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## Abraham Lincoln Visits Patterson Springs *by Dana Hales*

Abraham Lincoln was the guest of honor on his birthday at the Patterson Springs Bed & Breakfast. 20 guests were treated to a very good meal by Kim and Marylee McGee. All the guests toured the beautiful home before the meal was served. After the tour, the crowd gathered in the main sitting room and were extremely surprised to see President Lincoln enter the sitting room. A large round of applause greeted him as he sat down.

Kim introduced President Lincoln (Joe Woodard, Lincoln historian and character interpreter) who spoke of the impending War Between the States and what it could mean for the country. His speech was a compilation of Lincoln's farewell address at Springfield when he left for the White House, part of his inaugural address, and part of his House divided speech. Mr. Woodard incorporated other parts of other Lincoln speeches to deliver a wonderful interpretation of what President Lincoln said during the first part of his administration during the Civil War. Mr. Woodard has been portraying Abraham Lincoln for over 20 years to schools, public venues and recently the Oakland Trials & Tribulations productions for the past three years. He first began his interpretations of Lincoln as he appeared during Lincoln's time as a lawyer and congressman from Illinois. During that time Lincoln had no beard.

Now that time has aged all of us, Mr. Woodward has now started portraying President Lincoln, including the full beard.

After the meal, the group gathered in the sitting room again for pictures with the President and a presentation by Kim and Marylee on the history of the Patterson House and the history of Patterson Springs. Through the use of a power-point presentation that included photos and documents from the past, the history of the area was presented for all to appreciate. Marylee's family had owned the property and she had grown up in the house while attending school in Villa Grove.

Guests had questions for Mr. Woodard who spoke very eloquently about the former president. One could tell that he had done enormous amounts of research to be able to deliver such an awe-inspiring presentation. He will again portray President Lincoln during the 150th Anniversary of the Charleston Riot, in Charleston, Illinois this coming March 28-30, 2014.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to spend time in the Patterson House, partake in a wonderful meal and meet the 16th President of the United States. You seem to be drawn back in time as you visit the home that is decorated with appropriate furnishings of the construction period of the home.



President Lincoln (Joe Woodard of Hazel Dell) paid a visit to the Patterson Springs Bed & Breakfast on February 12th. To celebrate Lincoln's Birthday Kim and Marylee McGee entertained the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Post No. 24 of Tuscola and other invited guests to a meal favored by Abraham Lincoln in his day and a presentation by the Lincoln performer. After the delicious meal, the McGees gave a powerpoint presentation on the Patterson home that houses the bed and breakfast and is the focal point of Patterson Springs. photo by Stephanie Alexander

## The Sugar Shack Era Ends With a Trail of Memories...

**Editors Note: Tory briefed me on this Saturday evening at the Soup Supper. I felt it was worth placing her open letter to her customers and friends on the front page.**

For the last few years, Dennis and I would weigh the pros & cons of being open "one more year". Sadly, this year, the cons list won. A lot of reasons (& tears) went into this decision. We have decided that it is time for us to move on and see what new & exciting things the future holds for "us"! This little shop has been my "Baby". I have nurtured it and watched it grow. It gives me great pride to say that only "good" entered and exited my door. Nothing mean or hateful was

allowed in. I am so thankful to have had this "happy place" in my life and the opportunity to share it with all of you! It fills my heart with joy to reflect on all that I have been able to experience in that little corner of my world. I have gotten to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. I've seen romances blossom, new babies welcomed into families and been able to watch so many kids grow up. I've watched my customers show support during illnesses and loss. I have enjoyed SO many conversations with SO many people! This is something that tugs hard on my heartstrings because I am going to miss "this" more than I can ever express in words. It has made me happy to be called "the Ice Cream Lady" by so many. I wore the title proudly!

Every person who entered my shop truly meant something to me. I tried to make everyone feel welcome. I hope I succeeded. I pray that when people think back about The Sugar Shack that they smile! And when they reminisce about the Ice cream Lady, I hope it brings an enormous grin to their face & maybe a giggle too!! It is very important to me to know that my little shop mattered, and together we brought happiness to others.

The walls of the Sugar Shack have been witness to so much laughter, and love and caring. For this I am very grateful. Over the years, some of you have become "chosen" family. You know who you are. I am going to miss the moments that we laughed until we cried. I am going to miss all of the hugs! I am going to miss it ALL. So much. So, so much. This was so much more to me than just a business.



Tori and Dennis with granddaughter Ella

God placed some truly amazing people in my life, that if I wouldn't have been for opening my shop, I would never have met some of them, and really be able to "know" them and their families. He was looking out for me all along and was supplying me

with a gift. In the end, I was given such wonderful memories to be able to reminisce upon! This little shop was a place where new friends were made and old friends gathered.

Thank you for letting me and my family be a part of your lives for the last 13 years. And, thank you for being a part of ours!

Much Love To All!  
Tory Kibler

*Shiloh  
Winterfest  
Grand March  
& Coronation*



*Saturday,  
February 22nd*

*7:00 PM*

*at the  
High School  
Gymnasium*



# Peace Meals Menus

**Thurs. Feb. 20:** Hearty Polish Sausage and beans, cottage cheese, peaches, juice, biscuits

**Frid.Feb.21: 2MEALSDELIVERED ONTHURSDAY. NO MEALSSERVED ONFRIDAY.**


**Tues. Feb. 25:** Roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, apricots, whole grain wheat (2)

**Wed. Feb. 26:** Taco Salad with lettuce, cheese, tomatoes and beans; peaches ,Taco Chips, cake


**Thurs. Feb. 27:** Chicken and noodles, Pickled of Harvard beets, Herbed peas or pea salad, mandarin oranges, dinner roll

**Feb.28: 2MEALSDELIVEREDON THURSDAY. NO MEALSSERVED ON FRIDAY.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Happy 16th  
Andi Luth

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jasper Ray Barry was born on December 29, 2013 at 7:55 PM. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. His parents are Rusty and Aly Barry of Newman.



FROM THE NEWMAN  
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Ben Williamson  
First Christian Church

### GPS and the Bible

Modern day conveniences can be both a curse and a blessing! Cell phones make it nice to have instant access to communication. They are a pain when we realize how much we become dependent upon them. When I leave the house, I make sure I have three things: keys, wallet, and my cell phone.

Internet is another modern day convenience. Before, we may have used a whole book shelf for encyclopedias. Now we see them as just taking up space since we have instant access to info on the internet. In fact, they no longer print Encyclopedia Britannica (though you can get an online version of it). Because of the internet, some fear the eventual extinction of newspapers and books.

One of the modern day conveniences that I really like is the GPS. This stands for Global Positioning System. You enter in your desired destination, wait, and then on a little screen you will find the exact directions on how to get there from your present location. Of course, the down side to this is we don not need to study a map before we leave. We just trust the GPS to get us there.

Though not an exact analogy (for all analogies break down at some point), I have pondered the similarity of a GPS to the Christian life. If I stay on the exact directions that the GPS gives me, I will get to my destination. If I choose any route I want, it is going to take a longer time or I may never get there.

The Bible tells me how to live and in 1 John 2:3 it says, “And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments” (NAS). The word for *keep* in that verse is an interesting word. It was a word used by sailors when they “kept the stars.” That meant when the charted their course, they knew they were on the right route when they observed their position in relation to the stars. If a storm came or if the captain fell asleep, they would get off course and would no longer be “keeping the stars.”

This was brought home to me this cold winter. My wife and I were in Champaign and when we were exiting our last store, we witnessed the snow falling. Traveling home southbound on 57 took a while that night but what kept me on the road was the headlights of the vehicles in front of me. As long as I could “keep” track of the lights, I knew I was still on the road.

This is the Christian life. “Keeping” the commandments do not save you—Jesus does that—but they do show you are on the right track. So, I am thankful for the original GPS: the Bible.



## THANK YOU

### A Heartfelt Thank You

Saturday night, despite the weather, we held the annual Freedom Festival Fireworks Soup Supper. This event gives us a good start towards earning enough money to put on the fireworks during the festival. If you were able to attend and braved the weather, thank you for coming. And, of course, we have numerous volunteers to thank. Thank you to the students who designed the flyers, the American Legion, Sam’s Club, the people who donated the desserts, and to the people who spent time during the day to prepare everything. This event once again makes us proud to call Newman our home.

Jim and Jacqui Biddle

## Shiloh School Schedule

**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

**Feb. 24:** 6:00 PM G JH VLB St. Thomas School-Philo

**Feb. 25:** NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

**Feb. 26:** NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

**Feb. 27:** NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

**Feb. 28:** NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

## Shiloh School Menu Breakfast

**Feb. 24:** Sausage pancake stick or Cereal & Toast

**Feb. 25:** Cinnamon French Toast or Cereal & Toast

**Feb. 26:** Egg, cheese & sausage flatbread or Cereal & Toast

**Feb. 27:** Cinnamon breakfast round or Cereal & Toast

**Feb. 28:** Mini Cinnamon rolls or Cereal & Toast

### Lunch

**Feb. 24:** Cheesy breadstick w/sauce or cheeseburger on bun; apple juice, baked beans, fresh broccoli

**Feb. 25:** Cheese Quesadilla or chicken patty on bun; fresh orange slices, corn, baby carrots

**Feb. 26:** Salisbury steak w/bread or hotdog on bun; fresh apple wedges, mashed potatoes & gravy, celery sticks

**Feb. 27:** Macaroni & cheese or chicken Nuggets w/bread; fresh banana, Tator Tots, fresh cauliflower

**Feb. 28:** Pepperoni pizza of cheese pizza; fresh orange slices, steamed carrots, Romaine lettuce

## WCCC Meets

Wesley Chapel Community Club began 2014 with lots of weather challenges on our club meeting days. January’s meeting had to be canceled and February’s meeting had to be rescheduled, but on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 we had our first meeting of 2014 at the home of Darlene Hutchinson at 1:30 pm. Our new President, Julie Bauter, called the meeting to order and led us in the pledges.

Roll call was answered by choosing a valentine card from the valentine exchange and then telling about something you loved as a child. Nine members were present: Julia Albin, Dee Allen, Nancy Allen, Julie Bauter, Martha Crane, Shirley Emberton, Darlene

see WCCC cont on p. 7

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**February 22:** Sue Clark, Bonnie McCown, Rebecca Robinson, Connie Miller, Neal Hopkins, Steven Eastin, Kathleen Young, Kim Bullock, Rene Bullock, Pamela Russell, William Percival, Gary Deckard, Geof Luth, Elizabeth Rhodes, Paul McGrath II

**February 23:** Charles Walters, Scott Cisco, Michael Nyer, Mrs. James Epperson, Mrs. Dean Vandeventer, Martha Hubert

**February 24:** James Partenheimer, Sandra Vermillion, George Vermillion, Jan Ray, Myrna Ingalls, Andy McMasters, Jeffrey Young, Malea Holm

**February 25:** Donald Hart, Mrs. Floyd Rahn, Todd Fleming, Jacob McGinness, Howard Hales

**February 26:** Mary Williamson, Ronald Dillner, Martha Burris, Daruss Epperson, Jeremy Hoel

**February 27:** Mrs. Ray Wax, Marie Chandler, Larry Harbaugh, Courtney Luth, Gavin Gordon, Samantha Price, Stephanie Albin

**February 28:** James Tagney, Michael Mankey, Thomas Wamsley, Francis Guthrie, Mrs. Myrle Blackburn, Tambyn Barry LaCorte, Steve Riggins, Susan Brownitz

Just a reminder  
Our deadline is  
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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.

## Fireworks Fundraiser Soup Supper a Success



Cooks for the fund-raiser supporting the annual Summer Festival Fireworks were busy preparing 4 different types of soups for the public Saturday evening at the American Legion. In the photo above are Dennis Kibler, Jim Biddle, Jacqui Biddle, Erin Beaulieu and Roger Sy. They kept the soup and sandwiches ready for the customers. Amanda Sy, one of the ticket takers for the event indicated that around 100 people had already made it to the event even while more snow was falling outside. A good meal on a cold night!

## Shiloh Winterfest Activities Are Underway

Winterfest (Shiloh High School's Boy's Basketball game and Winterfest Court) is scheduled for February 14th – 22nd. Student Council members are tirelessly working to make this year's theme of "Mardi Gras" a great success. The coronation/grand march will take place at 7:00 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the student dance will follow. Danny Haynes will be our DJ! The price is \$5 per individual if tickets are purchased in advance. The cost will be \$6.00 each the night of the dance. Students participating in Walk-in will have already paid for their dance tickets. All students are encouraged to dress up during Winterfest week. Students will receive points for their class by dressing up and by also wearing their class color. The more creative the better! The Student Council encourages the teachers to participate in the fun and dress up too. Dress-up days are: Friday, 14th –Mardi Gras attire; Tuesday, 18th- Formals or PJ's; Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> - Fake Injury; Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> - Back in the Bayou; Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> - Blue and Gold. Games will be held in the gym each day with time set aside on Friday for a pep rally. Each activity game will take approximately one period per day on different period each day. Karla Madden, Lauren Moses, and Bethany McGinness will be in charge of setting up each day for the games. On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> student council members will be in the gym to decorate. On Friday all walk-in participants will participate in a practice for walk-in. The Shiloh student body are looking forward to the Winterfest activities planned and implemented by the Shiloh Student Council. Ms. Boland is the Student Council advisor.

**Kids' Clubs**  
Wednesdays this school year: 5:30-7:30 PM  
Club meets at the Newman First Christian Church  
Ages 3-12<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to attend!  
Supper provided for all children! Visitors welcome!



Bob and Areta Joines enjoyed the supper along with their daughters and some of their families. Jennifer, Jane Ann and Nancy were there with some of their grand-children. Jane Ann's husband Bob Faust was also present to enjoy family time and a good supper. photos by Dana Hales



**The Sugar Shack Closes.** One of our downtown businesses has decided to close their doors this year. Tori and Dennis Kibler have made the decision to move on with their lives and family and will not open the Sugar Shack this season. Good luck in your future endeavours, we're sorry to see it close! photo supplied by Heidi Bennett

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# Concern About Decline of Churches, Values in Society

by Jim Vorel, Decatur Herald & Review Staff Writer

DECATUR — In 1993, English teacher George Roller went on his first Christian mission trip to Ukraine. A native of **Newman** born in Tuscola, he never planned to be anything but an English educator. But there among members of his faith, he felt the stirrings of a calling. Over the course of the next 10 years, he would become a well-known lawyer before settling into his current role as the executive director of the D. James Kennedy Center for Christian Statesmanship.

“I was so excited on that first trip that I prayed and asked God if he wanted me to go into full-time Christian work, and 10 years later he gave me the affirmative,” said Roller, who traveled to Decatur this week to speak at both the chamber of commerce’s Sixth Annual Prayer Breakfast and Decatur Christian School. “I went from teaching English to 10th graders to preaching the gospel to members of Congress.”

As a gregarious and eloquent personality, Roller was a natural evangelist, well suited to the task. He defines the organization’s mission as a three-fold drive to strengthen the values of mainline Christian churches in the political realm.

“First, we share the gospel with leaders of this country,” he said. “Second, for those who have already found faith, we help them mature and grow in their faith to be more effective for the Lord and their nation. Third, we work to restore a vision of true Christian statesmanship.”

At the prayer breakfast, Roller delivered the speech his predecessor, D. James Kennedy had become known for: A “spiritual state of the union.” In it, he expressed concerns over the weakening of traditional mainline Christian churches and their values in

society. “I believe that even though there are many solid, strong Christian leaders and citizens, we as a nation are getting further from the traditional values that have led us for thousands of years,” Roller said. “Many mainline churches are declining. I feel the church has withdrawn from being a part of society.



Center for Christian Statesmanship executive director George Roller enjoys a laugh with students during his presentation at Decatur Christian School. photos by Jim Bowling

Some Christians are not even registered to vote, which is a tragedy.”

Dave Koshinski, the president of Decatur’s Investment Planners, Inc., has known Roller for a number of years and invited him to speak at the Thursday morning (February 13<sup>th</sup>) prayer breakfast. He said the visit and its spiritual state of the union would hopefully help strengthen local bonds of faith and make churchgoers consider the wider national religious landscape.

“The reason I thought it would be great to have him is as a reminder that the spiritual health of our community will ultimately impact the spiritual health

of our nation,” Koshinski said. “Also, I think your faith as strengthened as you gather with a group of believers in any circumstances. It always enlightens and encourages.” Naturally, of all the questions Roller comes across, the most persistent ones revolve around the proper role of religion and government given the separation of church and state. He objects to the current interpretation of the establishment clause of the first ammendment as “horribly misinterpreted,” arguing that founding fathers such as Thomas Jefferson had different intentions in mind. At the same time, he defends the concept of preaching to lawmakers as a simple extension of his mandate as a Christian. Other religions and interests, he said, have the same right. “In this freedom we have, anyone can do what we are doing,” he said. “I



Roller, left, bows his head as Decatur Christian School senior class president, Colton Bayless, principal Randy Hinshaw and other students pray for Roller’s ministry at the end of his presentation at the school.

believe our leaders need to be able to tap into the wisdom of God to rule as wisely as possible, and I think the best ideas will eventually win out in the marketplace of ideas.”

**Editor’s note:** George Roller grew up on a farm northwest of Newman and attended Newman schools through the 7th grade. His family then moved to Florida, but he still continues his ties to the Newman community through friends.

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# COUNTRY JUNCTION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fri. February 21st - All You Can Eat Fish Fry**  
**5 - 8 PM. Includes Fish, Slaw, and Fresh-Cut Fries for \$7.95!**

**Sun. February 23rd - Daytona 500 Party!**  
**\$1.00 Drafts and 50 cent Hot Wings!**

**Fri. February 28th - X-Krush LIVE @ 9 PM!**



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## Sports

Basketball  
Central

by Tim Hendershot



made travel on the roads very hazardous forcing the contest to be called off. No make up date had been announced as of press time.

The team did manage to make up one of their other league games the next night on

Saturday traveling to Arcola to face off against the Arcola Purple Riders and found themselves having to battle back as the host Riders jumped out to a 17-9 first quarter lead. The Blue and Gold chipped away at that deficit and did get the lead cut to just two points at the intermission and took that momentum into the second half using a big fourth quarter by Andrew Donithan as he scored 10 of his 21 total points in the stanza as Shiloh held off a late surge by Arcola to take the contest 60-55. Cyrus Furgeson added 18 points and Eli Furgeson chipped in 13 in the win. Kollin Seaman had a huge game for Arcola scoring a game-high 31 points while Wyatt Fishel added 10 points in the loss.

The Raiders (18-6 overall, 3-1 LOVC) will have faced off against the Villa Grove/Heritage Hawks on Tuesday in Hume and went to Kansas on Wednesday to take on the Tri-County Titans in a make-up contest. The team will be in action this Friday night for Winterfest 2014 and it will also be the home finale of the season as it will be Senior Night as the Raiders host the Okaw Valley Timberwolves. Six seniors will don the Blue and Gold for the final time at home and will be honored before the ball game along with their parents to honor their support towards the program throughout their high school careers. Tip time is set for 6:00 pm for the JV with the varsity game to follow. Basketball Central will have a full rundown of these three games plus any info on the Arthur-Lovington game, if it will be played, for you next week as the regular season concludes.

## Raiders Keep Pace in League Title Race with One Week Left

The Shiloh Raiders boys' basketball team was happy just to get on the court last week after winter storms forced them off of the court two weeks ago. Most people would think that length of time would bring some rust to a squad that is very close to another 20 win season while heading into the post-season. Well, it didn't phase the Blue and Gold that much. After playing two of the three games scheduled, the Raiders went 2-0 in league action to stay within striking distance of the conference title with four games still left to play and needing a little help in trying to capture the team's first league regular season title in fourteen years.

Tuesday saw the Raiders host the Martinsville Blue Streaks and Shiloh scored early and often jumping out to a 79-23 lead after three quarters and scoring 30 points in the third quarter alone to breeze past Martinsville 87-32. Andrew Donithan scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Raiders while Cyrus Furgeson made five of the team's eleven three point shots to finish with 18 and Johnny Craig had his best game of the season coming off the bench chipping in with 11. Bryan Hinkle finished with 16 points for the Blue Streaks in the loss.

The Raiders were then supposed to head to Arthur on Friday night for a big showdown against the Arthur-Lovington Knights with sole possession of second place on the line. Unfortunately, another snow storm brought two to four inches of snow and

## Raider Experience and Youth Advancing On in Three Point Contest

by Tim Hendershot

Bethany McGinness has been through a brilliant four year career with the Shiloh Raiders with her spotlight moment being in the 2011 IHSA Class 1A Tournament as a part of the squad that finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. This season, she capped off her career leading the area in three point shots made. On the other end, Shayne Smith just started high school career this season after four years of junior high basketball and made an impact cracking the starting line-up and will be called upon often in the next three years. Despite the Raiders team seeing their season end last Tuesday, all was not lost for these two players as both McGinness and Smith joined fellow teammates Lauren Moses and Jessica Hunt for the Chrisman Regional round of the 2014 Country Financial Three Point Showdown last Thursday at Chrisman High School with four spots on the line and shooting against some of the top shooters in the area amongst the five other teams placed in the regional itself. Once the rounds were complete, the Blue and Gold saw both Bethany McGinness and Shayne Smith grab two of the four spots available to advance on in the competition. The other two shooters to advance were Sarah Ellis of the host Chrisman Cardinals and Logan Sanford of the Salt Fork Storm. Unfortunately,

both Lauren Moses and Jessica Hunt failed to advance on in the competition.

The next phase of the competition for both McGinness and Smith will be this evening at Iroquois West High School in Gilman for the Gilman Sectional as the four competitors advancing on from Chrisman will join twelve other shooters from the Lexington, LeRoy, and St. Anne Regionals with four spots on the line to advance to the preliminary round of the IHSA Class 1A State Tournament next Thursday night at Redbird Arena in Normal. From that round, the top four shooters would advance to Class 1A Championship round which will be held next Friday afternoon in-between the two Class 1A State semi-final contests with the winner advancing to the Queen of the Hill Competition in two weeks joining the three other winners from the other classes to see who is the top dog in the state. Basketball Central will follow the progress of both Bethany and Shayne and give a recap of their efforts in Gilman for you next week.

## Raider Men Underdogs as Regional Draw Is Announced

By Tim Hendershot

Last year, the Shiloh Raiders boys' basketball team made an unbelievable turnaround from a seven win season to coming up six points short of winning their first regional title in sixteen years. This season, the Blue and Gold see their quest become even tougher than last year. The seeds and pairings were announced on Thursday and Friday for the 2014 IHSA Class 1A Tournament and the Raiders were placed in the Catlin Regional hosted by the Salt Fork Storm. The regional itself is filled with some strong competition and the Raiders will begin play as the number five seed and play in the first game of the tournament next Monday night against the number four seed Chrisman Cardinals. The Raiders defeated the Cardinals earlier this season in Hume and will hope to take this rematch with the season on the line. Game time for the contest will be at 7:00 pm at Catlin High School. The winner of this contest will then advance on to face the top seed Milford Bearcats next Wednesday night in the first semi-finals which will start at 6:00 pm. The bottom half of the bracket will begin next Tuesday night with the number two seed and last season's Elite Eight finalist in the Cissna Park Timberwolves taking on the number seven seed in the Danville Schlarman Hilltoppers at 6:00 pm. The nightcap of the session will have the number three seed and host Salt Fork Storm face the number six seed Armstrong-Potomac

Trojans at 8:00 pm. The winners of these two games will then face each other in the second semi-final on Wednesday at 8:00 pm. The championship game is set for next Friday night starting at 7:00 pm with the winner advancing to the Danville Sectional which will be held at Danville Area Community College where they will join the winners of the Arthur, Fisher and Gardner Regionals for two semi-final games. The first semi-final will be on Tuesday, March 4 with the winners of the Fisher and Arthur Regionals facing off at 7:00 pm. The next night on Wednesday, March 5, the second semi-final will commence with the winners of the Catlin and Gardner Regionals battling it out at 7:00 pm. The championship will take place on Friday, March 7 starting at 7:00 pm with the winner advancing to the Normal Super-Sectional at Redbird Arena on the campus of Illinois State University to face the winner of the Colfax Sectional on Tuesday, March 11 beginning at 7:00 pm. The 2014 IHSA Class 1A State Finals are scheduled for the weekend of March 14 and 15 at Carver Arena, home of the Bradley University Braves, in Peoria with the semi-finals starting at 12:15 pm on Friday and the classification games beginning on Saturday at 12:15 pm. Basketball Central will follow the progress of our Raiders as they look for their first regional title in seventeen years in two weeks time.

## END OF THE ROAD

### Hilltoppers Quickly End Raiders Season Holding On to Take Win

by Tim Hendershot

The last time that the Shiloh Raiders girls' basketball team was a top seed in the Class 1A Tournament was in 2012 when they were hosts for both the regional and sectional portions. That season, the Blue and Gold saw their season come to an abrupt end losing in overtime to the Heritage Hawks. Fast forward to 2014, the Raiders were in the same position as the top seed in the Chrisman Regional, but this time around were surrounded by five other top teams in the area and had a challenge coming in their semi-final match-up last Tuesday night against the Danville Schlarman Hilltoppers, who had defeated the Salt Fork Storm in the opening round the night before to get to this point. Both Schlarman and Shiloh have been ranked in the top ten in Class 1A throughout the season with the Raiders coming in ranked at number four and the Hilltoppers being as high as number three earlier in the season.

Early on, both teams showed why they were ranked as high as they were with Shiloh holding on to a 13-12 lead after the first quarter despite having their troubles from the free throw line only going 3 of 15. That struggle ended up being one of the differences as the Hilltoppers surged out to a 23-16 halftime lead, but also had their own struggles on the free throw line not being able to pull away and the Raiders did scramble all the way back to within three points and had the final shot

to try and force the game into an extra session. Unfortunately, the attempt fell short and Schlarman escaped with a 37-34 win to knock off Shiloh and end their 2013-2014 season in a blink of an eye.

Bethany McGinness led the comeback attempt with 11 points with 9 of those coming from behind the arc while Lauren Moses added 9 points and 13 rebounds. Shayne Smith chipped in 8 points and 12 rebounds in the loss. Janelle Marion finished with a double-double for the Hilltoppers scoring 13 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Sierra Bell also chipped in 13 points and 9 rebounds while Shelby Mascari grabbed 10 rebounds while adding 4 points in the win. The loss for the Raiders is the second time in three years that Shiloh has lost in their opening game of the Class 1A Tournament and both times the team was the number one seed in the regional they were placed in.

The Raiders finish the 2013-2014 season at 24-4 overall and 6-0 in the LOVC grabbing both the regular season and league tournament titles in the process. The team now must reload only returning two upperclassmen and a plethora of young talent that got a bunch of experience this season in the junior varsity ranks and will have to continue the work needed to improve their skills and will be thrown even more into the fire to see who will fill in the spots that both Lauren Moses and Bethany McGinness had that will be up for grabs next season. Basketball Central salutes Head Coach Dave Tingley and his team for the great effort put forward this season and can't wait to see what the 2014-2015 season has to offer for the Blue and Gold.

**Congratulations on your winning season!**



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## Young Cheerleaders Perform for the Shiloh Audience



During the half-time of the varsity game on Tuesday evening the 25 young cheerleaders led by the High School Cheerleading squad performed to the parents, grandparents and friends in the Shiloh High School gymnasium. They did 4 cheers and a dance routine receiving an enthusiastic response from the crowd. photo by Dana Hales



The Shiloh boy's team had no difficulty in winning against the Martinsville Blue Streaks. In the photo above, Andrew Donithan shoots a layup for 2 of his 25 points during the early part of the game. Awaiting a possible rebound are Johnie Craig, DJ Castillo and JJ Keske. photo by Dana Hales



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## From the Heart to The Oaks Manor, Inc.

Neither snow, nor wind, or below freezing temperatures could keep some very special people from dropping off Valentine Day cards, candy, cupcakes, dried fruit ( the bags were so cute made to look like butterflies), gifts, sweets and flowers to our special residents at The Oaks Manor. Even Cupid had to deliver a 17" x 24" Valentine Day card from Mississippi because it was too large for the mail "lady" to deliver. Not really, but Thank You Marilyn Coon and Lynn Coon Fisher. We also received cards from Arizona from Gloria Turnipseed Bonneville who lived in Oakland on Logan Street and yes Gloria, I do remember you! We just had such a huge response and the residents loved every minute of the day. I think we counted a total of 220 Valentine Day cards. Their afternoon surprise was the Barbershop Quartet with locals Ron Hawkins and Jim Roll along with Les Heath and Jeff Bowyer.

The residents and staff want to "Thank" everyone who participated in any way to make the day so special.

We would also like to Welcome Nichole Board to our staff. Niki started with The Oaks Manor in January as a cook. Niki is from Oakland and has 2 children attending Lake Crest Grade

## \*A Look at the Past\* The Maine explodes (February 15, 1898)

A massive explosion of unknown origin sinks the battleship USS *Maine* in Cuba's Havana harbor, killing 260 of the fewer than 400 American crew members aboard.

One of the first American battleships, the *Maine* weighed more than 6,000 tons and was built at a cost of more than \$2 million. Ostensibly on a friendly visit, the *Maine* had been sent to Cuba to protect the interests of Americans there after a rebellion against Spanish rule broke out in Havana in January.

An official U.S. Naval Court of Inquiry ruled in March that the ship was blown up by a mine, without directly placing the blame on Spain. Much of Congress and a majority of the American public expressed little doubt that Spain was responsible and called for a declaration of war.

Subsequent diplomatic failures to resolve the *Maine* matter, coupled with **United States** indignation over Spain's brutal suppression of the Cuban rebellion and continued losses to American investment, led to the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in April 1898.

## The Recipe Corner Chicken Salad

- 5 or 6 cooked chicken breasts, cut up in small pieces
- 2 hard boiled eggs, chopped up
- 2 stalks of celery, sliced and chopped in small pieces
- ½ C. grapes cut up
- ½ C. Walnuts, chopped up
- 1 C. Hellman's Mayo
- ¼ C. milk
- 1 tspn. Celery salt
- 1 tspn. Lawrey's Seasoned salt
- Dash of parsley flakes.

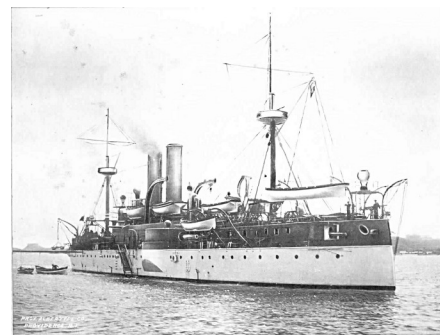
Mix all together and serve.

Submitted by Mary Drake

School. She also celebrated her birthday February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of birthdays, Donna Akers celebrated hers on January 29<sup>th</sup> and we have 3 residents who will celebrate theirs in March. Rex House on March 16, Luther Holmes on March 17<sup>th</sup>. (Both men will be 91 years young.) And Edith Cobble will turn 94 years young on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you are out and about, please stop by and visit with us. The residents would love to see you!



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Spanish-American War and granting the United States its first overseas empire with the ceding of such former Spanish possessions as Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines.

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Hutchinson, Areta Joines, and Anna Williamson. The December minutes were read and approved, and Darlene gave the treasurer’s report. We had no birthdays in February but sang “Happy Birthday” to Anna Williamson whose birthday was in January.

In new business, annual donations for the year were discussed. Anna Williamson announced an Appreciation Dinner to be hosted at the Christian Church on April 12.

Prayer requests were taken, and Julia Albin led us in those prayers. Next month’s meeting information was announced.

Darlene Hutchinson began Songs & Devotions with scripture in John 3:16-17 concerning the most important love—the love God had for us when he sent his only son to save us. She then read I Corinthians 13:1-3 about the importance of love in our lives followed with a reading “Love in the Houses of History” from the book entitled “Love Stories God Told”. It told of the four major love stories of the families in the genealogy of Christ. She finished with a CD song played on the harp by Christina Marshall—”Jesus Loves Me”.

Darlene also gave the program with a theme of gardening and flowers. She began with a reading called “Garden Seed Catalog” from the magazine “Country Woman” and everyone agreed we were ready for spring and thoughts of gardening. This was followed by a short story “Say It With Flowers” which told of the meanings of flowers and about the Victorian era tussie-mussie/posy holder. A sheet with various flowers and their meanings were handed out, and members tried to match the flower with the meaning. Julia Albin gave the Miracle in the Bible and read Luke 5:17-26 which told about the miraculous healing of the paralytic man by Jesus.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**The City of Newman will be accepting sealed bids for the demolition and clean-up of the property at 100 North Broadway, Newman. The bids will be opened at the Council meeting on March 10, 2014. Bid specifications and requirements are available upon request at the City Hall. The City has the option of rejecting any and all bids. Bids may be left at City Hall prior to the March 10th meeting. For more information, call the City Hall at 217-837-2312.**

“Confessions of a Storm Chaser”

Andrew Pritchard, local weather researcher, brings “Confessions of a Storm Chaser” to the dome Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1, with Friends of the Staerkel Planetarium admitted free.

Tornadoes have remained a focus in the news since Gifford and surrounding towns suffered major damage in last year’s storm. Pritchard will discuss the motivation to do the dangerous work he does. He will also explore what goes into planning, preparing, and chasing severe storms, including video of one of his excursions.

Pritchard earned an Associate in Science degree from Parkland before moving on to Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, where he earned his BS in meteorology in 2012. He has been chasing severe storms for about 10 years in addition to providing weather video and photo images to mainstream networks.

After Pritchard’s talk, the planetarium will premiere *The Planets*, a visual tour of the solar system narrated by *Star Trek*’s Kate Mulgrew. Tickets for regular planetarium shows range from \$4 to \$5. A full schedule may be found at [www.parkland.edu/planetarium](http://www.parkland.edu/planetarium) or call 217/351-2446.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

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vs.  
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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.

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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.

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If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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The meeting was adjourned, and everyone moved to the kitchen table where Darlene had Valentine decorations and dessert. In keeping with the love and Valentine theme, everyone left with a red rose for Valentine’s Day.

**Submitted by Darlene Hutchinson**

**New Ag Show Launched by Farm Progress and AgEngage**

*AgEngage and Penton Farm Progress have teamed up to present a new agricultural exposition, the Precision Aerial Ag Show, that will be held July 9 and 10, 2014 at Progress City USA, Decatur, Ill.*

DECATUR, ILL. (02/12/2014) - Ag Engage and Penton Farm Progress Group announce their new Precision Aerial Ag Show ([www.paas2014.com](http://www.paas2014.com)), the first-ever outdoor exposition for unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) use in agriculture, to be held July 9 and 10, 2014 at Progress City USA, Decatur, Ill. The exhibit field and demonstration areas are open to visitors 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Progress City is one of the permanent biennial sites of the Farm Progress Show. The PAAS is a cooperative event between Farm Progress Events, Penton Farm Progress’ management division for the Farm Progress Show, and AgEngage, a Decatur-based agricultural information company.

**UAV technology showcase**

Manufacturers and suppliers of UAVs and related equipment for agricultural application will demonstrate their products throughout the two show days. The PAAS will feature exhibitor UAV flight demonstrations which will include control and programming of units, and digital displays of their output

capabilities. UAVs are commonly called “drones.”

**Learning opportunity for farmers**

Educational presentations will be scheduled which will feature university researchers discussing UAV agricultural applications, as well as presentations from farmers who have used UAVs on their operations. Additional speakers will discuss current regulations, liabilities, and information of interest to UAV owners and users.

The event will feature numerous exhibits featuring digital software, cameras, and other products and services associated with the operation and use of UAVs.

**Growth for Decatur**

The PAAS will be another Progress City event that will benefit Central Illinois, drawing attendees from across the Cornbelt through promotion of the show in Farm Industry News magazine, Prairie Farmer and additional Penton Farm Progress print and digital media. The event will utilize local concessionaires for food and other exposition services, and support the local hospitality industry.



Many parents struggle with their young child’s behavior as they progress through normal yet challenging periods of development. Learn how to feel more confident as a parent and/or child care provider during the seven difficult developmental stages. Cheri Burcham, Family Life Educator for the University of Illinois Extension, will be offering “Your Young Child: Parenting 101” beginning March 19 and meeting weekly until April 2 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM in Neal Hall at Lake Land College. Participants will learn strategies for handling separation anxiety, exploring toddlers, negative behavior and other challenging issues. This is a Community Learning class through Lake Land College and pre-registration is required by calling 234-5434 or online at [www.lakelandcollege.edu/learn](http://www.lakelandcollege.edu/learn)

For more information about the series, call the Extension office at 543-3755 or e-mail Cheri at [cburcham@illinois.edu](mailto:cburcham@illinois.edu). There is a nominal fee required and credit will be available for child care providers who complete the series.

**Low-cost Training Available For Aspiring Business Owners**

RANTOUL, Ill. — New or aspiring business owners have a place to turn this spring for low-cost mentoring and training to help them refine their ideas and reach their goals.

Registration for the FastTrac NewVenture entrepreneurial certificate program is open through March 27. Classes will meet Thursdays, 6–8:30 p.m., at the Rantoul Business Center, 601 S. Century Blvd., starting April 3. In each seven-week session, participants learn from experienced business professionals on how to evaluate their early-stage business ideas, develop a business plan to take those ideas to market, seek sustainable financing, and more. Through one-on-one mentoring and peer learning, residents gain ample tools to produce the elements of an effective business.

A joint effort of Parkland College and the University of Illinois EnterpriseWorks’ EDA University Center, Parkland has been offering the Kauffman Foundation’s FastTrac NewVenture classes since fall 2012. The Rantoul Business Center serves

as an outreach to community residents who have a goal of starting their own business but find it difficult to enroll in traditional college courses.

Dozens of area residents have completed the program, led by Parkland Associate Professor Mark Kesler, a certified FastTrac NewVenture trainer.

Space is still available, though limited, in the spring session. The cost is \$100 and includes instruction and student manuals. To register, consult the Parkland spring 2014 Community Education brochure, 505, or call Community Education at 217/353-2055. Questions may be directed to Kesler at [mkesler@parkland.edu](mailto:mkesler@parkland.edu) or 217/351-2213.

**Parkland to Host Regional High School Math Contest**

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The 2014 Parkland-ICTM Regional High School Math Contest will be held on Saturday, March 1 at the Parkland College campus. This is the 39th year that Parkland has hosted the contest, 33 of which have been in conjunction with the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM). This year, 22 area high schools are registered, with more than 600 students expected to participate. Most events begin at 9 a.m. with students competing in individual events in algebra, geometry, and pre-calculus. There are also

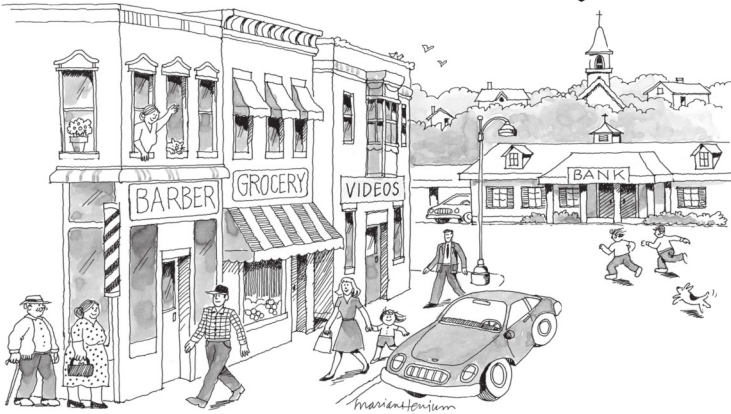
a variety of team events for two, five, or eight members and an oral competition for advanced subjects.

The awards ceremony will be held at the Dodds Athletic Center (formerly Parkland gym) at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Winners, as determined by the state contest committee, will go on to the state finals to be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on Saturday, May 3.

For more information, contact Kara Greer, regional math contest coordinator, at 217/353-2187.

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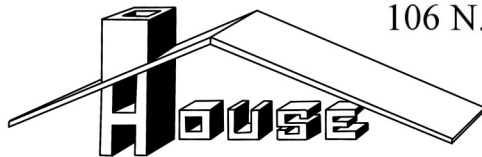
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7a.m. - 5p.m.  
Saturdays  
7a.m. - Noon