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Shiloh School Board Discusses Building Options

After a weather postponement, the regular monthly meeting was held on February 19, 2014.

President Hales called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Shiloh Board of Education room with Board Members Jason Dye, Dana Hales, Renee Henry, Stacy Luth, Aaron Richardson, David Smith present. Nelson Starkey was absent. Others Present: Superintendent/Principal Dr. John Wheatley, Principal Beth Harbaugh, Dr. Allen Hall, Jeri Luth, Terence Sullivan, Amy Kincaid, Missy Tingley, Janice Alexander, Scot Gregory, Chris Landstrom, Barb Board

Consent Agenda items: Special Meeting minutes of January 13, 2014; Regular Meeting minutes of January 20, 2014; January 2014 Activity Fund Report and January 2014 Treasurer's Report were approved.

Administrative Team Reports were given by Mrs. Harbaugh, Principal PK-8 that included ISAT testing is scheduled for March 10 – 21; Distributed and reviewed a repair/replacement estimate from Royalty Roofing for the Newman Grade School roof. Estimate was a lot less than anticipated; A juvenile sink was ordered for the boys' elementary restroom; Paris Humane Society recently made a presentation to the third grade class. The class project was to collect chew toys for large dogs held in the shelter; 100 Day Celebration was held last Friday at Newman Grade School. Students participated in activities focusing on the 100th day of school; The Junior High boys basketball season ended with 8 wins and 8 losses for 7th grade and 11 wins and 6 losses for 8th grade. Congratulations to the boys and to Coach White for a respectful season; A tornado drill will be held the first week in March in both buildings.

Dr. Wheatley, Superintendent/Principal 9-12 thanked the Board and staff for the memorial donation honoring his mother; Distributed information regarding the availability of a vehicle for snow removal for sale. It has an electric dump so could be used for other things as well; Attended an LOVC meeting with Athletic Director Missy Tingley, earlier today. The vote for the co-op of sports passed unanimously. Shiloh will host track and softball and Tri County will host baseball. Because of the number of game cancellations this season due to weather conditions, Shiloh and Arcola high school girls basketball teams were declared Co-Champs this year;

distributed information about the next Illini Division meeting; Encouraged board members to complete their School Board Training soon if they have not already done so; and apprised the board of this week's student activities included Winterfest and FFA Week.

Board approved the February 2014 expenses

A presentation by Chris Landstrom of Twin City Energy Services addressed the district's electricity needs and his proposal to save on electric rates by locking in the best rate early. Current contract with First Energy renews in October. ProLiance natural gas contract renews in November.

A second presentation by Janice Alexander and Scot Gregory of Aramark spoke to the Board's concerns regarding the food service program: meal count, leftover food, district's food service manager, and menus.

A third presentation by Jeri Luth of the Newman Regional Library presented a proposal for the library to lease 3,000 square feet of Newman Grade School. They request a separate entrance, 3-year lease, and occupancy in August 2014, at \$4,000 per year.

Discussion followed about the need to make a decision soon on use of the Newman Grade School building occurred: Board directed the administration to come up with specific use scenarios of the building for the next meeting.

The Board also directed the superintendent to contact the architect to schedule the Life Safety 10-year resurvey early as decisions cannot be made until they know what must be done to keep the building in operation.

Board Committee Reports – The Finance Committee met February 7 and discussed audit, food service, Debt Recovery Program, Affordable Care Act, Bushue Services, Newman roof repair, and the budget. They will meet again March 7 with Bushue Human Resources to discuss insurance issues.

Amy Kincaid, Shiloh Education Association President, voiced concern that they do not have enough substitute teachers because the District is paying the same rate as they did 15 years ago when she was a sub. She requested the Board consider raising the substitute pay rate.

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Winterfest Mardi Gras Theme Creates Colorful Evening!



The Shiloh student body selected Bethany McGinness as Winterfest Queen and Aaron Bell as Winterfest King. The Student Council planned and decorated for the annual event held in the Shiloh High School gym. photos by Kendra Carroll



Winterfest Court. Front: Toni Board, Bethany McGinness. Back: Paris McMullen, Jordan Neill, Lauren Moses, Kaleb Hood, Robert Sims, Aaron Bell, Jon Driscoll, Shayne Smith, Tazay Redmon-Lewis, Allison Dillon

Pre-School Screening Available

The Shiloh School District is offering screening for children birth-five years old on **Friday, March 14, 2014**. This FREE program provides parent information on how their child is developing. Screening is **required** for anyone who is interested in participating in the Prekindergarten Program and recommended for those students who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2014.

The screenings will be held at Newman Grade School – 207 South Coffin Street – Newman, IL. Please call Linda Adams at 837-2475 to set up an appointment.

Summer Baseball & Softball

Raiders Summer Baseball & Softball Program Starts 5th Season. For more information turn to page 5.

Peace Meals Menus

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


**Fri. Feb. 28: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON
THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON
FRIDAY.**

Tues. Mar. 4: Smoked pork chop, cheesy
potato casserole, seasoned greens,
fruited gelatin, whole grain wheat (2)

Wed. Mar. 5: Country breaded white fish,
mini potato Bakers, seasoned green
beans, dinner roll

Thur. Mar. 6: Ham and beans, copper
carrots, pears, cornbread

**Fri. Mar. 7: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON
THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON
FRIDAY.**



FROM THE NEWMAN
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Rev. Joy Starwalt
United Methodist Church

*Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be
clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than
snow.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and
renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

Psalm 51:6, 7, 10

Sometimes when you don't quit while
you're ahead, you just dig yourself in
deeper. Charles Robertson, 19 years old,
just didn't know when to stop. But then
again, he shouldn't have started. He
needed money and went to Jefferson
State Bank to fill out a loan application.
While there, he changed his mind, left,
came back in a couple hours with a gun, a
bag, and a note demanding money. The
teller gave it to him and suddenly
Robertson is holding a sack of money.

Realizing the police were probably on
their way, he ran out the door and was
halfway to his car when he realized he left
the note at the bank. Thinking that could
be evidence against him, he ran back and
snatched the note from the teller. This
time, when he reached the car, he couldn't
find his keys. They were on the bank
counter, left there when he retrieved the
note.

By now, total panic set in. He went into
a restroom at a fast food restaurant and
climbed up into the ceiling where he hid
the money and his gun. Running through
alleys and assorted passageways, he
finally reached his apartment. His
roommate was oblivious to all of this and
said, "I need my car."

How do you explain all of that to your
roommate? Robertson lied and said the
car was stolen. So the roommate called
the police to report his stolen car. It didn't
take long for the police to put the pieces
together. They took the keys found at
the bank, to the abandoned car a few
blocks away, and then they went to the
address of the one who reported the
stolen car, and found Robertson. He
confessed and was charged with robbery
and put in jail. No bail. No loan. No
nothing. No kidding.

Some days it's hard to do anything right.
Every day it is even harder to do
something wrong right. But we try. We
might not have taken any money, but we
have taken advantage of, or taken control.

We said things, thought things, seen
things, done things. We've given into
fear and worry and discouragement and
foolishness and the mood of the moment,
which has resulted in all sorts of things
for which we are not proud. So we hide
not in alleys and passageways, but
behind excuses. We really don't want
anyone to know the truth, especially God.
So we hide, we run from God. But from
the beginning, God asks for honesty, not
perfection, but truth.

That's what King David knew as he
prayed his psalm, *You desire truth in the
inward being; therefore teach me
wisdom in my secret heart.* This coming
Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday,
marking the beginning of the season of
Lent and our journey to the cross, and
then on to Easter morning. This season
is all about honesty, being willing to be
honest with ourselves about who we are,
and above all, about our relationship with
God. It is a season of coming clean. We
might not get to that place immediately,
we might not see the truth right away, so
we ask God to guide us with His wisdom.

Getting honest, we call it confession,
does for the soul what preparing the land
does for the field. You know that before
you first plant a field, you remove the
stumps and large rocks. You spray it for
weeds. Seeds grow better if the land is
prepared. Confession invites God in to
walk through our hearts and remove what
blocks us from knowing His grace. God
removes the stumps and boulders of our
resentment and regret and foolishness,
of our sin. As God walks through, his
grace tells us that He still claims us. We
still belong to Him. As we get so messed
up with our foolishness, our poor choices,
our thoughtless words, our sin, God
comes to find us so that He can love us
and take that sin from us.

I invite you to come and begin the
journey this week. I know, Ash
Wednesday can be an uncomfortable
service, for who of us really wants to dig
up all of the weeds and boulders of our
hearts? We tend to live with them and
work around them. Getting behind our
excuses and being honest about who we
really are often makes us squirm. Yet as
we do, that is exactly the place where we
begin to feel God's love and grace for us,
for you, for me. You belong to Him.

Blessings on the journey,
Joy Starwalt

OBITUARY

Paul Jeffers

NEWMAN – Paul Edward Jeffers, 79, of
Newman passed away on Friday (Feb. 21,
2014) at the Helia Healthcare Center of
Champaign.

A graveside service will be held at 11
a.m. Monday at the Newman Cemetery in
Newman. Pastor Terry Baily will officiate.

Mr. Jeffers was born on Jan. 25, 1935,
in Sullivan, a son of Paul and Edna Buxton
Jeffers.

He is survived by his longtime friend
and caregiver Karen Hedrick of Paris, Ill.

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

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Shiloh School Schedule

- Mar. 1:** FFA Meats & Poultry State Meet
at U of I
- Mar. 4:** 6:00 PM C) V SBL @ Okaw Valley
High School
- Mar. 5:** 7:00 PM Boys Scout Troop 72
Meeting @ NGS
- Mar. 6:** FFA WCFA at John Wood
Community College; 6:00 PM CO V SBL
Atwood-Hammond H.S.
- Mar. 7:** FFA WCFA at John Wood
Community College
- Mar. 8:** KDASC District Convention

Shiloh School Menu Breakfast

- Mar. 3:** Yogurt w/animal crackers or Cereal
& Toast
- Mar. 4:** Bagel w/Sunbutter & Jelly or
Cereal & Toast
- Mar. 5:** Muffin w/string cheese or Cereal
& Toast
- Mar. 6:** Oatmeal raisin bar or Cereal &
Toast
- Mar. 7:** Strawberry pancakes or Cereal &
Toast

Lunch

- Mar. 3:** Green Eggs & Ham or
Cheeseburger on bun, Sneetchers
Peaches, Horton's hash browns, Gerald
McBoing Boing Coins, (Carrot coins)
- Mar. 4:** Meat & cheese Nachos or chicken
patty on bun, fresh oranges wedges,
green peas, fresh broccoli
- Mar. 5:** BBQ Rib on bun or hotdog on
bun, fresh apple wedges, baked beans,
fresh cucumber slices
- Mar. 6:** Chicken & noodles or chicken
Nuggets w/bread, fresh banana, mashed
potatoes & gravy, fresh tomato wedges
- Mar. 7:** Pepperoni pizza of cheese pizza,
fresh orange slices, green beans,
Romaine lettuce

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

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- March 1:** Don Barnett, Sally Douglass, Rebecca Sutton, Scott Drake, Sandra
Greenwood, Jason Casteel, Rebecca Joines
- March 2:** Jayne Kibler, Paul Epperson, Mrs. Joe Bosch, Tim Lewsader, Larissa Moses,
Sinead Madigan
- March 3:** Dixie Ellis, Brad Davis, Scott Davis, Kathleen Vermillion, Lisa Bennett,
Jennifer Haskins, Samantha Young, Brian Baker, Robert Liam Callaway
- March 4:** Mary Alice Roberts, Harold Rankin, Glenda Martinie, Patricia Cochran,
Williard Cutsinger, Hope Eastin, David Fonner, William Hemphill, Ashley Boyd, Stephanie
Deem, Valerie White
- March 5:** Mary Struck, Stanton Peppers, Nancy Bridge, Edith Tagney, Kenny Loop,
Linda Pangburn, Shelley Allen, Alec Thompson
- March 6:** Floyd Ramp, Sue Thompson, Jimmy Arkebauer, Howard Swan, Bobby Swan,
Keith Payne, Kent Payne, Darla O'Bryan, Tom Glenn, Martin Davis
- March 7:** Judith Schenkel, Randy Reeley, Dana Hales, Cynthia Busby, Stacia Weber,
Tabitha Graves

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Attend the Church of Your Choice
Mar. 2: 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.



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



Ash Wednesday Service

You are invited to come to the Ash Wednesday Service at **the Murdock United Methodist Church on March 5, 2014 at 7 p.m.** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season which is a season leading us to Good Friday and then, on to Easter. We begin the season with the marking of ashes, reminding us of who we are. We

are broken people, who have done foolish things, and stand in need of forgiveness. But then we also participate in communion that evening, reminding us of God's great love and forgiveness for us. Everyone is invited to share in communion in our church, and everyone will certainly be welcomed.

Shiloh First Graders Celebrate 100 Days of School!



First Grade Teachers, Aimee Lugo and Kristina Burris instruct the combined First Grade classes on the directions to participate in the 100 Days of School Celebration in the Newman building gymnasium.

The Newman Grade School First Graders spent an hour Friday afternoon creating and participating in small group activities to appreciate just how much the amount of 100 really is. In one group, the students used 100 small dixie cups to build a structure. Another group drew pictures of geometric shapes that combined together equalled 100 items. Another group did exercises in groups of ten to add up to 100 times of each exercise. All in all the students found a new appreciation for the number 100 and how much in items of activities that could really be.

At left is Mrs. Lugo watching as the students build with 100 dixie cups. Cori Richardson in the right photo helps with working Math problems with the students.



Winter Weather Is Icy!



Charlotte Wax called the other day to inform me of an unusual ice formation on her home. The elaborate display was across the whole roof-line on the back of the house toward the patio. The big one on the left was just about to touch the ground when the picture was taken on Tuesday morning, February 18th. photo by Dana Hales

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The “Get-Aways” Gals *by Lana Sanstrom*

The “Get-Aways” Home Extension Unit after having not met for over ten years recently had a reunion in the home of Carolyn McIntyre of Tuscola. The original group of young women formed in 1974 and met for over twenty years on the 1st Thursday of each month rotating the meeting place in member’s homes.



Home Extension members seated L to R are Glenna White, Joyce Blair, Margarie Ingram, standing are Martha Burris, Carolyn McIntyre, Karen Smith, Diane Kincaid, Debbie Akers, Lana Sanstrom and Sharon Wax. photo submitted by Lana Sanstrom

The reunion was reminiscent of past meetings with an Irish theme. Fourteen members were able to attend along with Cammie Seguin who had served as the Extension Advisor of the group. Lana Sanstrom, Dianne Kincaid, and Carolyn McIntyre prepared typical Irish main dishes, bread, and scones for an Irish meal while the other members brought side dishes and desserts.

After the meal, the group recited the Homemaker’s Aim and the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by everyone answering roll call with a

memory from past meetings. Dianne Kincaid gave an interesting talk about Ireland, and the group was able to view Irish articles and pictures.

Everyone in attendance agreed that it was so enjoyable to spend an evening together after such a long break in meeting. Being a “Get Aways” member

had been a very important part of member’s young lives as they supported each other through happy times, trying times, and ordinary times, too. Through membership in “Get Aways” friendships were made and in this new “season” of the friend’s lives, it was decided to continue to gather as friends each season of the year. It is hoped that any past member who was unable to meet this time will be able to attend the next gathering in the spring. For more information, contact Lana Sanstrom.



Tori Stierwalt and her escort John Haynes with Maryah Campbell and her escort Austin Hales during the Grand March at Winterfest.

Health Points Douglas County Health Department *submitted by Hanna Rogers,* Environmental Health Inspector/Clerk

Sipping, Snacking and Tooth Decay

Many parents across the country will issue a common refrain at dinnertime tonight: “You better eat that it’s good for you!” There’s another old favorite in the parental arsenal of dietary admonitions: “Don’t eat that—it’ll rot your teeth!” Now more than ever, kids are faced with a bewildering array of food choices from fresh produce to sugar-laden processed convenience meals and snack foods. What children eat and when they eat it may affect not only their general health but also their oral health.

Americans are consuming foods and drinks high in sugar and starches more often and in larger portions than ever before. It’s clear that “junk foods and drinks gradually have replaced nutritious beverages and foods for many people. For example, the average teenage boy in the U.S. consumes 81 gallons of soft drinks each year! Alarming, a steady diet of sugary foods and drinks can ruin teeth, especially among those who snack throughout the day. Common activities may contribute to the tendency toward tooth decay. These include “grazing” habitually on foods with minimal nutritional value, and frequently sipping on sugary drinks. When sugar is consumed over and over again in large, often hidden amounts, the harmful effect on teeth can be dramatic. Sugar on teeth provides food for bacteria, which produce

acid. The acid in turn can eat away the enamel on teeth.

Almost all foods have some type of sugar that cannot and should not be eliminated from our diets. Many of these foods contain important nutrients and add enjoyment to eating. But there is a risk for tooth decay from a diet high in sugars and starches. Starches can be found in everything from bread to pretzels to salad dressing, so read labels and play carefully for a balanced, nutritious diet for you and your kids. Reduce your children’s risk of tooth decay:

- Sugary foods and drinks should be consumed with meals. Saliva production increases during meals and helps neutralize acid production and rinse food particles from the mouth.
- Limit between-meal snacks. If kids crave a snack, offer them nutritious foods.
- If your kids chew gum, make it sugarless—Chewing sugarless gum after eating can increase saliva flow and help wash out food and decay-producing acid.
- Monitor beverage consumption – Instead of soft drinks all day, children should also choose water and low-fat milk.
- Help your children develop good brushing and flossing habits.
- Schedule regular dental visits.

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Sports

Basketball

Central

by Tim Hendershot



second half saw the Raiders clamp down on the defensive end and see the offense come to life outscoring VGH 40-26 to come from behind and hold off a Hawks comeback attempt for a 62-54 win. A huge difference in the contest was the free throw shooting as the Raiders went 14 of 18 from the line for 78 percent while the Hawks only went to the line 9 times and made 6 of those attempts for 67 percent. Andrew Donithan finished with 20 points

leading four players in double figures for the Raiders as Cyrus Furgeson chipped in 15 and both Eli Furgeson and Kaleb Hood added 14 and 11 points respectively. Chance Lemmon had 14 points to lead the Hawks while both Lucas Vandeventer and Jordan Wolf added 13 points each in the loss.

The next night saw the Raiders head to Arthur to challenge the Arthur-Lovington Knights with sole possession of second place in the LOVC on the line. The teams faced off in the semi-finals of the LOVC Tournament with the Knights taking the first match-up soundly. This contest became an instant classic with the Raiders having a 7 point lead after three quarters, but the Knights tying it up in the fourth and send the game into an extra session. In the extra frame, the Raiders had two chances to take the win, but see their attempts fall just short as the Knights escaped with a 68-67

win. Once again, four Raider players reached double figures in scoring with Kaleb Hood leading the way with 16 points while Cyrus Furgeson added 15 points and both Andrew Donithan and DJ Castillo chipping in 14 points each. Tyler Schuring finished with 6 three point shots and a game-high 28 for the Knights in the win.



Aaron Bell at the free-throw line.

Friday night saw the Raiders host Winterfest 2014 and Senior Night as six seniors were honored for their contributions towards the program before the contest against the Okaw Valley Timberwolves and the Blue and Gold used the free throw line down the stretch making 18 of 22 shots for 82 percent and holding the T-Wolves without a made field goal attempt in the third quarter as the Raiders once again held off a comeback attempt to take a

66-57 win. Cyrus Furgeson went 5 of 13 from three point range and finished with 23 points while Andrew Donithan added 15 points before fouling out early in the fourth quarter. Peyton Hagerman led the T-Wolves with 19 points while Devon Still added 18 points and Joe Jeffers chipped in 11 points in the loss. The win secured the Raiders their

second straight 20 win season and gain important momentum going into the post-season this week.

The Raiders (20-7 overall, 5-2 LOVC) will have played their first round match-up on Monday in the Catlin Regional facing off against the Chrisman Cardinals. If the Raiders were to have advanced, they would have played on

Wednesday night against the top seed Milford Bearcats. The title game of this regional is set for this Friday night starting at 7:00 at Catlin High School in Catlin with a spot in the sectional round at Danville Area Community College on the line. Basketball Central will follow the progress of the men of the Blue and Gold and have a full report for you next week as the Raiders look for their first regional title in 17 years.

The key to having a successful season is how a team plays towards the end of the regular season and gets ready for the playoff push. For the Shiloh Raiders boys' basketball team, that time was last week. The final week of the regular season saw the men of the Blue and Gold looks to build momentum going into the start of the IHSA Class 1A Tournament and show that they would be a threat to make a run towards Peoria and the Class 1A State Finals. The week saw the Raiders face off against three solid LOVC teams and the play was indicative of that with Shiloh going 2-1 and having at times to dig deep and come from behind in key moments.

Tuesday night saw the Blue and Gold face off against the Villa Grove/Heritage Hawks and the visitors from the north came to play with quick ball movement and keeping stride for stride taking a 28-23 lead going into the locker room. The



Moving in for the rebound against Okaw Valley are Andrew Donithan, Eli Furgeson and in the back Cyrus Furgeson. photos by Dana Hales

Raiders Summer Program Kicking Off Fifth Season with Fundraiser

by Tim Hendershot

This winter has been a brutal one for those of us living in East Central Illinois with extremely cold temperatures and heavy snows. Even though we are still in winter, the Shiloh Raiders summer baseball and softball programs are already getting ready to begin their fifth season on the diamonds. The program officially begins the year with their annual fundraising and euchre tournament which will be held on March 8 at the Newman American Legion Post 201. This fundraiser is open to those that are over 21 years of age and will also have an Italian Beef and BBQ supper as a part of the festivities. The fee for the tournament will be \$20 at the door which will also include the supper itself. All of the proceeds will go towards uniforms, equipment, and league and tournament fees for the year. The Raiders program has been growing

by leaps and bounds as shown by our Softball C and Coach Pitch teams winning their first league titles a year ago along with our other divisions in both baseball and softball having winning records and showing that they belong amongst the best teams in the area. The festivities begin at 4:30 pm with the dinner and the tournament starting at 6:00 pm. Come out and show your support for the Blue and Gold with an evening of fun as we approach the 2014 season with vigor and excitement for the people of the Raider Nation.

Dream Run in Three Point Showdown Ends for Raider Duo

by Tim Hendershot

Bethany McGinness has had a brilliant four year career with the Shiloh Raiders girls' basketball team becoming a three point specialist and a workhorse of the squad. Shayne Smith has just started her high school career and has shown the signs of brilliance that her sister Shelby had during her career.

players didn't acquire one of the four spots available in the competition. The four shooters that did advance on were Elena Sanchez of the Iroquois West Raiders, Hannah Varner of the Fisher Bunnies, Paige Jones of the Ridgeview Mustangs, and Jamison Brandt of the Blue Ridge Knights. McGinness and



Smith were a part of a Shiloh squad that went 24-4 overall and 6-0 in the LOVC helping the Raiders win their sixth regular season title in seven years and also capture a third straight LOVC Tournament title and their fifth in six years in the process under Head Coach Dave Tingley. Basketball Central salutes both these players and the rest of the Blue and Gold for a great

season and is excited on what the 2014-2015 season has to offer. photo by Angela Smith

These two players had the opportunity of a lifetime last Thursday night in the Gilman Sectional round of the 2014 Country Financial Three Point Showdown of making the round of 64 in the State Preliminary round at Redbird Arena after advancing from the Chrisman Regional round last week. Unfortunately, both of the shooters saw their runs come to an end as both

season and is excited on what the 2014-2015 season has to offer. photo by Angela Smith

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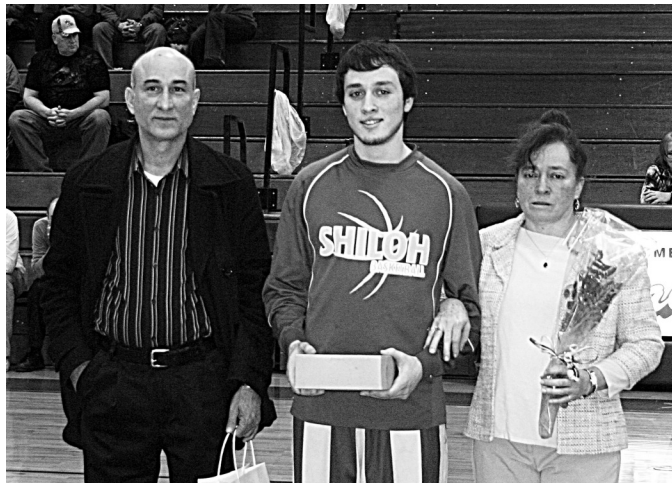
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Shiloh Boys Basketball Senior Night, Feb. 21st



Kaleb Hood with his parents Julie and Rich Hood.



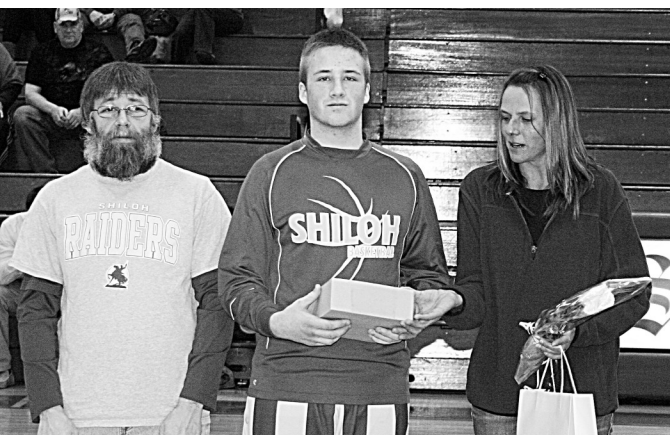
Djante Castillo with his parents Alvaro and Silvia Castillo.



John Haynes with his parents Janet and Danny Haynes.



Kyle Dye with his parents Donna and Jason Dye.
Photos by Dana Hales



Johnny Craig with his parents Bill Craig and Valerie Craig.



Aaron Bell with his mother Anita Bell and Kent Rose.



Senior Band member, Bethany McGinness with her father, Tom McGinness.

Winterfest couple Kirsten Comstock and Patrick Durham participate in the Grand March Saturday evening. photo by Dana Hales



The Recipe Corner

Lemony Lemon Brownies

- ¾ C. all purpose flour
- ¾ C. white sugar
- ¼ tspn. Sea salt
- ½ C. unsalted butter – soft
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tspn. Lemon zest
- 2 tspn. Lemon juice

Mix together sugar, sea salt butter, eggs with mixer and add flour, lemon zest and lemon juice. Bake 23 – 25 minutes in a 8" x 8" buttered dish at 350 degrees.

Tart Lemon Glaze

- 1 rounded C. powdered sugar
- 4 tspn. Lemon juice
- 8 tspn. Lemon zest

Mix together and pour over cooled brownies

Submitted by Patti Milburn



Winterfest special music was sung by Becky Bange. Her song "When-ever You Remember" by Carrie Underwood was enjoyed by the students and the audience as well. photo by Dana Hales

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Douglas County Final Multiplier Announced

SPRINGFIELD, IL, - Douglas County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to Brian Hamer, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier”, is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Douglas County are at 33.80 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2010, 2011, and 2012.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2013 taxes, payable in 2014. Last year’s equalization factor for the county was 0.9709.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative

factor issued in December 2013 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual’s portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

Information supplied by Susan Hofer, Illinois Department of Revenue

Shiloh Board cont. from p. 1

Under Business the Board approved: the Resignations of Dr. John Wheatley, Superintendent, and Billijeane Belobraydic, teacher; FFA overnight field trip March 6-7, 2014; the Intergovernmental Agreement for Cooperative Athletic Baseball with Kansas High School and Oakland High School and the

Intergovernmental Agreement for Cooperative Athletic Softball and Track and Field with Oakland High School; Appointment of Dr. John Wheatley as Trustee of the Edward A. Doisy Endowment Fund.

Within the Announcements and Discussion portion, three items were reviewed. The Illinois Debt Recovery Program – policy concerning debt recovery will be included on the March meeting agenda; Draft Fee Schedule 2014-2015 – discussion of charges to athletic

events and review of total funds due for returned checks, registration fees, student fines, and food service charges.

Board went into Executive Session at 9:33 PM and returned to Open Session 10:30 PM.

During the Business portion, the Board approved: Executive Session minutes of January 13 and January 20, 2014; Employment of Cassondra Mattingly as Softball Coach; Illinois Debt Recovery Agreement

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

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Charleston Riot Days

Governor Pat Quinn has declared March 28-30, 2014 “Charleston Riot Days” in the State of Illinois. Upcoming 3-day event to mark the 150th anniversary of The Charleston Illinois Riot, **March 28-30, 2014.**

Events are scheduled throughout Charleston over the weekend. It will be a challenge to see everything! There will be a Civil War encampment in the fairgrounds, tours of period homes and sites of historical significance, period music, and vendors around the square. On Sunday the event culminates in a live reenactment of the Charleston Illinois Riot and an original play written by Earl Halbe.

For more information or to get involved visit www.charlestonillinoisriot.org

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.

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Shiloh Cheerleaders lead the audience in the School Song during half-time of the varsity game on Friday evening. photo by Dana Hales

COUNTRY JUNCTION: UPCOMING EVENTS

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Marine photographer Louis Lowery was with them and recorded the event. American soldiers fighting for control of Suribachi’s slopes cheered the raising of the flag, and several hours later more Marines headed up to the crest with a larger flag. Joe Rosenthal, a photographer with the Associated Press, met them along the way and recorded the raising of the second flag along with a Marine still photographer and a motion-picture cameraman.



Rosenthal took three photographs atop Suribachi. The first, which showed five Marines and one Navy corpsman struggling to hoist the heavy flag pole, became the most reproduced photograph in history and won him a Pulitzer Prize. The accompanying

motion-picture footage attests to the fact that the picture was not posed. Of the other two photos, the second was similar to the first but less affecting, and the third was a group picture of 18 soldiers smiling and waving for the camera. Many of these men, including three of the six soldiers seen raising the flag in the famous Rosenthal photo, were killed before the conclusion of the Battle for Iwo Jima in late March. From History.com

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Tom Glenn

Spring Open House at Parkland College, March 14

High school students, counselors, parents welcome; breakout sessions

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.— Discover how to “Make Your Dollars Stretch” during the Parkland College Spring Open House, March 14 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the College Center.

High school students, counselors, and parents of college-bound students are especially encouraged to tour the campus, get questions answered from faculty and staff, and learn about available programs and degrees. In a new format this year, breakout sessions will be held in Room L111 on various topics at the following times:

- 12:45 p.m. — Dual Credit Student to Parkland Freshman: What are the Steps?
- 1:15 p.m. — Financial Aid—The Inside Story
- 1:45 p.m. — Undecided about a College Major? Let us Help!

“If a student is undecided about what to do after high school, this is a really worthwhile event to attend,” said Mary Kay Smith, Parkland student services advisor. “Parkland College not only allows these students the freedom to explore different career paths but makes such exploration much more affordable than they would experience at a four-year institution without a set career path.”

For more information about the campus-wide open house, please contact Admissions at 217/351-2482 or admissions@parkland.edu.

The world is indeed comic, but the joke is on mankind.

-H.P. Lovecraft

Smoke On the Mountain - Back By Popular Demand

Sullivan, IL - The Little Theatre on the Square will present *Smoke On The Mountain* March 7-16, 2014 in Sullivan, IL. This musical comedy tells the tale of a traditional church revival set at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in North Carolina in 1938.

Smoke On The Mountain has been one of The Little Theatre on the Square’s most requested productions. With such well-known hymns as “I’ll Fly Away” and “Smoke on the Mountain,” many audience members find themselves transported to their childhoods as they hear traditional hymns that they grew up singing in church.

When Rev. Mervin Oglethorpe invites the Sanders Family Singers to his church for a good old fashioned Saturday Night Singing, he gets more than he bargains for when Burl, Vera, Stanley, June, Dennis, and Denise Sanders bring their unique mix of traditional hymns and hilarious family anecdotes to the

congregation of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. It’s a recipe for an evening of music, laughter, and nostalgia.

The cast of *Smoke On The Mountain* Includes: Larry Mabrey - Uncle Stanley, Tom Dyar - Burl Sanders, Anna Blair - Vera Sanders, Trisha Dyar - June Sanders, Caitlin Mickey - Denise Sanders, Andy Hudson - Dennis Sanders, Greg Matzker - Rev. Oglethorpe.

Smoke On The Mountain will play March 7-16 at The Little Theatre On The Square. Performances run Friday March 7 at 7:30 PM, Saturday March 8 at 2 PM and 7:30 PM, Sunday March 9 at 2 PM, Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 PM, Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 PM, Friday, March 14 at 2 PM and 7:30 PM, Saturday, March 15 at 2 PM and 7:30 PM and Sunday, March 16 at 2 PM. Tickets are \$37.50 for adults and \$35.40 for Seniors and Children.

To order tickets, call The Little Theatre On The Square Box Office at 217-728-7375 or order online at www.thelittletheatre.org.

Take Your Love of Gardening to a New Level

Adult trainers need for 4-H youth gardening series

Garden enthusiasts who would like to share their love and knowledge of horticulture with young people are encouraged to attend the University of Illinois Extension Junior Master Gardener training. The training will cover the basic goals of the program and review the excellent teaching curriculum for the course, as well as provide hands-on learning activities based on the curriculum.

The training will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 6 at the 4-H Center on the Coles County Fairgrounds in Charleston. Cost of the training is \$10 per person which will cover hand-outs and lunch. Online registrations are being accepted at: <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=9665>.

The Junior Master Gardener program consists of a series of activities which cover multiple aspects of gardening in Level I and II of the curriculum as well as Wildlife Gardener and Health and Nutrition from the Garden manuals. The session will be presented by Monica David, Illinois State Master Gardener Coordinator, and Bill Million, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development. Materials and program design, as well as how to start a **Junior Master Gardener** group will be covered.

For more information, contact the Coles County Extension Office at 217-345-703. 4 Jessica Killough, Program Coordinator, Marketing and Communication, U of I Extension, serving Coles-Cumberland-Douglas-Moultrie-Shelby 707 Windsor Rd, Suit A Charleston IL

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