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Hillsboro Council Continues To Discuss New Pool

by Ron Deabenderfer

Construction of a new pool for the Hillsboro area came closer to reality during the city council meeting Tuesday night, January 7, because of two steps: upon a motion by Commissioner Tommy Justison, the council awarded a construction contract to Capri Pools Aquatics for 8.1 million dollars. The only other company to bid was Westport

Pools.

Mayor Don Downs and Commissioner Fred Butler, who seconded the motion and monitored the discussion about it, thanked the committee who interviewed representatives from both bidders before the selection was made. Butler emphasized that both companies seemed easy to work with; he said Capri will use local laborers as much as possible, and that they are flexible concern-

ing design changes the public may want.

That public will have a chance to view the proposed design next Wednesday, Jan. 15, at a meeting/hearing in city hall. It will begin at 7 p.m.

More details about the pool proposal will be available in the Monday, Jan. 13, edition of *The Journal-News*.

Other bids were accepted to help convert the recent purchase of a Suburban into a

vehicle that can legally pull the fire department's dive team boat and equipment to sites where it is needed. Global Technical Systems, Inc., will provide and install the necessary lights, radio, and console in the 2023 Chevy Silverado for \$6,633.81. Jorn Sign Company will do the lettering and striping required for an emergency vehicle for \$900.

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Autism Support Group Planning New Programs

TASC (The Autism Support Connection) is ringing in the new year with the introduction of new programs. Geared towards individuals 14 and over, TASC will begin hosting social activities on the third Wednesday of each month. Expanding the group's existing programs to offer social activities for young adults has been a long-running goal of the locally-based support group and TASC is excited to see that vision finally begin to come to fruition.

"Most autism programs and support groups focus on young children, and TASC has been no exception. However, autism doesn't go away with age," said Toby O'Donnell, TASC board member. "We feel that additional opportunities to help our teens and transitioning adults are needed. TASC+ activities will focus on their age group, helping to develop social behavior and communication skills, and social networks that the younger children aren't prepared for."

Local entrepreneur Lo-

gan Altenberger is working with the group to host the first TASC+ event, a game night, on Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at The Toy Room, located at 227 S. Main Street in downtown Hillsboro. This event will be open to individuals with autism and related neurodivergences ages 14 and older. TASC hopes to work with local business owners to host the monthly social outings.

"Inclusion is always a primary focus when it comes to the activities TASC hosts," said TASC board member Tori O'Dell. "Our vision for the TASC+ program is to work alongside area business owners to host these events, both to better expose the individuals that attend to larger facets of their community as well as helping to better integrate those with neurodivergences into the places they live. People tend to think of those with differing needs as children because resources and programing tend to be geared towards early intervention."

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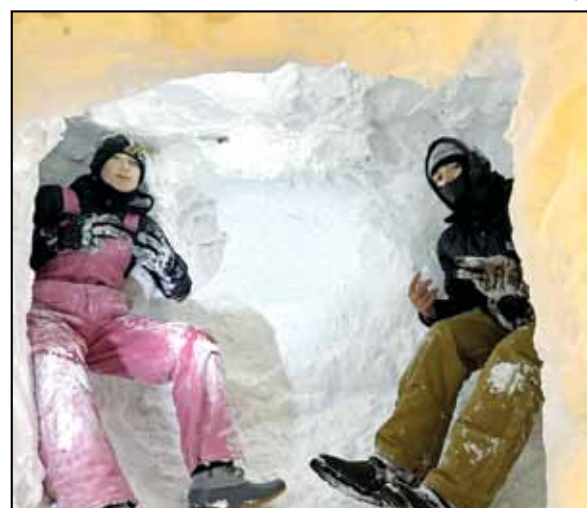
Litchfield Resident Turns Snow Into Art

Mother Nature created quite a winter wonderland this week, dumping between ten and 12 inches of snow across Montgomery County Sunday, Jan. 5 and Monday, Jan. 6, causing the closure and delay of local schools and businesses. Litchfield resident Matt Schrampf showcased his artistic skills, creating this brightly colored dog at his home, just behind the First Baptist Church in Litchfield. Schrampf said his inspiration for the sculpture was his new puppy, a German Shepherd mix. However, the neighborhood kids thought it looked like the popular Disney character Bluey, so Schrampf painted it blue. He said it took him about ten hours to create the giant sculpture.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



For Rent: One Room, Spacious, No Heat



They say when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. Well, when life gives you snow, you make an igloo. Or at least that's what Bryce Cowdrey (left) and Austyn Hefley (right) did on Monday, Jan. 6, after school was called off due to the winter weather. The two Lincolnwood High School sophomores spent the better part of the day building their own personal playground in a pile of snow near the Farmersville square, complete with stairs, a slide and a hollowed out, lighted main room.

While construction stopped around 8 p.m. on Monday, plans for improvements on Tuesday were already in the works after school was called off that day as well.

Photos courtesy of Carie Beal

Decline In Enrollment Flattens Out

Montgomery County's student enrollment continued its decades-long decline in the current 2024-2025 school year, albeit ever so slightly.

The number of students attending the county's four public school districts and a trio of Litchfield and Nokomis private schools is down just 0.22 percent from last year, a drop of just nine students. The county currently sits at a total of 4,014 students enrolled. The curve's flattening is encouraging after a recorded 3.9 percent decline in the previous year.

Since the previous school year, enrollment in the Hillsboro School District is down 37 students, equating 2.3 percent, dropping from 1,577 to 1,540. Looking west, the Litchfield School District is down 34 students (2.6 percent) to 1,266 and the northern Panhandle School District is down six students (1.3 percent), from 450 to now 444.

In the Nokomis School District, enrollment is up by 40 students, a 6.8 percent growth to 582 students. Similarly, growth is charted at Zion Lutheran School in Litchfield, which saw an

County School Enrollments				
	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Hillsboro	1656	1647	1577	1540
Litchfield	1284	1318	1300	1266
Nokomis	607	625	542	582
Panhandle	481	448	450	444
Zion Lutheran	123	87	89	100
St. Louis	73	63	65	62
Litchfield Christian				20
TOTAL	4224	4188	4023	4014

increase of 11 students (12.3 percent), raising their total to 100 enrolled.

St. Louis Catholic School in Nokomis is 3 students down from the last school year, a change of 4.4 percent, as they now sit at 65. New to the county is Litchfield

Christian School, which recorded 20 students enrolled in its inaugural year.

Over the past decade, county enrollment has been down 14.6 percent, a decrease of 684 students countywide.

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Weather Forecast			
Thu 09	30°/23°	Partly Cloudy	8%
Fri 10	31°/22°	AM Snow Showers	76%
Sat 11	32°/26°	Partly Cloudy	8%
Sun 12	35°/23°	Mostly Cloudy	24%

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Think you're smarter than a fifth grader? Volunteers with the Coffeen Veterans Memorial are ready to test your skills at their second annual Trivia Night fundraiser this Saturday, Jan. 11, at The Lodge on Main in downtown Hillsboro. Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia begins at 7 p.m., hosted by WTF (What the Facts?). Teams of eight to ten players are needed to participate for \$100 per team. Players may bring their own snacks but all drinks must be purchased on site. For more information or to reserve your table, call or text 217-313-5679 or Coffeen City Hall at 217-534-2216.

The Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District will host its annual meeting and election of officers on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, at The Abbey on Broad in downtown Hillsboro at 6 p.m. Two directors will be elected to serve the Montgomery County region.

Barb Boston of Hillsboro planned to kick off her four-week session of Funky Line Dance classes this week, but had to push that back one week due to the weather. The four-week session will now begin on Thursday, Jan. 16, with additional classes on Jan. 23, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, with a new location at The Annex at Lincoln Plaza in downtown Hillsboro. Doors open at 6 p.m. and classes will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is \$40 for the four weeks and \$15 for drop-ins. A maximum of 25 participants will be allowed. For more information, call or text 715-605-2036 or visit Barb Boston's Funky Line Dance Group on Facebook.

Now's the time to get in your "era!" Volunteers with St. Agnes Catholic Pre-K are hosting a Taylor Swift party fundraiser this Saturday, Jan. 11, at The Lodge on Main. Activities will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Registration is \$30 and includes a Taylor Swift impersonator, hair and make-up, tinsel, crafts, friendship bracelets, goodie bags, stickers and tattoos and more. For more information, contact Natasha Downs at 217-556-4147.

Save the cooking for someone else! The St. Raymond's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a drive-thru only fried chicken dinner this Sunday, Jan. 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Raymond Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 510 E. Sparks Street. Dinners are \$15 each and include a half-chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, roll and cake.

We printed a letter to the editor in Monday's edition from Doug and Susan Schulte, former owners of the Irving Creamery, about their upcoming move out west. The Schultes would like to keep in touch with friends from this area, but we misprinted their address. Those wishing to keep in touch with the Schultes can reach them at 721 Industrial Drive, Spearfish, SD 57783.

And don't miss our special Fall Sports Tab Wrap-Up, inserted in today's edition. The special section features team photos and stats from fall sports from all four county high schools. Make sure and check it out!

Obituaries

Ellen C. Chumley, 54
Enjoyed Walks, Reading



Ellen Carol Chumley, 54, of Litchfield, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, at her residence.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at First Presbyterian Church in Litchfield. The Rev. Gary Schwab of First Presbyterian Church of Litchfield will officiate. Burial will be in Shiloh Cemetery near Coffeen. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Chumley was born Dec. 4, 1970, a daughter of John Samuel and Willa Carol (Harding) Chumley. She graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1988 and furthered her education at the Barbizon School of Modeling in Springfield. She was a member of St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Litchfield, the American Legion Auxiliary and Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Chumley enjoyed taking walks and was an avid reader.

Ms. Chumley is survived by her brother, James E. Gibson of Litchfield; and special cousin, Elisa Hummer of Murphysboro. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Willa Chumley.

The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be directed to Montgomery County PAWS Care. To sign the online register book or light a virtual candle, please visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Cathy Ann Patton, 72
Incredible Nurse



Cathy Ann Patton, 72, of Nokomis, died peacefully at 10:36 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis, with a prayer service immediately following. A private burial will be held at Camp Butler at a later date.

Mrs. Patton was born on April 14, 1952, in Victorville, CA, the daughter of the late Clifford and Juanita (Durbin) Johnson. She married Randy G. Patton on Aug. 12, 1976, in Hillsboro, and they resided in Nokomis in their home in the woods.

She worked as a registered nurse at St. Vincent Memorial Hospital in Taylorville, retiring after 38 years. She built a remarkable legacy as a dedicated, compassionate and skillful nurse. Her deep empathy, along with her vast knowledge, made her a trusted and respected figure among colleagues, patients and their families. Her contributions to the healthcare community were immeasurable.

Not only was Mrs. Patton an incredible nurse, but she was also the best mother and Mema or Memaw, or whatever way she decided to spell it when it was time to sign the card. If one was a friend to any of the Patton kids, there is a good chance they consider her as a surrogate mother. She treated any child who happened into her home as one of her own and loved to lend an ear for a late-night chat.

She is survived by her children, Michael (Kelly) Patton, Trevor Patton, Tara (Michael) Kessler and Briana Patton; grandchildren, Brady Patton, Sophia, Eve, Stella and Theo Kessler, Carson and Rose Patton and Daelon Patton; brother, Thomas (Pam) Johnson of Harrisburg, MO; sister, Donna Phillips of Temple TX; many dearly cherished siblings in love; nieces; nephews; great nieces; great nephews; and cousins galore.

Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Town Hall Scheduled For Central Park Pool

The City of Hillsboro will be hosting a town hall meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. to discuss the Central Park Pool project. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at City Hall.

Public Meetings

Hillsboro Planning Commission Meeting
The Hillsboro Planning Commission will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Agenda items include updates from Imagine Hillsboro and the Natural Resources committee, as well as an update on the city from Sarah McConnell and reviewing solar panel regulations.

Montgomery County Mental Health Board
The Montgomery County Community Mental Health Board (708) will be having their regular meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, in the PBC Room in the New Courthouse in Hillsboro. Enter in the rear entrance.

Agenda items include committee reports, announcements and reviewing board member nominations.

Stephen H. Miller, 96
Arrangements Pending



Stephen H. Miller, 96, of Monticello, formerly of Raymond, died at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, at The Villas of Holly Brook in Monticello.

Arrangements are pending at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. A complete obituary will be published in a later issue of *The Journal-News*.

Condolences may be left online at www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

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Obituaries

Patricia A. Loskot, 97 Caring Homemaker



Patricia Ann Loskot, 97, of Hillsboro, died at 9:05 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, at Hillsboro Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Hillsboro.

Per the family's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded and there are no services planned at this time. Hough Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Mrs. Loskot was born on April 17, 1927, in Harvel to the late Archie and Ollie (Sellers) Otter. She spent most of her life as a homemaker; but worked in a nursing home, caring for residents. On June 6, 1953, she married the love of her life, Frank Loskot II, and he preceded her in death in 1993. Together they raised their three children, Doris, Frank and Larry. She was a member of the Baptist church and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her family.

Mrs. Loskot is survived by her children, Doris (companion, Richard Denny) Loskot of Hillsboro, Frank (wife, Terry) Loskot III of Hillsboro and Larry (wife, Tammy) Loskot of Arizona; several grandchildren and a few great-grandchildren.

She is preceded by her parents, husband, and siblings Wesley, Francis, Viola, Katherine and Lois.

Per the family's wishes, memorials may be made to Adopt - A - Pet in Benld. Condolences may be left online at www.houghfuneralhome.com.

James F. Duffy Jr., 91 Ties To Local Area



James Francis Duffy Jr., 91, of Black Creek, WI, died on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, in Appleton, WI, due to a sudden illness after overcoming a five-year battle with cancer, thanks in large part to the exceptional efforts of ThedaCare and the outstanding care provided by Dr. S. Schmidt and team.

Burial was held at St. Mary's cemetery in Appleton, WI. A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 3 p.m. at Community Bible Church, located at 402 W Forest St. in Black Creek, WI.

Mr. Duffy was born in Chicago in 1933 to James F. Duffy Sr. and Mildred Duffy in Oak Park. He attended high school at Culver Military Academy in Indiana. He then attended MIT earning both a bachelor's and master's in engineering and mathematics. He went on to pursue a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Chicago. Mr. Duffy then entered the Air Force where he served on mission critical assignments for the Air Force and Naval Intelligence, as well as the NSA where he [redacted].

Mr. Duffy met the love of his life, Mary Ellen (Melon) Machado, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter E. Machado through a mutual family friend, Marion Hill. He pursued Mary Ellen for five years before they married on Nov. 24, 1962, officiated by the Rev. Finnegan at St. Theresa's Parish of West Roxbury, MA. Dorothy Machado served as maid of honor and Frank Lewandowski of New York served as best man. They had recently celebrated 62 years of marriage.

Once married, Mr. Duffy spent the majority of his career with Kimberly Clark where he worked in computer engineering, pioneering operating systems for large computer systems and manufacturing software. In 1981, he started CFE or Christian Family Enterprises where he invented hardware/software for the deaf as well as provided technical solutions to long haul trucking logistic companies.

Mr. Duffy eventually returned to work at KimTech as a senior systems engineer. After retiring, he spent some time developing car wash systems and pursuing his many hobbies which included building telescopes, one of which was recognized in Sky and Telescope magazine (Dec. 2014). He also spent many hours studying the Bible, computer programming, swimming and keeping up with their home and pool as well as earning his General Amateur Radio License, call sign KD9UIB.

Mr. Duffy was very active in many churches through his life; he and his wife spent many hours engaged in church activities and mentoring pastors and young families as an ordained minister. He loved Jesus Christ with all his heart and lived his life as a devoted follower of Christ. His faith was the foundation of everything he did, and his life reflected the teachings and love of his Savior.

In addition to being survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Duffy, and his sister, Virginia Peschke, Mr. Duffy is survived by 13 of his 14 children, Marie Erm, (Patrick) of Coos Bay, OR, James Duffy of Hudson, WI, Michael Duffy of Cape Coral, FL, Judy Farm (Eric) of Coos Bay, OR, Dr. Sean Duffy (Julie) of Cape Coral, FL, Dave Duffy (Desiree) of Norman, OK, Dr. Benjamin J. Duffy (Kristin) of Harrison, WI, Liz Duffy (John Connell) of Tigard, OR, Eddie Monroe (Troy Kugel) of Appleton, WI, Ruth Duffy of Kaukauna, WI, Josh Duffy of Appleton, WI, Paul Duffy of Black Creek, WI, and Anthony Duffy of Neenah, WI; 25 grandchildren; and seven (with an eighth on the way) great-grandchildren, Danielle Erm, Pamela Baldwerm, Kyle Erm, Becky Duffy, James Duffy, Sammy Duffy, Angelina Duffy, Patrick Duffy, Eddie Metcalf, Macy Metcalf, Raegan Farm, Olivia Duffy, Katie Lubner (with a bun in the oven), Sara Duffy, Bree Swider, Mase Duffy, Mera Duffy, Grey Duffy, Jazmyn Connell, Matthew Jayarathne and Abigail Jayarathne of Litchfield, Mackenzie Monroe, Ari Monroe, Ava Monroe, Ark Duffy and great-grandchildren Orion Slack, Athena-Marie Slack, Andromeda Slack, Ella Swider, Lad Swider, Yani Swider and Luke Swider, and on the way, Lubner.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred; father, James Sr.; sister, Mary McMahan; and his daughter, Deborah (Duffy) Jayarathne.

For online condolences, please visit www.valleyfh.com.

Josephine A. Barringer, 86 Longtime Church Pianist



Josephine Ann (Herzog) Barringer, 86, of Ramsey, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, surrounded by her children.

A celebration of life will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at South Fork Church, located at 14316 E 100 North Rd. in Nokomis. Graveside services will be held at a later date.

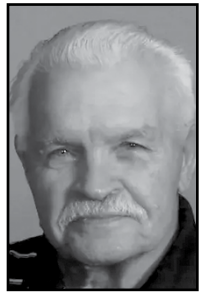
Mrs. Barringer was born on Nov. 23, 1938, on a farm in rural Montgomery County to Edward and Melinda (Reineke) Herzog. She married Virgil Wayne Barringer on April 7, 1957, at South Fork Church. She was a farmer's wife and previously worked at Nokomis Veterinary Clinic. Mrs. Barringer was a piano player, playing in church including South Fork and Fillmore. She played piano and accordion at numerous funeral services and nursing homes. She volunteered for various organizations.

Including her husband of 68 years, Mrs. Barringer is survived by children, Jerry (Linda) of Nokomis, Ken (Kim) of Rosamond and daughter, Marcia of Ramsey; sister, Marion (Herzog) Stauder of Springfield; grandchildren, Jerry (Katie) Barringer of Normal, Charles Barringer of Nokomis, Josh (Omega) Barringer of Princeton, TX, Kenna (Alex) Henderson of Maryville, TN, Chad (Ashley) Towler of Brownstown and Travis (Jo) Towler of Plymouth, OH; great-grandchildren, Zane Henderson of Maryville, TN, Fred and Adrian Towler of Brownstown and Aubryanna Towler of Plymouth, OH.

She was preceded in death by siblings, Carroll "Dusty" Herzog, Lyla (Herzog) Darnell and Bernice (Herzog) Kessinger.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to South Fork Church. Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home is assisting the family and online condolences can be left at www.stiehl-dawsonfh.com.

Jack C. Wilson, 90 Loving Father, Husband



Jack Charles Wilson, 90, of Gillespie, died on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, at 11:54 p.m. at Gillespie Health and Rehab Center.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield from 10 a.m. until funeral services begin at 12 p.m. Burial will be at Gillespie Cemetery. Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Wilson was born Oct. 16, 1934, in Gillespie, to John Wilson and Margaret Hollis Wilson Taylor. He married Elfrieda (Johnson) Wilson on Oct. 22, 1955, in Gillespie. He was a machinist for Olin Corp. Mr. Wilson enjoyed going to church affiliations and being with family.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his spouse, Elfrieda Wilson of Gillespie; children, Loretta (Steve) Sarti of Gillespie and Craig (Diane) Wilson of Litchfield; grandchildren, Jeremy (Shannon) Sarti, Joseph (Angie) Sarti, Jackson Wilson and Cooper (Katie) Wilson; great-grandchildren, Rylee Sarti, Hunter Sarti and Cheyenne Sarti; sisters, Judy Cunningham of Godfrey and Sandy Szkutnick of Springfield; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, James Taylor; and brothers, Andrew Wilson and James "Jeep" Taylor.

Memorials are suggested to Zion Lutheran Church of Litchfield or Zion Lutheran School of Litchfield. Condolences may be left online at www.kravanyafuneral.com.

Jerry A. Barham, 83 Machinist, Custodian

Jerry Barham, 83, of Coal City died on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, at Arcadia Care in Morris.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 15, at Reeves Funeral Home in Coal City. Burial followed in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Wilmington.

Mr. Barham was born on Feb. 7, 1941, in Hillsboro to the late Arthur James and Florence (Weddle) Barham. He grew up in Hillsboro and graduated from Hillsboro High School. He married Rita Pfister and they lived in Diamond and later Coal City where they raised their two sons. She preceded him in death.

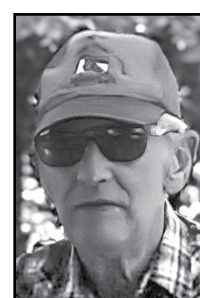
He worked as a machinist at Caterpillar Tractor Company in Joliet until he retired. He mowed grass for Coal City School District and that evolved to a full-time janitorial position for several years before he retired the second time.

Mr. Barham is survived by his sons, Mark (Fiancée Rose Gabriel) Barham of Elk Grove Village and Greg (Linda) Barham of Plainfield; grandson, Bobby Barham; step-grandchildren, Hala Daramjee and Joey and Frankie Nagy; brother, Mike (Eugenia) Barham of Auburn; brother-in-law, Robert (the late Mary) Pfister of Arlington, TX; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Doris DeVries and Beulah Faye Helfer; brothers, Robert and Norris Mack; and nephews, Kenny DeVries and Steve Helfer.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Kenneth B. Meyers, 89 Fillmore Graduate



Kenneth B. Meyers, 89, of Chatham, formerly of Fillmore, died on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 12 p.m. at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be at Glendale Cemetery in Fillmore.

Mr. Meyers was born on Dec. 28, 1935, in Fillmore to the late John and Ethal (Bost) Meyers. He was proud to say he was a member of the last class to graduate from Fillmore High School in 1953. He married Joyce Hofmann on June 30, 1962, at Raymond Presbyterian Church and together they raised their two children, Dale and Christina.

Mr. Meyers lived in Fillmore his entire life and finally moved in town Fillmore when he was able to bring his horse with him. He retired from Hillsboro Glass Factory after approximately 30 years as a shipping foreman and he was a farmer. Mr. Meyers was very proud of his service as an Air Force veteran; during his time in the military, he served in Alaska.

Mr. Meyers was a very optimistic man with a wonderful sense of humor and a strong work ethic. He loved horses and enjoyed riding on the trails in Shawnee, Ramsey and Litchfield. He continued to ride horses until he was well into his 80's. He loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren; especially time spent outdoors sledding in the snow or throwing rocks in the creek.

Mr. Meyers is survived by his wife, Joyce Meyers; two children, Dale (wife, Lorie) Meyers of Springfield and Christina (husband, Matthew) Jones of Chatham; six grandchildren, Tyler Jones, Jason Jones, Makenzie Jones, Rachel Meyers, Bryce Meyers and Sarah Meyers; one great-grandchild, Brooklyn Meyers; and one sister, Carol Srgo.

Memorials are suggested to St. Matthews Church in Fillmore. Condolences may be left online at www.basspattondeanf.com.

Martin L. Wolff, 58 Enjoyed Dirt Bike Riding



Martin "Marty" Louis Wolff, 58, of Litchfield, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at First Presbyterian Church in Litchfield. Pastor Jon Magnuson of Beacon Church in Litchfield will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Ridge Cemetery in Honey Bend. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mr. Wolff was born Dec. 12, 1966, in Springfield, a son of Marion "Peanie" Louis and Barbara Anita (Hook) Wolff. He graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1985 and attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI.

Mr. Wolff and the former Alicia Beatrice Bess were married May 17, 2016, in Hillsboro, and she survives.

Mr. Wolff was employed by the family business, Wolff Oil Co., for several years and was currently employed as a carpenter and welder. He had many hobbies including woodworking, working on his cars and trucks, snow mobilizing and boating. He greatly enjoyed dirt bike riding and hill climbing at Cahokia Creek Dirt Riders Club Grounds in White City. Mr. Wolff was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield.

In addition to his wife, Alicia, Mr. Wolff is survived by a son, Tanner Wolff of Litchfield; stepson, Lawrence "Sprocket" Skinner of Litchfield; stepdaughter, Kiera Bess of Butler; brother, Kent (Laura) Wolff of Litchfield and sister, Karla (Will) James of Seminole, OK; grandson, Bentley; and six nephews, Steven (Amy) Wolff, Christopher (Brittany) Wolff, Jason (Kim) Blankenship, Travis Bishop, Jake (Kelly) James and Nate (Renee) James.

Mr. Wolff was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Anita Wolff; son, Spencer N. Wolff; stepson, Kayden Bess; and grandson, Tyson Louis Wolff.

The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be directed to Plummer Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses. To light a virtual candle or to sign the online guest book, please visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

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LANCER LINES • by Abilene Norris at Lincolnwood

Lincolnwood Athletes Keep Busy Over Holiday



Welcome back, Lancers! Even though we did not see a white Christmas, the amount of snow we received should have made up for it!

Lincolnwood had no school on both Tuesday and Wednesday due to the road conditions.

The girls basketball game that had been rescheduled for Tuesday has now been rescheduled to Jan. 18, at Lincolnwood. The boys basketball game that was scheduled for Tuesday has now been rescheduled to Feb. 7 in Mt. Pulaski.

Sports will pick back up this Thursday, with a girls basketball game played against Pawnee at Lincolnwood. The scholastic bowl team will be facing Nokomis and Riverton at Lincolnwood as well. The boys basketball team will pick up their season with a game against Nokomis, played at Lincolnwood this Friday. Be sure to come out and support our teams this week!

The boys basketball team

kept their season going through break as they played in the Waverly Holiday Tournament. They started out the tournament with a loss against Routt, the score being 63-39. They entered the consolation bracket against North Greene, losing 41-33. They played against Bunker Hill last Saturday, coming home with a win with the score 59-50. As mentioned before, the boys will play Nokomis this Friday at home, and will be playing at home next Tuesday when they face North Mac. Good luck, boys!

The girls basketball team played against Carlinville, South County and Williams-ville over break. Unfortunately, they came up short all three games but they have the chance to make a come-back when they play against Pawnee this Thursday. On Saturday, they will travel to Mt. Pulaski for a game, and will be back on the court in Virden next Monday when they play North Mac. Good luck, girls!

That is all for this week Lancers! I hope everyone had a wonderful break, and I hope to see you all back at school this Thursday!

Births

Jennifer McVey and Kyle Reindl of Hillsboro announce the birth of a daughter, Ava Mae Reindl, born at 3:36 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

She was welcomed home by big sisters Serenity McVey, age five, and Sara Reindl, age two.

Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Chesney of Staunton and Brad McVey of Bridgeport. Paternal grandparents are Judy and Steve Reindl of Hillsboro.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mary and Rex Kahle of Litchfield. Paternal great-grandfather is William Davee of Litchfield.

Old Settlers Group Meets This January

Volunteers with the Old Settlers Association are set to begin planning the 2025 celebration with their first meeting of the year on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Challacombe House in Hillsboro.

Anyone interested in helping with this year's celebration is encouraged to attend as officers will be elected for the coming year.



Kindness Posters On Display At Library

Kindness posters made by fourth grade students at Beckemeyer Elementary School in Hillsboro were put on display at Hillsboro Area Public Library in December and will remain posted through Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 20. Pictured above, library director Laura Naugle showcases the posters.



Cub Scouts Go Caroling For Christmas

Pack 89 Cub Scouts from Litchfield and Hillsboro went caroling at Timber Creek Village and Evergreen Place in Litchfield on Monday, Dec. 16. The scouts sang three songs and passed out gingerbread ornaments to those in attendance. Pictured above, in front, from the left, are Dawson Schneider, Alex Imel, Jameson McSperritt, Landon Budd and Dallas Denton. In the back row, from the left, are Kolbe Law, Edison McSperritt, Bo Beckham, Ben Imel and Connor Budd.

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2024-25 School Enrollment

DISTRICT	PRE-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Hillsboro	142	105	98	113	103	112	110	99	92	128	109	106	106	117	1,540
Litchfield	99	68	89	102	77	80	96	92	99	76	80	98	101	91	1,266*
Nokomis	53	41	38	30	37	38	39	43	36	39	44	54	43	47	582
Panhandle	31	27	39	34	36	21	27	32	26	35	20	45	38	33	444
Zion Lutheran	21	16	16	12	12	6	7	7	0	3					100
St. Louis	10	15	6	9	4	4	2	2	7	3					62
Litchfield Christian	3				6		7				4				20
Total															4,014

*includes 18 students in alternative schools in Litchfield

School Enrollment

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Specifically since the 2014-2015 school year, Hillsboro is down 272 students (15.1 percent), Litchfield is down 232 (15.4 percent), Nokomis is down 58 (9.9

percent) and Panhandle is down 78 (15 percent). Zion Lutheran and St. Louis are down 40 (28.6 percent) and 25 (28.7 percent)

In the past twenty years, the number of students attending school in Montgom-

ery County is down by 1,323 students (24.7 percent). While the rest of the schools fall close to that percentage, it is noted that Zion Lutheran's enrollment has only dropped 9 percent total over the past twenty years.

Hillsboro City Council

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Laughlin Electric, Inc. was awarded the contract to install lights in the soffits on the exterior of the Challacombe House; the company will provide necessary fixtures and wiring as well for a total of \$4,900. The money comes from the Challacombe Fund, not from taxpayers.

MG Construction, LCC, submitted a pay request for work done in the mandated Lead Water Line Replacement Project; introduced by Utilities Commissioner Kendra Wright, this request was for \$56,475. Because it's a mandated project, the financing doesn't come from local funds. The last stage of the initial phase was to begin Monday, Jan. 6, but the weather prevented that.

In one other financial matter, upon motion by Finance Commissioner Patrick Ward (seconded by Wright), the council unanimously approved issuing General Obligation Bonds for a maximum of 12 million dollars. Ward explained that the motion was a formality; and the full 12 million wouldn't be issued if the amount needed was less, but if that amount were needed (worst case scenario), it couldn't be obtained if it was above the limit in the ordinance. The wording in the introduction to the ordinance said, "... for the purpose of financing the costs of various capital improvements within the City..."

Also passed were two non-financial motions. One, an ordinance to vacate a never-developed alleyway running east and west (platted east of Mill Street) was discussed at a previous meeting. The initial request came from the Hillsboro Methodist Church which had maintained (mowed) the 20 foot wide and 252 foot long area for decades. They have solar panels installed there to reduce utility bills for the church.

The other won't-cost-anything motion was to keep minutes from executive sessions on Jan. 11, 2022; Jan. 17, 2022; March 8, 2022; March 22, 2022; March 29, 2022; July 12, 2022; Dec. 5, 2023; Aug. 6, 2024; and Sept. 3, 2024, closed.

The "for discussion only" item on the agenda had Butler advising his fellow council members that he felt the city-owned county recycling site now leased to D.C. Waste & Recycling for a minimal amount would be better utilized to house city equipment which is currently unleased. He said he'd already discussed the issue with the owner/operator of the local recycling company, who said he needs time to find another site, but it's a possibility by this summer. Mayor Don Downs said it

is important to keep a spot for local people to take at least cardboard; D.C. Waste & Recycling has had receptacles outside the building for cardboard boxes for some time. The lease under discussion was first signed in May of 2020.

Butler began the Commissioners' reports by asking residents not push snow from their driveways onto city streets; when the plows come, they have no choice but to throw/push it back where it came from. Two factors hampered snow removal on non-state route streets; two city trucks broke down (one had a wheel fall off - the rusted bolts weren't visible until the problem arose). Secondly, the nature of the snowfall made plowing more difficult than it normally is; that was a problem on state and interstate routes as well. Those who tried to shovel snow off sidewalks and driveways can attest that it wasn't light, fluffy snow.

Butler reported that JLS Marine completed installing the 16 new boat slips at the Marina before the bad weather came. The Parks Department was busy with routine winter chores; not quite routine was making the Fourth of July Point restrooms squirrel-proof after one or more of the critters made a hole in the side of the building.

Justison said the dispatchers had 283 police calls during December, bringing the total for 2024 to 5,043. Twenty percent of police activity involved traffic stops. Fifty-five motor vehicle accidents were investigated; six drivers and one passenger were injured, and Tuesday was the most active day of the week for crashes with 12 occurring then. Eleven tickets related to traffic accidents were written.

Justison reported that zoning code officer Matt Lentz is "catching up" with the duties of his job. Justison is grate-

ful to have a fully staffed police force in place; he's also pleased that half a dozen junior firefighters have joined that department, and that an average of 17 volunteers respond to fire calls. Those who respond are paid \$14 a call, but each time they donate \$7 back to the department to use for equipment purposes.

All of the commissioners and the mayor thanked the city crews for the work they performed during the trying times in the recent snow storms and the cold weather.

Mayor Downs said, "Those guys worked their tails off," saying it was the biggest piles of snow he's seen since 2012-2013, when the city had to pay to have the piles hauled off because its trucks weren't big enough. (This time they are.) He said he realized all roads were not fully open yet, but he promised they would be.

Economics Developer and Community Planner Sarah McConnell said the grant agreement for the second energy grant has been received. The mayor will sign it; then it will be sent back to the grant administrator. The last step is for the state to sign and return it. She has also received one Tax Increment Funding (TIF) request which should be on the next meeting's agenda.

City Engineer Jeremy Connor said all of the funds in the 2024 Motor Fuel Tax Fund have been spent (when it isn't, it can be reclaimed by the state), and the 2025 MFT program planning will begin soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.; the last scheduled council meeting for this January will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Remember, those who want a chance to voice an opinion about the design of the new pool (to be ready for use by spring, 2026), should come to the Public Meeting next Wednesday, Jan. 15, in city hall. It too begins at 7 p.m.



Nokomis FFA Visits Lake Land College

Nokomis FFA members spent the day at an ag open house event at Lake Land College. They attended several breakout sessions, participated in a Q&A with college students, and attended a career fair. Pictured above, in the back row are Caleb Bauer, Owen Jackson, Izaak Doyen, Kyle Reynolds and Walker Stewart. In the front are Levi German, Faith Morrison, Rilee Waterman, Bruno Fox and Remi Tester.

TASC New Activities

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Unfortunately, that means that neurotypical adults move on from the public school system they are often societally cast aside, with difficulty accessing needed resources, limited social interactions and very little opportunities for employment. Hosting these programs publicly (spreading awareness) is a small way to help break some of the social barriers created by the cultural stigmas attached to disability."

In addition to the new TASC+ events, TASC is also excited to collaborate with Hilltop Elite Academy of Tumbling and Trampoline to host an "Open Gym" on the fourth Saturday of each month, beginning Saturday, Feb. 22. These informal events will be open to individuals with autism and related neurodivergences of all ages and their families.

TASC will continue to hold monthly support group

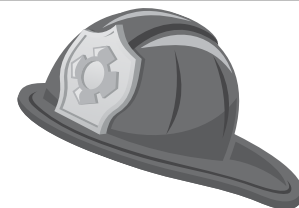
meetings at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church on the first Thursday of each month, and work alongside The Orpheum Theater in Hillsboro to regularly offer sensory friendly meetings. TASC programs are sponsored through fundraising, donations and grants from

the Montgomery County 708 Mental Health Board.

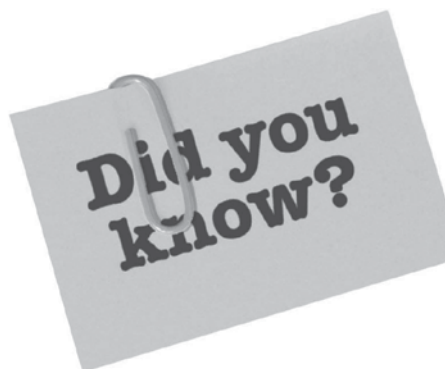
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Hillsboro Class Of 1975 Will Plan Reunion

The Hillsboro High School class of 1975 will have their 50th class reunion planning meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14. The meeting will be held at Hillsboro Area Public Library at 6 p.m. All classmates are welcome to attend. Hillsboro Area Public Library is located at 420 S. Main St. in Hillsboro.

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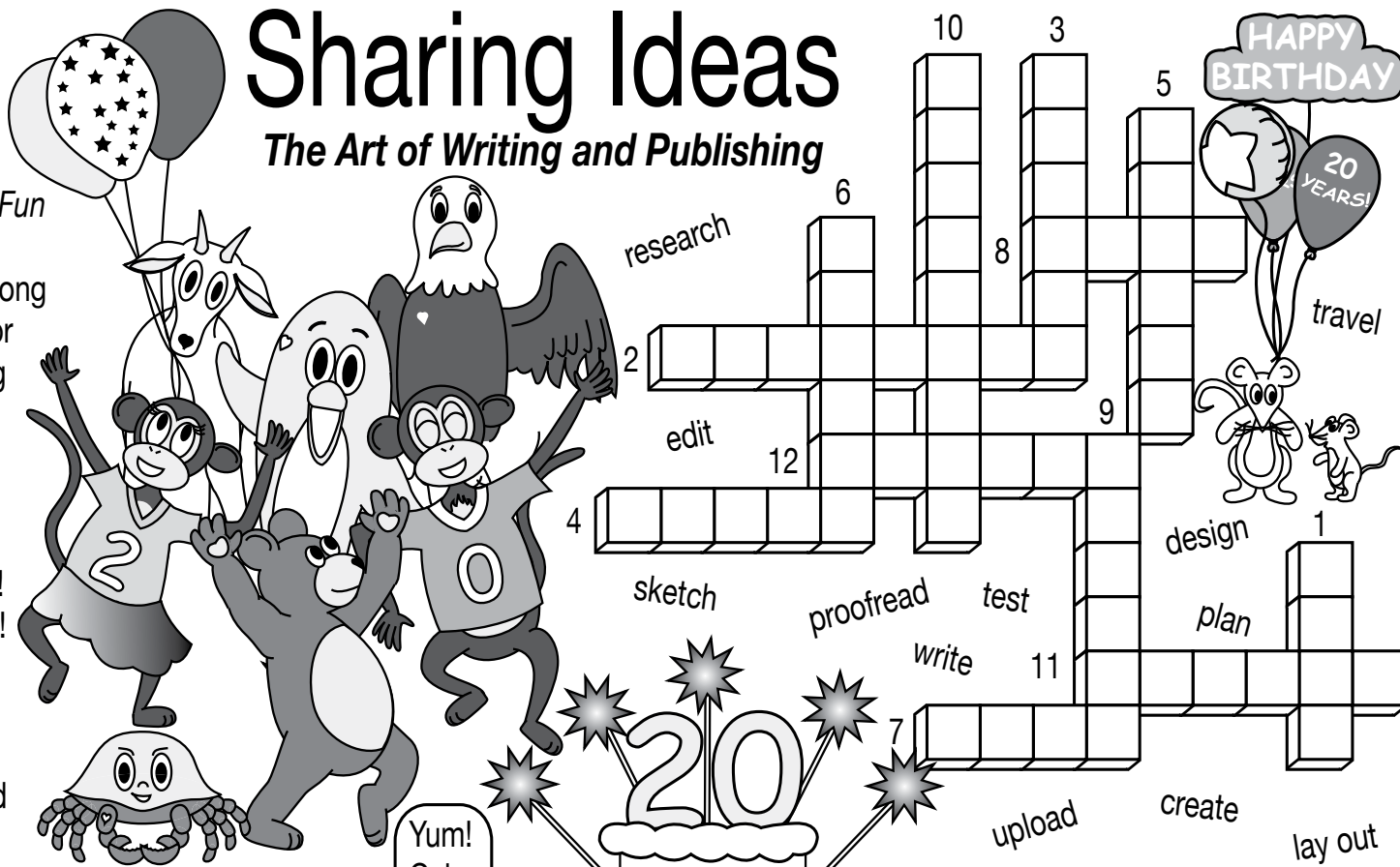
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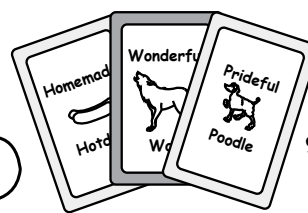
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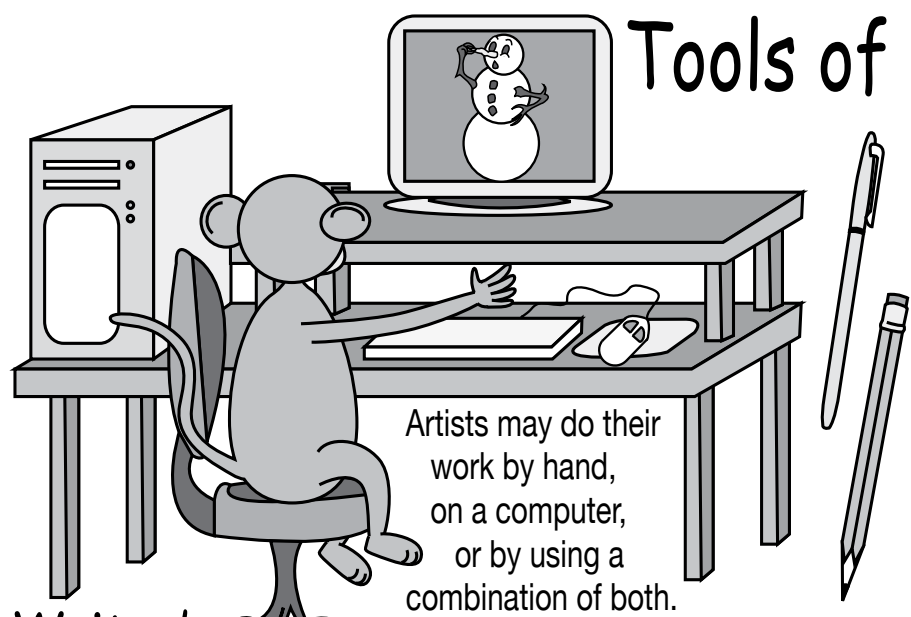
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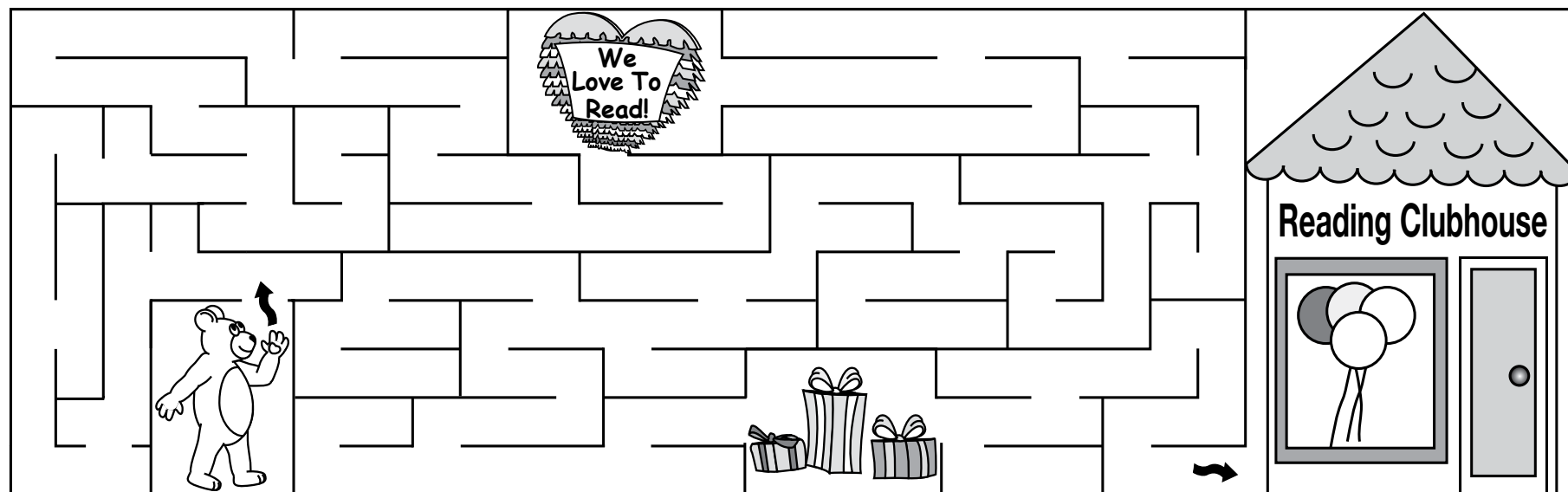
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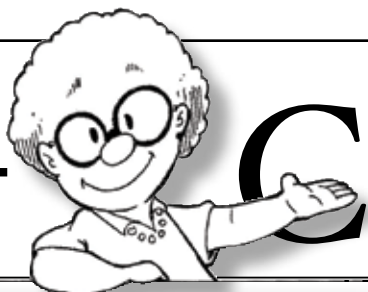
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Bree Boehler Now An Illinois State Graduate

Bree Boehler of Raymond graduated from Illinois State University on Saturday, Dec. 14, with a bachelors degree in graphic design. She is the daughter of Ginger and Ruben Boehler.

"It was a great experience," Boehler said. "I enjoyed meeting so many new people and learning more about art."

Boehler future plans include getting a job as a graphic designer and living in Charleston, SC.

SCI To Hold Upcoming Senior Expo In February

The South Central Illinois Regional Workforce Training and Innovation Center and Litchfield High School are excited to team up for a Senior Expo for Litchfield High School seniors on Friday, Feb. 14, at SCI, located at 2001 Eilerman Ave. in Litchfield.

The organization's vision is to create a meaningful opportunity for business and industry partners to engage with seniors who are interested in their respective fields. The day provides those partners a chance to discuss their industry, share insights and present any employment opportunities they may have available, such as full or part-time positions, internships or shadowing experiences.

SCI will provide a table and chairs for business partners to set up their display and they are welcome to bring brochures, promotional items, or any materials that highlight their organization and its career opportunities. Light refreshments provided by the LHS culinary students will be served during the event.

Those participating are asked to RSVP by Jan. 24 by contacting Juleta Ellis at jel-lis@litchfieldpanthers.org or 217-405-4636. Those seeking additional information and those with specific requirements are also encouraged to reach out.

Police

Litchfield Police

Richard J. Lavender, 31, of Hillsboro, was jailed on outstanding Montgomery and Macoupin County warrants at 12:43 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at the intersection of Van Buren and Worksaver Trl.

Kevin P. Tooley, 35, of Mount Olive, was jailed for possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia at 10:11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at the 400 block of north Old Rt. 66.

VACANCY NOTICE

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3

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Pursuant to the Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act (PA-81-1015, as amended) and the Rules and Regulations of the Act, Hillsboro Energy LLC, 12051 9th Avenue; P.O. Box 457; Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, hereby gives notice that on November 15, 2024, a significant permit revision application (Permit 424) for the modification of the coarse coal refuse embankment was determined to be complete by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals.

The permit area is located in Montgomery County: Township 8 North, Range 3 West, Sections 7 & 18. Copies of the application for this permit request are available for inspection at the following locations: Montgomery County Clerk's Office, 1 Courthouse Square, Hillsboro, IL and Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals, Land Reclamation Division, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271. Comments, objections, request for informal conferences, or request for public hearings may be submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals, Land Reclamation Division, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271. Email: dnr.mmilrd@illinois.gov. 70-3tT

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NOTICE TO RAYMOND TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS: ASSESSED VALUES FOR 2024
Valuation date (35 ILCS 200/9-95): January 1, 2024
Required level of assessment (35 ILCS 200/9-145): 33.33%
Valuation based on sales from (35 ILCS 200/1-155): 2021, 2022 & 2023

Publication is hereby made for equalized assessed valuations for real property in this township in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/12-10. As required by 35 ILCS 200/9-210 and 35 ILCS 200/10-115, the following equalization factors have been applied to bring the assessments to the statutorily required three year median level of 33.33%.

Farm Home site and Dwelling: 1.0738
Residential: 1.0738
Other Land and Other Improvements: 1.0738
Commercial: 1.0738
Industrial: 1.0738

Property in this Township, other than farmland and coal, is to be assessed at a 33.33% median level of assessment, based on the fair cash value of the property. You may check the accuracy of your assessment by dividing your assessment by the median level of assessment. The resulting value should equal the estimated fair cash value of your property. If the resulting value is greater than the estimated fair cash value of your property, you may be over-assessed. If the resulting value is less than the fair cash value of your property, you may be under-assessed. You may appeal your assessment to the Board of Review. If you believe your property's fair cash value is incorrect or that the equalized assessed valuation is not uniform with other comparable properties in the same neighborhood, the following steps should be taken:

- Contact your township assessor to review the assessment.
Dorothy Marshall
PO BOX 84
Waggoner, IL 62572
Multi-Township Assessor (217) 273-8881
- If not satisfied with the assessor review, taxpayers may file a complaint with the Montgomery County Board of Review. For complaint forms, instructions, and the Rules and Procedures of the Board of Review, call (217) 532-9622 or visit Supervisor of Assessments Office. Forms are also available online at www.montgomerycountyil.gov under the Board of

Review tab on the Supervisor of Assessments page.
3. The final filing deadline for your township is generally 30 days from this publication date. After this date, the Board of Review is prohibited by law from accepting assessment complaints for properties in this township. For more information on complaint deadlines, call (217) 532-9595.

Your property may be eligible for homestead exemptions, which can reduce your property's taxable assessment. For more information on homestead exemptions call (217) 532-9595 or visit Montgomery County Supervisor of Assessments Office.

Your property tax bill will be calculated as follows:
Final Equalized Assessed Value - Exemptions = Taxable Assessment;
Taxable Assessment x Current Tax Rate = Total Tax Bill.
All equalized assessed valuations are subject to further equalization and revision by the Montgomery County Board of Review as well as equalization by the Illinois Department of Revenue. A complete list of assessment changes for this township for the current assessment year, except for those assessments that were changed solely by equalization as noted above, is as follows:

RAYMOND OWNER NAME	PARCEL NUMBER	ASSESSED VALUE
KIRKENDOLL, PHILLIP & KATHARYN	06-03-300-006	56,410
MAEDGE, JORENE	06-03-300-007	37,910
CHAMPMAN FAMILY LIVING TRUST	06-05-100-008	3,920
SORRELLS, KENT S & SANDRA L	06-05-100-010	35,320
GRAHAM, WILLIAM ET AL	06-05-100-011	3,760
GRAHAM, WILLIAM ET AL	06-05-300-005	5,440
GRAHAM, WILLIAM ET AL	06-05-300-008	18,740
GRAHAM, WILLIAM ET AL	06-05-300-009	23,480
MAYES, RUSSELL F	06-07-464-003	38,300
WOOD FARMS INC C/O KEVIN WOOD	06-14-300-006	19,680
WOOD FARMS	06-14-300-007	15,780
BROADDUS, RICKEY L & DANA	06-18-239-013	31,070
BEELER, DAVID & RACHEL	06-19-100-003	40,130
WEDEKIND FARM PARTNER C/O WAYN	06-19-100-004	75,553
BOTNER, SHERYL WERNING TRUST	06-21-400-002	46,420
ROBERTS WERNING, RISA A	06-21-400-003	47,100

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Montgomery - Hillsboro, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff
vs.
DANIEL L. DAY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S 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 February 5, 2025, at the hour 10:00 a.m., Courthouse lobby, 120 North Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 16-11-280-016.
Commonly known as:
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The real estate is: single family residence.
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For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, **Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 24-196441 SHERIFF**
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Sports Calendar

Hillsboro Hiltoppers
Wednesday, January 8
 6 p.m. - Wrestling hosts Sacred Heart-Griffin, Breese Central
Thursday, January 9
 6 p.m. - Girls Basketball at Southwestern
 6 p.m. - Wrestling at Williamsville with Quincy Notre Dame
Friday, January 10
 5 p.m. - Boys Basketball at Southwestern (F/JV/V)
Saturday, January 11
 9 a.m. - Freshman Boys Basketball at Pana with Greenville
 9:30 a.m. - JV/Girls Wrestling at Lanphier Tournament

Litchfield Purple Panthers
Wednesday, January 8
 6 p.m. - Freshman Boys Basketball at Pawnee
 6 p.m. - Boys Basketball at Breese Mater Dei
Thursday, January 9
 6 p.m. - Girls Basketball hosts Greenville
Friday, January 10
 4:30 p.m. - Wrestling at Princeton Invite
 5 p.m. - Boys Basketball hosts Greenville (F/JV/V)
Saturday, January 11
 9 a.m. - Wrestling at Princeton Invite
 4 p.m. - Boys Basketball at Nokomis (F/JV/V)

Lincolnwood Lancers
Thursday, January 9
 6 p.m. - Girls Basketball hosts Pawnee
Friday, January 10
 5 p.m. - Boys Basketball at Lincolnwood (F/JV/V)
Saturday, January 11
 1 p.m. - Girls Basketball at Mt. Pulaski

Nokomis Redskins
Friday, January 10
 5 p.m. - Boys Basketball at Lincolnwood (F/JV/V)
Saturday, January 11
 4 p.m. - Boys Basketball hosts Litchfield (F/JV/V)
 5 p.m. - Girls Basketball at Okaw Valley

Nokomis To Honor 1974-75 Redskins This Saturday

The Nokomis High School boys basketball team will recognize one of the program's greatest teams on Saturday, Jan. 11, prior to the tip off of the varsity game between the Redskins and the Litchfield Purple Panthers.

Parsons, Mike Adden, Roger Archibald, Earl Alexander, Mark Kirk and Steve Gonet. The team was coached by Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee Loren Wallace, who is expected to be in attendance for the game, along with many of the players from the 1974-75 squad.

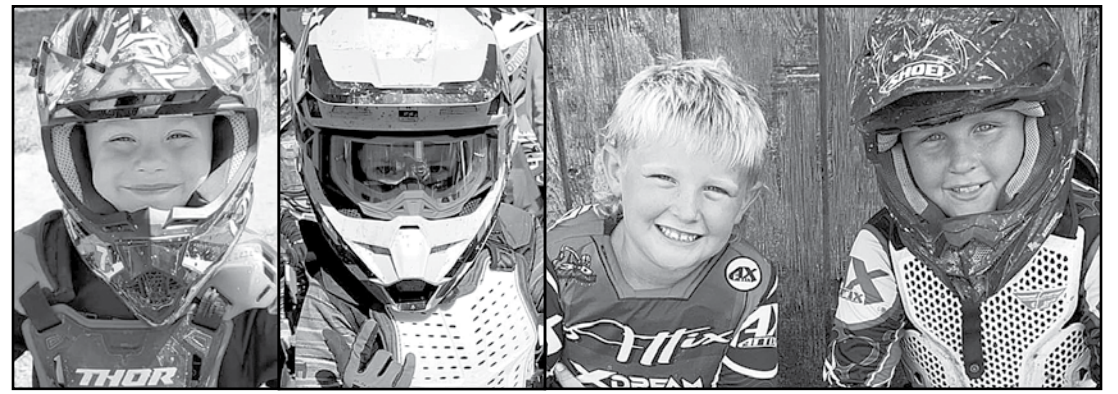
Fifty years ago, the 1974-75 team finished 27-1, losing to eventual state champion Venice in the sectional championship game in Vandalia by just one point, 43-42.

The recognition will take place between the JV and varsity games on Saturday, which should be around 6 p.m. The evening begins with the freshman/sophomore game at 4 p.m., with the JV game to follow.

Members of the varsity team included Ron DeWerff, Mark Franzen, Bud Foster, Randy Frazier, Tony Strazar, Darold Johnson, Greg

County Riders Finish Up Season At Lincoln Trail

With more than a dozen regulars making the trip from the area, the Thor Showdown Series was once again one of the premier destinations for motocross racers from the Journal-News Motorsports area.



Landon Saathoff Silas Randall Archer Durbin Huntley Durbin

The 2024 season ran from April 13 through Nov. 10, with ten rounds of racing dotting the schedule. The younger racers were the most active at Lincoln Trail Motocross as Hillsboro's Huntley Durbin, Archer Durbin, Silas Randall and Landon Saathoff hit most, if not all, of the races in Casey.

Landon Saathoff raced in the three 50cc classes this season, finishing 17th in the senior grouping. Still gaining experience in the spot, Saathoff's best finish came in the 50cc Jr. class, as he started the year with a tenth place finish in round one in April.

Huntley Durbin finished the season in the top ten in two classes as he finished fourth in the 65cc Jr. class and eighth in the 50cc Sr. class. Durbin also ran races in the 65cc Open, 85cc Jr., 85cc Open and 50cc Open classes this year, with his best finish coming at the Labor Day Clash in September, when he won the 50cc Open class.

In addition to the Hillsboro contingent, four other area racers competed in the 50cc Pee Wee class, with Morrisonville's Prestyn Durbin finishing 47th, Owaneco's Korbin Sisk finishing 53rd, Irving's Weston Petroski finishing 56th and Litchfield's Hamilton Molohon finishing 60th. Durbin and Sisk also raced in other classes, with Durbin finishing 106th in the 50cc Open standings and Sisk finishing 57th in 50cc Jr.

Archer Durbin raced in six different classes this season, with a 15th place finish in the 50cc senior class his top final ranking. The younger Durbin brother's best weekend came at "The Abe" in May, when he finished second in 50cc Pee Wee, third in 50cc Jr. and 14th in the Mini-E bike class.

Off-road phenom Travis Lentz of Walshville also raced in Casey this year, finishing fourth in the Supermini 2 (13-16) class and fifth in the Supermini (12-16) class at "The Abe" on May 25-27.

Like the Durbin boys, Silas Randall also split time between 50cc and 65cc, with some Mini-E bike action mixed in. Despite missing some races due to an injury, the young racer still put up some good finishes, including an eighth place finish in the 50cc Sr. class and a ninth place finish in the 50cc Open class back in round two in May.

On the bigger bikes, Anthony Krivi of Pawnee scored two top five finishes in the A class final standings as he was fourth in 25+A and third in 30+A. Krivi, a Litchfield high school grad, was also

17th in the Open A class.

Litchfield's Derek Birkenkamp also raced in the Open A class, finishing 40th, while finishing 13th in the 40+ A class.

In the B and C classes, Ryan Petroski of Irving was 25th in Throwback and 67th in the 30+ B/C class, Trenton Kimbro of Taylor Springs was 37th in School Boy 2 and 44th in the 250 C class, and Ty White ran one race in the 250 C class, finishing 32nd overall.

After the 2024 awards banquet on Feb. 15, in Effingham, it will be just a few short weeks before the first event at Lincoln Trail Motocross for the 2025 season.

The course will host an area qualifier on March 21-23 for the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships Round one of the Thor Showdown Series will be on April 5-6, with round ten scheduled for seven months later on Nov. 8-9.

Thor Showdown Series
 at Lincoln Trail Motocross
Year-End Point Standings
Archer Durbin (Hillsboro): 31st in 50cc Pee Wee (4-8); 23rd in 50cc Jr. (4-6); 15th in 50cc Sr. (7-8); 22nd in 50cc Open (4-8); 17th in Mini-E (4-8); 97th in 65cc Jr. (7-9).

Huntley Durbin (Hillsboro): 8th in 50cc Sr. (7-8); 12th in 50cc Open (4-8); 4th in 65cc Jr.; 21st 65cc Open (7-11); 78th in 85cc Jr.; 111th in 85cc Open (9-15).

Prestyn Durbin (Morrisonville): 47th in 50cc Pee Wee (4-8); 106th in 50cc Open (4-8).

Korbin Sisk (Owaneco): 53rd in 50cc Pee Wee (4-8); 57th in 50cc Jr. (4-6).

Weston Petroski (Irving): 56th in 50cc Pee Wee (4-8).

Hamilton Molohon (Litchfield): 60th in 50cc Pee Wee (4-8).

Landon Saathoff (Hillsboro): 31st in 50cc Jr. (4-6); 17th in 50cc Sr. (7-8); 31st in 50cc Open (4-8).

Silas Randall (Hillsboro): 38th in 50cc Sr. (7-8); 32nd in 50cc Open (4-8); 48th in Mini-E (4-8); 41st in 65cc Jr. (7-9); 53rd in 65cc Open (7-11).

Travis Lentz (Walshville): 46th in Supermini (12-16).

Trenton Kimbro (Taylor Springs): 37th in School Boy 2 (12-17); 44th in 250 C.

Corbin Durbin (Morrisonville): 13th in Schoolboy 1 (12-17); 29th in Schoolboy 2 (12-17); 13th in 125 Two-Stroke; 33rd in Open Two-Stroke; 23rd in 250 B.

Anthony Krivi (Pawnee): 4th in 25+ A; 3rd in 30+ A; 17th in Open A.

Blake Copeland (Taylorville): 11th in 25+ A; 11th in 30+ A; 21st in Open A.

Benjamin Ferrill (Morrisonville): 17th in 25+ B/C; 23rd in Open B.

Ryan Petroski (Irving): 67th in 30+ B/C; 25th in Throwback.

Derek Birkenkamp (Litchfield): 13th in 40+ A; 40th in Open A.

Ty White (Witt): 122nd in 250 C.

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SAT, JAN. 11 - 10 a.m. at Waggoner Centennial Building, Waggoner (369 E. Main St., Waggoner). Live no-reserve prime Montgomery County, IL farmland auction of 42+/- acres. Chad and Heather Millburg, sellers. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, mikecrabtreeauctions.com or AuctionZip.com, 217-473-2507.

THURS, JAN. 30 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only 65.974 Acres Farmland Auction located at 18051 N. 3rd Ave., Coffeen, in South Fillmore Township in Montgomery County. This auction is split into two tracts. Tract 1 has 50.102 acres with 49.31 tillable acres. Tract 2 is 15.872 acres, nearly all tillable. There is a small portion in the NW corner with timber. Aumann Auctions, 217-563-2523, aumannauctions.com.

THURS, JAN. 16 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Estate of Georgia Halasey Antiques & Collectibles #3 auction. Register/bid at mollettauctions.com. Preview & pickup at 939 U.S. Rt. 40 Frontage Road, Greenville. Preview Jan. 13, 4-6 p.m. Check out Jan. 17, 4-6 p.m. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Adam 618-267-3086, Wayne 618-920-6694, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

FRI, JAN. 31 - 1 p.m. CST Virtual Online Christian County, IL Land Auction. 80 taxable acres +/-, 1 tract. The Ruth Deardorff Estate and Nita J. Large Rev. Tr. are located 3 miles southwest of Morrisonville or 12 miles southwest of Taylorville or 20 miles northeast of Litchfield in Section 15, T11N-R3W, Ricks Twp., Christian County. Sullivan Auctioneers, a BigIron Company, 844-847-2161, www.SullivanAuctioneers.com.

SAT, JAN. 18 - 10 a.m. at Nilwood Township Building, McVey, IL. Live no-reserve prime Macoupin County, IL farmland auction of 35+/- acres. Scott Enslow, Sara Picken, Rebecca Gehret, and Heirs of Virginia Kuhlman, sellers. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, mikecrabtreeauctions.com or AuctionZip.com, 217-473-2507.

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Morrisonville's Walker A Worldwide Winner

Last year, it was Argentina. This year? Spain. Where will Jhak Walker's motorcycle take him in 2025 is still to be seen, but chances are the Morrisonville native will get there quickly.

fastest team in the club division for the second year in a row and the fastest American club team in Spain.

Throughout 2024 Walker continued to prove that he is one of the top young off-road motorcycle racers in the country, with a stellar finish at the 98th FIM International Six Days Enduro (ISDE) one of this year's highlights.

Individually, Walker finished 18th overall in the club rider standings, with his best showing coming on day five. Walker took first in the club class in the Pontevedra cross test, finishing one second behind the fastest time in the trophy class, held by Josep Garcia. His performance made him the top US club rider of the day and helped move Team GTBN up the standings to within two minutes of second place.

After racing as part of the Missouri Mudders team in San Juan, Argentina last year, Walker was part of Team GTBN for the grueling six-day event that is the world's largest annual off-road motorcycle competition.

Day six didn't start as well as a crash in the first turn of the moto race resulted in Walker dropping back to 35th. By the end of the moto, the Morrisonville racer had worked his way back up the ranks, finishing seventh as Team GTBN captured sec-

ond seven seconds ahead of Moto Club Puy en Velay of France and just behind club champion Team Italy.

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"What a trip it was, it was quite unlike what I am typically used to. I'm glad to finish another ISDE as it was challenging and hard work," Walker said via social media. "I am super thankful to the whole USA crew for keeping us riders in tiptop shape. Without the support group that goes around gets us food, water, fuel and tell us what to check when maintaining our bikes, it would not be as enjoyable. Huge thank you to the whole Beta USA team for getting me a bike and all the parts that I needed and more. I appreciate everyone who bought a shirt, raffle ticket, and participated in supporting me in any way. This trip takes a lot and it's very meaningful to have

great people backing me while doing so."

The 99th FIM International Six Days Enduro will be held in Bergamo, Italy on Aug. 24-29.

GNCC
 Stateside, Walker was just as productive as he finished second in the FMF XC3 125 Pro-Am class in the Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) Series this year.

The race for the top spot in the class came down to Walker and Uhrichsville, OH, racer Dakota Devore. Going into the 13th and final round, the Ironman in Crawfordsville, IN, Devore had six victories under his belt, while Walker had five, including wins in the last two GNCC races in Beckley, WV, and Millfield, OH.

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Lentz Scores GNCC, IXCR Titles

by Kyle Herschelmann

It was a new brand, but the same success for off-road motorcycle racer Travis Lentz in 2024 as the 14-year-old from Walshville won his third straight Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) series championship and a class and overall title in the IXCR cross country racing series.

Lentz signed with GAS-GAS North America in the offseason and had the same level of success that he did the year before, when he won the 85cc class on a Husqvarna. Actually, he had even more success despite a change in class and a change in bikes.

In 2023, Lentz picked up seven wins and two runner-up finishes in his nine GNCC rounds in the 85cc class. After getting a sneak preview of the YXC2 Super Mini Jr. class (he'd score three top finishes in the final three rounds after clinching the 85cc national title), Lentz was relentless in his pursuit for another crown as he went undefeated in the

first nine rounds of the series.

Not only was Lentz dominating his class, but he was also finishing near the top of the overall field in the Youth Bikes division, never finishing worse than sixth, with his best finish, third, coming at the Wild Boar in Florida.

With the YXC2 Super Mini Jr. title locked up, Lentz raced up a class in the final four races. He'd pick up a win at The Mountaineer in Beckley, WV, his tenth win of the season and 25th GNCC victory in the last four years.

Lentz was also the overall winner in West Virginia, marking his first Youth Bikes victory in the national series.

In the other three races, he didn't fall off much, scoring two seconds and a third in races in West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. That bodes well for the young racer as he moves up to YXC1 Super Mini Sr. full time in 2025.

"I am so grateful on how my 2024 season went at GNCC," Lentz said via social media. "I ended up with an amazing year and am so grateful with how it went.

Now the winter training starts for my 2025 season."

That winter training has taken Lentz away from Illinois and down to Donalds, SC, the home of The Shoals Mx training facility. With the exception of a trip home for the holidays and another upcoming one for an awards banquet, Lentz will continue his training for the next two months at The Shoals, which features six complete tracks for virtually every discipline, plus a gym with cardio and strength training available.

IXCR

As improbable as it might seem, Lentz was even better in the IXCR series. Racing in the Super Mini (8-15) class, Lentz won round one of the series on Feb. 25 and never looked back. The 14-year-old raced in 11 of the 12 events in this year's series and won 11 times, finishing with 210 points and a class championship by 31 points over runner-up Charlie Holland.

Not only did he finish first in his class in all 11 races, but Lentz also finished first overall in the Youth Bikes

division all 11 times. In only one of those races was the margin of victory less than two minutes.

The exception came in round seven, "Mission Impossible" in Attica, IN, where Lentz and Doc Smith battled it out for six laps before Lentz edged the Henryville, IN, racer by five hundredths of a second. Smith went on to take first in Youth Bikes in round ten, the one Lentz missed, with Donnellson's Cooper Duff coming in second overall.

This was the fourth year in a row Lentz competed for points in the Youth Bikes division in the IXCR series and the third time he'd won his class, with a Super Mini title in 2023 and a 65cc crown in 2021 (in 2022 he split time between Super Mini and the 85cc Jr. class, finishing 28th and eighth respectively). He also won the last seven races of the 2023 season, giving him an 18-race winning streak in IXCR races in which he has entered.

The first place finish in the overall standings bet-



Walshville racer Travis Lentz picked up his third straight national title in the Grand National Cross Country series, scoring nine straight wins in the YXC2 Super Mini Jr. class. Lentz finished the year in the Super Mini Sr. class, where he hopes to pick up national title number four in 2025.

tered Lentz's previous IXCR best by double digits as he finished 15th overall in 2021, 45th in 2022 and 26th in 2023.

Lentz will be back with GASGAS, adding a 250cc for

some races to his arsenal. For the GNCC, he'll be back on the same bike that took him to the championship this year as he eyes another national title, this time in the YXC1 class.



It was a big year for Donnellson's Cooper Duff as he claimed a class championship in the Crossroads Cross Country Racing series, plus a class win and third place overall finish in Youth Bikes at the Ironman in the Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) series. Duff has big goals for next year as he competes for a GNCC national title in the Super Mini Sr. class.

After Crossroads Title, Duff Gunning For GNCC

by Kyle Herschelmann

Hillsboro High School freshman Cooper Duff picked up two wins and a runner-up finish in the final three rounds of the Crossroads Cross Country Racing series, earning a class championship in the process.

Duff was solid in the first four races of the season, with two seconds, an eighth and a third, but was on fire in the latter half, starting with a win at the Ridge Run in Bloomfield, IN, on June 22.

After skipping round six, Duff was back in the Supermini class for round seven at 4 Arches in Greencastle, IN. Completing five laps, Duff clocked in at 57:47.963 to beat runner-up Kale Kirkman of Greencastle, IN, by a minute and 14 seconds.

Not only was it Duff's second Crossroads Supermini win in a row, it was also the second straight event in which he finished first overall in the Youth Bikes division.

On Sept. 21, Duff made it three in a row as he took the top overall spot again at Mild 2 Wild in Sparta, KY.

This time Duff ran four laps in 1:01:29.996 to beat Garrett Ferguson of Nashville, IN, for the top spot in Supermini and in Youth Bikes.

Duff closed out the Crossroads season with a second place finish at Devil's Holler in Bloomfield, IN. Running a time of 1:09:28.964 for five laps, Duff finished six and a half minutes behind Doc Smith of Henryville, IN, who also took the top spot overall in Youth Bikes. Carlinville's Colt Rosentreter also ran at Devil's Holler, finishing second in the 65cc Senior class and 13th overall in Youth Bikes.

The finish gave Duff 187 points for the year, 49 more than runner-up Kale Dressel of New Harmony, IN. The Crossroads series will have its Celebration of Champions on Feb. 1, in Huntingburg, IN.

Duff pulled double duty in the series in those final three rounds as he also raced in the School Boy class. As he did in Supermini, Duff picked up wins in rounds seven and eight, both in his class and overall, running seven laps in 2:01:59.890 at 4 Arches and

seven laps in 2:14:06.574 at Mild 2 Wild. He'd also pick up a third place finish in round nine, running four laps in 1:16:57.058 at Devil's Holler.

Despite running just six of the nine races, Duff still managed to finish second in the point standings with 156 points, just nine behind Peoria's Austin Burns for the top spot.

Cooper's brother, Zach Duff, also ran at 4 Arches and put in a solid third place finish in the 250 A class, running six laps in 2:00:57.857, to finish seven minutes and one lap behind Carlinville's Reece Frankford.

GNCC

Duff also raced in the final two rounds of the Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) series, making the podium at both stops.

On Sept. 29, Duff raced at the John Penton in Millfield, OH, racing in the YXC2 Super Mini Jr. (12-13) class. Completing five laps, Duff ran a time of 1:29:09.051 to finish tenth in youth bikes and third in his class, finishing a minute and a half behind Nash Peerson of Fairview,

NC, and three minutes and 16 seconds behind winner Phillip Arnold of Alabaster, AL. Arnold finished second in the final GNCC standings in the YXC2 Super Mini Class, while Peerson finished third.

At the GNCC finale, the Ironman, in Crawfordsville, IN, on Oct. 26, Duff was nearly unbeatable as he won his class with a time of 1:30:42.030 for six laps and finished third overall out of 268 riders in Youth Bikes.

With one year left to compete in the YXC1 Supermini Sr. class, Duff will be hitting the road as he chases a championship in the GNCC series this year. Round one of the series is Feb. 15-16, at Big Buck Farm in Union, SC.

IXCR

Duff also ran four races in the IXCR series, finishing 62nd in overall points in Youth Bikes and 12th overall in the Super Mini (8-15 class). In those four races, he finished second twice, third once and tenth once.

To keep up with Duffs for the 2025 season, follow them on Facebook at "Duff Boys Racing."

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Jhak Walker Racing

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Unfortunately, a mechanical issue took Walker out of the race on the third lap and kept him in second for the second year in a row. Over the last three years, Walker has won ten GNCC races, with a national championship in 2022 to go along with his two runner-up finishes. The 2025 GNCC season kicks off at Big Buck Farm in Union, SC, on

Feb. 15-16.

AMA National Enduro

Walker also competed in the 2024 Red Line Oil AMA National Enduro series, a ten-round, nine-state marathon that started in Sumter, SC, in February and wrapped up in Stanton, AL, in November.

Competing in the NE Pro2 class, Walker finished sixth in his class with eight top ten finishes and five top five finishes. His best finish

came in round eight, a third (seventh overall) at the Flying W Ranch in Cherryville, MO, but he followed that up with two more fifth place finishes at Zink Ranch in Sand Springs, OK, and the Gobbler Getter in Stanton, AL.

The AMA National Enduro series will be back in Sumter, SC, on Feb. 9, for round one of the 2025 season.

In addition to the afore-

mentioned, Walker also picked up wins in the AA class at the WFO Promotions race in Keithsburg on Nov. 17, and the Ozark 100 Miler in Mansfield, MO, on Nov. 29, the latter of which earned Walker a \$4,000 payday. That's not too bad for a day's work, but odds are Walker already has that money earmarked for his next two-wheeled journey, wherever that may be.

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Morrisonville's Jhak Walker takes a corner during his winning run in the WFO Promotions hare scramble in November. The race in Keithsburg was about three hours from home for Walker, but a lot closer than where he was a few weeks earlier when he competed in the international Six Day Enduro in Spain.

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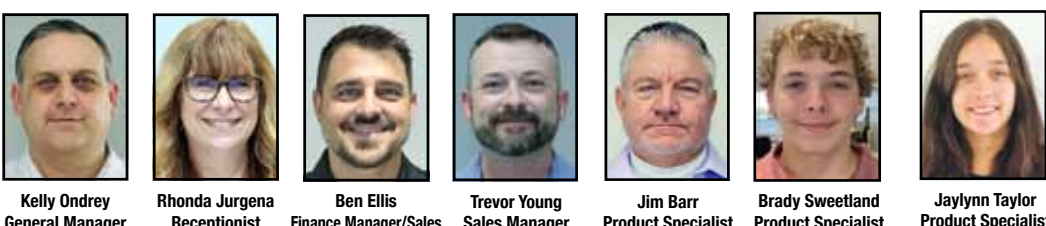


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The Panhandle Food Pantry used the \$3,000 donation from Virden Wind to help feed families in need during the holiday season. Pictured above, from the left, are Katie McCallum, Dale Weitekamp, Lorna Blackford, Darrin Daugherty and Mary Ann Walz.

Virden Wind Donates \$4,000 Locally

Virden Wind, the 100 MW energy project approved by the Montgomery County Board in 2024 has announced more than \$4,000 in end-of-year donations to area organizations working to brighten the holidays for those in need.

Charles Wright, head of development and vice president with UKA North America, the company developing Virden Wind, said the donations are a thank you to the community which welcomed the project in 2024. "Montgomery County is Virden Wind's home, and we are committed to being good neighbors," he said.

The donations include \$3,000 for the Panhandle Food Pantry, which will help pay the monthly grocery bill for 100 families, \$1,000 for the Farmersville Illuminatus Motorcycle Club to purchase 150 to 175 toys for students in

the Panhandle Community School District and a \$300 donation to the Panhandle Third Day Project Polar Express Day in Farmersville to provide 18 pillows and pillowcases and buy 30 pairs of pajamas for students in kindergarten and first grade as part of the Polar Express Day.

"With the struggles many families face affording groceries, we have seen a sustained need in the community this year," said Darrin Daugherty, chairman of the Panhandle Food Pantry. "We are seeing anywhere from 25 to 30 families every Saturday and that fluctuates. It gets worse in the winter with no fresh fruits and vegetables in the year. This donation from Virden Wind will help us fill that gap and ensure 100 families have food on the table this Christmas."

James Barnes, a.k.a. Double-O, president of the Farmersville Illuminatus Motorcycle Club, said "Our annual food and toy drive allows many families and children to experience the magic of Christmas. Virden Wind's donation will help us bring that joy of the holidays to families and give more than 150 children a Christmas gift this year." He added, "We've had people break down in tears saying how much this really helps. What seems like an insignificant amount to you or I, but for somebody that doesn't have it, it's a lot."

Wright's hope is that Virden Wind will become a valued partner of the community in years to come. "In 2025, and beyond, we will continue to listen to the community and partner with the organizations and the people working to support the families of Montgomery County."

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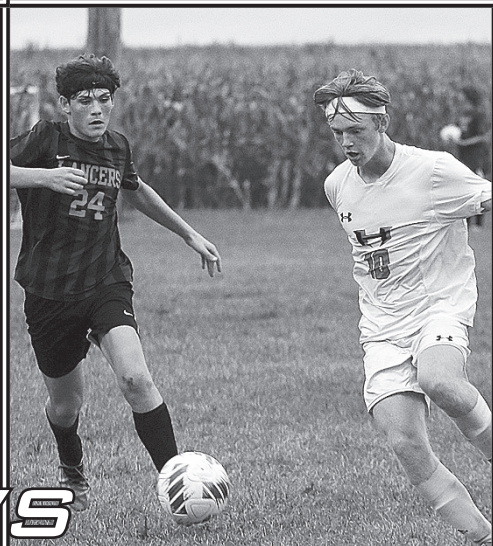
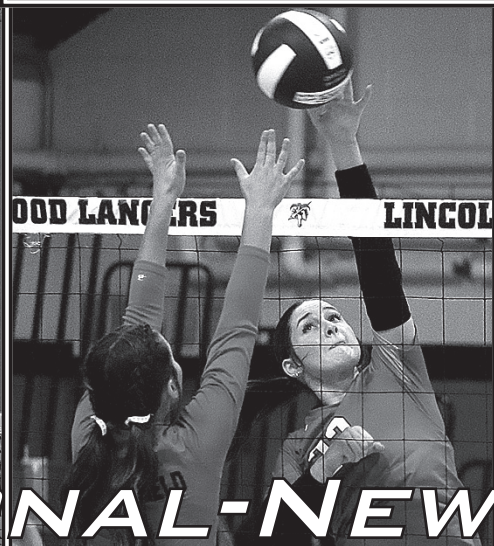
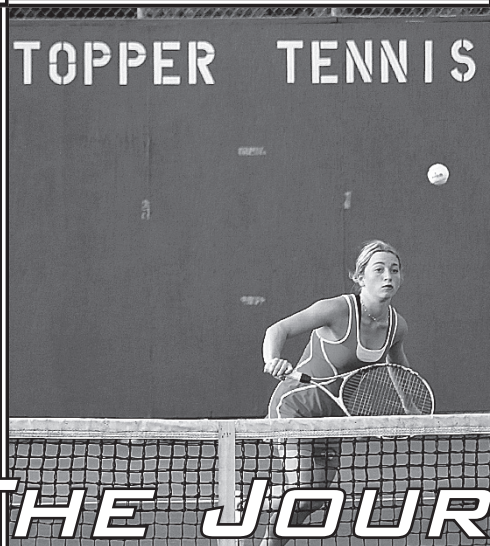
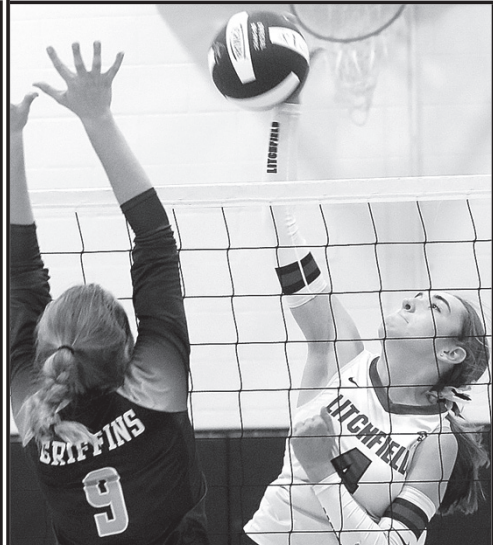
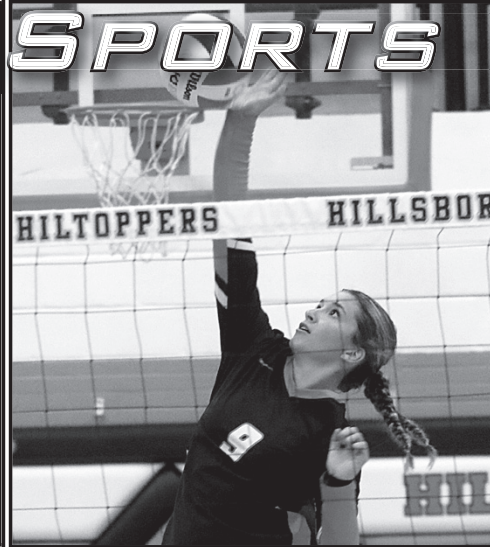

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2024 Hillsboro Volleyball

Date....	Opponents	Result/Record
8/26.....	vs. Pana.....	25-22, 15-25, 18-25 (0-1)
9/2.....	at Auburn	18-25, 25-15, 25-23 (1-1)
9/3.....	vs. Carlyle.....	25-20, 25-21 (2-1)
9/5.....	at Litchfield.....	25-11, 25-10 (3-1)
9/9.....	at Highland	18-25, 19-25 (3-2)
9/12.....	at Litchfield.....	25-17, 16-25, 6-25 (3-3)
At A Grace-Filled Tourney - 2nd Place		
9/13.....	vs. South County	25-22, 25-10 (4-3)
9/13.....	vs. Mt. Olive.....	25-11, 25-9 (5-3)
9/13.....	vs. Father McGivney	17-25, 25-20, 16-14 (6-3)
9/14.....	vs. Nokomis	25-23, 25-27, 15-8 (7-3)
9/14.....	vs. Lincolnwood.....	26-28, 17-25 (7-4)
9/16.....	at Marquette Catholic.....	21-25, 21-25 (7-5)
9/19.....	vs. Staunton*.....	23-25, 22-25 (7-6)
At Vandalia Tournament - 2nd Place		
9/21.....	vs. Cowden-Herrick/Beecher City	25-14, 25-16 (8-6)
9/21.....	vs. Vandalia JV	25-17, 25-12 (9-6)
9/21.....	vs. East Alton-Wood River.....	16-25, 25-14, 25-8 (10-6)
9/21.....	vs. Carlyle.....	18-25, 24-26 (10-7)
9/26.....	at Vandalia*	25-21, 25-13 (11-7)
9/30.....	vs. Nokomis	18-25, 15-25 (11-8)
At Morrisonville Tournament - 2nd Place		
10/2.....	vs. Taylorville JV.....	25-21, 28-26 (12-8)
10/2.....	vs. Edinburg	25-15, 25-10 (13-8)
10/2.....	vs. Mulberry Grove	25-14, 25-16 (14-8)
10/5.....	vs. Greenview	25-18, 25-23 (15-8)
10/5.....	vs. Lincolnwood	25-20, 12-25, 16-18 (15-9)
10/3.....	vs. Southwestern*.....	25-21, 25-14 (16-9)
10/7.....	at Lincolnwood	21-25, 22-25 (16-10)
10/10.....	at Gillespie*	25-22, 22-25, 25-16 (17-10)
10/15.....	vs. Greenville*	25-12, 25-16 (18-10)
10/17.....	at North Mac*	25-16, 25-20 (19-10)
10/22.....	Carlinville*	25-20, 15-25, 12-25 (19-11)
10/24.....	at Pana*	25-21, 26-24 (20-12)
at IHSA Class 2A Litchfield Regional		
10/30.....	Shelbyville	19-25, 25-27 (20-12)

Hillsboro High School Varsity Volleyball

Members of the 2024 Hillsboro High School varsity girls volleyball team, in front, from the left are Kailey Weiss, Liberty Helton, Tatum Christian, Addison Lowe, Reagan Lentz, Briley Kirby and Amya Greenwood. In the back are Peyton Christian, Kearstynn Davis, Peyton Chappellear and Albany Kindernay.

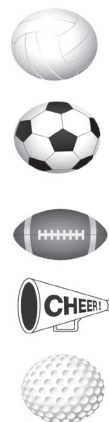
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Name	Serving		Attack		Defense	
	Pts.	Aces	Kills	Ast.	Blks.	Digs
Amya Greenwood	125	34	24	545	9	219
Briley Kirby	104	18	6	11	0	331
Peyton Chappellear	169	18	36	58	18	79
Reagan Lentz	3	0	2	20	0	79
Peyton Christian	0	0	1	0	0	23
Kailey Weiss	176	31	134	9	4	235
Tatum Christian	10	0	232	5	3	94
Kearstynn Davis	6	0	80	1	13	20
Liberty Helton	11	2	9	4	0	20
Albany Kindernay	120	40	5	7	0	157
Addison Lowe	153	31	217	9	41	127
Kaya Connor	0	0	2	1	1	6
Totals	878	174	748	670	61	1390

Record: 20 wins, 12 losses **SCC:** 6 wins, 3 losses (T-3rd)

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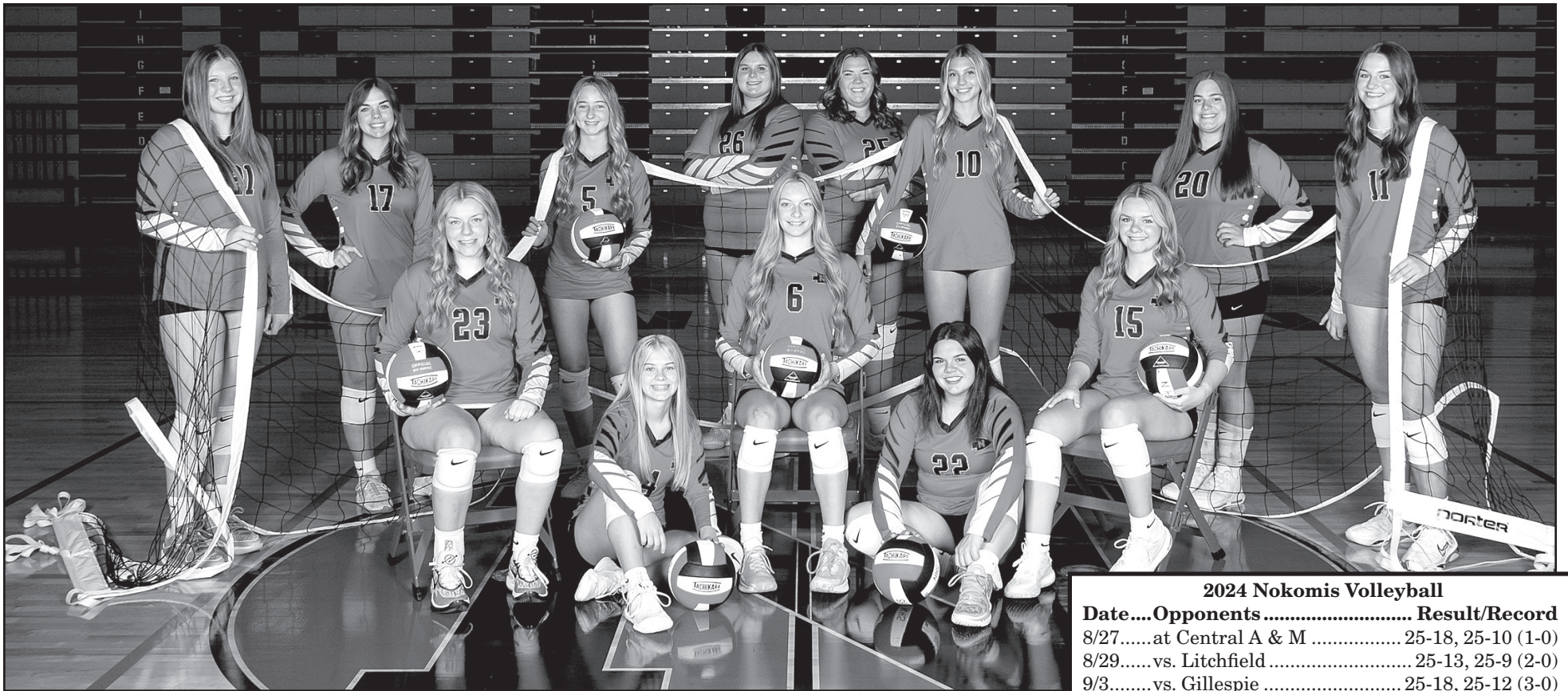


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Nokomis High School Varsity Volleyball

Members of the 2024 Nokomis High School varsity volleyball team, in front, from the left are Lizzy Hill, Hannah Tarter, Natalie Brownback, Grace King and Becca Hill. In the back are Kinley Stolte, Brooklyn Marley, Camryn Engelman, Alivia Sabol, Remi Tester, Addison Glenn, Maddison DeWerff and Mackenzie Mehochko.

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2024 Nokomis Volleyball

Date	Opponents	Result/Record
8/27	at Central A & M	25-18, 25-10 (1-0)
8/29	vs. Litchfield	25-13, 25-9 (2-0)
9/3	vs. Gillespie	25-18, 25-12 (3-0)
9/5	vs. Shelbyville	12-25, 23-25 (3-1)
at Altamont Tournament - 1st Place		
9/7	Vandalia	21-13, 21-11 (4-1)
9/7	Armstrong	21-12, 21-15 (5-1)
9/7	Heritage	21-17, 21-16 (6-1)
9/7	Greenville	25-15, 25-23 (7-1)
9/7	Altamont	25-17, 25-19 (8-1)
9/9	at Brownstown/St. Elmo	25-17, 25-22 (9-1)
9/11	at Meridian	23-25, 25-20, 22-25 (9-2)
at A Grace-Filled Tourney - 3rd Place		
9/13	vs. Vandalia	25-10, 25-21 (10-2)
9/13	vs. Edinburg	25-17, 25-15 (11-2)
9/13	vs. Brownstown/St. Elmo	25-20, 25-17 (12-2)
9/14	vs. Hillsboro	23-25, 27-25, 8-15 (12-3)
9/14	vs. Civic Memorial	25-21, 25-23 (13-3)
9/16	at South County*	25-10, 25-5 (14-3)
9/18	vs. Vandalia	25-18, 25-9 (15-3)
9/24	vs. Lutheran*	25-22, 29-27, 25-10 (16-3)
9/26	vs. Tri-City*	25-6, 25-10 (17-3)
9/30	at Hillsboro	25-18, 25-15 (18-3)
10/1	at Lincolnwood*	25-19, 23-25, 25-10 (19-3)
10/3	vs. Mt. Olive*	25-16, 25-13 (20-3)
10/7	vs. Pawnee*	25-11, 25-10 (21-3)
10/9	at Bunker Hill*	25-20, 25-15 (22-3)
10/15	vs. Edinburg*	25-17, 25-11 (23-3)
10/17	vs. Mulberry Grove	25-11, 25-8 (24-3)
10/21	at Greenfield/Northwestern	25-11, 25-12 (25-3)
10/22	at Calvary*	25-16, 25-13 (26-3)
at Pawnee Tournament - 3rd Place		
10/26	vs. Delavan	25-4, 25-18 (27-3)
10/26	vs. Taylorville	25-21, 22-25, 15-12 (28-3)
10/26	vs. Southeast	25-14, 25-17 (29-3)
10/26	vs. Mendon Unity	13-25, 25-22, 13-25 (29-4)
10/26	vs. Meridian	25-16, 25-12 (30-4)
at IHSA Class 1A St. Anthony Regional		
10/28	Altamont	25-13, 25-7 (31-4)
10/30	St. Elmo/Brownstown	25-13, 25-17 (32-4)
10/31	St. Anthony	26-24, 26-24 (33-4)
at IHSA Class 1A South Central Sectional		
11/5	Father McGivney	25-22, 25-9 (34-4)
11/7	Calhoun	18-25, 21-25 (34-5)



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	Aces	Pts.	Ast.	Kills	Blks.	Digs
Hannah Tarter	1	6	0	0	0	10
Camryn Engelman	0	0	4	98	13	72
Natalie Brownback	0	0	11	96	56	54
Addison Glenn	10	45	4	274	76	55
Mackenzie Mehochko	59	149	15	346	33	330
Rebecca Hill	41	184	396	77	20	135
Brooklyn Marley	0	0	0	2	0	3
Maddison DeWerff	38	204	9	1	0	202
Kinley Stolte	61	225	450	98	17	268
Grace King	38	166	3	1	0	210
Elizabeth Hill	72	206	8	0	0	160
Remi Tester	0	0	0	0	1	0
Alivia Sabol	1	5	0	4	2	2
Totals	321	1190	900	997	147	1501

Record: 34 wins, 5 losses **MSM:** 9 wins, 0 losses (1st)



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Litchfield High School Varsity Volleyball

Members of the 2024 Litchfield High School varsity volleyball team, in front, from the left, are Madi Jones, Leighton Warchol, Alli Frerichs, Lexi Logan and Jaydah Caldwell. In the back are Chloe Law, Kyndal Law, Avery Stewart, McKenna Harmon, Laurin Hamm, Gina Painter, Elise Walch and Brooke Braasch.

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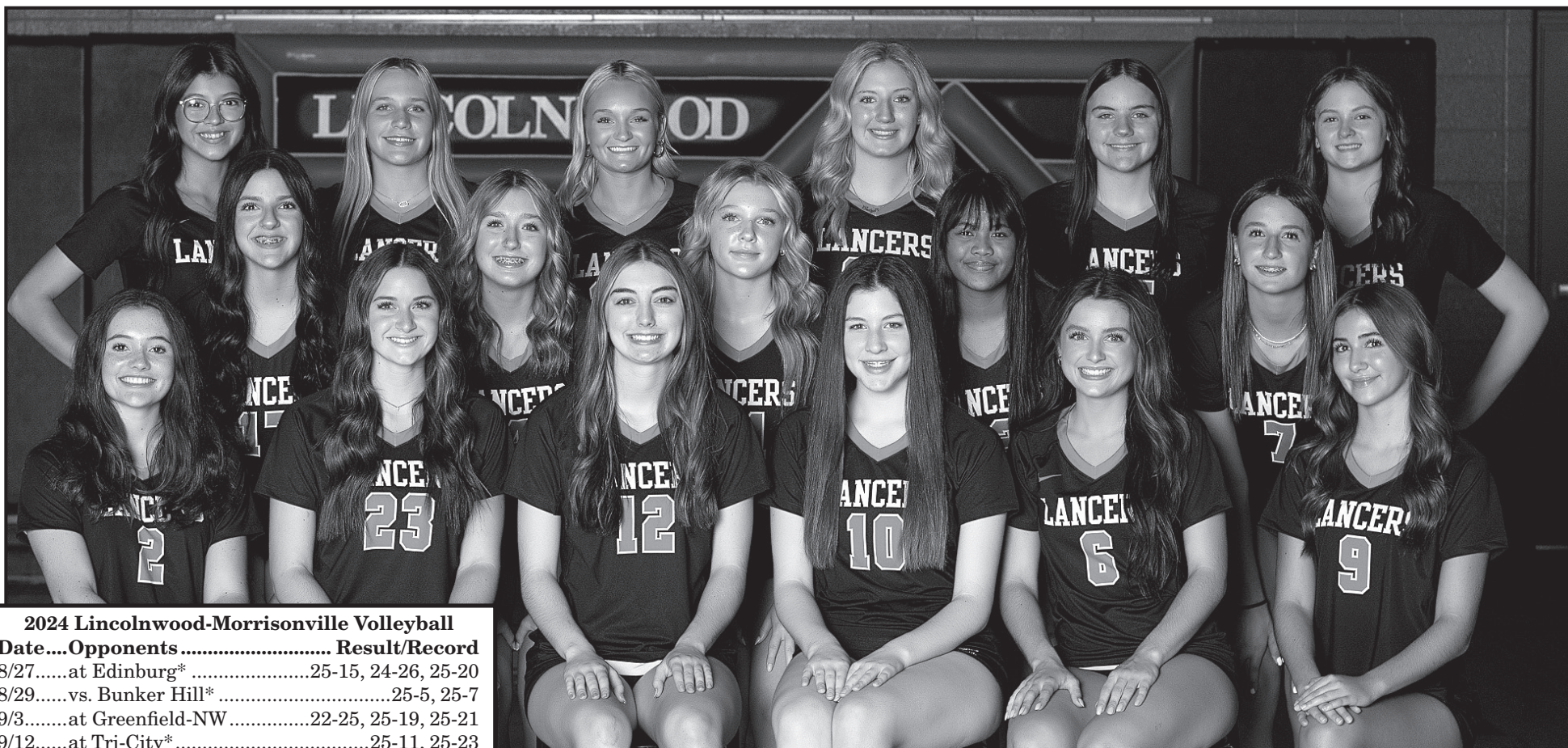
Name	Serving		Attack		Defense	
	Pts.	Aces	Kills	Ast.	Blks.	Digs
Brooke Braasch	60	12	90	1	10	125
Elise Walch	77	23	44	162	34	89
Lexi Logan	0	1	47	1	4	31
Megan Lee	11	9	105	2	58	7
Avery Stewart	81	16	5	170	1	61
Kyndal Law	70	17	1	2	2	159
Lynzie Reid	5	0	1	1	0	28
Chloe Law	0	0	35	0	20	19
Jaydah Caldwell	3	0	0	0	0	18
Jada Carroll	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madi Jones	0	0	0	0	0	2
Allie Frerichs	85	22	2	26	0	332
McKenna Harmon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gina Painter	58	26	114	2	51	31
Totals	450	126	444	372	127	904

Record: 14 wins, 15 losses, 1 tie **SCC:** 5 wins, 4 losses (T-5th)

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2024 Litchfield Volleyball

Date	Opponents	Result/Record
8/29at Nokomis	13-25, 9-25 (0-1)
9/3	.....vs. Maryville Christian	25-10, 25-23 (1-1)
9/5	.....at Hillsboro	11-25, 10-25 (1-2)
9/9	.....vs. Pawnee	25-23, 25-7 (2-2)
9/12	.....vs. Hillsboro*	17-25, 25-16, 25-6 (3-2)
at A Grace-Filled Tourney - 6th Place		
9/13	.....Southeast	25-16, 25-19 (4-2)
9/13	.....North Mac	25-20, 25-18 (5-2)
9/13	.....Civic Memorial	21-25, 13-25 (5-3)
9/14	.....Auburn	26-24, 25-18 (6-3)
9/14	.....Father McGivney	16-25, 26-24, 13-15 (6-4)
9/17	.....at Vandalia	21-25, 14-25 (6-5)
9/19	.....at Greenville*	25-14, 25-21 (7-5)
9/23	.....at Metro-East Lutheran	25-19, 26-28, 30-28 (8-5)
9/24	.....vs. Staunton*	19-25, 21-25 (8-6)
9/30	.....at Lincolnwood	22-25, 15-25 (8-7)
10/3	.....at North Mac*	25-17, 25-18 (9-7)
10/7	.....at Mt. Olive	25-12, 25-14 (10-7)
10/10	.....vs. Vandalia*	25-18, 25-19 (11-7)
10/15	.....at Carlinville*	13-25, 16-25 (11-8)
10/16	.....at Alton Marquette	25-18, 20-25, 18-25 (11-9)
10/17	.....vs. Southwestern*	16-25, 25-14, 24-26 (11-10)
at Civic Memorial Tourney - 6th Place		
10/19	.....Civic Memorial	24-26, 17-25 (11-11)
10/19	.....Jacksonville	25-23, 17-25 (11-11-1)
10/19	.....Metro-East Lutheran	Won in two (12-11-1)
10/19	.....Roxana	10-25, 21-25 (12-12-1)
10/21	.....vs. Collinsville	14-25, 25-22, 21-25 (12-13-1)
10/22	.....at Pana*	12-25, 17-25 (12-14-1)
10/24	.....vs. Gillespie*	25-17, 25-17 (13-14-1)
at IHSA Class 2A Litchfield Regional		
10/28	.....vs. Greenville	25-21, 25-22 (14-14-1)
10/29	.....vs. Staunton	17-25, 14-25 (14-15-1)



2024 Lincolnwood-Morrisonville Volleyball

Date.... Opponents Result/Record

8/27.....at Edinburg*25-15, 24-26, 25-20

8/29.....vs. Bunker Hill*25-5, 25-7

9/3.....at Greenfield-NW22-25, 25-19, 25-21

9/12.....at Tri-City*25-11, 25-23

at A Grace-Filled Tourney - 1st Place

9/13.....vs. Lanphier.....25-12, 25-7

9/13.....vs. Auburn25-10, 25-19

9/13.....vs. Ramsey.....25-11, 25-9

9/14.....vs. Civic Memorial.....26-24, 16-25, 15-8

9/14.....vs. Hillsboro.....28-26, 25-17

9/16.....vs. Carlinville18-25, 12-25

9/19.....vs. South County*25-23, 25-23

at New Berlin Tournament - 9th Place

9/20.....vs. Southeastern.....18-25, 13-25

9/20.....vs. Carrollton.....19-25, 8-25

9/20.....vs. Liberty.....25-14, 25-23

9/21.....vs. Cumberland25-13, 25-23

9/21.....at North Mac25-17, 25-18

9/23.....at Gillespie25-19, 25-10

9/26.....at Springfield Calvary*.....25-13, 25-15

9/30.....vs. Litchfield25-22, 25-15

10/1.....vs. Nokomis*.....19-25, 25-23, 25-10

at Morrisonville Tournament - 1st Place

10/4.....vs. Calvary25-12, 25-14

10/4.....vs. Greenview22-25, 25-17, 15-11

10/4.....vs. Bunker Hill*25-10, 25-15

10/5.....vs. Taylorville JV25-21, 25-18

10/5.....vs. Hillsboro.....20-25, 25-12, 18-16

10/7.....vs. Hillsboro.....25-21, 25-22

10/8.....vs. Southwestern.....25-23, 16-25, 25-17

10/15.....vs. Mt. Olive*25-20, 25-19

10/17.....vs. Springfield Lutheran* ..25-20, 18-25, 25-21

at Waverly Tournament - 5th Place

10/18.....vs. West Central25-11, 25-17

10/18.....vs. North Mac23-25, 25-15, 15-8

10/19.....vs. Southeastern.....17-25, 6-25

10/19.....vs. Calhoun10-25, 16-25

10/19.....vs. PORTA25-19, 19-25, 15

10/21.....at Pawnee*25-8, 25-19

at IHSA Class 1A Mt. Olive Regional

10/29.....Bunker Hill25-15, 25-17

10/30.....Greenfield/Northwestern.....25-17, 25-21

10/31.....Calhoun25-27, 19-25 (31-7)

Lincolnwood-Morrisonville Volleyball

Members of the 2024 Lincolnwood-Morrisonville 2024 volleyball team, in front, from the left, are Hannah Hill, Morgan Cowdrey, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson, Kierstyn Denney, Morgan Hampton and Sophia Painter. In the middle row are Kinley Morris, Macie Daugherty, Camryn Poggenpohl, Yza Apaitan and Reagan Penrod. In the back row are Zarah Guzman, Tori Elvidge, Tareyn Clarke, Audrey Germann, Ella Jenkins and Kylie Jack.

Ramie Meisner/Ramie Jayne Photography

Name	Serving		Attack		Defense	
	Pts.	Aces	Kills	Ast.	Blks.	Digs
Hannah Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macie Daugherty	130	40	50	20	0	116
Morgan Hampton	12	3	1	23	0	275
Kierstyn Denney	169	61	234	160	23	190
Zarah Guzman	2	0	5	120	6	24
Jazmin Seaton-Hobson	19	6	178	4	5	117
Kylie Jack	0	0	4	0	1	2
Ella Jenkins	60	22	69	3	19	40
Audrey Germann	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ava Walton	14	2	0	0	0	3
Tori Elvidge	173	55	142	12	39	151
Camryn Poggenpohl	151	44	2	19	0	195
Morgan Cowdrey	219	82	198	442	13	226
Tareyn Clarke	79	18	9	13	1	60
Totals	1028	333	893	816	66	1399

Record: 31 wins, 7 losses **MSM:** 8 wins, 1 losses (2nd)

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Litchfield High School JV Volleyball

Members of the 2024 Litchfield High School girls junior varsity volleyball team, in front, from the left are Charlotte Reyes, Lynzie Reid, Madi Jones, Leighton Warchol and Kilee Hoover. In the second row are Rylee Hamm, Janet Mazza, Hailey Green, McKenna Harmon, Adia Melchert, Allison Belusko and Jennah Longwell.

Photo courtesy of Litchfield High School



Nokomis High School JV Volleyball

Members of the 2024 Nokomis High School junior varsity volleyball team, in front, from the left are Kennadie Johannsen, Quincee Riebe, Hannah Tarter, Ilexia Doyen and Lily Broers. In the back row are Brooklyn Marley, Carsyn Bertolino, Remi Tester, Alivia Sabol, Fallon Knodle and Cloey Dirks.

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Litchfield Fresh/Soph Volleyball

Members of the 2024 Litchfield High School freshman/sophomore girls volleyball team, in front, from the left, are Kathryn Cox and Emma Estell. In the second row are Charlotte Reyes, Halle Rogers, Samantha Rieke, Adia Melchert, Claire Reid, Myla Burris and Kinley Hemken. In the third row are Lynzie Reid, Janet Mazza, Ady Ferguson, Allison Belusko, Kilee Hoover and Rylee Hamm.

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Hillsboro High School JV Volleyball

Members of the 2024 Hillsboro High School junior varsity girls volleyball team, in front, from the left are Katelyn Hughes, Kenley Hefley, Sloan Bertolino, Kaya Connor, Olivia Keiser, Albany Kindernay and Liberty Helton. In the back are Karsyn Greenwood, Kinley Greenwood, Natalie Atkins, Jossalyn Kimbro, Peyton Chappellear, Chloe Atkins and Peyton Christian.

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Hillsboro Freshman Volleyball

Members of the 2024 Hillsboro High School freshman girls volleyball team, in front, from the left are Jayden Christ, Katelyn Hughes, Lainey Lessman, Lux Reynolds and Taegan Kieffer. In the back are Ava Dossett, Kinley Greenwood, Kaya Connor, Tenleigh Schulte and Averie Miller.

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2024 Nokomis Varsity Football

Date.....	Opponent	For....	Against
Aug. 30	Arcola	27.....	10
Sept. 6	at Argenta-Oreana	49.....	0
Sept. 13	at Villa Grove	62.....	13
Sept. 20	Cerro Gordo/Bement	55.....	7
Sept. 28	at Tri-County.....	51.....	0
Oct. 4	ALAH.....	8.....	26
Oct. 11.....	SOVB	20.....	33
Oct. 18.....	at Cumberland	0.....	42
Oct. 25.....	Sangamon Valley.....	14.....	15
Nov. 2	Camp Point Central	6.....	34
Record: 5-5.....		292.....	180

Nokomis High School Varsity Football

Members of the 2024 Nokomis High School varsity football team, in front, from the left are Jaden Thompson (#3), Tyler Heiman (#46), Colby Wilson (#88), Dominic Hammond (#60), Camryn Miller (#13), Hunter Vaughn (#64) and Ayden Henry(#1). In the second row are Grady Taylor (#28), Kalasandra Cook (#56), Konnor Reynolds(#80), Hunter Arkebauer (#53), Kannon Jonas (#4) and Griffin Engelman (#66). In the third row are Nic Huston (#7), Caleb Bauer (#42), Riley Reynolds (#57), Daryl Evans (#22) and Kadyann Petty (#19). In the fourth row are Noah Simonton (#75), Trenton Clark (#40), Nolan Herpstreith (#34) and Levi German (#24). In the back are Riley Steele (#71), Conner Wilson (#79), Drake Taylor (#23), Jensen Masten (#59), Kyle Reynolds (#51), Atticus Bertolino (#55) and Garrett Engelman (#8).

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Rushing

Player	TC	YDS	YPC	TD
Nolan Herpstreith	146	1171	8	14
Daryl Evans	110	826	7.5	14
Kadyann Petty	35	291	8.3	5
Garrett Engelman	26	172	6.6	1
Caleb Bauer	24	150	6.3	3
Kannon Jonas	14	86	6.1	0
Trenten Clark	15	82	5.5	1
Levi German	12	75	6.3	2
Nick Huston	2	16	8	0
Tyler Heiman	4	14	3.5	0
Camryn Miller	1	1	1	0

Totals 389 2884 7.4 40

Receiving

Player	REC	YDS	YPC	TD
Drake Taylor	8	93	11.6	0
Kadyann Petty	6	79	13.2	2
Nolan Herpstreith	6	60	10	0
Kannon Jonas	3	36	12	0
Levi German	2	15	7.5	0
Colby Wilson	1	9	9	0
Daryl Evans	1	2	2	0

Totals 27 294 10.9 2

Scoring

Player	TD	1PT	2PT	FG	Total
Nolan Herpstreith	14		9		102
Daryl Evans	14		4		92
Kadyann Petty	7		1		44
Caleb Bauer	3				18
Levi German	2				12
Garrett Engelman	1		1		8
Atticus Bertolino	0	6			8
Trenten Clark	1				6
Drake Taylor	0		1		2

Totals 42 6 16 292

Passing


Player	Comp	Att	PCT	YDS	TDS	INT
Kannon Jonas	11	27	.407	155	2	3
Kadyann Petty	14	24	.583	114	0	4
Nolan Herpstreith	1	1.00	1	18	0	0
Camryn Miller	1	1	1	9	0	0
Garrett Engelman	0	1	0	0	0	0

Totals 27 54 0.5 296 2 7

Defense

Player	Solo	Ast	Total	Sack	INT	FR
Konnor Reynolds	26	36	62	2	1	
Caleb Bauer	29	33	62	2		1
Daryl Evans	14	43	57	3		1
Hunter Arkebauer	13	38	51	2		2
Riley Reynolds	12	29	41		1	
Drake Taylor	15	24	39	3		
Nolan Herpstreith	14	21	35		1	
Atticus Bertolino	7	27	34	5		
Levi German	7	19	26			
Kannon Jonas	7	14	21			
Conner Wilson	6	14	20			
Kadyann Petty	11	9	20		1	
Garrett Engelman	7	13	20			
Noah Simonton	7	11	18			
Kyle Reynolds	5	11	16	1		
Garrett Engelman	0	8	8			
Jensen Masten	4	4	8			
Riley Steele	2	6	8			
Trenten Clark	4	2	6	1		
Colby Wilson	2	3	5			
Kalasandra Cook	0	2	2			
Dominic Hammond	0	2	2			
Hunter Vaughn	0	1	1			
Grady Taylor	1	0	1			

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Defense

Player	Solo	Ast	Total	Sack	INT	FR
Jackson Tuetken	54	27	81		2	
Elias Baney	32	24	56			1
Cody Boerckel	27	28	55	1		
Tytin Wells	24	25	49			
Austin Newingham	17	20	37			
Kamdin Civitate	12	22	34			
Rheece Malloy	10	23	33			
Jaden Loskot	9	14	23			2
Derek Hartman	9	14	23			1
Drake McSperritt	8	7	15			
Westin Fenton	5	9	14			
Mason Currie	3	10	13			
Caleb Page	4	9	13			
Elijah Patton	10	2	12			1
Seth Hubbard	4	6	10			
Jesse Ringhausen	5	5	10			1
Ethan Hamby	3	6	9			1
Olan Lentz	3	6	9			
Gavin Shomaker	4	4	8			
Amy Anderson	6	2	8			
Eli Zaidi	0	4	4			
Jayse Stockwell	1	1	2			
Derek Hartman	0	1	1			
Sawyer Hindle	0	1	1			
Totals	250	270	520	1		

Hillsboro High School Varsity Football

Members of the 2024 Hillsboro High School varsity boys football team, in front, from the left are Jesse Ringhausen, Austin Newingham, Elias Baney, Seth Hubbard, Jackson Tuetken, Cody Boerckel, Drake McSperritt, Kaden Long, Trenton Phillips, Caleb Page and Wesley Myers. In the middle row are Derek Hartman, Devin Hartman, Daniel Kenny, Logan Gill, Jaden Loskot, Westin Fenton, Rheece Malloy, Amy Claybrook-Anderson, Olan Lentz, Ethan Hamby, Brayden Elliott and Ryan Page. In the back row are Tytin Wells, Jayse Stockwell, Sawyer Hindle, Liam Blackburn, Elijah Zaidi, Kamdin Civitate, Matthew Currie, Carson Huber, Elijah Patton, Jermaine DeClue and Gavin Shomaker.

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Passing

Player	Comp	Att	PCT	YDS	TDS	INT
Cody Boerckel	28	70	.400	318	2	4
Elijah Patton	1	2	.500	10	0	0
Totals	29	72	0.403	328	2	4

Receiving

Player	REC	YDS	YPC	TD
Jackson Tuetken	25	309	12.4	2
Elias Baney	2	20	10	0
Drake McSperritt	2	7	3.5	0
Totals	29	336	11.6	2

Scoring

Player	TD	1PT	2PT	FG	Total
Tytin Wells	7				42
Amy Anderson	6				36
Cody Boerckel	2				18
Jackson Tuetken	2				12
Elijah Patton	0	10			10
Elias Baney	1				6
Ethan Hamby	0		2		4
Totals	18	10	2		128



Hillsboro High School Freshman Football

Members of the 2024 Hillsboro High School freshman boys football team, in front, from the left are Joel Malloy, Deven Beard, Jackson Cunningham, Jalen Stewart, Noah Satterlee, Braylen Stewart, Chase Spangler, Skylar Sturgeon and James Manzer. In the back row are Kaleb Dossett, Nicholas Scroggins, Wyatt Noyes, Kyle Waters, Colby Wilkimson, Zayden Cruthis, Gage Knebel and Grayson Gile. *Photo courtesy of Ashley Christ Photography*

Rushing

Player	TC	YDS	YPC	TD
Amy Anderson	83	617	7.4	6
Tytin Wells	133	452	3.4	7
Ethan Hamby	69	346	5	0
Elias Baney	44	231	5.3	1
Cody Boerckel	34	96	2.8	2
Drake McSperritt	13	41	3.2	0
Elijah Patton	6	12	2	0
Seth Hubbard	2	5	2.5	0
Jayse Stockwell	1	1	1	0
Totals	385	1801	4.7	16

2024 Hillsboro Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	For	Against
Aug. 31	North Mac	6	34
Sept. 6	Greenville	7	41
Sept. 13	Staunton-Bunker Hill	14	21
Sept. 20	at Gillespie	7	21
Sept. 27	Litchfield-Mt. Olive	0	28
Oct. 4	at Pana	14	48
Oct. 11	Vandalia	20	47
Oct. 18	at Carlinville	14	36
Oct. 25	Southwestern	40	41
Record: 0-9		122	317



Litchfield-Mt. Olive High School Football

Members of the 2024 Litchfield-Mt. Olive football team, in front, from the left are Devin Hansel, Isaiah Johnson, Harrison Thomas and Carter Brunnworth. In the second row are Keaton Morgan, Martavious Jones, Briley Viviano, Kayden Bergman, Caiden Lamb and Clayton Logsdon. In the third row are Ethan Saathoff, Brenden Oliver, Max Leitschuh, Travis Cameron, Dylan O'Keefe, Jayden Ellinger and Devon Chew. In the fourth row are David Schoen, Braedyn Knapp, Landon Pryor, Hunter Law, Cooper Martin, Casson Schmidt, Zackary Hansel and Matthew Bywater. In the fifth row are Riley Ayres, Cal Frerichs, Carter Sperry, Thayden Bailey, Caleb Coulter, Ethan Rummmler and Maddox Compton. In the sixth row are Keaton Buske, Jonathon Bowles, Grason Thimsen, Daniel Lott, Sean O'Keefe and Lukas Paine.

Photo courtesy of Litchfield High School

Defense

Player	Solo	Ast	Total	INT	YDS	FR
Kayden Bergman	38	37	75	1	9	
Harrison Thomas	29	36	65			
Jayden Ellinger	23	33	56			
Matthew Bywater	45	3	48	3	30	
Caiden Lamb	21	26	47	1	0	
Devin Hansel	16	27	43			1
Martavious Jones	29	12	41	1	3	
Max Leitschuh	26	14	40	1	23	
JB Bowles	27	9	36	1	5	
Briley Viviano	16	16	32			
Devon CHew	15	16	31			
Keaton Morgan	8	10	18	2	27	
Riley Ayres	5	4	9			
Cal Frerichs	3	4	7			
Caleb Coulter	5	2	7			
Hunter Law	1	5	6			
Clayton Logsdon	1	3	4			
David Schoen	3	0	3			
Dylan O'Keefe	0	2	2			
Carter Brunnworth	1	1	2			
Brenden Oliver	0	1	1			
Ethan Saathoff	1	0	1			
Ethan Rummmler	0	1	1			
Zaden Steinbach	1	0	1			
Isaiah Johnson	1	0	1			
Totals	315	262	577			

Passing

Player	Comp	Att	PCT	YDS	TDS	INT
Ethan Saathoff	69	155	.445	1165	12	8
Totals	69	155	.445	1165	12	8

Receiving

Player	REC	YDS	YPC	TD
Martavious Jones	48	464	9.7	4
Matthew Bywater	18	361	20.1	5
Kayden Bergman	19	200	10.5	1
Max Leitschuh	17	119	7	2
Devon Chew	2	3	1.5	0
Totals	104	1147	11	12

Rushing

Player	TC	YDS	YPC	TD
Ethan Saathoff	113	464	4.1	5
Keaton Morgan	89	282	3.2	3
Caleb Coulter	52	236	4.5	0
Martavious Jones	37	225	6.1	3
Matthew Bywater	13	97	7.5	1
Kayden Bergman	10	29	2.9	1
Harrison Thomas	2	15	7.5	1
Max Leitschuh	1	14	14	0
Devon Chew	1	9	9	0
Totals	318	1371	4.3	14

Scoring

Player	TD	1PT	2PT	FG	Total
Martavious Jones	8		1		52
Matthew Bywater	7				42
Ethan Saathoff	5		1		32
Cooper Martin	0	20		2	26
Keaton Morgan	3				18
Kayden Bergman	2				12
Max Leitschuh	2				12
Harrison Thomas	1				6
David Schoen	0		1		2
Totals	28	20	3	2	202

2024 Litchfield Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	For	Against
Aug. 30	at Carlinville	12	37
Sept. 6	Southwestern	30	6
Sept. 13	at North Mac	14	26
Sept. 20	Greenville	17	54
Sept. 27	at Hillsboro	28	0
Oct. 5	Gillespie	42	9
Oct. 11	Staunton-Bunker Hill	13	14
Oct. 18	at Pana	21	41
Oct. 25	Vandalia	25	54
Record: 3-6		202	241



Hillsboro High School Boys Soccer

Hillsboro Soccer Goals Scored

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Nico Clark 19 | 8. Kohl Fuller 1 |
| 2. Clayton Rufus 18 | 8. Antonio Valentin 1 |
| 3. Mark Mattson 12 | 8. Brodie Clinard 1 |
| 4. Alec Pollard 10 | 8. Brennan Harston 1 |
| 5. Mitchell Cunningham 9 | 8. Noah Andrews 1 |
| 6. Lennon Guinn 4 | 8. Aiden Robinson 1 |
| 7. Landen Lipe 2 | 8. Lincolnwood Own Goal 1 |

Goalkeepers: Beto Quiroz/Brennan Harston
9 shutouts, 1.13 goals allowed per game

Members of the 2024 Hillsboro High School boys soccer team, in front, from the left are Caleb Greenwood, Quinn Hunt, Aiden Meyers, Mark Mattson, Brodie Clinard, Blake Cullison, Mitchell Cunningham, Brennan Harston, Antonio Valentin, Clayton Rufus and Nico Clark. In the middle row are Harrison Tuetken, Kohl Fuller, Roberto Quiroz, Jozhua Pineda, Will Yeske, Lennon Guinn, Brady Stritzel, Maddux McLaughlin, Jackson Law, Landon Bandy, Alec Pollard and Matthew Hemken. In the back are Landon Lipe, Abraham Putnum, Aiden Robinson, Chansé Liebscher, Jaxon Wittenmyer, Rhys Riggs, Isaiah Hopley, Christian Sies, Kash Malloy, Noah Andrews and Mason Currie.

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2024 Hillsboro Boys Soccer

Date	Meet	Result	Score
8/28	vs. Taylorville	9-0	1-0
at 4-Corners Tournament - 5th Place			
9/2	Williamsville	0-1	1-1
9/3	Pleasant Plains	1-2	1-2
9/5	at Wesclin	1-2	1-3
9/7	Riverton	1-0	2-3
9/10	vs. Southwestern*	4-1	3-3
9/11	vs. St. Anthony	5-0	4-3
9/12	at Staunton*	5-2	5-3
9/14	vs. Civic Memorial	3-0	6-3
9/17	vs. Vandalia*	9-0	7-3
9/19	at Greenville*	3-1	8-3
9/23	at Lincolnwood	4-0	9-3
9/24	at Litchfield*	5-1	10-3
9/26	vs. North Mac*	9-0	11-3
9/28	at Riverton	6-1	12-3
10/2	at Effingham	1-2	12-4
10/3	vs. Pana*	6-1	13-4
10/4	at Rochester	0-3	13-5
10/5	at Jersey	2-1	14-5
10/7	vs. Breese Mater Dei	1-2	14-6
10/8	at Carlinville*	1-2	14-7
10/9	vs. Highland	0-0	14-7-1
at IHSAA Class 1A Hillsboro Regional			
10/19	vs. Pana	5-0	15-7-1
10/22	vs. Greenville	1-5	15-8-1
Record: 15-8-1 . *SCC: 7-1 (T-1st) (82-27)			



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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ian Keller 22 | 6. Michael Boyd 1 |
| 2. Austyn Hefley 4 | 6. Grace DeWerff 1 |
| 3. Tucker Armentrout 3 | 6. Hesler Perez Barradas |
| 3. Carson Contreras 3 | 6. Charlie Clavin 1 |
| 3. Donny Daugherty 3 | |

Goalkeepers: Carson Contreras/Halen Barnes
5 shutouts, 2.14 goals allowed per game

2024 Lincolnwood Boys Soccer

Date...MeetResult ...Score

8/27...vs. North Mac 7-1 1-0

at Kickoff Classic On Route 66 - 4th Place

8/31...vs. Athens 2-1 2-0

8/31...vs. Wesclin 2-0 3-0

9/3...vs. Carlinville 0-4 3-1

9/4...vs. Lutheran 4-3 4-1

9/9...vs. Litchfield 2-2 5-1

9/12...at Beardstown 0-7 5-2

9/14...at Pleasant Plains 0-1 5-3

9/20...at Springfield Lutheran 1-2 5-4

9/23...vs. Hillsboro 0-4 5-5

9/26...vs. Maryville Christian 0-5 5-6

9/27...at Riverton 2-1 6-6

9/30...vs. Athens 1-2 6-7

10/5...at Greenville 1-3 6-8

10/7...vs. Staunton 0-0 7-8

10/8...at Vandalia 9-0 8-8

10/10...vs. Williamsville 0-4 8-9

10/12...at North Mac 7-0 9-9

10/14...vs. Carlinville 0-3 9-10

at IHSA Class 2A Belleville Althoff Regional

10/19...vs. Carlinville 1-0 10-10

10/24...vs. Pleasant Plains 0-2 10-11

Record: 10-11 (39-45)



Lincolnwood-Nokomis Pawnee-Morrisonville Soccer

Members of the 2024 Lincolnwood-Nokomis-Morrisonville-Pawnee soccer team, in front, from the left, are Anakin Pasdeck, Carter Wexstten, Dalton Yeske, Hesler Perez, Maddox Dewerff, Nathan Cox and Charlie Clavin. In the second row are Donny Daugherty, Ian Keller, Bond Knodle and Grace Dewerff. In the third row are Ryan Decker, Michael Boyd, Keaton Thomas, Carson Contreras, Halen Barnes and Devin Robertson.

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2024 Litchfield Boys Soccer

**Date...MeetResult ... Score
at Kickoff Classic On Route 66 - 2nd Place**

8/31.....vs. North Mac	9-0.....	1-0
8/31.....vs. Staunton.....	3-0.....	2-0
9/3.....vs. Springfield Lutheran	1-3.....	2-1
9/4.....vs. Carlinville	1-2.....	2-2
9/7.....at Maryville Christian	2-7.....	2-3
9/9.....at Lincolnwood	2-2.....	2-4
9/10.....vs. Vandalia*	9-0.....	3-4
9/12.....at Pana*	6-0.....	4-4
9/14.....vs. Springfield Lutheran	2-6.....	4-5
9/17.....vs. Greenville*	2-1.....	5-5
9/19.....at Carlinville*	1-4.....	5-6
9/24.....vs. Hillsboro*	1-5.....	5-7
9/26.....at Southwestern*	9-2.....	6-7
9/28.....vs. Civic Memorial.....	5-7.....	7-7
10/1.....vs. North Mac*	9-0.....	8-7
10/2.....at Taylorville.....	9-0.....	9-7
10/3.....at Staunton*	1-2.....	9-8
10/5.....at Pleasant Plains	0-1.....	9-9
10/10...at East Alton-Wood River	6-2.....	10-9
at IHSA Class 2A Belleville Althoff Regional		
10/18...Jerseyville.....	5-0.....	11-9
10/22...Althoff.....	1-7.....	11-10
Record: 10-11... *SCC: 5-3 (4th) (82-27)		



Litchfield Soccer Goals Scored

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Landon Wernsing 39 | 8. Nick Fetter 2 |
| 2. Brayden Ronco 15 | 8. Brody Dykema 2 |
| 3. Chance Holliday 8 | 10. Logan Rhodes 1 |
| 4. Frankie Koniak 5 | 10. Jaxon Ray 1 |
| 5. Joe Reid 3 | 10. Caleb Siar 1 |
| 5. Cambren Buzick 3 | 10. Nolan Zeisler 1 |
| 5. Will Wujek 3 | |

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7 shutouts, 2.43 goals allowed per game

Litchfield-Gillespie High School Boys Soccer

Members of the 2024 Litchfield-Gillespie boys soccer team, in front, is Cooper Martin. In the second row, from the left, are Braden Alexander, Brayden Ronco, Devin White and Logan Rhodes. In the third row Nolan Zeisler, Frankie Koniak, Leo Li, Lulus Middleton and Caleb Siar. In the fourth row are Gabriel Melchert, Nicholas Adam, Chance Holliday, Brody Dykema, Will Wujek and Bentley Ronco. In the fifth row are Jasper Calcari, Isaiah Burdell, Nicholas Fetter, Keaton Ballard and Korbin Johnson. In the sixth row are Weston Melchert, Ryder Olroyd, Cambren Buzick, Tyler Belusko, Landon Wernsing, Ryker Witt and Joe Reid. *Photo courtesy of Litchfield High School*

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Litchfield High School Cross Country

Members of the 2024 Litchfield High School cross country team, from the left are Joelle Hughes, Darby Braasch, Rilynn Younker and Breanna White. In the second row are Nolan Engstrom, Dawson Hemken, Jake Wilson, Lucien Quarton, Kenny Traylor, Sam Schoeneweis, Matthew Green and Christopher McGee.

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2024 Litchfield Cross Country

Meet: 1. 9/3 - Carlinville Early Meet at Loveless Park; 2. 9/14 - Shelbyville Trail Invite at Forest Park; 3. 9/17 - Dave Holden Open at Tom Doll Field; 4. 9/21 - Highland Invite at Alhambra Fireman's Park; 5. 9/28 - Springfield Invite at Lincoln Park; 6. 10/1 - Litchfield Quad Meet at Litchfield Country Club; 7. 10/4 - Southwestern Invite at Southwestern High School; 8. 10/8 - Carlinville Invite at Loveless Park; 9. 10/12 - EAWR Invitational at EAWR High School; 10. 10/19 - SCC Championships at Little Dog Complex; 11. 10/26 - Shelbyville Regional at Forest Park; 12. 11/2 - Cumberland Sectional at Lake Land College.

Litchfield Individual Times (Correspond To Above)

Joelle Hughes (Sr.): 1. 41st - 27:00.9; 2. 40th - 24:40.6; 3. 8th - 27:35.0; 4. 59th - 26:47.7; 5. 38th - 25:45.3; 6. NA; 7. NA; 8. NA; 9. 4th - 23:07.1; 10. NA; 11. NA; 12. NA.

Darby Braasch (Jr.): 1. 30th - 25:24.0; 2. NA; 3. NA; 4. NA; 5. 28th - 24:48.4; 6. 2nd - 23:53.0; 7. NA - 23:38; 8. 16th - 24:06.8; 9. 3rd - 21:29.7; 10. 4th - 22:29.0; 11. 23rd - 22:16.1; 12. NA.

Rilynn Younker (So.): 1. 18th - 23:30.3; 2. 18th - 22:00.4; 3. 2nd - 24:44.0; 4. 36th - 23:28.1; 5. 7th - 22:36.2; 6. 1st - 22:40.0; 7. NA; 8. 13th - 23:03.9; 9. 1st - 21:59.9; 10. 3rd - 21:59.2; 11. 21st - 21:32.4; 12. 80th - 22:24.4.

Breanna White (Fr.): 1. 51st - 29:18.0; 2. 65th - 29:15.3; 3. 15th - 30:51.0; 4. 73rd - 29:42.4; 5. 51st - 27:28.8; 6. 6th - 26:35.0; 7. NA - 27:38; 8. 31st - 26:15.2; 9. 9th - 25:25.0; 10. 14th - 25:29.3; 11. 50th - 27:04.0; 12. NA.

Kenny Traylor (Sr.): 1. 32nd - 19:23.3; 2. 35th - 18:34.4; 3. 4th - 19:38.0; 4. 41st - 19:18.1; 5. 66th - 18:10.6; 6. 1st - 17:46.0; 7. NA - 17:52; 8. 20th - 18:56.3; 9. 4th - 16:42.5; 10. 8th - 17:29.8; 11. 18th - 17:10.2; 12. 75th - 17:40.0.

Matt Green (Sr.): 1. 72nd - 23:06.7; 2. 88th - 22:18.1; 3. 30th - 25:23.0; 4. 87th - 23:09.1; 5. 115th - 21:25.1; 6. 9th - 20:41.0; 7. NA; 8. 33rd - 20:51.5; 9. 8th - 19:08.5; 10. NA; 11. 61st - 19:40.3; 12. 146th - 20:06.7.

Shay Westhoff (Sr.): 1. 89th - 24:36.3; 2. 94th - 22:38.6; 3. 22nd - 23:34.0; 4. 89th - 23:37.5; 5. 124th - 22:21.2; 6. 11th - 20:56.0; 7. NA; 8. 34th - 20:53.2; 9. 10th - 19:18.8; 10. 16th - 20:32.5; 11. 75th - 21:14.2; 12. 151st - 20:58.0.

Sam Schoeneweis (Sr.): 1. 81st - 23:25.7; 2. 90th - 22:25.6; 3. NA; 4. NA; 5. 130th - 24:18.9; 6. 13th - 23:49.0; 7. NA - 24:26; 8. 54th - 23:11.2; 9. 18th - 20:49.8; 10. 21st - 21:27.4; 11. NA; 12. 152nd - 21:39.1.

Lucien Quarton (Jr.): 1. 64th - 22:19.7; 2. 80th - 21:40.5; 3. 12th - 22:14.0; 4. 77th - 21:38.2; 5. 111th - 21:08.1; 6. 8th - 20:39.0; 7. NA - 22:14; 8. 37th - 21:03.3; 9. 10th - 19:15.0; 10. NA; 11. 64th - 20:29.8; 12. NA.

Chris McGee (So.): 1. NA; 2. 30th - 18:20.4; 3. 6th - 19:49.0; 4. 48th - 19:42.5; 5. 40th - 20:33.8; 6. NA; 7. NA - 18:56; 8. 22nd - 19:36.5; 9. 5th - 17:46.0; 10. NA; 11. 47th - 18:33.8; 12. 122nd - 18:43.2.

Draven Jones (So.): 1. NA; 2. 81st - 21:46.7; 3. 25th - 23:59.0; 4. 82nd - 22:02.0; 5. NA; 6. 10th - 20:45.0; 7. NA - 22:22; 8. NA; 9. 11th - 19:58.2; 10. NA; 11. NA; 12. NA.

Nolan Engstrom (Fr.): 1. 21st - 18:42.6; 2. 14th - 17:38.0; 3. 5th - 19:39.0; 4. 30th - 18:17.6; 5. 12th - 18:23.5; 6. 2nd - 17:55.0; 7. NA - 17:04; 8. 12th - 17:59.7; 9. 2nd - 16:41.4; 10. 9th - 17:31.1; 11. 16th - 17:06.1; 12. 77th - 17:41.0.

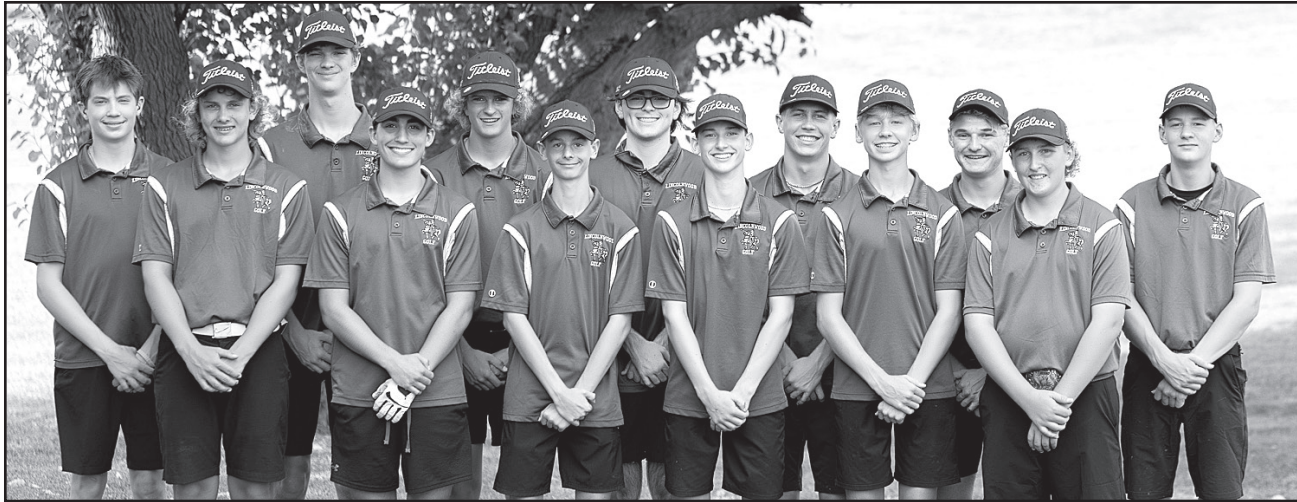
Jake Wilson (Fr.): 1. 41st - 20:17.4; 2. 51st - 19:30.8; 3. 8th - 21:18.0; 4. 50th - 19:55.3; 5. 24th - 19:24.5; 6. 3rd - 19:23.0; 7. NA - 21:34; 8. 24th - 19:53.1; 9. 9th - 18:01.4; 10. 13th - 18:45.2; 11. 42nd - 18:15.5; 12. 128th - 19:00.1.

Dawson Hemken (Fr.): 1. 87th - 24:19.8; 2. 97th - 23:19.3; 3. NA; 4. 91st - 23:44.8; 5. 58th - 22:16.7; 6. NA; 7. NA; 8. NA; 9. NA; 10. 35th - 26:11.2; 11. NA; 12. NA.



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Lincolnwood-Morrisonville-Pawnee Boys Golf

Members of the 2024 Lincolnwood-Morrisonville-Pawnee boys golf team, in front, from the left, are Beckem Schmedeke, Mason Pennock, Noah Deardorff, Bryce Cowdrey, Luke Pope, Drew Riemann. In the second row are Zane Whalen, Jared Klein, Cody Ganther, Karson Hayes, Jonah Elvidge, Cooper Poggenpohl and Isaac Wagahoff.

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2024 Lincolnwood-Morrisonville-Pawnee Boys Golf

Average Per 9 Holes: Bryce Cowdrey 38.68; Luke Pope 42.87; Beckem Schmedeke 48.19; Noah Deardorff 46.57; Jared Klein 48.75; Jonah Elvidge 50.06; Karson Hayes 59.00; Cooper Poggenpohl 54.00; Cody Ganther 49.50.
Team: 173.69.



Lincolnwood-Morrisonville Girls Golf

Members of the 2024 Lincolnwood-Morrisonville girls golf team, in front, from the left, are Emmalyn Norris, Abilene Norris, Ryleigh Rush and Rian Deardorff. In the second row are Allison Norris, Carly Armentrout, Kennady Klinger, Anna Jones and Jenna Matli

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2024 Lincolnwood/Morrisonville Girls Golf

Date...Course (Par)	Score	Record
8/19.....Shoal Creek Golf Course (36)	205.....	3-0
8/23.....Moweaqua Golf Course (72) ¹	418.....	4th
8/22.....Greenville Country Club (36)	215.....	4-0
9/3.....Lakeshore Golf Course (36)	209.....	6-0
9/4.....Edgewood Golf Course (71) ²	412.....	1st
9/5.....Shoal Creek Golf Course (36)	207.....	6-0
9/10.....Oak Terrace Golf Club (36)	223.....	7-0
9/12.....Shoal Creek Golf Course (36)	203.....	8-2
9/14.....Terry Park Golf Course (72) ³	398.....	2nd
9/16.....Carlinville Country Club (36).....	202.....	10-3
9/17.....Timber Lakes Golf Course (36) ..	186.....	12-3
9/19.....Pana Country Club (35)	177.....	13-5
9/20.....Oak Hills Country Club (32).....	178.....	14-5
10/1.....The Rail (72) ⁴	408.....	5th
10/7.....Lincoln Greens Golf Course (70) ⁵	NA	

¹At Meridian Tournament; ²At MSM Conference Tournament; ³At Lady Viper Invitational; ⁴At Williamsville Regional; ⁵At Rochester Sectional

Average Per 9 Holes: Rian Deardorff 50.42; Jenna Matli 54.21; Anna Jones 51.05; Carly Armentrout 49.29; Kennady Klinger 51.94; Abby Norris 57.19; Emmy Norris 57.33; Ally Norris 63.00. **Team:** 191.63.

2024 Lincolnwood-Morrisonville-Pawnee Boys Golf

Date...Course (Par)	Score	Record
8/19.....Shoal Creek Golf Course (36)	170.....	3-0
8/23.....Moweaqua Golf Course (72) ¹	343.....	2nd
8/22.....Greenville Country Club (36)	176.....	5-0
9/3.....Litchfield Country Club (35).....	159.....	8-1
9/4.....Edgewood Golf Course (71) ²	380.....	2nd
9/5.....Shoal Creek Golf Course (36)	181.....	10-1
9/10.....Lincoln Greens Golf Course (36)	178.....	13-1
9/12.....Carlinville Country Club (36).....	166.....	17-1
9/16.....Oak Hills Country Club (32).....	154.....	18-2
9/17.....Timber Lakes Golf Course (36) ..	172.....	21-3
9/19.....Pana Country Club (35)	169.....	24-3
9/20.....Shoal Creek Golf Course (36)	170.....	25-3
10/2.....Timber Lakes Golf Course (72) ³	361.....	6th
10/7.....Franklin County Country Club (71) ⁴	.....	NA
10/18...Prairie Vista Golf Course (144) ⁵	.....	NA

¹At Meridian Tournament; ²At MSM Conference Tourney; ³At Alton Marquette Regional; ⁴At Zeigler Sectional; ⁵IHSA State Finals

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2024 Ramsey-Nokomis Boys Golf

Date...Course (Par).....	Score .Record	
8/19.....Ramsey Lake Golf Course (35) ...	166.....(0-1)	9/25.....Ramsey Lake Golf Course (35) ... 163.....(9-7)
8/21.....Eagle Creek Golf Course (36)	183.....(1-2)	9/26.....Ramsey Lake Golf Course (35) ... 178.....(10-7)
8/22.....Greenville Country Club (36)	193.....(1-4)	10/2.....Timber Lakes Golf Course (72) ³ . 367.....
8/30.....St. Elmo Country Club (36)	191.....(2-4)	10/7.....Franklin County C.C. (71) ⁴ .....NA.....
9/3.....Ramsey Lake Golf Course (35) ...	182.....(3-4)	³ At Alton Marquette Regional; ⁴ At Zeigler Sectional; ⁵
9/11.....Ramsey Lake Golf Course (35) ...	178.....(4-4)	IHSA State Finals
9/12.....Oak Terrace Golf Course (36)	181.....(5-5)	Average Per 9 Holes: Bryce Gillock 39.81; Walker Stewart 45.88; Dylan Yeske 46.58; Blain Goodwin 48.29; Izaak Doyen 50.64; Patrick Click 51.62; Max Reiss 52.17; Everett Hicks 62.44. Team: 178.35.
9/16.....Ramsey Lake Golf Course (35) ...	162.....(6-5)	
9/17.....Timber Lakes Golf Course (36) ..	182.....(8-6)	
9/18.....Colonial Golf Club (35).....	171.....(8-7)	

Ramsey-Nokomis Boys Golf

Members of the 2024 Ramsey-Nokomis boys golf team, from the left, are Dylan Yeske, Walker Stewart, Blain Goodwin, Patrick Click, Bryce Gillock and Izaak Doyen. Not pictured are Max Reiss and Everett Hicks.

2024 Ramsey-Nokomis Girls Golf

*The Ramsey-Nokomis girls golf team did not have enough players to qualify for a team score.
Average Per 9 Holes: Annabelle Click 52.64; Summer Spencer 57.25; Rilee Waterman 59.80.

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Hillsboro High School Boys Golf

Members of the 2024 Hillsboro High School 2024 boys golf team, from the left are Kason Trone, Gage Knebel, Colton Weiss, Tycen Thacker, Ryder Dettman, Owen Fuller and Izak Zerrusen.

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2024 Hillsboro Boys Golf		
Date..Course (Par).....	Score .Record	
8/17....Indian Springs Golf Course (71) ¹	358.....9th	10/1....Carlinville Country Club (36)..... 168.....(9-3)
8/19....Belk Park Golf Course (72) ²	344.....8th	10/3....Belk Park Golf Course (72) ⁵ 365.....5th
9/4.....St. Elmo Golf Course (36).....	165.....(3-0)	10/7....Union County Country Club (71) ⁶ N/A
9/10....Indian Springs Golf Course (35) .	173.....(4-1)	¹ At St. Anthony Invitational; ² At Hickory Stick Invitational; ³ At South Central Conference Tournament; ⁴ At Taylorville Invitational; ⁵ Roxana Regional; ⁶ At Anna-Jonesboro Sectional.
9/12....Hillsboro Country Club (36).....	177.....(5-1)	Average Per 9 Holes: Colton Weiss39.06;TycenThacker 41.39;Izak Zerrusen 47.19;Owen Fuller 47.75;Ryder Dettman 52.25; Kason Trone 56.00. Team: 173.81.
9/16....Hillsboro Country Club (36).....	172.....(6-2)	
9/24....Indian Springs Golf Course (71) ³	335.....5th	
9/26....Lakeshore Golf Course (72) ⁴	337.....1st	
9/30....Hillsboro Country Club (36).....	187.....(7-2)	

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Hillsboro High School Girls Tennis

Members of the 2024 Hillsboro High School girls tennis team, in front, from the left are Coach Marian Williams, Reagan Voyles, Alyssa Leisure, Aubrey Reincke, Avery Reynolds, Zoey Spinner, Sara Milanos, Lexi Downey and Assistant Coach Carrie Alexander. In the back are Claire Matthews, Calie Martincic, Rylee Rogers, Isabella Collins, Alexis Carlyle, Autumn Long, Mazalin Bookamer, Kylie Meyer and Rylie Jones.

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2024 Hillsboro Girls Tennis			
Date	Opponents	Result	Record
9/3	Greenville	6-3	(1-0)
9/4	Highland	2-7	(1-1)
9/5	East Alton-Wood River	7-2	(2-1)
9/10	Father McGivney	0-9	(2-2)
9/12	Vandalia	6-3	(3-2)
9/14	Highland Invite	5 pts	2nd
9/16	Bunker Hill/Staunton	7-2	(4-2)
9/17	East Alton-Wood River	8-1	(5-2)
9/19	Roxana	5-4	(6-2)
9/26	Jersey	2-7	(6-3)
9/30	Vandalia	7-2	(7-3)
10/1	Triad	0-9	(7-4)
10/2	Mt. Vernon	0-9	(7-5)
10/3	Greenville	7-2	(8-5)
10/7	Taylorville	3-6	(8-6)
10/11	at SCC Championships	5 pts	3rd
10/17	at Mt. Zion Sectional	10 pts	4th
Varsity Record: 8-6			JV Record: 3-7



Hillsboro High School Girls Golf

Members of the Hillsboro High School 2024 girls golf team, from the left are Raya Yount, Lorelai Carlock, Emma Bell and Ryleigh VanDoren. Not pictured is Rylinne Segrest.

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2024 Hillsboro Girls Golf	
Average Per 9 Holes*	Player
59.82	Raya Yount
63.00	Emma Bell
65.22	Lorelai Carlock
69.75	Rilynne Segrest
71.00	Ryleigh Van Doren

*The Hillsboro girls golf team did not have enough players to qualify for a team score.

2024 Hillsboro Varsity Girls Tennis			
Player	Singles	Doubles	Overall
Aly Leisure	6-7	12-10	18-17
Aubrey Reincke	2-1	0-3	2-4
Zoey Spinner	5-10	7-10	12-20
Sara Milanos	0-0	2-0	2-0
Avery Reynolds	4-9	5-6	9-15
Claire Matthews	7-1	3-8	10-9
Alexis Carlyle	4-8	8-10	12-18
Rylie Jones	6-2	5-5	11-7
Reagan Voyles	3-4	5-8	8-12
Lilly Huber	0-0	0-2	0-2
Isabella Collins	1-1	1-1	2-2
Lexi Downey	1-1	0-1	1-2
Autumn Long	0-1	1-3	1-4
Rylee Rogers	6-3	7-11	13-14

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Litchfield High School Boys Golf

Members of the 2024 Litchfield High School boys golf team, in front, from the left, are Nicholas Fetter, Wesley White, Ethan Rosado, Kolby Rhodes, Parker Bishop, Carter Wernsing, Hunter Heyen and Caleb Heyen. In the second row are Hudson Debar-Walker, Garrison Cleaver, Will Cress, Tucker Pastrovich, Andrew Boston, Tucker Maguire and Samuel Schwab.

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2024 Litchfield Boys Golf			
Date...Course (Par)	Score....	Record	
8/15.....Rend Lake ¹ Golf Course (72)	352	9th	10/2.....Timber Lakes Golf Course ⁶ (72)335
8/19.....Belk Park ² Golf Course (72).....	336	5th	10/2.....Franklin County Country Club ⁷ (72)
8/20.....Litchfield Country Club (35).....	170	(1-2)	10/6-7 .Prairie Vista Golf Course ⁸ (144)
8/28.....Litchfield Country Club (35).....	158	(3-3)	¹ At The Battle at Rend Lake; ² At Hickory Stick
8/30.....Litchfield Country Club ³ (35) ...	162	5th	Invitational; ³ At Panther Classic; ⁴ At Olney Tiger In-
9/3..... Litchfield Country Club (35)..	151	(7-3)	vitational; ⁵ At South Central Conference Tournament;
9/6..... at Richland Golf Club ⁴ (72)	372	9th	⁶ At Mt. Olive Regional; ⁷ At Ziegler-Royalton Sectional;
9/10.....Lakeshore Golf Cours (36).....	178	(9-3)	⁸ At IHSA Class 1A State Finals.
9/11.....Vandalia Country Club (35).....	162	(11-4)	Average Per 9 Holes: Sam Schwab 37.17; Tucker Ma-
9/17.....Timber Lakes Golf Course (36)	171	(14-5)	guire 39.91; Tucker Pastrovich 45.35; Andrew Boston
9/18.....Litchfield Country Club (35).....	169	(17-6)	50.67; Kolby Rhodes 49.39; Carter Wernsing 60.40;
9/24.....Indian Springs Golf Course ⁵ (71)339	6th		Will Cress 54.00; Nick Fetter 53.00. Team: 169.72

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Litchfield High School Girls Golf

Members of the 2024 Litchfield High School girls golf team, from the left are Faith Ellinger, Isabella Reyes, Avarey Fetter, Keeley Tabor, Kennedy Isaacs and Aryn Dooley. *Photo courtesy of Litchfield High School*

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2024 Litchfield Girls Golf

Date...Course (Par).....Score.... Record		
8/20.....Timber Lakes Golf Course (36) 237.....(1-2)	9/25.....Oak Terrace Golf Club(36)..... 231.....(9-10)	
8/22.....Hillsboro Country Club (36) 229.....(2-3)	9/21.....Vandalia Country Club (35)..... 212.....(10-11)	
8/30.....Litchfield Country Club ¹ (37) ... 211..... 6th	9/28.....The Rail ⁴ (72)..... 479..... 9th	
9/4.....Litchfield Country Club (37)..... 215.....(3-5)	¹ At Panther Classic; ² At Lady Viper Invite; ³ At South Central Conference Tournament; ⁴ At IHSA Class 1A Auburn Regional.	
9/5.....Litchfield Country Club (37)..... 200.....(6-5)	Average Per 9 Holes: Keely Tabor 55.44; Faith Ellinger 52.19; Aryn Dooley 56.94; Kennedy Isaacs 52.57; Ava Fetter 63.07; Bella Reyes 68.20. Team Average: 218.88.	
9/7.....Cloverleaf Golf Course(35)..... 206.....(8-6)		
9/14.....Terry Park ² Golf Course(70) 435..... 5th		
9/16.....Carlinville Country Club (36)... 208.....(9-8)		
9/17.....Litchfield Country Club (37)..... 198.....(9-9)		
9/24.....Indian Springs Golf Course ³ (71)441..... 4th		



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Hillsboro High School Cheerleading

Members of the 2024 Hillsboro High School cheerleading squad, in front, from the left are Taylor VanOstran, Emma Roach, Audrey Shultz, Miah Garmon, Brynn Connor, Zoe Fulhorst, Clara Armbruster, Anika Cunningham and Jenna Durbin. In the back are Hannah Laurent, Amber Carroll, Kamdyn Putnam, Avery Maddaleno, Bailey Davis, Kinsley Trader, Lilly Taylor, Emily Irvine, Gracie Chambers and Adelyn Ulrich. *Photo courtesy of Ashley Christ Photography*



Nokomis High School Cheerleading

Members of the 2024 Nokomis High School cheerleading squad, in front, from the left, are Haley Evans, Alexis Linn, Addelyn Pearse, Alyssa Huddleston, Kiley Lawhorn, Zemirah Robertson and Kenadi Dagon. In the back row are Elissa Probst, Isabella Lyons, Zoe Jackson, Abigail Probst, Leah Hand, Jahna Guinn, Autumn Davis, Myka LaChance and Marcie Carroll. *Photo courtesy of James Ryan/Noko Photo*




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Litchfield High School Cheerleading

Members of the 2024 Litchfield High School cheerleading squad, in front, from the left are Laynie Wyatt, Keeley Tabor, Megan Boyd, Claudia Deren, Georgia Glover, Lola Gabriel-Moline and Darby Braasch. In the second row are Gretchen Heigert, Madelynn Dunham, Kilee Hoover, Dimarys Portorreal, Scarlett Ledford, Paityn Buzick, Emma Rhodes, Kattie Pospischel, Hailey Green, Alyvia Hester and Reese Logsdon.

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