

# ALAH Boys Basketball Players Wyatt Hilligoss and Connor Nettles Earn All LPC Honors

The coaches of the Lincoln Prairie Conference met last week to hand out All Conference honors to the boys basketball players of the 2022-23 season.

Arthur Lovington Atwood

Hammond Knights had two players receive all conference recognition. Wyatt Hilligoss, senior, was a unanimous choice to the first team and junior Connor Nettles garnered an Honorable Mention selection.

The rest of the selections were: First Team: \*Gavin Hendrix, senior, Cumberland; Layne Rund, junior, Villa Grove; \*Tyson Moore, junior, Cerro Gordo Bement; \*Sebastian Hill, junior, LSA; \*Hudson Ruppert, senior, Okaw Valley; and Jaylynn Flowers, junior, Argenta-Oreana. Chosen for the second team were: Konnor Waterhouse, senior, Cerro Gordo Bement; Jamario Barbee,

sophomore, Argenta-Oreana; Jamerr Campbell, senior, LSA; Trent Collins, junior, LSA; Jackson Miller, junior, Arcola; and Drew Williams, senior, Heritage. Honorable Mention selections were: Trevin Magee,

senior, Cumberland; Gibson Dickens, junior, Okaw Valley; and Braden Phillips, sophomore, Arcola. \*denotes unanimous selections

Congratulations to all those selected!!

# Illinois State Fire Marshal Awards \$1.5 Million in Grants to Illinois Fire Departments and EMS Providers

Springfield, Ill- The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) announced today the recipients of the 2023 Small Equipment Grant Program. A total of \$1.5 million was awarded to 64 fire departments/districts and EMS providers across the state. The program was established to provide grants of up to \$26,000 each for the purchase of small firefighting and

ambulance equipment. This program is an innovative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for fire departments and not-for-profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment. The purpose is to allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small

equipment that they may otherwise not be able to purchase. The OSFM received 296 applications, requesting around \$4.5 million in funding for this grant period.

"The OSFM continues to remain committed to our mission of helping departments and districts purchase essential firefighting or EMS equipment that will help not only their members to stay safe, but continue to provide lifesaving services to their communities," said Acting Illinois State Fire Marshal Dale Simpson. "Budgets remain tight, and the cost of firefighting equipment continues to rise, that is why programs such as our Small Equipment Grant are a great resource, especially for our smaller and rural volunteer fire departments across the state."

"As we all know, volunteer fire departments all around the state are struggling to maintain a safe work environment due to the lack of funding. The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Small Equipment Grant Program has provided us the opportunity to purchase a thermal imaging camera we desperately need that will help keep our firefighters safe," said Colona Fire Chief John Swan.

"The Harristown Fire Protection District is thankful to receive the OSFM Small Equipment Grant. With this grant, the Harristown Fire Protection District will be purchasing 8 sets of turnout gear (Coats & Pants) which will be free of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

In addition, the district will be purchasing 8 particulate blocking hoods which cover the

head, ears & throat to protect our firefighters from harmful fireground carcinogens. Three firefighter helmets will also be purchased to replace helmets that have passed the 10-year life. With the rising costs of PPE, this grant will reduce the strain on the district's budget allowing replacement of other items needed to continue daily operations," said Harristown Fire Protection District Chief Steven Gambrell.

"The Salem Fire Protection District covers approximately 124 square miles. That includes U.S. Highway 50, two state routes, and thirteen- and one-

half miles of Interstate 57 that have significant personal and commercial traffic. This results in our department responding to numerous motor vehicle accidents with occupant entrapment. Receiving this small equipment grant will provide us with the funding needed to purchase rescue tools that will enable us to perform life-saving motor vehicle extrications," said Salem Fire Protection District Chief James Cerny.

Most Illinois fire departments, fire protections districts, township fire departments, and stand-alone nonprofit ambulance service

providers were eligible to apply. All fire departments, fire protections districts and township fire department applicants were required to have participated in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for a minimum of two years prior to applying.

### Local Grant recipients and awards are listed below:

**Macon:** Harristown Fire Protection District- \$25,841

**Moultrie:** Lovington Community Ambulance- \$26,000

**Piatt:** Bement Fire Protection District- \$26,000; Cisco Fire Protection District- \$25,620

# Home food preservation doesn't need to be difficult; learn how to preserve safely

There is a common belief that food preservation is difficult. However, with the right equipment and proper education, anyone can enjoy garden fresh foods all year long by preserving at home. Join University of Illinois Extension at the Arthur Public Library for a two-hour Saturday workshop to unlock the mystery of food preservation.

Preserving Safely: Freezing, Drying, Fermenting will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on April 1 at the Arthur Public Library. Participants will learn about preserving methods such as freezing, dehydration, and fermentation. Nutrition and Wellness Educator Caitlin Mellendorf will share up-to-date information and processes to preserve safely at home.

fermentation are great methods for beginners to learn and can be a way for seasoned canners to expand the types of preserved foods they keep," says Extension Educator Caitlin Mellendorf.

The workshop is free but advanced registration is required. Participants may call the library at 217-543-2037 or register in person. The deadline to register is March 29.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact 217-877-6042. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access need.

\*Freezing, dehydration, and

# Moultrie County Court

### Traffic Citations

Heaven N Casas, 28, driving on suspended license.

Chontelle R Williams, 33, speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Kade R Himsel, 19, driving 15-20 mph above limit.

David H Nelson, 53, driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Robert D Lemmon, 61, driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Sofia E Baptist, 22, driving on left/prohibited.

Cameron S Nickerson, 22, no valid registration/1ST and 2ND.

Samantha P White, 22, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Parker S Addison, 19, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Stephany L Gadbois, 32, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Jordan E Quertermous, 17, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Kayli A Grider, 27, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Joshua C Waddington, 37, registration expiration/1ST and 2ND.

### Civil Cases

United Community Bank vs Brandy L Woodrow, default judgement, deficiency judgement, \$50,976.78, closed 10/19/2022, 2/23/2023.

United Community Bank vs Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claim, default judgement, deficiency judgement, \$50,976.78, closed 10/19/2022, 2/23/2023.

Angela Charlene Hill vs Toby Eugene Sallee, order or protection denied/2/23/2023.

### Criminal Cases

Domestic Violence: Joanne E Mack, domestic battery/physical contact, filed 2/23/2023.

Felony: Toby E Sallee, 47, possession of meth less than 5 grams, filed 2/23/2023.

Felony: Bruce S O'Rear, 51,

aggravated domestic battery/strangle, domestic battery/contact/1-2 preconviction, filed 2/28/2023.

### Dissolution of Marriage

Dissolution (w/o Child): Kali Janna Bowman vs Seth Grason Bowman, filed 2/27/2023.

Dissolution of Marriage: Nicole Diane Richards vs Jesse Lee Richards, closed 2/23/2023.

### Residential Real Estate

Plaintiff Regions Bank DBA Regions Mortgage vs Dariel Richardson, filed 2/28/2023.

### Marriage Publication List

Gabrielle Rae Smith, 26, Findlay and Luke Morgan Mathias, 26, Findlay, issue date 2/27/2023.

Andrea Danielle Taylor, 34, Sullivan and Codie Alee Alan Davis, 32, Sullivan, issue date 3/1/2023.

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