguson said recent letters were sent to water customers because the EPA mandated they be sent. Ferguson is returning phone calls about the letters as time allows. He emphasized that the letters are not an indication of any new problems; it is a part of the requirements that the city must meet in order to qualify for financial assistance with the lead line replacement law now in place.

Mayor Downs expressed condolences to the Knisley family because of the passing of Gene Knisley. He also said CJ Liddell would become acting chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He and Finance Commissioner Ward both thanked everyone who participated in the budget process; the help made the task easier.

Economic Development and City Planner Sarah Mc-Connell said she's submitted required reports to the DECO Energy Commission Grant Program; she hopes Phase I will be approved either this month or next.

She reported that last Saturday's Farmers' Market was a success, and she's been working with Hillsboro Health and the attached Fitness and Aquatic Center on their summer camp program. with the pool in Central



Union Avenue Gathers **Items For 'April Showers'**

Throughout the month of April, Union Avenue Christian Church in Litchfield collected items for "April Showers." They collected shampoos, soaps, conditioners and more for the Litchfield Food Pantry, located on Montgomery Street in Litchfield. Pictured above, Ranee Ray, at left, and Pat Weiss of Union Avenue Christian Church stand with the items before donating them to Dorothy Ernst at the pantry on Tuesday, April 31.

Panhandle Board

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The board also approved the consent agenda, including a memorandum of understanding for distance learning dual credit courses with Mt. Olive. Hopper said the dual credit English class option has been popular, with Mt. Olive having to set a cap due to the amount of interest. He added that next year, Lincolnwood will offer chemistry and ag classes to Mt. Olive students, although they would have to come to Raymond for the ag classes.

The tentative amended budget was approved as well, with Hopper saying most of the updates were due to grants received. He said some of the funds would be adjusted and that the district's reserves had increased over what was originally projected. There will be a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Monday, June 17, before the regular board meeting, before the amendments are officially passed.

The requisitions for the 2025 fiscal year were also approved, with Hopper saying

Board member Heather Millburg said that there was some confusion involving payment for athletic fees when students play for one of the co-op teams in Morrisonville. Hopper said that the sports meeting will be held before those fees are due this year to help clear up that confusion.

After approving the first reading of board policies, which they met about prior to the regular meeting, the board entered closed session at 7:39 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Four motions were approved after closed session as the board accepted the resignation of Lexi Hardy as yearbook sponsor, approved the leave request for Madi Norville, approved the hiring of Lindsay (Orr) Arnold as Farmersville Grade School nurse and paraprofessional and approved Holly Holthaus as assistant volleyball coach.

The closed session was one of two during the meeting, between 7:11 and 7:23 p.m., the board held a hearing to discuss the conduct of an individual and to consider banning that individual from Panhandle School District grounds and activities. The motion to ban Ernest Miller for one year, starting on May 20, 2024, passed 6-0, with Superintendent Hopper directed to send Miller written notice of the board's decision

to make a \$5,000 payment to Brian Sullivan as part of the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) agreement signed on June, 2022. The property involved is at 102 South Main Street (on the square), and five payments remain.

Three other discussions became ordinance amendments. The first amendment is good news for those under the age of 16 in Hillsboro

and Fire Commission. The mayor thanked him for lending his knowledge to the city; a long-time member of the Fire Department, he also had a career as a fire investigator for the state of Illinois. His successor will be appointed by the mayor.

Coming on board is newly hired Keith Carlock, who is/ was on the Nokomis Police later in the year.

The Street Department poured a concrete apron off Broad Street, mowed city owned property, repaired a sidewalk on Water Street, and installed a new drain at the intersection of Ice Plant Road and Seward Street.

Public Safety Commissioner Tommy Justison said he'd gone on a ride-along with School Resources OfPark not open this summer, she feels the programs Hillsboro Health and the Aquatic Center offer will be superimportant to those children from kindergartners through fifth grade. Packets are available for pick up at the front desk of the Aquatic Center.

The council next meets on Tuesday, June 4 in city hall at 7 p.m.

Nokomis Public Library Hosts June Garden Walk

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The Nokomis Public Library Trustees will be hosting a Garden Walk on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. Six unique and interesting yards in and around Nokomis will be on showcase for viewing. Each garden will also feature artwork from local artists. Ticket holders will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to Nokomis Gift and Garden.

Advanced tickets are available from any library trustee, Nokomis Woman's Club members or at the Nokomis Public Library. Tickets cost \$10 and proceeds will go towards the continued support of the Nokomis Public Library.

that there was little difference from last year. He said that most of the items on the list are supplies necessary for the school year.

Board President Terri Payne asked why RTI (response to interventions) materials were grant funded the last two years, but not this coming year. Hopper said the grants were from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER), which has now run out.

Pitchford noted that the fuel costs were down for the driver's education vehicle. Hopper said that was due in part to a more fuel efficient vehicle and that the cost of gas was less than budgeted.

Pavne also asked about workbooks, saying her grandson's fourth grade math workbook still had quite a few pages in it. Hopper said that he would talk with the teachers and see if the workbooks were a necessary expense.

In discussion on school on the 2024-25 school fees, Hopper said that the school is increasing the price of milk to \$35 because the current price was less than what the district paid for it.

Board member Scott Cowdrey said he had someone ask about service fees when paying online. Hopper said that checks are also accepted for fees and registration. Payne said someone expressed frustration about not being able to pay for fees and other expenses with the same check, but noted that the money goes into two dif-



Administrative Reports

In his administrative report, Hopper wrote about the registration process for the 2024-2025 school year, which will be available online after July 1, and will be in person on Aug. 1. More information will be available to families and the community this summer regarding registration and the 2024-2025 school year.

The 2024-2025 teachers institute will be on August 12-13 and students' first full day of attendance will be Aug. 14. The 24-25 tentative open house date will be the evening of August 12.

In his report Lincolnwood Principal Ken Schuster updated the board on some of the activities from the past month, thanking Sheena Wolfe and Dana Schott for their hard work in showing support and appreciation to the district staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Raymond Grade School Principal Joe Webb also wrote about the events since the last meeting, including the IAR testing celebration, the spring concert, the wax museum, the University of Illinois Extension's visit and the FFA petting zoo.



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Hoover Gives Litchfield Girls Third Straight Title

Middle School girls track team will realize that IESA state champions don't come along every year. Or maybe, if things continue at their current pace, they won't.

For the fifth time in the program's history and for the third year in a row, the Lady Panthers returned home with a championship medal, with eighth grader Kilee Hoover taking the honors this year in the 400 meters.

Already the school's record holder in the 200 (27.77) and 400 (1:01.00), Hoover beat that mark by .81 seconds, running a 1:00.19 to hold off Manteno's Klarke Goranson by eight hundredths of a second.

The state championship is actually Hoover's second as she was part of the team that won the 4x200 meter relay last year as seventh graders, along with Emma Weidner, Lydia Gruelle and Jada Carroll.

Litchfield's first state champion in the string was Amari Vickery, who won the 800 in 2022. Marsha Fry has the only other IESA state championships,

At some point, the Litchfield winning the long jump in 1990 and 1991.

> The title in this year's 400 was one of five medals the Lady Panthers brought home from state. just one off the six they earned last year.

> Litchfield nearly repeated as state champions in the 4x200, regardless of how you want to define a repeat in junior high track. The seventh grade and eighth grade 4x200 teams both finished second on the day, adding two more to the Panthers' medal count.

> Hoover, Weidner and Carroll were back for another run at state in the eighth grade 4x200 and were joined by McKenna Harmon this go-round. The foursome ran a 1:50.19 to finish in the runner-up spot behind East St. Louis Clark, who ran a 1:48.78. The Panthers' time was a school record and a personal best by .21 seconds.

> On the seventh grade side, the team of Harley Foulk, Ava White, Lana Cress and Lydia Gruelle ran their fastest time of the year with a 1:52.12, finishing second behind Chicago Frances Xavier Warde, who ran a 1:49.39. The

seventh graders' time was 3.55 seconds faster than the 1:55.67 that last year's state championship team put up.

Both seventh and eighth grade also qualified for the 4x400 at state. Hoover, Weidner, Adia Melchert and Carroll ran a 4:32.88 to finish 13th, while Cress, White, Gruelle and Foulk ran a 4:49.35 to finish 20th.

The Panthers also picked up a medal individually in the 100 meters. Lana Cress ran a 13.19 in the prelims to earn her spot in the final, then clocked in at 13.49 in the main event. Just three tenths separated fourth from eighth place in the final, with Austyn McDowell of Robinson Nuttall taking the top spot with a 12.54.

They nearly had another medalist in the 100 meter hurdles as Hailey Green finished just off the podium in ninth, running a 17.09. Green was seventh at state as a seventh grader, running a 17.52.

All told, Litchfield had ten individual entries on the track at state, none of which finished worse than 20th. Jada Carroll was 16th in the 100 (13.44) and

12th in the 200 (27.91) for the eighth graders, while Harley Foulk (28.19) and Ava White (28.54) were 16th and 20th on the seventh grade side in the 200. The Panthers also doubled up

in the 800, with Adia Melchert finishing tenth with a personal best time of 2:35.53 in the eighth grade race, while Maggie Schwab also setting a new personal best in the seventh grade race with a time of 2:32.92 and a 12th place finish. Schwab also finished 12th in the 1600, running a 5:42.73, her third best time of the season.

In the field events, McKenna Harmon picked up a medal in the shot put to go along with her relay medal. Harmon threw 31'4.75" to finish sixth in the shot put, just an inch and a quarter off her personal best, which broke a 26-year-old school record.

Harmon's fellow thrower. Jennah Longwell, who finished 13th last year at state, finished 12th this time around with a personalbest throw of 29'11.25".

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After winning a state championship with her teammates as part of Litchfield's seventh grade 4x200 meter relay team, Kilee Hoover won an individual state title on May 18, winning the 400 meters in a school record 1:00.19. Tabitha Ostermann Photo



After finishing second last year by just four hundredths of a second, the Litchfield Middle School boys earned an IESA state title in the 4x200 on Saturday, May 18, in East Peoria. From the left are Lukas Paine, Ryker Witt, Jalen Stewart, Andrew Boston and Jaxon Ray. Tabitha Ostermann Photo

Panthers Get First Title In 23 Years

Between 1999 and 2001, the Litchfield Middle School boys track program scored three individual IESA state titles, but since then, there have been plenty of medals, but no Panthers atop the podium.

That streak came to an end on Saturday, May 18, as the Litchfield Middle School 4x200 meter relay team won the school's fourth individual state championship, breaking their own school record and the state meet record in the process.

The team of Ryker Witt, Jalen Stewart, Andrew Boston and Jaxon Ray, along with alternate Lukas Paine had the date of the state meet circled on their calendars since the 2023 version of the event, when they finished second to Dunlap by four hundredths of a second. That close call fueled the group to break the school record in the 4x200 meter relay, previously 1:41.3 set in 2010, on three different

occasions. After beating the mark at home with a 1:41.0 on April 29, the Panthers ran a 1:39.82 to smash it again at the sectional meet in Virden on May 10.

As good as that performance was, the encore was even better as Litchfield ran a 1:36.78, beating their record by more than three seconds and topping runnerup East St. Louis Clark by almost two full seconds (1:38.74).

With the win, Witt, Stewart, Boston and Ray join Ryan Armstrong (shot put in 2000 and 2001) and Billy Wyatt (shot put in 1999) as the only Litchfield boys to win an individual IESA track and field state championship.

The win was just part of the equation for the Panthers, though. The Litchfield boys had four other entries at state on the eighth grade side, plus three more in the seventh grade division.

Lady Dragons Go Fourth At State

The Hillsboro Junior High seventh grade girls track team may not have had the largest contingent at state, but the Lady Dragons made the most of their chances at the IESA Class 3A Track and Field Championships on May 17-18.

The Hillsboro girls competed in two events at the Eastside Centre in East Peoria and took fourth in both, good enough to tie for 19th in the seventh grade girls team standings with ten points.

First up for the Lady Dragons was Kaelin Cress in the 100 meter hurdles. Needing to finish in the top eight to advance to the final, Cress did much better than that, placing fourth in the prelims with a new personal best of 17.10 seconds. Her old record was 17.19 seconds, which she ran at the sectional and in Shelbyville.

She beat her sectional time in the finals two, coming in with a time of 17.18 seconds to finish in between Downs Tri-Valley's Josie Trossen (17.12) and Shelbyville's Natilee Wildman (17.29). Isabella Niebrugge of Teutopolis (16.59) and Emma Drake of Sullivan (17.09) took the top two spots in the event.

Cress wasn't done at state, though. On Saturday, she joined Pipe Walk, Bailey Chappelear and Aubrey Huber on the Dragons' 4x100 meter relay team, with Mia Wells and Alexa Compton

serving as alternates. The group set a school record in the event at the sectional, running a 54.20 to earn their spot at the state finals.

In an ultra fast race that saw four teams go under 54 seconds, the Lady Dragons collected their second fourth place finish of the meet with a 53.98, breaking their own school record by .22 seconds.

Less than three tenths of a second separated second, third and fourth, with Winnebago running a 53.88 and Deerfield Caruso running a 53.70. Robinson Nuttall took the top spot, running a 52.31.

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From the left are Coach Brian Atkins, Nolan Adams, Caleb Patton, Joe Lanter, Josiah Atkins, Gabe Wells, Cody Payne, Davis Tomei, Hudson Wright, Roman Reed, Mia Wells, Mike Wells, Kaelin Cress, Bailey Chappelear, Aubrey Huber, Piper Walk, Leland Armbruster and Coach Tom Lunz. Not pictured are Alexa Compton, Jackson Cunningham and Rocco Romero.

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Hillsboro Boys Reach New Heights At State

Since 1971, Hillsboro Junior High has scored points at an IESA boys state track meet 28 times. Only twice have they finished better in the team ranks than they did on Saturday, May 18.

With five of their nine state qualifying entries landing on the medal podium, the Dragons scored 19 points in the IESA Class 3A 7th Grade Boys State Track and Field Championships, good enough to finish eighth out of 47 teams in their class who scored at least one point at the Eastside Centre in East Peoria.

That finish is Hillsboro's best on the boys' side since the IESA dropped Class B and went to grade level play in 1985. The Dragons' only other finishes in the top 10 came in 1971 and 1980 in Class B, finishing second both times.

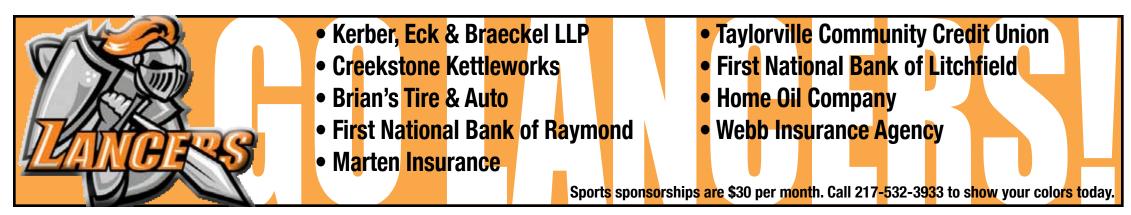
Three of the five medals came in the field events, including Hillsboro's best finish on the boys' side. After clearing a personal best 9'2.5" in the pole vault at sectionals,

Leland Armbruster kicked off his state debut by going over the bar at the opening height of 7'5.75" on his first attempt. Armbruster then passed on the next two heights before clearing 8'11.5", 9'2.25", 9'5" and 9'7.75" on his first attempt each time.

By this point, the Hillsboro seventh grader was guaranteed a top two finish, with 20 other competitors bowing out at 8'11.5" or less. Armbruster had his first two misses at 9'10.5", but cleared the height on his third attempt for a new personal best, then broke that mark and the school record on his first attempt at 10'1.25".

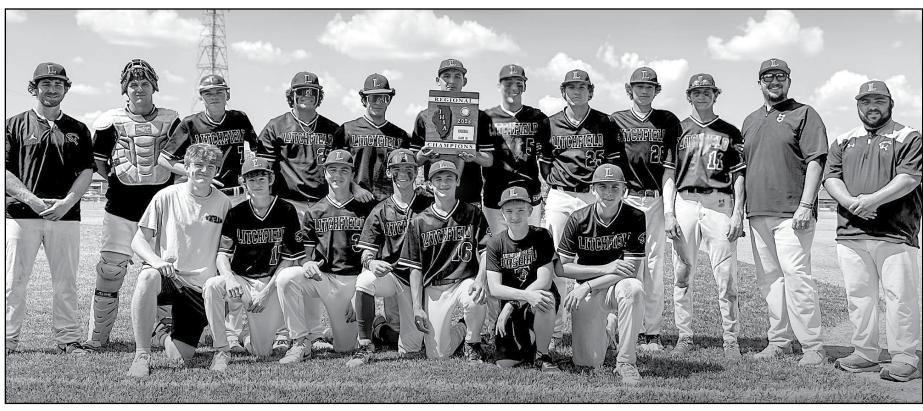
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Congrats Litchfield Baseball On Your Regional Championship!



It's been a banner year for the Litchfield-Mt. Olive baseball team as the Purple Panthers picked up their 26th win on Saturday, May 18, with a 6-0 victory over Gillespie in the regional championship game on the Miners' home field. In front, from the left are Landon Tooley (Manager) Josh Boerckel, Titan Hires, Drake Gasperson, Landon Wernsing, Maddix Compton (Manager) and Laidyn Jones. In the back are Coach Rocky Gianuzzi, Carson Saathoff, Max Gretjak, Ian Otto, Brayden Alexander, Ethan Saathoff, Tate Dobrinich, Max Leitschuh, Tucker Pastrovich, Matthew Bywater, Coach Clay Murphy and Coach Jacob Frerichs. After winning the program's ninth regional championship, Litchfield defeated Pleasant Plains 2-1 on Wednesday, May 22, to earn a spot in the sectional championship on Saturday, May 25, at 11 a.m. in Pleasant Plains.

Good Luck Saturday In The Sectional Championship





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The Hillsboro Junior High seventh grade girls 4x100 meter relay team took fourth place at the IESA State Track and Field Championships on Saturday, May 18, running a school record time of 53.98 seconds. From the left are Alexa Compton, Aubrey Huber, Kaelin Cress, Coach Brian Atkins, Bailey Chappelear, Piper Walk and Mia Wells. In addition to the medal in the relay, Cress also finished fourth in the 100 meter hurdles, running a 17.18 in the finals.

Hillsboro Girls Track

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The Lady Dragons actually qualified for three events coming out of the sectional, with Piper Walk jumping a career best 4'6.75" in the high jump to finish second at the sectional despite just picking up the discipline in late April. That jump would have put Walk on the cusp of the podium at state as three competitors tied for ninth at 4'6.75", with sixth, seventh and eighth place finishing at the next height of 4'8.75".

But instead of trying for personal glory, Walk decided to watch someone else's big moment instead. Her older sister, Jordan Jacobs was scheduled to receive her RN pin at 2 p.m. in Springfield on Saturday, meaning that the family would have to leave by 12:45 to make it to the ceremony.

The day before, Walk found out she would be jumping in the last flight of the day, which would be after the time in which they had to leave. She and Coach Brian Atkins requested that Walk jump in an earlier flight, but were turned down, leaving the seventh grader with a decision to make.

"After lots of stress, Piper decided to scratch and withdraw from the high jump competition," said Tara Walk, Piper's mom. "In the end Piper chose supporting her sister and best friend over sports. While sports are valuable, they are not more

important than your people. Piper will get another shot at state, she won't get a redo on watching her sister achieve something she has been working at for several years. I am very proud of Piper for making the right decision."

Surely it was a hard decision to make for Walk, but that will only make her and her teammates' future successes all the sweeter. May 17-18 at East Peoria

IESA 3A Girls State Track and Field Championships Team Results: Hillsboro 7th Grade

Girls - 19th Hillsboro Girls Results

Personal Record 100 Hurdles (7th): 4. Kaelin Cress (7) 17.18 (17.10 in prelims) **High Jump (7th):** Piper Walk (7)

4x100(7th): 4. Piper Walk(7)/Bailey Chappelear (7)/Kaelin Cress (7)/ Aubrey Huber (7) 53.98*

Hillsboro Boys Track

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Finally, after making his way down the runway and launching himself into the air 12 times, Armbruster bowed out. Monticello's Holden Williams went up and over at 10'4" and 10'6.25" on his first attempt at both heights, capturing the state title after three misses at 10'11".

To put his accomplishment into perspective, Armbruster's state mark was more than three feet better than his personal best last year and is better than the sectional marks of seven of the IHSA state qualifiers (five in Class 1A and two in Class 2A).

Armbruster's classmate, Gabe Wells, also set a new personal record at state and went on to finish third in the discus. Wells threw 117'8' back in April in Jerseyville, but had been in the 95 to 110-foot range for the rest of the season, including a 102'6" throw at sectionals.

After fouling on his first throw, Wells threw his second best throw of the season, going 111'5", but was a foot and a half shy of that on throw number three. Going into his fourth and final throw, Wells was just off the podium in tenth, but a 122'10" throw on his final attempt launched him into third place.

The finish was the Wells family's best in the throws since Gabe's father, Mike, won the shot put in 1991. Mike and Haley Wells' oldest son Magnus also made it to state in the shot put and discus in 2017 and the discus in 2018, while their son Tytin did the same in 2022, finishing eighth in the discus, and 2023.

While Wells waited until his last throw to earn his state medal, sixth grader Cody Payne earned his spot on his first. Payne threw 36'9" to finish eighth in the shot put and add to Hillsboro's medal count. He'd throw 36'2.75", 35'4.5" and 32'9.75" on his next three throws, leaving his first toss as his best in his state debut.

Payne also helped the Dragons pick up points in the 4x400 meter relay, joining teammates Roman Reed, Josiah Atkins and Caleb Patton in the 1600 meter race. The four ran a time of 4:07.34 to finish sixth at state, a second



Hillsboro's Gabe Wells (left) and Leland Armbruster had an IESA state tournament worth remembering as both earned medals on Friday, May 17. Wells threw a personal best 122'10" to finish third in the discus, while Armbruster finished second in the pole vault with a school record 10'1.25" final clearance.

of a busy weekend for Reed as he also ran in the 4x100 in addition to his leg of the 4x400 on Saturday.

Leland Armbruster, Hudson Wright and Rocco Romero ran the other three legs of the 4x100. The foursome clocked in at 51.88 seconds to finish 12th, just .87 seconds behind El Paso-Gridley for the eighth and final spot on the podium. East St. Louis Lincoln, who finished third in the team standings with 36 points, behind only Arthur (41.5) and East St. Louis Clark (50), took first in the 4x100 with a time of 49.80.

A piece was missing for the Dragons from both of their relays as Davis Tomei was injured on Friday in his 400 meter heat. Tomei, who had the third best sectional time in the 400 going into state, ran both the 4x100 and 4x400meter relays at sectionals for Hillsboro, but was on crutches for Saturday's races.

Instead of shutting down, Tomei's teammates stepped up. Their time in the 4x400 was just 1.25 seconds off the 4:06.09 they ran in sectionals. Their time in the 4x100 was nearly as close, just 1.5 seconds off their sectional time of 50.38 seconds.

While Tomei wasn't able to run the 400 at state, Cody Payne was. Payne, who ran a personal record 59.29 at sectionals, ran a 1:02.41 to finish 23rd in the 400 at state.

at state. The pair missed the podium, but only by the smallest margins.

Cunningham, who cleared 9'2.5" to finish second in the pole vault at sectionals, went up and over at a personalbest height of 9'5.75" to finish ninth at state. Jude Eveland of Rushville Schuyler Industry took the eighth and final spot on the podium, one of four competitors to clear 9'11.75" who took up the fifth through eighth spots.

Lanter was nearly as close in the 800 meters, finishing 12th with a 2:13.81, just eight tenths off the personal record he set at sectionals. His time was just 2.79 seconds behind Eureka's Davin Dingledine, who ran a 2:11.02 to finish eighth.

With so many medalists and near-medalists, the unprecedented success of the Hillsboro Junior High boys track program this year is hopefully a sign of even better things to come for the Dragons, and eventually the Hillsboro High School boys track team as well.

May 17-18 at East Peoria

IESA 3A Boys State Track and Field Championships **Team Results:** Hillsboro 7th Grade Boys - 8th.

Hillsboro Boys Results *Personal Record

100 (7th): 8. Roman Reed (7) 13.02

(12.23 in prelims) 400 (7th): 23. Cody Payne (6) 1:02.41; Davis Tomei (7) DNF 800 (8th): 12. Joseph Lanter (8)

2:13.81scus (7th): 3. Gabe Wells (7)

Litchfield Boys Track

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Litchfield came away with points in both of those groups, with Ryker Witt adding an individual medal in the 400 to his relay gold. Witt set a personal record of 54.2 seconds earlier in the year in the 400, breaking Ben Bishop's 44-year-old record, but shaved 46 hundredths off of that time to finish eighth at state for a 53.74.

Andrew Boston's time of 54.55 seconds was just .81 seconds behind Witt as he finished 11th overall. Less than a quarter of a second separated fourth from ninth in the individual standings, with Braidwood Reed-

Seventh grader Brylan Marten made similar strides, especially in the long jump. Marten jumped 13'5" as a sixth grader for Coach Drew Logan's team, but beat that mark by almost four feet during the season as he broke the school record of 16'9" (set in 1973) with a 17'5" jump at the Junior Midstate Conference Meet.

Marten didn't go quite that far at state, but he did pop a 16'8.5" jump on his best attempt to finish seventh overall and earn a spot on the podium. He also ran in the 400 meter dash at state and finished 21st, running a solid 1:00.41 on a warm day.

Fellow seventh grader

Jaylen Komor finished 11th in his state debut, clearing 7'11.5" to be one of four competitors who got over the bar at that height. The next height was 8'5.5", two and a half inches over Komor's personal best, and was cleared by five vaulters who took up the fourth through eighth spots on the medal stand.

For Komor and Marten, the trip to state was a taste of things of things to come, hopefully, as they'll have another shot at state next year.

For Witt, Stewart, Boston, Ray, Paine and Knapp, state was a fitting end to a great three-year run. In addition to the 4x200, 4x400 and 400 meter records, Jaxon Ray

Custer's Kaiden Klein taking the top spot with a 52.15.

Boston and Witt also reunited with Stewart and Ray for the 4x400, an event in which they broke the school record in earlier this year with a 3:46.33. The foursome finished 13th overall with a time of 3:56.00. East St. Louis Clark was first, running a 3:51.31.

While the four newly crowned state champions were making their return to state, one of their classmates was making his state debut. Braedyn Knapp threw discus once as a seventh grader, posting a mark of 68'8", but had made giant strides this year, eventually setting a new personal record of 124'8" at the North Mac Sectional. He didn't quite get to that mark at the state meet, but he still threw 118'1" to finish 27th in his debut in East Peoria.



Litchfield seventh grader Brylan Marten finished seventh in the long jump to earn one of the boys three medals at the IESA state meet. Tabitha Ostermann Photo

Seventh Grade

also broke the school's record in the 100(11.7 seconds) and 200 (24.1 seconds).

Success in junior high doesn't always mean success in high school, but looking at all this group has accomplished, it's hard not to be excited for when they go from LMS to LHS next year. May 17-18 at East Peoria IESA 3A Boys State

Track and Field Championships Team Results: Litchfield 7th Grade Boys - 46th; Litchfield 8th Grade

Boys - 18th. Litchfield Boys Results *Personal Record

400 (7th): 21. Brylan Marten (7) 1:00.41

- **400 (8th):** 8. Ryker Witt (8) 53.74*; 11. Andrew Boston (8) 54.55* 4x200 (8th): 1. Ryker Witt (8)/Jalen
- Stewart (8)/Andrew Boston/ Jaxon Ray (8) 1:36.78
- 4x400 (8th): 13. Jaxon Ray (8)/Jalen Stewart (8)/Andrew Boston (8)/
- Ryker Witt (8) 3:56.00 Discus (8th): 27. Braedyn Knapp
- (8) 35.99m/118'1" Pole Vault (7th): 11. Jaylen Komor (7) 2.43m
- Long Jump (7th): 7. Brylan Marten (7) 5.09m/16'8.5"

and a half ahead of seventh place finisher Shelbyville Moulton. East St. Louis Lincoln won the event in a time of 3:57.87.

Roman Reed also picked up an individual medal from state, placing eighth in the 100 meters on Friday. Reed ran a 12.23 in the preliminaries, his second best time of the season, then ran a 13.02 to finish eighth in the final. The 100 meter dash was the start

Nolan Adams also competed individually for the Dragons and just missed the podium in the high jump. Adams cleared 5'1.75" to finish 13th in the event, just a quarter of an inch off his personal best.

Eighth Grade

In addition to the seventh grade contingent, eighth graders Jackson Cunningham and Joseph Lanter also represented the Dragons

37.46m/122'10"*

Shot Put (7th): 8. Cody Payne (6) 11.20m/36'9"

High Jump (7th): 13. Nolan Adams (7) 1.57m/5'1.75"

Pole Vault (7th): 2. Leland Armbruster (7) 3.08m/10'1.25" Pole Vault (8th): 9. Jackson Cun-

ningham (8) 2.89m/9'5.75" 4x100 (7th): 12. Roman Reed (7)/

Leland Armbruster (7)/Hudson Wright/Rocco Romero (7) 51.88 **4x400 (7th):** 6. Roman Reed (7)/ Josiah Atkins (7)/Caleb Patton (7)/Cody Payne (6) 4:07.34



The Litchfield Middle School seventh grade girls 4x200 meter relay team took second at the IESA Class 3A State Track and Field Championships on May 17-18. From the left are Harley Foulk, Ava White, Lana Cress, Lydia Gruelle and Aubrie Boston. Not pictured is Sicily Lamb. Tabitha Ostermann Photo



The Litchfield Middle School eighth grade girls 4x200 meter relay team took second at the IESA Class 3A State Track and Field Championships on May 17-18. From the left are Kilee Hoover, Emma Weidner, McKenna Harmon and Jada Carroll. In addition to the relay medal, Hoover also won the 400 meters, while Harmon finished sixth in the shot put.

Litchfield Girls Track

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In addition to their success on the track, Kilee Hoover, Harley Foulk and Hailey Green also competed in three field events. Hoover was 14th in the high jump, clearing 4'6.75", while Harley Foulk was 19th in the long jump, with a best attempt of 13'9". Green competed in the pole vault, but wasn't able to get over the opening height.

Only four competitors did get over the first bar, set at 7'2.5", which would have been a new personal record for Green, who went 6'11.75" to win the sectional.

After finishing 18th as seventh graders, the Litchfield eighth grade girls finished sixth on Saturday in the team standings. That finish is a testament to the work that the team and Coach Stephanie Short have put in this year to make the track program one of the most successful programs in the area. Those who chose to continue with the sport in high school will be welcome additions to the Lady Panthers' roster.

For the seventh graders, the medals, personal records and their 24th place finish in the team standings mean that the Lady Panthers won't have to rebuild from the loss of the great eighth grade class, but will rather reload. Who knows what will happen in 2025, but don't rule out the possibility that Litchfield may be back atop the podium for a fourth year in a row. May 17-18 at East Peoria

IESA 3A Girls State Track and Field Championships

Team Results: Litchfield 7th Grade Girls - 24th; Litchfield 8th Grade Girls - 6th.

Litchfield Girls Results *Personal Record

100 (7th): 8. Lana Cress (7) 13.49 (13.19 in prelims)

100 (8th): 16. Jada Carroll (8) 13.44

200(7th):16.HarleyFoulk(7)28.19;

20. Ava White (7) 28.54 200 (8th): 12. Jada Carroll (8) 27.91 400 (8th): 1. Kilee Hoover (8) 1:00.19*

800 (7th): 12. Maggie Schwab (7) 2:32.92*

800 (8th): 10. Adia Melchert (8) 2:35.53*

1600 (7th): 12. Maggie Schwab (7) 5:42.73

100m Hurdles (8th): 9. Hailey

Green (8) 17.09 **4x200 (7th):**2. Harley Foulk (7)/Ava White (7)/Lana Cress (7)/Lydia Gruelle (7) 1:52.12

4x200 (8th): 2. Kilee Hoover (8)/ Emma Weidner (8)/McKenna Harmon (8)/Jada Carroll (8) 1:50.19

4x400 (7th): 20. Lana Cress (7)/ Ava White (7)/Lydia Gruelle (7)/ Harley Foulk (7) 4:49.35

4x400 (8th): 13. (8) Kilee Hoover (8)/Emma Weidner (8)/Adia Melchert (8)/Jada Carroll (8) 4:32.88

Shot Put (8th): 6. McKenna Harmon (8) 9.57m; 12. Jennah Longwell (8) 9.12m*

High Jump (8th): 14. Kilee Hoover (8) 1.39m/4'6.75'

Pole Vault (8th): Hailey Green (8) NH

Long Jump (7th): 19. Harley Foulk (7) 4.19m/13'9"

Hillsboro High School Seniors Earn Scholarships On Honors Night

ber as Hillsboro High School seniors took home hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships and awards as part of the annual Honors Night program on Wednesday evening, May 15, in the HHS Gym.

HHS Principal Patricia Heyen welcomed students and their families to the special night, acknowledging their success throughout the past four years. More than \$400,000 was awarded to HHS seniors this year.

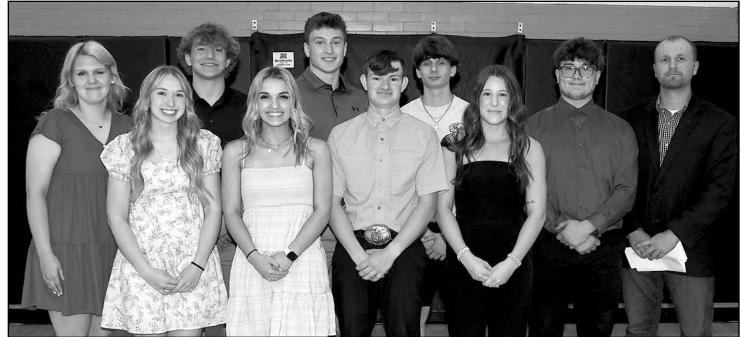
In addition to the scholarship awards presented, Heyen also recognized this year's Illinois State Scholars, who rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. They include Jesse Balla, Melissa Bell, Kyleigh Currie, Samantha Frailey, Benjamin Hoehn, Mitchell Lowe, Chloe Martincic and Annabelle Wright.

The daughters of the late Margaret Chesser presented the Margie Chesser Memorial Scholarship to Marah Huber, who was unable to attend. Huber was also awarded the Jan Young Memorial Scholarship through the Hillsboro Education Foundation.

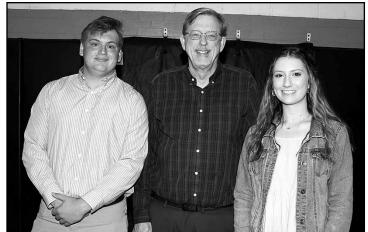
In addition to presenting the Lincoln Land Community College Foundation scholarships, Jessie Blackburn also presented red and blue cords for graduation to students who completed dual credit

It was a night to remem- classes in their high school career. They include Sophia Blankenship, Nathan Brown, Lassie Cline, Elias Gutierrez, Madison Hollo, Marah Huber, Hanna Hughes, Kylee Jarman, Treyton Kuhl, Alec Leetham, Cole Lenczycki, Elliot Lentz, Dylan Lessman, Ellie Miller, Ketch Mills, Emily Peterson, Ava Pollard, Kinley Richardson, Charles Shepherd, Kenna Snoddy, Jace Stewart, Landon Summers and Madeline Watkins.

At the end of the program, seniors were recognized with scholarships from the schools they plan to attend this fall. Recipients include Alexzander Wells to Augustana College; Marianna Lowe to Blackburn College; Cole Lenczycki to Greenville University; Ketch Mills to Illinois College; Lily Churchwell and Samantha Frailey to Illinois State University; Landon Reincke to Iowa State University; Nathan Brown, Kinley Richardson and Leah Satterlee to Lincoln Land Community College; Jesse Balla and Maycie Fuller to Maryville University; Kyleigh Currie to Millikin University; Chloe Martincic to Missouri University of Science and Technology; Melissa Bell and Benjamin Hoehn to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Caesar Edwards and Annabelle Wright to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Hillsboro High School FFA advisor Noah Gallion presented both the FFA Alumni Scholarship and the Hillsboro High School FFA Chapter Award. In front, from the left are Chloee Kenny, Lassie Cline, Nathan Brown and Leah Satterlee. In back are Kylee Jarman, Ian Anderson, Landon Reincke, Payton Brown, Dawson Guinn and Noah Gallion. Recipients of the FFA Alumni Scholarship are lan Anderson. Nathan Brown, Kylee Jarman and Landon Reincke. Recipients of the Hillsboro High School FFA Chapter Award are Dawson Guinn, Adrian Harston, Chloee Kenny, Lassie Cline, Payton Brown and Brekin Swick. Journal-News Photo



Pastor Matt Ferguson, center, presented the Hillsboro Ministerial Foundation Scholarship to Faith in Life essay winners, Cole Lenczycki, at left, and Jesse Balla, at right.



Mary Herschelman, at left, presented the Grace Herschelman Memorial Scholarship to HHS seniors from the left, Donald Buske, Chloe Martincic and Marianna Lowe.

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Zach Wygal, at right, presented a Montgomery County Cancer Association grant to Chloe Martincic

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Manager Katie Wilson, at right, presented the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship to lan Anderson.

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Ron Lawler, at right, presented the Jesse Goldsmith Memorial Scholarship to Kaylee Newton, at left, and Lily Churchwell, center. Journal-News Photo



Steve Cullison, at right, presented the Hillsboro Rotary Club Scholarship to Sophia Blankenship, at left, and Annabelle Wright, center. Journal-News Photo



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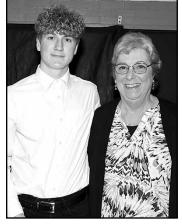
Randy McFarlin, at right, presented the First Community Bank David B. White Scholarship to Annabelle Wright. Journal-News Photo

Emily Zimmerman, at right, presented the Robert and Helen Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship to Kinley Richardson. Journal-News Photo



Libby Bair, at left, presented the Impact Life Scholarship to Benjamin Hoehn, center, and Melissa Bell, at right. Journal-News Photo

Julie Jenkins, center, presented the Hillsboro Health Foundation Scholarship to Kyleigh Currie, at left, and Cole Lenczycki, at right. Currie also received the Mae Seward Sorrells Scholarship. Journal-News Photo



Sue White, at right, presented the Kenneth "Gene" White Memorial Scholarship to Logan Murray. Journal-News Photo

Denise Kistner, at right, presented the Lavina Whitlock

Bertram Memorial Scholarship to Kyleigh Currie.

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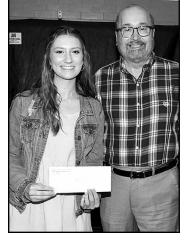


Paula Keepper, at left, and John Gibb, at right, presented the Blended Artists Imaginarium/Lynn Keepper Memorial Scholarship to Chloe Martincic. Journal-News Photo



Mike Rappe, center, presented the Joan and Bernard Rappe Memorial Scholarship to Marianna Lowe, at left, and the Bonnie Ireland Memorial Scholarship to Jesse Balla.

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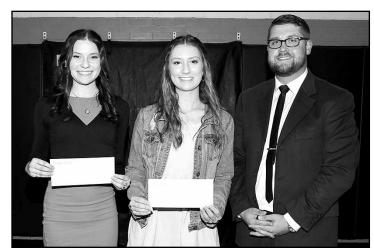
Phil Dawson, at right, presented the Conrad and Betty Dawson Memorial Scholarship to Jesse Balla.

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Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Dr. Staci Jo Garvin Memorial Scholarship to Jesse Balla.

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Sertoma President Tommy Justison, at right, presented the Hillsboro Sertoma Club Scholarship to Chloe Martincic, at left, and Jesse Balla, center. Journal-News Photo



Jason and Gina Burke presented the Camden's Crew Academic Scholarship to Jessica Kidwell, center.

Hillsboro High School Seniors Earn Scholarships On Honors Night



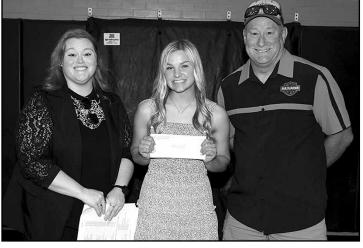
Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Edward A. Goyak Memorial Scholarship to Lily Churchwell.





Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Miranda Singler Memorial Scholarship to Jesse Balla.

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Payton Reeves, at left, and Geoff Reeves, at right, presented the LaMoine Reeves Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship to Kinley Richardson. Journal-News Photo



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Anita and John Rundquist Family Scholarship to Nathan Brown, center, and Landon Reincke, at right. Journal-News Photo



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Chervenak Memorial Scholarship to HHS seniors, from the left, Benjamin Hoehn, Kenna Snoddy and Marianna Lowe. Journal-News Photo

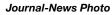


Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Leona and Louis Huber Memorial Scholarship to Melissa Bell, center, and Caesar Edwards, at right. Journal-News Photo





Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Krupabai D. Mekala Memorial Scholarship to Ava Pollard.





sented the Mary Ann Bernardini Pretnar Memorial Scholarship to Cole Lenczycki. Journal-News Photo



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Ellen McGurty Memorial Nursing Scholarship to Addyson Smith.

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Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Mercedes Lessman Memorial Scholarship to Benjamin Hoehn.

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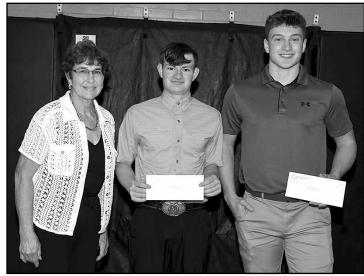


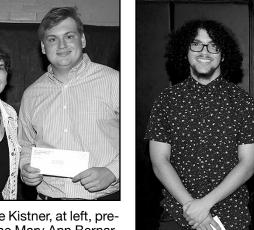


Denise Kistner, at right, presented the Bledsaw Family Scholarship to Caesar Edwards, at left, and Marianna Lowe, Journal-News Photo center.



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Jacqueline and Mel Heselov Memorial Scholarship to Ian Anderson, center, and Annabelle Wright, at right. Journal-News Photo

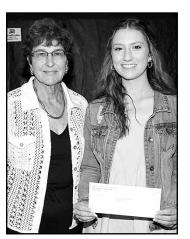








Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Rose Mormino Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship to Lily Churchwell. Journal-News Photo



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Dusty Cameron Memorial Scholarship to Jesse Balla. Journal-News Photo



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Leanne R. Harpole Teacher Memorial Scholarship to Kinley Richardson. Journal-News Photo

Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Donna Springer Memorial Scholarship to Kinley Richardson.

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Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Rik and Shelby Denicke Scholarship to Samantha Frailey.

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Florence Clark, at right, presented the Hillsboro Junior High Eighth Grade Team Scholarship in Memory of Kim McGill Watson to Jesse Balla. Journal-News Photo

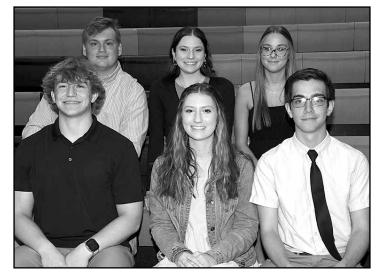




Denise Kistner, at left, presented the William Charles Schluckebier Memorial Scholarship to Nathan Brown, center, and Landon Reincke, at right. Journal-News Photo

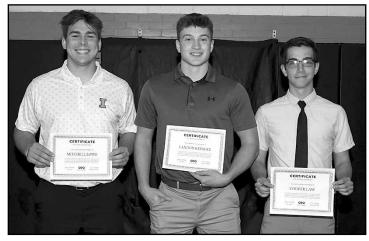


Denise Kistner, at right, presented the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation Scholarship to Nathan Brown, at left, and Ian Anderson, center. Journal-News Photo



Recipients of the Selma J. Hartke Foundation Scholarship, in front, from the left are lan Anderson, Jesse Balla and Cooper Law. In back are Cole Lenczycki, Chloe Martincic and Addyson Smith. Journal-News Photo

Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Pamela Knostman Haisty Scholarship to Jesse Balla, center, and Mitchell Lowe, Journal-News Photo at right.



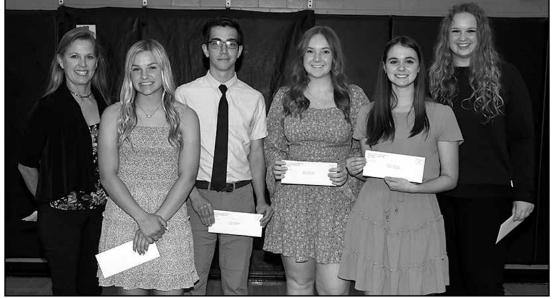
Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) awards were presented to seniors, from the left, Mitchell Lowe, Landon Reincke and Cooper Law. Not present for the photo was Griffen Hughes. Journal-News Photo



HHS teacher Kristy Andrews, at right, presented the Interact Club Scholarship to HHS seniors, from the left, Jesse Balla, Chloe Martincic and Annabelle Wright. Journal-News Photo

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Hillsboro High School Seniors Earn Scholarships On Honors Night



Former HHS teacher Dee Shankland, at left, presented the Robert Shankland Memorial Scholarship to HHS seniors, from the left, Kinley Richardson, Cooper Law, Alyson Mullen, Annabelle Wright and Samantha Frailey. Journal-News Photo



HHS teacher Chris Harms, at right, presented the National Honor Society Scholarship to HHS seniors, from the left, Melissa Bell, Jesse Balla, Chloe Martincic, Annabelle Wright and Samantha Frailey. *Journal-News Photo*



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Hillsboro Educational Foundation Scholarship to HHS seniors, from the left, Hanna Hughes, Sophia Blankenship, Ian Anderson Jessica Kidwell and Addyson Smith. *Journal-News Photo*



The Hillsboro Educational Foundation presented the Mormino Foundation four-year renewable scholarship. Pictured above, in front, from the left, are Denise Kistner, Kyleigh Currie, Kaylee Newton, Jesse Balla, Chloe Martincic and Annabelle Wright. In back are Melissa Bell, Lily Churchwell, Samantha Frailey, Ian Anderson and Benjamin Hoehn. *Journal-News Photo*



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the James and Cecilia Hayes Scholarship to Aubrey Evans, center, and Landon Reincke, at right. *Journal-News Photo*



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Jerry and Sharon Parola Academic Scholarship to lan Anderson.

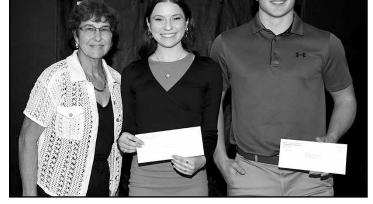
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Matt Vaughn, president of the Hillsboro Unit Education Foundation, at right, presented the H.U.E.A Scholarship to HHS seniors, from the left, Chloe Martincic, Nathan Brown, Benjamin Hoehn, Jace Stewart and Leah Satterlee. *Journal-News Photo*







Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Kiefer Brothers Memorial Scholarship to Chloe Martincic, center, and Landon Reincke, at right. *Journal-News Photo*



Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Harold and Marilyn Sitton Memorial Scholarship to Marianna Lowe.

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Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Bank of Hillsboro Scholarship to Samantha Frailey. *Journal-News Photo*

Tommy Justison, center, presented the Justison Foundation Scholarship to Hanna Hughes, at left, and Ian Anderson, at right. *Journal-News Photo*

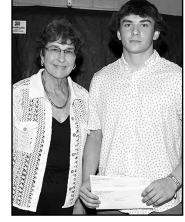


Denise Kistner, center, presented the St. Luke's Irving Academic Scholarship to Cole Lenczycki, at left, and Benjamin Hoehn, at right. *Journal-News Photo*



Denise Kistner, at right, presented the Betty and Ida Bauman Nursing Scholarship, to HHS seniors, from the left, Sophia Blankenship, Maycie Fuller and Leah Satterlee.

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Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Harold S. Sitton Vocational Memorial Scholarship to Treyton Kuhl. He also received the Dale Stretch Scholarship.

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Denise Kistner, at left,

presented the Nellie Mackey

Teacher Education Memorial

Scholarship to Kinley Rich-

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Pam Dawson, at right, presented the Precise Specialties Scholarship to Jessica Kidwell. *Journal-News Photo*



Land Community College Foundation Scholarship from the left art Nathan Brown and Leah Satterlee. Journal-News Photo

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Melissa Caldwell of CNB Bank and Trust in Hillsboro, at right, presented the Senior of the Year Award to Chloe Martinic.

Monthly winners included Martincic in November, Jesse Balla in December, Annabelle Wright in January, Lily Churchwell in February, Benjamin Hoehn in March and Ian Anderson in April

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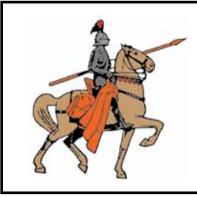
Denise Kistner, at left, presented the Erik Paul Westerman Memorial Scholarship to Annabelle Wright.

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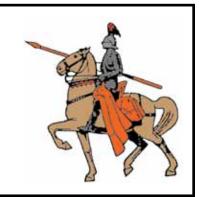
HHS Graduation Friday, May 24 HHS Gym 8 p.m. Baccalaureate Thursday, May 23 HHS Gym 7 p.m.

Regent Patty Whitworth, at right, presented the Christiana Tillson chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award to Marianna Lowe.

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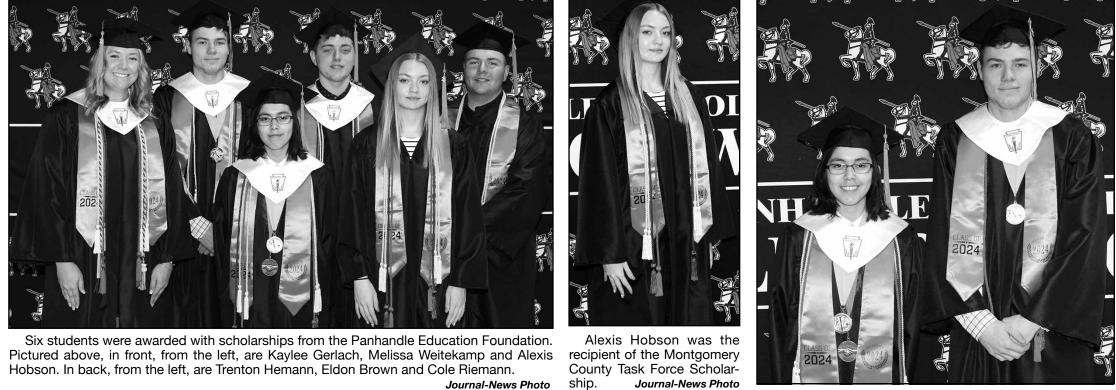


Congratulations to the **Lincolnwood High School** Class of 2024





Twenty six students graduated from Lincolnwood High School in Raymond as part of the class of 2024. Pictured above, in front, from the left, are Ashley Evans, Melissa Weitekamp, Brianna Snow, Skylar Nance, Olivia Thomas, Matilda Lane, Taryn Millburg, Kylie Neisler and Bryce Wolf. In the middle row, from the left, are Richard Hatton, Ethan Lessman, Lyla VanAusdall, Skyler Shull, Paige Eldridge, Cheslie Anderson, Ruby Stevens and Alexis Hobson. In the back row, from the left, are Izayah Matli, Peyton Rodriguez, Cole Reimann, Trenton Hemann, Trenton Watson-McClung, Eldon Brown, Gabe Armentrout, Brayden Hageman and Kaylee Gerlach. Journal-News Photo



Cole Riemann, at left and Kylie Neisler, at right, were the recipients of Montgomery County 4-H Foundation Scholarships.



Three Lincolnwood High School students were awarded with LLCC Foundation Scholarships. Pictured above, from the left, are Kylie Neisler, Cole Riemann and Ashley Evans. Journal-News Photo

ship. Journal-News Photo

> Melissa Weitekamp, at left, and Trenton Hemann, at right, were named Illinois State Scholars at Lincolnwood High School's Honors Ceremony. Journal-News Photo



Ashley Evans, pictured above, was the recipient of the Robert A. and Temple Hough Nursing Scholarships. Journal-News Photo



The Bob Price Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Cole Riemann.

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Trenton Hemann was awarded with the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. Journal-News Photo



Kaylee Gerlach was the recipient of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Scholarship, IAA Foundation Scholarship, the Farm Credit Scholarship and a National Honor Society Scholarship.

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Taryn Millburg was the recipient of the Panhandle Teacher's Association Scholarship and the R.R. Crum Endowment Fund.

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Lincolnwood students Melissa Weitekamp, at left, and Taryn Millburg, at right, were awarded with the American Legion Scholarship. Journal-News Photo

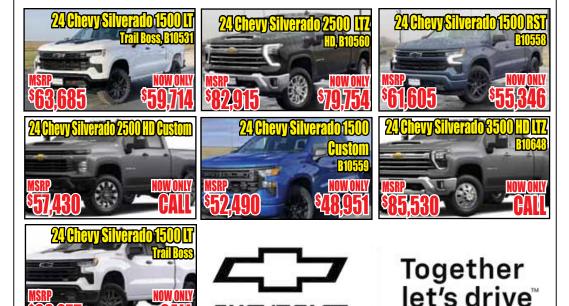


Recipients of the Selma J. Hartke Scholarship are pictured above. From the left, are Taryn Millburg, Melissa Weitekamp and Kylie Neisler. Journal-News Photo



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Nokomis Track Done With Run The Nokomis High School Newman finishing 11th

boys track team competed in the sectional in Bethany on Wednesday, May 15, posting eight top ten finishes to wrap up their second season since the program returned.

Three of the eight top ten finishes came in the relays, with their best finish coming in the 4x100, where they ran a season-best time. The team of Saint Newman, Kadynn Petty, Harry Lynch and Bond Knodle clocked in at 46.72 seconds to finish seventh in the 400 meter race, .82 seconds behind sixth place finisher Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond.

The Redskins also finished ninth in the 4x800, with Jack Johnson, Blain Goodwin, Ari Vanden Bergh and Devin Robinson running a 10:12.01, and tenth in the 4x400, with Johnson, Robertson, Newman and Petty running a 4:05.83.

Knodle, Newman and Petty also provided the Redskins with five individual top ten finishes at the sectional.

finished sixth and seventh in the 200, running times of 23.87 and 24.09 respectively. Knodle's time was a personal best and just .82 seconds off the state qualifying standard of 23.05, while Newman was 1.04 seconds from a state spot.

The pair also finished back-to-back in the 100 meters, with Knodle finishing tenth with an 11.76 and in a couple events, they con-

with a 11.9. Knodle's time was .43 seconds off the state qualifying standard, while Newman's was .57 away.

In the 400, Kadynn Petty ran a personal-best time of 53.72 seconds to finish eighth. His time was 1.71 seconds from the state qualifying standard. Devin Robertson also ran in the 400, finishing 25th with a time of 1:00.90.

Outside of the top ten, Jackson Johnson (2:25.62) and Blain Goodwin (2:29.29) finished 16th and 19th in the 800 meters, with Goodwin setting a new personal record. Goodwin also finished 22nd in the 1600 with a time of 5:54.99, while teammate Ari Vanden Bergh was 16th in the 1600 (5:34.94, a new personal best) and 12th in the 3200 (12:09.92).

In the field events, Knodle was tenth in the triple jump with a mark of 37'3", while Vanden Bergh was 18th with a best attempt of 31'11.5". Newman and Johnson were 18th and 22nd in the long jump, going 16'1.75" and 13'6.75" respectively.

In the throws, Riley Reynolds was 24th in the discus (102'7") and 29th in the shot put(30'11"). Caleb Bauer was 17th in the shot put (36'5"), with Hunter Arkebauer finishing 33rd in the discus (64'9").

While the Redskins came up just short of a state berth

tinue to progress despite not having much experience or a home track. This year wasn't the year for the Nokomis boys, but don't expect that streak to last very long.

May 15 at Bethany

Class 1A Boys Track Sectional Boys Team Results: 1. Tuscola 160;2. Sullivan 88;3. Shelbyville 78; 4. Pana 63; 5. St. Teresa 48; 6. Auburn 39; 6. Villa Grove 39; 8. Central A&M 38; 9. Riverton 34; 10. Arcola 27; 11. Cerro Gordo-Bement 26; 12. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 21; 13. Sangamon Valley 12; 14. Macon Meridian 11; 15. Pawnee 9; 16. Nokomis 8. Nokomis Boys Results

*Personal Record

- 100:10.Bond Knodle 11.76;11.Saint Newman 11.9
- 200:6. Bond Knodle 23.87*;7. Saint Newman 24.09 400: 8. Kadynn Petty 53.72*; 25.
- Devin Robertson 1:00.90 800: 16. Jack Johnson 2:25.62; 19.
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- 22. Blain Goodwin 5:54.99 **3200:** 12. Ari Vanden Bergh 12:09.92
- 4x100: 7. Saint Newman/Kadynn Petty/Harry Lynch/Bond Knodle 46.72
- 4x200: 11. Noah Blaum/Harry Lynch/William Tucker/Hunter Arkebauer 1:54.92
- 4x400: 10. Jack Johnson/Devin Robertson/Saint Newman/Kadynn Petty 4:05.83
- 4x800:9. Jack Johnson/Blain Good-win/Ari Vanden Bergh/Devin Robertson 10:12.01
- Shot Put: 17. Caleb Bauer 11.10m/36'5";29. Riley Reynolds 9.42m/30'11"
- Discus: 24. Riley Reynolds 31.28m/102'7"; 33. Hunter Arke-bauer 19.74m/64'9"
- Long Jump: 18. Saint Newman 4.92m/16'1.75";22. Jack Johnson 4.13m/13'6.75"
- **Triple Jump:** 10. Bond Knodle 11.35m/37'3"; 18. Ari Vanden Bergh 9.74m/31'11.5"

Illuminatus To Host 9th Annual Show

their ninth annual car, truck and bike show on Saturday, July 13, at the Farmersville square.

Proceeds raised from the event will benefit the club's annual Feed The Need program, which helps local families in need around the holidays.

Registration is \$25 the day of the show or \$20 to pre-register before June 30. Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., followed by judging at 12 p.m. and awards at 2:30 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to those who place in first, second and third in one of the 15 car and truck categories or one of the four motorcycle classes. Special awards

The Illuminatus MC of Illinois is hosting also go to the Club's Choice, People's Choice and Irish Days Queen's Choice. The first 50 participants will receive a dash plaque and a T-shirt.

> In addition to vehicles, the event will feature live music by A-Z music, as well as food and drinks.

> Checks may be payable to IMCOI and can be mailed to 110 S. Cleveland St., Farmersville, IL 62533.

Forms are available on the "Illuminatus MC "Feed the Need" Annual Car, Truck, and Bike Show" Facebook Page and online at www.thejournal-news.net with this story. For more information, email imcofil@yahoo. com or call Ben at 217-851-2408 or James at 217-931-2354.



Knodle and Newman





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Seymour Ave.; Hillsboro, IL 62049; Fax to: 217-532-5142; E-mail to: zfrailey@hillsboroschools.net; Phone: (217) 532-6994 Application Due Date: May 31, 2024

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Starting Date: 2024/2025 School Year

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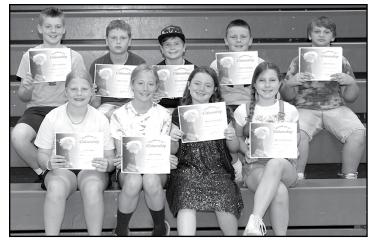
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Thursday, May 23, 2024 - **3C**



Winners of the Handwriting Award, in front, from the left, are Makenzie Buckley, Carlin Durbin, Isabel McLaughlin and Brecken Trader. In back, from the left, are Grayson Brewer, Sophia Lawson, Brooklyn Fenton, Daxton Spangler and Zain Vincent. Journal-News/Cayden Huber



Winners of the Classroom Citizenship Award, in front, from the left, are Lyv Fuller, Alexis Young, Skylynn Thrasher, Breeawna Reincke, Drew Schweizer, Elijah Miller, Vincent Connor, Daxton Spangler and Zain Vincent. Journal-News/Cayden Huber

Beckemeyer Presents Fifth Grader Awards

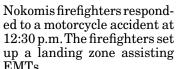
Beckemeyer Elementary School Principal, Zach Frailey, and Vice Principal, Michelle Reeves, presented outgoing fifth graders with their final accolades of fifth grade during the annual fifth grade awards ceremony, held on Tuesday morning, May 21, in the school gym.

Handwriting Award recipients included Makenzie Buckley and Carlin Durbin in Mrs. Atkins' class, Isabel McLaughlin and Brecken Trader in Mrs. Leek's class, Grayson Brewer and Sophia Lawson in Mrs. Smith's class,

Brooklyn Fenton and Daxton Spangler in Mrs. Zimmerman's class and Zain Vincent in Ms. Armour's class.

Classroom Citizenship Award recipients include Elijah Miller and Skylynn Thrasher in Mr. Atkins' class, Vincent Connor and Alexis Young in Mrs. Leek's class, Lyv Fuller and Drew Schweizer in Mrs. Smith's class, Breeawna Reicke and Daxton Spangler in mrs. Zimmerman's class and Levi Carlock and Zain Vincent in Ms. Armour's class.

American Citizenship



Mr. Atkins' class: Maken-

zie Buckley, Steven Camp-

bell, Lauren Cullison, Olivia

Delisle, Carlin Durbin, Zian

Ellis, Tayn Hutchins, Bren-

den Johnson, Elijah Miller,

Serafina Palazzolo, Taelyn

Payne, Eithan Peoples, Liam

Sellers, Emmett Stewart,

Skylynn Thrasher and Jack-

Mrs. Leek's class: Tobyn

Adams, Emmeria Bergen,

Vincent Connor, Kate Eller,

Silas Gutierrez, Zoie Jones,

Casey Lake, Denton Lang,

Zayne Lipe, Charlie Long,

Isabel McLaughlin, Riley

Meyers, Maddyson Petty,

Kamrynn Timo, Breckyn

Trader, Adaley Wessel and

Mrs. Smith's class: Mason

son Walther.

Alexis Young.

Fire Calls

partment was dispatched to a two semi-truck accident on Tuesday, May 21, at I-55 mile marker 54. There were 21 firefighters on the scene for just under an hour.

Ms. Armour's class: Levi Carlock and Zain Vincent.

Academic Achievement Mr. Atkins' class: Olivia Delisle, Justice Green, Tara Hutchins, Brenden Johnson, Liam Sellers and Emmett Stewart.

Mrs. Leek's class: Catalaya Baxin, Emmeria Bergen, Isiah Brent, Casey Lake, Denton Lang and Riley Meyers.

Mrs. Smith's class: Ruby Cole, Michael Gilkeson, Parker Holtschulte, Arianna McKinney, Hannah Perkins, Connor Reck and Morgan Vollintine.

Mrs. Zimmerman's class: Rocci Dodds, Owen Lanthrip, Edward Longwell, Arinze

Obidiegwu, Carson Summers, Ellimae Summers and Kate Wheeler.

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Ms. Armour's class: Levi Carlock and Zain Vincent. **Principal Award**

Mr. Atkins' class: Steven Campbell, Lauren Cullison, Carlin Durbin, Elijah Miller, Taelyn Payne, Eithan Peoples, Skylynn Thrasher and Jackson Walther.

Mrs. Leek's class: Tobyn Adams, Kate Eller, Silas Gutierrez, Zoie Jones, Zayne Lipe, Charlie Long, Maddyson Petty, Kamrynn Timo and Brecken Trader.

Mrs. Smith's class: Mason Bates, Hope Cerutti, Sophia Lawson, Jaelyn Murray and Josselyn Murray.

Mrs. Zimmerman's class:

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Four Wheeler Accident Nokomis Fire Department responded to a four wheeler accident on Sunday, May 19, at noon on 17th Ave. Six fire-

EMTs.

Two Truck Accident

Bates, Grayson Brewer, Hope Cerutti, Sonney Clevenger, Lyv Fuller, Parker Holtschul-

Scarlett Battuello, Zada

Beeler, Colton Christian,

Rocci Dodds, Tyson Ettling, Brooklyn Fenton, Jaden Jef-

fers, Henry Klump, Owen

Lanthrip, Edward Longwell,

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Putnam, Louden Reed, Bree-

awna Reincke, Ella Reynolds,

Daxton Spangler, Carson

Summers and Ellimae Sum-

Webster.

Pictured above are Beckemeyer Elementary School students who earned this year's Academic Achievement Award. mers.

Pictured above are Beckemeyer Elementary School fifth graders who earned this year's American Citizenship Award

te, Abbey Holtschulte, Abbey Ketcherside, Sophia Lawson, Arianna McKinney, Jaelyn Murray, Josselyn Murray, Hannah Perkins, Connor

Reck, Drew Schweizer, Morgan Vollintine and Josey Mrs. Zimmerman's class:

intersection of the North Rd. and Butler Ave. Thirty firefighters were on the scene for 45 minutes.

Rollover Accident

responded to a two vehicle

rollover accident on Monday,

May 20, at 9:09 p.m. at the

Hillsboro Fire Department

Fire Alarm

Hillsboro Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Hillsboro Library on Wednesday, May 22, at 10:11 a.m. Twenty firefighters responded and it was determined to be a

fighters responded. **Four Wheeler Accident**

Nokomis Fire Department responded to another four wheeler accident on Monday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. on Raccoon Trl. Seven firefighters responded.

Motorcycle Accident On Tuesday, May 22, five

GOLF CARTS FOR SALE!

The Raymond Shoal Creek Golf Course will auction off (4) Club Car golf carts. All carts are in good running condition but will be sold "as is." Please contact golf course at 217-229-4545 for questions or to view. Sealed bid witht he option to rise. Guaranteed funds must be provided before removal. WHEN: June 10, 2024 6:30 p.m. WHERE: Shoal Creek Golf Course 511 North West Street Raymond, IL

First highest bidder has choice of single or multiple carts. Remaining carts will start with new bid.

Raymond Harvel Fire De-

Multi-Party Auction - Live & Online

Saturday June 1, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.

LIVE ON-SITE AUCTION WITH ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE ON SELECT LOTS "Corner of Route 4 and Renken Rd" at the South edge of

Staunton

Mobile Homes, Camper, Military Trailers, Step Deck Semi Trailer

Lawn and Garden Equipment, Antique Furniture and Home Furnishings, Firearms and Ammo, Table and Chair Sets, Chest of Drawers, Nightstands, End Tables, Mattresses and Frames. Couches/Sofas, Used Electric Appliances - Ranges & Refrigerators, R/V Air Conditioners and Refrigerators, CAT Commercial

Generators, Small Tools, and more! Auction Link: https://wiesemanauctions.hibid.com/catalog/545012/multi-party-auction-live-and-online Preview: Friday May 31, 2024 from 1:00-5:00 P.M. and Saturday June 1 from 7:30-9:00 A.M. (auction start time)

www.wiesemanauctions.com wieseman

JOE WIESEMAN (618) 779-2741



SAT., JUNE 1 - 9 a.m. Live on-site with online bidding at Corner of Rt. 4 and Renken Rd. at the south edge of Staunton. Multi-Family Auction. Selling: mobile homes camper, military trailers, semi trailer, lawr & garaden equipment, antique furniture and home furnishings, firearms & ammo, anges, refrigerators, R/V air condition ers and refrigerators, CAT commercial generator, small tools and more. Wiesemar Auctions, Joe Wieseman, (618) 779-2741 viesemanaucations.hibid.com

SUN., IUNE 9 - 10 a.m. Live at 837 Pokey Rd., Pocahontas. Public auction for Ros Neal's Auto Repair Retirement. Items in lude sockets and tools that are Snap-On Matco, Carlyle & Mac. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Adam 618-267-3086, Wayne #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service. Service.

THURS., JUNE 13 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only auction of Absolute Farm Equipment Auction located at 20114 II Rt. 16, Nokomis. Selling: tractors, implements, combines, grain trucks, cultivators, etc. Viewing at their main office location in Nokomis from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit our website for other details and to start bidding. Aumann Auctions, 17-563-2523, aumannauctions.com.

SAT., JUNE 15 - 8:30 a.m. (Doors open at 6:30 a.m.) Huge Three Family Estate Coin Auction located at VFW Post 1377, 2043 South 4th St., Greenville (4th St. Spur) Selling: 425 lots of gold, paper money Silver Eagles, Morgan Silver Dollars graded silver, wheat cents, silver dimes quarters, halves, plus more. Tom Roniger Âuctioneer, 618-664-1665.

SUN., JUNE 16 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Sandra Daum Estate auction Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid com. Open House at 411 Alice Avenue Greenville. Two story brick home built in the early 1900s and sits on corner lot with 1-car detached garage, 4 bedroom 1.5 bath. Mollett Auction Service, LLC Adam 618-267-3086, Wayne 618-920 6694, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925 mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auctio

THURS., JUNE 20 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Land Auction. 52 acres mol recreational & timber. Section 35 LaGrange Township, Bond County Micenheimer & Meyer Auction Services James Micenheimer & Cory Meyer, auc tioneers, 217-820-9324, 217-710-5642 micenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com, mi cenheimerauctionservices.com.



Don't miss out on this local farm equipment and implement auction happening now! Bidding is open and will end on June 13th at 6pm. There are tractors, implements, combines, grain trucks, cultivators, etc. included in this auction. All of these items are selling absolute to the highest bidder. These items can be viewed at our main office location in Nokomis from 9am-4pm Mon -Fri. Visit our website for other details and to start bidding.



Aumann Auctions 217-563-2523 aumannauctions.com



This 2 Story brick home was built in the Early 1900s and sits on a well landscaped corner lot with a one car detached brick garage. It is a charming 4 bed 1 1/2 bath home and it features nice old woodwork, hardwood floors and pocket doors. The large entry gives way to a nice size living room on the right with a beautiful oak fireplace mantle surround. Galley kitchen with a large dining room on the main floor along with an enclosed sun porch make this a great home for entertaining! Bedrooms and full bath are located on the second story. Join us May 30th!

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• Samantha S. Weinstein,

33, of Litchfield, was charged

with misdemeanor criminal

trespassing to a building on

Staunton, was charged with

one count of domestic battery

and misdemeanor resisting a

26, of Nokomis, was charged with one count of domestic

Gregory E. Presnell, 13,

police officer on April 18.

battery on April 15.

• Timothy D. Bruhn, 31, of

Court

• Andrea M. Costley, 37, of Benld, was charged with felony possession of meth between 15 and 100 grams and misdemeanor obstructing identification on April 25.

• Trenton A. Dawdy, 25, of Hillsboro, was charged with felony aggravated battery of a peace officer on April 13.

• Derek J. Delisle, 41, of Witt, was charged with felony disorderly conduct on April 23.

• Shelby F. Heintz, 32, of Nokomis, was charged with felony criminal trespassing and misdemeanor battery.

• Matthew R. Kelly, 35, of Collinsville, was charged with felony possession of meth, misdemeanor of driving on a revoked license and felony of driving on a license revoked for DUI on April 14.

• Kellen T. Kolesar, 39, of Edwardsville, was charged with felony possession of meth between 15 and 100 grams and misdemeanor driving on a revoked license on April 25.

• Dennis Lambert, 39, of Donnellson, was charged with $two \, counts \, of \, felony \, possession$ of meth under five grams on April 15.

• Alex A. Lane, 35, of Donnellson, was charged with felony possession of meth under 5 grams on April 14.

• James A. Milanos, 56, of Witt, was charged with felony delivery of meth under 5 grams on April 24.

• Buddy L. Perkins, 20, of Gillespie, was charged with felony theft under \$500 on April 12.

• Steven S. Pickler, 37, of Nokomis, was charged with felony criminal damage to government property under \$500 on April 14.

• William M. Ries, 38, of St. Louis, MO, was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance on April 16.

• Michael W. Summers, 34, of Hillsboro, was charged with two counts of felony possession of meth under 5 grams on April 12.

• Dylan B. Vickery, 31, of Delavan, was charged with felony delivery of meth between 15 and 100 grams on April 24. He was also charged with felony delivery of meth between 5 and 15 grams on April 24.

• Lila R. Wise, 56, of Pana,

was charged with felony crimimisdemeanor criminal damnal trespassing at April 20. age to property under \$500 • Tanner L. Wolff, 22, of on April 23.

Litchfield, was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance on April 25. • Monica S. Hancock, 52,

of Sorento, was charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and a misdemeanor for disregarding a stop sign on April 15.

• Bailey N. Mowen, 22, of Bunker Hill, was charged with misdemean or retail theft under \$300 on April 16.

• Jeremy R. Simon, 25, of Walshville, was charged with

NOTICE

April 25.

Notice is hereby given to parents of Special Education students that have birthdates between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2002 that certain records are on file at the Unit Office of the Hillsboro Community Unit School District, located at 1311 Vandalia Road, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049. There may be information available that might be useful to their child in the future and parents are welcome to inspect and copy any information in this file before it is destroyed. These files will be destroyed thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. You may contact the Hillsboro Unit Office at 217-532-2942 for additional information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE **TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS** OR DEVISEES OF TIM S. CARPENTER, JR.; TIM CARPENTER, JR.; S. OCCUPANT; FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRA-TION; U.S. ATTORNEY; **U.S. ATTORNEY GEN-**ERAL; MONTGOMERY **COUNTY CLERK**

AND UNKNOWN OWN-ERS OR PARTIES INTER-ESTED. A petition for Tax Deed as Case No. 2024-TX-21 has been filed in the Circuit Court of MONTGOM-ERY County, Illinois on the premises described below. On November 4, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., the Petitioner will make an application to such Court in MONTGOM-ERY County, Illinois, for an

order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from sale. The real estate is described by Certificate No. (s) 2020-00180, and by Permanent Index No. (s) 08-23-130-003 of MONTGOMERY County, Illinois and was sold on October 25, 2021 for general taxes for the year 2020 and described as:

08-23-130-003 The period of redemption

will expire on October 25, 2024.

THOMAS BENEDICK #168629 **ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER** 1004 S. LINCOLN AVE., #12 **O'FALLON, IL 62269** 618-632-8401

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PUBLIC NOTICE Farm and Solar Gardens NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

Concerning a Proposed Solar Farm Project in Unincorporated

MONTGOMERY COUNTY Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that a public hearing will be held by the County of Montgomery at the Historic Courthouse, Located at #1 Courthouse Square in Hillsboro, Illinois on Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. The public hearing will be held in the County Board Room on the second floor. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed solar project application for North Sun LLC submitted by 22c Development, LLC, as outlined in the Montgomery County Solar Energy

Installations in Unincorporated Montgomery County, Illinois Ordinance. The project application is to install an up-to-10 MWac commercial solar energy facility on parcel 06-14-400-003 bound to the east by North Road and bound to the south by N. 21st Avenue. The application will be available for review in room 202 of the Historic Courthouse located at #1 Courthouse Square Hillsboro, Illinois. In said public hearing, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to present both written and oral comments and testimony regarding the Solar Farm Application. 2-2tT

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NUMBER WHEREAS, the costs are expected to be paid for with a loan to the City from the AUTHORIZING THE CITY Public Water Supply Loan Program through the Illinois MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Environmental Protection **ILLINOIS TO BORROW** Agency, the loan to be re-

petition, signed by electors numbering 10% or more of the registered voters in the City (i.e., 259) asking that the question of improving the System as provided in this Ordinance and enter-

ply Loan Program without the written consent of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; provide that no such consent shall be required for any obligations issued on parity or junior to the payment obligation of the City to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency under this Ordinance and the Loan Agreement.

thorized and directed to execute the Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The Corporate Authorities may authorize by resolution a person other than the Mayor for the sole purpose of authorizing or executing any documents associated with payment requests or reimbursements from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in connection with this loan.

of the Loan Agreement, for the purpose of paying the cost of certain improvement to the public water supply system of the City. A complete copy of the Ordinance accompanies this notice.

www.thejournal-news.net

PUBLIC NOTICE

Central Illinois Storage will be holding a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. SALE WILL TAKE PLACE AT www.storagetreasures.com. Property being sold includes all contents in units of the following: Hillsboro

H77	Amanda Myers		
Litchfield	Amanda Myers Elysia Sancoro Amanda Harris Monica Brown s) May 23, 2024		
L209	Elysia Sancoro	L227	Jamie Portwood
L255	Amanda Harris		
Witt			
25W	Monica Brown		
Auction (5 units	s) May 23, 2024	- 10:00	a.m.

Central Illinois Storage, Carlinville, IL 62626 · 217-854-3492

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL BID LETTING

Item: A new 2024 Patrol Boat, 20' Aluminum V Bottom

Specifications and Bid Packet Available at: 120 E. Ryder St., Litchfield IL 62056, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. or viewed online at https://www.cityoflitchfieldil.com

Bidding Deadline: Wednesday, May 29th at 10 a.m. Submit bids to City Hall, 120 E. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL 62056 in a sealed envelope with the item written on the envelope no later than the bidding deadline.

Bid Opening: Wednesday, May 29th at 10 a.m. The bid opening will be held at City Hall, 120 E. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL 62056 and is open to the general public.

Bid Award: Thursday, June 6th

The bid will be awarded at the City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., located at City Hall, 120 E. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL 62056.

Excess/Surplus Equipment

The Village of Schram City has the following equipment for sale "*as is*" no warranties.

Sealed bids in enclosed envelopes with item number on the envelope. Bids will be accepted May 17-May 28 and bids will be opened May 30.

Successful bidders will be notified and have until June 7 to pay and pick up equipment by June 14.

The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bids can be sent to: Village of Schram City, 510 22nd. St., Hillsboro, IL 62049 or dropped off at Village Hall

Item #1 Case Tractor 580

Item #2 1991 FMC Vanguard V3000 SP Street Sweeper Item #3 1968 Case Trencher

Item #4 1990 Ford F700 Dump Truck with Snow Blade and Spreader

All equipment can be seen at the Village Maintenance Building M-F 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM

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AN ORDINANCE

OF HILLSBORO,

WHEREAS, City the of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois (the "City") operates a combined waterworks and sewerage system (the "System") in accordance with the provisions of Division 139 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended, and the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 ILCS 350/1 (collectively, the "Act"), and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City (the "Corporate Authorities") have determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of public health, safety and welfare to improve the System, including the replacement of lead service lines in the City, together with any land or rights in land and all electrical, mechanical or other services necessary, useful or advisable to the construction and installation of such improvements (collectively, the "Project"), all in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by consulting engineers of the City; which Project has a useful life of forty (40) years; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of construction and installation of the Project, including engineering, legal, financial and other related expenses is \$900,000 and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay these costs; and

WHEREAS, the loan shall bear an interest rate as defined by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 662, which does not exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended, 30 ILCS 305/0.01 et seq., at the time of the issuance of the loan: and

WHEREAS, the principal and interest payment shall be payable semi-annually, and the loan shall mature in thirty (30) years, which is within the period of useful life of the Project; and

paid from the net revenues of the System and the loan is authorized to be accepted at this time pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the City is authorized to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program in the aggregate principal amount of \$900,000 to provide funds to pay the costs of the Project;

WHEREAS, the loan to the City shall be made pursuant to a Loan Agreement, including certain terms and conditions, between the City and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. INCORPORA-TION OF PREAMBLES

The Corporate Authorities hereby find that the recitals contained in the preambles are true and correct, and incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

SECTION 2. DETERMINA-TION TO BORROW FUNDS

It is necessary and in the best interests of the City to construct the Project for the public health, safety and welfare, in accordance with the plans and specifications, as described; that the System continues to be operated in accordance with the provision of the Act; and that for the purpose of constructing the Project, it is hereby authorized that funds be borrowed by the City in an aggregate principal amount (which can include construction period interest financed over the term of the loan) not to exceed \$900,000.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION

This Ordinance, together with a Notice in the statutory form (attached hereto as Exhibit A), shall be published once within ten days after passage in The Journal-News, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City, and if no ing into the Loan Agreement therefore be submitted to the electors of the City, is filed with the City Clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of this Ordinance and notice, then this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect. A petition form shall be provided by the City Clerk to any individual requesting

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES

one.

If no petition meeting the requirements of the Act and other applicable laws is filed during the 30-day petition period, then the Corporate Authorities may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance providing for entering into the Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, prescribing all the details of the Loan Agreement, and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the net revenues of the System, so long as the maximum amount of the Loan Agreement as set forth in this Ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project or purposes described herein. Any additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with the Act or other applicable law. This Ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for entering into the Loan Agreement under applicable law.

However, notwithstanding the above, the City may not adopt additional ordinances or amendments which provide for any substantive or material change in the scope and intent of this Ordinance, including but not limited to interest rate, preference, or seniority of any other ordinance with this Ordinance, or otherwise alter or impair the obligation of the City to pay the principal and interest due to the Public Water Sup-

SECTION 5. LOAN NOT INDEBTEDNESS OF CITY

Repayment of the loan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by the City pursuant to this Ordinance is to be solely from the net revenue derived from the System, and the loan does not constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation.

SECTION 6. APPLICATION FOR LOAN

The Mayor is hereby authorized to make application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a loan through the Public Water Supply Loan Program, in accordance with the loan requirements set out in 35 III. Ádm. Code 662.

SECTION 7. ACCEPTANCE OF LOAN AGREEMENT

The Corporate Authorities hereby authorize acceptance of the offer of a loan through the Public Water Supply Loan Program, including all terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement as well as all special conditions contained therein and made a part thereof by reference. The Corporate Authorities further agree that the loan funds awarded shall be used solely for the purposes of the Project as approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement.

SECTION 8. OUTSTANDING BONDS

The City has outstanding bonds that are payable from revenues of the system, but the outstanding bonds are not senior to, but on parity with, the loan authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. AUTHORIZATION OF MAYOR TO EXECUTE LOAN AGREEMENT The Mayor is hereby au-

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

PASSED by the Corporate Authorities on May 21, 2024. Approved May 21, 2024.

/S/ Don Downs

Mayor City of Hillsboro,

Montgomery County, Illinois AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

PUBLISHED in the Journal-News on May 23, 2024. RECORDED in the City of Hillsboro Records on May 22, 2024.

ATTEST:

/S/ David Jenkins City Clerk

City of Hillsboro,

Montgomery County, Illinois

Exhibit A NOTICE OF INTENT **TO BORROW FUNDS** AND RIGHT

TO FILE PETITION HEREBY NOTICE IS

GIVEN that, pursuant to an ordinance adopted on May 21, 2024, the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois (the "City") intends to enter into a Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$900,000 and bearing annual interest at an amount not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time of execution

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that if a petition signed by 259 or more electors of the City (being equal to 10% of the registered voters in the City), requesting that the question of improving the public water supply system and entering into the Loan Agreement is submitted to the City Clerk within 30 days after the publication of this Notice, the question of improving the public water supply system of the City as provided in the Ordinance and Loan Agreement shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the next election to be held under general election law on November 5, 2024. A petition form is available from the office of the City Clerk.

/S/ David Jenkins City Clerk City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois **ČERTIFICATIÓN**

I, David Jenkins, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois. I do further certify that the above and foregoing, identified as Ordinance Number 1798, is a true, complete and correct copy of an ordinance otherwise identified as "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PRO-GRAM" passed by the City Council of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois on the 21st day of May, 2024 and approved by the Mayor of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois on the same said date, the original of which is part of the books and records within my control as Clerk of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois. Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.

/S/ David Jenkins City Clerk 4-1t

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS DEVISEES OR OF DUANE HOKENSON; DUANE HOKENSON; ESTATE OF ADA N. MONTGOM-HUNTER; **ERY COUNTY TRUSTEE;** MONTGOMERY COUN-**TY CLERK**

AND UNKNOWN OWN-ERS OR PARTIES INTER-ESTED. A petition for Tax Deed as Case No. 2024-TX-20 has been filed in the Circuit Court of MONTGOM-ERY County, Illinois on the premises described below. On November 4, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., the Petitioner will make an application to such Court in MONTGOM-ERY County, Illinois, for an

manent Index No. (s) 17-35-461-007 of MONTGOMERY County, Illinois and was sold on October 25, 2021 for general taxes for the year 2020 and described as: 17-35-461-007 The period of redemption will expire on October 25. 2024.

THOMAS BENEDICK #168629 ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

1004 S. LINCOLN AVE., #12 **O'FALLON, IL 62269** 618-632-8401

order on the petition that a

Tax Deed be issued if the

real estate is not redeemed

from sale. The real estate is

described by Certificate No.

(s) 2020-00049, and by Per-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY** HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION: Plaintiff, VS.

AMITR MOHABBAT, SPE-REPRESENTATIVE CIAL FOR THE ESTATE OF VIR-GIL ROBBINS, DECEASED; JULIE VANCUREN; KELLY ROBBINS; DALE ROBBINS; CYNTHIA ROBBINS; UN-KNOWN HEIRS AND LEGA-TEES OF VIRGIL ROBBINS; DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRE-CORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendants, 22 FC 18

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause the Sheriff of Montgomery County will on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., Courthouse lobby, 120 North Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

THE FOLLOWING DE-SCRIBED REAL PROP-ERTY SITUATE IN COUN-TY OF MONTGOMERY, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, TO WIT: LOTS SEVENTY FOUR (74), SEVENTY FIVE (75) AND SEVENTY SIX (76), EXCEPT THE NORTH 10 FEET OF

ONE HUNDRED FORTY THREE (143) OF EDGE-WOOD SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTIONS THIRTY FOUR (34) AND THIRTY FIVE (35) OF TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL ME-RIDIAN AND A PART OF SECTIONS TWO (2) AND THREE (3) OF TOWN-SHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH. RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

FORTY TWO (142) AND

P.I.N. 10-34-476-055. Commonly known as: 3380 ILLINOIS ROUTE 16 LITCHFIELD, IL 62056

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 22-021186

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Litchfield Police

• Dani J. Trent, 36, of Virden, was jailed for retail theft at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Walmart.

• Heather M. Fricke, 45, of Litchfield, was cited for using a recreational vehicle as living quarters at 8:13 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the 700 block of S. Van Buren.

• Brad C. Fricke, 65, of Litchfield, was cited for using a recreational vehicle as living quarters at 8:13 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the 700 block of S. Van Buren.

Police

• Adam B. Tarran, 39, of Litchfield, was jailed for violation of order of protection at 12:40 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the 1000 block of N. Illinois.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF JA-SON KING & CLIFFORD A. BOYD; JASON KING; CLIFFORD A. BOYD; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; U.S. ATTOR-NEY; U.S. ATTORNEY **GENERAL; MONTGOM-**ERY COUNTY CLERK

AND UNKNOWN OWN-ERS OR PARTIES INTER-ESTED. A petition for Tax Deed as Case No. 2024-TX-22 has been filed in the Circuit Court of MONTGOM-ERY County, Illinois on the premises described below. On November 4, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., the Petitioner will make an application to such Court in MONTGOM-ERY County, Illinois, for an

order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from sale. The real estate is described by Certificate No. (s) 2020-00163, and by Permanent Index No. (s) 12-23-151-006 of MONTGOMERY County, Illinois and was sold on October 25, 2021 for general taxes for the year 2020 and described as:

12-23-151-006

The period of redemption will expire on October 25, 2024. **THOMAS BENEDICK** #168629

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER 1004 S. LINCOLN AVE., #12 **O'FALLON, IL 62269**

618-632-8401

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, JUVENILE DIVISION IN THE INTEREST OF

H. L. Case No. 20-JA-28 **NOTICE BY PUBLICATION** NOTICE IS GIVEN TO

ASHLEY LAPAGE AND JO-SEPH LAPAGE, and to all whom it may concern, that a petition for TERMINATION PARENTAL RIGHTS OF was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by the State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in the courtroom of presiding Judge Nathan A. Frisch in Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, IIlinois, on JULY 3, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing on the petition for TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUS-TODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TER-MINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT

A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOP-TION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PE-ΤO TITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOP-TION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL

Unless you appear you of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental

May 15, 2024 Daniel T. Robbins, of the Court

Litchfield. was cited for failure to reduce speed, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving a non-highway vehicle on the road at 8:28 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the intersection of Fisher and Van Buren.

• Jeremy A. Dunaway, 22, of Worden, was cited for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the limit at 7:26 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the intersection of Rt. 16 and Van Buren.

• Jefferson P. Thomas, 21, of Terrace.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE FOURTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,

MONTGOMERY COUNTY -

IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF:

RONALD D. HAWLEY, SR.,

DECEASED.

NO. 2024-PR-18

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

WILLS AND CLAIMS

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN

HEIRS AND LEGATEES

AND NOTICE TO HEIRS

AND LEGATEES OF WILL

ADMITTED

death of Ronald D. Hawley,

Sr. of Hillsboro, IL 62049.

Letters of office were is-

sued on May 15, 2024 to

Ronald D. Hawley, whose

attorney is Alan Pretnar, 510

Hillsboro St., Taylor Springs,

known 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 May 15, 2024

admitting the will to probate.

Within 42 days after the ef-

fective 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE FOURTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY,

ILLINOIS

Plaintiff,

SECURITY

BANK,

Notice is given to un-

Illinois 62089.

Notice is given of the

• Myka B. Smith, 23, of Litchfield, was cited for unsafe backing onto a road way at 12:11 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the 800 block of S. Franklin.

• Derrick D. Richardson, 46. of Litchfield, was jailed on an outstanding St. Clair County warrant at 7:31 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the 300 row of Kirk Terrace.

• Angela K. Seaton, 55, of Litchfield, was jailed on an outstanding Green County warrant at 7:31 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the 300 row of Kirk

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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 with 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 the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has 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@tslawoffice.com 4-3tT

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degrees 55' 15" West on the Southerly line of said Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) a distance of 326.44 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06' 03" East a distance of 196.79 feet; nce North 88 degree 11' 16" East a distance of 322.41 feet to the intersection with the East line of the aforesaid Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-six (26); thence South 01 degrees 03' 57" East on the said Easterly line; a distance of 206.57 feet to the point of beginning.

PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing

riahts. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

> Amy Taylor, Deputy Clerk 4-1t

SAID LOT SEVENTY SIX	SHERIFF
(76), AND LOTS ONE	13244186
HUNDRED FORTY-ONE	
(141), ONE HUNDRED	

vs. LEROY H. KUHL, UN-KNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIM-ANTS,

Defendants. 2024-FC-14 **NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

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

1. Names of All Plaintiffs and the Case Number: SE-CURITY NATIONAL BANK, Case No. 2024-FC-14

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

3. Names of Titleholder of Record: LEROY H. KUHL and PAULA M. KUHL

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

A part of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-Six (26), Township Eight (8) North, Range Three (3) West of the Third Principal Meridian, Montgomery County, Illinois, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at an iron pin at the Southeasterly corner of said Section Twenty-Six (26) thence North 01 degrees 04' 09" East (bearings assigned for descriptive purposes only) on the Easterly line of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) a distance of 1,335.67 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¹/₄) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) and the point of beginning of the parcel being described herein; thence South 89

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

16465 Old Cemetery Trail Coffeen. IL 62017

6. The Parcel Number is: 17-26-400-013

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

(a) Names of Mortgagor: Leroy H. Kuhl and Paula M. Kuhl

(b) Name of Mortgagee: Security National Bank

(c) Date of Mortgage: July 11,2012

(d) Date of Recording: July 11, 2012

(e) County where recorded: Montgomery County

(f) Recording Document Identification:

Inst. # 201200002678 or Book 1501 Page 181

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main St., Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, on or before June 24, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAK-EN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Daniel Robbins Clerk of the Court

Erik Hyam

IL Bar No. 6311090 Silver Lake Group, Ltd. **Attorneys for Plaintiff** 314 N. Monroe St. P.O. Box 98 Litchfield, IL 62056 Telephone 217-324-6147 erik@silverlakelaw.com 4-3tT

CITY OF HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS Resolution No. 2024-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL ESTATE (PART OF P.I.N. 12-18-300-002)

WHEREAS, the City of Hillsboro, Illinois (the "City") an IIlinois non-home rule municipal corporation pursuant to Article VII, § 8 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, organized and operating under the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.1) provides that the corporate authorities of a municipality may, by resolution, authorize the sale of surplus public real estate; and

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of a tract of real estate situated at Meisenheimer Avenue in the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, which is legally described as follows:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 9 North, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Montgomery County, Illinois, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a found iron pin at the northwest corner of Parcel "A" per Survey Plat recorded June 13, 1980, in slide 59 in the Office of the Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 26 seconds East along the west line of said Parcel "A", a distance of 120.55 feet to a found iron pin at the southwest corner of said Parcel "A", a distance of 120.55 feet to a found iron pin at the southwest corner of said Parcel "A"; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 31 second West along the west extension of the south line of said Parcel "A", a distance of 242.98 feet to a point on a nontangent curve having a radius of 276.89 feet whose center bears North 98 degrees 34 minutes 20 second East from said point; thence Northeasterly along said curve through a central angle of 30 degrees 17 minutes 24 seconds, an arc distance of 146.38 feet; thence South 84 degrees 55 minutes 41 second East, a distance of 210.88 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.705 acres, more or less.

P.I.N.: Part of 12-18-300-002

(hereinafter, the "Real Estate"); and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that said Real Estate is no longer useful or necessary to the operation of the City and, therefore, is surplus real estate; and

WHEREAS, the City has been provided with an appraisal of said Real Estate from Donna J. Howard, MAI, of DJ Howard & Associates, Inc., which indicates the fair market value of the Real Estate is \$9,400.00 (Nine Thousand Four Hundred Dollars); and

WHEREAS, Michael & Carrie Alexander have offered to purchase said Real Estate for the sum of \$9,400.00 (Nine Thousand Four Hundred Dollars): and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City that the Real Estate be sold as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Resolution verbatim, as findings of the City Council of the City of Hillsboro, Illinois.

Section 2: The value of the Real estate is hereby determined to be \$9,400.00 (Nine Thousand Four Hundred Dollars)

Section 3: The Mayor, the City Clerk, and the City's attorneys are hereby authorized to do all things and take all actions necessary and appropriate to sell the Real Estate to Michael & Carrie Alexander for the sum of \$9,400.00 (Nine Thousand Four Hundred Dollars).

Section 4: The size, use, and zoning of the said Real Estate are as follows:

Size: 0.705± acres

Use: Municipal/vacant

Zoning: R-1

Section 5: The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Resolution at the first opportunity following its passage in The Journal-News.

Section 6: The said appraisal of the Real Estate from Donna J. Howard, MAI, shall be filed with the Citv Clerk and made available for public inspection at City Hall.

Section 7: All resolutions, motions, or parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution are hereby superseded.

Section 8: If any section, paragraph, or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 9: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Adopted this 21st day of May, 2024, by roll call votes as follows:

- AYES: 5
- NAYS: 0
- ABSENT: 0

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Hillsboro, Illinois this 21st day of May, 2024.

/S/ DON E. DOWNS MAYOR

ATTEST: /S/ DAVID JENKINS CITY CLERK

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