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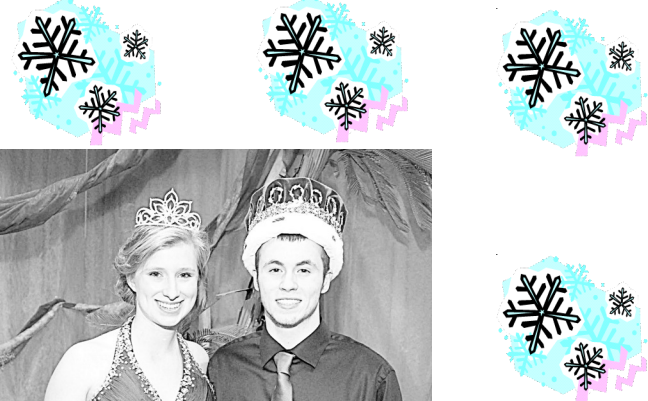
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## Shiloh High School Winterfest Queen Katie Starkey and King Bobby Lance

"Welcome to the Jungle" was the theme of this year's Winterfest activities. The school gymnasium was decorated accordingly and the traditional grand march and coronation of this year's king and queen was followed by the annual dance. The event was well attended by both students and adults with all having a very good time. Pictured to the right are the king and queen with the assembled royal court: Seated: King Bobby Lance, Austin Fox, Jazzy Ward, Cole Bogle. Standing: Queen Katie Starkey, Betsy Bogle, Luke Armstrong, Alex Driscoll, Noah Allen, Maria Hixson, Hayden Kile, Stephanie Deem. Photos by Kendra Carroll



The Winterfest Royal Couple, Queen Katie Starkey and King Bobby Lance.

## Remembering Lincoln's Birthday by Dana Hales

This year marks the 204th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Lincoln was born in Kentucky, raised as a youngster in Indiana and grew to adulthood in Illinois. Each state claims him as their own, but Illinois is where he spent most of his life. He lived 7 years in Kentucky, 14 years in Indiana, 31 years in Illinois and his final 4 years in Washington D.C.

Abraham's education was minimal at best. He had one year of formal education with itinerant teachers and the rest of his education was self taught by serious reading of any and all books he could lay his hands on. His step-mother, Sarah Bush Lincoln had encouraged him to read and gain as much knowledge as he could.

Lincoln eventually settled in New Salem, located near Petersburg, IL where he worked at several different occupations. He enlisted in the militia during the Black Hawk War eventually becoming the captain of a company and re-enlisting again as a private.

Continuing his education by his reading, he undertook the study of law to become an attorney. In 1836 he moved to Springfield and was accepted by the bar to practice law under Mary Todd's cousin, John Stewart. He eventually married Mary Todd in November of 1842. They bought the only house they ever owned in Springfield, which is now an historical landmark. Lincoln never returned to Springfield after he left for Washington.

His return was for his final resting place after death.

One case in particular has a Newman connection to Abraham Lincoln. In 1847, a trial took place in Charleston, IL over slavery freedom rights. The dispute centered on whether slaves that had lived in Illinois for extended periods of time were in fact free or still considered slaves. The slaves in question were housed on a farmstead just east of Newman in the area called Black Grove. The property is now owned by the Bosch family and located south of Paula Joines residence. Lincoln defended the slave owner in the case and lost. Illinois law by then stated that the slaves in question that were not in transit (moving through Illinois) but were in fact living there and had been for almost 2 years, so therefore, they were in fact free.

Lincoln successfully ran and was elected to four terms in the Illinois House of Representatives as a Whig Party member from Sangamon County. He later won election to the U.S. House of Representatives during the time of the Mexican War. Because of his Whig affiliation, he was defeated and went back to law practice law in Illinois. He spent the next 16 years working the circuit courts, interrupted by arguments in the Illinois Supreme Court and the US Supreme Court.

With the organization of the Republican Party, which Lincoln took an active part, he ran for a U.S. senatorial seat and was

ultimately defeated but became the presidential candidate in 1860. With his election, the United States divided over issues of slavery and states rights. For the next four years, Lincoln led a divided nation through some of the most devastating times, the American Civil War.

The destruction caused by the war wore on the president, but he was able to control and eventually find the right military leaders to carry out the plans to re-unite the nation and its reconstruction. Although Lincoln was not able to see the completion of such because of his assassination, he was able to see its beginning. The follow-up leaders tried to follow his directives but were not as self-directed and as persuasive as he was.

Lincoln was one of our greatest presidents. He had a vision to see this country grow into the world power in later years. Cut short too early in his life, not all of his visions were successfully reached. Many have tried to emulate his ideas and standards.

This coming week, we remember one of Illinois' greatest sons. Remember February 12<sup>th</sup> as Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.

For more information about Abraham Lincoln, visit the Newman Regional Library District at 108 W. Yates in Newman and consider visiting the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in downtown Springfield, IL. Both locations may be found on the internet.

## Shiloh School District Offers Educational Screenings for Future Students

The Shiloh School District and the Department of Early Childhood are teaming up to offer screening for children birth – 5 years old on **Friday, March 8**. This **FREE** program provides parents information on how their child is developing language skills and motor skills.

Screening is **required** for anyone who is interested in participating in the Prekindergarten Program and recommended for those students who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2013.

- **For 3 thru 5 year old children, the screening will be held at Hume Community Center.**
- **For Birth thru 2 year old children, the screening will be held at Newman Grade School.**

Please call Linda Adams at **837-2475** to set up an appointment.

# Peace Meals Menus

**Feb. 7:** Pork burger, potato salad, perky cottage cheese w/tomato and lettuce, apricots, bun  
**Feb. 8: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.**  
**Feb. 12:** Turkey pattie w/glaze, baked squash, winter blend veggies, rosy applesauce, whole wheat bread (2)  
**Feb. 13:** Chicken or tuna salad, tomato or potato soup, orange juice, banana, wheat bread, crackers  
**Feb. 14:** Fish sandwich, pasta and beans, diced carrots, mixed fruit salad, bun  
**Feb. 15: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.**

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## OBITUARIES

### Marilyn Faust

NEWMAN – Marilyn A. Faust, 85, of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Newman, died at 5 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 29, 2013) at the University Community Hospital in Tampa, Fla.  
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at Joines Funeral Home, Illinois 130 South, Villa Grove, with the Rev. Nicholas Showalter officiating. Burial was held in the Newman Cemetery. Visitation was held two hours before the services at the funeral home.  
Mrs. Faust was born June 3, 1927, in Danville, a daughter of Henry and Mildred (Kesler) Stuebe. She married Robert D. Faust Sr. on Oct. 28, 1946, in Danville. He died May 7, 2001.  
Surviving are one daughter, Kay Lynn (Tom) St. Clair of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; one son, Robert D. (Jane Ann) Faust Jr. of Villa Grove; one brother, Jack Stuebe of Arcadia, Calif.; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.  
Mrs. Faust was preceded in death by her husband and parents.  
Mrs. Faust worked for the Illinois Department of Public Aid in Tuscola for many years and she retired from Ryder Truck Company in Tampa as office manager. She was an excellent seamstress and made many clothes and hand made crafts for all of her family.  
Memorials may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

### William Pollock

NEWMAN - William (Bill) Pollock, 77 of Tuscola, IL formerly of Newman, IL passed away on Saturday (February 2, 2013) at his home in Tuscola. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11:00am with a visitation from 10-11am at the Joines-Appleby Funeral Home in Newman. Pastor Joy Starwalt will officiate. Burial will be held at the Fairfield Cemetery in Newman. A visitation will also be held on Monday evening from 4-7pm at the funeral home in Newman.  
Bill was born on March 25, 1935 in Newman, a son of Ernest and Grace Ogg Pollock; he married Barbara Fetherolf on August 1, 1954 in Newman. She survives. Also surviving are children Doug (Brenda) Pollock of Tuscola, IL Rod (Carol) Pollock of Arcola, IL, Tony (Judi) Pollock of Newman IL, Tim (Janell) Pollock of Saugus, CA, and Tammy (Mike) Dowell of McDonough, GA, brother Darrell Pollock, sisters Teen Spence, & Cheet Winkler, 11 grandchildren, 1 step-grandchild, and 9 great-grandchildren also survive.  
He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother, 2 sisters, a granddaughter, a step-granddaughter, and a great-granddaughter.  
Bill retired from USI after 41 years of work. He also served on the USI Credit Union Board for 41 years and the Illinois Credit Union League for 6 years. He loved his family, coached baseball in Newman for

many years, and enjoyed fishing & traveling.  
Donations may be made to the donor's choice.  
Joines-Appleby Funeral Home of Newman, IL is in charge of arrangements.  
**FROM THE NEWMAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**  
*by Pastor Terry Bailey*  
Book of James chapter 4 gives us much to ponder.  
James gives examples of our speech when it is motivated by Satan which is full of bitter envy, selfish ambition, unspiritual thoughts and ideas, disorder, and evil... and with God and His wisdom we will show mercy, love for others, peace, submission, sincerity, impartiality, and righteousness... And as Christians, we recognize which manner of speech Christ demonstrated for us.  
James 4:17: *If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them*  
Now if there was ever a verse in scripture that should make a Christian sit up straight and 'ponder' their way of life, this is it. James is telling us what a true Christian would do. We would know what is right and we would do it. But then He goes on...  
He then says — AND DOESN'T DO IT—let's go thru this~ He says you Christians- you know right from wrong — you know which pathway to take—you Christians standing and presenting yourself as righteous children of God—you Christians professing the Holiness in your life—and then in the blink of an eye—YOU DON'T DO IT-IN A BLINK OF AN EYE YOU HAVE SINNED. In a blink of an eye you have turned your back on Christ? In a blink of an eye, have your actions denied knowing Christ?  
James speaks of two kinds of sin: Commission and Omission.  
Commission, we all know as the devil or his helpers have thrown those little lives stumbling blocks in front of us to entice us into acceptance. The sin of Omission—let's see if I can name a few instances. 'To know of needs without helping' is one. The story of the Good Samaritan that Jesus told is a challenge to us to help out when we recognize needs. Now I know that in a world filled with needs, we can't help everyone all the time, but James is telling us that we could do better in our efforts.

Mark your calendars!  
Newman  
First Christian Church  
Valentine's Day Lasagna  
Dinner  
February 16th  
4:30-7:00pm.  
By donation only



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**February 8:** Donald Faith, Marion Young, Irene Owen, Cladine Owen, Tania Woodward, Robert Catron Jr., Bailey Skinner, Sue Edmundson, Timothy Ray, Genevive King, Patrick Sanstrom  
**February 9:** Gerry Eckerty, Arthur Soards, Robert Aydelotte  
**February 10:** Patricia Wells, Rex Fenwick, Larry Board, Darryl Eckerty  
**February 11:** Ronnie Taylor, Jon Davidson, Marion Vermillion, Mrs. R.E. Partenheimer  
**February 12:** Teresa Sodaro, Neal Davis, Daniel Pettigrew  
**February 13:** Susan Miller, Robert Eugene Miller, George Roger Martin, Wendy Hinds, Libby Aydelotte, Cindy Rupp, Austin Wade Hales  
**February 14:** Terry Brewer, Mark Hopkins, Paula Deems, Mary Skinner, Valerie Craig  
**February 15:** Frank Gericke, Susan Ann Stills, Connie Grafton, Richard Lowell Biddle, Delores Wells, Randy Maulding, Thomas Shirley, Andrew Jay Wamsley, Abby Eastin

How about knowing the truth without telling is another. You know that something wrong has been going on and you evade the responsibilities of truthfulness. You don't want to hurt someone's feelings by telling them the truth. Maybe you just don't want to get involved or your friendship clouds your judgment to the point of the Samaritan has no chance.  
This omission becomes a sin as sure as breaking any of the Commandments.  
Thanks for reading, Pastor Terry Bailey

Happy Birthday!  
Marion Young will  
celebrate his 88th birthday  
this Friday (Feb. 8)  
His family and friends  
would like to wish Marion  
a very happy and  
wonderful birthday!



Marion & Jeri

## Shiloh School Schedule

**Feb. 8:** Physics Class to WYSE Academic Challenge Competition at Lakeland College; 6:15PM B JV BKB @ Martinsville High School; 7:30PM B V BKB @ Martinsville High School  
**Feb. 9:** 9:00AM COHS BKB OPEN DATE  
**Feb. 11:** 2:05PM Early Dismissal-Shiloh 2:05 Newman 2:15; 6:15PM G JH VLB @ Crestwood School  
**Feb. 12:** Lincoln's Birthday – School Closed; FFA Section Public Speaking at Paris HS; 6:15PM B JV BKB Arthur-Lovington High School; 7:30PM B V BKB Arthur-Lovington High School  
**Feb. 13:** FCCLA to EIU  
**Feb. 14:** Lifetouch Spring Portraits  
**Feb. 15:** 6:15PM B JV BKB @ Heritage High School; 7:15PM B V BKB @ Heritage High School  
**Feb. 16:** 9:00AM COHS BKB OPEN DATE

## Shiloh School Menu

### Breakfast

**Feb. 11:** Sausage pancake wrap or Cereal & Toast  
**Feb. 12:** NO SCHOOL – Lincoln's Birthday  
**Feb. 13:** Sausage Biscuit & Gravy or Cereal & Toast  
**Feb. 14:** Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal & Toast  
**Feb. 15:** Waffles or Cereal & Toast

### Lunch

**Feb. 11:** Chicken Patty on bun, sheat corn, fresh broccoli, fresh apple wedges  
**Feb. 12:** NO SCHOOL – Lincoln's Birthday  
**Feb. 13:** Cheeseburger on bun, campfire beans, fresh baby carrots, fresh banana  
**Feb. 14:** Macaroni & cheese, green beans, fresh tomato wedges, fresh orange, VALENTINE Cookie!  
**Feb. 15:** Cheese pizza, French fries, fresh cucumbers, apple juice

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Attend the Church of Your Choice**  
**Feb. 10: 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 Wednesdays at 6:30 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  
**Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day - Remember your sweetheart.  
**Feb. 16:** Valentine's Day Lasagna Dinner at First Christian Church Fundraiser 4:30-7:00pm

## Secretary of State Offices to Close for Lincoln's Birthday

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that all offices and Driver Services facilities will be closed on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 in observance of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.

All Driver Services facilities will reopen for regular business on Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's website, [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com), to change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor or renew license plate stickers by mail.

## Special Night for Five Shiloh Senior Girls



Last Thursday evening was Senior Night for the Shiloh Raiders Girls Basketball team. Each senior player was recognized along with her parents with a gift from an underclassman teammate and photos taken by the fans, the newspaper and a professional photographer. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Pictured are Kayla Balough with her parents Maria and Tom Balough; Betsy Bogle with her parents Dana Bogle and John Bogle; Shelby Smith with her parents Angela and Shane Smith; Katie Starkey with her parents Gina and Mark Starkey; and Morgan Wood with her parents Shelly and Neal Wood. photo by Dana Hales

**VALENTINE'S DAY IS IN  
ONE WEEK. REMEMBER  
YOUR SWEETHEART!**

## Woman's Club Meeting

The Newman Woman's Club will hold their February 19, 2013 meeting at the Newman Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M. The printed February program and hostess committee will be switched with the March program due to conflicting dates with the speaker. The Home Life Program will be Megan Peters, Owner of Just Vintage in Tuscola. Megan's topic

will be "Mid Century Antiques and Vintage Jewelry." Members are asked to bring their favorite piece of jewelry to show and tell. Hostess committee chairwoman Misty Appleby, with her committee of Helen Hales, Virginia Barker, Marsha Skinner, Jodi Baxter, Jacquie Biddle, and Norma Lewis will provide refreshments.

What color are the clouds?  
Who is the lead actor in *Casablanca*?  
How many fingers does a cow have?

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Thursday nights girls basketball game against Villa Grove drew quite a crowd including these fellows. Mr. Hot Dog (Blaze Partenheimer), Mr. Banana (Cole Board) and Mr. Gorilla Basketball Player (Issac Partenheimer) were in attendance and helped generate a lot of enthusiasm from the student crowd for the home team Shiloh Raiders! photo by Dana Hales

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

“Happy Birthday to You!”  
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“There I’ve Said It Again”!  
Happy February birthdays and  
“One Dozen Roses” to Kim and Renee, Julie Bullock, granddaughter Stephanie. To Annamae (“The Way We Were”). Blessings to older son Larry Board on his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Just... “Put Another Nickel In”, “Play A Simple Melody”, “Catch A Falling Star”, and remain among “The Young At Heart”.



“Love Makes The World Go Around”  
Louise (your Mom, Grandma, & Friend)

# Health Notes

## Douglas County Health Department

By *Susan Hays* RN, Director of Nursing

### American Heart Month

Many, many moons ago I was a kid. I know that’s pretty hard to believe but it’s true. Sometime between the age of dinosaurs and the era of computers, I was a child. And as a child, the month of February always meant one thing. My mother would take me uptown to Ben Franklin or Arndt’s and buy a box of valentines for me to give to my friends. Oh what fun that was! Viewing all the shiny pink and red hearts and struggling over which box to purchase.

It was such a difficult decision. That box of valentines was an extension of who I was. It had to be the perfect valentine box so the real agonizing could begin- the task of choosing the perfect card for each person. Matching a picture and sentiment to a person I cared about.

February is also American Heart Month. Heart disease is the number one killer of both men and women in the United States. And the cost of heart disease is

staggering. 108.9 billion dollars per year is spent on coronary heart disease.

“A Million Hearts” is a national initiative to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes by the end of 2016. The idea behind the initiative is to educate and empower Americans to make healthy choices, because heart disease, to a large degree, is preventable. And also to improve care for at risk individuals thus decreasing their chance of heart attack and stroke.

Healthy choices to decrease heart disease would be avoiding tobacco and reducing sodium (salt) and trans fat intake. Included with that would be exercise and weight management.

Improving care for people at risk is as simple as ABCS.

- Aspiring daily for folks at risk
- Blood pressure control
- Cholesterol management
- Smoking cessation

Now here’s the hook. If the thought of a heart attack does not motivate you to watch your cholesterol maybe this will. Research has shown that having multiple cardiovascular risk factors such as high cholesterol, diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking, and sedentary lifestyle increases the risk of Alzheimer’s disease. In other words your heart and your brain are affected by many of the same risk factors.

What’s the connection? A common feature of these risk factors is a depletion of nitric oxide in cells lining the blood vessels. Nitric oxide helps blood vessels expand and contract to improve blood flow. Poor blood flow to your heart is a heart attack. Poor blood flow to your brain can affect cognition and cause strokes. It boils down to this. When you care for your heart, you are also caring for your brain. In caring for your heart you are delaying or preventing the onset of Alzheimer’s disease. In caring for your heart you are helping prevent the possibility of a stroke.

This Valentine’s Day when you are choosing that perfect card and writing the ideal sentiment, remember it is your brain that allows you to do those things. It’s your brain that allows you to process information and feel all warm and fuzzy around that perfect person. It’s your brain that helps you to formulate the words and actions to show your love. It’s your brain that reminds you that smoking, salt and trans fats are unhealthy. And it is your brain that can help you make healthy choices.

I still spend a lot of time picking out that perfect card for those I care about. And when I mail the card it feels to me like it’s coming from my heart. But in reality it was my brain that made that process possible. Protect your brain by protecting your heart. Happy Valentine’s Day!

# Help Ensure a Diverse Blood Supply for Patients in Need

February is Black History Month, and in the spirit of Dr. Charles Drew, a black surgeon and blood specialist who became the first medical director of an American Red Cross blood bank in 1941, the Red Cross reminds all eligible donors how important it is that donors are as diverse

as the patients who need their help. Drew’s pioneering work in blood collection and transfusion laid the foundation for modern blood banks.

**Upcoming blood donation opportunities:**  
**Douglas County** Feb. 25 from 2-7 p.m. at Yoder’s Kitchen, 1195 E. Columbia St. in Arthur, Ill.

# Gene Trimble Orchestra

Saturday, February 9, 2013



Douglas County Museum



Bitty-ball action during Friday night's game at the Shiloh gym. photo by Dana Hales

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# Basketball Central

by Tim Hendershot

## Smothering Defense Inches Raiders Closer Towards Regular Season Title

The beat goes on for the Shiloh Raiders boys' basketball team. The squad under Head Coach Charlie Carver has been on a roll and looked to continue a dream season after capturing the LOVC tournament title two weeks ago getting back into regular season play last week. What happened was more of the same as an improved and strengthening defense continued to flex its muscle going 2-0 and inching the Blue and Gold closer towards its first regular season title in thirteen years.

Bement was the site on Tuesday night as the Raiders faced off with the Bement Bulldogs and it was a physical contest throughout with the Bulldogs not going away quietly in the first half leaving the Raiders with only a 27-24 at the break. After adjustments were made, the Raiders defense came to life and the offense exploded as Shiloh outscored Bement 43-27 in the second half to pull away for a 70-51 win. Five Raider players finished in double figures on the evening with Andrew Donithan leading the way with 15 points and Cole Bogle just behind him with 13. Cyrus and Eli Furgeson chipped in 12 points each and Kaleb Hood added 10 points in the win. Connor Gross led the Bulldogs with a game-high 29 points while Steve Isbell chipped in 14 in defeat.

Friday night saw a jam-packed crowd of Raider faithful come into Shiloh High School for the Winterfest 2013 contest against the Tri-County Titans with first place in the league on the line. The Raiders would not be denied on this night using that defense that has been a staple this season to create scoring opportunities and the Titans never had an answer to the onslaught as Shiloh cruised to a 55-29 and increasing the overall lead in the league to two games. The defense for the Raiders was solid all

night long forcing 15 turnovers and holding the Titans to just 25 percent shooting on 11 of 44 shots. The shooting for the Raiders was just as strong finishing 21 of 53 for 40 percent while going 6 of 11 from beyond the arc for 55 percent. Free throw shooting made the entire night complete as the Raiders went 7 of 12 for 58 percent to the Titans 3 of 12 for only 25 percent. Andrew Donithan continued a strong season leading the way with 17 points on 6 of 15 shooting while Cyrus Furgeson added 15 points while going 3 of 5 from three point range. Wyatt Flesner was the only player in double figures for the Titans ending the night with 10 points. The two wins last week eclipses the win total from 2004-2005, which was the last time the program had a winning season, plus this past week the Raiders were recognized in the Class 1A poll getting eight votes and ranking fourteenth in the state as of press time. With four games left in the regular season and the LOVC title inching closer, the Raiders still know they have work to be completed with four quality opponents left and that the journey is still on-going with the ultimate goal still to be achieved.

The Raiders (19-6 overall, 6-0 LOVC) will have played on Tuesday night at home in Hume against the Villa Grove Blue Devils. The squad will be back in action this Friday night on the road in Martinsville against the Martinsville Blue Streaks. These two teams have played earlier this season in November in Toledo with the Raiders earning a 67-35 win and look to complete the season sweep. Tip time is set for 6:15 for the JV and 7:30 pm for the varsity. Basketball Central will have a complete recap of the Raiders continued quest for the league title for you next week.



Junior Varsity action Friday evening against Tri-County has Hayden Kile closely guarding one of the opposing players as he moves toward the basket while Cody Hood looks on. photo by Dana Hales

# GO, FIGHT, WIN!

# SHILOH RAIDERS!

## Raider Women Get Taste of What Is To Come Once Road to Normal Begins

by: Tim Hendershot

The final week of the regular season arrived for Head Coach Dave Tingley and his Shiloh Raiders girls' basketball team trying to gain all momentum toward the start of the road to Normal this week. The opponents for last week were of quality and the Blue and Gold knew that they would have their hands full. After the smoke had cleared, the Raiders were in two very intense battle that came down to the final seconds ending the week 1-1 and finding a taste of what the start of the post-season tournament will bring.

Monday night saw the Raiders in the role of spoilers as they hosted the Villa Grove Blue Devils who came into the contest undefeated in league play at 6-0. This was also the second time in three weeks that these two teams have played each other with the Raiders winning in the LOVC tournament semifinals in Arthur and that these two teams will face off in the regional semifinals on Villa Grove's home court this week. The contest itself lived up to expectations with the game coming down the final seconds as the Raiders had three chances at the end of the game to take the win, but came up just short as the Blue Devils escaped with a 39-38 win. Both teams ended the night shooting 38 percent with the Raiders going 13 of 34 and the Blue Devils going 14 of 37. One difference was at the free throw line as the Blue Devils went 5 of 6 for 83 percent while the Raiders had more opportunities, but struggled going 8 of 16 for 50 percent. Bethany McGinness

led the Raiders with 11 points while Lauren Moses added 8 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 steals. Courtney Helm led Villa Grove with 13 points and both Alex Ezell and Lizzy Smith added 11 and 10 points respectively.

It was then on to Arthur on Thursday night in the final regular season game against the Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond Lancers and it was more of the same as the game came down to the final seconds. This time around, Shelby Smith converted a lay-up at the buzzer to give the Raiders a hard fought 44-42 win. Smith ended the night leading Shiloh with 15 points while Lauren Moses backed up her strong night against Villa Grove adding 10 points. Ashley Tabb and Emily Seegmiller led A-L/A-H with 12 points each in the loss. With two hard fought games on back-to-back nights behind them, the Raiders now know it will be more of the same as the road to Normal begins.

The Raiders (22-7 overall, 5-3 LOVC) will have played this Tuesday in the second semifinal of the Villa Grove regional against the Villa Grove Blue Devils with a spot in the title game on the line. The championship game of this regional is set for this evening at 7:30 pm at Villa Grove High School in Villa Grove with the winner advancing to the Altamont sectional in Altamont next week. Basketball Central will follow the Raiders progress and have a report on this regional for you next week as the road to Normal begins.



Tori Stierwalt moves toward the basket against Villa Grove while no. 22 Andi Luth moves in for a possible rebound. photo by Dana Hales

## Raider Men One of Top Two Seeds Heading into Start of Regional

by: Tim Hendershot

Last Friday afternoon, the draw was announced for the 2013 IHSA Class 1A boys' basketball tournament and the Shiloh Raiders got their assignment and seed for the upcoming Chrisman regional in two weeks time. The young upstarts who have been the surprise of the 2012-2013 season will be the number two seed and will have a bye to start the tournament. Their first opponent will be determined on Tuesday, February 19 as the number six seed Tri-County Titans will face the third seed Danville Schlarman Hilltoppers in the second game of the evening at 8:00 pm. The winner of this game will take on the Raiders in the second semifinal on the following night on Wednesday, February 20 at 8:00 pm. The other half of the bracket has the number four seed and host Chrisman Cardinals facing the number five seed Milford Bearcats in game one on that Tuesday at 6:00 pm. The winner will then face the top seed Salt Fork Storm on

Wednesday in the first semifinal at 6:00 pm. The two semifinal winners will then face off in the championship game on Friday, February 22 at 7:30 pm. The winner will then advance to the Danville Schlarman sectional in Danville where they will join the winners of the Broadlands, Arcola, and Gilman regionals with the first semifinal scheduled for Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 pm and the second semifinal scheduled for Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30. The title game is set for Friday, March 1 at 7:30 pm. The winner will then head to the Elite Eight in the Normal super-sectional which will be played at Redbird Arena on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 pm. The IHSA Class 1A State Finals are scheduled for the weekend of March 8-9 at Carver Arena, home of the Bradley University Braves, in Peoria. Basketball Central will follow the journey of the Raiders throughout the post-season.



# A Look Back to the Past

by **Kim McGee**  
*The Newman Independent,*  
*April 22, 1955*

The April 22, 1955 issue of the Newman Independent included a listing of the address of all houses in Newman and the name of the person or family in residence. The publication of such a list today would bring the wrath of the town down on the newspaper if not the threat of a law suit but those were simple and trusting times. No subsequent series of abductions, robberies, rapes or murders seem to have been triggered by this incredibly reckless action in 1955.

The page of addresses must have been recognized as something of worth and was glued to a piece of cardboard and preserved as a reference for use by the employees of the First State Bank. It was a valuable tool in determining correct addresses as the bank employees conducted their work. It's worth was diminished at the time of the implementation of the 911 system as many of the street addresses in town were changed to be more compatible with that method of determining locations. Although most of the number information had become obsolete as a business tool the newspaper page became a more important tool when discussing and reminiscing about who lived where in mid 20th century Newman.

## The Recipe Corner



### Monkey Muffins

2 cans Grands Homestyle Biscuits  
(or regular bread dough)  
Butter – 1 to 1½ sticks  
Cinnamon  
Sugar  
1 can sweetened condensed milk

Preheat oven to 375°.

Put ½ teaspoon of butter in each muffin cup (use regular size, not Texas muffin size). Sprinkle 1 teaspoon sugar and ¼ teaspoon of cinnamon in each muffin cup with the butter. No need to mix cinnamon and sugar. Cut biscuits into quarters and roll into balls. Place 3 in each muffin cup. Top with another ½ teaspoon of sugar. Bake for 12-15 minutes until golden brown and bubbly. Remove from oven and drizzle sweetened condensed milk on each one be generous with the sweetened condensed milk.

Submitted by Cathy Hales who commented: I got this recipe from Pinterest. I tested it out on the grandkids and it was a big hit and so easy to make!

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By the time the bank moved to the new location in 1997 the news page was so yellow and fragile that it was hard to read and was crumbling off of its cardboard back. Time was spent photo-copying and reconstructing a new page on top of the original.

In recent years the bank staff became interested in how many people still reside in the same home that they did in 1955. Ten years ago there were still a surprising number of people that fit this model. There were and still are several families that occupy the same house but not without a break in the occupancy. Chris Lange lives in her parent's house where she as well as her mother grew up but she has lived elsewhere in the interim. Nathan House is another example, currently occupying his childhood home. One of the longest family ownership and occupancy of a residence is the home of Bo and Barb Nichols. Bo's family built the house in the early 20th century and it has always been in his family, but Bo grew up living in Tuscola so he doesn't fit the criteria for constant residency. In 1956 LaVerne and Rose Marie Fraser moved into their house that has been in Marie's family for decades. Debbie McGuffey lives in the house where her grandparents were living in 1955 and June Bennett also lives in a house that has come through her family for generations.

During the last few years time has steadily reduced the list of long time residents. Lucimae Leitzke passed away. Luther Holmes sold his property and now resides at the Oaks Manor in Oakland. Wilma Craig still owns her home but is now living in a retirement center. Max and Betty Martin moved into their home on East Green Street in 1955 where they raised their 6 daughters. The house has a particularly interesting history as it is on the original site of the First Christian Church built in town. The present church was built in 1904. It appears that the recent passing of Betty Martin leaves only one person that still resides in the same house where she lived in 1955.

Sue Fuller appears to be the only remaining resident still in her home as reported in the 1955 news publication. Her daughter, Linda Reed, reports that Sue and Kenny moved into the house in the late 40s. They raised their two children, Roger and Linda Fuller Reed there. Sue wasn't contacted for information to make this a surprise for her. Congratulations Sue!

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## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DOUGLAS COUNTY - TUSCOLA ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-RP1  
PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
JEFFREY A. KNIGHT, JOANNA N. KNIGHT, NORTH STAR TITLE CO., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
DEFENDANT(S)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court of Douglas County, Illinois by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 27 AND THE WEST 10 FEET OF LOT 26 IN FRED A. SMITH SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 20 IN JOHN MATHERS' NORTHEAST ADDITION TO TUSCOLA, (EXCEPT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE NORTH 140 FEET; THENCE EAST 400 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 140 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID LINE 400 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING), ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 AT PAGE 26 AS DOCUMENT 59460 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Parcel ID Number: 09-02-34-231-003

Said property is commonly known as: 811 Beecher Drive, Tuscola, IL 61953, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Jeffrey A. Knight, Joanna N. Knight and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 213224 Bk#479, Pg#253 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Circuit Court of Douglas County, Illinois on or before March 5, 2013, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

JAMES NICK PAPPAS #6291873  
Burke Costanza & Carberry LLP  
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W12-2497

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION  
Bank of America, N.A.;

Plaintiff,

VS.

Terra Williams; Howard C. Williams a/k/a H. Clifford Williams; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Terra Williams, if any; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Howard C. Williams, if any; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants;

Defendants.

12 CH 43

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:

-Terra Williams  
-Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Terra Williams  
-Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Howard C. Williams  
-Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants

that Plaintiff has commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Douglas County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain Mortgage lien recorded against the premises described as follows:

LOTS THIRTEEN (13) AND FOURTEEN (14) IN THE OAKS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF ATWOOD, SHOWN BY SURVEY AND PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 39229, AND SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE OF ERROR RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 39308, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

C/K/A: 309 South Oak Drive, Atwood, IL 61913

PIN: 05-01-31-311-013

said Mortgage was given by Terra Williams and Howard C. Williams a/k/a H. Clifford Williams, Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Home123 Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Douglas County, Illinois, as Document No. 249071.

UNLESS YOU file your appearance or otherwise file your answer in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Douglas County, Douglas County Courthouse, 401 South Center Street, Tuscola IL 61953 on or before February 19, 2013, A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

Russell C. Wirbicki (6186310)  
The Wirbicki Law Group LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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DOUGLAS COUNTY, TUSCOLA, ILLINOIS  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
TROY S. HENDERSON;  
DEFENDANTS  
  
12 CH 48  
  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on October 25, 2012;  
Charles McGrew, Sheriff, 920 South Washington, Tuscola, IL 61953, will on February 27, 2013 at 9:00 AM, at Douglas County Courthouse, 401 S. Center, Tuscola, IL 61953, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours), the following described premises situated in Douglas County, Illinois.  
Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff.  
Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.  
Said property is legally described as follows:  
LOT 4, BLOCK A IN FIRST PLAT OF COOK'S SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 22 AND 23 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Commonly known as 364 West Jefferson Street, Arcola, IL 61910  
Permanent Index No.: 01-14-04-301-011  
Improvements:  
Residential  
Structure UNKNOWN  
Units UNKNOWN  
Bedrooms UNKNOWN  
Garage UNKNOWN  
Bathrooms UNKNOWN  
Other UNKNOWN  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale.  
The judgment amount was \$119,754.57. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information.  
Joel Knosher  
Fisher and Shapiro, LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
Attorney No: 6298481  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.  
EMILY J. ROME,  
Defendant(s).  
  
11 CH 42  
  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Douglas County, Illinois, will on March 1, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at the Douglas County Courthouse, 401 SOUTH CENTER, TUSCOLA, IL 61953, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Douglas, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:  
LOT TEN (10) MEADOW VIEW SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 544 OF THE RECORDS IN THE RECORDERS OFFICE OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Common Address: 1001 SOUTH EASTVIEW DRIVE, TUSCOLA, IL 61953  
P.I.N. 09-08-02-106-001  
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.  
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a single family residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
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Both the Museum building and the Fithian Home will be open for viewing. Punch and cake, donated by County Market-Towne Centre, will be served in the Museum Center.

There is no admission charge for either building during the open house. Parking is available in the Museum parking lot, First Midwest Bank, and the north end of the Big Lots parking lot. For additional information call the Museum at 217-442-2922 or visit the web site at [www.vermilioncountymuseum.org](http://www.vermilioncountymuseum.org).



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## USDA Announces Updates on Milk Income Loss Contract Program

**Springfield, IL** - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Scherrie Giamanco announced that beginning February 5, USDA will issue payments to dairy farmers enrolled in the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program for the September 2012 marketings. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the authorization of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) through 2013 for many programs administered by FSA, including MILC. The 2008 Farm Bill extension provides for a continuation of the MILC program through September 30, 2013.

MILC payments are triggered when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight, after adjustment for the cost of dairy feed rations. MILC payments are calculated each month using the latest milk price and feed cost.

As announced by FSA on January 22, all dairy producers' MILC contracts are automatically extended to September 30, 2013. Eligible producers therefore do not need to re-enroll in MILC. MILC operations with approved contracts will continue to receive monthly payments, if available.

The payment rate for September 2012 is approximately \$0.59 per hundredweight. The payment rate for October 2012

marketings is approximately \$0.02 per hundredweight. The payment rate for November 2012 marketings is zero.

Before the October MILC payment can be issued, dairy farmers must complete a new Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) form for 2013. The new form, CCC-933 Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information, must be completed by producers before they can receive payments for a variety of programs administered by FSA and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. Producers may obtain CCC-933 at their local USDA Service Center or online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/ccc933](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ccc933). Specific detail about AGI [may be found here](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ccc933).

Dairy operations may select a production start month other than October 2012. Producers who want to select a production start month other than October 2012 must visit their local FSA office between February 1 and February 28, 2013, also known as a relief period.

FSA will provide producers with information on program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. For more information on MILC, contact a local FSA county office or visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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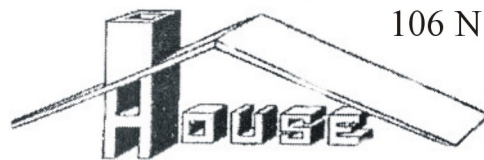
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