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Newman City Council Holds Special Meeting

by Dana Hales

Saturday morning, at 8:00am, March 15th, the City Council (except Bill Benner who was unable to attend) opened a special meeting to reconsider the bids for the demolition of the Guha Building (the old Dime Store) located at the intersection in downtown Newman. Originally the council had accepted the bid from R & R Contractors to remove the building and backfill the area to the level of the sidewalks. After some reevaluation during the week and other considerations, some council members felt a reconsideration of the other bids was worth the time for a special meeting.

The permitting from the EPA was discussed and it was determined by the council that they wanted the firm that did the work to handle any and all permitting required and any filing with the state for compliance of disposal of materials in the demolition. According to Councilman Chris Gordon, the EPA requirement acquired earlier would have to be updated to the time of demolition which needed to include statements that nothing had been changed or has been moved from the site. Also, the demolition company would have to maintain and deliver to the city the receipts of materials accepted at a proper landfill for the debris hauled out.

After further discussion, the council decided to void the contract issued to R & R and accept the contract proposed by B & J Trucking of Danville. Their bid includes grinding up all brick and concrete residue from the Guha building along with the collected concrete discard at the Newman dump. All that ground material can be used for backfill at the site and road pack around the city where rock materials may be used. They will acquire all permits involved with the demolition of the building. Total cost for the demolition, grinding and hauling to the landfill was \$56,000.

Kevin Tracy made the motion to accept the bid for B & J Trucking and the motion was seconded by Chris Gordon. The motion passed 5-0 to accept.

With no other items for discussion, a motion was made for adjournment at 8:25am.

**Spring Arrived
March 20, 2014!**

**Our weather just hasn't
found out yet!**

Shiloh FFA Holds Annual Banquet

Shiloh's FFA conducted their annual awards and banquet meeting with 14 members and 49 guests present. The program started with the presentation of the National, State and FFA flags followed by the introduction of the current officers. President Bailey McIntyre welcomed the audience to the program followed by the Invocation and the dinner.

Upon the conclusion of the meal, President McIntyre gave an overview of the FFA activities and recognized special guests in the audience. The awards program started with the presentation of the Greenhands awards with Tazay Redmon-Lewis receiving the Star Greenhand award. The membership of the FFA organization were presented individual awards.

President Bailey introduced the guest speaker, August Schetter, of the Southwestern FFA chapter, Brighton, IL. He is a state FFA officer who recently

returned from a trip to South Africa. Many farms are 10,000 to 12,000 acres in size. From his slide presentation, the equipment is very similar to the ones in the state. His examples included mostly John Deere equipment.

Irrigation is used far more than it is used in this part of Illinois and they rely on sea harbors for transfers of products unlike we do in central Illinois. His talk was well received by the members of the FFA and the audience. He answered many questions after the program was over.

Following the speaker, the CDE Team recognitions were handed out, the Proficiency Awards were issued, and the Foundation Sponsors and FFA Supporters were recognized. Top salespersons were recognized in each class and the Honorary Chapter Degree Recognition awards were also presented.

Ms. Eich, chapter advisor made a few comments on the past year's group and presented a slide show that highlighted special events throughout the year.



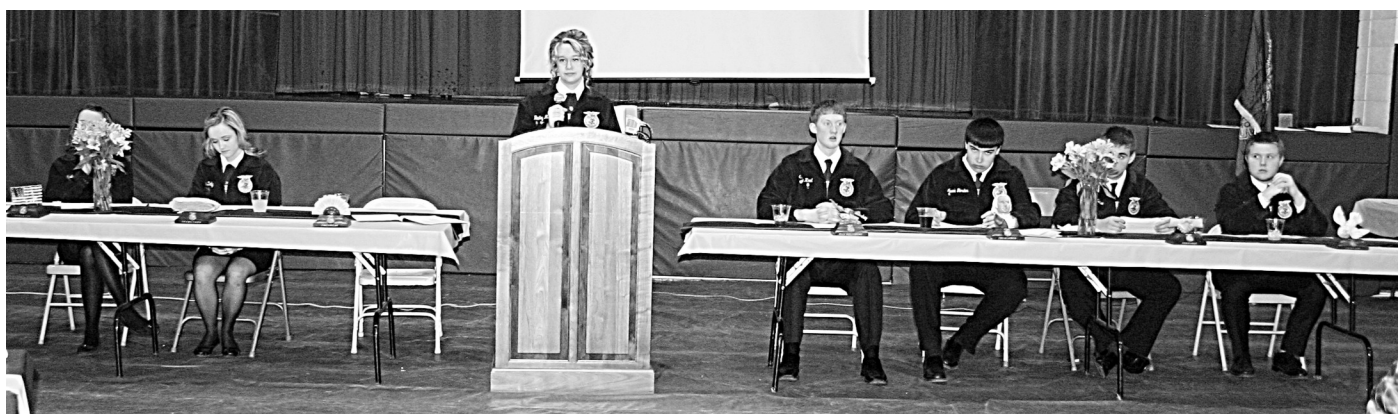
President Bailey McIntyre opens the meeting and welcomes everyone to the program.

returned from a trip to South Africa with the other state officers. He spoke of the agriculture programs over there emphasizing the similarities and differences to those in Illinois. One thing he pointed out was the tremendous size of some of the farm operations that exist



Guest speaker - August Schetter

The installation of new officers took place with Karla Madden as president, Cody Hood as vice-president, Chloe Daly as secretary, Jacob Gordon as treasurer, Azriel Kelley as reporter, Tazay Redmon-Lewis as sentinel and Bailey McIntyre as historian.



FFA President Bailey McIntyre presides over the opening ceremonies of the banquet while other officers look on. From left are Karla Madden hidden by the flowers, Chloe Daly, McIntyre, Cody Hood, Jacob Gordon, J.J. Keske also hidden by flowers, and Hayden Kile. photos by Dana Hales

Brocton to Host Red Barn Market Event

Coming soon is the 14th Annual Brocton Red Barn Market which will be held on Friday, April 4th from noon until 5:00 and on Saturday, April 5th from 8:30 until 3:00.

Several new vendors will be displaying their custom oil paintings, photographs of the local surrounding areas, toy wooden barns, repurposed antiques and furniture, hand painted crafts, and handmade soaps and lotions. Once again you will be able to shop at several of the vendors who have been at the market almost every year. They will be showcasing their primitives, antiques, vintage items, handmade furniture, glassware, ironware, signs, jewelry, American Girl clothes and much more.

Demonstrations on Saturday will be given by Gary Jones of Montezuma, IN on chair caning; Jerry Rhoads of St. Joseph on woodturning; Verne Bear of Paris on rope making; John Graves of Greenup and Omaha on pottery, and Enoch Anderson of Paris on whittling.

Barn Bucks will once again be given. You may spend these at any vendor's booth. Admission is \$2 and parking is free. Food is available all day inside the barn on both days, and on Saturday a pork chop lunch can be purchased at the American Legion building which is close by.

Once the new officers were seated, the president asked if there was any new business to be discussed. With nothing being brought up, the president closed the meeting to end the evening activities. The program, the setting in the gym and the conduct of the FFA members present was outstanding. Everyone in attendance had a great evening.

Peace Meals Menus

Thu. Mar. 27: Chicken and noodles, pickled or Harvard beets, Herbed peas or pea salad, Mandarin oranges, dinner roll

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

Tue. Apr. 1: Swiss beef pattie, warm fruit compote, three beak bake, whole grain bread (2), Lemon crunch dessert

Wed. Apr. 2: Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed vegetables, whole gain bread, frosted pumpkin or carrot bar

Thu. Apr. 3: Saucy Ham loaf, Harvard Beets, peas, whole grain bread, Graham crackers, pineapple tidbits

Fri. Apr. 4: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

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FROM THE NEWMAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Rev. Joy Starwalt
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I am the Resurrection and the Life; those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25

E.B. White writes about watching his wife, Katharine, plant bulbs in her garden in the last autumn of her life. “There was something comical yet touching in her bedraggled appearance...the small hunched over figure, her studied absorption in the notion that there would be yet another spring, oblivious to the ending of her own days, which she knew perfectly well was near at hand, sitting there with her detailed chart under those dark skies in dying October, calmly plotting the resurrection.”

I love that phrase, “plotting the resurrection.” It is filled with hope. In that image we are given both the signs of death and the signs of new life, the seeds of hope under the dark skies of uncertainty. It has been running through my mind so often these days, having watched one of Steve’s uncles surrender to the battle with cancer and now imagining what he may be doing in heaven, listening to so many needs, so many prayer requests, so many things beyond our control, “plotting the resurrection.” These weeks at our church, we’ve been talking about the shadows of life – the shadow of temptation, the shadow of ignorance and all that we simply do not know or understand, the shadow of loneliness, the shadow of authority. The shadows seem to overtake us at times, always leading us to despair. How can we plot the resurrection? Where will new hope, new life, appear next? No matter what may happen, our faith is strong in the resurrection.

We also go through hundreds of small deaths in our lives, the first day of school for our children, the signs of aging in our lives, the good-byes to family and friends as they set out on new paths, the letting go of

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March 29: Mary Belle Connor, Ethel Louise Kauppala, Tullis Skinner, Fred Freeman, Stanley White, Shirely Eckerty, John Holmes, Julie Lynn Marine, John Junkins, Sr.

March 30: Mrs. Janet Wax, Haley Schnebly, Robert Ethan Allen, Tresica Davis, Cory Wells

March 31: Bruce Rankins, Evelyn Froman, Mary Kellams, Elizabeth Avenatti, JoEllen Smith, Rhonda Martinie, Sue Cutsinger, Carol Hurm, Joshua Allen, Derek Ross Kibler, Ashley Dague

April 1: Donna Ashmore, Mrs. Duane Freeman, Lowry Lewis, Martin Harbaugh, Mashal Wagner

April 2: Adam Hodge

April 3: Elsie Arbuckle, Janet Bass, Deanna Wagner, Susan Ringer, Anna Bauer, Jill Bosch, Erica Ash

April 4: Anthony J. Gazzoli, Wilma Kaster, Mrs. Walter Chilcote, Gary Rowe, Mrs. Lowell Woodall, Wallace Wax, Karen Mohr, David Keys, Michael Murray, Jon Stephen Kincaid

dreams,...and still, and still, we plot the resurrection.

We stake our lives on the promise of Jesus who says, “I am the Resurrection and the Life.” As often as I have said those words, they hold me and give me strength to keep moving forward; they never lose their power or hope.

I wonder where you are plotting the resurrection this season. Where are you feeling out of control, immersed in grief, letting go, noticing the changes of life occurring in spite of your best efforts, and still, and still you carry your silent sentinel of hope deep inside? You know the story and the promise. You have lived it before and it still holds true. “I am the Resurrection and the Life.” We are not given over to despair.

As we continue walking to the cross these weeks, we are aware of the autumns, of the darkness encroaching on our lives. We feel the tugs of life’s demands and challenges and answers on our hearts. We notice how little control we do have over so many things, the fears that continue to weigh on our hearts. But right in that place, there is a small glimmer of hope, a little piece of dirt, and there I will plot the resurrection and stake my claim in Jesus who will overcome.

Blessings,
Joy Starwalt

A Correction to Newman High School Graduation History

Lyle and Jean Davis of Florida, formally of rural Newman sent us a note about graduation exercises prior to the gym being built in the late 1940’s. Jean indicated that during her high school years of 1936 to 1940, the high school graduations took place at the Newman Grade School. The grade school had a stage and bleachers as well as the gym floor for setting up additional chairs for seating. If others readers have information on our school’s past, please pass it along. Let us not forget our history in Newman.

Thanks for the information.
The Editors

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our family and friends for all of their prayers, support, cards, calls and visits during our difficult time. It is greatly appreciated.

Tony and Deb Hatcher

THANK YOU

Thank You!
To everyone for thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, food and condolences! Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated.

*The Family of
Dallas Junior Smith*



Shiloh School Schedule

Mar. 27: 2013-2014 Yearbooks, March 17-28; 4:30 PM B V BB @ Salt Fork; 4:30 PM B JV BB Georgetown-Ridge Farm H.S.; 4:30 PM CO V TRK @ Cumberland H.S.

Mar. 28: 2013-2014 Yearbooks, March 17-28; 4:30 PM G V SB Neoga High School

Mar. 31: 4:30 PM B V BB @ Martinsville High School; 4:30 PM G V SB @ Martinsville High School

Apr. 1: 4:00 PM CO JH TRK @ Crestwood School; 4:30 PM G V SB Oakwood High School; 4:30 PM CO V TRK @ Paris High School

Apr. 2: Envirothon Meet @ Charleston; 8:15 AM Junior High Honor Roll Breakfast; 7:00 PM Boys Scout Troop 72 Meetin @ NGS; 4:30 PM B V BB Arthur High School; 4:30 PM G V SB Arthur High School

Apr. 3: FFA section 18 Ag Fair at DACC; 4:30 PM B V BB @ Shelbyville High School

Apr. 4: 8th Grade Social Studies Class To Springfield; 4:00 PM CO V TRK @ Arthur High School

Shiloh School Menu Breakfast

Mar. 31: Sausage pancake stick or Cereal & Toast

Apr. 1: French toast or Cereal & Toast

Apr. 2: Egg, cheese & sausage flatbread or Cereal & Toast

Apr. 3: Breakfast round or Cereal & Toast

Apr. 4: Mini cinnamon rolls or Cereal & Toast

Lunch

Mar. 31: Cheesy breadsticks w/sauce or cheeseburger on bun, apple juice, baked beans & French fries

Apr. 1: Cheese Quesadilla or chicken patty on bun, orange wedges, corn & baby carrots

Apr. 2: Salisbury steak wo/gravy & bread or hotdog on bun; apple wedges, mashed potatoes/gravy, celery

Apr. 3: Macaroni & cheese of chicken Nuggets w/bread, banana, mashed potatoes/gravy, tomatoes

Apr. 4: Pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, orange wedges, steamed carrots, Romaine Lettuce

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Attend the Church of Your Choice
Mar. 30: 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.

CHOP's Group to Meet


The CHOP's (Children of Old People) group will be meeting at Jarman Center, 704 N. Main St., Tuscola, IL, March 27, 2014 at 6 PM. Guest speaker will be Adam Pullen of Harbor Light Hospice. His topic will be "Hospice 101", an overview of what hospice is and how it can help you. If you are an adult child caretaker for either of your parents or a relative, CHOPs may be the group for you. Refreshments served. RSVP 217-253-2325. Jarman Center Senior Living is not only a home for our seniors, but a resource and activity place for the public. We invite you to stop by any time and see us.

LEGO Robotics Jr. Program at Your Library

The Orpheum Children's Museum will present a free hands-on program using LEGO We-Do kits to create basic robots as the next First Friday Fun Fest at Newman Regional Library on April 4 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will use laptops and LEGOs to take a first step at becoming the next LEGO Robotics innovator with this simplified robotics curriculum for beginner robot enthusiasts. This is a great opportunity to begin learning how to construct creations, work as a team, and explore the world of coding. No previous experience is necessary. Snacks will also be served.

The class is limited to twelve children because of space and the number of laptops, so advanced registration is required. Please call the library to reserve a spot today, 837-2412 or email librarian@newmanregionallibrary.org.



Kids' Clubs

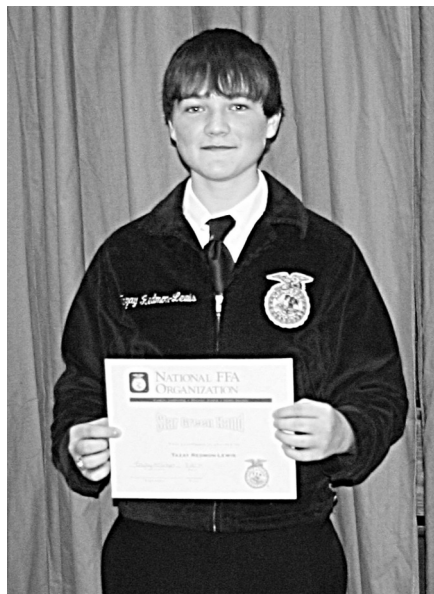
Wednesdays this school year: 5:30-7:30 PM

Club meets at the Newman First Christian Church

Ages 3-12th Grade are welcome to attend!

Supper provided for all children! Visitors welcome!

Tazay Redmon-Lewis Receives Awards at FFA Banquet



Tazay received the Star Greenhand Award, placed 10th in the Quiz Bowl, member of the 5th place Computers Team, 5th Top ten Individual in the Food Science Contest, and 56th individual in the Illinois State Food Science Contest. Tazay will be the chapter for next year. photo by Dana Hales

Players Listen Closely to Coach Conn



Titan hitters Brandon Stone and Luke Armstrong talk hitting strategy with Coach Jason Conn before the start of the bottom of the 7th inning against Marshall. Stone and Armstrong each hit home runs in Tri-County/Shiloh's 9-6 loss to the Lions last Friday in Kansas. photo by Jesse Jones

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Health Points Douglas County Health Department

by *Hanna Rogers*, Environmental Health Inspector/Clerk

Kick Butts Day

You might have heard something this past Wednesday about “Kick Butts Day”. Kick Butts day is dedicated to educating school age children about the dangers and cost of tobacco use. By encouraging youth to learn about the health risks associated with tobacco use, it is our hope that the next generation will make informed, healthy decisions about tobacco.

Advertising campaigns tend to romanticize tobacco products and display

tobacco users as young and healthy. A big part of Kick Butts day recently has been increasing awareness about the methods that advertisers use to promote their products. Kick Butts Day provides more awareness among youth of ads that target young people. Armed with this knowledge, youth have become educated and aware of ads that target them.

Kick Butts Day is only held once a year, but it is our hope and the hope of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids that every day becomes Kick Butts Day!

Pet Talk with Dr. Sally Foote DVM



Storm Season Is Nearly Here - How to Help Scared Pets During Storms

Many dogs in the Midwest are afraid of thunderstorms. Maybe a dog was left alone during a bad storm and did not know where to go or what to do. It may be genetic, or it may be something that has been increasing over the years. Whatever the cause, thunderstorm phobia is very common and can range from mild to severe. There is help for your dog. Help is in the form of a plan to teach them to be calm with the help of antianxiety medication as determined by your veterinarian.

Before the storm starts, your dog or cat is already sensing it. Changes in air pressure, wind speed, smell, humidity, and temperature stimulate fear in the dog. They associate these changes with the impending storm. It is really difficult to mimic these events to train the dog to be calm during them. A dog may learn to be less anxious to the sound of thunder by using a recording, but all the other things cause as much fear as the noise. So the dog may be a little less fearful, but not much by training alone.

If your dog is showing any of these signs they are in a high state of panic: pacing, panting, drooling, circling, howling, pawing at their owners,

climbing on to furniture, hiding under the bed, digging at doors or windows to name a few. These dogs are trying to escape the storm but do not have anywhere to go and cannot self calm. These dogs need anti anxiety medication coupled with a customized plan to teach your dog to go to a safe area and calm down.

Proper anti anxiety medication (not just tranquilizers) on storm days or through the season are very effective. Fluoxetine, Clomipramine, Propranolol are some of the more commonly used medications. These medications help reduce anxiety without making your pet sedate. There are also supplements such as Zylkene the milk calming supplement which can also reduce fear. A check up is needed before starting treatment. Many dogs that have been on medications through a storm season needed significantly less meds or even none at all the next season.

When your pet is young, do train them to be rewarded for calm, non anxious behavior during a storm. Have a tornado drill on non storm days running into the bathroom, calling your pet in quickly and give them a yummy treat. Teach them to go down the basement stairs on command and reward them. Give them a bed, crate or in the bath tub to lie on and reward them for going there fast and lying calmly. Heavy beat rock music or Egyptian/Indian music is very helpful also.

I will be presenting a public seminar on thunderstorm fear and creating a safety plan for your pet Saturday March 29 at 8:30 am at the Jarman Center 704 N Main Tuscola. You may call our office at 253-3221 or see our website for more information www.okawvetclinic.com

Free Facility, Equipment Efficiency Workshops For Businesses

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Parkland College Business Training will host free state-sponsored workshops in industrial/commercial facility energy efficiency and equipment maintenance this spring. Local business and facility owners and operators are invited to attend the following training sessions in April, sponsored by the Illinois Green Economy Network with support from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Space is limited. For more information or to register, please call 217/353-2102.

Saving Energy in Commercial and Industrial Facilities:

3 Measurement Tools You Need to Know

Wednesday, April 9 8 a.m.–noon OR 1–5 p.m. (Register by April 2)

Discover three measurement tools and techniques that have proven invaluable for evaluating energy consumption and identifying energy loss and savings opportunities in facilities. Explore applications including infrared thermal imagers, power quality analyzers, and ultrasound receivers in the context of energy audits and maintenance of facility infrastructure.

Preventive and Predictive Maintenance Equipment Best Practices

Wednesday, April 30 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (Register by April 23)

Find out how keeping equipment operating within design limits can minimize environmental risks, reduce maintenance and operational costs, and improve energy usage. Discover the best ways to maintain equipment that result in electrical, gas, and fuel savings as well as increase capacity by eliminating downtime.

IEMA Offers Safety Tips during National Flood Safety Awareness Week

March 16-22 *presented by Lana Sanstrom, LEHP*

On flooded roads, “Turn Around, Don’t Drown” can save lives

SPRINGFIELD – With the spring 2013 floods still fresh in the minds of many Illinois residents, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) today joined the National Weather Service (NWS) and other emergency management organizations across the country to observe National Flood Safety Awareness Week March 16-22. Throughout the week, IEMA will encourage Illinois residents to learn more about flooding and to take steps to be better prepared.

“We’re keeping a close eye on rivers and streams across the state so that we’re prepared for potential flooding this spring,” said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. “But it’s also important for people to stay aware of flood risks in their communities and know what they can do to stay safe if flooding occurs.”

Monken said one of the most important safety tips during flooding is, “Turn Around, Don’t Drown,” which is intended to remind people to never drive on a flooded road. Most flood-related fatalities involve people in vehicles attempting to drive through water covering a road. The

speed and depth of the water is not always obvious, and as little as two feet of rushing water can sweep away most vehicles, including trucks and SUVs.

Flood preparedness tips include:

- Develop a family emergency plan and review it with all family members.
- Maintain an emergency supply kit with bottled water, non-perishable food, first-aid items, flashlight, radio, batteries and more.
- Stay aware of weather conditions in your area, particularly if you live or work in areas known to flood.
- Make an itemized list of your personal property. Include photos and/or videos of the inside and outside of your home. Store these documents in a safe location away from your home.
- Consider purchasing flood insurance, since flood losses are not covered under homeowners’ insurance policies.

For more information about flood preparedness, visit the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

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Shiloh Sports

with Tim Hendershot



Unified Track Teams Get Off to Fast Start in 2014 Season

The Shiloh Raiders track and field team was reformed after breaking off of a co-op with Heritage High School as the East Central Panthers in 2012 and has been a single school team for the past two years. Those years have seen low numbers coming out to participate making it difficult to compete for meet titles as a team. This year, the Blue and Gold has some back-up and it has paid off early on. The Raiders agree to a co-op with the Tri-County Titans track program, which has had some low numbers as well in past years, and got into action two weeks ago to begin the 2014 season. So far, the merger has paid dividends as several newcomers have made a mark early on with some great finishes and have Head Coaches Missy and Dave Tingley upbeat about the chances of both teams this year.

The boys' squad started off the season on Friday, March 14 with the Bulldogs Indoor Invitational at Mahomet-Seymour High School hosted by the Mahomet-Seymour Bulldogs with four newcomers making the trek from Oakland High School to put their talents to the test in the quartet of juniors Preston Skinner, Luke Nash, and Corey Maxedon along with sophomore Michael Hudson. The four men didn't disappoint with good finishes with Skinner leading the way finishing in the top four of all four events he entered including the first event win in quite some time for the Raiders program capturing the 400 meter run in a time of 54.85 seconds. He also finished in 2nd place in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 8 inches, took 3rd place in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.63 seconds, and got 4th in the 200 meter dash posting a time of 25.04 seconds. Hudson also came out of the

meet with strong finishes capturing 2nd place in the pole vault with a mark of 11 feet, 6 inches while finishing 8th in the 60 meter high hurdles with a time of 10.32 seconds and grabbing a 7th place finish in the 800 meter run with a time of 2 minutes, 19.81 seconds. Nash was the lone representative in the shot put and finished with a throw of 35 feet, 10 ¾ inches while Maxedon competed in the 1600 meter run and came in with a time of 5 minutes, 40.19 seconds, both results ending up outside of the top ten in each event.

The boys' then headed to Lantz Fieldhouse on the campus of Eastern Illinois University last Saturday for the EIU Indoor Invitational hosted by the Charleston Trojans. Just like the meet in Mahomet, Preston Skinner continued his strong start capturing 3rd place in the 200 meter dash posting a time of 23.77 seconds, which was only .4 of a second off of the winning time. That finish vaulted the STC team to a team total of 11 points on the day, which was good for a 25th place finish.

That same day was the start of the girls' season as Andi Luth competed in the Bulldogs Indoor Invitational in Mahomet. Luth is one of seven young women from Shiloh and Oakland that will take to the track for the Raiders this season and looked to get off to a strong start. Luth participated in three events and started the 2014 season solid finishing in the top fifteen in each of the events with her best finish being in 6th place in the 400 meter run. She also finished in 10th place in the 60 meter dash and 11th place in the 200 meter run. STC as a team finished with 3 team points which was good for 14th place overall.

This afternoon, the Shiloh/Tri-County Raiders track teams will be in Toledo for the first outdoor meet of the season at Cumberland High School hosted by the Cumberland Pirates. Start time for the meet will be at 4:30 pm with the field events with the track events to follow. The Speedy Sprint will have the full rundown of the day's events for you next week as the new tradition of track and field begins in earnest.

New Look Titans Looking to Grow Starting Baseball Season Winless

by Tim Hendershot

Before the start of the 2013-2014 school year, it was decided that Shiloh High School would attempt to form its own baseball team after its split from the cooperative agreement with Heritage High School last season. Fast forward to February and only nine boys came to the meeting to discuss the baseball season. Afterwards, an agreement was made by the school boards of Shiloh and Oakland to co-op all of the spring sports for 2014 with Kansas High School being added for the agreement for baseball only with all practices being held in Kansas and that both Kansas and Hume would be host sites for home games. After two weeks of practice and getting to know each other, it was time to take it out onto the field for actual game action. Head Coach Joe Morrissey and his Tri-County/Shiloh Titans squad started off the 2014 campaign with three tough match-ups against quality teams from the East Central Illinois area to get a feel of how the team would respond in such a quick manner. At the end of the week, the Purple and Orange got a dose of how tough the competition will be going 0-3 in the first week of action, but did show in two of

the three games that they are capable of not going down without a fight.

Last Tuesday afternoon saw the Titans host the LeRoy Panthers at Ken Coffey's Field of Dreams at Kansas High School in Kansas. The game was originally scheduled to be played at Shiloh Field in Hume, but the field itself was still unplayable due to the heavy snows that the area had been hit with this winter and still needed some work to do, thus the move to Kansas on this day. The visiting Panthers got to starting pitcher Cyrus Furgeson early in the game, but the Titans got some timely hits plus a solid relief effort by Luke Armstrong on the mound to stay close and have a chance to win. In the end, TCS couldn't muster enough juice to complete the comeback and LeRoy held on for a 10-7 win. Furgeson went 3 2/3 innings giving up 7 runs (3 earned) and 6 hits while fanning 10 hitters and walking 5. Armstrong kept the Titans within distance going the final 3 1/3 innings giving up 3 runs and 2 hits. Armstrong was also key at the plate going 2 for 3 while Campbell Foster went 2 for 4 with 2 doubles and 2 RBI. Brandon

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Magnificent Seven Play One Final Time on Court in LOVC All-Star Games

by Tim Hendershot

For seven seniors of the Shiloh Raiders basketball teams, it was one last time to lace up the shoes and get out on the court to display their skills and play the game they love. This time, they played alongside some of the top players in the Little Okaw Valley Conference to boot. Last Saturday night was the 2nd Annual LOVC Senior All-Star Games pitting the stars of the East against the best of the West to see who would reign supreme.

joined Head Coach Charlie Carver on the East squad. The game itself provided some excitement as the East did get 23 points by Tri-County Titans star Tyler Wright, but the West held on for a 76-72 win. Wright ended the evening capturing game MVP honors.

The Blue and Gold had a strong season on the courts with the girls' team finishing at 24-4 overall and 6-0 in the LOVC with



Seven of our Shiloh Raiders senior basketball players take one final group shot before playing in their respective LOVC All-Star Games last Saturday evening in Martinsville. Players from left to right are: Johnny Craig, John Haynes, Kaleb Hood, Lauren Moses, Bethany McGinness, DJ Castillo, and Kyle Dye. photo by Janet Haynes

In the girls' contest, the Raiders were well represented with both Lauren Moses and Bethany McGinness playing for the East with their Head Coach Dave Tingley selected once again to man the bench. After most of the game where the West led for most of the contest, the East provided a big 4th quarter rally to take a 10 point lead and give the win to the East squad. Lauren Moses ended up getting game MVP honors.

The boys' contest had its share of Raider flavor as Johnny Craig, John Haynes, Kaleb Hood, Kyle Dye, and DJ Castillo

the highlights being a share of the LOVC regular season title with the Arcola Purple Riders, capturing their third straight LOVC Tournament title, and finishing the regular season ranked number four in the final Class 1A poll. The boys' team finished at 20-8 overall and 5-2 in league play provided the program its first back-to-back winning seasons since the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 seasons. Basketball Central salutes everyone involved with the All-Star Games for the Blue and Gold and having another great season. We can't wait to see what is in store in 2014-2015.

Raider Trio Ends Basketball Season with End of Year Honors

by Tim Hendershot

This past Saturday night, the News-Gazette did a first for its newspaper with a live announcement on its web page of the 2013-2014 All-Area girls' basketball teams saluting the top players from across the East Central Illinois area. Also that night was the announcement of the All-Conference teams for the respected conferences within the circulation area. For our Shiloh Raiders, two veterans and one newcomer to high school basketball were selected for their play during this past season.

The All-Area teams were announced first and Raiders center Lauren Moses was given All-Area Second Team honors after a fantastic senior year. Moses was amongst the area leaders in scoring averaging 14.3 points a game while ending up third in field goal percentage at 52.9 percent and in a tie for second in rebounds per game at a 10.7 average. Her selection to the Second Team is the highest a Raider player has had since Lauren Bogle took All-Area Player of the Year and First Team honors in 2011. Forward Bethany McGinness and guard Shayne Smith were given Honorable Mention honors by the paper finishing

out the awards for the Blue and Gold. Both McGinness and Smith were the go-to players behind the three-point line with McGinness leading the team in three pointers made while Smith showed her defensive side as well finishing amongst the area leaders with an average of 3 steals per game.

The Little Okaw Valley Conference then announced its All-Conference teams and Lauren Moses finished out her career with a First Team selection while both Bethany McGinness and Shayne Smith were awarded with Second Team honors. Smith was the only underclassmen out of the fifteen selections to make the All-Conference list for the season.

The Raiders finished the 2013-2014 season at 24-4 overall and 6-0 in the LOVC sharing the regular season title with the Arcola Purple Riders for their sixth title in seven season and captured their third straight league tournament title and fifth in the last six years in the event. The team was coached by Dave Tingley, who wrapped up his 12th season and captured his 250th win of his career during this season. Basketball Central salutes these three young ladies and the rest of the team for another strong season and can't wait to see what is in store in 2014-2015.



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Shiloh High School Seniors of the Week

written by Mrs. Casey Long's Freshman English Class

Writing His Own Story By Annette Lee Haynes

"We're all stories in the end, so let's make it a good one." One will often find this senior in the hallways saying this quote to fellow students. This would be the quiet and unique Kris Shaffer.



Kristopher Leland Shaffer

Kris has a love for books, which has probably inspired his quote. When asked about his favorite author, Kris replied with Allison Goodwin. She wrote *Eon: Dragoneye Reborn*. "I don't always read. It just depends on if I find a good enough book," Kris commented.

In addition to reading, Kris enjoys drawing and playing or listening to music. His favorite high school memory is the LOVC concerts he has attended over his high school years. "I just liked playing music," he says. Sadly, he was not able to join band this year. He tells us that he misses it, especially LOVC. But he does mention his favorite band, Imagine Dragons. However, he claims he would not want to go to their concert. "It's too crowded," he explains.

When it comes to school, Kris said his favorite subject is chemistry. "I love learning about elements. They're cool," he says. He enjoys sitting in class listening to what the teacher has to tell him and his classmates. When asked about his favorite teacher, he says he is saddened because his favorite teacher, Mr. Walker, no longer teaches at Shiloh. "He made learning fun, even if it was something as hard as [a] foreign language," Kris says.

If you were to ask about the future, Kris would shrug his shoulders and tell you, "Whatever happens, happens. I end wherever life takes me." But, he would love to end up in Italy. He mentions he would love to move there because the Italian way of life just fascinates him.

Kris says his best accomplishment is just getting through it all. Good times and bad times have affected him, like they do everyone. He is just grateful for his friends who helped him through it. He mentions his friends are what he will miss most about high school. As for his family, Kris is the son of Brad and Carole Shaffer. He also has six brothers.

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Even though he is quiet, he also has bits of wisdom to share with everyone. This unique senior may keep to himself, but Shiloh will not be the same without him. Kristopher Leland Shaffer is writing out his own future toward success.

6'1" AND REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

By Shayne Smith

When strolling down the halls of Shiloh, it is hard to miss this 6'1" beauty! This describes Miss Lauren Kaye Moses. She is constantly on the go with activities that consist of the following: CAMA, Yearbook, Spanish, FCA, WYSE, Student Council, NHS, Ecology, Envirothon, Basketball, Softball, and Volleyball. Her height helps her in many sports including basketball. She plans to continue her basketball career next year at Parkland College. When asked where she sees herself in ten years, Lauren says, "Happily married with at least two kids."



Lauren Kaye Moses

Upon leaving Shiloh, Lauren says she will miss all of the teachers she has grown so fond of and the athletics. Most of her lunch periods in high school have been spent with Ms. Boland. "Lauren has always made me laugh whether it is the crazy faces she makes, the animated way she tells a story, the fruit she "thinks" she is most like or even our shared love of the special forks from the box. I will miss our lunch discussions!" Ms. Boland says.

Lauren's favorite event of her high school career is Winterfest and soon to be graduation. Her favorite high school memory is when Cyrus Furgeson asked her to prom at the end of the Winterfest games in front of the entire Shiloh student body and staff. Her favorite thing about Shiloh is all of the people. "There are a bunch of characters at Shiloh," she says.

Honors Literature is Lauren's favorite class because of the small class size, and they have a blast with Mrs. Long. When asked if she had any regrets in high school, Lauren said, "Yes! Not trying out for the dance team." She

thought it was a requirement to be able to do the splits. Advice she would give to the underclassmen is to get involved as much as you can.

As for her family, Lauren is the daughter of Daren and Brenda Moses of Newman and the youngest daughter of three. Being the youngest in her family, she has had a lot of inspiration and help from both sisters. "Larissa has inspired me because of her hard work in her four years at Shiloh, and it makes me want to work just as hard!" Lauren says. Also, from Leyna she has learned to appreciate the uniqueness of each individual.

As Lauren embarks on a new journey, she has certainly left a mark on Shiloh. She has also lived her favorite Ghandi quote to the best of her ability: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Familiar Faces and Newcomers Combine for Good First Effort on Softball Field

by Tim Hendershot

The Shiloh Raiders softball program has been around since the consolidation of the former Newman and Shiloh High Schools in 1995. This was consisted of players from the six communities that make up the district itself and has seen resurgence since 2008 and is coming off of a miraculous season that saw the Blue and Gold make the Broadlands Regional title game before losing to the Arcola Purple Riders. Last Tuesday, the ladies received some back-up for the 2014 season and a new coach. The program



Shiloh/Tri-County catcher Jade Emery looks towards the dugout to get the next pitch to call and relay to pitcher Jessica Hunt against LeRoy. Emery went 0 for 1 with a walk in the Raiders' 18-2 loss to the Panthers on Opening Day last Tuesday afternoon. photo by Angela Emery

The Recipe Corner Slow Cooker Bacon-Wrapped Apple Chicken

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 C. BBQ sauce (Sweet Baby Rays is good)
- ¼ C. Brown sugar
- 1/8 C. lemon juice (fresh or from a bottle)
- 5 small apples peeled and chopped,
- 8 slices bacon

In a small bowl, combine BBQ sauce, brown sugar, lemon juice and peeled/chopped apples. Wrap each chicken breast with two slices of bacon and place in a greased slow cooker. Pour BBQ-Apple mixture over chicken and cook on low for 6 – 8 hours or until chicken is done.

Submitted by Mary Melton

under first year Head Coach Sondi Mattingly was joined by players from the Tri-County Titans sports programs in a co-op that mainly consists of girls from Oakland High School to start off the season with a contest against the LeRoy Panthers to see how the squad would gel under game conditions after having two weeks of practices to get to know each other and have a feel for how they play. After a slow start, the ladies of STC got into a groove in the late innings, but a strong start by the visiting Panthers was too much to overcome as the Raiders fell by 5 inning mercy rule by a score of 18-2.

The contest had LeRoy get off to a fast start off of starting pitcher Jessica Hunt to the tune of 11 runs in the first three innings, but the defense got a shot of life through two newcomers as left fielder Katie Fitzpatrick was able to get a great throw in and third basemen Alex Gill played the bounce perfectly to place the tag on a Panther batter to get the first out in the top of the third inning preventing a triple. Another strong defensive play came in the top of the fifth inning when second basemen Stephanie Deem caught a wicked line drive shot and then flipped the ball to shortstop Tori Stierwalt catching a Panther runner off second base to complete the double play. Unfortunately, the Raider bats were held to a simmer only producing three hits on the day.

Jessica Hunt did finish 2 for 3 with two singles, a fielder's choice and one

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Getche finished 1 for 2 with an RBI and Tyler Wright went 1 for 1 and an RBI in defeat.

There was no rest for the Purple and Orange as they traveled to Paris for a date with the Paris Tigers and the hosts came out swinging with a 5 run first inning and Tigers starting pitcher Alex Gilmore kept the Titan bats at bay tossing a one hit complete game shutout while striking out 10 hitters and only walking 1. TCS starter Clint Foster grabbed the lone hit for the Titans going 1 for 2 with a walk. Foster also took the loss going 3 innings while giving up 7 hits and 3 earned runs while getting 2 strikeouts and 2 walks. Brandon Getche threw one inning of relief work giving up 2 earned runs and a hit while walking 1. The Titans defense did have its troubles on this day committing four errors in the field. Audie Temples went 1 for 3 with a double and 2 RBI while Kaleb Kelly finished 1 for 2 with a double and Logan McDaniel went 2 for 2 with a walk and an RBI for the victorious Tigers.

Last Friday saw the Titans head back home to Kansas to face off against the Marshall Lions and it didn't get off to a good start as starter Eli Furgeson saw his first pitch of the game hit out into left field for a home run as part of an 8-0 beginning for the visiting Lions going into the bottom of the 5th inning. TCS then got things going with a four run barrage of their own in the bottom half of the frame with 2 of those runs coming off of a home run deep onto Route 16 by Luke Armstrong to cut the lead to 8-4. Armstrong also took control in relief on the mound after coming on in the bottom of the second inning tossing five strong innings only giving up one run to give the host Titans some life only down 9-4 going into the bottom half of the 7th inning and the wind blowing out. The bottom half of the frame started off strong as Brandon Stone took the first pitch he saw to straight away center field and out of the park for a home run to cut the lead to 9-5. Luke Armstrong then got on base after an error by the first baseman dropping the ball and then eventually scored the sixth run on a pass ball for TCS after taking second and advancing to third on a ground ball out by Eli Furgeson. In the end, the Titans comeback ran out of gas and the Lions escaped with a 9-6 win. Eli Furgeson took the loss on the mound going 2+ innings, giving up 8 runs (7 earned), 6 hits while giving up a walk and striking out 2. Luke Armstrong had a strong day in relief going 5 innings and giving up 2 hits and 1 run (the run itself was earned) while tossing 6 strike outs and didn't give up a

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walk. Armstrong finished 1 for 4 with that home run and 2 RBI while Brandon Stone went 1 for 2 with his home run, an RBI and 2 runs scored. Clint Foster finished 1 for 2 with a double and an RBI in the loss. With three games under their belt, the new look Titans have shown that they can play with spirit and fire, but do know that there is plenty of work left to be done in this long season of play.

The Titans (0-3 overall) will have started a busy week of action at home on Monday against the Cumberland Pirates in Kansas, then would have traveled to both Tuscola and Westville respectively on Tuesday and Wednesday to face off against the Tuscola Warriors and Westville Tigers. The team will be in action this afternoon for the fourth day in a row heading to Jamaica High School north of Sidell to take on the Salt Fork Storm. First pitch is set for 4:30 pm and the game itself will be the third game of a four game road trip for the Purple and Gold. Diamond Roundup will have a full rundown of these four big games and will give you the results next week as the season begins in full force.

Bogle and Spartan
Teammates Defeated
in College Post Season
Game by Tim Hendershot

After the USC Upstate Spartans women's basketball team was defeated in the semi-finals of the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament, most thought that it would have been the end of the season for the team. For former Shiloh Raider and Lakeland Laker player Lauren Bogle, it would have been a time to begin the off-season and prepare for her senior season. Even this reporter provided an article about the loss and thought that the Spartans would be playing in any of the post-season tournaments available after the 64 team NCAA field was announced. That ended up being a wrong observation.

Bogle and her team from Spartanburg accept an invitation to play in the 16 team

Women's Basketball Invitational and ended up playing in the first round of action last Thursday night in Charleston, South Carolina against the College of Charleston Cougars as the number seven seed in the East Region. After a first half that saw USC Upstate hang tough with College of Charleston only being down 36-29 at the break, the home standing Cougars continued their momentum in the second half as the Spartans never got closer than seven points and the Cougars advanced on with an 85-71 win and officially ending the first season of Lauren Bogle's Division One career. Bogle played 19 minutes getting 1 point, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals while missing both of her shot attempts.

The Spartans finish the season at 17-15 overall and 11-7 in Atlantic Sun play. Bogle played in 31 of the team's 32 games while starting 22 of them averaging 20.9 minutes of playing time per contest and averaged 4.4 points, 3.4 rebounds, and 1.6 assists per game. She also led the team in total steals for the season with 36. Basketball Central congratulates Lauren and her Spartan teammates for a successful season and can't wait to see what they do in the 2014-2015 basketball campaign.

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run scored while another newcomer Maddie Flesner went 1 for 2 with a single and 2 strikeouts. Katie Fitzpatrick went 0 for 1 and was credited with a RBI after being hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 4th inning while Angelica Cervantez went 0 for 2 with a run scored after being hit by a pitch earlier in the frame and 2 strikeouts. Hunt went the distance on the mound going 5 innings with giving up 13 hits, 18 runs while tossing 3 strikeouts and walking 10 hitters. The team was without two of its key players as both Lauren Moses and Desiree Brown were unable to play due to their duties with the Illinois Primary Elections but will be back in the fold this upcoming week. Despite the loss, the new look Raiders shown that they are willing to do the work needed to be done for a successful first year with this new co-op and has to give Coach Mattingly a boost going forward.

The Raiders (0-1 overall) will have started a busy week of action on Monday at home in Hume against the Armstrong-Potomac Trojans and on Tuesday in Catlin against the Salt Fork Storm. The team will be in action this afternoon with a home contest against the Georgetown-Ridge Farm/Chrisman Buffaloes at Raider Field in Hume. First pitch for the contest will be at 4:30 pm. The team will then be back on the field the following day on Friday hosting the Neoga Indians at Raider Field in Hume with a start time of 4:30 pm. Diamond Roundup will have the full rundown of all four games for you next week as this new era in softball begins in earnest.

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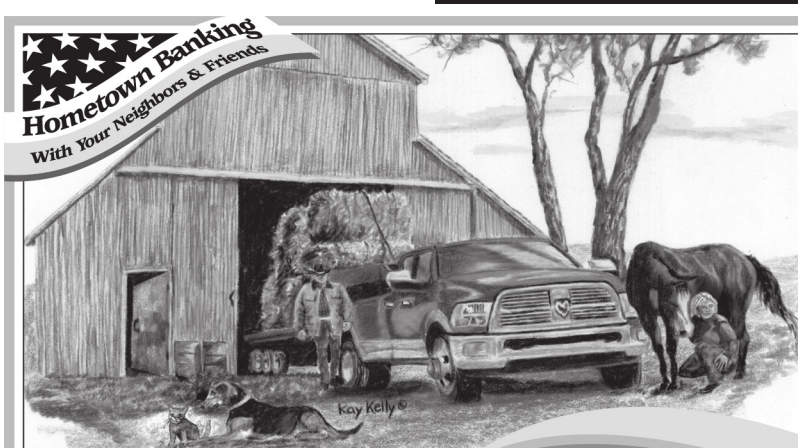
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Moultrie-Douglas 4-H Seeking Volunteers for Shooting Sports Program

Moultrie-Douglas 4-H is seeking volunteers that would like to work with youth in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Youth development will be the number one goal of the Shooting Sports Program. The program is an excellent way to provide life skill development and to establish a caring relationship with an adult mentor. The program is an active program using curriculum designed to assist young people in personal development and help them develop longterm life skills.

Training is being offered in the disciplines that include: shotgun, air raffle, small bore rifle, archery and program coordinators. The next upcoming adult volunteer certification training is May 2-4, 2014 and the registration deadline is April 25, 2014.

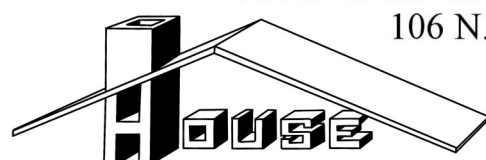
If you are interested in learning more about how to volunteer please contact Angie Welker, 4-H/Youth Program Coordinator, Unit 19, Arthur office at 217-543-3755 or by email at awelker@illinois.edu

If you have any questions regarding the fair or are interested in volunteering, please contact the University of Illinois Extension Office in Arthur at 543-3755.

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