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### Shiloh High School 2014 Prom King and Queen



King Johnny Craig and Queen Kaila Redmon

The Shiloh Junior-Senior Prom was held at the Paris Country Club this past Saturday where Kaila and Johnny were selected as the royalty for the gala event. Postprom activities, arranged by a group of parents, took place at the Paris YMCA with games, activites and prizes were awarded during the event ending at 4:00am. Everyone in attendance was pleased with the Prom and all the events during the evening and morning hours.

# Action From the Junior High Musical



on the left and Officer O'Reilly (Lane Bisby) on the right, confront Miss Grimsby (Lilly Cox) during the play in front of the Vitale's Store during the performance of "The Castaways" held at the school last Thursday evening. photo by Janice Benner.

## Shiloh Junior High Delights Audience with Choral Musical



Cast members sing their final number during the performance of "The Castaways" production conducted by the Music Department of Shiloh Junior High. Ms.Amy Neimerg directed the musical written by Jill Gallina. 23 students participated in the event presented to the public last Thursday evening on the stage in the gymnasium. photo by Janice Benner

### **Shiloh Board Discusses COOP Agreement**

President Hales called the April 21st meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Shiloh Board of Education room.

President Hales appointed David Smith to serve as Secretary Pro Tem.

Present were Dana Hales, Renee Henry, Aaron Richardson, David Smith. Absent were Jason Dye, Nelson Starkey and Stacy Luth who came in at 7:09PM.

Others Present were Superintendent/ Principal Dr. John Wheatley, Principal Beth Harbaugh, Terence Sullivan, April Morris, John Morris, Chris Landstrom, Missy Tingley and Barb Board

Consent Agenda items approved were Regular Meeting minutes of March 17, 2014; March Activity Fund Report; March Treasurer's Report; Elizabeth Harbaugh as a Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Act Officer;

2014 Scholarship Recipients; Outstanding Contribution Award Nominees; and Friend of Education Nominee.

Mrs. Harbaugh, Principal PK-8, reported that Newman Grade School took field trip to Terre Haute Children's Museum, March 28; Junior High Band and Chorus participated in Spring Contest at Crestwood and received 20 1st Place and 2 2nd Place ribbons; Newman Grade School Spring Concert was April 16 and was well attended by family and friends; FFA sponsored a "Kids Against Hunger" project which was featured on WCIA Channel 3 as the "Kid to Know" segment.

Karla Madden was interviewed as the organizer of this project. Students and community volunteers put together food packets for distribution to local families and to the Central Illinois Food Bank; Junior's will be taking their ACT's at St. Michael's Life Center, April 23 and 24; Second grade is going to EIU's Doudna Fine Arts Center to see a play on April 24; Junior High Chorus will present the musical "The Castaways" on April 24 at 6:30; Fourth grade will be traveling to the Paris Enerstar facility for Electricity Safety Day on April 25.

Dr. Wheatley, Superintendent/Principal 9-12, reported on Allied Design completion of the Health Life Safety onsite work; Prom is this Saturday at the Paris Country Club; that he will be attending a meeting this week with Senator Chapin Rose as the scheduled speaker. It's expected that he will address the Teacher Retirement issue and that he will be at the Regional Office of Education meeting on Thursday and at the Sullivan Group meeting on Friday.

Board approved the April 2014 expenses.

Chris Landstrom of Twin City Energy Services updated the Board on the current gas and electric rates and reviewed the services they can provide to get the cheapest rates for us. The Extra-Curricular Committee met April 3 and April 21, 2014. Missy Tingley reported the status of talks on a cooperative program of all remaining high school sports. There are several issues to be settled before approval of an intergovernmental agreement and hiring of head coaches can occur in May. The last step will be hiring assistant coaches in June. Henry asked if our students could also co-op with Tri County for musical programs and theatricals.

April Morris of Metcalf addressed the board regarding the possible co-op with Tri County concerning loss of the Shiloh identity. She urged the board to seriously consider this loss when making this decision.

The Board approved adoption of the following new and/or amended District Policies:

4.170-AP6 Operational Services: Administrative Procedure – Plan for Responding to a Medical Emergency at a Physical Fitness Facility

5:20 General Personnel – Workplace Harassment Prohibited

5:35 General Personnel – Compliance Fair Labor Standards

5:125 General Personnel – Personal

Technology and Social Media 5:180 General Personnel – Temporary

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Shiloh School Senior Citizen Luncheon Thursday, May 1, 2014 11:00 am (serving at 11:15 am) Shiloh Multi-purpose Room

Come enjoy free food and entertainment! There will be a short program following lunch. Enter at the Main Entrance (north door) in the circle drive Call Mr. Sullivan at 887-2364 ext. 3224 to

RSVP or e-mail: sullivant@shiloh1.us We look forward to seeing you! Sponsored by the Shiloh Junior Beta Club

May 15th is 8th Grade Graduation and May 16th is High School Graduation. The special addition of the *Independent* that will include the Seniors and the 8th Graders will be the week of May 12th. If you would like to place a congratulatory ad insert for your special student or the class, please contact the *Independent* at 837-2414 or email at news1@tni-news.com for information on the insertions by Thurs. May 8th. Thanks. The editors.

### **Peace Meals** Menus

Thu. May 1: Ham Loaf, Harvard beets, peas, whole grain bread, Graham cracker, fresh fruit

Fri. May 2: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

Tue., May 6: Baked ham, frosted sweet potatoes, buttered broccoli, Rye bread (2), fruited gelatin salad

Wed., May 7: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, buttered corn, whole grain bread, fruit pie

Thu., May 8: Salisbury beef pattie, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed pea salad, whole grain bread, Graham cracker, fresh fruit

Fri., May 9: 2 MEALS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. NO MEALS SERVED ON FRIDAY.

#### In Newman:

Served Mon, Tues, Wed Call Betty Hopkins at 837-2037

#### In Hume:

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#### In Brocton:

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# Just a reminder

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

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### **OBITUARY**

### **Brent Stewart**

Brent Eugene Stewart, 42 of Newman, IL passed away on Thursday (April 24, 2014). Funeral services were held on Tuesday at the Joines-Appleby Funeral Home in Newman, IL at 10:00am. Pastor Joy Starwalt will officiate. Burial was held at the Newman Cemetery. A visitation was held on Monday evening from 5-8pm at the Funeral Home.

Brent was born on September 24, 1971 in Champaign, IL a son of Art and Sue Allison Stewart; he married Penny Edwards on November 21, 1992 in Newman. She survives. Also surviving are his parents, Art & Sue Stewart of Mansfield, IL, sister Amy (Tom) Hitchinson of Seymour, IL, brother Brian Stewart of Dallas, TX, in laws Don & Jeanette Edwards of Newman, brother in law Randy Edwards of Newman, niece Krystane Hitchinson and nephew Kody Hitchinson

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, and a nephew Tony Edwards.

Brent was employed at Illini FS for the past 13 years. He loved fishing and

He was a member of the Newman Masonic Lodge.

Memorials may be made to the donor's

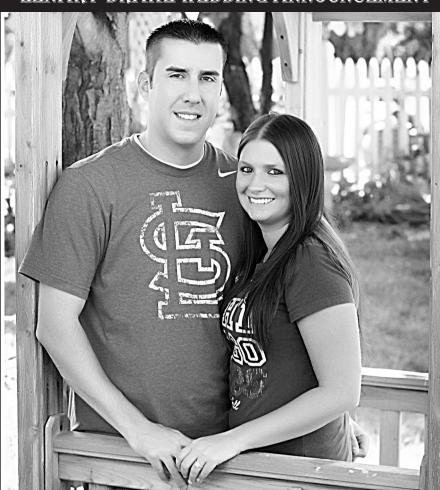
Joines-Appleby Funeral Home of Newman, IL is in charge of arrangements.

### **Wax Twins Born in** Virginia

Charlotte Wax of Newman is the proud great-grandmother of twin boys born April 6, 2014 to Charlotte's grandson, Andy Wax and his wife Leah. The babies are the grandsons of Richard and Carol Wax. Richard James weighed 6 lb. 1 oz. and Andrew Oliver weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. All of Richard and Carol's family live in or near Fairfax Station, Virginia.

Martha Burris of Newman is the boy's great aunt and Wally Wax of Tuscola is the boy's great uncle.

### LENART-DRAKE WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Kylie Lenart and Joel Drake, both of Champaign, have announced their engagement. They will marry October 4, 2014, at First Baptist Church of Rantoul.

The bride-to-be is a daughter of Ken and Krisy Lenart of Georgetown, Ind., and Robin and Ed Sanford of Rantoul. She is a 2004 graduate of Rantoul Township High School and is a manager at Best Buy in Champaign.

The future bridegroom's parents are Scott and Vicki Drake of Newman. He is a 2002 graduate of Shiloh High School and a 2006 graduate of Southern Illinois University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Justice Administration. He is employed by the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department Juvenile Division in

### ATTENTION AUXILIARY **MEMBERSI**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR NEXT REGULAR **MEETING** 

MONDAY, MAY 5, 7:00 PM Refreshments served/please bring your own drink WE HAVE A LOT TO **DISCUSS!** 

### Shiloh School Schedule

May 1: 11:00AM Jr Beta Senior Citizen Lunch 11:00 to 1:00; 6:00PM S.H.I.P. & Pre-

Family Fun Night at NGS; 4:30PM B V BB Champaign Central; 4:30PM B JV BB @ Paris High School; 4:30PM CO JH TRK @ Cumberland Junior High

May 2: KDASC State Convention; 4:00PM CO V TRK @ Cumberland High School

May 3: FFA Public Speaking State Competition at ISU; KDASC State Convention; 9:00AM B V BB Woodbat

May 5: 8:30AM SBL Healthy Kids 'KickStart' Mobile at NGS; 4:00PM CO JH Crestwood School; 4:30PM B V BB @ Okaw

Valley High School; 4:30PM G V SB @ Okaw Valley High School

May 6: National Teacher Day; 7:00PM Spring Concert - Band and Chorus; 4:30PM G V SB Arthur High School

May 7: FFA Ag Business Management State Competition; 6:15PM High School Awards Program 6:30; 7:00PM Boys Scout Troop 72 Meeting @ NGS

# Shiloh School Menu

Breakfast May 5: Sausage pancake stick or Cereal &

May 6: French Toast or Cereal & Toast

May 7: Egg, cheese & sausage flatbread or

Cereal & Toast May 8: Breakfast round or Cereal & Toast

May 9: Cinnamon rolls or Cereal & Toast

### Lunch

May 5: Pizza stick w/sauce or cheeseburger on bun, apple juice, baked beans, fresh

May 6: Cheese Quesadilla or chicken patty on bun, orange wedges, corn, baby carrots

May 7: Salisbury steak w/gravy or hotdog on bun, apple wedges, mashed potatoes w/

May 8: Mac & Cheese or chicken Nuggets w/bread, banana, Tater Tots, fresh tomatoes

May 9: Pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, orange wedges, steamed carrots, Romaine

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### NEWMANITES

### RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 3: Edward Roller, Lana Ross, Krista Freebairn, Zala Swigart, Aaron Davidson, Jane Rossney, Leslie Adams

May 4: Phyllis Davis

May 5: James Davis, Kevin Wright, Richard Reedy, Hayden Drake, Taylor White

May 6: James Drake, Clarence Lutz, George Wamsley, Bernita Derby, Robin Woosley, Mary Reeves, David Allen Vermillion

May 7: Freeman Carnahan, Oren Cook, Terry Furnish, Mia Akers, Cathy Ray, Denise Pribble, Donna Logsdon May 8: Charles Jackson, Harry Baxter, Jr., Earl Hollowell, Arita Joines, Patricia McCabe,

Stephen Merritt, Rita Dowdy, Marjorie Chandler May 9: Larry Hopkins, J. I. McDowell, Melanie Ousley Waller, Janice Oakley, Kate Ingram

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR Attend the Church of Your Choice May 4: 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

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### 2nd Grade Field Trip to EIU/ Fox Ridge State Park



Second Grade teachers Dave Tingley and Sandy Minott took their classes with assistant chaperones Martha Burris and Cathy Hales to Eastern Illinois University to view the "Bamboozle Book Machine", eat a sack lunch and enjoy some time at the park before returning to the classroom at the end of the day. Everyone had a great time. photo by Cathy Hales



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The Board also approved the Student Council State Convention overnight field trip, May 1-3, 2014; Class of 2014 trip to Indianapolis, May 10, 2014 provided they have an additional adult chaperone, preferably a faculty member, or a senior parent and the class must pay all transportation expenses; To let Food Service Management bids for 2014-2015 school year; Posting of the FY14 Amended Budget for public display on May 16, 2014; To set Public Hearing for Waiver of School Code Mandates Section 18-8.05 (F)(2)(d) Compilation of Average Daily Attendance on May 19, 2014, at 7:00 PM

The following board committee reassignments were made by President Hales: Extracurricular: Smith, Hales; Technology: Richardson, Starkey

Members were reminded to complete and file their Statement of Economic Interest with the Edgar County Clerk by the May 1, 2014 deadline.

Board went into Executive Session at 8:45 PM and returned to Open Session 9:43 PM.

After the executive session, the Board approved: Executive Session minutes of March 17, 2014; Dismissal of the following High School Athletic Coaches: HSB

# Spring Into Spring at the Library by Renee Henry

Newman Regional Library will "Spring Into Spring" from 4-5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2. Children ages 3-10 are invited to the free program that will celebrate the Spring season, and explore how we use springs. This is the monthly First Friday Fun Fest Program. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated so we know how many to plan for. To reserve a spot or for more information call 837-2412

Springtime brings flowers, babies, and early garden foods. To celebrate the arrival of Spring the craft will be making in-door flowers. We will cook a Spring time dessert using the microwave, and play a game to recognize Spring things.

But the word spring, also means coiled metal that can be stretched and released to move things. We will experiment with a pogo stick and pinball games which rely on springs to make them work.

### 2014 Prom Court

photo at left with the Seniors members of the Court. Standingare Kirsten Comstock, DJ Castillo, King Johnny Craig, Steven Dye, Laura Wittlestone Seated: Queen Kaila Redmon. photo by Kendra Carroll

Basketball Coach - Charlie Carver, HSB Assistant Basketball Coach - Jason Conn, HSB Cheerleading Volunteer Coaches - Jodi Baxter and Jessica Warner
HSG Basketball Coach - Dave Tingley, HSG Assistant Basketball Coach - Missy Tingley, HS Volleyball Coach - Casey Long, HS Golf Coach - Corey White; Employment of the following Building & Maintenance Summer Help: Custodial Workers: Dana Bogle, Lauren Bogle, Betsy Bogle, Cole Board, Toni Board, Jon Ingram, Leasa Daugherty, and Grounds Worker: Kendra Carroll.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.



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# Pet Talk **Dr. Sally Foote** DVM



### Why did my dog eat that????

It amazes many people the stories we veterinarians have about the things dogs have eaten. Earrings, keys, parts of toys, knives, you name it. It does not make any logical sense to us humans why dogs would eat such things. It makes a lot of sense to a dog.

First of remember that dog's use their nose and their mouth to discover the world. In the roof of the mouth is the vomero (smelling) organ, so mouthing things is a way of smelling them. Even past puppy hood, dogs will want to mouth, chew then swallow what they are investigating. This is normal dog behavior. The more the item has a smell, especially a human one, the more the dog wants to check it out. So the things you touch or like jewelry, cell phones, TV remotes, clothing, and kitchen utensils are really enticing for a

It is very difficult to train a dog to leave these things alone. It is good to train leave it, but to trust that their training prevent them from the temptation of grabbing the pot roast wrapper in the garbage does not work. So you have to keep your home puppy proofed, even for an adult dog. Keep your keys, cell phones and other items on a shelf that your dog can not reach. Close the closet door or have a closing

hamper for your clothes. Be sure to have a closing lid for the garbage can

Pets that have eaten things may not get sick right away. Often the pet may vomit after the object has moved and then plugs up the stomach or intestines. So a pet that has eaten something may still eat their food, play and have bowel movements but later have problems. X-rays and other tests can detect if a pet has something in their tummy.

Use a leash to walk your dog, and supervise them in your yard. In the spring there can be old bones, animals that have died and bunny poop that a lot of dogs will eat in finding out what was under the snow. Be aware of what your dog is sniffing at when you walk around town too. Reward your dog when you say "leave it" and they look away from the item. Keep the food off the counter and put away. Get a bread box that closes completely or put food in a tight fitting storage bin.

Make some fun toys that will give them an outlet for investigating things. Food puzzles are dog toys that have the treats or food fall out of them. This is a positive way to put the need to sniff out something and discover it onto the toy. You can see videos of how to use food puzzles at my website www.okawvetclinic.com under behavior

If your dog is always getting into trouble, there may be anxiety or other problems going on. A medical exam and behavior consult together can help to get to the bottom of things to stop the behavior. Even an old dog can do

### Health Points Douglas County Health Department

presented by Lana Sanstrom, LEHP

### Safe Drinking Water

Private wells are not as prevalent as they once were with municipal water in communities and being piped by companies providing rural water, but there are still private wells serving many homes. Private wells can be dug, bored, or drilled; a bored or drilled well is disinfected and the water usually remains safe to drink because the well is not open like a dug well. Dug wells are not sealed and after disinfecting, the well will only remain safe until it again becomes contaminated. This article will

address safe water and testing of all types of private wells. (Community (public) water is tested on a regular basis and is treated on a regular basis and does not require homeowner

Every time there is new construction, modification or reconstruction of water wells, it is important to disinfect all the well components including pumps and all pumping equipment. This disinfection must be accomplished before using the well and again each time the well is opened for maintenance or repair. The well and pump

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"I applaud the WIC program in their efforts to promote healthy lifestyles and for making a true difference every day in the lives of women, infants and children in Illinois", said IDHS Secretary Michelle R.B. Saddler.

WIC aims to improve the health of low-income women, infants and children by providing supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding promotion and support, health screenings and referrals to eligible families.

Nearly 40 percent of all babies born in Illinois are WIC participants and research shows that WIC has been successful in the reduction of fetal deaths, infant mortality, low birth weight rates, iron deficiency anemia in

children and increased immunization

In addition, in Illinois, women who participate in the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program offered by WIC tend to have higher rates of breastfeeding initiation (81.2%) and one month duration rates (73%) than those who do not participate in the program (61.4% and 61.3%, respectively). Women who participate in WIC while pregnant also have lower Medicaid costs than those who do not participate.

As a result of these outcomes, the health of women, infants and children has been improved, infant mortality has decreased and Medicaid expenditures have been reduced. Since its beginnings, the WIC program has strived to meet the needs of its participants and has served as a longstanding and important community nutrition program which will continue to serve the needs of its population for years to come.

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Deem, Tori Stierwalt, and Maddie

drawing a walk and getting a stolen

base and Stierwalt drawing a walk.

with a triple in the win.

Flesner all went 1 for 3 each with Deem

Lauren Moses finished the day going 1

for 4 in the loss. Krista Bloom finished

with four hits and 2 RBI for the Tigers

while Kiara Moses ended the day 3 for 4

It was then back to LOVC play for the

Arthur to face the

Arthur-Lovington/

Atwood-Hammond

Lancers on

# Shiloh Sports

with Tim Hendershot

Softball Team Equals

Ago with Even Week

softball team went 5-15 overall, but two

unbelievable run into the Broadlands

Regional championship game before

losing to Arcola Purple Riders. This

Oakland High School, the squad had

surpass that win total. The team under

Head Coach Sondi Mattingly looked to

end a three game losing streak with four

season, along with players from

the opportunity to equal or even

games on the schedule and major

opportunities to get the ship righted

left to play. At the end of those four

straight games, the Blue and Gold got

the offense back on track going 2-2 on

total as the road to the post-season

Breezy conditions and spits of rain

greeted the players on Monday as the

Streaks at Raider Field and STC wasted

no time scoring all 18 of their runs in the

Raiders hosted the Martinsville Blue

first three innings en route to an 18-2

Martinsville had no answer for the

and two runs (one earned) while

went 1 for 1 drawing 3 walks and

win in five innings. STC batted around

in the first two innings of the game and

pitching of Jessica Hunt who tossed a

complete game giving up only one hit

walking two and striking out five. Hunt

scoring 3 runs at the plate along with 4

stolen bases. Stephanie Deem finished

the day 2 for 3 with a walk and 3 runs

with 3 runs scored and 2 RBI. Katie

scored while Tori Stierwalt went 1 for 2

draws closer.

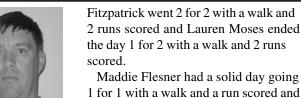
the week and equaling last season's win

with the last half of the regular season

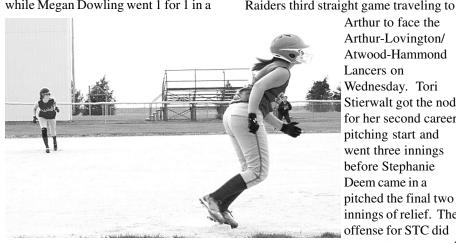
Win Total from Year

Last season, the Shiloh Raiders

of those wins came during the



1 for 1 with a walk and a run scored and the duo of Desiree Brown and Alex Gill had a walk and a run scored each. Jade Emery finished off the scoring going 1 for 2 with 2 walks and 2 runs scored while Megan Dowling went 1 for 1 in a



STC players Stephanie Deem and Alex Gill anticipate the next pitch at the plate during last Thursday's contest against Champaign Central. The Raiders defeated the Maroons 14-4 in five innings equaling last year's win total for the season in the process. photo by Jodi Baxter

pinch hit role and Cheyenne Dye also went 1 for 1 in the win. Rachel Ballew had the lone hit for the Blue Streaks with Ballew tallying a run scored while

Marissa Morris chipped in a run scored

There was no rest for the Raiders as they hosted the Urbana Tigers in Hume on a bright, sunny day and STC had its share of opportunities to put up some runs, but the Raiders ended the day with 10 runners left on base and the breaks in the field didn't go STC's way as well as Urbana went on to a 7-1 win. Jessica Hunt took the loss going the full seven innings giving up 11 hits and 7 runs (6 earned) while walking one and striking out six. Hunt went 1 for 4 at the plate with a stolen base while Desiree Brown scored the lone run of the contest while going 1 for 3. Jade Emery went 2 for 2 and the trio of Stephanie

Wednesday. Tori Stierwalt got the nod for her second career pitching start and went three innings before Stephanie Deem came in a pitched the final two innings of relief. The offense for STC did manage to stay tough actually having a 4-3 lead going into the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. That was when the host Lancers opened up the offense and actually ended the game in the bottom of the 5th inning scoring four

runs before the Raiders could record three outs to take the contest 16-6. Stierwalt took the loss on the mound as she and Deem both gave up eight runs each. The offense for STC did get the bats going chipping in eight hits on the day. Katie Wildman went the distance for A-L/A-H giving up those six runs (two earned) and eight hits while walking two and striking out six. Wildman went 1 for 3 with a double and an RBI at the plate in the win. Mikayla Miller finished the day 2 for 3 with a triple and 3 RBI while Sherelle Coller went 2 for 3 with 2 RBI.

The Raiders came back home on Thursday for their fourth game in a row hosting the Champaign Central Maroons at Raider Field in Hume. The

bottom of the first inning as Jessica Hunt launched a 2-run home run to give the Raiders and early 2-0 lead and that was just the beginning. The Raiders then exploded for nine runs in the bottom of the third inning with the big play coming off of a 3-run double by Alex Gill and the rest was history as STC defeated Champaign Central 14-4 in five innings to equal the win total from a year ago. Jessica Hunt went the distance giving up 8 hits and 4 runs (all earned) while walking one and striking out six. Hunt had a big day at the plate going 3 for 3 with the home run adding 2 stolen bases, 3 runs scored and 5 RBI Stephanie Deem ended the day with 2 runs scored and 2 RBI while Maddie Flesner went 2 for 2 with a triple, and RBI and 3 runs scored. Alex Gill went 1 for 3 with that double, a run scored and 3 RBI and Lauren Moses went 1 for 2 with a stolen base and 2 RBI. Tessa Temples had a solid day going 1 for 2 with a run scored and an RBI and Jade Emery went 1 for 2 with a run scored. Laura Whittlestone pinch ran for Temples in the fourth inning and was credited with a run scored in the win.

fireworks started off early for STC in the

Rebecca Crisman went 1 for 3 with a double, a run scored and an RBI while Jennifer Sola went 2 for 3 with a double, a run scored, and an RBI. Madison Omer finished the day 1 for 3 and a RBI while Brittany McCormick went 1 for 2 with an RBI in the loss.

The Raiders (5-8 overall, 2-4 LOVC) will have played three straight road games on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for the week facing the Armstrong-Potomac Trojans, Fisher Bunnies, and Arcola Purple Riders respectively. As of press time, the weather forecast called for chances of rain throughout the entire week, so these games would have been weather permitting. Diamond Roundup will have the recap of all three games, if they were to have been played, for you next week as we approach the end of the regular

### TITLE CONTENDERS Boys Track Team Excelling at Right Time as League Meet Approaches by Tim Hendershot

For those skeptics that thought that the Shiloh/Tri-County Raiders boys' track team would not challenge for any titles this season, even along the LOVC Championship, you might want to think twice about that. The men of the Blue and Gold under Dave and Missy Tingley have excelled since the start of the season and looked to continue that momentum with two big meets last week against some of the best teams in the area. The Raiders showed that they could go toe for toe against anyone posting two solid top ten finishes along with several individuals who continued their drive towards the IHSA State Finals in Charleston at the end of the season with continued consistency along with other runners who had their

best finishes of the season to date. Last Monday was the setting for a boys' only meet in Toledo at the Pirates Invitational hosted by the Cumberland Pirates and STC was on point once again finishing in a tie for fifth place with the Vandalia Vandals at 52 points. The meet was won by the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes at 116 points while the Fairfield Mules took second place with 79 points and the host Pirates and the Olney (East Richland) Tigers finished in

a tie for third place with 63 points.

Preston Skinner's magical year continued with two second place tallies and a third place showing in his events with the second place showings coming in the 400 meter run at 52.9 and in the high jump leaping 6 feet even. Michael Hudson also stayed steady finishing second in the 300 intermediate hurdles in a time of 43.4 while taking third in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 11 ½ inches. He did have a little bit of a tough time in the 110 high hurdles, but still captured sixth in a time of 17.7. John Haynes continued his consistency taking fifth in the 400 at 57.6 and eighth in the triple jump with a leap of 33 feet, 1 1/2 inches while DJ Castillo took fifth in the 1600 with a time of 5:05.9 and was a part of the 400 meter relay team along with Luke Nash, Bryar Rardin, and Dalton Skiles taking sixth in a time of 50.2. The 3200 meter relay team also was strong finishing in fourth with a time of 9:38.3. Rardin had a great day individually taking second in the long jump leaping 17 feet, 8 inches and taking 7th in the 110 high hurdles in a time of 18.0. Matthew Craig took seventh place in the triple jump for STC with a leap of 33 feet, 3 1/2 inches to finish the day for the Blue and Gold.

It was then on to Tuscola last Friday for the Raiders toughest test to date competing in the 2014 Tuscola Open. This event is one of the premier events on the calendar and brings some of the best teams in the area to compete. The Blue and Gold boys' squad was not intimidated taking sixth place with a score of 46 points and showing the area that they will be a threat towards the post-season meets. The host Tuscola Warriors won the crown with 112 points while the Cumberland Pirates kept up their momentum taking second place with 61 and the Arcola Purple Riders and Neoga Indians tied for third with 55. The Central A&M Raiders finished in fifth place with 50 points.

Preston Skinner showed why he is a factor to qualify for the IHSA State Finals with three second place finishes in the 200, 400, and high jump respectively. Skinner ran the 200 in 23.8 and the 400 in 52.3 while leap 6 feet even in the high jump. Michael Hudson is also looking to qualify for Charleston taking seventh in the 300 intermediate hurdles at 44.3 and equaled his personal best in the pole vault taking third with a leap of 12 feet even. John Haynes continued his rise finishing seventh in the 400 at 56.3 and took third in the 800

at 2:14.3. Teammate Coy Cox finished right behind Haynes in the 800 taking fourth at 2:14.7. DJ Castillo stayed poised and consistent with a fifth place finished in the 1600 at 5:05.4 while Corey Maxedon had his best finish this season in the 3200 meter run capturing second and running his personal best time at 11:43.7. With one win and several top five finished under their belt, the men of the Blue and Gold are looking like serious contenders to win the upcoming LOVC Championships in Arcola at the end of the regular season and look poised to bring home the first title for both Shiloh and Oakland schools. The girls' team was to have participated in Tuscola as well, but due to other commitments could not compete in the meet.

The teams will have competed on Tuesday (weather permitting) in Arthur for the second time this season in a regular season meet. This Friday, it will be the girls turn in Toledo for the Pirates Invitational hosted by the Cumberland Pirates. Start time for the meet will be at 4:00 at Cumberland High School. The Speedy Sprint will have the rundown of both meets for you next week as the regular season draws to a close.

# Shiloh High School Seniors of the Week

written by Mrs. Casey Long's Freshman English Class

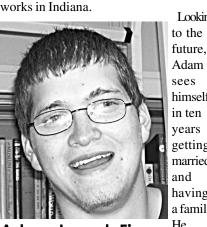
### A Journey Ahead By Austin Hales

"Don't skip school" is one of the popular sayings of Adam Fiscus. It seems to be pretty basic advice, but maybe there is more to what he is saying. Adam, a senior at Shiloh High School, is working to make it a memorable year. Before moving to Shiloh, he has lived in both Indiana and Oklahoma.

Shiloh is very different from South Vermilion High School, which is the last school Adam attended in Clinton, Indiana. "This school is a lot smaller than my other ones, so I know everybody here. At my last school, I only knew about fifteen people," he says. Shiloh is unique in that it offers drivers education, where his last school did not. "Shiloh is just a whole lot smaller school, where everyone seems to be very close," Adam adds.

Adam's future plans involve going to East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, to earn his associates degree in radiologic technology. His mother, Shawna Fiscus, is a CNA and her work in the medical field helping people has really impacted Adam's desire to become an x-ray technologist. He stated that his mother is one of his biggest role models, along with his friend Scott Dierdorf, who gave him advice about school, and Ben Wallace, a former NBA player. Adam and his father, Jeremy Fiscus, share a similar personality, and they are very close. "He taught me a lot about being a good person and how to follow my heart," Adam says.

After Adam obtains his degree, he hopes to work as an x-ray technician at a hospital in Oklahoma. Adam's mother and sister Sabrina have remained in Oklahoma, which is why he desires to return there for his future education. Adam has two brothers: Josh, who lives with him, and Jake, who lives and



Adam sees himself in ten years getting married and having a family.

Looking

### Adam Joseph Fiscus <sup>He</sup>

would also like a Boxer to be his future family's dog. Adam's dream car is a 1989 Ford Mustang. An interesting detail is that the entire Fiscus family has always loved Mustangs.

As a graduating senior, Adam has very few regrets. He will miss his friends after his senior year is over, but the toughest aspect about after graduation is he does not know what to expect. As Adam looks beyond his senior year at Shiloh, he does not look

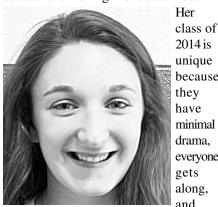
back. Instead he looks forward to the future opportunities for his journey

### Hitting a Homerun to the **Future**

By Gwyneth A. Leegh Grafton

"You can't steal second with one foot on first." This popular slogan applies to softball and to life. Senior Jade Emery takes life like she takes the bases in her favorite sport, softball. She is a hardworking student with a love for sports, who has been athletically active all throughout high school.

Out of her favorite memories in high school, Jade has enjoyed playing softball and making friends the most.



2014 is unique because they have minimal drama, everyone gets along,

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### Jade Nicole Emery

all around hardworking students. Despite being primarily a softball lover, Jade has also played basketball, volleyball, travel softball, and has even participated in Spanish Club. During her junior year, the softball team made it to the regional championship. They also broke two records that year.

After high school, Jade will attend St. Benedictine University in Springfield, Illinois, to study forensics. She will continue her softball career there as well. Jade became interested in forensics while watching CSI with her father and found it to be very interesting. Later, after trying it, she found that she was talented at it which led to her career choice. In five to ten years, she hopefully will have graduated college, started a career in forensics, and own a house and her dream car, a Chrysler 300.

Jade is the daughter of Angela and Michael Emery. She also has a little brother named Skylar and is the granddaughter of William and Susie Kurek. Jade looks up to her mother most of all; they have been through everything together and admires how she is a strong, independent woman.

Besides her undying love for softball, Jade also enjoys fishing. Her father has even taken her night fishing before. If one were to describe her, some words would be "fun," "caring," and "athletic." Jade is known to put others before herself, and she always makes people laugh, so she is fun to be around. Cyan blue is a color that fits her well; it is bright, energetic, and bubbly, with a splash of "talkative," just like

Seen to many as a close friend, Jade has helped her friends through many hard times. If she gave advice to the underclassmen, it would be "always

This section sponsored by your friends at: work hard and believe in yourself." She also has advice for her younger brother: "Keep your head up; you're a strong little boy." Jade will miss high school, but is definitely ready to take on the game of life.

### Rockin' Rollings

By Austin Cummings

"Do as I say and not as I do" is a quote said by Shiloh High School senior Weston Rollings. A very energetic and daring student, Weston is quite unpredictable and "rocking" the atmosphere at Shiloh wherever he goes. Weston is known to light up anybody's day. He was first introduced to Shiloh three years ago.

Weston currently lives in Hume, Illinois, with his mother, Misty Nolan, and his stepfather, Brad Vrablic. He is also the son of Eric and Theresa Rollings. Weston has three sisters and a little brother. His three sisters are Marissa, Emily, and Hailey, and his little brother is Dakota. Marissa is a former Shiloh graduate from the class of 2012.

Mr. Carver, a science teacher at Shiloh High School, is Weston's favorite teacher because he is laid-back and an awesome teacher. Weston always has fun in his class. Mr. Carver said that Weston is a real joy to have as a student because he is a guy who keeps a smile on your face. However, "sometimes Weston's craziness hides his true personality," Mr. Carver explains.

After high school, Weston plans on going to Eastern Illinois University to study graphic design. Graphic design involves making video games using art. He is known by many because of his artistic skills at Shiloh. The love of art

has made him pursue this career. In ten years, Weston wants to be working at Volition, which is a company that makes many video games in the world.

Weston's top role models are Oprah,

Buddha, and the United States Soldiers. Oprah is one of his role models because of her great inspiration and all that she will do for somebody. He likes Buddha because of his laid-back attitude. Lastly, his favorite role models are the U.S. Soldiers because of their bravery

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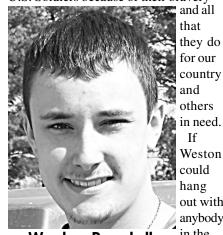
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**Weston Randall** Rollings

his two choices would be Buddha and Jennifer Lawrence. Weston wants Buddha to teach him his ways, and Jennifer Lawrence because she is his very attractive dream date. If he had three wishes, he first would choose money so he can be rich, then to know everything, and finally, his own island so he could have a place to chill.

Weston has had three rockin' years here at Shiloh, but he is looking forward to bigger and better things. This artistic senior is ready to create his own successful future.

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### Titans Keep Pace in League Title Race with Split Week by: Tim Hendershot

For the 2014 baseball season, the Tri-County/Shiloh Titans came into last week with three wins on the year. All of those wins have come in LOVC play where every game is vital towards the march to a league title. The only setback for the Purple and Orange has been going winless in nine non-conference games and Head Coach Joe Morrisey is hoping that trend can change going into the final portions of the regular season. The Titans looked to stay in the league title picture with three conference games along with a tough non-conference match-up as they looked to start a charge towards the end of year and gain momentum into the post-season. After the week finished up, TCS kept pace in the hunt for the LOVC crown going 2-1 in league play, but still couldn't break through in non-conference play and still looking to find an answer to those woes. Kansas was the site on Monday on a

rainy, windy day as the Titans hosted the Martinsville Blue Streaks and it was all Titans all the time as Cyrus Furgeson tossed a complete game three hit shutout and the offense exploded early and often en route to a 17-0 win in five innings. Furgeson only walked three while tossing eleven strikeouts in the win. The trio of Luke Armstrong, Eli Furgeson, and Campbell Foster went 3 for 3 with Armstrong having a double and a home run along with 5 RBI. Furgeson finished with a double and an RBI while Foster finished with two doubles and 2 RBI. The duo of Clint Foster and Taylor Houia went 2 for 3 each with foster also hitting a home run and 3 RBI and Houia also chipping in 3 RBI. Landon Logan took the loss for the Streaks going 2 innings while giving up 10 hits and 9 runs (3 earned) tossing two strikeouts and giving up a walk. Zach Mulkins pitched 2 innings of relief giving up 5 hits and 8 runs (3 earned) with walking three and striking out four. Mulkins did go 2 for 2 at the plate while Taylor Hollingsworth

finished 1 for 3 in the loss. Wednesday saw the Titans in Arthur for a doubleheader of LOVC action taking on the Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond Knights. The doubleheader was needed due to a rainout between the teams that was scheduled in Hume earlier in the season. Game one saw the host Knights get a strong showing on the mound by Tyler Schuring as he tossed a complete game shutout as A-L/A-H won 5-0. Schuring struck out eight Titan hitters while adding three hits, two runs scored and an RBI at the plate. Clayton Honn added two hits for the Knights in the win. Game two saw TCS get some revenge as Brandon Stone got the gamewinning hit and RBI in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Titans earned the split winning 4-3. Stone finished the game with four hits and two RBI in the

It was then back home on Friday as the Titans hosted Senior Night in Kansas facing off against the Windsor/ Stewardson-Strasburg Comets. The game was also a reunion of some sorts as the Shiloh players saw a familiar face in the visiting dug out in former East Central Panthers Head Coach Mike Taylor as he is now the head boss for the Comets. With the wind blowing out at

Ken Coffey's Field of Dreams, the game itself turned into a slugfest with the teams combining for seven home runs and the Comets taking control after being tied 6-6 after four innings to double up the Titans by a score of 14-7. Brandon Getche took the loss on the mound going 3 1/3 innings while giving up 5 hits and 6 runs (5 earned) as he walked 6 and struck out 4. Getche went 2 for 4 at the plate with a double and 2 RBI. Cyrus Furgeson tossed two innings of relief giving up nine hits and seven runs (all earned) while walking one and striking out two. Furgeson finished 1 for 4 at the plate. Clint Foster pitched two-thirds of an inning while not allowing a hit or run while going 2 for 4 on offense and Jordan Smith went one inning giving up two hits and two runs (one earned).

Luke Armstrong went 3 for 4 with a double, a home run, a stolen base, three runs scored and an RBI while Campbell Foster went 2 for 4 with a home run, two runs scored and two RBI. Eli Furgeson went 1 for 3 while Brandon Stone added two runs scored in the loss. Alex Allen got the win in relief for the Comets going four innings while giving up five hits and one earned run while tossing five strikeouts. Allen also went 3 for 4 at the plate with a double, four runs scored and an RBI. Mark Jones started for W/S-S going three innings giving up 7 hits and 6 runs (5 earned) while walking 3 and striking out 3. Jake Kramer was the star for the Comets at the plate blasting 2 home runs as part of his 3 for 5 day adding 2 runs scored and 3 RBI while Hayden Cole went 1 for 4 with a home run and 2 RBI. Bryse Bugger went 1 for 5 with a home run, a run scored and an RBI and Christian Vanderheide went 2 for 4 with 2 runs scored, a home run, and 4 RBI. Brandon Helmuth added 2 RBI while going 1 for 5 and Dylan Ohnesorge went 2 for 5 with a double and a run scored. Derek Moschenrose ended the day 1 for 2 with a run scored and Devin Deremiah finished the offensive day going 2 for 4 with 2 runs scored and a double in the win.

The Titans (5-12 overall, 5-2 LOVC) will have traveled to Arcola on Wednesday to face off in LOVC play against the Arcola Purple Riders. The team will be back in action this afternoon at Shiloh Field in Hume taking on the Champaign Central Maroons in non-conference play. First pitch is set for 4:30 pm. The team will then host the Ken Coffey Wooden Bat Tournament in Kansas on Saturday morning as TCS will face the Arcola Purple Riders for the second time in four days in the opener starting at 9:00 am. The Titans will then take on the Neoga Indians in the final game of the round robin tournament starting at approximately 1:00 pm. This will be the third time playing against each other for both teams as the Indians took a doubleheader sweep against the Titans in Neoga earlier this season. It will also be the third time that TCS and Arcola have faced each other as well. The Purple Riders and the Indians will play the second game of the day at approximately 11:00 am. As of press time, the weather forecast for the entire week was calling for chances of rain showers every day starting late Sunday night going into Saturday, so each of these games will be weather permitting. Diamond Roundup will have the rundown of all four games for you next week.

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — "A Twist of Fate," a joint concert by the Parkland Chorus, Parkland Chamber Singers and the Parkland Concert Band, will be held May 10 at 7 p.m. at the Parkland College Theatre. This concert is free and open to the public.

The Parkland Chorus is conducted by Barbara Zachow, with Sunny Choo as accompanist. The ensemble will perform selections from The Creation by Franz Joseph Haydn; Derry Air, a traditional Irish melody arranged by David Mooney; Celebration Songs from die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss, II; and Ain't Misbehavin' by Thomas 'Fats' Waller, arranged by Larry Shackley, among other

Miranda M. Rowland, conductor for the Parkland Chamber Singers, will lead the group in a number of selections, also accompanied by Choo. They include The May Night by Johannes Brahms, arranged by Arthur Frackenpohl; She is Evening by John Parker and Vicki Tucker Courtney; Russian Picnic by Harvey

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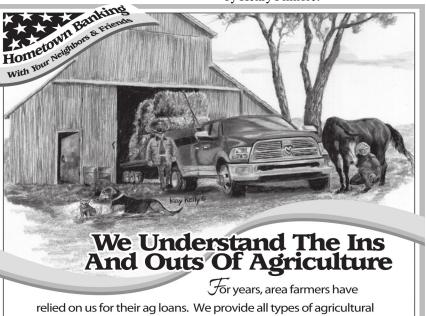
system that has been completely disinfected should be free of potentially harmful bacteria.

Drilled and bored wells have piping that taps into the vein of water from the aquifer; cement is then piped in around that pipe to secure it. After the pipe is secured a cap is place on the top of the pipe at the ground surface to prevent contaminants from getting into the well. A dug well is usually three to four foot in diameter, it is brick lined, and has a platform covering. Surface water can seep in through the brick lined wall which can also bring contaminants with it. To ensure the water from all well types is safe to drink, a water test should be performed. It is recommended that water be tested anytime that the well may have been compromised. Compromising of the well can occur if the well cap is removed for servicing the pump, the cap becomes dislodged, etc. Additionally, it is a good practice to test the water annually; it is not always possible to see, smell, or taste contaminants.

The Illinois Department of Public Health Lab tests for coliform and Fecal coliform (E-Coli) and nitrate and nitrite levels. Bacteria and parasites that cause illness as well as the nitrates can enter a well in many ways. Whether the contamination comes from the materials and tools used in the well's

Enders; and the traditional Gaelic blessing May the Road Rise Up, arranged by Jay Rouse, among other selections.

The Parkland Concert Band, conducted by Larry Stoner, will perform A Festive Overture by Alfred Reed; Spirit of the Sequoia by Philip Sparke; Arlington (Where Giants Lie Sleeping) by Paul Murtha; March "The Dam Busters" by Eric Coates, arranged by W.J. Duthoit; and Morning, Noon, and Night in Vienna Overture by Franz von Suppe, arranged by Henry Filmore.



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A new water supply should also be tested for nitrates. Levels of nitrates above 10 milligrams per liter (mg/l) may cause illness in infants 6 months of age or younger. Nitrates found in ground water are usually produced by agricultural fertilizers, livestock wastes or septic systems. Excessive nitrate may cause infant cyanosis, also called

methemoglobinemia or "blue baby", in infants less than one year of age. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/l should be of concern to those using the water for infants and another source of water should be used to make formula or to feed the infant until the infant is one year old.

Water test kits are available at no cost from the Douglas County Health Department. Additionally, the Illinois Department of Public Health provides a prepaid mailing label and the testing of the samples at no cost. The water samples should be collected late enough in the day to be shipped so the sample will arrive within thirty hours of sampling for testing. The water will be tested for coliforms, E coli, and nitrate levels. Further instructions about how to collect the samples in the provided sterilized bottles will be given at the time of distribution.

For any further questions or concerns about well water, testing the water, and/or sealing an old well that is no longer in use, please call the health department at 217-253-4137.

#### **Summer Sizzle**

#### With Tim Hendershot

Welcome to week number two of the 2014 Summer Sizzle for our Shiloh Raiders summer baseball and softball teams. Our Minors team of nine and ten year olds started their season on a strong note going 2-0 last week defeating Tuscola Journal last Monday in Tuscola 18-12 in a game that went only three innings due to reaching the allotted time limit. The team then hosted their home opener in Newman last Friday night and had a strong showing against Homer 2 winning the contest 10-1 going the full six innings. The Raiders Minors squad will have played Homer 1 (weather permitting) on Wednesday in Homer. Here is a look ahead of the schedule through next Wednesday. Have a great week!

> Fri., May 2 Minors vs. Tuscola IGA @ Memorial 5:45 pm Wed., May 7 Minors vs. Villa Grove (Storm) @ Memorial 5:45 pm

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