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ULTIMATE AFRICA, SPRING 2013

by Linda Goby

We just got back from a trip of a lifetime! We left the end of March 2013 for an African safari trip through Overseas Adventure Travel. We booked this trip a year ahead of time just so we could make enough money to go!! It was very expensive but definitely worth it. Dick and Marylou went with us for their trip of a lifetime. Cork, Dick and Marylou had this trip in their dreams for years. I was excited to go but not nearly as much

but I slept quite a bit. My butt was starting to get tired by the time we got there. We arrived in Johannesburg and got our bags and were met by an OAT representative that took us to our hotel. There was no OAT representative at the hotel so it was a good thing we didn't have any problems. We had a drink and ate at the restaurant. I didn't sleep well, I was awake at 12:30 and didn't go back to sleep again.



Cork and Linda Goby and our guide on our mode of transportation in South Africa. Giraffes in the wild in lower photo. photos provided by Cork Goby

as they were. I think I ended up just as enthusiastic about it as the rest of them.

We were going to leave for Chicago on Monday, March 25 for our Tuesday departure but the weatherman was telling us we should leave early. We left Champaign around 11:30 on Sunday and the snow was just beginning to fall. There were 13-18 inches of snow in the area before it quit and then the wind blew and the snow drifted. We spent Monday lazing around at the Radisson, where we left our car, and going to a movie. We went to the casino for little while before we ate supper. The slots weren't real giving.

We left the hotel at 6:30 a.m. and got checked in with no big problem. We were supposed to leave at 9:55 but they told

us our flight would be a half hour before we we leave they informed us the flight had been cancelled. United rebooked us and we left at 1:20 and got into Dulles at 4:00.

We hustled to our gate for our flight on South Africa Air and met Dick and Marylou at the gate. The flight wasn't as bad as I thought it would be considering the length

We had a good buffet breakfast and then sat around until the OAT representative showed up. She helped us get checked in and our bags checked and to our gate. We actually had a real lunch on the plane! It was really hot when we got to Victoria Falls. We had to get our visas checked and then we got our bags. Taitus was waiting for us with a bus to take us across the border to

Botswana. We had to change into a smaller bus after we crossed the border and they checked our passports again. We saw some wart hogs, elephants and baboons on our way. We were greeted at the camp by the staff with songs and dancing. Everyone is friendly. The tent is a lot nicer than I thought it would be, it has a thatched roof and a balcony that overlooks the river to the right and a right of way for animals down below. Our dinner was chicken with rice, broccoli, carrots, a salad and apple trifle. We had our talk with Taitus about what we would be doing and then we were escorted to our tent. We had to be

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I Think We Got Enough Rain for a While! Photos on Friday Morning After the Storms



Water covers East Lytle Street at the north entrance to Memorial Park from Arley Dunn's residence over the Brushy Fork bridge and further east. All of Memorial Park was under water.

photos by Dana Hales

Some of the main roads entering and exiting from Newman were closed to traffic until the waters had finally drained away. Looking north on Broadway in front of Todd and Samantha Hutchinson's house finds Broadway closed up to High Street. King Street also had some impassable areas until the water drained away.



Many yards were flooded throughout Newman. The Virgil Haynes property on North King Street has over half of his back yard covered in water from the 6 plus inches of rain last week.

Graduation Edition

May 16th, 2013 will be the graduation edition of the Newman Independent. Relatives of the seniors and eight graders should have their congratulation ads and pictures to us by May 6th. Call us at 217-837-2414 if you would like a price quote of your ad. It does not cost extra for putting a picture in the ad. Ad prices are based on size. Let your graduate know how proud you are of them.

Peace Meals Menus

Apr. 25: Pork cutlet w/gravy, potato salad, cucumber and onion salad, Blushing pears, wheat bread, graham crackers

Apr. 26: 2MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

Apr. 30: Taco Salad w/lettuce and tomatoes, peaches and pineapple, wheat crackers, graham crackers

May 1: Cabbage casserole w/spaghetti meat sauce, bean medley, warm cinnamon applesauce, pudding, wheat bread

May 2: Ham and beans, copper carrots, sliced pears, cornbread

May 3: 2MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

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FROM THE NEWMAN
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Jim Allen
Wesley Chapel

I have to start this column by admitting that I am not one to judge the hearts of others. That being said, I feel the need to comment on some of the coverage after the bombing of the Boston Marathon.

I am not commenting on the bombing, the manhunt, the need for justice, or the need to prevent such a thing from happening again. I am commenting on the prayers that were promised or offered after the event. I really don’t like to say what I am saying, not because I do not believe it, but because I fear I may not say it well. I absolutely do believe in the power of prayer to God. Without it, we would be lost in this world.

That being said, I noted that many of the people who promised that they would pray for the victims and their families don’t exhibit any behavior that would indicate that they know God. To be a little more precise, I am not talking about the rescuers; I am referring to the empty shirts who never reference God or prayers unless they feel that their public image requires it. I am referring to those who do not call for prayers or pray themselves unless the media is present. They remind me of Matthew 6:5 *And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.*

If these people want their prayers to be heard, they should not use their time in the churches to further a political agenda. Nowhere in the Bible does it say to come to God with arrogance and self-righteousness, full of bluster and pride. To the leaders of our nation, if you truly want our country to be a beacon of freedom; if you truly desire peace and prosperity; if you truly want security; heed Chronicles 7:14 *If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

How often do our leaders pray? How often do we pray? How do you react when people contact you only when they have a need or want a special favor? How do you feel when you receive requests from telemarketers who have no idea who you are? Do you respond to them the same way that you respond to those who love you? (If you do, I need a favor). What makes people think that God will immediately respond to their prayers when they really do not believe anything in the Bible and they only truly believe in their own greatness? A prayer life should be consistent, for only through that can we grow closer to God. God hears the sincere prayers of the humble.

I pray for our nation’s leaders to humble themselves and offer sincere prayers without benefit of media. At this time I don’t see it happening, but all things are possible through prayer.

Thanks for reading. Jim

Crimestoppers

Douglas County Crimestoppers has received an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to be awarded to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the damage to property at the Tuscola Township Cemetery located on U.S. Highway 36 at South Prairie Street, Tuscola, Illinois 61953.

Sometime during the evening hours of April 2, 2013, unknown subject(s) toppled approximately 16 headstones from graves at the Township Cemetery. During the evening hours of April 6, 2013, unknown subject(s) toppled 40 headstones from graves at the Township Cemetery. In addition to the damage to the headstones, ceramic vases and statutes were also vandalized.

Anyone with information related to the damage which occurred at the Tuscola Township Cemetery is encouraged to contact Crimestoppers at 800-280-8316. Callers do not have to give their names and callers are eligible for the \$5,000 reward if the information provided by the caller results in the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s).

This Week in History

On April 20, 1980, the Castro regime announces that all Cubans wishing to emigrate to the U.S. are free to board boats at the port of Mariel launching the Mariel Boatlift. The first of 125,000 Cuban refugees fled to U.S. shores and reached **Florida** the next day. 1,700 boats created large waves of people that overwhelmed the U.S. Coast guard. Cuban guards had packed boat after boat, without considering safety, making some of the overcrowded boats barely seaworthy.

Shiloh School Schedule

Apr. 26: FFA State Livestock/Dairy/Hort CDE; 4:30PM B V BB Tri-County H.S. Coop
Apr. 27: 9:00AM Health Fair – Free Sports Physicals
Apr. 28: Ecology Club to Land Use Council 7 Envirothon in St. Louis
Apr. 29: 4:00PM CO JH TRK @ Mayo Middle School; 4:30PM B V BB Arcola H.S.; 4:30PM G V SB Okaw Valley H.S.
Apr. 30: 4:30PM B V BB Decatur Lutheran; 4:30PM B JV BB @ Okaw Valley H.S.; 4:30PM CO JH TRK @ Crestwood-Paris
May 1: 12:30PM Half-day School Improvement Dismiss Shiloh 12:30, Newman 12:40; 7:00PM Newman Boy Scout Troop 72 @ NGS; 4:30PM G V SB @ Cerro Gordo H.S.
May 2: 6:00PM S.H.I.P. & Pre-K Family Pinic at NGS; 7:00PM Shiloh Spring Concert; 4:30PM B V BB Oakwood H.S.
May 3: 4:30PM B V BB Okaw Valley H.S.; 4:30PM B JV BB @ H.S. of St. Thomas More; 4:30PM G V SB Villa Grove H.S.
May 4: TBA B V BB Woodbat Tourney

Shiloh School Menu Breakfast

Apr. 29: Sausage biscuit & Gravy or Cereal & Toast
Apr. 30: Cinnamon rolls or Cereal & Toast
May 1: **unavailable** or Cereal & Toast
May 2: **unavailable** or Cereal & Toast
May 3: **unavailable** or Cereal & Toast

Lunch

Apr. 29: BBQ Rib on bun sweet corn, fresh broccoli, fresh apple wedges
Apr. 30: Hotdog on bun, Tator Tots, Romaine Lettuce, orange juice
May 1: **unavailable**
May 2: **unavailable**
May 3: **unavailable**

Benefit Saturday April 27, 2013

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Music

•X-Krush 2-4

•Gene Trimble Combo

after auction

Auction at 4pm

50-50 Raffle



Proceeds to David Partenheimer Family

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Pork Chop Sandwiches

Potato Chips

Ice Tea

Desserts



APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAYS

April 27: Helen Lutz, Jane Ann Faust, David Young, Douglas Bennett, Tammy Liles
April 28: Paul Moore, James Goldsberry, Mrs. Ray Eckerty, Leland Burger Wells, Charles Dravis, Avery Ryan Miller
April 29: Judy Thie, Mary Pribble McLain, James Martin
April 30: Velva Buckin, Mark Jones, Marc Johnson, LaVerne Fraser, Michael Hahn, Terry McCullough, Jr., Devyn Tyler Minott-Schnebly, Kenneth J. Lynch
May 1: Barbara Ann Bowman, Gale Bennett, Gloria Ann Derby, Robert Cutsinger
May 2: Rudolph Pribble, Jr., Margaret Iles, Joanna Peithman, Eric Davis, Michael Logsdon, Cammie Allen, Megan Johnson, Tony Hatcher
May 3: Edward Roller, Lana Ross, Krista Freebairn, Zala Swigart, Aaron Davidson, Jane Rossney, Leslie Adams

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Attend the Church of Your Choice
Apr. 28: Murdock United Methodist Church Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Newman United Methodist Church Adult Sunday School at 8 a.m., Worship Service and Children's Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
First Christian Church, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
Newman First Church of God, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study each week at 6:00 pm
Apr. 27: Health Fair, Newman G.S.Blood Drive, and athletic physicals, 9:00-12:00

Shiloh High School 3rd Qrtr. Honor Roll

The article with the Shiloh High School Honor Roll omitted the High Honor recipients last week. The *Independent* apologizes to those students left out of the news release.

- High Honors**
Freshman - Andra Luth
Sophomores - Malea Holm, Joshua Keske, Baylie Painter, Kayana Wneglarz
Juniors - Bethany McGinness
Seniors - Justin Ray, Shelby Smith, Katie Starkey, Morgan Wood

- Honors**
Freshman - Noah Allen
Sophomores - Tori Stierwalt, Hayden Kile, Andrew Donithan, Cyrus Furgeson, Eli Furgeson, Stephanie Deem, Kaylee Fox, Rebecca Bange
Juniors - Lauren Moses, Morgan Parker, Ryan Addis, Aaron Bell, Djante Castillo, Kyle Dye
Seniors - Samuel Fegett, Stephanie Hunt, Nathan Holm, Devon Justus, Jazzalyn Ward, Heather Naive

Warner wins second IKWF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Jacob Warner of Tolono, son of Sean and Denise Moore Warner won his second State Wrestling Championship title March 9 in Rockford, Il.

As a 14 year old, eighth grade student at Unity Jr. High School, he competed in the Senior division, 156 pound weight class in the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation Regional and Sectional tourneys with both ending in championships.

and Indiana have helped him achieve his goal of a second championship. He has wrestled kids from over half the U.S.

Jacob also competes as a member of Team Gold for Illinois at National tournaments. Team Gold were champions recently at Danville, Il. where 16 states brought teams to the tournament. Jacob won all seven matches during the weekend and was chosen as the outstanding wrestler at the tournament.



Jacob Warner with his wrestling brackets display for 2012 and 2013 seasons. article and photo submitted by Judy Miller

His journey in the State tourney began with a 24 man bracket. Jacob had a bye his first round. In both his first and second matches, Jacob pinned his opponents in the second period. His semifinal match with an opponent from Chicago, ended with a 6-4 win. The final match for Championship was won against a wrestler from Orland Park 11-2. His record for the season was 42-5. He was never beaten in Illinois this season. His only losses came from older wrestlers from different states.

Jacob's first IKWF Championship came last year in the 130 pound Novice division.

Jacob's experience in his past years traveling to tournaments in Tulsa, Ok., Virginia Beach, Iowa, Atlanta, Michigan

Earlier this year, Illinois Team Gold won the National tournament in Michigan.

He is now competing in Greco-Roman style wrestling. In 2012 he won a National Championship in the Schoolboy National Duals in Indianapolis.

Almost 13,000 children wrestle in Illinois in IKWF. Jacob has been wrestling with the Champaign Wrestling club (ages 6-14) for several years and is now looking forward to high school wrestling.

Jacob's dedication and hours of practice have helped him achieve many goals. His long term goals include a high school championship and wrestling for a Division I college.

Jacob is the grandson of Judy and Carroll Miller of Newman and Jim Moore of Paris.

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Shiloh Junior High Music Students Perform at Contest



The Shiloh Junior High music program participated in the Crestwood School solo and ensemble contest held in Paris earlier this month. Mrs. Neimerg had almost 50 entries in intrumental and vocal performances. The music programs are now preparing for the spring concert to be held on May 2nd. photo by Dana Hales

Lamon House Opens

The Vermilion County Museum Society, 116 N. Gilbert St., Danville, IL, is pleased to announce the season opening of the historic **Lamon House**, located in Lincoln Park on Logan Ave., Danville, IL. The house was built by Joseph B. and Melissa Beckwith Lamon, and was originally located on North Street. Melissa's father Dan, is the man after whom Danville was named, and her brother Hiram wrote *The History of Vermilion County*.

Beginning Sunday, May 5, 2013, the house will be open each Sunday until October, from 1:30 until 4:30 pm. On the first Sunday of each month, Melissa and Hiram will be in residence to visit with you and tell you about the history of Vermilion County.

For more information contact the Museum at 217-442-2922.



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Diamond Roundup

by: Tim Hendershot

Raiders Unlucky with Weather and on Field

This 2013 softball season has been an unusual and frustrating one for the Shiloh Raiders. At the beginning of the season, the cold weather kept the Blue and Gold from hitting the field. Once they did, the squad has had their opportunities at victories, but couldn't get over the hump. After last week, it was a combination of both. The Raiders unfortunately saw their struggles continues as both Mother Nature and another close call of grasping victory on the field told the story as they went 0-1 and saw two more games get canceled having the team wandering if their luck will eventually turn around going into the second half of the regular season.

Despite spotty rain showers around the East Central Illinois area, the Raiders did hit the field last Monday in Martinsville for a huge LOVC match-up against the host Martinsville Blue Streaks. Just like two weeks ago, the contest came down to the final innings, but the Blue and Gold came up just short falling to Martinsville 6-5. The Streaks came back from a 4-3 deficit with 3 runs in the bottom of the 3rd inning and held off a late 7th inning rally by the Raiders hold them to only one run in the top half of the frame. The trio of Taylor Higginbotham, Desrea Cook, and



Sam Miller went 2 for 3 each on the day with Higginbotham hits being a double and a triple. Brittany Maxey went the distance for the complete game win on the mound tossing five strikeouts and not giving up a single walk.

After that, it was Mother Nature rearing its ugly head once again, and it was not of the cold weather type. Heavy rains hit the East Central Illinois area the next three days dumping 1 to 3 inches of rain a day in some spots forcing both the Raiders next two games that were scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday to be canceled. The squad was to host the Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond Lancers in Hume on Wednesday and to have traveled to Champaign on Thursday to face off with the Champaign Central Maroons. No word as of yet if both of these games will be made up.

The Raiders (0-9 overall, 0-4 LOVC) will have started a four game home stand on Monday against the Fisher Bunnies and on Wednesday against the Arcola Purple Riders. The team will be on the field this afternoon for their third game of the home stand this afternoon against the Georgetown-Ridge Farm/Chrisman Buffaloes at Shiloh High School in Hume. First pitch for the contest is set for 4:30 pm. Also as of press time, the weather forecast for this week called for more rains to hit the area starting on Monday and go through today. Weather permitting; Diamond Roundup will hopefully have the rundown of all three games for next as we get closer to the start of the post-season.

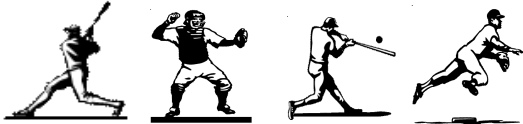
SPEEDY SPRINT by Tim Hendershot

Rains Force Blue and Gold Track Team off the Athletic Area

This 2013 spring sports season has been one of a kind across the East Central Illinois area. Cold weather was the main story at the beginning of the season forcing them to cancel and reschedule their events just to try and get them in before the start of their respective post-seasons. Last week, the Shiloh Raiders Track and Field team saw a taste of the inclement weather. The teams under Head Coaches Missy and Dave Tingley were to have participated last Tuesday in Villa Grove for the Cinder Track Classic at Villa Grove High School. Unfortunately, the first of three straight days of rains hit the East Central Illinois area making the

cinder track unusable and forcing the cancellation of the meet. After the rains left the area, the amount of water overflowed the creek near the school flooding the parking lot area and the playground behind the school forcing the closure of Illinois Route 130 and a curfew was put into place for the town of Villa Grove until the waters subsided.

The teams will have been back on the track on Tuesday (weather permitting) in Arthur for a three team meet hosted by the Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond Knights and Lancers squads. The Speedy Sprint hopefully will have the results of the meets for you next week.



Summer Sizzle With Tim Hendershot

Hello baseball and softball fans! Welcome to another edition of the Summer Sizzle for 2013. Last week, it was Mother Nature that was the big winner as three straight days of rains covered the East Central Illinois area forcing one of the Minors games to be canceled. The rains were so bad that Memorial Park found itself underwater on the right side of the area after eight inches of rains combined in those three days. The team did manage to head to Tuscola on Saturday afternoon after being moved from Thursday night. Unfortunately, the Raiders fell short losing 10-0 to Tuscola IGA. As of press time, the two games on the schedule will already have been played, but the combination of how fast the water level at Memorial Park will drop plus more rains scheduled in the forecast for this week will have determined if the games were played or canceled. Here is the schedule for our Blue and Gold. See you next week!

Date	Game	Time
Monday, April 22	Minors @ Homer	5:45 pm
Wednesday, April 24	Minors vs. Tuscola Journal @ Memorial	5:45 pm

Pitching Dazzles for Panthers with Different Results by Tim Hendershot

In recent games, the East Central Panthers baseball team has seen its offensive numbers heat up along with the weather conditions. The squad under Head Coach Mike Taylor looked to continue that trend last week with a full slate of games as the season heads towards the midway point and the push to the post-season draws nearer. After having to dodge rain chances all week, the Blue, White, and Silver managed to get in two of the five games scheduled seeing two masterful pitching performances, but seeing opposite results as the team went 1-1 on the week, but are showing signs of molding into a complete all-around team that is ready to charge towards the LOVC title as the stretch run begins.

The first part of the week was kind to the Panthers weather wise as wet conditions and rainfall forced the cancellation of both Monday's and



Luke Armstrong at work on the mound against Villa Grove last week. photo by John Broux

Tuesday's scheduled games. The team was to have played their final home game of the Broadlands portion of the schedule against the Cerro Gordo/Bement Broncos on Monday and the Danville Schlarman Hilltoppers in Danville on Tuesday. As of press time, no make-up dates have been announced.

East Central did manage to avoid the scattered rain showers around the area on Wednesday afternoon traveling to Villa Grove to face off with the Villa Grove Blue Devils. On this day, Luke Armstrong showed that he just wasn't a talented hitter on this day tossing six strong innings only giving up three hits and striking out five Blue Devil hitters and the offense stayed consistent staying on top of the league standings with a 7-0 win. Dalton James and Cyrus Furgeson provided two hits each and Cole Graham chipped in 2 RBI in the win.

The team was then to travel to Martinsville to face off with the Martinsville Blue Streaks on Friday. At it was the case all week, more rain storms

hit the area on Thursday night causing severe flooding in several areas and the very wet conditions forced the postponement of the contest until May 2.

The Panthers did manage to add a contest the next day on Saturday traveling to Paris for a rematch against the Paris Tigers. The Tigers defeated the Panthers 8-4 in Broadlands in the third game of the season in March and looked to earn a split of the season series. This game was far different from their first

encounter as it was a pitching duel with the teams having to go extra innings tied at 0-0. In the bottom of the 8th inning, the Tigers took advantage of an error in the field by the Panthers and managed to get the game-winning run in the frame to take a hard fought 1-0 win. Cyrus Furgeson made it a second straight game of masterful pitching for the Panthers going the distance not giving up an earned run and allowing only four hits taking the loss.

The Panthers (9-8 overall, 5-1 LOVC) will have began the stretch run of the 2013 season with three straight games. They will have started off the Shiloh portion of the home schedule on Monday in Hume against the Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond Knights, traveled to Tuscola to face the Tuscola Warriors at Ervin Park on Tuesday, then hosted the Villa Grove Blue Devils back at home in Hume on Wednesday. The team will be in action this afternoon heading to Rantoul at the Knight of Columbus field to face off with the Judah Christian Tribe out of Champaign. First pitch is scheduled for 4:30 pm. The Panthers will then finish off a full week of games back home at Shiloh High School in Hume for the second contest of the season against the Tri-County Titans that will have major LOVC title implication. Start time for that contest will be at 4:30 pm. Weather permitting for all of these games, Diamond Roundup will have a full recap of the action for you next week.

Raiders Summer Tee Ball Registration Sign Ups Still Available

by Tim Hendershot

The 2013 Shiloh Raiders Little League summer season may have started last week for some of the teams, but there is still time for your little ones to get sign up for this season. The Raiders tee ball teams are still looking for players to come out and play on the respective teams. If you missed out on registering them the first time around, there is still time to get them on the list. If you would like for your children to still play, please call Matt Reese at (217) 493-6681 for more

information and to get them registered. Come on out and see the future baseball and softball stars begin their journey this summer as members of the Blue and Gold.



Shiloh High School Seniors of the Week

written by Mrs. Casey Long's Freshman English Class

"Team Work Makes the Dream Work"

Bobby Lance

By James Rideout

When you think of a lively and humorous senior who lives north of Brocton, who comes to mind? Many people might think of Robert "Bobby" Cyrus Lance. Son of Ronda and Robert Lance, Bobby has eight siblings. Justin, Autumn, and Ollie Lance are his older Lance siblings. David, Rachael, Mandy and Mary are his older Roberts siblings. Thomas "Tommy" Lance is his only younger sibling. Bobby has been a student at Shiloh for 14 years.

Three things that Bobby likes about Shiloh are the food, staff, and atmosphere. The three main things that he is going miss from high school are sports, friends, and the teachers. His favorite subjects are lunch, P.E., and math. He likes lunch because he enjoys eating; P.E. for the physical challenge; and math because of the mental challenge. "I love being in school, and I will miss it," Bobby says.

As for his involvement in extra-curricular activities, Bobby has played baseball for two years, participated in Spanish club for three years, and has played basketball all four years! However, during his basketball season this year, it was cut short due to his torn ACL and slightly torn meniscus. He had to undergo surgery for those injuries and is currently receiving therapy.

In the future Bobby sees himself in ten years with a wife, at least one child, and a nice steady job as a radiologist technologist. His dream job is to be a radiologist technologist for the Chicago Bulls. When asked what he would do if he won a million dollars, he said that he would give half to his parents, buy a new car, and then bank and conserve the rest.

The person Bobby looks up to the most is his father. His greatest accomplishment in life is that he has a good work ethic thanks to his parents. Bobby lives by his favorite saying, "Team work makes the dream work!" His next achievement is going to be graduating from Shiloh High School, while his biggest regret so far is getting caught up in high school drama.

When Bobby has extra time, he likes to play video games, chill with friends, and drive while jamming to loud music with the windows down. He loves to play basketball whenever he can. His advice to the underclassmen is to "not focus on the drama; just focus on

friends and school work." Bobby emphasizes, "Be yourself, don't follow around other people, and do what you want."

Succeeding Every Step of the Way

Katie Starkey

By: Travis Naive

Imagine a senior who is involved in almost every sport, club, and activity. She is the daughter of Mark and Gina Starkey and has one brother, Nelson Starkey. She is an outstanding student with a vibrant personality. Faith, family, and friends are of the utmost importance to this senior. This senior is this year's Winterfest queen, Miss Mary Kathrine Starkey, who is commonly known as Katie.

After moving from Brownsburg, Indiana, Katie has been attending Shiloh since the fifth grade. Although she is sad about graduating, she is also excited to start a new chapter in her life. Katie says she will miss the teachers and how close everyone is to one another and how everyone knows everyone. She will also miss being able to participate in everything without having to try out.

When it comes to her academics, Katie really enjoys art but her favorite subject is math. Ms. Boland is her favorite teacher because she has always been there for her and is funny in class. Ms. Boland will miss her very much as well. "I appreciate her enthusiasm and her determination," Ms. Boland says. "Katie is one of those people when you are around them you become a better person."

Although she is a superior student on the academic side, she also participates in an abundance of sports, clubs, and activities. She plays golf, basketball, and softball. Of the three, her favorite is softball. Katie is in FFA, FCCLA, FCA, Ecology, Envirothon, NHS, CAMA Teens, student council, yearbook and scholastic bowl. Her two favorite activities or clubs are FFA and student council.

Upon graduating, Katie plans on attending Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. She would like to major in Agribusiness and minor in Graphic Design. After graduating from college, Katie would like to help run her family's farm and find a job she will enjoy. However, her dream job is to become a missionary.

Attending Shiloh for seven years has created many memories for Katie. Her favorite year of high school is her current senior year. She likes this year because things are more laid back and

there are not as many worries as there were in the previous years. Her favorite memory of high school is when most of the senior boys came to the girls' basketball games with one wearing a banana suit and another wearing a Sasquatch costume. Her advice to underclassmen is, "Try everything and don't be afraid because you will succeed in the end."

Jazzin' It Up

Jazzy Ward

By: Dalton Painter

A motivated senior driven by her strong interest in agriculture is Miss Jazzy Ward. Always prepared and ready to do her best, she is planning to go to Lake Land College in Mattoon, Illinois. In ten years Jazzy sees herself in a successful job as a manager of an agricultural business and married with a child. Her dream job is to be the CEO of an agricultural business.

For her four years of high school, Jazzy has been a member of FFA. When asked what her favorite FFA memory is, she instantly replied, "All of the trips we took for FFA because they were always fun and hilarious." Three things she likes most about Shiloh are the active FFA chapter, the way the teachers know the students, and how everybody knows each other.

During her freshman and sophomore years Jazzy played softball, but during the past two years she has co-op with her job at the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in Paris. Co-op stands for a cooperative education program, which is a program designed for students who have a career or job they want to pursue to be able to work there during the school day. She writes letters in the safety and claims department at IDOT.

Jazzy lives in Hume with her little brother, Casey, and is the daughter of Chris Bell. An important person she looks up to is her grandpa, Gary Bell. "He has taught me a lot about life and is always there for me," Jazzy says. Some goals that she wants to accomplish are to become a better leader and complete her degree in Ag Business. Her greatest accomplishment so far is getting a job at IDOT.

A quote that Jazzy has found inspirational is "If you want to be happy, be," by author Leo Tolstoy. Fifth grade teacher Ms. Stone is her favorite teacher. "She is awesome, a very good teacher, and has a way of connecting to her students," Jazzy says. Jazzy has a cat whose name is Baby Ace, and she wants a chinchilla. Her favorite movie is *Now and Then*.

If Jazzy had a million dollars, she would first divide it among her family members then buy herself a new house and car. She also wants to go to Paris, France, because it is a city she has always wanted to go visit. However, Jazzy says if Paris does not work out, she wants to go to a beach since she has never been to one.

The Recipe Corner

Chicken Pot Muffins

A new twist on chicken pot pie

- 1 tbsp butter, melted
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 2 cooked chicken breasts, diced
- 1 bag (16 oz) frozen vegetables
- 2 cans (10 oz) cream of chicken
- 2 cans (8 ct) flaky6 butter tastin biscuits
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- Nonstick cooking spray

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Cook frozen vegetables as directed on the bag. In separate pan, heat cream of chicken soup. Lightly spray muffin cups with nonstick cooking spray. Separate dough into eight biscuits. Separate each biscuit into two layers. Place eight biscuit halves in sprayed muffin cups pressing to cover the sides and bottom. Once the frozen veggies are done, drain and combine with cream of chicken soup. Add the diced cooked chicken breast, garlic powder and black pepper and combine well. Add a little over a tablespoon of the mixture into the lined muffin cup. Place the remaining biscuit halves over the filled muffin cups and gently seal each biscuit. Spread each biscuit top with melted butter and sprinkle with Italian seasoning. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Recipe makes 16 muffins with a little mixture left over.

Submitted by Amy Hales

Shiloh Prom 2013

101 students, faculty and staff from Shiloh High School attended Prom this past weekend in Charleston. Jazzy Ward was crowned Queen of the Prom and Austin Fox was crowned King. Calab Hood and Lauren Moses of the Junior Class were recognized as the Prince and Princess of the 2013 Prom.

An evening meal, followed by the dance and coronation celebration ended the evening for the Prom chaperoned by the school. Tonya Eich, Junior class sponsor, indicated everyone in attendance had a great time.

Afterwards a post-prom event was held at the Mattoon YMCA. Designated parents were chaperones for the activities.

Malea Holm and Bayley Painter were photographers for the event and we hope to have pictures of the event in the next issue of the independent to share with the readers of the *Independent*.

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