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DAR/SAR County Recipients Recognized at Good Citizen's Luncheon

The First Christian Church, Tuscola, hosted the 59th annual Stephen A. Douglas Chapter, DAR/SAR (National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution/Sons of the American Revolution) Good Citizens' Luncheon on Saturday, February 8, 2014. There were approximately 57 in attendance including the awardees, parents, DAR members and guests. Nancy Smith, The Smith House, Tuscola provided the meal.

Each of the DAR Good Citizens is given an opportunity to write an essay that makes the student eligible for a large monetary sum at the national DAR level. This year Maria Climaco from Arcola was the chapter's essay winner. She was awarded a monetary gift from the Stephen A. Douglas Chapter and received an American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol. Her essay has been forwarded to our



Pictured are Lauren Moses and her parents Daren and Brenda Moses of Newman, DAR recipient on the left; and on the right are Bethany McGinness with her parents Tom and Amy McGinness of Brocton, SAR recipient. Photo: Eric Hastings, Tri-County Journal

American History Chairman Marlene Lincoln gave a brief explanation about the DAR American History Essay program. Awards of \$25 were presented to sixth grader Megan Harshbarger from Atwood-Hammond and to seventh grader Emma Harris from Atwood-Hammond. Macy Hollingworth, eighth grade winner from Arthur was unable to attend.

Martha Burris, Good Citizens Chairman of the Stephen A. Douglas DAR Chapter, presented the DAR awards to the five high school seniors: Maria Climaco - Arcola, Paige McDaniel - Arthur-Lovington, Justin Hayes - Atwood-Hammond, Lauren Moses - Shiloh, Marnie Leonard - Tuscola. Taylor Quinn from Villa Grove was unable to attend. A brief description of the nomination and selection process was also given by Mrs. Burris.

district level for further judging.

Frank Lincoln of the Piankeshaw Chapter SAR, presented the SAR awards to the five high school seniors: Samantha Reece - Arcola, Curtis Plank - Arthur-Lovington, Gayle Schlabach - Atwood-Hammond, Bethany McGinness - Shiloh, Philip Spillman - Tuscola. Michael Greifenkamp from Villa Grove was unable to attend.

Program speaker was Illinois State Trooper Tracy Lillard - District 10 Safety Education Officer. She shared her wisdom for life's successes.

As the audience stood in respect, Boy Scout Troop 95 from Tuscola ended the program by presenting facts about the American flag while folding the flag. Rob Middleton, Scout Leader was assisted by Jordan Middleton, Joel Middleton, and David Spillman.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2014

Newman City Council Meets

The February meeting of the Newman City Council was held on Monday, Feb. 10th with all members present. Visitors at the meeting were Dr. Phil Bauter, Matthew Hales, Dana Hales, Jim Biddle, Jim Young and city employee Dennis Kibler. The council approved the minutes of the last meeting, the Treasurer's report, approved payment of bills and then allowed the visitors to address the board.

Jim Biddle was representing the Freedom Celebration Fireworks for the summer festival. He was asking the city for a possible donation to help finance the cost of the fireworks which were estimated to cost approximately \$5000. After a brief discussion, Mayor Allen indicated that the City would donate what was needed over what the committee raised to reach that goal.

Jim Young and others have conducted a 5K/Run/Walk and a Marathon 5K/15K Bike Ride for the past three years at the Summer Festival. His request was for the closing of Broadway and Yates Street for a few hours to accommodate the race. He also asked for the closing of Yates on the north side of the park for a street dance the same evening after 8:00pm. The council granted closing the requested roads for the activities. The proceeds of the race will be donated to BETH'S PLACE, woman's shelter located in Tuscola.

Dr. Bauter presented the Council with CD ROM's of the minutes of the City Council meetings from May 2003 - December 2013. The city and each council member received one.

The Guha Building (the old Dime Store) is now in the city's hands. Bidding for removal will be published starting next week and hopefully, competent contractors can be identified by the next meeting.

The roof repairs for the City Hall building were discussed. Jim Allen indicated he would clean off the building and repair when the weather is more suitable and a lift could be secured to access the area in need. Different options for complete repair/replacement were discussed with no conclusions made.

Committee work would be done to secure bids to possibly replacing the existing roof, drop the second story and build a new roof, repair what is necessary and other ideas.

Police Chief St. Clair gave his report which was 28 days of patrol work, 115.65 hours of patrolling with 354 miles driven and 2 traffic stops initiated. St. Clair indicated his budget had funds available for training and he had one of his part-time deputies able to attend a drug conference for \$708. The training is a week course and upon completion, he would be able to train the rest of the force on current drug related issues and courses of action in response to drug usage.

An insurance policy for coverage from breakdowns was discussed that would cover equipment. The cost would be an additional \$160 from ILMRA Breakdown Insurance. The Councils voted to accept the additional coverage.

Dennis Kibler spoke about the weather related repairs on leaks and water meter replacements. Rusty Barry and Dennis spoke of the needed replacement of the snow blade that attaches to the city truck. It is 6-7 years old and has had some repairs to keep it operational. It could be used as a trade-in.

The Budget committee will meet on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 pm to begin work on the yearly budget.

The waterworks committee had recommendations for the purchasing of generators of the waterworks as a back-up to the water systems as well as a dehumidifier. Estimated costs ranged around \$33,000 for the two systems. Water meter replacements were also discussed. Currently there are approximately 80 meters out of 400 that are the sensor scanned.

Discussion on a private lot on West Green St. followed that detailed the accumulation of vehicles, vehicle parts and other items. The property has been partially fenced off but the apparent removal of the vehicles is still a concern.

The meeting finally came to a conclusion with a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Saturday, February 15, 2014
Freedom Festival Fireworks Soup Supper
at Newman American Legion Post
4:30 - 7:00 PM

All Funds go to the Freedom Festival Fireworks Display

Peace Meals Menus

Feb 13: Ham, tuna, or chicken salad, cheesy broccoli or hearty vegetable soup, juice, banana, whole wheat (2) crackers


Feb 14: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

Feb. 18: Baked Ham, corn casserole, Capri blend beggie, rye bread, oatmeal raisin cookie

Feb. 19: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, spinach, Gelatin with fruit, whole grain wheat

Feb. 20: Hearty polish sausage and beans, cottage cheese, peaches, juice, biscuits

Feb. 21: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.



FROM THE NEWMAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Pastor Terry Bailey
Newman First Church of God

Whether in church on Sunday or in our busy, hectic lives, every time we think of how great God is and how good He has been to us, is an act of worship. It is an act of honoring Him for who He is and what he has done.

But why is it that some are only thinking of God on Sunday morning? Many go days without having a single thought about how good God has been in their lives. The many Blessing bestowed, the prayers answered, and the protection from the evil of Satan. Sunday comes and it is time for reflection; but one must remember that God does not work on Sunday only. He has an open line for us; all we have to do is call...any day — any time.

What are some of the things that are getting in the way of our seeing God’s greatness and goodness in our everyday life?

In our lives, it may be religious pride or just a life that is self-centered, but in either case, we have put ourselves on the throne of our lives. We are interested in what will increase our reputation. We love to hear people talk about us and our accomplishments. How can we tout God’s greatness when we are so consumed with our greatness?

Peer influence is another ‘thing’ that prevents many from doing what is right in their life...Peer influence on a Senior Adult, how can that be? When you begin to talk and act in ways you haven’t before, you will get those looks and comments. Looks and comments doing their best to detour you from praising God in your life. Yes, every Christian needs to make sure they are worshipping at God’s altar not the altar of.....,

There are many more detours in our lives than the ones I listed today. How can we remove the ones in our lives? First we must acknowledge the detour; and once seen we must take the necessary steps to remove it and its influence. Yes, God must be first within our lives. First every day – not just Sunday morning.

“A nation of well-informed men who have been taught to know and prize the RIGHTS which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the religion of ignorance that tyranny begins.”

– Benjamin Franklin

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Last week, I introduced Senate Bill 2790 to give Illinois families and businesses nearly \$450 million in Illinois sales tax relief on gasoline. Illinois is one of seven states with a sales tax on gasoline in addition to a per gallon tax. This is a tax on a tax and terrible fiscal policy. Even worse, the gasoline sales tax collected doesn’t even go to support roads, it goes to the State’s General Revenue Fund.

My plan calls for reducing the sales tax on gasoline. It saves Illinois families and businesses hundreds of dollars per year. After Governor Quinn and the Democrats raised income taxes 67%, Illinoisan’s deserve some relief.

Part of the remaining sales tax will be dedicated towards a program to begin repairing our failing roads and bridges. The American Society of Engineers reported that 73% of Illinois’ major roads are in poor or mediocre condition (annually costing \$292 per motorist in extra repair expenses) and found 2,311 of Illinois’ bridges to be structurally deficient.

Lowering this sales tax not only saves families money, it helps gasoline and convenience stores bordering other states with lower gas taxes. We lose millions of dollars to border states when Illinoisans cross the border to buy lower priced gasoline, then stay and purchase groceries and other items.

We need a top to bottom review of all taxes and fees that are currently levied. This proposal is my first step in that comprehensive reform of the way we raise and spend tax dollars.

Sincerely,
Kirk W. Dillard
Illinois State Senator (R. Hinsdale)

To the Editor:

Some feel today’s teenagers aren’t moneywise, but at Parkland College, we’re discovering just the opposite, as a growing number of district high school students get a head start on college through our Dual Credit program.

Parkland has partnered with area high schools to provide dual credit since the 1990s, but in the last five years, the program has experienced rapid growth. Approximately 12 percent of the entire district’s juniors and seniors are enrolled in at least one dual credit course, compared with only 5 percent in 2008.

For example, two years ago, Monticello High School offered no dual credit. Today, it offers nine courses, with 99 students enrolled in spring 2013. Champaign Unit 4’s high schools,

which offer a combined 54 hours of college credit, expect this offering to grow by more than 35 percent for 2014-15.

Dual credit allows eligible juniors and seniors aged 16 and up to take Parkland courses, earning credit simultaneously toward their high school diploma and toward specialized certification, an associate’s degree, or a bachelor’s degree. They can enroll in career and technical courses, such as automotive and agriculture technology, or transfer courses, such as English.

Courses are offered at Parkland, online, and at 23 District 505 high schools, some which offer them at no cost to students. Students who successfully meet college placement requirements and maintain a 3.0+ GPA (2.0 in some cases) may earn dual credit.

With students from 27 schools saving money through Parkland’s dual credit program —and all district high schools actively discussing adding these courses—it seems our teenagers are truly savvier about money than we may give them credit for.

Sincerely,
Tom Bennett, Gibson City
Parkland College, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Shiloh School Schedule

Feb. 13: KDASC Hospitality Night; FCCLA Proficiency Events & Workshop at Charleston; Lifetouch Spring Portraits

Feb. 14: 3rd Quarter Mid-terms issued; 6:00 p.m. B V BKB @ Arthur High School

Feb. 17: NO ATTENTANCE – PRESIDENT’S Day; FFA Week; 7:00 PM Board of Education Meeting; 6:00 PM G JH VLB Crestwood School

Feb. 18: FFA Week; 6:00 PM B V BKB Heritage High School; 6:00 PM G JH VLB @ Heritage Jr. High School

Feb. 19: FFA Week; 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 72 Meeting @ NGS

Feb. 20: FFA Week

Feb. 21: FFA Week; 6:00 PM B V BKB Okaw Valley High School; 6:00 PM G JH VLB @ Chrisman Junior High

Feb. 22: 7:00 PM Winterfest Walk-in

Shiloh School Menu Breakfast

Feb. 17: NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENT’S DAY

Feb. 18: Apple Frudel or Cereal & Toast

Feb. 19: Egg, cheese & sausage Flatbread or Cereal & Toast

Feb. 20: Oatmeal raisin bar or Cereal & Toast

Feb. 21: Maple pancakes or Cereal & Toast

Lunch

Feb. 17: NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENT’S DAY

Feb. 18: Meat & cheese Nachos w/bread or chicken patty on bun, fresh orange slices, Camppfire beans, baby carrots

Feb. 19: Sloppy Joes on bun or hotdog on bun, fresh apple wedges, mashed potatoes & gravy, fresh cucumber slices

Feb. 20: Penne w/meat sauce of chicken Muggets w/bread, fresh banana, green beans, freswh tomato slices

Feb. 21: Pepperoni Pizza or cheese pizza, fresh orange slices, green peas, Romaine lettuce

Just a reminder
Our deadline is
Monday at noon
for that week’s
paper.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Attend the Church of Your Choice
Feb 9: 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.
Feb. 17: Shiloh Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hume building

Corresponding with the Friends in Florida:

Arley and Nada Lou Dunn wrote an email last week with some photos attached of unique snow sculptures and notes on the cold weather. They were asking about the weather right now in Newman and the surrounding community. I informed them that with another 8-9 inches of snow, some windy days and colder than normal temperatures that they should probably enjoy their time in Florida a little longer.

They replied back today (Monday, the 10th)

Thanks for taking time to respond to my recent email, knowing how busy you normally are, I was mildly surprised and most appreciative. Conditions here are, by local standards, not as good as they could be. I'm guessing that applies to lots of folks in lots of places. (Thinking of those poor souls who are out of electricity in Pennsylvania). This is about the time of year we begin to think of returning to Illinois. We are depending on our friends at home who will tell us when it is safe =. Give our best to those you see out and about and let us know when you park the snow blowers and tune up the lawn mowers.

Love to all A&NL



FFA Week at Shiloh School

February 17 – 21, 2014 is National FFA week and in recognition of this week, the local FFA chapter at Shiloh High School is sponsoring activities and events throughout the week to emphasize the impact of the Agricultural vocations in our area and the surrounding communities. With no school on the 17th, the rest of the week will be filled with numerous things for the students to do.

Tuesday, the 18th is PJ/Official Dress Day with the FFA Bowl questions being about FFA Facts; Wednesday, the 19th is Fake Injury Dress Day with the FFA Bowl questions being AG Facts; Thursday, the 20th is Bayou/Hat, Boots, and Buckles Dress Day with the FFA Bowl questions about Animal Facts along with the lunch for FFA members and the Alumni Members, and the Annual Barn Yard Day; and Friday, the 21st is FFA/Blue & Gold Dress Day with Country Music. Daily games will be sponsored during the lunch period.

The Barn Yard Zoo on Thursday, is open to the public with the exception of 9:00-9:45 a.m. time block due to the student participation in the Winterfest activities on that day.

Woman's Club Meeting

The Newman Woman's Club will hold their February 18, 2014 meeting at the Newman Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M. The Health Chairwoman, Misty Appleby will present Jay Shinde, EIU Instructor. Jay's topic will be "Meditation – A Positive Impact on Life." Members are asked to share their technique for dealing with stress. Hostess committee chairwoman Kristina Milburn, with her committee of Anna Williamson, Glenna White, Karen Smith, and Charlotte Marsh will provide refreshments.

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XOXO

Louise Bullock

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Friday February, 14th, Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 15th

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Happy Valentines Day and God bless small towns.

Mary

Freedom Festival Fireworks Soup Supper

Sat Feb. 15th

4:30-7:00

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 Dessert
 Drinks

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Pet Talk with Dr. Sally Foote DVM



Do pets get senile? Cognitive Dysfunction in Pets

Kate Pleasant, the hostess of “The Paw Report” on WEIU TV asked me to focus on senior aging for an episode. The episode will air Monday January 26 at 6:30 pm central time. If you missed it, you can watch it on WEIU’s you tube channel. We talked about Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (CDS) in dogs and cats. CDS is a syndrome, so there are a group of signs that develop in pets as they become geriatric. It has been recognized in the dog for approximately 20 years, and in recent years has been studied in cats. As we discuss on the show, CDS has a number of signs that can be confusing for an owner to interpret. If there are other aging or health problems, the signs that look like CDS may be due to another problem, so it is essential to have your

older pet keep up with health maintenance checks and screening tests yearly. What are the signs of CDS? Think of DISH - Disorientation, Interaction, Sleep, Housetraining. So if your dog walks into the family room and stops, staring into space like “why did I come in here?” Or stands at the hinge side of the door to go outside like they are confused, it may be CDS. If your cat is going towards the room where the litter box is, then stops and paces around like she is looking for something, it may be CDS. Does your cat or dog greet you when you come home? Do they bark or meow and seek attention from you or housemates like they usually would? Some dogs and cats will wake in the night as if they need to relieve themselves but don’t. They may want to be fed or just meow loudly. This is the sleep cycle interruption we can see with CDS. It is very irritating to owners. Housetraining problems can be seen as well in both dogs and cats. If your dog is by the door but suddenly goes, it may be CDS. In cats they may get lost finding the litter box. There are forms with screening questions that you can use to see if your pet may be affected. <http://www.cdsindogs.com/PDF/cdsindogs/ANIPRYL.pdf> If you go on Facebook, we have this posted there too.

Health Points Douglas County Health Department presented by Lana Sanstrom, LEHP

New Year’s Resolutions . . . more than 6 weeks will have passed by the time you read this Health Points which according to some studies is long enough to change a habit. On New Year’s Eve, resolutions sound so good; with the anticipation of a new year and a new start, anything seems possible. I hope many of you who made resolutions have been successful. Resolutions typically are made to better your life and possibly even the lives of those around you. A resolution to be healthier is one that quite often includes quitting smoking. Being willing to change is the first step necessary to stop repeating behavior which has become a habit. Going through the motions will not be enough if you do not want to change and take the necessary steps to do so. No matter the habit you want to change, it will also usually take planning and perseverance. The interesting part of habits (*even bad ones*) is that sometimes it doesn’t matter what the costs are: monetary, concerns for good health, threatened relationships at whatever level, etc. The bad habit has usually become a habit over a long period of time and has been reinforced by the continuance of the habit. It has become comfortable to continue in the habit with it being familiar, and in the case of cigarettes,

the body begins to crave the nicotine. You might need some support whether it is a professional, a loving family member, a fellow employee, or a very loyal friend to name a few. In the state of Illinois, smokers have the added available support of the Illinois Tobacco Quitline once they are ready to quit. The Illinois Tobacco Quitline is a program The American Lung Association of Illinois in association with the Illinois Department of Public Health operates. Smokers who would like to quit smoking call and talk with trained professional staff that provides counseling and nicotine replacement aids such as patches, gum and lozenges as appropriate. This program is open to anyone who has a desire to quit – it does not matter if you have tried before and were not successful. Studies show that most people have to try at least three times before they experience success . . . make this be your time! This project is made possible by funding from Illinois Department of Public Health. Counseling is **FREE** and available to all callers. When you call, ask if you also qualify for **Free** nicotine replacement aids from the Quitline and about other options. The Quitline is available to callers 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. . . . Call - 1-866 QUIT-YES (1-866-784-8937).

By Hannah Rogers, Environmental Health Inspector/Clerk

The Douglas County Health Department, having completed food inspections for the month of January, would like to commend the following establishments and publically acknowledge their efforts at maintaining a clean healthy 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 awarded to Arcola Subway; Country Junction; and Villa Grove Dollar General. **Silver Spoon Awards- Inspection Score of 100** were awarded to Arcola Country Store & Gas; Arcola McDonald’s; Yoder’s Homestead Shop; and Villa Grove Casey’s General Store.

These signs could also happen in a blind, arthritic pet or one with kidney disease. This is why it is so important to bring any of these signs up to your veterinarian. There are a lot of ways to help your older pet with medical problems and they will feel better, relieving some of these symptoms. Our cats seem to suffer the most before an owner brings them in for care. Please do not wait. Age is not a disease. When they are showing these signs, it is difficult for you and your pet. Find a veterinarian who offers senior pet care, and is knowledgeable in senior pet behavior to help you and your senior pet. I have had a number of senior pet patients where it was not clear if they had early CDS or other problems. With a little investigation we were able to adjust pain medication and diet which helped a number of them. Just focusing on signs is not enough.

In my 30 years experience as a veterinarian, the most common early to mid stage signs of CDS in dogs are disorientation and interaction. From this I have also seen an older dog become anxious about noises, or being left alone unlike the past. My own dog Trooper developed a lick granuloma, a spot that he chronically licked on his back leg despite good pain management for his arthritis. When he went on Anipryl, one of the approved medications for CDS, he stopped licking his leg and was less upset about loud noises. In cats the most common signs I see are problems finding

the litter box and night time vocalizing. Both of these problems really upset the owners and they may think the cat is just being naughty. Many of these cats are also dealing with arthritis in the lower back or elbow making it difficult to get to the litter box or sleep normally through the night. This is why it is essential to bring any cat over the age of 10 to regular yearly checkups. I know, your cat may not like coming in - there are ways to make it better for your cat! CJ is an example of an older cat who changed her mind about us with our gentle handling - I have a video of her exam, taking rewards and not struggling at all for us on our you tube channel DrSallyJFoote.

Seek a veterinarian who offers less stressful, fear free visits for cats (and dogs!) when you need to bring your pet in. I have many videos on low stress handling on my you tube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/DrSallyJFoote>) that you can see and even try some of the ideas with your veterinarian.

There are many treatment options for your dog or cat to help with CDS. B/D diet by Hills, supplements such as Novafit, Neutricks and Senilife are available. Anipryl by Zoetis is also an option. A veterinarian knowledgeable in senior pet health and behavior can help you and your pet make the last few years good years. You and your best friend will feel a whole lot better. Thanks and here’s to wonderful days with your super senior pet.

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Sports

Basketball Central

by Tim Hendershot



BACK ON THE TOP

Raider Women Earn Share of League Title Gaining Surge for Run to Normal

The rise to the top is now complete! The Shiloh Raiders girls' basketball team saw their run of five straight LOVC regular season championships snap last year and looked to make another run back to the top before the league sees a brand new look for next year. The team had already won its third straight tournament title and their fifth in the last six years a couple of weeks ago and were so close to completing the sweep going into the final week of regular season action last week. Mission

accomplished. The ladies of the Blue and Gold showed why that they are a serious threat in the Class 1A Tournament by going 2-0 and getting a share of the regular season league title and giving the rest of the area notice that they are ready to try and make a deep run towards Normal and this year's Class 1A State Finals.

Monday night was Senior Night as the Raiders hosted the

Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond Lancers and saluted two Raider players that have been a staple of the program throughout their four years as both Lauren Moses and Bethany McGinness played their final home games as members of the Blue and Gold. Their teammates didn't disappoint the two by jumping out to a 34-24 halftime lead and using a strong night at the free throw line to pull away for a 59-43 win. Shayne Smith continued her late season surge leading the Raiders with a game-

high 21 points while Lauren Moses ended her home career in style chipping in 20 points while grabbing 13 rebounds and adding 5 blocks. Karly Goodman led the Lancers with 14 points and Emily Seegmiller chipped in 10 points in the loss.

The team was then to face off against the Arcola Purple Riders in a make-up game from two weeks ago in Arcola to decide the LOVC regular season championship. Unfortunately, another winter storm brought up to eight inches of snow and brutally cold temperatures and forced the game to be canceled. With the post-season starting this week, the game will not be made up.

The team then headed to Bethany on Saturday afternoon for their final game of the regular season taking on the Okaw Valley Timberwolves. This game was to have been played on Thursday, but the weather forced the contest to the Saturday date. The change didn't matter to the Raiders as the Blue and Gold marched out to a 33-14 halftime

lead and never was challenged taking the contest by a score of 60-32. Due to limited info given about the game, Basketball Central was unable to acquire individual statistics. With that win and Arcola defeating A-L/A-H earlier in the day, the Raiders and Purple Riders shared the LOVC regular season title. The title is the sixth championship in seven years for Head Coach Dave Tingley and his program.

The Raiders (24-3 overall, 6-0 LOVC) will have played on Tuesday in Chrisman Regional as the top seed and faced off against the winner of the Danville Schlarman Hilltoppers/Salt Fork Storm game that was played on Monday. The championship game is scheduled for 7:00 pm this evening at Chrisman High School with the winner advancing on to Iroquois West High School next week for the Gilman Sectional. Basketball Central will have the rundown of the ladies quest towards Normal and the Class 1A State Finals for you next week as the post-season begins.

FAST BREAK SCOREBOARD with Tim Hendershot

This is it! Welcome to the final edition of the Fast Break Scoreboard for the 2013-2014 IESA junior high basketball season. The eighth grade squad looked to continue their journey at home last Friday night in the semi-finals of their home regional with a spot in the title game on the line. Unfortunately, their journey came to an end with a ten point loss to the Chrisman-Scotland Eagles ending their season at 11-6. Both of the 7th and 8th grade teams showed some

great growth this season and have a passion on the court that the program has needed in a couple of years and will have some great talent coming back for next season. The FBS salutes Head Coach Corey White and his teams for a great season and can't wait to see what the 2014-2015 season has to offer. Below is a rundown of both of the games played in the 8th grade regional. See you all next season!

2014 IESA Class 8-1A Regional 9 Tournament in Hume

Shiloh vs. Potomac Cardinals, 2/1/14

Shiloh 35, Potomac 17

Potomac (17) – Paz 3 0-0 6, Wright 0 0-0 0, Reitmeier 0 0-0 0, Deck 0 2-2 2, Reardon 2 0-0 5, Howard 1 0-0 2, Larkin 1 0-0 2, Keen 0 0-0 0, Bridgman 0 0-0 0, Wilken 0 0-1 0. Totals 7 2-3 17.

Shiloh (35) – Richardson 3 0-0 7, Barry 0 0-0 0, Eads 5 0-0 14, Neill 1 0-0 2, Campbell 3 0-1 6, Keske 2 0-0 6, Holmes 0 0-0 0, Tweedy 0 0-0 0, Beaulieu 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 0-1 35.

Potomac	5	2	6	4	-17
Shiloh	5	7	15	8	-35

3-point field goals – Potomac 1: Reardon. Shiloh 7: Eads 4, Keske 2, Richardson.

Shiloh vs. Chrisman-Scotland Eagles, 2/7/14

Chrisman 30, Shiloh 20

Shiloh (20) – Richardson 3 0-0 9, Barry 1 0-0 3, Eads 0 0-0 0, Neill 0 0-0 0, Campbell 0 0-2 0, Keske 2 4-11 8, Holmes 0 0-0 0, Beaulieu 0 0-0 0. Totals 6 4-13 20.

Chrisman (30) – Krabel 3 0-2 8, Ellis 2 0-0 5, Hoult 0 0-0 0, Taylor 2 0-0 4, Machango 1 0-0 2, Webster 4 3-4 11. Totals 12 3-6 30.

Shiloh	0	5	9	6	-20
Chrisman	9	7	4	10	-30

3-point field goals – Shiloh 4: Richardson 3, Barry. Chrisman 3: Krabel 2, Ellis.

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Shiloh Boys Basketball Can't Beat the Weather

Due to another winter storm dumping eight inches or more of snow and extremely cold temperatures, the boys games scheduled for last week were cancelled and rescheduled for a later date. The Shiloh school website will have the dates of the games and the *Independent* will list them if time permits.

News & Advertising Policy

Items are considered news unless a profit motive is involved. This includes both for-profit and non-profit organizations. **The rule of thumb is, "If you charge, then we charge."** Garage sales, raffles, and other money making or fund raising ventures are considered money-making propositions and must be run as advertising. Thank yous must also be run as advertising.

Wedding photos and write-ups are examples of news and will run free of charge. Anyone wishing to have a photo returned must include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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Future Shiloh Cheerleaders Learn the Routines



Young girls ages 3-11 aspiring to become cheerleaders in the upcoming years were participating in a cheer camp this past Saturday morning. 25 girls under the direction of Jodi Baxter and her high school cheerleader's squad worked with the girls practicing numerous cheers and dance moves. They are to perform during the half-time of the JV boys ballgame Tuesday night. Good luck girls!

Douglas Co. Participates in University Research Regarding Emergency Tornado Notification

Douglas County has been selected to participate in a new University of Missouri-Columbia research study regarding emergency tornado notification. On November 17, 2013, the National Weather Service reported an EF-3 tornado a ¼ mile wide with peak winds of 140 mph and a path length of 15 miles in Douglas County as part of a major late-season severe weather outbreak. The survey will help researchers learn how residents and businesses inside the County were notified of the tornado threat and what they did with the information in an effort to understand how people receive and react to emergency information.

The survey will be open now through February 17, 2014. Anyone who lived in Douglas County in November 2013 and are 18 years or older are asked to participate in the survey. The survey may be completed online by visiting the Douglas County website at www.douglascountyiil.com and clicking on the CodeRED logo. Those who would prefer to complete the survey by telephone are encouraged to call toll-free 800-430-1299.

The results of the survey will be shared with Douglas County Emergency Management in an effort to continuously improve emergency communication initiatives and outreach. Douglas County has been using the CodeRED emergency notification system since September 2008 to provide automated warnings of impending severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flash floods, as well as



County-wide or neighborhood specific emergency alerts. To register for future notifications, visit www.douglascountyiil.com and click on the CodeRED logo to submit information into the emergency database, which will only be used for Douglas County related emergency alerts.

"Douglas County is excited for the opportunity to participate in the survey and we look forward to partnering with the University of Missouri-Columbia for this research. We were hit hard by a late season tornado in November, and this research will help us understand how people in our community receive and react to information we send out about tornadoes for future storms" said Joe Victor, Douglas County EMA.

The University of Missouri-Columbia study will also survey residents and businesses in Palm Coast, FL, that was impacted by an EF-1 tornado in December 2013 for a comparison of emergency notification technology utilized and how it was received by the public for weather warning notification. The principal investigator of the research is Stephanie Meyers, graduate student at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Pheasants Forever For Habitat and Youth

If you are the outdoorsy type, you may know that the Pheasant was an abundant game bird in this area; that is, until it lost its habitat. Its habitat, the brushy fencerows that surrounded fields are nearly extinct, as are the wetlands and prairies.

Pheasants Forever is a non-profit organization that plants and maintains acres for the benefit of wildlife. Our local chapter is empowered with the responsibility to determine how 100 percent of our locally raised conservation funds are spent. In 2013, with the cooperation and generosity of landowners, the Douglas County Chapter managed 21 projects. Among 110 total acres, we planted and maintained 20 acres of food plots, and planted approximately 1200 trees/shrubs. With the collaboration of our local Soil Water and Conservation District, and Pheasants Forever's Regional Farm Bill Biologist, we hope to increase awareness and habitat acreage in Douglas County.

Our mission for our Ringnecks (youth) is to involve them in motivating outdoor activities and safety education throughout the year. During the banquet, only the Ringnecks get to bid on the first live auction item, which has been an exciting experience for them. Ryan Bowles, Youth Advisor, is planning a youth hunt in March, a fishing derby this

summer, and a hunter safety class before the next upland bird-hunting season.

The Tom Innes Memorial Scholarship provides \$500 to a selected high school senior who attends a school in the Douglas County area. The recipient is a member or related to a member of Pheasants Forever, and will be attending college after graduation. Applications are available by contacting us, and we have extended our deadline to February 11th this year.

The Douglas County Chapter organizes an annual banquet to acquire necessary support and funding for planting new projects, maintaining established habitat, and supporting our youth. Everyone is encouraged to become a member and join us on Saturday, February 22nd at the Community Building in Tuscola. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m., and a ribeye steak dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction will provide for a fun and exciting evening!

For more information, including registration fees, email DoCoPF@gmail.com or like our Facebook page: Douglas County Pheasants Forever. We look forward to meeting you and thanking you for supporting your local habitat. Submitted by Paula Williams, Douglas County Pheasants Forever

The Recipe Corner

Pizza Casserole Microwave

1 lb. ground beef
14 oz. jar pizza sauce
3 oz. sliced pepperoni
2 C. uncooked noodles
1 ½ C. water
½ C. shredded mozzarella cheese

Cook ground beef in 2 quart dish on high for 5 minutes or until done. Drain. Stir in remaining ingredients except cheese. Cook covered for 12-13 minutes or until noodles are tender. Stir once during cooking time. Top with cheese and cover 5 minutes to melt cheese.

Submitted by Mary Drake

Pictured in the photos are members of the high school cheerleading squad leading cheers as the young girls follow them. photos by Dana Hales

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Specifications are available by contacting Dr. John Wheatley, Superintendent, Shiloh CUSD #1, 21751 N 575th Street, Hume, IL 61932, Ph. 217-887-2364.

**Nelson Starkey, Secretary
Board of Education
Shiloh CUSD #1**

Telecommunicator of the Year

On October 29, 2013, Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Telecommunicator (TC) Debbie R. Cook performed her duties in an exceptional manner that resulted in TC Cook locating a victim of domestic violence despite extreme language difficulties. The victim dialed 9-1-1 and TC Cook received the call. The caller, an unidentified female, could speak only limited English and TC Cook attempted to utilize "language line" (A resource which allows TCs to conference call between the caller, the TC and a translator) without success. The 9-1-1 trace showed no exact coordinates since the location of the cellular caller was outside the geographic limits of Douglas County. The address provided by the caller indicated the caller may be in Coles County, not Douglas County. The caller was crying

and emotionally distraught throughout the call and she indicated in broken English that her face and hand had been injured and that her child had been tossed from the car. TC Cook heard the caller state, "Boyfriend forcing me, boyfriend driving" and "Please, please I need help!" TC Cook immediately notified all patrol cars throughout Douglas County that the radio was busy except for emergency traffic. TC Cook directed another DCSO employee to contact Coles County Communication Center and relay information to Coles County which TC Cook was receiving from the caller. Throughout the twenty minute 9-1-1 call, TC Cook spoke in a calm, reassuring voice and established a relationship with the caller, even though there was a language barrier. TC Cook learned that the caller was inside a moving blue and red colored (Pontiac) Montana van and she also was

able to determine the boyfriend's name. While continuing to reassure the caller on the telephone, TC Cook simultaneously conducted a soundex check and located someone with the name of the boyfriend in Oakland, Illinois within Coles County and passed this information to Coles County law enforcement. TC Cook continually tried to coax the caller into giving her (TC Cook) a description of her surroundings in an attempt to pinpoint her location. TC Cook was able to recognize the words, "Wal-Mart" "University" and "Arby's" and correctly deduced that the caller was driving through Charleston, Illinois. Eventually TC Cook ascertained that the caller's assailant was not in the Montana and the caller was alone. Despite losing the call three different times, TC Cook was able to re-establish contact each time and ultimately convinced the caller to park the van in the parking lot of the Arby's Restaurant in Charleston, Illinois. This information was relayed to law enforcement authorities and the caller was discovered in the Montana where she was transported to a local hospital and the initiation of a domestic battery investigation followed.

TC Cook's calm demeanor and quick-thinking throughout the 20 minute 9-1-1 call with a hysterical victim of domestic battery who could not speak English, led to the successful discovery of the caller and subsequent medical treatment for extensive injuries suffered by the caller. Her actions on October 29, 2013 warrant consideration for this prestigious award. **article and photo submitted by Peter Buckley**



Pictured from L. to R. are Douglas County Chief Deputy Peter Buckley, Douglas County Telecommunicator Debbie Cook and Douglas County Sheriff Charlie McGrew. The award was given to Debbie during the ISA banquet held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Fairview Heights, Illinois on Monday, February 3, 2014.

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
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CHARLES M. CAMERON, Defendant.

12-CH-74

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 901 E. SHORT ST. TUSCOLA, IL 61953
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered on December 12, 2013 in the above-entitled cause, the following described real estate, to wit:
The North 62 feet of Lots 10 and 11 in Block 5 of Enterprise Subdivision of Blocks 15, 16, 17, 18 in Mather's Northeast Addition to the Original Town, now City of Tuscola, Douglas County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 09-02-34-216-022 Commonly known as: 901 E. Short St., Tuscola, IL 61953
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on March 18, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., at the Douglas County Courthouse, 401 South Center Street, Tuscola, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$60,024.99.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: The bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the Sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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.
For information, contact the Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 E. Main St., Decatur, Illinois 62523 (217) 422-1719.
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g)(l).
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