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Cindy Crable Takes Over as Administrator at Newman Rehab & Healthcare Center by Dana Hales

Mattoon resident, Cindy Crable has been on the job as the Administrator in Training at the Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center at Newman since October 28th. She is getting settled in her

new position with the help of the Newman

staff and really enjoys the residents.

Ms Crable has worked in the health care field with long term health care services for the past12 years and prior to that she worked 13 years in the Mattoon area with individuals with developmental disabilities. She is from Effingham



Cindy Crable, Administrator at Rehabilitation/ Newman Healthcare. photo by Dana Hales

originally, graduating from Effingham High School and completing her baccalaureate degree at Eastern Illinois University. While in college, she worked in group houses in the Charleston area and transferred to long term care facilities for seniors.

Cindy is a single mother with a 15 year old sophomore daughter that attends Mattoon High School and indicated that Driver's Education will be a challenge for her and her daughter in the next few months. Neither of them wants to experience the winter weather to practice driving in pursuit of the license. Cindy participates with a singing group known as "Green Wave Singers" during her spare time and is an avid reader that really enjoys James Patterson novels. Her other non-work activities include driving her daughter to part-time work sites and going "antiquing" for red and white enamel ware items and kitchen pottery.

Cindy really enjoys her new job at Newman and feels the transition has gone very well. She hopes to see continued improvements in the Newman facility such as the new entrance flooring, the new nurse's station and the continued updating of the facilities. Fresh paint in many areas has complemented the new construction modifications also.

In the near future, Ms Crable is planning a Valentine's Day event, a staff appreciation day in March and conducting a fund-raiser for St. Judes Children's Hospital in collaboration with the Peterson Groups. The Peterson organization manages the Newman facility as well as 100 others in a 3 state area (MO, IL, & IN). The Peterson facilities collectively raised \$45,000 last year to forward to the St. Jude Fund.

The Newman facility employs 50-60 full and part-time employees and supports 50 residents. The Newman facility has a capacity of 56 residents.

Upon visiting the Newman Rehab and Healthcare facility, stop and visit with Cindy. She looks forward to being a part of the community and offering the best in rehabilitation and healthcare services.

Dimond Financial Consultants Inc. Opens Jan. 1st by Dana Hales

One accounting business has closed its doors on Dec. 30th which allowed the opening of doors for the Dimond Financial Consultants, Inc. of Paris to open theirs to the Newman community. Ben Lueken, CEO of the organization, comes to Newman from the firm's base located at 208 E. Jasper St. in Paris to continue a tax preparation service and accounting firm that has been available for almost 40 years in our community.



Ben Lueken, CEO of DFC located in downtown Newman. photo by **Dana Hales**

Mr. Lueken, graduated from Marshall High School and attended Illinois State University, completing two degrees in 1990. He started in business working for ITT for a year and has been in the public accounting business for 24 years. The Dimond Group handles book keeping, audits, payroll, financial consulting services, income tax preparations, and insurance.

Ben plans to maintain the Newman office and wants to offer the home-town availability to all the residents' needs. Jalane Gordon will be the officer manager for the facility and with tax season approaching, she will be able to move clients to the right person. See the ad on page 7 for information.

Ben and his wife, Jeni, have 5 children ranging in age from 22 to 15; Sarah, Morgan, Zac, Jake and Alyssa. He has been active in community programs at Paris coaching basketball at Crestwood Junior High for 24 years. He has been the book-keeper for District 95 Schools for over 10 years.

Ben is involved in outdoor activities including hunting and fishing. Some of his children have followed in their dad's footsteps with the same attributes of outdoors activities.

The Dimond Group handles accounting responsibilities and audits for the cities of Paris, Marshall, Chrisman, Hume, Newman and Redmon. They feel confident working with the rural communities and want to continue to provide residents of those communities and other towns with the personal needs desired for financial concerns.

Ben welcomes the residents of Newman to stop in and see him and consider the Dimond Financial Consultants for their business and accounting needs.

Police Car Finally Arrives

After numerous delays caused by required installation requirements and wrong parts sent, the new car is now on the road. Pictured is Police Chief Shane St. Clair beside the 2014 Ford Police Pursuit model SUV. It is a 6 cylinder, all-wheel drive police cruiser with a complete light package, front and rear cameras, restraint area, storage area in the hatch-back area. It includes the up-to-date radio unit, front and rear radar speed detection devices and protective cage barriers for detainee transfers. The car has been undercoated should last the city for 10 years of service. Chief St. Clair had it out on Saturday to top off the gas tank and patrol around town. photo by Dana Hales

City of Newman Aquires New **Police Vehicle**



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Peace Meals Menus

Thu. Jan. 9: Ham and beans, copper carrots, pears, cornbread Fri. Jan. 10: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

Tue. Jan. 14: Roasted turkey, Candied sweet potatoes, baked beans, fruit salad, dinner roll

Wed. Jan. 15: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, whole grain wheat bread, fruit cobbler Thu. Jan. 16: Ham, Tuna, or chicken salad, cheesy broccoli or Hearty vegetable soup, juice, banana, whole wheat (2) crackers

Fri. Jan. 17: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

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OBITUARY

Larry Kirkman

MURDOCK - Larry G. Kirkman, 57, of Albuquerque, NM, formerly of Murdock, died at 2 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013, in Albuquerque.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday Jan. 4, at the Joines Funeral Home, Illinois Route 130 South, Villa Grove, with the Rev. Spencer McPheron officiating. Burial, with military rites by the Villa rove VFW, was in the Villa Grove Cemetery. Visitation was held two hours before the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Kirkman born was March 12, 1956, in Monticello, a son of William Eldon and Marjorie (Eckelberry) Kirkman.

He is survived by one son, Tony Kirkman of Forsyth; and six brothers,

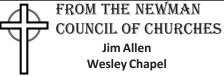
Carl of Alma, Marty of Camargo, Joe of Scappoose, Ore., Don of New Port Richey, Fla., Tom of Urbana and Bernie of Murdock.

Mr. Kirkman was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and three brothers.

Mr. Kirkman was a veteran of the U.S. Army; he worked as a mechanic in the area. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorials may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.





I've been doing a little reading about ancient structures across the world. It seems that they have many characteristics in common such as design, orientation, and purpose.

structures is the Great Pyramid of Giza. This monument is striking in its size, precise orientation to true north (3/60 of one degree) and the fact that the base is only 7/8" out of level over 13 acres. However, there are similar structures in Mexico, China, Cambodia, Peru, Italy, Iraq and many other places. Each of these structures is associated with a "portal to the otherworld" and many are associated with human sacrifice. They are, in effect associated with religion.

Besides the large stone structures there are numerous mounds, many of them terraced like the Ziggurats of Iraq, that were also associated with religious rituals. Monk's Mound near Cahokia, IL is one of the more notable. Mounds were also built in Louisiana, Ohio, and Canada. These are among many other structure built by man to offer sacrifice

Some have used the similar building styles and similar uses of these structures to suggest that there must be some connection between the people who built them. There are those that believe that visitors from other planets gave the people the blueprints and even may have helped build the temples since it is obvious that primitive people could not have had the capability to do it themselves. Could there be any other explanation? Hmmmm!

I think it is entirely possible—actually I think it is the truth—that the similar styles and uses of these ancient structures are a result of the Tower of Babel. The building of this tower was against God's will but the people were concerned with their own greatness and were in essence building a monument to themselves which, of course, would have been perverted into worshipping

THANK YOU

The Rural Grace Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for their prayers, awareness and resourcefulness in helping us help others. Churches, organizations, businesses, and so many individuals have let God work through them to bless others.

Looking forward to more blessings in 2014!

In Him, **Rural Grace Food Pantry**

I John 3:17

IANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 7: Mrs. Jim Prosser, Elizabeth Happ, Susan Eckerty, Bill Murray, Cynthia Beck, Judy Blair, Heather Madden

January 8: David Wax, Steven Baxter, Barbara Moore, John Rhodes, Judy VanSickle **January 9:** Lucille Hess, James McIntyre, Larry Russell, Mrs. Ed Pinder, Betty Ann Wulff Guidry

January 10: Rodney Pollock, John McGrath, Larry Fogerson, Lindsey Hawkins January 11: Virginia Anderson, Michael Tope, Robin McBride, Christian Landers,

January 12: Harold Hinds, Nedra Rooney, Janice Rankin, Lora Fogerson, Sue Chandler, Mrs. Bill Bane, Mrs. Anna Williamson, Noah Elliot Drake

January 13: John Dague, Mrs. Velvin Graham, Wendy Partenheimer, Laren Baxter, Donald Liles, Boyd Liles, Tammie Likens

January 14: Patricia Lowery, Paul Sutton, Audrey Porter, Travis Hawkins, Ensign Steve Nelson Guidry III

January 15: Paul Duckworth, Larry Hendershot, Suellen Senters, Betty Vermillion, Daniela Sirk, Chad Walker, James Clifton III,

January 16: James Young, Duane Eldred, Amanda Pollock, Kelley Adams, Laurie Calloway, Taylor Fears

gods of their own creation. So how is the Tower of Babel related to all the other ancient structures? I believe that when the people were confused in their language, they

Probably the most famous of these

Jan. 8: 1st Semester Final Exams; 6:00PM B JH BKB @ St. Thomas School-Philo; 6:15PM G V BKB @ Chrisman High School Jan. 9: 1st Semester Final Exams; 6:00PM GJH VLB Arcola Jr. H.S. Jan. 10: 1st Semester Final Exams; End of

separated into groups of people who

happened, they began to move over the

understood each other. When this

earth to "multiply and fill the earth"

Genesis 9:1. When they did this, they

took the building design of the tower of

Babel and incorporated it into their new

homelands. This would explain why

orientation. It would also explain why

so many of them became objects of a

perverted religion worshipping false

is true. The Tower of Babel is not a

generation. It is an example of what

happens to man when he separates

himself from God. The existence of

are physical evidence of what

happened.

Jim

Thanks for reading,

similar structures throughout the world

Shiloh School

Schedule

gods—the people took with them what

I write this to emphasize that the Bible

legend passed down from generation to

they were similar in design and

they had learned at Babel.

Second Quarter; 6:00PM B V BKB @ Cerro Gordo H.S.; 6:00PM G JH VLB Mattoon Middle School

Jan. 11: TBA B JH BKB @ Chrisman Hardwood Classic 7th & 8th; 6:00PM G V BKB Oblong H.S.; 7:30PM B V BKB Oblong H.S.

Jan. 13: 7:00PM FAFSA Fill Out Night Jan. 14: TBA B JH BKB @ Chrisman Hardwood Classic 7th; 6:00PM G JH VLB @ Marshall Jr. High School

Jan. 15: Report Cards issued; KDASC Winter Retreat; FFA to Gordyville Tractor Pull; 7:00PM Boy Scout Troop 72 Meeting @ NGS; TBA B JH BKB @ Chrisman Hardwood Classic 8th

Jan. 16: FFA to Gordyville Tractor Pull; 6:00PM G V BKB Cerro Gordo High School

Shiloh School Menu **Breakfast**

Jan. 9: Cinnamon Breakfast Round or Cereal & Toast

Jan. 10: Bagel w/Sunbutter & Jelly or Cereal & Toast

Jan. 13: Yogurt w/animal crackers or Cereal & Toast

Jan. 14: Apple Frudel or Cereal & Toast Jan. 15: Muffin w/string cheese or Cereal

Jan. 16: Oatmeal raisin bar or Cereal & **Toast**

Lunch

Jan. 9: Macaroni & cheese w/ham or popcorn chicken w/bread, fresh banana, steamed carrots, fresh cauliflower

Jan. 10: Pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, orange wedges, green beans, Romaine lettuce

Jan. 13: French toast sticks w/eggs of cheeseburger on bun, apple juice, Tater

Tots, fresh broccoli Jan. 14: Meat & cheese Nachos or

chicken patty on bun, orange wedges, Campfire beans, baby carrots

Jan. 15: Sloppy Joe on bun or hotdog on bun, fresh apple wedges, mashed potatoes & gravy, fresh cucumbers

Jan. 16: Penne w/meat sauce or chicken nuggets w/bread, fresh banana, green beans, fresh tomato wedges

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Attend the Church of Your Choice Jan 12: Murdock United Methodist Church Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Newman United Methodist Church Adult Sunday School at 8 a.m., Worship Service and Children's Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

First Christian Church, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. AWANA Kids' Clubs: Wednesdays 5:30-7:30p.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.

Immanuel Lutheran Church,

9:00 am Worship Service

Hume United Methodist Church Worship service 10:30 am.

Dec. 13: Newman City Council

Meeting, 6:30 PM

Winner of the Library Raffle



Erica Christine Quednau and Scott Robert Burris are proud to announce their engagement. Parents of the couple are Teri Quednau of Tucson, Bob Quednua of St. Joseph, and Bob and Martha Burris of Newman.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Glenbard North High School and 2010 graduate of the University of Illinois where she received a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism. She is currently a reporter for WCIA.

The groom is an 2005 graduate of Shiloh High School and 2009 graduate of the University of Illinois where he received a bachelor's degree in Ag Business. He is currently farming with his family in Newman.

The couple will be married January 18, 2014 at the Faith United Methodist Church in Champaign.

Darlene Hutchinson was the winner of the Newman Regional Library raffle held over the Christmas Holidays. Shown are Librarian Renee Henry presenting Darlene with her new TV. The Raffle helps fund the acquisition of new materials. The Library thanks all who bought tickets. photo submitted by Renee Henry



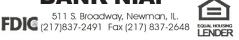


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Congratulations to **Douglas County Medical Reserve** Corps! by Susan Hays RN, **Douglas County Health Department**

The Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps has received recognition for being a top performer in the State of Illinois. The recognition is based on activities reported throughout the year. Douglas County MRC reported 45 activities in 2013 making them the third highest performer in the state. The Village of Palatine MRC in northwest Cook County took the number one slot with 72 activities and Adams County MRC in Quincy came in number two with 46 activities. Illinois houses 74 Medical Reserve Corps units with many located in highly populated areas.

Country Junction Restaurant is Open for Business

Danielle Vollmer, formerly of Newman and Murdock and now residing in Villa Grove has taken over management of the Country Junction Restaurant and began serving meals this past Saturday morning, Jan. 4th. Danielle graduated from Newman High School and attended Parkland College in a General Studies program.

Danielle recently completed four years of operating the Downtown Diner in Tuscola and was employed by the Country Junction management group to oversee the restaurant operations in Newman. She had worked over 10 years at the Lincoln Street Lounge in Broadlands and for Terry Payton when he operated the bar/restaurant prior to managing the Tuscola Diner.

Country Junction will be open from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm everyday with a lunch daily special and also serving a complete breakfast menu. Danielle brings with her, three of the personnel who worked with her in Tuscola; Teresa Rahn, Brandi Jones and Michelle Kliner.

The management group completed some of the remodeling of the restaurant and general cleanup including replacing the bar top. They look to continue the work with up-grading the kitchen equipment and some more remodeling in the future.

Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps' recognition could not have been possible without the many dedicated individuals who donated their time throughout the year. They attended trainings, assisted with public health initiatives, provided first aid, helped the local Emergency Management Agency with emergency response, search and rescue and damage assessment efforts, assisted with shelter in place and participated in a full scale tornado drill. All of this is done to improve the health of Douglas County residents and provide



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Health Points Douglas County Health Department

presented by Jane E. Jones, RN Influenza Season Has Arrived

According to the latest CDC information, influenza cases are increasing nationally and are high in some states, although Illinois currently has 'minimal' activity. Additional increases are expected in the coming weeks. If you have not gotten your flu vaccination yet this season, you should get one now. A flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and the people around you from influenza and its potentially serious complications.

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times leads to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, and fatigue.

The stomach virus that cause vomiting and diarrhea and commonly called the 'flu' is not the same as influenza. The stomach flu is usually short-lived and does not involve the respiratory system. There is no vaccine for this.

Both colds and influenza are caused by viruses and both share many symptoms. However, influenza viruses cause symptoms that are more severe, last longer, and can lead to serious complications or death. If you suspect that your cold is really the flu, you should consult your health care provider. Tests can be run and if flu is the diagnosis, antiviral medications can be given to try and help the symptoms from becoming worse.

Complications from the flu include pneumonia, sinus and ear infections, and bronchitis. If a person has a chronic disease such as asthma, the flu can cause severe asthma attacks. Those with heart disease can experience worsening symptoms. The CDC estimates that about 200,000 people in the US are hospitalized each year with complications from influenza. Of these, 3000-49,000 die, with 90% of those deaths being in adults 65 and older.

It is recommended that everyone 6 months and older receive a flu shot. It is especially important for those with chronic diseases (asthma, heart disease, diabetes), anyone with a low immune system, pregnant women, children age 5 and younger, and adults 65 and above.

Influenza is very contagious. The viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or even talks. A person can also be contagious for a day before symptoms show up until 4-7 days after symptoms start.

The best prevention for influenza is a yearly flu shot. This shot will protect you from the viruses that the experts think will be the most common for that year. Also, wash your hands frequently. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the bend of your elbow. Stay away from crowds as much as possible. And if you do get ill with either the flu or a cold, stay home and take care of yourself by resting and drinking plenty of fluids. Nobody else wants those germs.

Just remember- influenza is here. Please get vaccinated if you already haven't. Avoid being a victim of a preventable disease.

presented by Lana Sanstrom, LEHF

State Health
Department Warns
Residents About
Hypothermia and
Frostbite Risk as Cold
Grips the State

Even cool indoor temperatures can trigger hypothermia

SPRINGFIELD – As below freezing temperatures hit Illinois, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck is reminding residents about two health conditions caused by cold winter weather that can lead to serious injury and even death - hypothermia and frostbite.

"With more arctic weather forecasted for Illinois, it is important to recognize the signs of hypothermia and frostbite, how to treat these conditions and what you can do to avoid them," said Dr. Hasbrouck. "Everyone should take precautions against hypothermia, but infants and the elderly are particularly at risk and should be monitored closely."

Hypothermia is a drop in body temperature to 95 degrees Fahrenheit (F) or less and can be fatal if not detected promptly and treated properly. The condition usually develops over a period of time, anywhere from a few days to several weeks. Even consistent, mildly cool indoor temperatures of 60 degrees to 65 degrees F can trigger hypothermia.

Infants lose body heat more quickly than adults, and the elderly often make less body heat because of a slower metabolism and less physical activity. IDPH recommends setting the thermostat above 65 degrees F and checking on elderly friends and neighbors frequently to ensure their homes are adequately heated.

Signs of hypothermia include:

- · Forgetfulness
- · Drowsiness
- · Slurred speech
- · Change in appearance, such as a puffy face
- · Weak pulse
- · Slow heartbeat
- · Very slow, shallow breathing
- Coma or death-like appearance, if the body temperature drops to or below 86 degrees F

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If you notice these symptoms, take the person's temperature. If it is 95 degrees F or below, call a doctor or ambulance, or take the victim directly to a hospital. A drop in temperature below 90 degrees can create a life-threatening situation. To prevent further heat loss, wrap the person in a warm blanket. You also can apply a hot water bottle or electric heating pad (on a low setting) to the person's abdomen. If the person is alert, give small quantities of warm food or drink. Do not give a hypothermia victim a hot shower or bath. It could cause shock. Do not try to treat hypothermia at home. The condition should be treated in a hospital. Frostbite is caused by bitterly cold

temperatures and typically affects exposed areas of the face (cheeks, nose, chin, and forehead), the ears, wrists, hands and feet. When spending time outdoors during cold weather, be alert for signs of frostbite. Frostbitten skin is whitish and stiff, and the area will feel numb rather than painful. If you notice these signs, take immediate action.

To treat frostbite, warm the affected part

of the body gradually. Wrap the frostbitten area in blankets, sweaters, coats, etc. If no warm wrappings are available, place frostbitten hands under your armpits or use your body to cover the affected area and seek medical attention immediately. Do not rub frostbitten areas. The friction can damage the tissue.

If you must go outdoors during below freezing temperatures and the wind-chill

is below zero, dress properly for the weather.

- · Wear several layers of lightweight clothing. The air between the layers of clothing acts as insulation to keep you warmer.
- Cover your head. You lose as much as
 50 percent of your body heat through your head.
 Wear mittens rather than fingered
- gloves. The contact of your fingers keepsyour hands warmer.Wear warm leg coverings and heavy
- · Wear warm leg coverings and heavy socks or two pairs of lightweight socks.
- · Cover your ears and the lower part of your face. The ears, nose, chin and forehead are most susceptible to frostbite. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect the lungs from directly inhaling extremely cold air.

You can find more information in the IDPH Weathering Winter booklet at http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/books/weatheringwinter.htm.

Providing essential health information during emergencies is one way IDPH is working toward becoming the state's leading public health authority, and implementing IDPH's Five Year Strategy. For a copy of the strategic plan, go to http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/StrategicPlan Final 2014-2018.pdf

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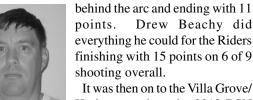
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Sports





Formidable Task for Raider
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Ending to 2013

The holiday season meant the end of 2013 and all of us reflecting back on what had happened and what we would like to see transpire in the 2014 calendar year. For the Shiloh Raiders boys' basketball team, it meant the annual trek to Broadlands for an annual tradition of holiday hoops and ending the year on a high note. The Blue and Gold under Head Coach Charlie Carver headed into the final portion of the 2013 half of the schedule on a roll with the Shiloh Shootout and BSN Classic staring them right in the face and looked to end 2013 on a high note as conference play approached. At the end of the two weeks of play, the Raiders faced all types of strong competition along with having to face a familiar opponent once again going 4-2 in that stretch having to face some adversity, but keeping their focus on the ultimate prize at the end of

season. December 21 saw the Raiders host the Shiloh Raiders Shootout in Hume playing in the final game of the night against the Arthur-Okaw Christian Riders in a rematch of last year's contest that saw the Raiders escape with a 70-67 win. The Blue and Gold saw a display from behind the three point line that hasn't been seen in quite some time going 16 of 26 for 62 percent which counteracted the numerous amounts of foul trouble the team was in using a 29-11 second quarter to cruise to an 82-54 win. Eli Furgeson was the story in this contest going 8 of 14 from behind the arc leading the Raiders with a gamehigh 26 points while Andrew Donithan chipped in 16 going 6 of 14 overall despite playing with four fouls. Cyrus Furgeson also got into the three point shooting act going 5 of 7 from behind the arc and finished with 17 while Aaron Bell was huge off the bench going 3 of 3 from

shooting overall.

It was then on to the Villa Grove/
Heritage pool on the 2013 BSN
Classic in Broadlands starting off
on Thursday morning in a rematch
against the Georgetown-Ridge

Farm Buffaloes. The teams played in Hume on December 17 where the Raiders defeated the Buffs 66-37 and it was more of the same on this night racing out to a 42-20 halftime lead and cruising to a 77-49 win. The Raiders made 30 total field goals in the contest and was huge on the free throw line as well draining 11 shots. Andrew Donithan finished with a doubledouble scoring 23 points and grabbing 11 rebounds while Cyrus Furgeson chipped in 20 points and Eli Furgeson added 12 in the win. Dylan Bina led the Buffs with 12 points, all of them coming in the fourth quarter of play. It was then on to the evening session as the Raiders faced off with future LOVC foes in the Decatur LSA Lions and the Blue and Gold got off to a fast start racing to a 16-7 first quarter lead. From then on, the Lions used quick movement and passing along with taking advantage of some Raider foul trouble and the shots not starting to fall holding off late fourth quarter rally by Shiloh to escape with a 62-56 win. The Raiders were down by 10 points at 43-33 heading into the final stanza before cutting the lead down to four points with 10.3 seconds left in regulation play. Andrew Donithan led the Raiders with 22 points while Cyrus Furgeson chipped in 15 in the loss. Bryce Ellis finished with a game-high 24 points for the Lions while Hunter York added 21 points in the victory.

It was then on to the next day on Friday and a rematch of the 2013 Chrisman Regional title game as the Raiders faced off with the Salt Fork Storm and the Blue and Gold saw their struggles shooting the basketball converting only 6 field goals in the first half, but the free throw shooting was key as the Raiders went 6 of 7 from the line to stay close with the Storm only being down 25-20 going into the halftime break. The Storm then surged ahead outscoring the Raiders 17-9 in the third

were all of a sudden down 13 points at 42-29 going into the final eight minutes. The Raiders then caught a break in the middle of the final stanza as Learnard picked up his fifth foul and was forced to leave the contest. That was when the Raiders clamped down using the duo of Cyrus Furgeson and Andrew Donithan along with some key defensive play to cut the lead all the way down to 55-52 with less than ten seconds left in regulation and having the final shot with a chance to tie the game. In the end, the Storm played solid defense to force the Raiders to have someone other than Donithan or either of the Furgeson brothers take the final shot, but John Haynes did get a great look at the basket and had the chance to tie. The shot bounce off the iron to the right and Kaleb Hood did make the rebound in the paint, but the Storm played smart in not fouling him on the put back attempt as Hood made the put back shot as time ran out and the Storm escaped with a 55-54 win. The Raiders outscored the Storm 25-13 in the final stanza making 10 field goal attempts with 12 of those points coming from behind the three point line. Andrew Donithan led the Raiders with a gamehigh 24 points while Cyrus Furgeson added 11 points with 9 of those coming in the fourth quarter. Max Stutsman scored 23 points to lead the Storm while Ross Learned finished with 20 before fouling out in the win. The Raiders then moved on to the evening session to face the hosts in the Villa Grove/Heritage Hawks and the Raiders got off to a strong start, but had to hold off a rally attempt by the Hawks that saw the Raiders have a 51-44 lead after three quarters. The Raiders then got back on the defensive side outscoring the Hawks 19-6 in the final stanza to take a 70-50 win. Cyrus Furgeson had his best game scoring wise of the tournament pouring in a game-high 28 points while Andrew Donithan added 19 points in the win. Chance Lemmon made five three point shots on his way to 20 points on the night for the Hawks while

period as Ross Learnard scored 10 of

those points in the stanza and the Raiders

Cameron Knell chipped in 11 in the loss. It was then on the road over to Bismarck for the classification round of the

tournament playing in the fifth place game for the second straight season and having to face the Judah Christian Tribe for the third time this season. The Raiders have defeated the Tribe in the two previous meeting with both game being very competitive and the last time these two teams played in holiday tournament play was in Danville in November with Cyrus Furgeson hitting a lay-up as time expired in overtime to give Shiloh a two point win. As like the previous two match-up, both teams battled back and forth with the Tribe holding a slim two point lead at 24-22 heading into the halftime break. The Blue and Gold then look to the inside of the paint using the combination of Andrew Donithan and Kaleb Hood to outscore the Tribe 32-22 in the second half to capture fifth place by a score of 54-46. Donithan led a balanced attack with 15 points while Hood had his best game of the season to date as he and Cyrus Furgeson added 14 points each. Dylan Hamilton finished with 14 points while both Ethan and Logan Chitty chipped in 10 points each in the loss. Andrew Donithan finished the tournament capturing co-MVP honors for the Villa Grove/Heritage pool and Cyrus

Furgeson was also named to the All-Tournament Team for the pool as well. The Raiders (10-4 overall) will have already started off the 2014 portion of their schedule on Tuesday night at Shiloh High School with a non-conference match-up against the Urbana University High Illineks. The team will begin Little Okaw Conference play this Friday night on the road in Cerro Gordo against the Cerro Gordo/Bement Broncos. Tip time is set for 6:00 pm for the JV with the varsity contest to follow it. The team will then be back home this Saturday night in another non-conference match-up in a varsity only contest against another future LOVC member in the Oblong Panthers. Tip time for that contest is scheduled for approximately 7:30 pm, or just after the conclusion of the girls' basketball contest between these two teams. Basketball Central will have the rundown of all three games for you next week as the 2014 portion of the basketball season starts up in earnest.

Senior Duo Finishes Volleyball Career in Style with End of Season Honors by Tim Hendershot

Both Bethany McGinness and Lauren Moses have been staples for the Shiloh Raiders on the athletic fields of play throughout their four year careers. Both have been a part of the volleyball and basketball programs and have produced results that have been normality for everyone associated with the Blue and Gold. On December 22, both of these ladies finished their volleyball careers in style as the News-Gazette and Little Okaw

results that have been normality for everyone associated with the Blue and Gold. On December 22, both of these ladies finished their volleyball careers in style as the News-Gazette and Little Okaw Valley Conference announced its post-season honors for the 2013 season with the two players being the lone Raiders recognized for their efforts during the year which saw the Blue and Gold go .500 or above for the second straight season and showing the area that the program itself

The News-Gazette announced its 36th Annual All-Area Teams and Lauren Moses was given Special Mention honors as a middle hitter while Bethany McGinness was named as an Honorable Mention selection as a setter. Moses finished the 2013 campaign 14th in the area in kills per game at 3.31 and a total of 192

kills for the year and was 4th in the area in

is on the rise.

blocks at 1.55 per game and a total of 90 for the season. McGinness was amongst the area leaders in digs per game averaging 3.05 per contest and 177 for the season and amongst the leaders in assists with 3.31 per game and a total of

192 for the year. The Little Okaw Valley Conference announced its All-Conference selections and Lauren Moses was named to the First Team while Bethany McGinness was given Second Team honors for the season. The Raiders finished the 2013 season at 13-13 overall and 5-5 in the league, which makes it the second straight season that the Blue and Gold finished in the top five in the conference showing that there is a sense of change and prosperity amongst the program and that they are looking for bigger and better things to come. The program is coached by Casey Long, who is 27-23 in her first two seasons as the head boss since taking over in 2012. Spike Summary salutes these two young ladies and the rest of the squad for a hard fought season and can't wait to see what

2014 has to offer.

FAST BREAK SCOREBOARD with Tim Hendershot

Welcome to the year of 2014 and another installment of the Fast Break Scoreboard featuring our Shiloh Raiders junior high boys' basketball teams. I hope that your Christmas break was a good one and that the year 2014 is filled with happiness and prosperity. When we last left off, our 5th and 6th grade team played on December 19 in Homer against the Heritage Hawks and the hosts used a 10-0 shutout in the fourth quarter to pull away giving the Raiders a 35-13 loss heading into their annual break. This week, the squads would have started off the 2014 portion of the schedule in Philo with two games on Wednesday against the St. Thomas Tigers. The 7th and 8th grade teams will be back in action this Saturday in Chrisman for the Chrisman Hardwood Classic hosted by the Chrisman-Scottland Eagles which will go through next Wednesday. The FBS will be the place to be for all of the rundown of the action as the teams head towards the post-season starting in the next couple of weeks. Below is a rundown of what transpired on December 19 for the 5th and 6th grade team. Catch you all next week!

Shiloh @ Heritage Hawks in Homer, 12/19/13

Heritage 35, Shiloh 13

Shiloh (13) – Pollock 3 0-4 7, Weber 1 0-0 2, Kanitz 0 0-0 0, CJ Eakle 1 0-0 2, Bisby 1 0-0 2. Totals 6 0-4 13.

Heritage (35) – Anthony 7 1-5 15, Jacob 2 0-0 4, Nathan 2 0-2 4, Ethan 1 0-0 2, Cameron 0 0-0 0, Noah 3 0-0 6, Nick 2 0-0 4. Totals 17 1-7 35.

Shiloh 5 2 6 0 13 Heritage 6 10 9 10 35 3-point field goals – Shiloh 1: Pollock.





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Snickerdoodle Bread

2 ½ C. all purpose flour 2 tsp. baking powder

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1 C. sugar

3 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

1 C. sour cream

1 ½ C cinnamon chips (1pkg.

Hershey's)

2 Tbsp. flour

Topping

2 Tspn. Sugar

2 tsp. cinnamon

Combined 2 1/2 cups flour and baking powder in a bowl. In a separate bowl, cream butter and 2 C. sugar, salt and cinnamon until fluffy, about two minutes. Add eggs one at a time mixing well after each addition. Add vanilla and sour cream and mix to combine. Add flour mixture stirring until just combined. Coat the cinnamon chips with 2 Tspn. Flour and stir into

Spoon batter into four/five greased mini loaf pans (5 3/4 x 3 1/4 x 2 1/4. Don't fill more than 2/3 full.) Combined 2 Tspn. Sugar and t tsp. cinnamon and sprinkle over the top of batter in the pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes until a toothpick inserted into a crack in the center of the loaf comes clean. Remove from oven and let cool 5

minutes before removing from pan.

Submitted by Mary Melton

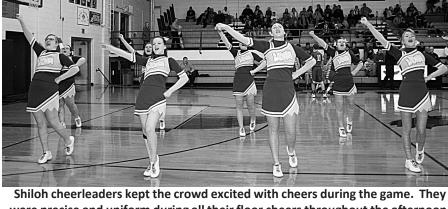
Action at the Holiday Tournament at Broadlands



Andrew Donithan goes up for the tip against a Salt Fork Storm player to begin the game.

In the photo at the right Andrew Donithan moves in for a possible rebound while Calab Hood watches the shot. Eli Furgeson, center moves toward the basket for a possible rebound also. Action was against Salt Fork during the afternoon action on Dec. 27th. photo by Dana Hales

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Big Time Play Leads Raider Women to Strong Holiday Hoops Finish by Tim Hendershot

The end of December during the basketball season always means that the first half of the play is about to close and the start of league play and the push towards the post-season begins. For this year's version of the Shiloh Raiders girls' basketball team, it meant some of the toughest competition to date that the young squad has faced all season. Head Coach Dave Tingley led the Blue and Gold into battle during the Christmas holiday in Bismarck for the Blue Devils Holiday Classic hosted by the Bismarck-Henning Blue Devils with this tournament going to be a measuring mark on how the team would fare the rest of the season going into the heart of Little Okaw Valley Conference play. After the smoke had cleared, the women of Hume showed the heart and determination of a champion along with getting a little bit of luck on their side to finish in 2nd place and gaining that all important confidence needed towards the start of the 2014 portion of the schedule.

December 17 saw the Raiders play the third game of the 2013 Shiloh Raiders shootout as they hosted the Arthur-Okaw Christian Riders and it was all Blue and Gold from the opening tip as Shiloh forced 37 AOC turnovers and the visitors could find any offensive surge as the Raiders breezed to a 61-17 win. Jessica Hunt had her best game of the season leading the attack with 16 points going 5 of 10 from the field with 9 of those points coming from beyond the arc. Lauren Moses added 10 points and 8 rebounds on 3 of 7 shooting while Bethany McGinness also chipped in 10 points on 5 of 12 from the field. Shayne Smith finished with 13 points on 4 of 12 shooting in the win. Jessica Franklin led the Riders with 6 points in the loss.

It was then on to Bismarck on the Thursday after Christmas for the start of pool play in the Blue Devils Holiday Classic in an early morning contest against a formidable opponent from Indiana in the Seeger Patriots. The visitors from Indiana showed why they are one of the top teams in Western Indiana jumping out to a 29-19 halftime lead, but Raiders showed some fight throughout the rest of the game staying even with the Patriots in the second half. The effort wasn't enough as Seeger took the opening game by a score of 45-34. Shayne Smith led the Raiders with 11 points while Lauren Moses finished with 9 and Bethany McGinness added 6 in the loss. Kiley Swisher led the Patriots with 11 points and the duo of Miranda Synesael and Hannah Gustus added 10 points each in the win. It was then on to the afternoon session in hopes of getting

back on the winning track as the Raiders faced off against the Westville Tigers and the Blue and Gold wasted no time jumping out to a 45-14 halftime lead and breezed to a 59-21 win. Lauren Moses led the attack with 14 points while Jessica Hunt ended with 13 and Bethany McGinness added 11 in the win. Jicee Lacey led the Tigers with 10 points in the loss.

It was back to work the next day on Friday in Bismarck as the Raiders faced off in the morning session against the Fisher Bunnies and the Raiders faced some adversity despite having a 22-17 halftime lead with both Lauren Moses and Bethany McGinness ending up in foul trouble picking up three fouls each. This is where the youth of the Raiders team stepped up and picked up the pace as Shiloh was never phased and outscored the Bunnies 27-21 in the second half to pull away for a hard fought 49-38 win. Shayne Smith had one of her best games of the season leading the way with a game-high 21 points while Jessica Hunt added 11 and Lauren Moses finished with 10. The free throw line was also a key as Shiloh made 20 of their shots to just 6 made shots for Fisher. Catlin Cole led the Bunnies attack with 10 points while Sydney Blackwell chipped in 9 and Olivia Heffernan added 8 points in the loss. The Raiders then went into the afternoon session with another tough opponent in front of them facing off with the Unity Rockets with a chance at a spot in the title game still hanging in the balance. The patented defense of the Raiders shined in the first half outscoring the Rockets 22-9 and the opponents from Tolono couldn't find an answer as Shiloh went on for a 34-23 win over Unity. Shayne Smith continued her surge leading the way again for Shiloh with 12 points while Lauren Moses added 10 points in the win. Hannah Stone finished with 10 points for Unity in the loss. The Raiders then got some help as Fisher defeated Seeger 56-39 to force a three way tie between the three teams at the end of pool play. The Raiders won the tie breaker on point differential to advance on to the championship game and an opportunity to end the 2013 holiday tournament

Saturday evening saw the Raiders face off against the Watseka Warriors in the title match-up and the Raiders had to face some adversity being down 23-15 at halftime, but showed the heart and pride that the program is always known for to keep within a safe range to try and make a comeback. In the end, the Warriors did just enough to hold off a comeback attempt and take the holiday tournament title by a score of 48-41. Lauren Moses,

portion on a high note.



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Judi Pollock **Douglas County Clerk & Recorder**

who was named to the All-Tournament Team, finished with 13 points while Shayne Smith added 11 points in the loss. Tournament MVP Devin Curry finished with a game-high 29 points for the Warriors in the win.



Lauren Moses drives for a layup during action agaist Arthur Okaw Christian School at Hume before Christmas. photo by Dana Hales

The Raiders were then supposed to start off the 2014 portion of their schedule last Thursday evening in a non-conference match-up against a future LOVC opponent in the Decatur Lutheran Lions in Decatur. A winter storm arrived on New Year's Night bringing 3 to 5 inches of snow along with strong winds making travel hazardous and forcing the game to be cancelled. As of press time, no makeup date had been announced.

The Raiders (14-3 overall, 1-0 LOVC) will have played at home on Monday in LOVC action in Hume against the Tri-County Titans and on the road in Chrisman in non-conference action on Wednesday against the Chrisman Cardinals. Both of these games would have been played with weather permitting as another strong winter storm would have hit the area on Sunday with totals of 10 to 12 inches of snow being expected. The team will be back in action this Saturday evening (weather permitting) in the first of a girlsboys doubleheader at home in Hume against future LOVC members in the Oblong Panthers in a non-conference contest. Tip off is set for 6:00 pm at Shiloh High School. Basketball Central will have the highlights of all three games for you next week as the second half of the season begins.

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This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your creativity and talent, and have your work staged by the Charleston Alley Theater. It is a great project for children during Winter Break. This contest is open to the general public. If you've got an unbridled imagination and passion for storytelling, make your ideas come to life - not only on the printed page, but also on-stage at the theatre at 718 Monroe Street, Charleston.

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