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First Christian Church Holds Community Supper and Concert

by Dana Hales

Approximately 175 people attended the First Christian Church Pork Chop supper and music by the Dunn family. With the day in doubt with overcast weather, the Newman Park Pavilion provided a unique atmosphere to enjoy butterfly pork chop sandwiches cooked up by the renowned chef, Terry Payton. Along with the sandwich, plenty of baked beans, Cole slaw and drinks were available with a host of various desserts baked by the ladies of the church. My favorite, pecan pie

Saturday evening. Aaron Dunn played the drums, Bryan Dunn played the lead guitar and brother Mark Dunn kept a constant beat going with the base guitar. Arley played along with most of the songs on his rhythm guitar. He did set out of a few of the classic rock songs the boys did though. Although Arley ribbed the boys about their music, the boys got back at their dad about his old guitar that he still played out in public. It was determined through their conversations that Arley bought that guitar in 1964. He



Arley Dunn and the Dunn Brothers provided the community with a great concert Saturday evening in the park. Pictured are Bryan Dunn with the rythm guitar on the left, Aaron Dunn on the drums, Arley sitting on the stool with the rythem guitar and Mark Dunn on the right with the bass guitar. photos by Dana Hales

was calling my name as I ventured through the food service line.

While enjoying the great food, many families and friends had a great time conversing through the meal time and almost everyone stayed put to listen to the music provided by the Dunn family. Newman resident, Arley Dunn and his three sons entertained the growing crowd with almost two and one-half hours of great gospel, contemporary, country and classic rock renditions of favorite songs enjoyed by all the audience. Arley reminiened throughout the concert about the boys and their instruments. He told stories of their constant practicing that sometimes disturbed some of their neighbors, but there were no complaints

indicated he has a newer one at home that he doesn't take out for performances. He wants to keep it in good shape.

Growing up in Newman, I have had heard them play a few times, but Saturday's performance was one to remember. Arley can really sing the gospel songs while the boys accompany their father extremely well. Many in the crowd were very enthusiastic with their applause throughout the evening. The classic rock songs done by the boys were well received by many of us from the 1960's and 1970's eras. "The House of the Rising Sun" that Aaron sang could replace the original one! I have always had a hard time remembering tune names but that one has always stood out.



A look at the large crowd in attendance at the pork chop supper and concert in the City Park.

A musical treat was provided to the listeners by Jessica Rose. She sang a number with the Dunn family that brought a great round of applause. Jessica is actually a cousin to the Dunn brothers. Her parents, Richard and Amy Rose of Villa Grove are related through Nada Lou Dunn and Charlotte Marsh. They are sisters. According to Arley, Jessica has been playing the guitar and singing in public since she was three years old.

The Christian Church has been working on funding needed repairs for the south side of the sanctuary. Due to seasonal weather issues and the passage of time, the wall has become a concern especially with the special stained-glass window on that wall. The church congregation has worked through several fund-raising activities since the beginning of the year and has raised a sufficient amount of money to work with on the needed repairs, but they have not yet reached their goal to move toward the actual repairs. The Dunn family group donated their time for the entertainment for the evening and the 50/50 drawing winner who remained anonymous had the winning money turned in to the repair fund.

The church congregation would like to thank everyone who helped with the evening by baking, serving, and the clean-up and to also recognize a few special people – Dennis Kibler who took care of making sure the Pavilion was clean of debris, and Nathan House for taking the time to bring the racks of chairs over for the evening activities.



Arley delivers one of the great gospel tunes during the evening concert.

City Council Conducts July Meeting

The Newman City Council met Monday evening for their monthly meeting with all council members present. Also in attendance were Dennis Kibler, Dana Hales, Police Chief St. Clair, Jim Boling, and city treasurer, Mike Hutchinson. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting with corrections. The treasurer's report was also accepted by a motion and passed by the council.

Jim Boling addressed the board on continued burning of refuse in his neighborhood that has a direct impact on his health. Mayor Allen apologized for not attending to the complaint from before, but indicated the police chief and a representative from the EPA had been in the city on at least three different occasions to try and identify the origins of the offensive smoke from burning. Mayor Allen assured Mr. Boling the problem would be attended to as soon as possible.

Under old business discussion on the old business buildings downtown (the Dime Store, the former Township Building and the grocery store) were addressed. Tracking ownership and determining what approach should be used to move on getting the buildings taken care of was addressed. Some of the discussion led to tabling until the August meeting.

The D & S Oil building on Route 36 was brought up to finally accept another offer for the sale of the property. A 100 percent attendance of the city council needed to be at the meeting to accept the bid, because of one council member offering a bid. Rusty Barry offered \$1000 and closing costs for the property mentioned and the council voted in approval with a 5 – 1 vote. Mr. Benner voted against the motion to sell the property.

Todd Hutchinson presented a proposal on the needed maintenance on the city water tower. Using the Farnsworth Group recommendation for pressure washing at this time for less than \$5000, the council accepted the proposal to continue with the project. It was determined that the painting done the last time should have a

see city council on page

Open House in Newman

July 13th and 14th, from 10 a.m to 4 p.m., Lloyd and Adela Sims will welcome visitors to their home that was recently completed at 507 W. Vanderen St. in Newman. They have completely renovated the home from the ground floor to a new second floor that now includes four bedrooms, two baths and an upper deck. To make arrangements to visit the new home, you may call 217-722-9935 or 217-722-9936. Take the opportunity to see the newly completed home in Newman.

Peace Meals Menus

Jul 11: Fish sandwich, pasta salad w/ vegetables, 3-bean salad, mixed fruit salad

Jul 12: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

July 16: Beef Stroganoff w/noodles, cottage cheese salad, pickled beets, whole grain wheat bread, Mandarin oranges

July 17: Pork Riblet, Au Gratin potatoes, kidney bean salad, white bread (2), warm fruit Compote

July 18: Chicken and noodles, peas, red cabbage w/sour sauce, whole grain wheat bread, pudding

July 19: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

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OBITUARIES

Lois Byerly

Lois L. Byerly, 88, of Arcola, IL passed away at 10:48 P.M. on Sunday, June 30, 2013 at the Arthur Home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 6, 2013 at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 E. Main in Arcola, IL. Rev. Phil Nevius conducted the services. Burial was held in the Lake Fork Cemetery in rural Atwood, IL. Visitation was from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Friday, July 5, 2013 at the funeral home.

Lois was born on September 12, 1924 in Ivesdale, IL. She was the daughter of Homer G. and Mildred Elizabeth (Brewer) Quick. She married Frank James Vecchio in April of 1951, in Champaign, IL, and later married Eugene Byerly in February of 1970 in Arcola, IL. Eugene passed away in 1996.

She is survived by two children, Michael Vecchio and his wife Crystal of Philo, IL and Diane Good and her husband David of



Arcola, IL; one step-daughter, Betty Ryan and her husband Pat of Decatur, IL; six grandchildren, Justin Vecchio and his wife Kim of Philo, IL, Dustin Baker and his wife Lesley of Arcola, IL, Chris Good of Champaign, IL, Julie Gauna of Arcola, IL, Millie Walsh and her husband Nick of Decatur, IL, and Megan Mulvaney and her husband Mike of Camargo, IL; thirteen great-grandchildren, Corbin and Abby Rix and Alex Vecchio, Avery Baker, Bailey, Brody, Marley and Reese Good, Cecilia, Natalie and Katrina Gauna and Ryan and Abigail Walsh; one brother, Gilbert Quick of Bement, IL and one sister-in-law, Phyllis Quick of Edinburg, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother, Lowell Quick and one sister-in-law, Nancy Quick.

Lois was a serving member of the USO and reigned as Queen for 3 years.

She was employed as a secretary at SIEG and Co. of Champaign, IL, Kaiser Abstract Co. of Monticello, IL and Progress Industries of Arthur, IL.

Lois was a member of the First Christian Church of Arcola, IL, she was a 50+ year member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Hindsboro Home Extension Unit.

After marrying Gene she became a farm wife. She loved helping Gene farm, gardening and always did a lot of canning. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church of Arcola, IL or Peace Meals.

Kevin Jester

Kevin Lee Jester, 54, of Shawneetown, passed away on July 1, 2013, at 11:08 a.m. at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville, IN.

He was born on June 18, 1959, the son of late Roy Maurice and Marjorie Louise (McGee) Jester. Kevin is survived by his brother, Kent and Gleness Jester of Junction; two nephews, Kenny and Angie jester of Junction, Gary and Misty Jester of Cottonwood; one niece, Teresa and Joe Crissup of Mt Vernon, IN; and special friend, Earlene Johnson of Shawneetown.

Visitation for Kevin was held on Wednesday, July 3rd from 4 p.m. to service time at 7:30 p.m. at the Vickery Funeral Chapel in Shawneetown. Pastor Jack Hall conducted the services. Graveside service was held on Friday, July 5th at 1 p.m. at the Fairfield Cemetery near Newman, IL. Internet condolences may be made at the website, www.vickeryfuneralchapel.com.

Duane Oakley

Duane Keith Oakley, age 67, of Ashmore, IL went home to be with the Lord at his home on Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

Duane was born July 14, 1945 in Cumberland County, IL. He married Maranna Yvonne Leonard on June 10, 1967 in Charleston, IL; she survives.

He is also survived by two sons: Richard (Cindy) Oakley of Bethany, IL and Darin Oakley of Rantoul, IL; two granddaughters: Elizabeth (Delbert) Anderson of Tuscola, IL and Shelby Oakley of Bethany, IL; one great-granddaughter, Audrey Anderson of Tuscola, IL; and many extended family members and friends who loved him and will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Evelyn (Martiner) Oakley.

Duane lived in Ashmore for two years, coming from Newman, IL. He was an ordained minister for the Church of God (Anderson) and was retired after many years in full time ministry, most recently serving the First Church of God in Newman for eighteen and a half years. Prior to entering the ministry, he worked for several years as a supervisor for Ozark Airlines and TWA. He also owned and operated the Sullivan Travel Service and Shelbyville Travel Service. He was a graduate of Cumberland High School and attended Lakeland College, Eastern Illinois University and Mid America Christian University in Oklahoma City, where he earned a number of degrees. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Sergeant.

Duane served as chaplain for the Newman American Legion Post #201 and was a member of the Marine Corps League and the Central Illinois Ministerial Association. He loved sailing, reading, and playing the saxophone, he was an avid history buff and he enjoyed hunting and golf.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 8, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Krabel Funeral Home in Oakland, IL. Visitation was held for two hours prior to the service, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Burial followed at Augusta Cemetery with military rites provided by the Newman American Legion Post #201.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Newman American Legion Post #201 building fund. Online condolences and service information are available at www.krabelfuneralhome.com.



THANK YOU

Pastor Ben Williamson and the Newman First Christian Church wish to send a big THANK YOU for the tremendous support and generosity that was shown last Saturday night at the park for their fundraiser.

Notwithstanding the financial donations, many people gave of themselves to ensure we had a success. Always weary I might forget others, I want to thank the following people for their help: The Dunn Family—Arley, Aaron, Bryan, and Mark (and Nada Lou of course for putting up with them!) for donating their time and talent in providing the entertainment of the evening; Terry Payton for donating his time and labor for cooking generous size portions of pork chops; Dennis Kibler for cleaning off the pavilion floor that morning with the leaf blower; Nathan House for bringing over chairs with his forklift; Wallie Hutchinson for lending us tables and help with set up; Pizza Man for donating ice; those who lent coolers and roasters; and the men and (especially) women of the Christian Church who gave of their time to cook, set up, serve, clean-up, etc. And of course, much thanks to you, the community, for coming out to support, eat, fellowship, and sit back and listen to music. Forgive me if I missed out on any thanks that are due! We were well pleased with the generous donations.

Thanks again for your support!

—Ben Williamson and the Christian Church

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 12: Mrs. Donald Watson, Linda Reynolds, James Porter, Michael Hurm, Barbi Showalter, Cory Anderson, Dana Eckerty, Pamela Wagoner, Robert Brewer, Sr.

July 13: Hollie Eastin, Wayne Hammer, Daniel Allen, Rebecca Kinnett

July 14: William Biddle, Sandra Forester, Patty Leitzke Bartlett, Barbara Kirchner Bach, Tony Knicley, Toby Bauter, Jamie Pinder, Jeff Sanders

July 15: Lyle Davis, Bill Wiese, C.R. Nichols, James Upright, Marty Gordon, Michael Messmer, Amy Bosch

July 16: Richard Clapp, Terry Goby, Paula Joines, Jack Armstrong, Sue Ash, Karen Riddell

July 17: Martin Robinson, Justin House, Jerry Chandler, Glen Hawkins, Donna Fleming Cler, Kristopher VanSickle

July 18: Jerry Henderson, Larry Gene Gossett, Jerri Lynn Quinn, Cynthia Ann Foster, Patsy Barnett, Luann Wilcock, Robert Dustin Sumption, Jill Grover

July 19: William Tresenriter, Jackie Ray Holmes, Mrs. Louise Bullock, Tammy James, Enna Marie Raaymaker, Aidan Thompson

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Attend the Church of Your Choice
July 14: Murdock United Methodist Church
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.,
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 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

Wesley Chapel, Sunday Services at
 9:00 a.m.



Jessica Rose, great-grand-niece of Arley and Nada Lou Dunn sings "I Will Follow" with the band during the Saturday evening performance. Jessica is the daughter of Richard and Amy Rose of Villa Grove. She had been performing before live audiences since she was very little. Jessica is also the grand-daughter of Charlotte and Pete Marsh of Newman. photo by Dana Hales

Newman Legion Roof Project Progress

The letter to the editor from two weeks ago, written by Steve Allen, mentioned that the Independent would keep people abreast of the contributions made toward the roofing project needed at the Legion Post. Thus far the following individuals or organizations have contributed or pledged monies toward the needed roofing project.

Charlie VanSickle—\$100, Judy VanSickle—\$100, Don and Rita Hendershot—\$100, Gale and Connie Underwood—\$100, Newman Rehabilitation Center—\$100, Don Luth—\$100, Dee Allen—\$100, Steve Allen—\$100, Dana & Binnie Trimble -- \$100, Harold and Rose Gallion - \$100, Doris (Allen) Young - \$100, Bob & Martha Burris - \$100, John & Mary Hawkins -

Dan Holmes Coming to Newman United Methodist Church This Sunday, July 14, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Dan Holmes is coming this Sunday, July 14, to Newman United Methodist Church to lead the worship service at 10:00 a.m. Dan Holmes is an outstanding acoustic guitar player who brings a gentle Christian message to his music. He sings about the events and experiences that happen along life's way. Dan has a gift for reaching and moving people with his down to earth Christian



message and his unique blend of musical styles. His music will move you, inspire you, make you smile, touch you! Dan is an "old school singer/songwriter" who has written heart felt ballads, great blues tunes, and joyous sing-a-longs. No matter the song, you will enjoy and remember a worship service or a performance by Dan Holmes! A free will offering will be received to offset Dan's expenses. A potluck at the church will follow the worship service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Victoria Wax Completes Degree

Victoria Wax, daughter of John and Sharon Wax of rural Newman recently graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the College of Agricultural, Consumers and Environmental Sciences. Her degree is in Horticulture. She has also completed her internship and looking to her future employment related to her courses of studies.



\$100, Delbert Milsap - \$100, Bob Catron - \$100, Bill Crum - \$100, Tom Glenn - \$100, Laraine Glenn - \$100, Lary Rhodes - \$100, Ken & Linda Goby - \$100, Jerry Kincaid - \$100, Curt & Valerie White - \$100, Doug White - \$100, First Neighbor Bank - \$100, Lana & Jim Sanstrom - \$100, Jim Biddle - \$100, Lilian Goby - \$100, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Dague - \$100, Michelle Naive - \$100, Carl & Rita Collins - \$100, Charly & Diane Anderson - \$100.

Guardsman Dodge Returns Home to Newman



Specialist Andrew Dodge of Newman, along with approximately 130 Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers who served in Afghanistan returned home June 15, 2013. The 933rd Military Police Company (MP) based at Fort Sheridan had their homecoming ceremony at 7:30 a.m. at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. Andrew is the son of Jim and Barb Dodge of Newman.

The unit was mobilized Aug. 7, 2012 and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The company worked with Special Forces troops in Afghanistan; therefore much of their mission is classified. 933rd Soldiers were spread across four remote combat posts in Afghanistan completing missions such as guard operations and prison escort.

"The deployment was successful because of the great American Soldiers in the 933rd Military Police Company," said Capt. Thomas Gilligan of Bolingbrook, 933rd commander. "These Soldiers selflessly gave up the comfort of their homes to defend freedom in a foreign land far away from their families and friends. We will forever be grateful."

Pictured with Specialist Dodge are his sister, Danielle and brother, Tyler greeting him as he is released from the unit formation. photo and text submitted by Barb Dodge.

All You Can Eat Buffet

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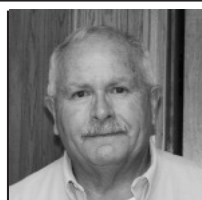
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FROM THE NEWMAN
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Rev. Terry Bailey
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This holiday weekend, our country celebrated a crucial moment in the history of our nation – the signing of the Declaration of Independence. And as we look back at that event we need to realize that it was a fateful and very dangerous decision for each man who dared to sign that Declaration.

In fact, as John Adams signed it he said, “Whether we live or die, sink or swim, succeed or fail, I stand behind this Declaration of Independence. *And if God wills it*, I am ready to die in order that this country might experience freedom.”

Many of our forefathers paid a terrible price in the Revolutionary War, but finally they won the victory so that you and I might be citizens of this ‘land of the free and home of the brave.’

The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence begins with these words “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, *that they are endowed by their Creator* with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The closing words of their Declaration solemnly states: “*With a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence*, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor.”

It is important that we remember this declaration of their dependence upon God, for in a time of world turmoil; the United States today is rapidly forgetting the God of our fathers, the God who gave this nation its birth and its greatness.

I trust that all recognize the name of Patrick Henry. But I am afraid many of our school children know almost nothing of him at all. Patrick Henry was a famous statesman of colonial Virginia.

He was elected to the Virginia House where he became a champion of the frontier people, supporting their rights against arrogant exercise of power by the aristocracy.

During the Revolutionary War he became commander – in – chief of

Virginia’s military forces. He was a member of the Second Continental Congress and was primarily responsible for drawing up the amendments to our Constitution known as the Bill of Rights.

I mention these things about Patrick Henry because I want you to realize that he was an important and respected leader in those days when our nation came into being.

He said, “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but the Christians – not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

His Last Will and Testament was filed in the Brookneal County courthouse in Virginia. Read his Will and you will see that he bequeathed everything to his children, just as most people do. But the last paragraph in his Will is especially interesting.

He wrote, “I have now given everything I own to my children. There is one more thing I wish I could give them and *that is Christ*. Because if they have everything I gave them and *don’t have Christ, they have nothing.*”

It seems the attitude and leadership of today, regardless of political party, has departed from the founding leadership of this country. If we are really concerned about America, if you earnestly want God to bless her – then live a life in harmony with the Will of God.

So, as we celebrate again the birth of our nation, pray that our country might have a new birth of freedom; not a freedom from God, which always leads to the slavery of sin, but rather a freedom built upon God and His Commandments.

Also, may each one of us, as individuals, reaffirm our dependence upon God so that, “looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, we might experience the freedom He gives not only from worry, doubt, and fear, but also from all those sins which do “so easily beset us.”

Then, as did the founding Fathers of our country, we will find in Him our life, liberty, and true happiness.

Thank you,
Terry

Health Notes Douglas County Health Department

By Lana Sanstrom

Save a Life – Wash Your Hands

Washing your hands is usually thought to be a rather simple act that a lot of us take for granted. We live in a country where usually water and soap are readily available even when we are away from home. It is also a practice that for the most part we do not remember the first time we were instructed to do it. It may be a simple act, but it can saves lives and just may have or will save yours. The Centers for Disease Control did a study several years ago where it was found that 85% of disease could be prevented if people worldwide washed their hands.

Summer is a season when a lot of people are traveling, spending time outdoors, and sharing in activities where one’s hands can encounter bacteria and soiling in general. Bacteria and viruses are microscopic, so they are not seen without the aid of a microscope. The only way to be sure they are reduced to a level which can prevent illness is to wash one’s hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds. If a family is sharing a hand towel at home, the towel should be replaced minimally before everyone uses it prior to a meal. The same bacteria that grow on your hands will grow in the environment provided in the

towel which is moist dark, warm, and often has a food supply from hands being dried.

So what do you do if you are out in the woods for a picnic and far from public water supplies? This would be a time that wipes meant for cleaning hands or hand sanitizer could be used. However, never, ever replace hand washing with the use of a hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizers are good to reduce bacteria and viruses when soap and water are not available, but if over used, they are also alcohol based drying out skin and opening one up to the possibility of skin breakdown and infection. For occasional use, a hand sanitizer would definitely be welcomed over not trying to clean one’s hands at all.

Always wash hands after using the rest room and before and after eating or before preparing something to eat for yourself or others. Most people like and quite often have pets which can become part of one’s family, but always remember to wash your hands after playing with them. Another good practice is to keep your fingers out of one’s eyes, nose, and mouth which are portals into one’s body where bacteria and viruses can grow and make one sick.

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Sports News

Raiders Summer Program Doubles Fun with Two Titles in One Night

by: *Tim Hendershot*

Four years ago, a new tradition was born with the formation of the Shiloh Raiders Little League summer baseball and softball program. The goal of this league was to have the kids of the six communities that compose of the school district to play with each other during the summer months and create the sense of teamwork, communication, and unity so that they would know how to continue it when they got into junior high and high school sports. Through these last four years, the young men and women have shown tremendous growth and improvement with some of the teams enjoying instant success with strong performances in the end of the season league tournaments. Last Wednesday night, that hard work turned into a piece of Blue and Gold history. The growth and persistence of the Raiders was turned into not one, but two league titles on this night in the form of two 7-8 year old teams that stood on top of the mountain as the 2013 summer league champions after their respective tournaments concluded and showed that the future of the Blue and Gold is as bright as ever going forward.

The road to a championship started off with the Coach Pitch team beginning play in Philo in their respective tournament last Saturday night as the number two seed going 10-2 in regular season play and earning a bye into the quarterfinals of the single-elimination format. The road itself became one of the toughest the team has seen all season long, but once last Wednesday rolled around the Blue and Gold fought off all comers to go 3-0 and capture the

Charleston Speedway Results

Friday night, July 5th, there were 18 modifieds, 10 street stock and 20 factory stock cars ready to race. Feature winners were Gabe Menser in the modified class, Josh Griffith in the street class and Tim Akers in factory stock class. Matt Dillon, of Newman, finished 4th in his heat race and 4th in the feature.

Saturday night was \$1000 to win 40 lap modified race. There were 24 modifieds, 18 street stock and 21 factory stock. Danny Schwartz won the modified race, Benji Rine won the street stock and Randy Smyser won the factory stock. Dillon was 3rd in the heat race and 5th in the feature race. He is currently 3rd in points at the track.

Look for more results from the racing season as they become available.

article by *Kim Middleton*

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crown with a 17-14 win over the top-seed Villa Grove Thunder in the title contest to finish 13-2 this season. This was the third straight year that the Raiders finished in the top four with two straight fourth place finishes the past two seasons and this being the first title ever for the program.

As that was going on, their counterparts on the Softball C team went into tournament as not only the hosts, but as the top seed with a record of 10-1. As like their male teammates, the Raiders fought through some very tough competition with the two toughest coming on Wednesday night holding off a formidable Tolono 3 team and then scoring the game-winning run in the bottom of the 4th inning in Brocton against the number two seed Philo 1 to capture the crown by a score of 13-12 to make it a second title on the evening for the program. The Raiders finished the 2013 season at 13-1.

With these two titles, the Raiders summer program has shown that all of the hard work that has been put into it is starting to show the rewards that come with it. This will now become the bar going forward into the higher levels of play for these players and the players themselves have shown the spirit and fire to play against any team that is put in their path. With a great array of talent, the future of the Blue and Gold summer program is as bright as ever going forward. The Summer Sizzle congratulates the players and coaches of both the Coach Pitch and Softball C teams for a great season and can't wait to see what is in store for the 2014 season.

Summer Sizzle

With *Tim Hendershot*

We are heading towards the home stretch and it is time for another edition of the Summer Sizzle. As you read earlier in this past week's edition of the Independent, the program saw history as both the Coach Pitch and Softball C teams completed an incredible season capturing the program's first league titles ever with their tournament championship wins. We are now down to two teams still playing with the Softball B team starting up their tournament and will have played on Monday. The Softball A team does have two regular season games left before they start up their tournament. Here is a look at what the schedule will be for this weekend going into next week. Enjoy the games.

Date	Game	Time
Mon. July 8-Sat. July 13	Softball B tournament @ Tolono	TBD
Thursday, July 12	Softball A vs. Tuscola 2 @ Memorial	TBD
Friday, July 13	Softball A @ Champaign	TBD
July 15-20	Softball A tournament @ Philo	TBD

Shiloh Raiders Volleyball Camp



Shiloh Volleyball Camp ran very smooth last week with 17 young athletes participating. High School Coach Casey Long had the help of the Junior High Coach Aimee Lugo and 12 high school players to assist in volleyball fundamentals and specialty plays that will help in the upcoming school season. Photo submitted by Casey Long

Shiloh Little League Coach Pitch Team Champions



Front Row: (l to r) Ben Sherer, Alex Carver, Jacob Smith, Levi Eads, Caleb Gordon, Levi Ash, Caleb Brown. Back Row: (l to r) Jaxen Tingley, Skylar Emory, Gage Cox, Dillon Bisby, John Kibler, Brendon Cash, Tyler Hutchinson. Coaches (l to r) Meghan Cash, Mary Cox, Missy Tingley and Christina Eads photo by Samantha Hutchinson

God's Big Backyard VBS Started Sunday Evening

With singing and special puppet plays bringing in the work of Jesus and his wonderful words to live by, a group of 35 to 40 young people started their first day of Vacation Bible School Sunday evening. The United Methodist Church is host to the event going on through Thursday evening under the leadership of Sabrina Kibler and Anna Williamson, co-leaders. The summer event is sponsored by the Newman Council of Churches and all young people from the community churches are welcome to attend. The attendees range from Pre-school through Junior High age and seemed like they were getting very interested in the program. Along with the co-leaders, Samantha Hutchinson, Laurie Holmes, Perry and Kathy Albin, Rev. Ben Williamson, Wally and Darlene

Hutchinson and others were on hand to help with lessons, useful craft projects, fun snacks and service time.

Vacation Bible School in more recent years has become an evening time event. Due to many households with both parents working through the day and wanting to help with the program, the night time seems to be the most advantageous. The program looks to be filled each night with plenty of activities to keep the children's interest while helping to instill a moral compass to live by.

The Vacation Bible School program concludes on Thursday evening with an open invitation to the community to participate in the closing program. The participating children should have a great learning experience through their time sharing with others.



Sabrina Kibler has the children and adult helpers up and active as they sing during the opening moments of the Vacation Bible School program held at the United Methodist Church.

city council cont. from page

25 year life and the washing would take care of the needed surface cleaning. Bids will be taken to do the job.

Another water issue was discussed about providing water access to a lot being sold on the old high school football field property. Dennis Kibler explained to the council about the property being outside of the city limits and the lines available in that area that has access to city water.

The city is about to receive a new police squad car. The expected delivery date is late July or early August. A lot of the police equipment from the old car will be transferred but light equipment will be installed also. The old care will be turned in as trade since no sealed bids were received on the old car.

The city has more property stored in the city hall which will be sold at a future date. Excess items, some hardware from the old police car and some undetermined merchandise will be sold to the public as allowable by state law.

The council approved the Appropriations Ordinance #2013-0-5. There was a hearing on the adoption of the ordinance prior to the regular meeting. No-one appeared to address the council at the hearing.

Tree trimming was discussed next. There are some dead trees in the city park and around town that pose a safety threat and visual concerns. Smith Tree Trimming from Hume will be contacted to help with the necessary trimming.

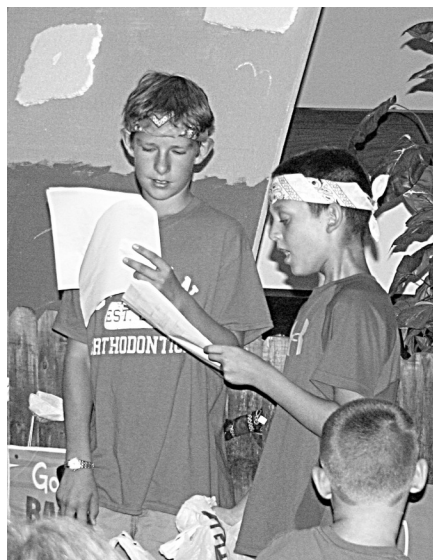
Dennis Kibler asked the council to consider using Little Construction to help clean-up some of the concrete refuse at the city dump site. The city equipment cannot handle some of the pieces adequately.

Chief St. Clair presented the council with three payment bills on the preparations for the new police car mentioned earlier in the meeting. He also addressed the concerns of dog ownership in the city. The city has an ordinance passed on the ownership of 4 dogs or more and fines that can be issued for such. The ordinance also addresses the excessive barking caused by some animals. Fines of \$100 can be issued by the new ordinance. He mentioned also about the procurement of uniform items and a police badge for a newly hired part-time officer had been addressed. In his police report, Chief St. Clair presented a listing of the previous month's activities: 143.5 patrol hours, 246 miles patrolled, 5 traffic stops, 3 citations issued, one battery complaint, one disorderly complaint, one assistance to the county, 2 verbal warning issued, one arrest/jail, 2 motorist assists, and one ordinance violation issued.

The Christmas lights seen hanging in the downtown area was discussed. A new 3-year contract had been presented for \$1111.68 for the lease on 10 lighting decorations. The company hangs them, takes them down, and maintains them while they are in Newman and then stores them for the remainder of the year. Most towns now go to this type of decoration rather than purchasing and maintaining them. A motion was made and passed to accept the lighting decoration bid.

A discussion on cleaning of the city building was followed by Mayor Allen indicating that he would contact Smith Shine of Hume to give estimates on monthly/quarterly cleaning of the city building.

Nothing followed and Mayor Allen asked for a motion to adjourn which was done with the meeting getting over at 7:55p.m.



Mason Hutchinson and Mitchell Pollock are seen performing part of a skit before the audience during the opening evening of the Vacation Bible School. photos by Dana Hales

Newman G.O.A.L. Group Meets

by Dana Hales

At the recent G.O.A.L meeting, President Roger Sy presented the Independent Editors information on their future projects for the remainder of the year. They have recently been very active with the Newman Festival and are now concentrating on the fall and winter projects.

On September 14, 2013, the G.O.A.L. organization is again promoting City-Wide Garage Sales. This has become an annual event that helps local residents with disposing of useful items no longer needed or wanted but may find a new home with others that are interested in the merchandise. Collectibles, house-hold goods, clothing and miscellaneous items abound during this event. A meal will be served in conjunction with the event also, so no-one should go away hungry. Many out-of-towners are attracted to this annual event so let's make this one bigger and better.

The annual Harvest Party that includes the Trunk-or-Treat, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and the Halloween Costume Contest is in the planning stages right now. Real harvest time is probably going to be later due to the excessive rains this spring so the Harvest Party will be right on time.

The Christmas Extravaganza which takes place at the end of November has

The Recipe Corner

Baked Smoes Bars

Serves: 9 bars

Ingredients

- ½ cup butter, room temperature
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/3 cups flour
- ¾ cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 king-sized milk chocolate bars
- 1 ½ cups marshmallow fluff

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Cream butter, brown sugar, sugar, egg, and vanilla together in a large bowl. In a spate bowl, stir flour, graham cracker crumbs, baking powder, and salt.
3. Slowly incorporate dry ingredients into butter mixture.
4. Press half of dough into a greased 9x9 pan. Set chocolate bars on top.
5. Spread marshmallow fluff over chocolate and top with remaining dough.
6. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until golden.

Submitted by Mary Melton

just been talked about thus far. This would be the fifth year for a tradition that has brought more and more craft and merchandise dealers to our community. For a unique Christmas gift idea, this is the place to be. From home-made sweet treats to hand-made long bows to Christmas wreaths and new cookware, the Extravaganza can't be beat!

The final end of the year program is the traditional Christmas Caroling that has gone on now for about 5 or 6 years. More and more people have become involved with this great gift to the community. Nell Gilpin goes all out to treat the carolers with great treats afterwards. Plans are tentatively underway to continue this great event with some variances from the past. Look to read about it in the future issues of the *Independent*.

information presented to the Editor by Roger Sy

Illinois Law Now

Legal News You Can Use



Question: Is it illegal to discharge fireworks in Illinois?

Answer: The Illinois Fireworks Use Act states that only licensed pyrotechnic operators who obtain permits can organize public fireworks displays. Private citizens should consult the local ordinance in the village or municipality of their residence before discharging fireworks. Consumer fireworks, which include such items as fountains, repeaters and parachutes, are only permitted in villages, municipalities and counties which have passed ordinances allowing their use.

Many popular forms of fireworks, such as firecrackers, bottle rockets and Roman candles, are not allowed in

Illinois. Novelty fireworks, such as snakes, sparklers, and party-poppers, are not regulated by the state, although municipalities have the authority to enact ordinances prohibiting the sale and use of sparklers on public property. Sparklers, which are especially popular with children, present a danger because of the high temperature of the wire during and after their use. Therefore, children playing with sparklers should be closely supervised by adults.

For more information about Illinois law, visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com. If you have a legal question, send it to illinoislawcolumn@isba.org.

Summer Energy Assistance Program Now Available

Embarras River Basin Agency Inc. (ERBA) will start taking applications for the Summer Energy Assistance Program (SEAP) on July 15, 2013. It will conclude on July 26, 2013 or when funds are exhausted. SEAP is targeted to at-risk households; those with medical conditions benefiting from cooling (must have a letter from their doctor within the last 90 days), families with children less than 60 months (5 years) of age as of the date of application, disabled, or elderly members age 60 and above. Assistance will only be utility payments for electric service. The funds are limited so please have copies of Social Security Cards for all members of household, last 30 day income, and a recent gas and electric bill

Declare Your Independence with MY SOCIAL SECURITY

By Lonii Jones, Social Security District Manager in Champaign, IL

Independence Day is a good time to declare your independence from heavy traffic, long lines, and visits to crowded offices by taking important matters into your own hands. When it comes to doing business with Social Security, you can! Anytime, anywhere Social Security's website is waiting to let you take care of important matters yourself, independently, without the need to visit or call an office.

All you need to do is visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to set up a my Social Security account so you can do business with Social Security the easiest, fastest, and most convenient way.

We're only halfway through 2013 and, already, more than six million people are registered for a my Social Security account. They use it to easily get information and service — without needing to visit an office or make a phone call. That's a great reason to set off some fireworks!

The things you can do using your account are as varied as the menu at a Fourth of July picnic! For example, you can use my Social Security to obtain a

at the time of appointment.

Income Guidelines

Household Size	30 Day Incomes
1	\$1,436
2	\$1,939
3	\$2,441
4	\$3,446
6	\$3,949

(For families with more than 6 persons add \$502.50)

If you wish to apply for SEAP, contact the ERBA office in your county for an appointment... Clark 217-382-3412, Coles 217-345-4840, Crawford 618-544-8780, Cumberland 217-923-3599, Douglas 217-253-4434, Edgar 217-465-4911, Jasper 618-783-3987, Lawrence 618-943-2938 and Richland 618-395-2714.

copy of your Social Security Statement to check your earnings record and see estimates of the retirement, disability, and survivor benefits you and your family may be able to receive.

If you are already receiving benefits, you can join the parade. We recently expanded my Social Security for those receiving benefits; now you can use your account to view, save, and print a benefit verification letter, check your benefit payment information, and even change your address and your phone number in our records. You also can start or change your direct deposit information. You can do this all from the comfort of your home.

Whether you are currently getting Social Security benefits, or you are planning for that day in the future when you do, you can easily access all your important Social Security information by creating a my Social Security account. Just visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Before you go to your Independence Day picnic and fireworks, declare your independence from traffic and lines by saving a trip to the office and going online to www.socialsecurity.gov.

Bikini Bathing Suit is 67 Years Old

During this week in 1946, French designer Louis Reard unveils a daring two-piece swimsuit at the Piscine Molitor, a popular swimming pool in Paris and Reard dubbed his design the "bikini," inspired by a news-making U.S. atomic test that took place off the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean earlier that week.

In 1946, Western Europeans joyously greeted the first war-free summer in years, and French designers came up with fashions to match the liberated mood of the people. Two French designers, Jacques Heim and Louis Reard, developed competing prototypes of the bikini. Heim called his the "atom" and advertised it as "the world's smallest bathing suit." Reard's swimsuit, which was basically a bra top and two inverted

triangles of cloth connected by string, was in fact significantly smaller. Made out of a scant 30 inches of fabric, Reard promoted his creation as "smaller than the world's smallest bathing suit."

In prudish America, the bikini was successfully resisted until the early 1960s, when a new emphasis on youthful liberation brought the swimsuit en masse to U.S. beaches. It was immortalized by the pop singer Brian Hyland, who sang "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka-Dot Bikini" in 1960, by the teenage "beach blanket" movies of Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon, and by the California surfing culture celebrated by rock groups like the Beach Boys. Since then, the popularity of the bikini has only continued to grow.

Social Security Questions and Answers

By Lonii Jones, Social Security

District Manager in Champaign, IL

Question: I need proof of my Social Security income. Can I get verification online?

Answer: Yes! And the best way to get a benefit verification letter is by using a my Social Security account. Your personal my Social Security account is a convenient and secure way for you to check your benefit and payment information, change your address, phone number, and direct deposit information, and to get your benefit verification letter. You can use your benefit verification letter to verify your income, retirement or disability status, Medicare eligibility, and age. When you use my Social Security to get it, you can request which information you would like included in the letter. Learn more, use my Social Security, and get your benefit verification letter now at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Question: Can I apply for retirement benefits online?

Answer: Yes, you can and it is quick, convenient, and easy. You'll find the application information at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline. You also can calculate your estimated benefits by using our Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. Apply online and save a trip to the office and a wait in line.

Question: I worked the first half of the year, but plan to retire this month. Will Social Security count the amount I earn for this year when I retire?

Answer: Yes. If you retire mid-year, we count your earnings for the entire year. We have a special "earnings test" rule we apply to annual earnings, usually in the first year of retirement. Under this rule, you get a full payment for any whole month we consider you retired regardless of your yearly earnings. We consider you retired during any month your earnings are \$1,260 or less, or if you have not performed substantial services in self-employment. We do not consider income earned, beginning with the month you reach full retirement age. Learn more about the earnings test rule at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/rule.htm.

Question: If I receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability, what is the effect on my benefits when I take seasonal work?

Answer: Even a small amount of earned wages can cause a deduction in your SSI payment. However, it takes substantial work to make your benefits stop. In 2013, a person who receives SSI can earn up to \$1,505 a month and still continue receiving some SSI payments. In many cases, we will deduct approved work expenses to determine your SSI payment amount. In most cases, you can continue to receive your medical coverage for up to two years after you begin working. We have several

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Newman Regional Library District

Notice is hereby given to the Public that on August 12, 2013, at the hour of 4:30 P.M. at the Newman Regional Library District, 108 West Yates, Newman, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Newman Regional Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Newman Regional Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public.

Date: July 11, 2013

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Newman Regional Library District
108 West Yates
Newman, IL 61942

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ASSUMED NAME

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 5, 2013, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DOUGLAS County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Bender's Bee Ranch, located at 940 N. C.R. 2510 E., Newman, IL 61942 which certificate sets forth the owners as follows: Diana Gail Porter.

Dated: July 5, 2013

Judi Pollock
County Clerk

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publications on SSI, including *Reporting Your Wages When You Receive Supplemental Security Income*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs. For more information, call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question: I pay my monthly premium directly to my Medicare prescription drug plan provider. Why can't I also pay my income-related monthly adjustment amount directly to my Medicare prescription drug plan provider?

Answer: By law, we must deduct your income-related monthly adjustment amount from your Social Security payments. If the amount you owe is more than the amount of your payment, or you don't get monthly payments, you will get a separate bill from another federal agency, such as the *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services* or the *Railroad Retirement Board*. Read our publication, *Medicare Premiums: Rules for Higher-Income Beneficiaries*, for an idea of what you can expect to pay. You'll find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

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Workshop to be Held for Those with Chronic Health Condition

Ignoring a chronic condition will not make it go away. Suffering is simply a poor management technique. So, if you live with a long-term health condition 24/7, why not learn how to more effectively manage it and live an active and fulfilling life? Believe it or not, although the specifics of managing each condition vary, the skills for managing most chronic conditions are actually quite similar. ***Live Well Be Well*** is a program designed to help you become a better health manager! The University of Illinois Extension and the LifeSpan Center have teamed up to provide this program locally. Classes will be offered Thursday afternoons starting July 11 and ending August 15, from 1:30 – 4:00 PM at the LifeSpan Center outside Charleston. Classes are highly participative, and will be taught by certified trainers. Subjects covered include dealing with difficult emotions; improving and maintaining strength, flexibility, and endurance; appropriate use of medications; communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals; nutrition; and much more. Cost is \$25 and includes workbook, CD and other materials.

To pre-register, please contact the Extension Office in Arthur at 543-3755 or in Charleston at 345-7034. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs & employment. If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension office.

Never believe anything in politics until it has been officially denied.

Otto von Bismarck

Breast Cancer Detection Procedure Offered at PCH/FMC

(Paris, Ill.)—Paris Community Hospital/Family Medical Center now offers stereotactic breast biopsies, performed by Dr. John Nadeau, general surgeon. This procedure is part of the PCH/FMC women's health program.

Stereotactic breast biopsy is an outpatient procedure that collects tissue samples for analysis to help doctors properly screen their patients for breast cancer. This state-of-the-art technique uses two X-ray images, each one taken from a different angle, to pinpoint the abnormality within the breast. The physician places a needle in the target area to obtain a tissue sample. Stereotactic breast biopsy is less invasive than an open, or surgical, biopsy, which would require a larger incision.

This biopsy may be recommended to patients when their mammogram results are suspicious, clusters of calcium deposits (microcalcifications) are present, a change in tissue has occurred, or a new mass is present.

"Mammograms are not enough to make a cancer diagnosis," said Dr. Nadeau. "Biopsies are a necessary second step to a correct diagnosis, and stereotactic breast biopsy is a less invasive option for women than surgery."

The out-patient procedure takes a short time to complete, needing only a local anesthetic to be administered. The

recovery time is quick. Patients can resume their normal activities after the exam, but it is suggested that they rest for 24 hours after the biopsy.

"This procedure has been proven to be as effective as a surgical biopsy without the common risks associated with surgery, such as a long recovery time, scarring, and a high chance of infection," Dr. Nadeau said.

Breast cancer is a major killer of women, and recent data shows that the threat is close to home. According to the Illinois Department of Health, Edgar County has an invasive breast cancer rate of 132.1 per 100,000 females and Clark County has a rate of 97.1. The Edgar County number is seven points higher than the state's rate of 125.4, while the Clark County number is just below the state's rate.

Along with stereotactic breast biopsy, PCH/FMC has many other breast health services to offer, including digital mammography, a dietician, physical therapy, a social worker, pastoral care, lymphedema therapy, and women's health visits. There is also a cancer support group. PCH/FMC has worked hard to provide a comprehensive breast health program to serve the women in our community.

To use any of the women's services above, call the hospital at 217-465-4141. To learn more about stereotactic breast biopsy, call 217-465-2606, Ext. 586.

July Health Screenings at PCH/FMC

(Paris, Ill.)—Leighsa Cornwell, RN, BS, community health and disease management coordinator at Paris Community Hospital/Family Medical Center, will provide blood pressure, blood sugar, and lipid panel/total cholesterol screenings (HDL, LDL, and triglycerides).

The screenings will take place in the PCH/FMC Visiting Specialty Clinic from 7 to 9 am on Tuesday, July 9, and Thursday, July 11. For blood sugar tests, patients are asked to fast eight hours prior to the screening. The cost for all three screenings is \$25.

To schedule an appointment, call 217-465-2606 (or toll free 1-866-465-4141), Ext. 228.



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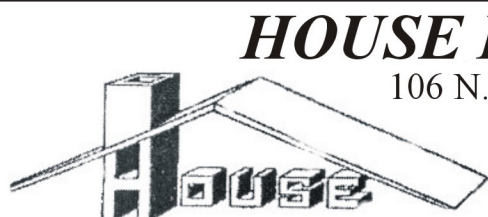
Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford's Unclaimed Property Coin Auction, Runs July 8-12

SPRINGFIELD – July 8, 2013 – Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford is reminding residents to check out the online Unclaimed Property Auction that began Monday, July 8.

"We are exclusively focusing on coins in this auction," said Treasurer Rutherford. "United States Olympic coin sets, several Liberty Head gold pieces, and an 1886 Martha Washington one dollar note are just some of the rare items listed. Coin collectors throughout the state should visit our website, www.treasurer.il.gov, to discover the more than 25,000 pieces that are available for purchase."

The auction opened at 10 a.m. Monday, July 8 and will continue to run throughout the week. It will begin to shut down on Friday, July 12 at 10 a.m."

If you would like to participate in the upcoming 2013 Illinois Treasurer's Online Unclaimed Property Auction, please visit www.treasurer.il.gov and follow the link to the auction. Registration is required to become an active bidder. For questions please call 217-785-6998.



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