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Paris Community Hospital/Family Medical Center Announces New CEO

(Paris, Ill.) – The Board of Directors of the Hospital & Medical Foundation of Paris, Inc. (d/b/a Paris Community Hospital/Family Medical Center) and Alliant Management Services recently announced the appointment of long-term employee Oliver (Ollie) Smith, RPh, as the new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PCH/FMC. Smith assumed this role on January 8, 2014.



Smith is a veteran of PCH/FMC for nearly 30 years. He began working for Paris Community Hospital/Family Medical Center (PCH/FMC) in May 1985 as a pharmacist. He obtained his pharmacy degree from Butler University in Indianapolis and worked for Eli Lilly & Co. before returning to Edgar County to help with the family farm in Hume. After returning home, Smith worked at Kook & Link (Newman), Cook Drugs (Chrisman), and Paris Clinic Pharmacy before joining Paris Community Hospital.

In addition to Smith's job as pharmacist, he has served PCH/FMC in a number of other roles, including supervising departments and serving as an employee advocate on the Employee Assistance Committee. In 2001, he was named the Vice President of Human Resources and Professional Services and Director of Pharmacy.

Smith was promoted to Senior Vice President of PCH/FMC in June 2013. Smith, in conjunction with Jeff Buckley, regional CEO of Alliant Management Services, began to oversee all

operations of both the clinic and hospital until a new president & CEO was named.

"Ollie's relationships throughout the organization have been a real positive over the past few months," said Jeff Buckley, who had been serving as interim president & CEO. "[These relationships] are a real strength; top of the list for any CEO to have. His open, approachable, and results-oriented leadership style has been appreciated throughout the organization. Personally and professionally it has been a pleasure working with him the past few months."

In his spare time, Smith continues to farm. He is also a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hume, the Hume Lions Club (#308), American Legion (Post #369, Hume), Human Resources Center (HRC) Board of Directors, and Edgar County Public Health Board of Directors. He serves as a trustee for Shiloh Township and Drainage District Commissioner for Shiloh #2.

"In the past seven months, Ollie has shown he is a highly effective leader for the organization," said Nolan Longest, board chairman for the Hospital & Medical Foundation of Paris, Inc. (HMFP). "The fact that he has very deep roots in Edgar County is just a bonus. We were fortunate that Ollie was ready and willing to step up to the challenge and the Board is excited about moving forward with him at the helm."

Smith commented: "What I want to do is preserve what we have now and make it better—even through the challenges in healthcare that we are faced with. We need to make the transition of our medical staff—and other staff—as painless as possible, while looking at other service lines to develop or expand for the needs of our community."

PCH/FMC is a full-service primary care facility providing hospital services, emergency medicine, surgery, family medicine, and much more backed by an outstanding team of health professionals. The facilities also include diagnostic and treatment technologies and a growing list of visiting medical and surgical specialists.

Smith and his wife Ruth Anne reside in Hume near the family farm.

To Newman P.O. Box and Rural Newman Customers:

Last week's *Newman Independent* due to a mistake in the bundling of the papers at the Villa Grove News office and not catching the mistake in the Newman Post Office, which was all the P.O. Box subscribers and the Newman rural customers' newspapers were sent to the Champaign/Urbana Post Office.

As of Saturday morning, the Newman Post Office had still not received them back. Hopefully, they will show up in Newman by Monday and will be sent out. You should receive the 1/9 edition sometime this week and the 1/16 edition as normally processed. We apologize for the confusion. Editors

National Vice Commander of the American Legion in Newman

Robert E. Newman, National Vice-Commander of the American Legion attended a membership caravan stop in Newman on Saturday morning. 35 Legionnaires were in attendance including Newman Post 201 Commander Jarad Pollock, 1st Vice Commander Steve Allen, Adjutant Dana Hales and Service Officer Ken Fernandes. Along with Vice-Commander Newman, were

Vice Commander Newman spoke of the continued need to emphasize membership and the continued support of local community activities. He is from Garrett, IN and is a retired Post Office employee that had served in the Navy during the Viet Nam Conflict. He has served in numerous positions in his post, at the District level and in the State of Indiana organization. He was elected to National

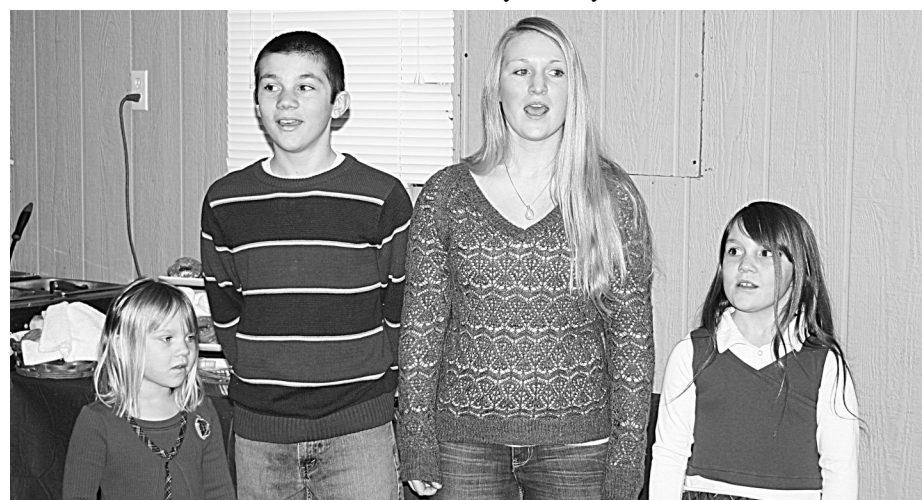


Newman Post 201 Commander Jarad Pollock with National Vice-Commander Robert Newman during the Saturday morning meeting and breakfast with the Legion membership caravan. photo and article by Dana Hales

representatives attending from other Posts in Illinois, the District 19 Commander and others (of which the Newman Post belongs) and State of Illinois Legion and Auxiliary organizations. During the meeting portion, membership awards were presented to the different posts and Auxiliaries represented. Post 201 of Newman has a 93.5% renewal of membership to date and has the largest membership of any of the Posts in Douglas County.

Level at last year's convention. He will complete his year of national office service during the upcoming convention held this summer and return to a post member status after that.

The American Diner of Newman and Post 201 hosted the Caravan event providing the participants with a wonderful smorgasbord breakfast. The caravan entourage were very pleased with their visit to Newman. Upon their departure from Newman, the caravan was headed for Cissna Park and on to Chicago by the day's end.



The Krabel Family Singers performed at the Legion caravan stop in Newman, singing the theme songs of the Armed Forces. Pictured are Constance, Elijah, Mackenzie and Eleanor Krabel of rural Newman. photo by Dana Hales

Peace Meals Menus

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.

Tue. Jan. 21: Baked ham, corn casserole, Capri Blend veggies, Rye bread, oatmeal raisin cookie

Wed. Jan. 22: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, spinach, Gelatin with fruit, whole grain wheat

Thu. Jan. 23: Hearty Polish sausage and beans, cottage cheese, peaches, juice, biscuits

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OBITUARY


Norma Joseph
(NEWMAN) - Norma Jean Joseph, 79 of Newman, IL passed away on Tuesday (January 7, 2014) at the Presence Covenant Medical Center in Urbana. Funeral services were held at 11:00am on Saturday, January 11th, at the Joines-Appleby Funeral Home in Newman. Pastor Ben Williamson officiated. Burial followed at the Newman Cemetery. A visitation was held from 10-11 on Saturday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Joseph was born on September 22, 1934 in Oakland, IL a daughter of Albert and Vivian East Ripple. She married Charles Joseph on November 14, 1951 in Terre Haute, IN. He preceded her in death on June 12, 2001.

Survivors include children David Joseph of Champaign, IL, Dennis Joseph of Indianapolis, IN, and Vicki Dunn of Newman, IL, 8 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. A brother Clyde Ripple of Danville, IL also survives. Besides her parents and husband, Mrs. Joseph was also preceded in death by 2 children - Charles & Penny Joseph.

Joines-Appleby Funeral Home of Newman, IL is in charge of arrangements.





FROM THE NEWMAN
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Pastor Terry Bailey
Newman First Church of God

As we begin a new year with Christ, let us stop and reflect upon the Blessings bestowed upon us this past year. May we give thanks for all we have – little or lot – it is all ours given through the Blessings of our Lord.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 17: Dannielle Smith, Martha Wax Malloy, Pamela Kay Chandler, Eva Diver, Nancy Kollmeyer, Judy Holt, Julie Hopkins, Leslie Sutton, Travis Moore, Rosemary Thompson, John Lee, Dorris Sorensen, Ross William Bennett, Barbara Coslet, Dorothy Badger

January 18: Thomas Drake Jr., Thomas Means, Lloyd Swan, Susie Harbaugh, Jason Cook, Lewis Chandler, Heather James, Steve Ponder

January 19: Gloria Davidson, Charles Ogden, Kathi Woodward, Dawn Reeves, Marjorie Hahn

January 20: John Smith, Rita Hendershot, Jami Hales

January 21: Violet Miller, Jerry Ingram, Brian Blair, Amy Sutton, Phil Partenheimer, Gene Trammel, Kim Underwood, Linda Driskill, Whitney Drake

January 22: Dempsey Richardson, Marie Haynes, Pat Dowell, Cathy Hales

January 23: Charles Edmunson, Betty Roberts, Karen Kelley, John Sigler, Kimberly Switzer

LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor's Note: We received this by email on Thursday, Jan. 9th and thought it was worth passing on about the good folks that reside in Newman.

Cathy and Dana,

Thought I'd pass along a human interest story concerning Mark and Susan Fraser of Newman, IL.

My son, Robby Lien, is a senior at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, IN.

Robby left our home in Naperville, IL late morning on Sunday January 5th to go back to college in Terre Haute. He did so even though we advised against it due to the snowstorm that day. Robby felt confident in making the trip since he was driving our 4-wheel drive pickup truck.

Under normal conditions, it's just under a four hour drive from Naperville to Terre Haute. Robby's plan was to take I-57 south to I-74 east. During his trip on I-57, the snow strengthened and he discovered I-74 was closed when he arrived there. Given this situation, he opted to continue south on I-57 and then took US-36 east toward US-150.

By the time Robby reached Newman, he had been driving for six hours and the roads were nearly impassable. Robby called home and we recommended he turn back toward I-57 to find a hotel for the night. As chance would have it, Robby saw a local person, Mark Fraser, plowing driveways. Robby approached Mark to see if he knew of any hotels in the area. Mark was concerned with Robby's well-being due to the worsening weather and wasn't confident Robby could even make it out of Newman. Given the horrible conditions of the road, Mark offered Robby a room in their home even though Robby was a complete stranger from out of town.

As fate would have it, Robby was with Mark and Susan for two days before the roads opened up enough for him to make the final trek to Terre Haute.

Mark and Susan are to be commended for opening their home to my son and giving him shelter. I'm sure they didn't expect to have him around for two days, however they got along great.

I'm grateful to Mark and Susan and the community of Newman for taking care of my son in a tough situation!

Brian Lien
630-674-4890

THANK YOU

The Newman Lions Club would like to thank everyone who attended the soup supper for making it a great success. We would also like to thank Diana Quick and Pam Baxter for wonderful food at the American Legion (American Diner). Special thanks also to David Albin for the Illinois-Purdue tickets that we were able to raffle off. Again, thanks to a great community.

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Shiloh School Schedule

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

Jan. 17: Teacher Institute – No student attendance; FFA to Gordyville Tractor Pull; 6:15PM B V BKB Notre Dame de la Salette

Jan. 18: IT, Business, Career English Classes to Parkland College; FFA to Gordyville Tractor Pull; 6:30PM Family Trivia Game Night in Multi sponsored by Shiloh Booster Club; TBA G V BKB @ LOVC Tourney at Arcola

Jan. 19:

Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Day – School Closed; 7:00PM Board of Education Meeting; TBAG V BKB @ LOVC Tourney at Arcola; 6:00PM G JH VLB Chrisman Junior High

Jan. 21: 6:00PM B V BKB @ Arcola H.S.; 6:00PM B JH BKB Villa Grove J.H. School

Jan. 22: 6:00PM G JH VLB @ Jamaica J.H. School

Jan. 23: TBAG V BKB @ LOVC Tourney at Arcola; 6:00PM B JH BKB @ Catlin JH School; 6:00PM G JH VLB Catlin JH School

Jan. 24: FFA Made for Excellence Conference in Collinsville

Shiloh School Menu Breakfast

Jan. 20: NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 21: French toast or Cereal & Toast

Jan. 22: Egg & sausage flatbread or Cereal & Toast

Jan. 23: Cinnamon breakfast round or Cereal & Toast

Jan. 24: Mini cinnamon rolls or Cereal & Toast

Lunch

Jan. 20: NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 21: Cheese Quesadilla or chicken patty on bun, orange wedges, corn, baby carrots

Jan. 22: Salisbury steak wo/bread or hotdog on bun, fresh apple slices, mashed potatoes & gravy, celery sticks

Jan. 23: Macaroni & cheese or popcorn chicken w/bread, fresh banana, Tater Tots, fresh cauliflower

Jan. 24: Pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, orange wedges, steamed carrots, Romaine lettuce

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Attend the Church of Your Choice
Jan 19: 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. 20: Shiloh Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Shiloh building

Local Author Nominated for Illinois Author Award

Newman Regional Library District recently nominated Marilyn Adams, a local self-published author for the "Soon To Be Famous Illinois Author Award." Adams writes under the name, Marilyn Spicer and her first novel, *Souls Of Time*, is at the library and available for purchase on Amazon.com as both a hard copy and a Kindle book.

Illinois libraries hope to discover an unknown self-published author whose work will jump off the page for readers. *The Soon to be Famous Illinois Author* project accepted submissions of adult fiction by Illinois residents via their local libraries until January 6. The winning author will be announced during National Library Week, April 13 to 19, 2014. "The purpose of this exciting project is twofold—give a talented author exposure and spotlight the importance of libraries to literature efforts," said Illinois Library Association Executive Director Robert Doyle.

"After reading Spicer's psychological thriller I knew we had an author that could be very competitive," noted Renee Henry, Newman Regional Library District's librarian. "It was a little eerie to have the two main characters suffer tragedies to their families in Tuscola and Newman, but I rapidly read the book wanting to know the outcome."

Marilyn Adams, daughter of Clemmie & Richard Adams of Newman, describes the book as "exploring how far would someone go to protect a loved one if he had the ability to change the future." The two main characters lives intertwine when a tragedy to Riley's family causes his daughter to become a threat to Sam's family. Sam finds himself back in time and must decide what steps he will take to prevent the future from happening as he originally lived it. Riley has to decide how much he will trust this man that seems to know more about his family than he should.

Adams currently lives in Metcalf, though she grew up in Newman. She spends most of her days driving a semi-truck so she can earn a living and see the world. "I have been writing since stories since I was three years old. I hope that one day I can be a full time author like my favorites, Stephen King and Anne Rice," explains Adams. She

has dedicated the book to her former teachers, Mrs. McGaughey, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Woods, and Mrs. Trappani.

According to Henry, the Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author Project is the perfect fit for Illinois libraries to discover an exciting work of fiction, as libraries have been a keystone in creating enthusiasm for reading for centuries. Even in this digital age, every day, library staff across the state of Illinois, recommend written works as well as host author talks and book clubs.

"IHLS is pleased to partner with a project that connects libraries to the communities they serve. It's a perfect match—libraries seek out and promote literary resources, and patrons look to them to offer engaging and enticing options. Imagine discovering the latest literary genius in your backyard!" added Leslie Bednar, Executive Director of the Illinois Heartland Library System.

The Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project is being coordinated in collaboration with the Illinois Library Association and Reaching Across Illinois Library System and is supported by the American Library Association Digital Content Working Group, the Public Library Association, and the Heartland Library System.

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The Newman Lion's Club hosted a soup supper at the American Legion Post on Saturday evening as a fund-raising project. Dave Albin contributed two tickets for an upcoming Illini game for a raffle during the event also. Ben Murphy, the club's newest member indicated the winner of the tickets was from St. Joseph and is very happy to go to the upcoming game. The Lion's Club supports community and area needs for eye glasses with their fund-raising efforts. Everyone enjoyed their soup and sandwich supper prepared by the American Diner crew along with time spent visiting with family and friends. Approximately 125 meals were served. photo by Amy Hales



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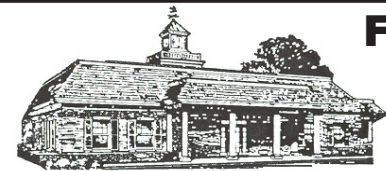
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Health Points Douglas County Health Department *presented by Lana Sanstrom, LEHP* New Illinois Laws for 2014 Including No Cell Phones While Driving Unless They're Completely Hands Free

This hands-free cell phone legislation prohibits the use of hand-held cellular devices while operating a motor vehicle and states that drivers may only use a cell phone by means of hands-free features and one-touch dialing/answering.

As of January 1, 2014, the Illinois Vehicle Code was amended to read that drivers caught holding cell phones up to their ears are subject to a \$75 fine statewide. Using a Blue Tooth headset or speakerphone are both acceptable exceptions provided they can be activated by a voice command or single button touch.

According to the Department of Transportation, there has been a great deal of research proving that hands-free cell phone use provides for safer roads. Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times more likely to get into serious crashes. They noted that ten other states enacted similar restrictions prior to January 1, 2014 and found the crash rates decreased considerably following the implemented hands-free cell phone use laws while driving.

"We've gotten into a habit of using our phones," Sen. Mulroe continued. "We aren't trying to take away the phones we just want you to use your phone more responsibly. And more importantly, to keep your eyes on the road and hands on the wheel and...it can wait." Mulroe's legislation aims to create uniformity and promote safe driving statewide.

House Bill 1247 (HB1247) was passed by the Senate on May 23 on a vote of 34 to 20, was then sent back to the House for approval, and ultimately signed into law by the Governor in 2013.

To further review the details of HB1247 - please visit: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation>

The 14 Illinois Laws beginning 2014, drawing the greatest interest:

1. HB1-The Illinois Department of Public Health directed to set up a system for medical marijuana
2. HB188-Under 18 years of age? No more tanning in commercial tanning beds.
3. HB226-If you'll be 18 by the next General Election, you CAN VOTE in the primary.
4. SB1639-Purchased a sick puppy? The pet store must take it back and/or pay your vet bills.
5. HB3081 and HB3243-Cigarette butts now count as litter and will net you a \$50 fine.
6. HB64 and HB3038-Your kids school can no longer check their email or Facebook pages without your permission
7. HB1814-Speeding fines in work zones will be LOWER if worksite is empty.
8. HB2992-If you and your ex have joint custody, you must ask if he or she wants to care for your children before hiring someone.
9. SB1214-The Illinois Tollway will be allowed to post the names of people with outstanding tolls on its website, much like a Most-Wanted list.
10. SB2356-Many Illinois Interstates will see a speed limit increase from 65 to 70.
11. SB923-School buses will be mounted with cameras for police to catch drivers who pass the bus while stopped.
12. HB2675-Illinois teens will learn about condoms and birthcontrol in sex ed in addition to abstinence.
13. SB722-Winery's can re-cork your wine if placed in a tamperproof evidence bag.
14. HB1247-Driver's only permitted to use cell phone with hands free.

Food Inspection Awards for December

submitted by Hanna Rogers, Environmental Health Inspector/Clerk

The Douglas County Health Department, having completed food inspections for the month of December, would like to commend the following establishments and publically acknowledge their efforts at maintaining a clean health facility. Inspections of food establishments in Douglas County are unannounced making it necessary for food managers to always be prepared for the public they serve and the inspector. When visiting these establishments be on the lookout for their certificate of award! **Clean Spoon Awards-Inspection score of 95 or above** were presented to:

Moose Lodge, Downtown Diner, Monicals Pizza-Villa Grove, Kaskaskia Country Club, Stumble Inn, El Toro of Arcola, Pauly's BBQ, Mama B's Pizzeria, 4 Way Stop, Denny's Classic Diner, Jack Flash-Arthur, Carriage Crossings Senior Living and Arcola Health Care Center. **Silver Spoon Awards-Inspection Score of 100** were presented to The Flower Patch, North Ward Grade School, East Prairie Middle School, Tuscola High School, Daily Kneads Café, Tuscola Health Care Center and Brookstone Estates.



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Pet Talk with Dr. Sally Foote DVM



Cabin Fever in Pets

When the weather gets cold and snowy, it is difficult to give our pets as much exercise and play as they need. Both dogs and cats that go outside may act up due to boredom. Feet freeze, making it painful to walk very far. It is harder to find the ball in the snow or chase mice and birds that are hunkering down in the shrubbery. Sometimes dogs may have accidents in the house because it is too hard on their feet to get "in position" to potty. Their toilet area may be covered with snow or just frozen, making it hard to smell the area. Accidents are forgivable; they are also very aggravating. Other ways that pets may act up in the winter is being more mischievous in the home. Cats may be knocking more items off the dresser or getting on the counters. Dogs may be pulling things off shelves to get your attention. You may hear more barking at squirrels out the window, or your cats may be swatting at each other more.

What to do? First of all, try to understand why pets are behaving badly. The house is no where nearly as

fun as the great outdoors. There are not as many places to sniff out, dig out or climb on top of. So, to help cure cabin fever, make the indoors more interesting. First be sure to keep the routines regular such as feeding and going outside. When you do feed make feeding time more interesting by using food puzzles rather than just feeding out of a bowl. Both dogs and cats get a lot of mental stimulation figuring out how the heck to get the food out of the toy. Meals in the puzzle, not just treats. You can see some videos starring Bella and Ranger using food puzzles on my website Okawvetclinic.com- behavior videos.

To avoid accidents in the house, keep a feeding schedule. Twice daily feedings, using food puzzles or kibbles to practice commands. Dogs will need to toilet about a half an hour after eating. Take your pet out for short but more frequent breaks and praise praise praise when they get it right. You may give them the first chance to eliminate, come in for 5 minutes (keeping them confined) then go on out again to finish up. Outside cats may still demand to toilet outside. If you let them out, give them some super yummy canned food right away when they come in to reward them for coming home.

Offering a potty pad in the home may be another way to help out the toy

see Pet Talk cont. on p. 7

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Lady Raiders Cruise in Lone Game as Weather

In the winter months, the shift of the sports world transitions into the indoor sports and high schools are no exception as they start up their respective basketball seasons. One other aspect that comes into play is the intense weather that hits the country with all sorts of storms that cause havoc amongst all of us. For the Shiloh Raiders girls' basketball team, last week was one of those weeks. The Blue and Gold were coming off of a 2nd place finish in the Bismarck Blue Devils classic three weeks ago and hadn't played in a week and looked to start the 2014 portion of the schedule with a bang with three scheduled games. Old Man Winter had other ideas as a huge storm brought some of the nastiest weather and temperatures that the state of Illinois has seen in twenty years causing havoc with the schedule, but the Raiders were able to get their lone game played with instant success and get back on the winning track.

The week was to have started off with games on Monday and Wednesday against the Tri-County Titans at home and the Chrisman Cardinals in Chrisman. On early Sunday morning, a powerful winter storm brought heavy snows measuring from 10 to 12 inches causing roadways to be closed for a couple of days plus bring very frigid temperatures that didn't get above zero and brought wind chills down to 30 to 40 degrees below zero. This forced school to be

closed for three straight days due to the impassable conditions and forced cancellations of both of these games. As of press time, no makeup dates have been announced.

The women of the Blue and Gold finally got on the court last Saturday night in the first of a girls-boys doubleheader against the

Oblong Panthers and Bethany McGinness got off to a very fast start with five three pointers in the first quarter as the Raiders raced off to a 23-3 lead and never looked back winning easily by a score of 65-19. McGinness finished with a game-high 24 points going 7 of 16 from beyond the arc while Lauren Moses chipped in 14 points and Shayne Smith added 10 points. Tori Stierwalt was solid off the bench with 8 points on 4 of 6 shooting and Bailey McIntyre ended with 7 points in the win. Emily Lockhart had 8 points for the Panthers while Taylor Smith had 6 and Kailyn Pinkston finished with 5 as they were the only three Oblong players to score in the contest.

The Raiders (15-3 overall, 1-0 LOVC) will play this evening in another LOVC contest at home in Hume against the Cerro Gordo/Bement Broncos at Shiloh High School. Tip off is set for 6:00 for the JV with the varsity contest to follow. The team will then start play trying to defend their title from one year ago in the 2014 Little Okaw Valley Conference Tournament in Arcola hosted by the Arcola Purple Riders. The tournament starts this Saturday with first round play and will go through next Saturday January 25 with the classification rounds. Basketball Central will have the highlights of this week's games for you next week as the Blue and Gold quest for another league tournament title.

Paris Prom Dress Sale Scheduled for February

Looking for a new Prom Dress? Girls can bring their gently used formal dresses and put them into our sale for a minimal cost of only \$3 per dress. This money will then be put into a scholarship fund which will be awarded to a senior girl who participates in our event whether it is buying or selling a dress. This is a great opportunity for girls to not only buy and sell dresses at a reasonable cost but also offers another scholarship to a girl who desires to further her education. Over the last four years we have done over \$1800 in scholarships.

The event will be held February 22, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and February 23rd from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 614 N. Main St., Paris, IL 61944. The Paris Prom Dress Sale group will be accepting dresses starting February 1st. If there are any questions or you would like to make arrangements to drop off a dress for the sale please feel free to call the following: Nicole York, 217-251-4802 or Tabitha York, 217-251-6579.

Raiders Start 2014 Portion of Basketball Schedule with Split of Games

Momentum in any sport is vital toward achieving success during the course of a season. The Shiloh Raiders boys' basketball team looked to build some momentum after a 5th place finish in the BSN Classic and get back on the court to begin the 2014 portion of the schedule with a bang. After the games were played, the Blue and Gold saw mixed results splitting the two games that were played, but showing the area that they are not going anywhere in hopes to achieve the school's first regional title in seventeen years.

The week was to have started off on Tuesday at home in a non-conference contest against the Urbana University High Illineks. A powerful winter storm hit the area on Sunday bringing upward to a foot of snow making roads impassable and bringing brutally cold conditions with wind chills as low as 40 degrees below zero making it the worst winter storm in twenty years. With that, officials had no choice but to cancel the contest and no make up date had been announced as of press time.

The Raiders then finally got back onto the court on Friday night starting LOVC play in Cerro Gordo against the Cerro Gordo/Bement Broncos. The game started off pretty even with the Raiders staying close to the host Broncos as CGB had a 21-17 lead after the first stanza, but then the hosts took control increasing the lead to 55-42 after three quarters and the Raiders couldn't muster enough of a comeback attempt falling by a score of 68-61. Cyrus Furgeson scored 17 points to lead the Raiders while Andrew

Donithan chipped in 11 and Kaleb Hood added 10 points. John Haynes was solid off the bench finishing with 9 points in the loss. Conner Gross led the Broncos with 22 points while Josh Hayes added 21 in the win.

There was no rest for the Blue and Gold as they hosted the Oblong Panthers the next night in Hume and Shiloh came out firing on all cylinders holding Oblong to just five made shots in the first half jumping out to a 50-21 halftime lead and cruising to an 81-61 win. Andrew Donithan was strong leading the Raiders with 31 points on 13 of 25 shooting while Cyrus Furgeson added 16 points on 5 of 12 shooting and Eli Furgeson added 11 points. John Haynes was solid once again off the bench with 8 points hitting all four of his shot attempts. Koert Mehler led the Panthers with a game-high 35 points on 11 of 26 shooting while Martin Spaeth chipped in 10 points in the loss.

The Raiders (11-5 overall, 0-1 LOVC) will have gotten back into play this Tuesday at home in another league contest against the Atwood-Hammond Rajahs. The contest would be the final ever game between the two teams as Atwood-Hammond will annex with Arthur-Lovington to form one school starting next school year. The team will be back in action this Friday night with another home contest in non-conference action against the Notre Dame de la Salette Lions at Shiloh High School. Tip time will be at 6:15 pm for the JV with the varsity contest to follow. Basketball Central will have the rundown of both games for you next week.

Pathway to Illinois Open House Set for Feb. 9

Parents, students can get info on program that leads to U of I admission CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Prospective college students and their parents are invited to the Pathway to Illinois Open House on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 1 to 3 pm in Room D244 at Parkland College.

Representatives from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Parkland will answer questions about the Pathway to Illinois Program, including eligibility, housing options, financial aid, admissions, and other topics.

For qualifying Illinois high school graduates who begin college at Parkland

and are interested in transferring to the University of Illinois, the program is an opportunity to gain guaranteed admission to certain University of Illinois programs. While preparing to transfer, participating students will be able to integrate their time as full-time Parkland students with resources and classes at Illinois. Pathway students typically complete the program in two years, but AP credit and college credit earned in high school may affect program length.

For questions about the program, please contact Parkland Admissions at 217-244-7351 or 217-244-5091.

FAST BREAK SCOREBOARD with Tim Hendershot

We are headed towards the post-season of the junior high basketball season. Welcome to another installment of the Fast Break Scoreboard. The week started off with a bang as a heavy snow storm brought bitterly cold temperatures and up to a foot of snow forcing the cancellation of the games on Wednesday in Philo against the St. Thomas Tigers. The teams were able to start play on Saturday in the 2014 Chrisman Hardwood Classic in Chrisman with both the 7th and 8th grade teams losing to the Paris Crestwood

Eagles. The teams did play games in the afternoon session that same day, but the FBS was unable to acquire the results. The 7th grade will have finished play in this tournament on Tuesday and the 8th grade will have completed play on Wednesday. Due to other circumstances and time constraints, the FBS was unable to acquire box scores from Saturday's action. The FBS will have a full, complete box score rundown of the action from Chrisman for you next week as the regular season comes to a close. See you all next week!

Weather Causes Rescheduling of Games

The following Shiloh Junior High and High School games have been rescheduled due to last week's winter weather.

January 15	HS Girls Basketball @ Decatur LSA	6:15 PM
January 18	HS Girls Basketball @ Shiloh v Tri-County	1:00
January 23	HS Boys Basketball @ Shiloh v Uni High	6:00
January 23	JH Volleyball moved to NGS	6:00
January 29	HS Girls Basketball @ Chrisman	6:00

Five Game Frenzy

With Tim Hendershot and Daniel Allen and Madison Mapes

What a way to end the BCS era! Welcome to the final edition of the 2013 Five Game Frenzy. All five of the final BCS games were the highest scoring games in the history of the series with all of them coming down to the final minutes. All of us went 2-3 in the final five games and gives the overall title to Madison in her first year of picking the games by four over myself and six over Daniel. Below is the final breakdown of the BCS, the overall record for the year, and the career records in the six years of picking games for myself and Daniel. Hope you enjoyed another year of college action as we now look forward to a new era in 2014 with the first ever College Football Playoff. We will see you next season!

Game	Daniel	Tim	Madison
Record (Week)	2-3	2-3	2-3
Record (Year)	46-34	48-32	52-28
Record (Career)	278-182	267-193	52-28



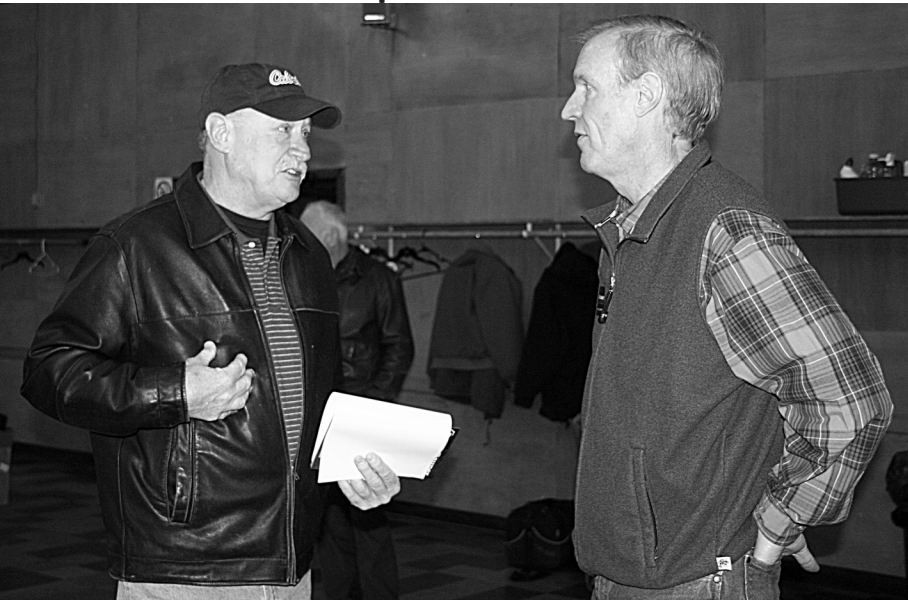
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Bruce Rauner, Gubernatorial Candidate Stops in Tuscola



Steve Allen speaks with Bruce Rauner after the Meet and Greet program to discuss the recent pension reform legislation passed late last year. photo by Dana Hales

Three local residents, Steve Allen, Kim McGee and Dana Hales attended a Meet and Greet for Bruce Rauner, Republican candidate for the March primary for governor of Illinois. Rauner is a successful businessman from Lake County, north of Chicago. He is chairman of venture capital firm R8 Capital Partners. He is competing in the primary against 3 other candidates to win the and eventually run for governor against Quinn in November.

In his presentation, he drove home four major points – more jobs for Illinois citizens, lower taxes, better schools and term limits. Through his analysis of what has been going on in Illinois for such a long time, a change is needed and right now. He plans to work in Springfield and live in the governor's mansion if elected and work with the state legislators on a daily basis. He indicated that he is not a

politician but a businessman and had not run for office before. His ideal traits for success are hard work, assemble a talented team of people, and set a goal and drive to that goal. He spoke of free market capitalism is the #1 fighter of poverty, great jobs are the antidote for poverty and great education is the antidote to poverty.

He addressed the pension reform recently passed last year. Bruce indicated it was band-aid fix on a much bigger wound. His plans were to freeze the current pension system and those in future work would have a defined contribution plan

Married with six children, he enjoys the outdoors, goes fly-fishing, hunting and rides his Harley. He grew up in the dairy farming area below the Wisconsin border and is a member of the NRA.

Newman City Council Meets by Matthew Hales

After the meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m., there was a brief discussion of the break-ins last Friday night at a local business and the City Hall. Visitors present were Matthew Hales and Rusty Barry's new son. Mike Hutchinson gave the Treasurer's report which he said was unchanged. The remaining bills for police equipment related to the new cruiser were discussed.

On the subject of the Guha building (the old Dime Store), there was good news: Newman will own the property by the next meeting. There were some concerns about insurance coverage and the potential cost of the demolition. They will be ready to consider bids by next month's meeting.

The James building remains a problem. They are still trying to locate the owner and the State Police are now involved in that search.

The most involved and longest discussion revolved around the state of the City Hall building. Several possibilities went around the table including repairing the building, removing its second story, or replacing it all together. Nothing was dismissed out of hand and the question of the evening seemed to be, "New roof or start over?"

Following this debate the meeting moved on and the truck traffic problem in town was discussed. The problem there seems to be one of enforcement.

Committees were instructed to be prepared to present budget proposals at the next meeting. Shortly afterward, the meeting was adjourned.

Legal News You Can Use

Question: What penalties do motorists face if they violate the new state law that bans the use of cellphones while driving?

Answer: Beginning on January 1, 2014, Illinois motorists may not use handheld cellphones for any purpose, including making or receiving phone calls or texting. If police see a driver pressing a phone to his or her ear, they can issue a ticket. Fines range from \$75 for a first-time offense to \$150 for each offense after the third violation. Drivers can make calls in case of emergency or if they are stopped in traffic and the vehicle is in park or neutral.

Question: If a credit/debit card thief makes a purchase using the card, is the cardholder liable?

Answer: Federal law limits a consumer's liability in credit card fraud to a maximum of \$50. The ceiling for debit card fraud is \$500. If someone makes unauthorized transactions with your debit card number, but your card is not lost, you are not liable for those transactions if you report them within 60 days of your statement being sent to you.

Question: How can I obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon?

Answer: On January 1, 2014, a new Illinois law went into effect requiring those who want to carry a concealed firearm to obtain an Illinois Concealed Carry License which is issued by the Illinois State Police. In general, Illinois residents who want to apply for the permit must be 21, have a valid Firearms Owner

The Recipe Corner

Pecan Chews

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks)
- 3 cups brown sugar
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 3 tsp vanilla
- 2 cps finely chopped pecans
- 4 cups flour

Preheat oven to 350° F, rack in the middle position. Melt the butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Add the brown sugar and mix well. Let the mixture cool to room temperature. Add the beaten eggs and mix until they are thoroughly combined. Add in the salt, baking soda, vanilla extract and pecans. Mix well. Add the flour in one-cup increments, mixing after each. Continue mixing until flour is evenly distributed. Form dough into walnut-sized balls. Place on greased cookie sheet and press down with metal spatula. Bake at 350° F for 10 to 12 minutes. Let sit for 2 minutes then remove to wire rack for cooling.

submitted by Mary Melton



Kids' Clubs

Wednesdays this school year: 5:30-7:30 PM

Club meets at the Newman First Christian Church

Ages 3-12th Grade are welcome to attend!

Supper provided for all children! Visitors welcome!

Wood's Farm Hosts Meet the Candidate for Peter Buckley



Peter Buckley, Chief Deputy of Douglas County is running in the March primary for Sheriff of Douglas County. He is seen on the left with Grant Kincaid in the middle and Neal Wood on the right. Approximately 65 people attended the two hour event held at the machine shed on Neal and Shelley Wood's farm located north-west of Newman. Peter met and talked with many folks throughout the two hours and is looking forward to the primary election in the first week of March. He has served as Chief Deputy for the past three years and feels he is very capable of handling the job as Douglas County Sheriff. photo by Dana Hales



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Question: What should I know about Illinois' new medical marijuana law?

Answer: The medical marijuana law, which takes effect on January 1, 2014, is a four-year pilot program that allows registered marijuana users age 18 and older to purchase up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana every 14 days from a registered, licensed dispensary. To qualify, a user must have been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition. The patient must obtain a written confirmation from a doctor with whom he or she has a legitimate doctor-patient relationship. Persons with felony convictions or who work in certain positions such as law enforcement are prohibited from participating in the program.

Question: Is there a cost involved to obtain an Order of Protection?

Answer: In filing an Order of Protection, you are asking a judge to protect you and your family members from your abuser. No court fee is necessary. Furthermore, the local Sheriff's office will not charge a fee to deliver a copy of your court papers to the respondent.

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

Pet Talk cont. from p. 4

breeds. Reward the dog when they use the pad. Shoveling off some snow or making a path can also help the small dog go outside. For the housebound cat, reward them after using the box and keep the box absolutely clean. As soon as it is used, scoop it.

Increasing exercise cuts down on boredom and can help pets get along. Walking, even limited, is still good to do. Break it up into short 5 minute walks in different areas. Dogs really need to smell other smells to help reduce boredom. Head halters and front attaching harnesses can make walking easier than collars.

Lastly, find ways to play and get exercise in the house. Games of chase up and down the stairs, review obedience commands or teach them a new trick. Hide the food in small bowls for cats on shelves and perches. For dogs, hide kibble in different places and play hide and seek. This really uses their scenting skills and is fun.

Outdoor cats are tough to keep happy inside. Lots of play with the humans such as fetch, kill the toy, and feather toys can help. Cats really need to have their toys rotated every day to keep it interesting. You don’t need many; just keep most up taking one or 2 down a day. Be sure you have enough places for the cats to lay and perch on. A step ladder set up with towels on the tread can increase the space to the cats. Placing this near a window can relieve much boredom.

Lastly, pet proof the house. Keep the food off the counters, have snap shut garbage cans and keep the remotes, keys, cell phones and jewelry put away! Never underestimate the ability of a dog or cat to get up on a counter or table for chocolate brownies or a loaf of bread.

Need some suggestions for your cabin fever crazy patients? Go to www.drallyjfoote.com and see articles on my blog - cabin fever - fun in the snow - frolic cat toy and videos at [drallyjfoote](http://drallyjfoote.com) on youtube for suggestions. Let me know what works for you and your patients. I love to hear from you.

Dr. Sally J. Foote CABC-IAABC Okaw Veterinary Clinic Tuscola IL

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOUGLAS COUNTY - TUSCOLA, ILLINOIS

13 CH 00050

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Marilyn Klinkow, Administrator; Lindsey Cagle a/k/a Lindsey Faye Cagle; Zachary Cagle a/k/a Zachary Dean Cagle; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Paula J. Uphoff; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Paula J. Uphoff
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
LOT 10 IN GRAY’S SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF MCCANN’S RESERVE TO MCCANN’S ADDITION TO ARCOLA, LYING BETWEEN WEST MADISON STREET AND WEST JEFFERSON STREET IN ARCOLA AND LOT 13 IN BLOCK 2 OF MCCANN’S FIRST ADDITION TO ARCOLA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 305, AND THE NORTH 80 FEET OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 2 OF MCCANN’S FIRST ADDITION TO ARCOLA, ALL SITUATED IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 224 Pine Drive Arcola, IL 61910
and which said Mortgage was made by: Paula J. Uphoff executed the mortgage, however this individual is deceased and is not named as a defendant in this lawsuit
the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for 1st Advantage Mortgage, L.L.C d/b/a Mortgage Services Illinois LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Douglas County, Illinois, as Document No. 248003; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Julie Mills
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Douglas County Courthouse
401 S. Center, Room 204
P.O. Box 50
Tuscola, IL 61953

on or before February 18, 2014, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL COURT DOUGLAS COUNTY - TUSCOLA, ILLINOIS
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
PLAINTIFF
VS
KEELA J SHULL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS ;
DEFENDANTS

12 CH 80

452 EAST MAIN STREET
ARCOLA, IL 61910
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on September 6, 2013, DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF in DOUGLAS County, Illinois, will on February 27, 2014, in FIRST FLOOR ROTUNDA OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TUSCOLA, IL, at 1:00PM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DOUGLAS, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
THE EAST 35 FEET OF LOT 9, BLOCK 10 OF SHELDON AND JAQUES ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ARCOLA, AND THE WEST 25 FEET OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 10 OF SHELDON AND JAQUES ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ARCOLA, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 01-14-03-306-00300 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 452 EAST MAIN STREET ARCOLA, IL 61910 Description of Improvements: TWO STORY SINGLE FAMILY HOME WITH NO GARAGE. The Judgment amount was \$43,355.31. Sale Terms: This is an “AS IS” sale for “CASH”. The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. 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 YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DYAS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://service.atty-pierce.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file #PA1213954 Plaintiff’s attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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Only two things are infinite,
the universe and
human stupidity,
and I’m not sure about
the former.
Albert Einstein

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Hultgren Co-Sponsors Hire More Heroes Act to Provide Jobs to Veterans

Washington, DC – U.S. Representative Randy Hultgren (IL-14) has co-sponsored H.R. 3474, the Hire More Heroes Act of 2013, legislation that encourages small businesses to hire veterans by providing relief from the Affordable Care Act's burdensome employer mandate.

"When our servicemen and women return home, the last thing they should fear is unemployment. And it is our duty in Washington to ensure there are jobs available for our veterans," said Rep. Hultgren. "But Obamacare's employer mandate has discouraged many small businesses from hiring more workers at a time when our economy is still struggling to recover.

"Growing up in a family-owned small business, I know first-hand the challenges of running your own business. This mandate is just another costly

burden that discourages employers from expanding their workforce, and our economy cannot afford it. Lifting this burden on small businesses is a win for our veterans and our economy."

The Affordable Care Act's employer mandate requires all businesses with more than 50 full-time employees to provide health insurance to their employees or pay a fee. H.R. 3474 allows employers to exempt veterans who already receive health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate, allowing small businesses to hire veterans without facing penalties. Eight million veterans are currently receiving healthcare through the VA, an option open to every service member returning home.

Certification Class For Foodservice Managers

A foodservice sanitation manager's course will be offered Tuesday, January 21 and Thursday, January 23, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at ILEAS Training Center, (former Champaign Co Nursing Home),

1701 E Main St, Urbana, IL. The exam will be Monday, January 27, from 9-11 a.m. ILEAS. Persons needing recertification for their IL Dept. of Public Health certificate may attend the second day, Thursday, January 23, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact Sue Summerville, 217-684-2435, to register or for further information. Cost: \$140 for certification class including text and ServSafe exam; \$65 for recertification class including text. Both classes also available online.

Parkland Theatre to Present Thriller "Wait Until Dark"

Conmen meet their match in Knott play; performances Feb. 13-23 CHAMPAIGN, ILL.— *Wait Until Dark*, the most successful thriller of *Dial M for Murder* playwright Frederick Knott's career, opens at Parkland Theatre Feb. 13.

Three conmen are about to meet their match. They have traced the location of a mysterious doll they have been searching for to the Greenwich Village apartment of Sam and his blind wife, Susy. Through a cleverly constructed deception, the conmen convince Susy that the doll is evidence in a mysterious murder. She refuses to reveal its location, and with the help of a young neighbor, figures out she is the victim of a bizarre charade. A deadly game of cat and mouse ensues, and Susy knows the only way to play fair is by her rules. Just how will this dark game end?

J.W. Morrisette directs a cast of local community talent that features Cara Maurizi in the demanding role of Susy, as well as Justin Blackwell, David Dillman, Karen Hughes, Monty Joyce, David Kierski, Zackary Ross, and Alexx Valdez.

Wait Until Dark will be performed Feb. 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors (55+), and \$10 each for groups of 15 or more.


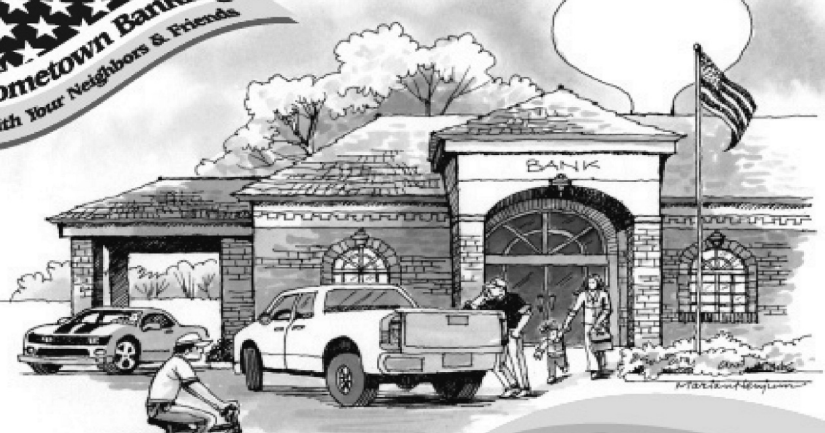
Parkland Theatre continues its guarantee of affordable theatre for everyone by offering "Pay What You Can Night" on Thursday, Feb. 13 and "Half-price Night" on Thursday, Feb. 20. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at www.parkland.edu/theatre or by calling 217/351-2528. In collaboration with Parkland College's Hospitality Department, a combination dinner and show package is available on Friday, Feb. 21 for \$30. Visit www.parkland.edu/theatre for details and reservations. Space is limited.

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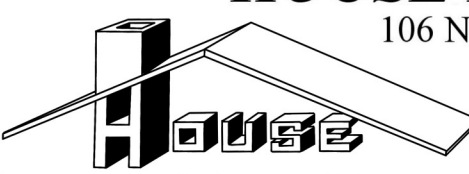
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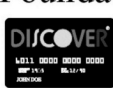
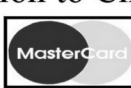



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