

Committee Discusses 'Adjacent Landowner' Sales

by Ron Deabenderfer

The Natural Resources Committee heard a few reports when they met Wednesday evening, June 21, but lack of a quorum limited both discussion and any motions.

One item that requires a quorum (the only members present were Chairman Kyle Hacke, Secretary Dave Strowmatt and member Bart Wetzel) is appointment of a person to fill the committee seat vacated by Bret Reeves when he went to work for

the city park department. Two people have expressed interest to date – Michelle Huber and Abigail Billington, who attended the meeting. That appointment could be made at the next committee meeting, so anyone else interested in becoming involved should contact one of the current members or Fred Butler (Parks Commissioner) or Jim May (Parks Superintendent).

Also tabled until next month was much discussion of the Adjacent Landowner Sale Program. City Attorney Chris Sherer had

been at the May meeting, but Butler was not, so he had specific recommendations he hopes are included in any policy governing the sale of lots. He feels the city would be helped by having one surveyor do the work and one appraiser do that. Butler feels one person for surveying and one person for appraisals would make the work cheaper because of the scale of work and more consulting would also be advantageous. A list of points will be covered when the full committee meets and that in turn may lead to more questions.

Also discussed were elements of the Waterline Management Plan, specifically with using stone to create breakwater in front of shore areas most prone to erosion.

Butler mentioned a problem with people using lake lots who haven't paid the lease fee to do so; he said the number is higher than he had suspected.

The committee next meets on Wednesday, July 19, at 6 p.m. in city hall. Anyone interested in the lakes or other natural resources is welcome to attend.

Trustee Tax Sale Runs Now Through July 14

Montgomery County has completed their tax deed proceedings on real estate properties that were delinquent for 2019 and prior real estate taxes. As trustee, the county will now offer the real estate obtained for sale to the public.

Approximately 117 items will be put up for sale through a bid auction sale. All sealed written bids must be submitted to the Montgomery County Treasurer's Office, located in the Montgomery County Courthouse at #1 Courthouse Square, Room #101, Hillsboro, IL 62049, no later than the close of business on Monday, July 14. Online bids can be submitted at www.iltaxsale.com.

The required minimum bid is \$838 per item. All items will be sold to the highest sealed bid received on or before July 14. Complete bidders packets and sale catalogs are currently available at the Montgomery County Treasurer's Office and online at www.iltaxsale.com.

The sale of these lots is expected to be a major benefit to both the taxing districts and the neighboring property owners, by hopefully placing them in the hands of new owners who will maintain the properties. The sale is also estimated to eliminate abandoned properties, improving the appearance of the neighborhood and value of adjoining properties.

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Carnival riders could see for miles from atop the ferris wheel at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Butler, as the 37th annual fair was held June 21-25. From free carnival rides to livestock shows, demolition derbies, motocross, truck pulls and more, there was something for everyone at the fair. See inside for more from this year's festivities.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



MCCA Celebrates Cancer Survivors

This year's honorary chairman, ten-year-old Isabel McLaughlin of Hillsboro, led the celebration of survivors at this year's Montgomery County Cancer Association's Birthday Party and Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 24, at The Event Center in Taylor Springs. McLaughlin, with a little help from Sierra Compton, Rylie Jones and Vanessa Compton, led the singing of *Kool and the Gang's* "Celebration" during the survivorship ceremony. Although final totals haven't been announced, the total board read over \$293,000 had been raised for the MCCA in the past year. The MCCA continues its mission to help with financial assistance and mileage for local cancer patients, education grants and funding for cancer research. See Thursday's edition for more from this year's event.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



Drive It Like It's Hot At Demo Derby

Hunter Sarver of Rosamond and his passenger bail out of their car after a fuel leak burst into flames in the bone stock compact class of the Montgomery County Fair demolition derby on Saturday, June 24, at the fairgrounds in Butler. Volunteer firefighters from Hillsboro, Taylor Springs and Fillmore sprang into action to douse the blaze, preventing any injuries. Fifteen vehicles competed in that class alone, as well four other classes. More photos are on page 1B, and results will be in the next issue.

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Thu 29	95°/71°	Partly Cloudy	18%

Vendors Wanted For Old Settlers Days Celebration

Local businesses and exhibits are invited to take part in this year's Old Settlers Days activities, as the city of Hillsboro celebrates its 200 birthday. Old Settlers Days will take place in downtown Hillsboro on Aug. 9 and 10, and vendors are invited to reserve their space on Main Street for the activities. Stands may be set up from 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 8, up until 9 a.m. Wednesday morning, and teardown begins following the festival

officially closing on the night of Thursday, Aug. 10. Reserving a space gives vendors a space for display and/or the sale of items at the Old Settlers Days.

Vendor forms are available for pick-up at the Journal-News office, located at 431 S. Main St. Signed contract, fees, and valid proof of liability insurance must be received before Aug. 1. For more information, call or text 217-532-3626 with questions.



Ribbon Cut At Kismet Coffee In Downtown Litchfield

Employees, Chamber of Commerce members, Chamber of Commerce royalty, and family members joined Brayden and Ann Helgen to cut the ribbon in front of Kismet Coffee to celebrate their grand opening in downtown Litchfield on Saturday, June 24. The Helgens have spent substantial effort in remodeling the building at 400 N. Monroe that they bought just over a year ago, most recently home to Minndor'as Specialty Photography but goes back to the early 1900s as the medical practice home of Dr. Lee G. Allen and his son, Dr. George Allen.

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Community Foundation Welcomes Sarah Tapscott

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln is pleased to welcome Sarah Tapscott as vice president of development. Her responsibilities include planning, directing and evaluating the Community Foundation's fund development activities.

"I am excited to start my journey here at the Community Foundation. I look forward to sharing the vision and mission of this wonderful organization and helping connect people with causes that matter," Tapscott said.

Tapscott came to the Community Foundation with an extensive background in both the nonprofit sector and philanthropy. She previously worked at the United Way of Central Illinois as the director of community impact where she collaborated closely with the Community Foundation on several community-wide initiatives.

After leaving United Way, she spent time fundraising at local nonprofits before becoming the director of statewide partnerships at Forefront, the statewide association for nonprofits and grant makers in Illinois. Tapscott served as the director of advancement at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School for the past two years.

Tapscott earned a B.A. degree from Illinois State Uni-



Sarah Tapscott

versity in Community Health Education, has served on several community and professional boards, including as president of the local Association of Fundraising Professionals chapter. Tapscott, her husband Nick and their two children live in Springfield.

Through philanthropic services, strategic grant-making and community leadership, the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln "connects people who care with causes that matter." The Community Foundation serves Montgomery, Cass, Christian, Logan, Macoupin, Menard, Morgan, and Sangamon counties.

I-55 Accident Featured In *Chicago Tribune*

The *Chicago Tribune* ran a series of stories in their June 18-19 editions about the May 1, multi-vehicle accident on Interstate 55 near Farmersville, featuring interviews with those who were injured, families of those killed in the accidents, first responders, and farmers.

Written by Jonathan Bullington and Jake Sheridan, the June 18 stories started on the front page and continued inside for four pages with local interviews of Jim and Pam Dawson of Hillsboro who were injured in the accident, Cambria Underwood of Farmersville, Hillsboro Police Chief and Montgomery County Coroner Randy Leetham and Chief Deputy Coroner Joletta Hill and Montgomery County EMA Director Kevin Schott.

The June 19 story, also by Bullington and Sheridan and beginning on the front page, featured interviews with local farmers Richard Lyons, Serena Basham, Travis Rovey, and Kris Reynolds who works in the ag industry.

The June 18 story, entitled "A 'Perfect Storm'" described the 84-vehicle pile-up on May 1 that killed eight and injured 36.

Jim Dawson of Hillsboro told *Tribune* reporters that he and his wife were helped out of their vehicle amid explosions and in a burning grass median. His wife, Pam Dawson, underwent back and thumb surgery after the accident.

Leetham, Hill and Schott described the difficulty in doing their jobs in the face of daunting circumstances. Leetham

told reporters that DNA samples were needed for five of the eight fatal victims.

"It was hard for some of the people on the scene to understand the severity of it," Leetham was quoted in the *Tribune*. "They were inquiring: Can't you tell male from female? Absolutely not. They asked about clothing. It wasn't an option. What about possible fingerprints? No, you don't understand the severity of the situation."

"Even seasoned veterans, something like this can affect them," Schott said in the *Chicago* paper.

The June 18 *Tribune* also told the stories of many of those killed, including Ruth Rau of Panama who died in the hospital on May 16, just over two weeks after the accident.

The story talks about how she and her husband, Otto Rau, met and featured photos of them including their 1960 wedding photo. Mr. Rau, a retired truck driver of 32 years, suffered a cracked rib in the accident, and Mrs. Rau suffered broken vertebrae in her neck.

"At first, it seemed she would pull through, but she caught pneumonia, and the combined strain on her body was too great," the *Tribune* reporters wrote. "On May 16, Ruth died in the hospital."

The follow-up story the next day, "Focus on Farmers," published on June 19, featured a photo of Harvel farmer Dick Lyons on the front page.

"In an ensuing debate reminiscent of the 1930s Dust Bowl, agricultural

conservation advocates such as Lyons say last month's dust storm was more than just a freak act of nature," the *Tribune* authors wrote. "Rather, they argue, it's a painful reminder of how the state has failed at encouraging the types of planting methods that could stop fertile soil from being carried off fields by high winds or washed into waterways by rainstorms."

The front page featured an above-the-photo quote by Kris Reynolds: "As farmers, we know what we can control and what we can't. We can't control when it rains, how much it rains and how hard the wind blows. But we can control our farming practices."

The story dispelled the accident-day social media rumors that farmers were working their fields the day of the accident. Reporters noted that following a great planting season, April was unseasonably dry, and May 1 featured 35-45 mph winds with gusts in the 50s.

Lyons, an award-winning advocate and practitioner of cover crops told the paper that "changing the culture and practices on the land" could help prevent future occurrences.

Travis Rovey told the paper that farmers will figure out ways to prevent the soil with which they make their livings from being blown away.

"That was such a rare event," Rovey said in the paper. "You had kind of the perfect storm that day."

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Obituaries

Myron D. Tuetken, 94
Loved Bowling



Myron Dale Tuetken, 94, of Irving, died Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Tremont Ridge in Hillsboro.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 28, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Funeral service will be Thursday, June 29, at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in rural Nokomis, with visitation before the funeral service from 9 to 10 a.m. The Rev. Chris Prumm of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Hillsboro.

Mr. Tuetken was born on February 23, 1929, in Witt, to Fred and Louise (Detmers) Tuetken. He married Bernice Epley on April 27, 1957, in Nokomis, and she survives in Hillsboro.

Mr. Tuetken lived in the Irving area most of his lifetime. He worked as a farmer and was an Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in rural Nokomis, American Legion Irving Post, and Farm Bureau. Myron was a past Nokomis Grain Elevator Board member. He loved to bowl and bowled for 40 years at Nokomis Town Pump Bowl in Nokomis. Myron was an avid Illini basketball fan, and a St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children Kevin (Gail) Tuetken of Hillsboro, Kent (Rosemary) Tuetken of Irving, Kurt (Dana) Tuetken of Oviedo, FL, Kathy (Tom) Joyce of Irving, Karen (Larry) Lemon of Hillsboro; his grandchildren Lucas (Megan) Tuetken, Shea (Alayna) Tuetken, Josh Tuetken, Jeremy Tuetken (companion, Bailey Heintz), Jordan Tuetken, Ashley (Kevin) Pennell, Kellie Tuetken, Zachary (Jacque) Tuetken, Casey Tuetken, Anthony Tuetken, Koby Lemon, and Kaden Lemon; and great grandchildren Jackson, Harrison, Sloan, Kaleb, Kyla, Elyse, Emmy, Haisley.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother Lester Tuetken and sister Lavonne Meier.

Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rural Nokomis, IL; American Heart Association; Land of Lincoln Honor Flight

Robert Miller, 90
Principal and Teacher



Robert "Bob" Miller, Sr., 90, died on June 11, 2023, at his home.

A Celebration of Life Funeral Mass was held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbus, GA. Father Andy Blakemore officiated. A visitation with family and friends was held one hour prior to service. Interment will take place in Belleville, Illinois. Striffler-Hamby Mortuary-Columbus is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Miller was born July 10, 1932 in Belleville, to Robert F. and Mary Ann Nugent Miller.

He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in 1955, and later received his Master's degree in Education from University of Illinois in 1959. He proudly served his country during the Korean War. While stationed at Fort Belvoir in Virginia, he taught in the Engineer School as well as played on the Army Basketball team. Upon discharge, Mr. Miller entered the field of education. He taught all levels and became principal of Litchfield High School, where he worked from 1969 to 1972. He was principal of Taylorville High School from 1972 to 1986. In 1989, following his 30 years in education, Mr. Miller and his wife, Jean Marie Fuller Miller, retired in Columbus, GA. He was active in the community, coaching a softball team for the All Saints Presbyterian Church. He became a member of St. Thomas Church, and later became a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. At one point he served on the vestry as well as a lay episcopal minister.

Mr. Miller was happiest serving in several capacities such as coaching, playing basketball and softball. He had a passion for basketball whether playing, refereeing or coaching the game. He loved mentoring students, and always put a smile on another person's face, to brighten their day. He always seemed to demonstrate God's love to others. Mr. Miller liked people! People liked Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller was a positive, jovial mentor, always exhibiting a warm smile and genuine concern for all who crossed his path. Mr. Miller will be fondly remembered by all his loving family, friends and the thousands of students he served.

The family writes, "One of our Dad's favorite scriptures was 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.' (John 13:34-35) We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8)."

He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years; their two children, son Robert "Bobby" James Miller, Jr. of Westmont, and daughter LTC (Retired) Mary Elizabeth (Robert David) Miller Tenhet of Swansea, Massachusetts; and one brother-in-law, COL (Retired) John D. (Sara) Fuller of Freeport, Florida.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, JoAnn Miller Sekosky and her husband of Rocky River, Ohio.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Episcopal Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.shcolumbus.com for the Miller family.



Blessed Hope Baptist Donates To Project Third Day

On June 4, Pastor Jon Wagahoff and members of Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Raymond presented Amy Barnes, President of Project Third Day-Panhandle, with a love offering that had been taken up by its members. The love offering will be put towards the purchase of a new building. Blessed Hope has teamed up with Project Third Day before, delivering meals during the spring break for Panhandle schools, which they plan on doing again in the upcoming school year. The church is also working with Project Third Day and other churches in the area to provide meals throughout the week this summer that can be picked up at the Doyle Public Library in Raymond from 11 a.m. to 1p.m., Monday through Saturday.



Jayden (left) and Keagan (right) Marten, the founders of The Ice Box, a new shaved ice food truck that will be located in downtown Hillsboro and Litchfield.

Marten Brothers Open New Shaved Ice Spot

by Isaiah Atkins

For the Marten brothers, shaved ice has always been special. "We were there just about every day," Jayden Marten explained, "Our parents could have gone bankrupt buying us shaved ice. Tiger's Blood, Green Apple, Blue Raspberry; we just loved it all."

Now he, alongside his younger brother Keagan, have a chance to give the community a similar experience. The two Litchfield graduates (Jayden, 2019, and Keagan, 2023) have recently purchased equipment and permits to open The Ice Box, their very own cleverly named shaved ice place. The new spot will be primarily based out of a trailer, with time split between Hillsboro's downtown and the brothers' hometown of Litchfield, alternating days.

While they may be young, they each have plenty of entrepreneurship experience. Jayden founded Marten Lawn Care, a lawn care service, while Keagan operates Marten Pressure Washing, a

powerwashing service.

Now the two are once again taking on a new entrepreneurial challenge. "I'm always happy to spend money on shaved ice," Jayden explained. "And when an opportunity comes you have to take it." Keagan added. The new spot for sweets will be primarily shaved ice, but the brothers have plans for expanding the menu down the line to include ice cream and other treats. Because of the trailer's mobile status, there are plans to attend local events such as Old Settlers and the local fairs, as well as being available for rent for private events in the area.

"Gather your friends and family, and join us for a memorable treat," the company facebook page says, "We can't wait to serve you!"

The Ice Box will be opening soon in Hillsboro and Litchfield, with hours of operation on Monday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m., and then 4 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, check out The Ice Box, LLC. Facebook page.

Public Meetings

Nokomis City Council

The Nokomis City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 26, at city hall. Agenda items include water agreements for Coalton, the sale of surplus property, a dog adoption and car show on Sept. 16, and a closed session for union negotiations.

County Board Building and Grounds Committee

Members of the Montgomery County Board Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. Agenda items up for discussion include maintenance and cleaning issues, the sidewalks at the Historic Courthouse and the old Highway Department building.



McConathy Celebrates June Banking Milestone

Family, friends and coworkers helped Maureen McConathy celebrate 35 years in the banking industry this June. Her colleagues at Bank and Trust in Litchfield hosted an open house in her honor on Thursday, June 15. McConathy served as the branch operations manager and CSR, and officially retired June 15 as well. The bank served cake and donuts, and McConathy received her 35-year anniversary plaque from the bank and several cards and gifts.

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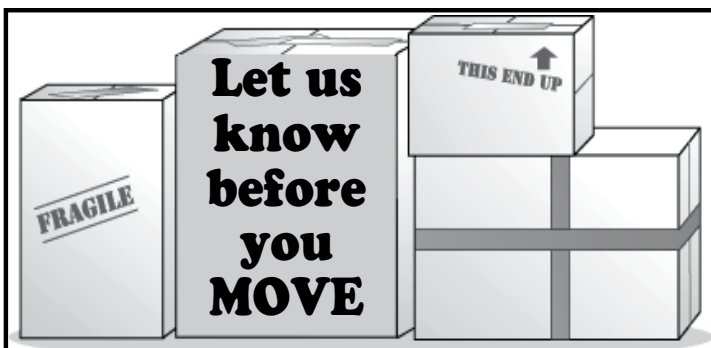
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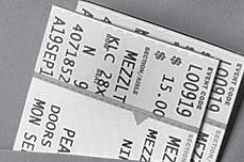
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Emmons, Miller Enjoy Outdoor June Wedding

Kelsea Emmons of Carlinville and Dylan Miller of Panama were united in marriage on June 3, 2023, in Sevierville, TN. The groom's father, Jason Miller, officiated the ceremony.

The new Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Michael and Kelly Emmons of Carlinville. Her husband is the son of Jason and Michelle Miller of Hillsboro.

For their special day, the bride chose her sister, Katerina Emmons of Carlinville as her maid of honor. Other bridesmaids included her best friend Mackenzie Harbaugh of Carlinville, sisters-in-law Lydia and Amanda Emmons of Carlinville and sisters of the groom Emma and Madison Miller of Hillsboro.

The groom chose his best friend, Brendan Meier of Mesa, AZ, as his best man. Other groomsmen included his brothers Grant and Gavin Miller of Hillsboro, his brothers-in-law Kristofer and Konnor Emmons and Caleb

Cloyd of Litchfield.

Flowergirls for the ceremony were Finnley, Ada and Westlyn Emmons. Ring bearer was Oliver Cloyd.

Following the ceremony, a reception for 65 guests was held in Sevierville, TN.

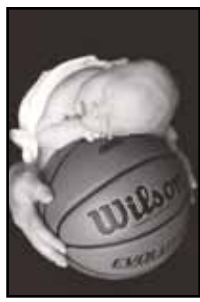
The new Mrs. Miller is a 2019 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biomedical science. She graduated with her doctorate degree in veterinary medicine from the University of Missouri in 2023 and is currently employed as a veterinarian at Freeport Veterinary Center.

Her husband is a graduate of Hillsboro High School. He attended North Dakota State University from 2015 to 2018 and Minnesota State University in 2018. He is currently employed as a field technician by Bluebird.

After a honeymoon trip to Sevierville, TN, the couple is making their first home together in Richwood, TX.

Births

Matthew and Mallory (Reynolds) Millburg of Raymond announce the birth of their son, Makale Joseph Millburg, born at 5:07 p.m. on June 10, 2023, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He weighed 9 lbs, 2 ozs., and measured 22 ins. long.



Makale was welcomed home from the hospital by his big sisters, Madalynn, age five, and Maylee, age three. Their father is a teacher and coach in the Panhandle School District and their mother is self-employed with Mary Kay.

Paternal grandparents are Joe and Dena Millburg of Mission, TX. Maternal grandparents are Ron and Diane Reynolds of Butler.

Paternal great-grandfather is Darrell Pitchford of Raymond.

Jeremiah Bates-Miller of Litchfield and Hannah Jaeger of Waggoner announce the birth of their daughter, Tatum Elizabeth Bates-Miller, born at 11:13 a.m. on June 23, 2023, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 ozs., and measured 20.5 ins. long.

Tatum has one older brother, Laken Bates-Miller, age eight.

Maternal grandparents are Julie Krager of Waggoner and Kevin Jaeger of Raymond. Paternal grandparents are Tammy and Mark Miller of Walshville.

Maternal great-grandmother is Mary Krager of Raymond. Paternal great-grandparents are Barbara and Michael Bates of Litchfield and Chris and Vern Taylor of New Douglas.

Ryan and Paige (Wallace) Reincke of Irving announce the birth of their son, Walker Jett Reincke, born at 7:12 a.m. on June 24, 2023, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 8 lbs., and measured 20 ins. long.

Walker was welcomed home from the hospital by his big brothers, Wrigley Reincke, age six, and Waylon Reincke, age three.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Trisha Wallace of Hillsboro. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Michele Reincke of Irving. Maternal great-grandmother is Gloria Mondthink of Taylor Springs.

Blake Meyer and Cleo Jett, announce the birth of their son, Xavier Antonio Meyer, born at 12:46 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and measured 20 ins., long.

Maternal grandparents are Tonya Jett of Sorento and William Robertdye of Detroit, MI.

Maternal great-grandparents are Debra Jett of Sorento, Donald Jett of Litchfield and Ruth Rovey Jett of Litchfield. Paternal great-grandparents are Rodney Law of Litchfield, Shannon Law of Litchfield and MeShelle Law of Litchfield.

Historical Society Will Meet July 2

The Historical Society of Montgomery County will hold their monthly meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, at 276 Miller Branch Trail in Hillsboro.

The public is welcome to attend.

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Bellaver And Paden Wed This June In Pocahontas

Makenzie Bellaver and Drake Paden, both of Hillsboro, were united in marriage on Friday, June 9, 2023 at Loveland Estates in Pocahontas with Rem Dyas officiating the ceremony.

The new Mrs. Paden is the daughter of Ron and Kelly Hopwood of Hillsboro and Greg Bellaver of Altoona, WI. Her husband is the son of Scott and Stephanie Paden of Hillsboro.

For their summer-themed wedding, the couple chose the colors of mauve, lavender and sage green. Florals were put together by Loveland Estates. Vocalist for the ceremony was Katie Dyas.

The bride chose Mara Downing of Carbondale as her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Maddie Rosenthal of Edwardsville, Lindsey Major of Chatham, Kayla McSherry of Edwardsville, Leah Godsey of Edwardsville and Kimberly Morrison of Edwardsville.

The groom chose Grant Hamby of Hillsboro as his best man. Groomsmen were Drew Paden of Moline, Dylan Murray of Hillsboro, Tyten Nalley of Hillsboro, Jacob Cutter of Greenwood, IN, and

Peyton Tester of Hillsboro.

Ushers for the ceremony were Brock Bellaver, Sam Taylor and Dalton Deming, all of Hillsboro.

The new Mrs. Paden is a graduate of Hillsboro High School. She graduated this spring from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. This fall, she will begin her teaching career as a first grade teacher at Beckemeyer Elementary School.

Her husband is a graduate of Hillsboro High School. He also graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville this spring with a bachelor's degree in history. This fall, he will be a teacher at Hillsboro High School.

Prior to the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was held at The Abbey on Broad in Hillsboro. Following the ceremony, a reception for 200 guests was held at Loveland Estates in Pocahontas.

After a honeymoon trip to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, the couple will make their first home in Hillsboro.

Join Litchfield Library For '626' Stitch Day On Monday

The Litchfield Public Library District will celebrate "626 Day" on Monday, June 26, also known as Stitch Day. Disney's alien turned best friend Stitch from the *Lilo and Stitch* movies will

be featured in giveaways, games, and crafts all day on Monday. Families are invited to drop in and stay as long as they like for this mini-event celebrating Stitch.

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Stay Safe With These Ten Firework Safety Tips

HSHS St. Francis Hospital wants to remind community members that while fireworks can be fun, they can also be dangerous. According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, there were an estimated 10,163 fireworks-related injuries in America in 2022.

According to medical experts at HSHS St. Francis Hospital, most injuries from fireworks occur to the hands or fingers, legs, face and eyes. Fireworks should be left to experts trained and certified so everyone can have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Some safe firework and sparkler alternatives are party poppers, bubbles, silly string or glowsticks. These options provide the same amount of fun, but with less risk of harm for all involved.

If you do decide to use fireworks, here are 10 tips from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

1. Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before purchasing.
2. Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks and watch them closely while playing with sparklers.
3. Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby in case of fire or other mishap.
4. Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

5. Don't forget about your pets. Fireworks can cause extreme stress to animals. Keep your pets indoors.

6. Never place a part of your body directly over a firework or hold a firework in your hand while lighting. Light fireworks one at a time and move back to a safe distance quickly.

7. Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.

8. Soak all spent and unused fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing away in a trash can. Never discard fireworks in a fire pit.

9. Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from houses, dry leaves and flammable materials.

10. Avoid buying fireworks packaged in brown paper. This is often a sign they were made for professional use only.

If you or someone you know is injured by a firework and in need of emergency care, call 911 or visit your nearest emergency room immediately. St. Francis Hospital emergency department, 1215 Franciscan Drive in Litchfield, is well-prepared to deliver high-quality emergency medical care 24/7.

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Lincolnwood Classmates Reunite Over Irish Days

The Lincolnwood High School Class of 1973 reunited during the Irish Days Celebration in Farmersville. The former schoolmates enjoyed reminiscing about their past and learning what each has been up to over the years. In front, (seated) are Dave Hitchings, Denny Held, Larry Boston, Jan Creasey, Rick Meisner, Blake Cloyd and Brenda Cloyd. In back, (standing) are Nadine (Bray) Hitchings, Nancy (Kraeger) Evans, Jamie (Barry) Fullington, Doug Hendricks, Jean (Bedinghaus) Kreig, Karen (Arter) Skelton, Connie (Egelhoff) Beck, Rosemary (Beeler) Boggs, Greg Hampton, Barb (Alsbury) Yattoni, Mary Pat (Aherin) Brady, Ernie Goetsch, Bernadine (Borgic) Taylor, Patty (Arnold) Clarke, Harold Landry, Colleen (Leonard) Moore, Larry Millburg and Dennis Klump.

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Time To Prepare Entries For Country Fair Exhibit

Its that time of the year again! Old Settlers is coming up, and it is almost time to start compiling entries for the 2023 Old Settlers Country Fair, slated to be held on Sunday, Aug. 6. All ages are welcome and encouraged to submit pieces for judging in the following categories.

The "Just for Kids" section is open to ages five to eight years old, and ages nine to 12 years old. Categories include the "Best Rice Krispy Sculpture" (decorated with any edible items), "Best Lego Sculpture" and "Best Old Settlers Poster" up to 11x17 ins. Food items should be covered in clear plastic. Each entry in this category will receive four tickets. However, there is a limit of four tickets per category.

Categories for the "Pictures" exhibits include "Boys - zero to six months," "Girls - zero to six months," "Boys - seven to 11 months," "Girls - seven to 11 months," "Boys - one year," "Girls - one year," "Boys - two years," "Girls - two years," "Boys - three years," "Girls - three years," "Twins - zero to three years," "Parent/Child Look-a-like - any age," "Grandparent/Grandchild Look-a-like - any age," "Best Sibling Photo - any age," "Animal Photos," and "Spirit of Hillsboro Photos." Photos must have been taken within the last year and should be no larger than 5X7 ins.

The "Handwork" section will consist of three categories, "Counted Cross Stitch," "Crocheted items," and "Knitted Items."

In the "Foods" section, categories will include "Birthday Cake," "Cookies," "Salsa," "Jam/Jelly," "Relish," and "Pies - any kind."

Entries for the kid's section, pictures categories, and handwork section can be brought to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro between 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6. The doors will close at 11 a.m. and will reopen following judging at 12:30 p.m.

Food entries may be dropped off at the tent, located on the Courthouse Square, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place at 1:30 p.m.

For all categories, ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places. Exhibits may be picked up at 3:30 p.m.

Also join in the fun this year with a pair of fun hair-related activities. The "Ponytail Contest" will award the contestant with longest ponytail, while the "Pigtail Contest" will award the longest pig tails. Hair will be measured from the hair band to the tip. There will also be a "Longest Braid" category, measuring from the top hair band to the bottom hair band. No French braids will be allowed. In addition, for the first time ever, there will be a "Longest Beard" contest. Beard length will be measured from the bottom lip of the contestant to the lowest beard point.

Registration will take place on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 1:30 p.m., with the doors closing at 2 p.m. Ribbons will then be awarded for the first, second and third place finishers.

For more information on the Old Settlers County Fair Exhibits, contact Tracey Wyant at 815-954-2096.



Above, local youth make use of M&M's to create art pixel collages at Farmersville-Waggoner Public Library's summer book club.

Kids Use Treats To Make Art At Library Book Club

Farmersville-Waggoner Board Trustee Carrie Matthews continued reading the next two chapters of *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling during the Farmersville-Waggoner Library's summer book club on Tuesday, June 22nd.

The kids continued to work on the puzzle as they arrived at the library.

Matthews had a jar filled with M&M's and the little attendees took turns guessing how many candies were in the jar. Sam Clark was closest to the amount which was 121 and won the jar of M&M's.

The youth then participated in games using individual containers of M&M's.

The skilled games included how many candies they could stack in one minute. The next was using a straw to transfer their M&M's from their container to the table in a minute. Then using the straw to transfer the candy back to their container.

Each attendee was given a rectangle craft board and created their own M&M art pixel with their candies. A snack of juice and choices of a variety of individual bags of chips were enjoyed while crafting their project.

Attending were Sam Clark, Payson Smith, Gracie Arnold, Cody Matthews, Audrey Eilerman, Magdalene Parks and Lennox Sidwell.



Litchfield Agent Earns Second Place In State

Shelter Insurance agent John J. Blank of Litchfield earned second place this month as the 2022 Shelter Insurance Illinois Agent of the Year. He was presented the award on Monday, June 19. Coming in first place was Shelter Insurance agent Gabe Ritchart of Springfield, who has his own connections to Montgomery County. Ritchart is married to the former Jamie Huber of Hillsboro, daughter of Denny and Jan Huber. Blank said the two often have a friendly competition each year, but thanked Ritchart for helping when he needs it.

Senator Turner Launches Youth Summer Book Club

To emphasize the importance of learning throughout the summer, State Senator Doris Turner is hosting a Summer Book Club to encourage students to read and continue their studies during the summer vacation.

"Reading keeps students engaged throughout the summer," said Turner. "I hope students of all ages will take advantage of this program to make reading a habit and be rewarded for it."

The Summer Book Club requires students to read

eight books of their choice during the summer break, record the names of the books on a form, and return the form to Turner's office by Friday, Aug. 18. Every child who completes the Summer Book Club will receive a gift card and a certificate from Senator Turner.

Summer Book Club forms are available to download online at SenatorDorisTurner.com. Those with questions can reach out to Turner's office at 217-782-0228.

Art Events For All Ages At Shelbyville Gallery

Sights and Sounds of Shelbyville through the Ages, an exhibit sponsored by Keepers of the Arts at Flourishes Art Gallery in Shelbyville, continues to host activities for all ages scheduled throughout the summer and beyond.

"Creating Historical Features" will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, in Forest Park. "Reader's Theater"

hosted by Angela Jeffries will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays June 23 and June 30, and July 7 at Flourishes Art Gallery and Studios. Donna Lupton of the Shelby County Historical Society will lead walking

tours of the many historical buildings, starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 6 and Thursday, July 13. Guests will have a chance to create their own art pieces during the special workshops that will be held from 3 to 4:30

p.m. on Thursday, July 6, and August 24. The workshops will focus on art styles and subject matters from the past.

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Opinion

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GUEST COLUMN • by Tom Emery

Teacher's Regiment Had Area Men

In Illinois as elsewhere, Civil War troops came from a wide variety of occupations. In one regiment, many men were future teachers.

The 33rd Illinois Infantry, which originated at Illinois State University in Normal, was famously known as the "Teacher's Regiment" since a high number of the men were students. The nickname was a nod to the original purpose of Illinois State, which was teacher training.

A number of Montgomery County men were in the 33rd, which holds a special place in the history of both the university and the state.

The outbreak of the Civil War in April 1861 riveted the university, which had been founded only four years before as the state's first public institution of higher learning. Many students remembered that the war was foremost on everyone's minds, and students could barely concentrate on their studies.

President Lincoln's first call for troops was for a 90-day enlistment, but it soon became apparent that more time and men were needed. As one student wrote, the Illinois State president, Charles Hovey, eventually suggested that the Normal men should become prepared for when the call to action arrived. As a result, he organized the students into a quasi-military unit. An old brickyard near the school was converted into a parade ground, and a local military leader was hired as drillmaster.

Nearly all male students and many teachers joined in, and female students watched the daily drills with anticipation. The group was eventually dubbed the "Normal Rifles" and became a daily part of life at Illinois State.

The 90-day enlistments expired in July as scant military action had ensued, and Lincoln called for 500,000 more volunteers. Hovey accompanied Jesse Fell, an energetic Bloomington businessman and close Lincoln friend, to Washington during the third week of July, seeking authority to organize what he dubbed a "Schoolmaster's Regiment."

Just after the Union debacle at First Bull Run, which Fell and Hovey had witnessed, Lincoln granted permission for Hovey's plan. Hovey returned to Bloomington and within a short time, over 900 men signed up for the regiment, including at least forty-six Normal students and teachers. The regiment was eventually mustered at Camp Butler near Springfield on Sept. 18, 1861, as the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Many of the Normal students in the 33rd, including the bulk of the "Normal Rifles," went into Company A.

Dozens of other Illinois State students enlisted in other regiments. In all, at least 117 members of the university community were in uniform. At least 15 Normal men served as officers in African-American units, a reflection of the racial progressiveness of the university.

In a time of lower literacy levels, the Normal men stood out in the ranks. The 33rd became famously known as the "Teacher's Regiment" or "Normal Regiment," though some simply called it the "Brains Regiment," as some other college-educated men from other institutions also joined.

Not surprisingly, the Normal regiment left an inordinate amount of written material on their experiences in the war. The regiment liked to brag that any privates discharged for mental shortcomings were good candidates for officers in other regiments.

The regiment included some Montgomery County men, though not all were students

at ISU. Troops from Hillsboro and Litchfield were scattered across Company D, including William H. Moore, who was 26 years old at the time of his muster. A New Jersey native, Moore, a Hillsboro farmer, rose to first lieutenant of Company D.

Not all Montgomery men survived the war. Dorsey Callis, a farmer who mustered in at age 30, died in Girard on April 15, 1864, the result of wounds suffered in combat.

Like most Illinois troops, the 33rd saw little action early in the war. By the summer of 1862, the regiment was stationed in eastern Arkansas as part of the Army of the Southwest. The Union's objective was Little Rock, and Confederates mounted an attack to slow Curtis at the Cache River in Woodruff County, east of the capital. On July 7, 1862, Hovey was ordered to lead a brigade, including the 33rd across the Cache River when two Texas cavalry regiments attempted to prevent the crossing.

The ensuing battle was nearly a disaster as the Federals were overrun, but Hovey and his men stabilized the situation quickly. In 1993, acclaimed Trans-Mississippi theater historian William Shea wrote that "in a moment of inspiration, Hovey dismounted and picked up a rifle and cartridge box from a wounded soldier. He walked forward a few yards, found an unoccupied tree, and methodically began to load and fire in the general direction of the enemy."

Hovey managed to fire two or three rounds before he was struck in the chest by a spent bullet. His regality as a college president, though, belied his toughness, reflective of the "Teacher's Regiment" on the whole. Shea wrote that Hovey "picked up the bullet and shouted above the din that the rebellion 'did not seem to have much force in it.'"

The tide of the battle soon switched from retreat to advance, which carried the fight for the Union. Shea reports that the Illinoisans "loosed a smashing volley at point-blank range against the flank of the Confederate column. The 'storm of lead' practically annihilated the leading elements" of the rebels as Hovey and the Normal men won a smashing victory.

The 33rd was also involved in siege of Vicksburg, which began after failed frontal assaults on the Confederate lines. The assault of May 22, 1863, was particularly brutal for Illinois troops, including the 33rd.

Of the 250 men of the regiment who participated, at least 76 were hit, with 12 dead on the field and several others mortally wounded. William Murray, a Cass County man in the 33rd who was not a Normal student, called the assault "a useless sacrifice of life."

The 33rd later served in the Red River campaign of 1864 and the offensive against Mobile the following year. The regiment was finally mustered out on Dec. 6, 1865.

In all, ten Illinois State students sacrificed their lives for the Union. In the decades that followed the war, the university became nationally renowned for the number and accomplishments of alumni in public education. Many of those alumni were veterans of the 33rd, whose story is like no other in the Civil War history of Illinois.

Tom Emery collaborated with Carl Kasten to create the award-winning *Abraham Lincoln and the Heritage of Illinois State University*. The book is available for \$28.61 (includes tax and postage) by contacting 217-854-3616 or carlkasten@frontiernet.net. All proceeds benefit the ISU Alumni Scholarship Fund and the university's Pre-Law Fund.

Joe's Corner



The Litchfield Hotel (pictured above) opened on the corner of North Madison and West Ryder Street in the early 1800s. It contained 90 guest rooms and housed 20 permanent residents, and was considered by many to be one of the finest hotel's in this part of the Illinois.

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Did You Know About... Litchfield Hotel

The Litchfield Hotel, considered by many to be one of the finest in this part of the state, opened on the corner of North Madison and West Ryder Street in the early 1890s.

The lot that the hotel was built on was purchased for \$4,100 and the building cost approximately \$30,000 to construct. It was built by the Litchfield Hotel Company and had 100 stockholders, many of which were prominent Litchfield citizens including Captain David Davis, photographer J.H. McManus, D.W. Taylor who ran the New York Store and Dr. J. F. Bennett.

The Litchfield Hotel was a

popular place for the citizens of Litchfield and traveling salesmen, as well as those who rode and worked the rails. It contained 90 guest rooms and housed 20 permanent residents, in addition to the local VFW.

An unfortunate incident occurred while the hotel was under renovation. The hotel's last manager, Joseph McBride, had completed the refurbishing 50 of the rooms when the fire alarm sounded early on the morning of Dec. 30, 1943. All 70 guests, including the 20 permanent residents escaped without serious injury.

The Litchfield Fire Department fought the fire

with the help of Mt. Olive and Hillsboro fire departments. Cold weather, poor water pressure and a lack of ladders that were able to reach the third floor were reported to thwart their efforts to save the hotel. Litchfield Hotel was completely gutted within two hours. It was never rebuilt.

More information about the Litchfield Hotel can be found by visiting the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center located at Historic Route 66 North in Litchfield. The museum and welcome center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

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LETTERS to the editor

Choose Professional Fireworks Shows

Independence Day is approaching, and fireworks will soon dominate the sky.

The Illinois Insurance Association and its member companies encourage residents to choose professional fireworks shows over backyard exhibitions.

Fireworks are dangerous explosives. Mishandling fireworks can have life-altering consequences.

Unfortunately, hospitals treat thousands of fireworks-related injuries every year. Nearly a quarter of these cases are children burned by sparklers. Property damage is also an issue as fire departments put out fires related to hot embers and falling debris.

Individuals determined to stage their fireworks should remember the following tips.

- Federal, state, and local laws and ordinances restrict – and often prohibit personal fireworks displays. Find out what's allowed in your locale.

- Identify a responsible, sober adult to light fireworks. Keep children far from the launch area. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that firecrackers, reloadable shells, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and novelties cause 41 percent of fireworks-related injuries. Another 19 percent are related to sparklers, which can burn at temperatures up to 2,000

degrees Fahrenheit.

- Set off fireworks in a clear, flat, open area clear of combustible debris.

- Keep a water bucket or garden hose near the light-off location.

- Use water to extinguish deployed fireworks and place them in a metal trash can. Do not re-light duds. Soak non-functioning fireworks in a water bucket before disposal.

Fourth of July celebrations are a fun, family tradition. Protect your loved ones by attending an approved fireworks display this year!

Kevin J. Martin
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First Amendment

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Lincoln Land Students Study Ag in Ireland

Will Jenkins, Maggie McClelland and Brittany Slightom, all of Raymond, were among the 30 Lincoln Land Community College students who participated in a ten-day agricultural industry tour in Ireland from May 13-23.

While in Ireland, the students visited Kilkenny Mart to watch a sheep and dairy cow sale, along with visits to local farmers' beef and dairy operations and Castlecor Potatoes, where a father-and-son team showcased their farm and packaging facility for potatoes and onions.

The LLCC students had the opportunity to see Macroom Buffalo, which is the only water buffalo milk farm in Ireland, and watched as the buffalo came in for milking before sampling the farm's cheese products. Students also visited Fernville Connemara Pony Stud, which specializes in the Connemara Pony Breed, and toured an aquaculture company dedicated to the cultivation of abalone.

The trip also included visits to iconic locations and historic sites including the



LLCC students participated in the LLCC Agricultural Study Abroad program in May. Participants embarked on a ten day tour of Ireland. Pictured above from the left are, Pierce Gwinn, Logan Armstrong, Liz Hayden, Peri Andras, Shaylee Maddox, Morgan Black, Grace McCurdy, Kaitlyn Zeedyk, Kylie Schakel, Maggie McClelland, Maycee Cordes and Caedyn Finneran. In the middle row are Matt Crow, Wyatt Mahoney, Mallory Bowers, Genesis Stockton, Hadley Broadwater, Morgan Edwards, Elisabeth Lee, Natalie Lavin, Lizzy Hoppe, Brittany Slightom, Luke Adams, Blaine Gilley, George Jacaway IV and Wes Bland. In the back row are Cole Repscher, Alex Sidener, Will Jenkins, and Klayton Komnick.



Summer Reading Kids Learn About Balloons

Randy Thompson, better known as Professor Longhair, was the special guest at the Hillsboro Area Public Library's Summer Reading Program on Thursday afternoon, June 22, with about a dozen participants. Professor Longhair told the kids that he learned how to make balloon animals from a book in the library. He also showed them how to twist and tie several favorite animals, letting each child have a turn to help and a balloon or two to take home. Pictured above, from the left are Graysen Hertel, Professor Longhair, Jemma Schneider, Dawson Schneider and Charlie Schneider. Professor Longhair will be returning to the library for two more programs in July, one on puppets and one on magic tricks. *Journal-News Photo*

Fox Performing Arts Offers Youth Intensives

The Fox Performing Arts Charitable Foundation (Fox-PACF) is pleased to announce two new Musical Theatre Audition Intensives they are hosting with STAGES Performing Arts Academy.

The summer workshop features direction from both local as well as NYC performing arts professionals. Directors include Mike Kostroff, Stephanie Kurtzuba and Lee Anne Mathews, and Musical Directors are Steve Neale and Ron McGowan.

The one-week programs will cover all aspects of a professional musical theatre audition with two levels offered based upon experience. The first week, beginning Monday, July 31, through Friday, Aug. 4, will focus on beginners and the second week, Monday, Aug. 7, through Friday, Aug. 11, will be for more advanced. To better serve additional young people in the community, both weeks will have a middle school session (from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and a high school session (from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Scholarships are available to students who would like to participate but are unable to pay. To make sure everyone has a great experience, the class sizes are very limited, filled on a first come, first serve basis and spots are filling fast.

The intensives will be held at Kirkwood Performing Arts Studio Theatre, located at 210 E. Monroe Avenue in Kirkwood, MO. Fees are set at \$250. Scholarships are available.

Those interested can register online at <https://forms.monday.com/forms/cd8af81eebfce20f05da036cca5361b7a?r=use1&s=6>

Mental Health Board Forms New Sub-Committee

Montgomery County Community Mental Health Board (708 Board) President Dan Hough announced at their recent meeting held Monday, June 12, that the 708 Board has formed a sub-committee to address the mental health needs of Montgomery County.

According to Hough, this sub-committee was formed as a result of County Board Chairman Doug Donaldson tasking the 708 Board with addressing these needs at both the local and state legislative levels. He stated the status of mental health and substance use affecting many residents in this area is reaching a critical level, and cited statistics from the first five months of 2023 show the county has seen an increase in the number deaths by suicides and overdoses.

Furthermore, those seeking services struggle to find providers and services for both mental health and dependence/recovery in Montgomery County and in other areas throughout the state of Illinois, he explained.

To effectively take on these issues, Hough reported 708 board members formed

the "Community Wellness Committee," and said members from the community will be appointed by the 708 board and will serve on the sub-committee for a two-year term. He said the primary focus of the sub-committee will be to promote good mental health practices for all ages across the county.

The committee will look at the community's physical, mental and social sense of health and satisfaction, along with the influence that social determinants have on experiences and quality of life. Hough stated the sub-committee's work will begin with identifying mental health and substance use disorders and increasing access to support programs for those with mental health conditions and their families,

Ring of Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher, Rock of Cashel, the Blarney stone at Blarney Castle, Clonmacnoise and historic sites including the Museum. The immersive and educational experience totaled over 1,000 miles and allowed students to see agricultural, cultural and

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Members of Litchfield Middle School's Student Council were up bright and early to make a donation to Litchfield Food Pantry after hosting a school-wide food drive and collected more than 250 non-perishable food items for the local pantry.



American Legion Post #299 of Raymond kept themselves busy serving to-go meals during their pulled pork dinner to award four \$500 scholarships to seniors graduating from Lincolnwood High School.



In honor of Earth Day, Litchfield High School teacher Susan Shelton was honored for her and her students' environmental efforts in the community during the Litchfield City Council meeting



Nokomis High School FFA members wanted to show their appreciation of the Nokomis Witt Area Ambulance Service by giving a donation to help out in their care of the local community.



Church members from Life Community Church in Hillsboro volunteered their time for a Real Life on a Mission project in downtown Hillsboro on Saturday, June 10.



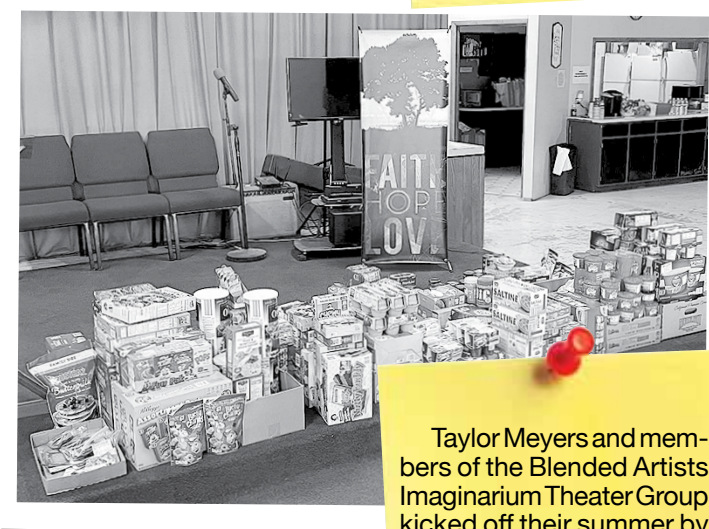
Members of the Nokomis Woman's Club just finished their annual spring fundraiser for the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight program, which provides free flights to Washington, DC, for local veterans.



The students in Elizabeth Clark's kindergarten class passed out artwork, necklaces, pinwheels and flags during Litchfield's Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29.



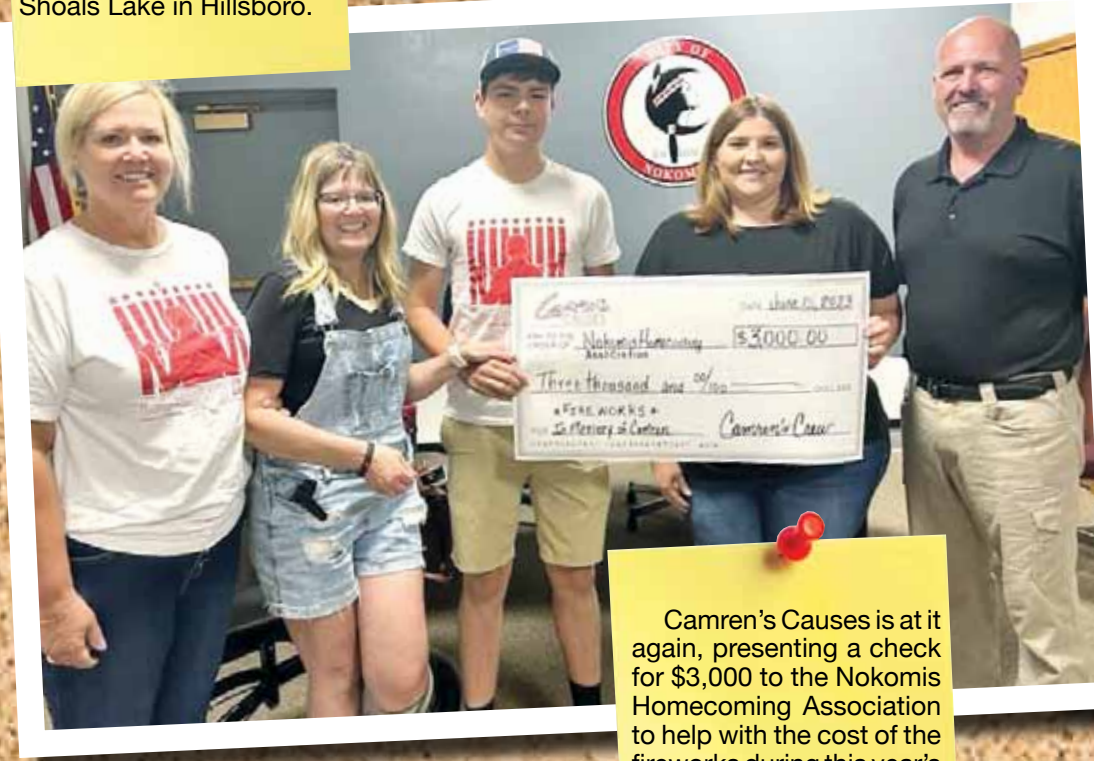
Jim May, superintendent of parks and public properties for the City of Hillsboro, along with other local volunteers worked to clean up debris from Glenn Shoals Lake in Hillsboro.



Taylor Meyers and members of the Blended Artists Imaginarium Theater Group kicked off their summer by organizing a food drive to benefit local youth.



Members of the Montgomery County Fair Junior Board spent Sunday, June 11, working to get the fairgrounds ready for fair week.



Camren's Causes is at it again, presenting a check for \$3,000 to the Nokomis Homecoming Association to help with the cost of the fireworks during this year's celebration on Saturday, July 8.



The voluntary members of the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District gathered their surplus equipment and sent it off to their fellow firefighters in the Ukraine where firefighting gear is desperately needed.

The Journal-News Section B

Hillsboro, IL 62049

Monday, June 26, 2023

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...



The demolition derby at the Montgomery County Fair began with the modified compact class on Saturday, June 24, which included the only minivan in the field.

Journal-News/Mike Plunkett



Volunteers from fire departments in Hillsboro, Taylor Springs, and Fillmore spring into action when a vehicle flares up at the Montgomery County Fair demolition derby on Saturday, June 24. Volunteers from the Raymond-Harvel Ambulance Service are also diligently standing by in case they are needed.

Journal-News/Mike Plunkett

... THERE'S FAIR



Adam Meisenheimer of Litchfield took first in the MITTP Super Stock Four-Wheel Drive class at the Montgomery County Fair truck pulls on Sunday, June 25, pulling 339.61 feet to take the top spot.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelma



Can you give me a life? Literally? In a demolition derby, only one vehicle drives out of the arena; the rest are helped out by volunteer equipment operators. On Saturday at the Montgomery County Fair, those volunteers got the job done quickly, and the next class was ready to rumble within minutes.

Journal-News/Mike Plunkett



Vance Steward of Raymond pulled 310.28 feet in the MITTP Super Stock Four-Wheel Drive class at the Montgomery County Fair truck pulls on Sunday, June 25, good enough for third in the class. Between the trucks and tractors, the pulls had nearly 50 entries for this year's event, including five in the Don Walker Memorial Class. This year's pulls were the first since the passing of Walker, the voice and driving force behind the pulls in Butler, in Sept. 2022. Full results will be in the June 29 edition of *The Journal-News*.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelma



JP Roberts piloted his John Deere 4520 to a 324.44-foot pull on Sunday, June 25, at the Montgomery County Fair tractor pulls in Butler, good enough for second in the 12,500-pound tractor class. Adam Hayes of Shipman beat Roberts by just over three feet, while Mitchell Wiegmann and Justin Paul rounded out the top four.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelma



Oliver Stricker was excited to see his favorite racer, Bubba Pauli, compete at the Montgomery County Fair motocross event on Thursday, June 22, in Butler. The race was Pauli's first since he severed his thumb at the AMA Supercross event in Indianapolis in March.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelma



From the left, Hudson Wright, Ryder Armstrong, Colt Rosentreter and Cam Bone go four wide around the first turn in the 65cc class at the Montgomery County Fair motocross event on Thursday, June 22. Armstrong finished first in the class, followed by Wright, Rosentreter and Bone.

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Wedding guests recognize that certain components are commonplace in ceremonies and receptions. Perhaps you were once a ring bearer or caught the bouquet? There's a rich history behind the traditions that feature prominently at many weddings. Here's a look at traditions past and present and the meaning behind these customs.

Tie The knot

Getting married is sometimes referred to as "tying the knot." This stems from the custom of "handfasting," which is a common practice among various cultures around the world, and notably in ancient Rome. The bride and groom's hands are tied together for the duration of the ceremony, not to be released until the wedding is made official. This isn't something you see too often at modern weddings, but can be something unique couples may want to consider.

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Wedding Traditions

Bridal Bouquet

A bouquet of beautiful flowers is held by the bride on her wedding day. Roses, orchids, peonies, and other fragrant blooms are often included, but in ancient times brides' bouquets were likely made of herbs. According to the resource Minted Weddings, these aromatic herbs were used to ward off evil spirits.

Veil

Evil spirits also were the basis for the wearing of bridal veils, as they were utilized to hide brides from these miscreants. Veils now are more style than substance.

Bridesmaids

In ancient Rome, bridesmaids were tasked with protecting the bride. They wore the same dresses as the bride to confuse evil spirits from finding the soon-to-be-betrothed and cursing her. Today's bridesmaids are less decoy and more helper. They may wear similar dresses to the bride and one another, but they aren't trying to fool any spirits.

Tossing Rice

Rice and grains were long regarded as signs of prosperity and fertility, according to the gifting company Personal Creations. Therefore, couples were showered with rice to ensure their good fortune. Consumption of uncooked rice has been proven to be detrimental to some wildlife, so rice has now been widely replaced with bubbles or birdseed.

Cutting The Cake

At the reception, many couples link hands and make the first cut in their wedding cakes. WeddingWire says it's a tradition that around 80 percent of wedding couples partake in. It is believed this tradition symbolizes the couple's first official task performed together, and marks the promise to support and take care of one another throughout the marriage. However, in the past, brides were responsible for cutting the wedding cake alone and



Bridal bouquets date back to herbs used in ancient times to ward off evil spirits.

distributed slices to guests to aid in fertility, according to *BakingNook.com*.

Weddings are full of traditions with interesting histories.

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In just over a week, 11-year-old Katrina Millburg of Waggoner raised \$2,220 for the American Legion's ball field in Waggoner, which was recently rebuilt for use for the first time in more than 25 years. Pictured with Millburg, from the left, are American Legion Everett C. Burton Post 701 members Dan Brown, Jon Yard, Ryan Brown, Glenn Rovey, Roger Gunn and Carl Leonard.

Crown Or No Crown...

Millburg Makes A Difference

by Kyle Herschelmann

Katrina Millburg may not have won the Junior Miss Irish Days pageant, but that experience turned into a major blessing for her community.

That's why the 11-year-old wanted to be Junior Miss Irish Days in the first place, according to her mother, Heather Millburg.

"She didn't win, which was no big deal, but she was sad because she knew that the pageant winners usually fundraise or do crafts with the kids at different events throughout the year," Heather Millburg said. "I told her that you don't have to have a title to fundraise and that she just had to pick something to raise money for."

After some thought Katrina, who lives just outside of Waggoner with her mom and dad (Chad), decided on raising money for the newly resurrected ball field located behind the Waggoner Centennial Hall, owned by American Legion Everett C. Burton Post 701. A softball player herself, Katrina also used the fundraiser as a way to honor her late grandfather, Dan Millburg, who passed away in December and was a member of the American Legion.

Originally, the plan was to do a bake sale at the final few games at the field, which has been mostly used for tee ball and practices for larger teams so far. But when Phil Hampton, one of the organizers of the ball field's resurrection after more than 25 years of laying fallow, said that he had a spot at the Farmersville Small Town Dreamers Market on June 10, Katrina decided to go bigger.

"If she could get some sponsors, she wanted to have prizes that would be fun things to do in the summer," Heather said. "Katrina ended



With some help from Jacob Arnold, Katrina Millburg draws out the winners from her raffle benefitting the American Legion ball field in Waggoner. Arnold and Millburg plucked out Adam Waldeck, Wes Donaldson, Jenna Shell and Dan Martin as the four winners for passes to Knights Action Park, Skyzone and BounceTag.

up getting 18 sponsors so we threw together a bake sale and a raffle in five days!"

With donations coming from Bormida Heating and Cooling, CNT Truck Collision and Restoration, Caddyshack Sports Bar and Grill, Dave Howard, Interstate Hydraulics, Jan Wagner, Lori Clinton, Millburg Farms, Murphy Farms, Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Rovey Seed Company, Real Family Medicine, Simply Chic, Stice Chiropractic Clinic, Strandz, The Rooted Home, The Uptown Saloon and Webb Insurance, Katrina was able to raffle off four different prizes that would have made any family's summer.

The four prizes included four season passes to Knights Action Park Water Park, two Action Splash day passes to Knights Action Park, two Skyzone passes and two BounceTag passes with laser tag.

After the bake sale, featuring a couple cobblers donated

by Meredith Yard for the cause, at the Small Town Dreamers Market, Katrina continued to sell tickets until June 14, with another bake sale held on June 11 at the Millburgs' church, Pleasant Hill Christian Church, and another held on the 14th at the final games at the field in Waggoner.

On Monday, June 19, Katrina was able to see her hard work pay off as she passed on a donation of \$2,220 to the members of American Legion Everett C. Burton Post 701 for use for the ball field.

And she's not done. Katrina and her family will continue to pass on any donations to the field and hopes are high that the rebuilding process is just starting.

"It's been awesome to see this field being used again," Heather said. "Hopefully they will continue to raise enough money to add a concession stand next year."

Fair Demo Derby Draws 50-Plus

More than 50 drivers competed in four classes at the Montgomery County Fair demolition derby on Saturday, June 24, at the fairgrounds in Butler.

The drivers of the last three vehicles running in each class earned cash prizes, plus a "mad dog" prize was awarded in each class to the most aggressive driver.

In the Modified Compact class, Bud Sedlock of Taylorville won first place in addition to the Mad Dog award. Colyn Smith of Morrisonville and passenger Matthew Tarrant were second, and Austin Tryon of Morrisonville and passenger Randall Arnold were third.

In the Bone Stock Full Size class, Brian Ray of McClusky and passenger Logan Metzler won first place, Brody Westerfield of Greenview was second, and Jeff Jernigan of Greenville and passenger Matthew Genenbacher finished third. Jernigan also won the Mad Dog award.

Colton McGuire of Greenville won the Bone Stock Compact class, Zeb Robinette of Virden was second and Kirby Manuel of Pana and passenger Carson Manuel finished third. The Mad Dog award went to Ryan Quinn of Irving and passenger Nolan Ernst.

In Modified Full Size, it

was Scott McAdams of Palmyra in first, Juston Mains of Greenville and passenger Cotey Grotts in second, and Dale Bohnenstiehl of Highland and passenger Garrett Weis in third. Josh Bingham of Greenville and passenger Gage Waterman won the Mad Dog award.



Brody Westerfield of Greenview was one of the stars of the Montgomery County Fair demo derby, finishing second in his class. *Journal-News Photo*

Vitale Foods Bolsters Youth Sports

by Tori O'Dell

Vince Vitale and Wayne Adams, owners of Vitale Foods, presented a check for \$7,200 to Bill Christian, the City of Hillsboro's youth sports administrator, on Friday afternoon, June 16, at the Hillsboro Sports Complex.

The donation was raised through a season-long fundraiser endeavor in which all of Hillsboro's recreational youth baseball, softball and T-ball teams sold frozen pizzas made by Vitale Foods.

"I can not thank Wayne and Vince enough for partnering with us to hold this fundraiser. It takes a lot of money to maintain these fields and unfortunately we are not a big city with unlimited funding opportunities. The Sports Complex really depends on the support of the community. Everything that you see here is the result of the community banding together to make it happen," Christian explained. "Not only was this fundraiser wildly successful, Vitale Foods did all of the leg work to make it happen. It was great working with these guys."

Christian stated that the majority of the funds will be used to purchase new equipment for the youth baseball, softball and T-ball teams.

"The families were the backbone of this fundraiser and this money will be used to make sports experiences better for our youth and our coaches," said Christian.

While this was not Vitale Foods first fundraising event, this was the largest one they have undertaken so far. The small-business owners estimate that they filled orders totaling 1,600 pizzas.

"I am not exaggerating when I say that the entire community supported this," Vitale said, with a laugh. "We were blown away by the amount of orders that came in and there were some learning curves that came along



Vitale Foods presented a check for \$7,200 to Hillsboro's recreational baseball, softball and T-ball teams. The funds were raised through a season-long fundraiser where the youth teams sold Vitale Foods' frozen pizzas. From the left are Vince Vitale, Sports Administrator Bill Christian and Wayne Adams.

Journal-News/Tori O'Dell

with filling the orders but we were beyond ecstatic to take on the challenge. This fundraiser was especially close to our hearts because we both have children that are highly involved in youth sports."

Vitale and Adams stated that they could not have successfully taken on the fundraiser if it had not been for the aid of fellow small business owner Tommy Compagni, who allowed them to use the freezers at Paris Frozen Foods when they ran out of freezer space in their own building.

"We are just local guys trying to find ways to support the community we live in," said Adams.

With the assistance of their wives, Jen Vitale and Miranda Adams, the duo opened Vitale Foods in April of this year with the vision that the business would focus on providing fundraising opportunities for local communities. Already well-versed in the food service industry, Vitale is the owner and operator of Gianni's Pizza in Hillsboro and Adams works for the Hillsboro School

District. The partnership brings both of their skill sets together to create a fundraising outlet for schools, sports teams, clubs and non-profit organizations.

"Our wives are the brains behind the operation," Adams stated emphatically. "Vitale Foods' brick-and-mortar location is based in Litchfield but we hope to expand into partnering with organizations throughout the region."

Vitale Food already has two fundraisers lined up, partnering with Hillsboro's recreational basketball teams and Montgomery County Paws Care, for those that would like a chance to try the locally made frozen pizzas.

Organizations interested in partnering with Vitale Foods are encouraged to contact Adams at 217-254-2744 or email vitalerfoods@vafoods.net. Those that would like to support the small business are encouraged to "like" the "Vitale Foods" page on Facebook - customers can also consider leaving a review of their purchases.

THE COLLEGE REPORT • by Daniel Chamness

Haley Makes Major Impact At KC



Daniel Chamness

Haley Major, a Hillsboro graduate and recent Kaskaskia College graduate, is headed to Indiana State

University. As a student only. That is her decision as of today. If that remains the decision, the former Blue Angel softball player is ending her career on top. Or way closer to the top than most athletes ever reach.

The Blue Angel sophomore helped her junior college team advance to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I World Series. Major got her final hit of the year in the World Series in a 6-3 loss to Grayson Community College. KC entered the game ranked 14th in the country among NJCAA Division I teams, while Grayson Community College was ranked sixth.

"It felt great to get a hit against Grayson," said Major of the single. "It helped us rally against them a little bit, but it was not enough to win the game. I think this year helped put KC Softball on the map a little bit. I think the teams in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference will be a little more aware of us now."

The Centralia-based junior college team was 2-2 in their four games at the World Series, which was held in Oxford, Alabama. They opened with a 1-0 Wallace State Community College, the third-ranked team in Division I. After the loss to Grayson, they would dump Angelina College 6-4 in an elimination game. They would be eliminated with an 8-2 loss to Seminole State College of Oklahoma.

The Blue Angels would finish the year with a record of 40-19. They were 30-10 in the GRAC.

"In the fall, I never thought we would be this good," said Major of her junior college team. We had some rough times in the fall and the



Haley Major

early spring. By mid-April, we sprung to life. I tore my meniscus and had to have surgery. Fortunately, I made a quick recovery and got back to the workouts after Christmas break. I am happy I was able to lay down some crucial sacrifice bunts and enable us to score some runs."

Magnus Wells (Hillsboro), an Augustana College track athlete, placed sixth in both the discus and the javelin at the Wheaton College Invitational, which was held at McCully Stadium in Wheaton. Wells recorded a throw of 45.14 meters in the javelin and a toss of 40.36 meters in the discus. He was also 11th in the shot put with an effort of 13.44 meters. He helped the Augustana Vikings take seventh as a team with 23 points. University of Chicago took first with 85 points.

More recently, Wells competed in the javelin, hammer throw and discus at the Meet of Champions, which was held at Augustana and held at Paul V. Olsen Track. He was ninth in the javelin with a throw of 136 feet, 10 inches. The freshman, who plays football for the Vikings in the fall, finished 15th in the hammer and the

discus, recording respective distances of 137-10 and 132-9. Augustana took seventh with 57 points. Loras College took first with 137.50 points.

Ryan Janssen (Nokomis) had hits in Millikin University's final two games of the year, both contests in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Tournament which was held at Augustana College in Moline. In the 5-4 loss to the Illinois Wesleyan University Titans, Janssen was 2-for-4. He was one of two Millikin athletes with two hits. Janssen also had a hit in the previous game, a 6-5 loss to North Central College.

Drew Detmers (Chatham-Glenwood), a former Nokomis resident, was Millikin's pitcher of record in their loss to the Titans. In five innings of work, he allowed two earned runs on four hits. He fanned a pair and walked one. With the loss, Detmers finished with a 2-4 mark.

Millikin ended their season with a 26-17 mark. They were 11-7 in the CCIW and finished third overall. The only two teams with a better CCIW record were Augustana and North Central College. Augustana was 39-3 overall and 16-2 in the league. North Central was 27-14 overall and 12-6 in the CCIW.

If you have a name to add to the article, either for the upcoming school year or for the upcoming career completion articles, please email me (Dan62801@aol.com). I will need the name of the athlete, the former high school, the college/university they are attending and of course, the sport they are playing. Please put "The Journal News" in the subject line of the email.

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Fair Moto Gives Local Riders Chance To Race In Front Of Home Crowd

Thursday's motocross event at the Montgomery County Fair was a chance for some of the county's best to race close to home, but it also gave fairgoers the opportunity to see the pros in action as well.

Motocross pros Michael Hicks of Fenton, MO, and Carter Gordon of Mattoon took the top two spots in the 250cc and 450cc Pro classes, with Edwardsville's Theodore "Bubba" Pauli taking third. Pauli, who organized the races last year at the fair, was racing for the first time since March 11, when a freak accident at the AMA Supercross event in Indianapolis severed his left thumb.

In the other big-bike classes, Ramsey's Noah Younker took first in 250 B and was

second in 450 B/C behind Carlville's Nathan Dyer, while Trig Henson was first in 250 C. Two local riders took first in the 30+ Dad class and the Open 2-Stroke class, with Litchfield's Derek Birkenkamp taking the top spot in the Dad class and Zach Duff winning the 2-stroke class, beating out Younker for the top spot.

Dalton Garecht took first in the adult pit bike race, while Colt Rosentreter won the youth pit bike class. In the women's class, Ellie Goeken of Brighton won, with Lila Armstrong of Pleasant Plains finishing second.

On the youth side, Cooper Duff joined his brother Zach in the winner circle as he took the top spot in the 85cc class. Hudson Wright was second

and Wyatt Noyes was third as the Hillsboro area swept the top three spots.

Holden Wright picked up the win in the 50cc Open class, while Ryder Armstrong won the 65cc class, beating out Hillsboro's Hudson Wright and Carlville's Colt Rosentreter. William Ahrling was first in the 50cc Shaft/Shifter class, while Hillsboro's Landon Saathoff was second.

Before the second half of the event, the next generation of motocross riders took to the course in the STACYC E-Bike race. Hamilton Molohon took the win in the race, narrowly beating out Haley Kincaid.

June 22 at Butler

Montgomery County Fair Motocross
STACYC: 1. Hamilton Molohon; 2. Haley Kincaid; 3. Hadley Kincaid; 4. Easton Daniels; 5. Emersyn Daniels; 6. Maddix Wentzel; 7. Halle Wright
50cc Shaft/Shifter: 1. William Ahrling; 2. Landon Saathoff; 3. Brysen Laurent; 4. Easton Sisk; 5. Hadley Kincaid
50cc Open: 1. Holden Wright; 2.

Easton Daniels; 3. Abram Wessell; 4. William Ahrling; 5. Ty Rosentreter; 6. Tripp Blevins

65cc: 1. Ryder Armstrong; 2. Hudson Wright; 3. Colt Rosentreter; 4. Cam Bone; 5. Holden Wright; 6. Wayde Noyes; 7. Jackson Prosser; 8. Keaton King

85cc: 1. Cooper Duff; 2. Hudson Wright; 3. Wyatt Noyes; 4. Lila Armstrong; 5. Tucker Ahrling; 6. Tanner Kincaid; 7. Deven Beard; 8. Max Miller (5th in prelim); 9. Cam Bone (6th in prelim)

Youth Pit Bike: 1. Colt Rosentreter; 2. Trenton Kimbro; 3. Harrison Helton

Women Main: 1. Ellie Goeken; 2. Lila Armstrong

250cc B: 1. Noah Younker; 2. Logan Nance; 3. Nathan Dyer; 4. Austin Hebenstreit; 5. Reece Frankford; 6. Camden Thomas; 7. Ty White; 8. Trenton Kimbro; 9. Jamie Ferrill

250cc C: 1. Trig Henson; 2. Ford Klocke; 3. Ricki Woods; 4. Hank Ahrling; 5. Aiden Wagner; 6. Alec Leatham; 7. Ashton Robinson

450cc B/C: 1. Nathan Dyer; 2. Noah Younker; 3. Logan Prosser; 4. Austin Hebenstreit; 5. Ford Klocke; 6. Jamie Ferrill; 7. Ricki Woods

30+ Dad Class: 1. Derek Birkenkamp; 2. Todd Kincaid; 3. Brandon Auth; 4. Danny Prosser

Pit Bike: 1. Dalton Garecht; 2. Michael Burtle; 3. Trenton Kimbro; 4. Colt Rosentreter; 5. Reece



Trenton Kimbro of Taylor Springs catches some air during one of his laps at the Montgomery County Fair motocross event on Thursday, June 22, in Butler.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

Frankford

Open 2-Stroke: 1. Zach Duff; 2. Noah Younker; 3. Lake Plowman; 4. Roger Beilman; 5. Reece Frankford; 6. Michael Burtle; 7. Trenton Kimbro; 8. Aiden Wagner; 9. Treyton Kuhl; Grayson Plowman (5th in prelim)

250cc Pro: 1. Michael Hicks; 2. Carter Gordon; 3. Bubba Pauli; 4. Tanner Henson; 5. Conner

Thompson; 6. Lake Plowman; 7. Zach Duff; Hunter Grampp (6th in prelim)

450cc Pro: 1. Michael Hicks; 2. Carter Gordon; 3. Bubba Pauli; 4. Tanner Henson; 5. Conner Thompson; 6. Derek Birkenkamp; 7. Jhadyn Walker; 8. Dalton Garecht; Hunter Grampp (3rd in prelim)



Michael Hicks (#460) of Fenton, MO, and the other 250 Pro riders kicked off the Montgomery County Fair motocross on Thursday, June 22, as they put on a show in the first race of the evening. Hicks went on to win both the 250 and 450 Pro classes on the night.

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Adam Wright chats with Easton Daniels before the 50cc race at the Montgomery County Fair motocross on Thursday, June 22. Wright, whose son Holden won the class, was one of the organizers for the event.

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Hillsboro's Wyatt Noyes finished third in the 85cc class, completing a county sweep as Cooper Duff (Donnellson) and Hudson Wright (Hillsboro) took first and second at the Montgomery County Fair motocross on Thursday, June 22.

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Members of the Litchfield High School trap shooting team, from the left are Tucker Pastrovich, Cal Frerichs, Jayden Ellinger, Gavin Burch, Easton Grammar, Hunter Law, Brawly Jacobs, Blake Quinn and Jake Cunningham. Not present for the photo were Emma Bone, John Stanley, Adam (AJ) Sypherd and Carter White.



Members of the Litchfield Middle School trap shooting team, in front, from the left are Rilyn Younker, Emma Estell, Kinley Hemken, Camron Bone, Ethan Rosado and Tyler Belusko. In back are Christopher McGee, Garrison Cleaver, Hudson Walker, Dean Gibbs, Allison Belusko, Adia Melchert and Hannah Abel. Not present for the photo were Elijah Havron and Kolby Rhodes.

Litchfield Pulls In Students With New Trap Shooting Teams

The Litchfield School District offered a new extracurricular opportunity, trap shooting, for sixth through twelfth graders thanks to one local family's Father's Day tradition.

On Father's Day in 2022, local police officer Tom Melchert was continuing a recent tradition of shooting clay targets with his brothers and cousins on his grandfather's land. Melchert's daughter, Adia, had been attentively watching her family and asked if she could give it a try.

This turned into an amazing Father's Day, as Adia

showed both interest and skill in the sport. The father-daughter pair practiced several times during the summer and eventually started shooting at the Sportsman's Club in Litchfield on Thursday nights.

It was on those nights that Melchert started discussing the sport, and his daughter's interest in it, with Kyle "Hootie" Sutton, Pat Jarnagin, Kevin Burch and Range Safety Officer Gerald Brand. Together, these men realized that there was an opportunity for students to participate in a new sport and they began speaking

with the district about creating a trap team.

"It took a lot of work to create a team so quickly and this would not have been possible without the support of the Litchfield School District, parents, and community," said Melchert.

Sutton, Jarnagin, Burch and Safety Officer Brand became the team coaches with Melchert and 28 students from LMS/LHS participated in the inaugural season.

Middle school participants included Hannah Abel, Allison Belusko, Tyler Belusko, Camron Bone, Garrison Cleaver, Emma Estell,

Dean Gibbs, Elijah Havron, Kinley Hemken, Christopher McGee, Adia Melchert, Kolby Rhodes, Ethan Rosado, Hudson Walker and Rilyn Younker.

High School participants included Emma Bone, Gavin Burch, Jake Cunningham, Jayden Ellinger, Cal Frerichs, Easton Grammar, Brawly Jacobs, Hunter Law, Tucker Pastrovich, Blake Quinn, John Stanley, Adam (AJ) Sypherd and Carter White.

This is the first time Litchfield has had a school-affiliated trap team. All participants were required

to pass a league approved firearm education course.

Trap shooting is a sport in which participants aim to break flying clay targets from a single launcher in a low trap house. Participants stand in a line of five stations, and each get five attempts to break the clay target at each station. The sport requires split-second timing as the clay targets fly at speed of 42 miles per hour simulating the flight path of a bird from a hunter.

Practices and competitions were held at the Litchfield Sportsman's Club and official scores were uploaded and tracked through the Illinois Clay Target League website. This website allowed participants to track their individual progress and team rankings in both the conference and the state. Sixty-five schools partici-

pated in the state competition held at Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill on June 3.

The LMS/LHS trap team finished strong with the team placing third in the Novice Division. Litchfield Middle School student Allison Belusko placed high score in the novice division for female. During the season Gavin Birch and Easton Grammar each hit 25 straight and Carter White hit 25 straight and 50 straight.

The team sends a special thank you to the sponsors that made this year possible. Sponsors include Whitetails Unlimited, Midwest Target, Gerl's Auto, Niehaus Cycle, McKay Napa Auto Parts, Victory Lane Outdoors, Sharp Brothers Outdoors, Tim Wright, Fuzzy Jacobs Memorial and Litchfield Moose Lodge.



Litchfield Middle School student Allison Belusko, center, earned first place in the novice female division. She is pictured above with her coaches, Tom Melchert, at left, and Kyle "Hootie" Sutton.



From the left, Easton Grammar and Gavin Birch each won a prize for hitting 25 straight targets.

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Members of the Nokomis Fire Department were dispatched at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, to a single-car accident on Taylorville Rd. The passenger was taken by ambulance. Members were on the scene for 40 minutes.

Police

Litchfield Police

• Steven B. Pesavento, 37, of Litchfield, was arrested at 2:41 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, on an outstanding Macoupin County warrant at Adams and Clark in Litchfield.

• Roger L. Perkins, 27, of Litchfield, was arrested at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, on an outstanding Montgomery County warrant at Adams and Clark in Litchfield.

• Alec D. Fricke, 21, of Hillsboro, was arrested at 6:23 p.m. Thursday, June 22, on an outstanding Montgomery County warrant at the Litchfield Police Department.

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Position: Junior High Boys 8th Grade Basketball Coach
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Salary: Extra Curricular Salary Schedule B
Send employee application (available at the District's website) and Letter of Interest to: Donald VanGiesen; Hillsboro Junior High School; 909 Rountree Street; Hillsboro, IL 62049; email to: dvangiesen@hillsboroschools.net
Due By: June 30, 2023
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VACANCY NOTICE
Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3
Position: High School Math Teacher. Primarily Algebra 1 with possibility of Geometry depending upon candidate qualifications.
License/Qualifications: Secondary Illinois Professional Educator's License with appropriate endorsement or willingness to attain.
Salary/Benefits: Per Teachers' Salary Schedule/Labor Contract. Benefits include health insurance, tuition reimbursement and district-paid TRS contribution
Additional Notes: Various extra-curricular sports and club sponsorships may be available
Application Due Date: July 7, 2023
Start Date: August 14, 2023
How to Apply: Please email a letter of interest, district application (see website), résumé, letters of reference and transcripts to: pheyen@hillsboroschools.net; Patricia Heyen, Principal; Hillsboro High School; 522 E. Tremont St.; Hillsboro, IL 62049; 217-532-2841
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Title Transfers

May 5
 Florence Naomi Gerlach Trust, Stephen P. Gerlach Tr., Kimberly Jaeger Tr. to Patricia S. Gerlach, Stephen P. Gerlach, Trustee's Deed, Sec. 34, Pt. NE/NE, Pitman Twp.

Florence Naomi Gerlach Tr., Stephen P. Gerlach Tr., Kimberly Jaeger Tr. to Patricia S. Gerlach, Stephen P. Gerlach, Trustee's Deed, Sec. 19, Pt. NE/SE, Pitman Twp., Sec. 19, Pt. SE/NE, Pitman Twp., Sec. 19, Pt. SW/NE, Pitman Twp.

Florence Naomi Gerlach Tr., Stephen P. Gerlach Tr., Kimberly Jaeger Tr. to Patricia S. Gerlach, Stephen P. Gerlach, Trustee's Deed, Sec. 34, Pt. NW/NE, Pitman Twp.

Gordon L. Gerlach Estate, Stephen P. Gerlach Tr., Kimberly Jaeger Tr., to Patricia S. Gerlach, Stephen P. Gerlach, Trustee's Deed, Sec. 34, Pt. NW/NE, Pitman Twp.

Darrell Robertson POA, Martha Robertson to Delaney Goldsmith, WD, Lot 5, Blk. 2, Capps JM Addn.

Mary K. Goacher to Desiree Rhodes, WD, Sec. 24, Pt. NE/SW, North Litchfield Twp.

May 9
 Gordon L. Gerlach Estate, Stephen P. Gerlach Tr., Kimberly Jaeger Tr. to Patricia S. Gerlach, Stephen P. Gerlach, Trustee's Deed, Sec. 27, SH NE/SE, Pitman Twp., Sec. 27, Pt. of SE/SE, Pitman Twp.

Florence Naomi Gerlach Tr., Stephen P. Gerlach Tr., Kimberly Jaeger Tr. to Patricia S. Gerlach, Stephen P. Gerlach, Trustee's Deed, SH NE/SE, Pitman Twp., Sec. 27, Pt. SE/SE, Pitman Twp.

Harold D. Parks to Sullivan Properties LLC Series Hillsboro, WD, Lots 7 & 8, Brookside Addn.

Hilltopper Investment Group to Hilltop Storage, Corp. Deed, Lot 2, Senator Miller Place Condominiums.

C.A. Jones to Kathleen M. Jones, William J. Jones III, Corp. Deed, Lot 3, Prairie Place Estates First Addn.

Bernard C. Leitschuh Estate, Terry C. Leitschuh to Terry C. Leitschuh, Transfer of Death, Sec. 24, Pt. SE/NW, North Litchfield Twp.

Florence Naomi Gerlach Trust, Stephen P. Gerlach Tr., Kimberly Jaeger Tr. to David L. Jaeger, Kimberly Jaeger, Trustee's Deed, Sec. 27, Pt. SW/SE, Pitman Twp.

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VACANCY NOTICE
Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3
Position: (2) Full Time Classroom Teacher's Aide at Beckemeyer Elementary
License: Current Para Professional Certification or willingness to obtain certification with district assistance.
Job Description: Working with Elementary age children in the classroom
Salary: Teacher's Aide Salary Schedule
Submit Application/Résumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to: Zach Frailey, Principal; Beckemeyer Elementary School; 1035 Seymour Ave.; Hillsboro, IL 62049; Fax to: 217-532-5142; E-mail to: zfrailey@hillsboroschools.net; Phone: (217) 532-6994
Application Due Date: June 30, 2023
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VACANCY NOTICE
Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3
Position: High School Boys' Head Tennis Coach
Qualifications: ISBE certification or IHSA approved coaching certification or willingness to attain
Description: Organize and manage practices and competitions; establish and present schedules, rosters and records in a timely fashion; conduct and supervise fundraising activities and training camps; promote athleticism and sportsmanship; promote and grow the program; adhere to all IHSA and District rules and guidelines
Salary: Per Teacher's Contract Schedule B
Submit Letter of Interest and District Application to: Patricia Heyen, Principal; Hillsboro High School; 522 E. Tremont St.; Hillsboro, IL 62049; E-mail to: pheyen@hillsboroschools.net; Phone 217-532-2841
Due By: August 1, 2023
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VACANCY NOTICE
Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3
Position: Pre-K Teacher Aide (1 FTE) at Coffeen Early Childhood Center
License: Current Para Professional Certification or willingness to obtain the certification.
Job Description: Working with Prekindergarten Students
Starting Date: 23/24 School Year
Salary: To be determined by the Board of Education
Send Employee Application (available at the District's website), Resumé, Copies of Transcripts and Certificates, and 3 letters of reference to: Marci Gutierrez, Pre-K Director, Coffeen Elementary School, 200 School St., Coffeen, IL 62017 or email to: mgutierrez@hillsboroschools.net. Phone (217) 532-7822
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May 11
 Amie Greenwood, Eugene Greenwood to Ruth Webb, WD, Pts. of Lots 20, 21 & 24, Blk. 82, Huggins PC Addn.

May 12
 Justin Knuth to Litchfield Community Unit School District No. 12, WD, Lot 19, Blk. 7, Thalls Subdn.

David C. Pembroke to Aaron Huber, WD, Sec. 6, Pt. SW/NE, Witt Twp.

Jessica L. Harmon, Kenneth Hill to Kristina M. Lingle, QCD, Sec. 11, Pt. EH NE, Hillsboro Twp.

Lewis E. Fogle to Timothy L. Fogle, WD, Lot 40, Blk. 98, Gantley's Subdn.

Constance Frerichs, Christine Grabner to Marcus Foiles, Melanie Foiles, WD, Lot 3, Blk. 6, Tomlinsons Addn.

May 15
 Jeffrey D. Barr Tr., Ronald S. Hedgcock Tr., W. Robert and Joan J. Hedgcock Trust to James D. Barr, Jeffrey D. Barr, Janice O. Taylor, Trustee's Deed, Sec. 8, Pt. NE/SE, South Litchfield Twp.

Charlene M. McNew, Charlene M. Page to Martin William Prince, WD, Lots 9 & 10, Blk. 3, Bells Subdn.

Paige N. Farmer, Ryan W. Farmer, Paige N. Reeves to Joey Hanfelder, Adam Kelly, WD, Sec. 12, Pt. NW, Hillsboro Twp., Pt. Lot 16, Burns Addn.

May 16
 Herbert Joe Worker, Herbert Joseph Worker, Wayne J. Worker to Erin Dyok, Daniel Hemann, WD, Sec. 35, Pt. SE, Walshville Twp.

Debra Gibbs, Joshua Gibbs to Ida Hand, WD, Lots 6 & 7, Pleasant View Addn.

Glen Russell Corman, Glenn Russell Corman to Deawn Rhodes, Dennis Rhodes, WD., Pts. Lots 6 & 7, Lot 8, Blk. 19, Pierces Addn.

May 17
 Robiwil Farms, Helen E. Waddington to HG Carbon Storage, Lease, Sec. 1, SH NW, Audubon Twp.

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Position: Head Wrestling Coach
Qualifications: Qualified candidates will have knowledge of and experience in High School Wrestling and possess an Illinois Professional Educator's License, or IHSA approved coaching certification or willingness to attain IHSA certification
Job Description: Plan and manage practices, arrange training camps, conduct fundraisers, develop and grow the program; model and promote athleticism, sportsmanship, and character; adhere to all IHSA and District rules and guidelines
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Nokomis FFA Attends June State Convention

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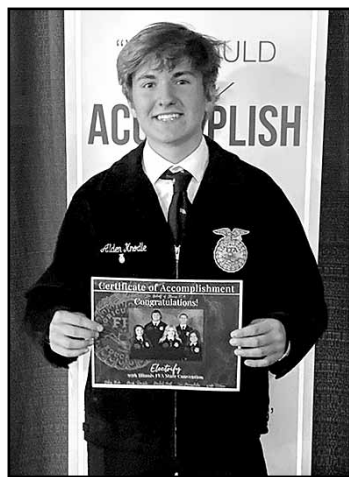
Pictured above is the Quizbowl team, who earned first place in state. Pictured above, from the left are Kennley Kirk, Dylan Yeske, Levi German, Izaak Doyen and Bryce Gillock.



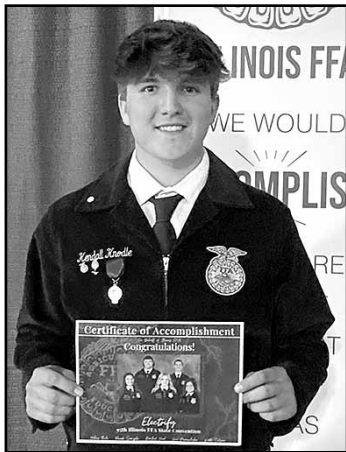
Through the National Chapter Award, Nokomis FFA was ranked a Gold Level Chapter, National Finalist, Premier Chapter in Section 19, and section winners in Growing Leaders, Building Communities and Strengthening Agriculture. Members that attended State Convention to receive the award are shown here. Pictured above, in front, from the left are Dylan Yeske, Levi German, Kinley Stolte, Summer Spencer, Kennley Kirk, Cydney Bertolino, Faith Morrison, Libby Watson, Rilee Waterman, and Grace King. In back are Kaeden Loafman, Andrew Suslee, Owen Jackson, Walker Stewart, Caleb Bauer, Bryce Gillock, Izaak Doyen, Remi Tester, Austin Davis and Mattie Johnson.



Mattie Johnson, at right, represented the Nokomis chapter in the State FFA Choir. She is shown here with the state choir director.



Alden Knodle was named a Gold Level Chapter President, and ranked as one of the top chapter presidents in the state.



Kendall Knodle, pictured above, and Cooper Bertolino were recognized as American Degree candidates. This is a huge honor that less than 1 percent of FFA members earn.



Several Nokomis FFA members were honored with their state degrees. The state degree is the highest degree at the state level, and less than 2 percent of all FFA members reach this goal. Pictured above, from the left are Kaylee Tester, Nora Patton, Craig Bertolino, Kolin Reynolds, Skiler Emery and Alden Knodle. Not present for the photo was Nick Bird.



Nokomis FFA was recognized for collecting over \$3,000 through the local Illinois FFA Foundation Collection Drive. Accepting the award are Rilee Waterman, at left, and Summer Spencer, at right.

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TUES., JUNE 27 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only auction of American Flyer trains, Harley Davidson, baseball & more. Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Preview & pickup at 608 Ridge Ave., Greenville. Preview June 26, 4-6 p.m. Check-out June 28, 4-6 p.m. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

THURS., JUNE 29 - 6 p.m. RE closes: 6:30 p.m. personal property closes. 404 South St., Gillespie. Viewing June 25, Noon-2:30 p.m. Pickup/check-out July 1, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. by appt. Register/bid now at mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com. RE of 2BR/2 1/2 BA 2400 sq ft brick home w/bsmt. on 2 lg. corner lots. Lawn mowers, furniture, appliances, grandfather clock, antiques-collectibles-household, shop tools-tools-etc. Heirs of Robert Brown, sellers. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507.

THURS., JUNE 29 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Gerald & Sharon Schreckenberg Trust auction. Register/bid now at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Check-out June 30, 4-6 p.m. at 1221 S. Clinton Rd., Caseyville. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

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FRI., JUNE 30 - Simulcast (online & live) auction of 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on 1.7 acres & 2012 Chevy Equinox for Gerald & Sharon Schreckenberg Trust. Register/bid now at mollettauctions.hibid.com. 1221 S. Clinton Rd., Caseyville. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

SAT., JULY 8 - 9 a.m. Charles & Velda Carson estate live auction at 302 W. State St., Pocahontas. Open house June 19, 4-6 p.m. RE of 2BR/1BA Sears home w/det. 2 car garage, close to schools. 2002 Chevy 5-10, antiques, collectibles, household, misc, tools & accessories. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LITCHFIELD NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MELISSA L. HALE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

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NOTICE OF SALE DATE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered by the Court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. For information regarding the real estate, contact: Michael Fleming, Litchfield National Bank, Litchfield, IL 62056, 217-324-6161

B. The information on the real estate:
Lot 62 in Prairie Heights, an Addition to the City of Hillsboro, situated in the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois. Except any interest in coal, oil, gas, and other mineral rights underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals if any.
PIN: 16-12-252-027

1. Commonly known as: **676 Anna Street Hillsboro, IL 62049**
2. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: residential building.

C. The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale date.

D. The time and place of the sale will be on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main St., Hillsboro, IL 62049

E. The real estate will be sold to the highest bidder. The terms of the sale will be 10% down on the day

of the sale and the balance will be due within 24 hours.

F. Title will be conveyed subject to all delinquent taxes and all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of records, and any liens not foreclosed herein.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SECURITY NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.

JESSICA ANN MARIE MATTHEWS a/k/a JESSICA MATTHEWS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

2022 - FC - 33
NOTICE OF SALE DATE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered by the Court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. For information regarding the real estate, contact: Lisa Henrichsmeyer, Security National Bank, Witt, IL 62094, 217-594-2221

B. The information on the real estate:

Lots Fifty-seven (57) and Fifty-eight (58) in Oland Park, Mitchell's Addition to the Town, now City of Witt, situated in the City of Witt, Montgomery County, Illinois. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other mineral rights underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.
PIN: 13-06-259-019

1. Commonly known as: **17 North 3rd Street Witt, IL 62094**

2. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: residential building.

C. The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale date.

D. The time and place of the sale will be on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main St., Hillsboro, IL 62049

E. The real estate will be sold to the highest bidder. The terms of the sale will

be 10% down on the day of the sale and the balance will be due within 24 hours.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO TRANSFER INSURED DEPOSITS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Nokomis Savings Bank, 100 West State Street, Nokomis, Illinois 62075, has filed an Interagency Bank Merger Act application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1828(c), for permission to transfer substantially all of the assets and liabilities of Nokomis Savings Bank to Land of Lincoln Credit Union, 4850 Prosperity Place, Decatur, Illinois 62521. It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named institutions will

continue to be operated. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Chicago Regional Office at 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606, not later than July 12, 2023. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. 9, 13, 16

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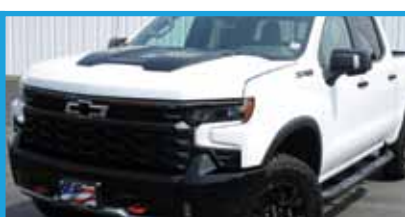
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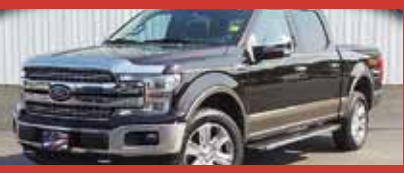
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