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'KickStart' Mobile at Newman Grade School



Mrs. Silver's Pre-K class took part in a Sarah Bush Lincoln Healthy Kids event at the grade school Monday morning doing different fun exercises at the the direction of SBL staff members. Pam Julian, Librarian, coordinated the activities that also included the Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes also. Physical activities organized in a fun way encourage children to exercise as a way of life. photo by Dana Hales

100th Anniversary of Mother's Day *by Charlotte Wax*

May 11, 2014 will be the 100th Anniversary of Mother's Day. On May 20, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday to be celebrated the 2nd Sunday in May. It recognizes mother, motherhood, and maternal bonds as well as possible contributions that they make to society. The dictionary defines Mother as the origin of anything, the original, to adopt as one's own, and the source of life. President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a stamp commemorating the holiday in 1934.

The first attempt to establish Mother's Day came from Women's Peace groups with meetings of mothers whose sons had fought or died on opposite side of the Civil War. Anna

Jarvis campaigned to establish Mother's Day following the death of her mother. Carnations have come to represent Mother's Day since Anna Jarvis delivered 500 of them at the first celebration in 1908. She chose the carnation because it was the favorite flower of her mother. Florists invented the idea of wearing a red carnation if your mother was living or a white one if she was dead.

On this day we honor all mothers, and in particular our gold Star and Blue Star Mothers. American gold Star Mothers, Inc. is an organization of mothers whose sons or daughters served and died while serving their nation in times of war or conflict. The last Sunday of each September is Gold Star Mother's

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Bruce Rauner

candidate for Illinois Governor
to visits Douglas County for Meet and Greet Events

8:00 AM Korner Cafe in Chesterville

8:30 AM Yoder Buffet in Arthur

9:15 AM Amish Red Barn in Tuscola

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 Fri. May 9th. Thanks. The editors.

Junior Beta Hosts Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon at Shiloh School

The Junior Beta organization of Shiloh Jr. High provided a luncheon for the senior citizens of the communities that included a pasta entree with three side dishes. That was followed by a special fruit dessert prepared by Mrs. North's Family and Consumer Sciences classes.

During the meal, the Junior High Chorus, a vocal duet and a trumpet solo were performed as entertainment for the

event. Terry Sullivan and Amy Neimerg are co-sponsors for the Junior Beta program. The students filled in as hosts for the event, served the drinks and meals to the guests and cleared the tables after the meal. They also organized the decorations and table displays. Everyone in attendance was well pleased with the event. photo by Dana Hales



Some of the Senior Citizens in attendance at the Junior Beta Luncheon.

Newman's Relay For Life Team Sponsors Saturday Noon Meal



Pictured at the serving line are Cindy Hawkins, Judi Pollock, Laurie Holmes, Teresa Hawkins, Samantha Hutchinson and Kendra Carroll, members of the Newman team. Their goal is to help fund cancer research. During the 2 hour event, the group sold over 150 lunch meals for their fund-raising event. Glen Hawkins and nephew Travis Hawkins were cooking the pork chops for the event. photo by Dana Hales

- COOP Meeting -
TRI-County Titans

- Kansas-Oakland-Shiloh -
Monday, May 12th at 7:00PM in the Oakland High School Multipurpose Room. All three School Boards will be present to allow the public to see the format of an all-school athletic program presentation. Questions from the audience will be addressed.

Newman Rehabilitation and Health Care Center to Celebrate National Nursing Home Week May 11 - 17. Mon., May 12th is Balloon Launch at 10:00 AM followed by a reception.

Newman City Council Meeting at the Newman City Hall May 12th at 6:30PM

Peace Meals Menus

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.

Tue. May 13: Chicken a la king w/celery, onions and peas; Mexi-corn w/black beans, applesauce, biscuit, cake

Wed., May 14: Roast Pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Nantucket Vegetables, roll, five cup salad

Thu., May 15: Ham or Turkey and cheese sandwich, pasta salad w/vegetables, fruit cocktail, wheat bun, fresh fruit

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FROM THE NEWMAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**Jim Allen
Wesley Chapel**

The events in our lives and the news that we receive through paper, television, and radio ore often enough to make us lose hope that we can change things. We have a constant drumbeat of war, famine, amazingly incompetent and lawless government so that we can’t see a way out. At the same time, every believer should, and does know that all things will be good at the end of time. What are we to do until then?

2Chronicles 8: 14-15 records this promise from God. “Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land”. We underestimate the power of prayer, and likely more often than that, we overestimate the time we spend I prayer. I know that there are prayer warriors, and I also know that any of us can be prayer warriors if we will use discipline in our lives

We turn to prayer when we are in need. We pray when a loved one has a grave illness or when we have lost someone dear to us, but we don’t pray enough in our daily lives—maybe I’m just talking about myself. The Bible tells us to pray unceasingly. I know that I can’t or won’t do that, but I certainly can pray much more often than I do now. I do pray a lot for those who have suffered loss, those who are struggling with finances, those whose children are in danger, the men and women of our armed forces whose lives are in danger daily. I pray thanksgiving for my health, my family, my salvation—which I certainly did not earn but was given, for the miracles of healing that I have seen and the many times that God has literally saved my life. If I listed all the things I pray for, I still wouldn’t scratch the surface of what my prayer life should be.

I comment on prayer because God has promised to heal our land if we seek His face. Our land needs to be healed. We need physical defenders and physical warriors, but we need just as desperately spiritual defenders and spiritual warriors. The battle begins with us and in us.

The seed of an ash tree is very small but if it falls in a crack in concrete and has sufficient moisture and sunlight, in time it can destroy the concrete. Prayer that is true and constant will destroy any bonds that Satan has. Your prayer is important. Just pray one more time today than you did yesterday. Include a new praise to God or include a new request for healing for yourself or

someone else. Pray for more strength for yourself. Look at the creation around you and see the Creator in His work.

Pray more, because make no mistake about it, Satan is at work in this world. Put on the full armor of God. You may tremble at Satan before you, but he is trembling at the God who has your back.

Thanks for reading,
Jim

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:
Newman, IL – Saturday, May 10th marks the 22nd anniversary of one of America’s great days of giving – the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food drive. Letter carriers make their rounds through the community every day, often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many, hunger. So, each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from our customers. Your donations will go directly to the Murdock food pantry to help people in our area.

Last year, we collected over 74 million pounds of food nationally, feeding an estimated 30 million people. Over the course of its 21-year history, the drive has collected well over one billion pounds of food thanks to a postal service universal delivery network that spans the entire nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands.

The need for food donations is great. Currently, 49 million Americans – 1 in 6 – are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children who feel hunger’s impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. And nearly 5 million seniors over age 60 are food insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help. Our food drive’s timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

Participating in this year’s Letter Carrier Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is simple. Just leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 10th and your letter carrier will do the rest. I invite you to join in America’s great day of giving and help us in our fight to end hunger.

Sincerely,
Karen Pointer
Postmaster
Newman, IL 61942

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 10: Ethyle MacLowrey, Janet Sue Davidson, Gregory Johnson, Randi Moore, Jacquelyn Ann Teaque, Andrew Laine Sy, Jordan Hamilton

May 11: Betty Lutz, Mrs. Hobert Ray, Gene Baker, William Sinclair, Signe Skinion

May 12: Don McIntyre, T.E, Crane, Linda Smith, Denzel Marsili, Anita Warnes, Bob Joines, Bradley Kirchner, Todd Edmundson, Donna Hageman, Anna McCullough, Tory Kibler, Season Horn

May 13: Elsie Pennington, Joyce Murray, June Chandler, John Chandler, Dwight Andrews, Carl Collins, Phillip Hoff, Shirley Luth

May 14: Betty Hopkins, Susan Hollowell Shirley

May 15: Susan Jester, Kenneth George, Rose Sumption, Anna Chamberlain, Mrs. Evelyn Merritt, Tony Bill Pollock, Karen Russell, Johnny McDowell, Jeffrey Ruffner, Doug Deckard

May 16: Alberta Roth, Trisa VanSickle, Patrick Quinn

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A Big Thank YOU to the Newman First Responders.

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It’s great knowing that Newman has such a well trained team of dedicated individuals serving the community.

Stanley Victor Paskavich

Shiloh School Schedule

May 8: 4:00PM CO V TRK @ Arthur High School

May 9: Final Exams for 8th Grade & Seniors; 2:30PM Jr. High Awards Program Grades 7-8; 4:30PM B V BB @ Heritage High School; 4:30PM G V SB @ Villa Grove High School

May 10: Class of 2014 to Indianapolis; 9:00AM CO JH TRK @ Catlin Jr. High School

May 12: 3:30PM CO V TRK @ Arcola High School

May 13: FFA Ag Mechanics State Competition at Parkland; 10:00AM Jr. Beta to Newman Health Care, 10:00-1:00; 4:30PM B V BB Cerro Gordo High School; 4:30PM G V SB Cerro Gordo High School

May 14: 4:30PM B V BB Paris High School

May 15: 7:00PM 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

May 16: 7:00PM High School Graduation Ceremony

Shiloh School Menu Breakfast

May 12: Yogurt w/animal crackers or Cereal & Toast

May 13: Bagel w/sunbutter & jelly or Cereal & Toast

May 14: Muffin w/string cheese or Cereal & Toast

May 15: Oatmeal raisin bar or Cereal & Toast

May 16: Strawberry pancakes or Cereal & Toast

Lunch

May 12: Breakfast for lunch or cheeseburger on bun, apple juice, Tater Tots, fresh broccoli

May 13: Meat Nachos or chicken patty on bun, orange wedges, peas, baby carrots

May 14: BBQ Rib or hotdog on bun, apple wedges, baked beans, cucumbers

May 15: Chicken & noodles or chicken Nuggets w/bread, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, banana, tomatoes

May 16: Pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, orange wedges, green beans, Romaine Lettuce

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
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May 11: 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.
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.

Awana Holds Final Assembly for the Season



The photo above shows Anna Williamson, director of the Awana program this year, with Samantha Hutchinson explaining to the audience about the different age groups encompassing 3-14 year olds.


50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION




Ron and Paula (Jones) Smith will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on May 8, 1965 in Morris, IL at the United Methodist Church by Rev. Paul Gilbert.

They have three children; Shane (Angela) Smith of Hume, Jennifer Lush of Gibson City, IL and Travis Smith of Gibson City, IL. They have seven grandchildren; Shelby, Shayne & Jacob Smith of Hume, Jade and Cole Lush of Gibson City, IL and Sabrina and Tristan Smith of Gibson City, IL. Friends and family are invited to an Open House reception in their honor on Sunday; May 18th from 2:00-4:00p.m.at the Hume Community Building.

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 'Day' the President calls on all Americans to display the nation's flag and hold appropriate meetings to publicly express their love, sorrow, and reverence towards Gold Star Mothers and their families. Government buildings are also required to display the Flag. Blue Star Mothers is an organization of mothers whose children have served the nation. Mother's Day is now one of the most commercially successful American occasions, having become the most popular day of the year to dine out. Americans spend approximately \$2.6 billion on flowers, \$1.53 billion on pampering gifts and \$68 million on greeting cards.



The photo above includes the Pre-K group as they receive their awards during in the program. The photo below includes the children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade.



The 3rd - 6th Grade youngsters sing a song they learned for the audience before receiving their awards. photos by Dana Hales





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Motorcycle Awareness and Safety

Perhaps you enjoy riding a motorcycle, but maybe you are afraid of them or fear the reputation that some bikers have. Possibly you know of someone who was injured or killed in a motorcycle accident. However, motorcycles are a popular way to get around and all drivers need to share the roads with many different kinds of vehicles. In recognition of safety issues involved, May has been designated Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and the National Safety Council will be encouraging motorists to share the road with motorcyclists and to be extra alert when the bikers are nearby.

Motorcyclist fatalities totaled approximately 4,500 in 2011 – nearly the same number reported in 2010 according to a report by the Governors Highway Safety Association.

Researchers compared preliminary roadway fatality data from each state and the District of Columbia for the first nine months of 2010 and 2011 and found that motorcyclist fatalities decreased in 23 states, with notable declines in three states – 37 percent in Connecticut, 16 percent in New York and 21 percent in North Carolina. However, **26 states reported an increase in fatalities.** The decreases were thought to be because of several things that included enforcement, education and engineering.

Motorcycle fatalities remain one of the few areas in highway safety where progress is not being made, according to GHSA. Researchers recommend that states should focus on alcohol use, speeding and helmet use among

motorcyclists, and offer more training programs.

Spring and summer bring warm weather and motorcycle traffic increases accordingly. Motorcycles are harder to see in a vehicle’s blind spot so motorists need to be especially careful in checking those blind spots and mirrors when changing traffic lanes.

Other safety measures that drivers can take are:

- Do not follow a motorcycle too closely
 - Be very cautious at intersections.
- Most accidents happen when a driver doesn’t see a motorcycle and turns left in front of it.
- Never try to share a lane with a bike. Motorcycles should have a full lane.

Motorcyclists also share safety responsibilities. The National Safety Council recommends these tips:

- Get properly trained and licensed
 - Don’t ride in poor weather conditions
 - Position your bike in the lane so that you won’t be in a driver’s blind spot
 - Use your turn signals for every lane change or turn
 - Wear protective gear each time you ride
 - Don’t ride if impaired by alcohol or drugs
 - Ride within your own skill limits
 - Take refresher courses when offered.
- Be a lifelong learner.

So, no matter if you are driving a car or riding a motorcycle, please be aware of each other, apply safety measures, and don’t drink and drive. Live to enjoy another day.

“From the Sidelines : Observations from a Sports Fan”

By: Tim Hendershot

Shiloh and Tri-County Sports: To Combine or Not to Combine

We are living in a world that is changing by the minute. From technology to culture, what used to be the norm is now a piece of history stored forever in time. Back when I was growing up, each town had its own school district and its own sports programs. The culture started to change a bit in the early 1990s with the formation of the Heritage School District combining both the ABL and Homer Districts into one school and one sports program. Ever since then, school districts have closed and combined with other districts to form a new alliance to compete with some of the well known districts in the area. This season, the programs of Shiloh and Tri-County (which is composed of students from the Oakland and Kansas School Districts) agreed on a two-year agreement to join forces in football after

Shiloh and Heritage dissolved its co-op from football and baseball. Early

this February, both Shiloh and Tri-County then agreed to form a co-op for all of the spring sports after Shiloh couldn’t come up with enough players to form its own baseball team and as of press time, the co-op agreement is bringing some strong results. There is now talks going on to continue this agreement with the other sports to form one unified program in the high school ranks and it is met with mixed reviews. This brings up the question: Should there be a co-op for all sports or should it stay in its current state. FTS looks into this subject in depth as the talks continue on as of press time to give its take.

I have been a big supporter of the Blue and Gold for going on almost seven years in some capacity. My philosophy has always been this when it comes to the athletes of the Shiloh School District. No matter which team they are playing on, whether alone or with another program, all of those young men and women become a part of the family of the team they play on. I

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presented by Lana Sanstrom, LEHP IEMA Encourages People to Include Pets in Disaster Preparedness Plans

SPRINGFIELD – While every household should have a disaster supply kit stocked with food, water, flashlights and batteries, homes with pets need to take additional steps when planning for disasters. Whether an emergency forces people to seek shelter within the home or evacuate, advanced planning can ensure the safety of pets.

Throughout May, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and local emergency management agencies throughout the state will be working to increase awareness of pet preparedness.

“The recent deadly tornadoes across the South are a grim reminder that disasters can happen with little warning,” said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. “The better you’ve prepared in advance for the needs of everyone in your family, including your pets, the better chance you all have of weathering any disaster.”

Monken said pet owners should stock a pet preparedness kit with items such as:

- At least a three-day supply of food and water
- Extra supplies of pet medicines
 - Copies of pet registration, vaccinations and other important documents

- Photo of your pet in case you are separated during an emergency
- Pet first-aid kit, including cotton bandage rolls, tape, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention and isopropyl alcohol
- Collar with ID tag, harness or leash
- Crate or other pet carrier in case of evacuation
- Pet litter and box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach for pet’s sanitation needs
- Toys, treats or other familiar items to help lessen your pet’s stress during the emergency

As part of pet preparedness month, IEMA and the Illinois Broadcasters Association (IBA) are reintroducing a series of radio spots based on the classic “Animal Stories” vignettes from WLS radio in the 1970s. The humorous spots feature the late Larry Lujack and Tommy Edwards reprising their roles as “Uncle Lar’ and Li’l Tommy” to highlight the importance of pet emergency preparedness. The seven spots were first released in 2012 and played on more than 200 IBA member stations throughout Illinois. The “Animal Stories” pet preparedness spots and additional emergency preparedness information are available on the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

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Shiloh Sports

with Tim Hendershot



Boys Track Team Upping Their Game Winning Second Meet of Season

There is just something special with this year's Shiloh/Tri-County Raiders boys' track team. The team composed of athletes from Shiloh and Oakland schools has taken the area by storm with its consistency and drive already having one meet win in their possession. Last week, the Blue and Gold made another statement of their rise. The squad under Head Coaches Dave and Missy Tingley continued their push towards a possible Little Okaw Valley Conference championship with two big meets and letting the rest of the area take note that this collection of gentlemen will be a factor once the post-season begins capturing their second win of the season and placing themselves as the favorites for next Monday's LOVC Championships in Arcola.

On Tuesday, both the boys and girls teams were in action in Arthur for a huge four team meet consisting of LOVC teams and giving a preview of the upcoming league championship meet next week. The boys' squad found itself in a battle with the Villa Grove/Heritage Blue Devils all day long and when the smoke cleared, the Raiders emerged as the victors by one point over the Blue Devils 76-75. The host A-L/A-H Knights took third place with a score of 55 while the Arcola Purple Riders finished in fourth place with 47. Preston Skinner continues his march toward the IHSA State Finals with two first place finishes in the 400 and the long jump with a time of 53.4 and a leap of 19 feet, 10 inches. The leap is Skinner's

personal best of the season. DJ Castillo took his first win of the season in the 800 with a time of 2:19.7 while Corey Maxedon also broke through with his first win in the 3200 at a time of 12:15.0. Michael Hudson finally got back into a groove winning the 300 intermediate hurdles with a time of 43.7.

The girls' meet saw our Raiders finished in fourth place with 9 points with those points coming in three events. Madison Kerans took third place in the long jump with a leap of 12 feet, 8 ½ inches while taking fifth place in the 100 with a time of 14.7. Emily Royer was solid finishing in fourth place in the 800 with a time of 3:16.5. The Arcola Purple Riders took the meet win convincingly with 91 points while the host A-L/A-H Lancers held off the Villa Grove/Heritage Blue Devils for second place by one point 68-67.

Friday was a busy day for both STC teams as the boys' team sent some of its athletes to St. Joseph for one of the area's premier events in the Spartan Classic. The men of the Blue and Gold did itself proud finishing in a tie for 15th place with 16 points with Preston Skinner capturing his third 1st place finish of the week taking the 400 with a time of 52.23. Michael Hudson took third place in the pole vault with his best leap of the season going 12 feet, 9 inches. The girls' team was also supposed to be in action in Toledo for the Pirates Invitational hosted by the Cumberland Pirates. As of press time, the Speedy Sprint was unable to acquire any results.

The teams will be back in action this afternoon as they head back to Arthur for the third time this season in a regular season meet hosted by Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond. This will be the final meet before next Monday's LOVC Track and Field Championships in Arcola, so every point and finish will be vital towards momentum into that meet. Start time in Arthur will be at 4:00 pm with weather permitting as always. The Speedy Sprint will have the rundown of this key meet for you next week.

Fire and Determination Still Burning for Raiders Nearing End of Season by Tim Hendershot

If there is one thing to say about this year's Shiloh/Tri-County Raiders softball team, that word would be passion. This year's squad has already equaled last season's win total and looked to eclipse it with three tough games that would shape the way the team goes into the upcoming post-season. After the smoke cleared, the Blue and Gold showed the heart of a champion not backing down from the fight going 0-2 and having one game become an instant classic that people will be talking about for a long time.

Monday saw the Raiders head to Armstrong for a non-conference match-up against the Armstrong-Potomac Trojans under very cool and wet conditions. The host Trojans took control from the start hold STC to just two hits cruising to a 13-3 win by mercy rule. Desiree Brown had one of the two hits for the Raiders in the loss. Morgan Zindars pitched a two hit complete game to take the win while both Makenzie Vinson and Megan Cain chipped in two hits and two RBI each.

The team was then supposed to head to Fisher the next day to take on the Fisher Bunnies and did manage to get the top of the first inning completed. That was when the skies opened up and brought steady rains to the field in Fisher and

officials had no choice but to cancel the contest. With the upcoming post-season approaching, this game will likely not be made up.

It was then on to Arcola for a key LOVC contest against the Arcola Purple Riders. This game was far different than the earlier game against these two teams this season becoming an instant classic with STC holding on to a 9-8 lead going into the bottom of the 7th inning. That was where the Riders bounced back with two runs including the game winner by Klaire Karmazinas on a passed ball to take the walk off 10-9 win. The bats came alive for the Raiders as Lauren Moses went 4 for 4 with a home run, three runs scored and four RBI. Jessica Hunt went 3 for 3 with a walk, a stolen base, two doubles, and four runs scored while Maddie Flesner went 3 for 4 with an RBI. Desiree Brown finished the contest 2 for 3 with two runs scored and 2 RBI and Katie Fitzpatrick went 1 for 3 with 2 RBI. Taylor Edwards went 4 for 4 with two home runs and four RBI for the Purple Riders while Klaire Karmazinas went 1 for 3 with a triple and 2 RBI. Sydney Spellman finished 2 for 3 with an RBI while Kauryn Karmazinas went 1 for 3 and Morgan Hopgood went 1 for 2 in the win.

The Raiders (5-10 overall, 2-5 LOVC) will have started a busy week with an LOVC doubleheader in Bethany on Monday

Shiloh Softball Player Will Continue Playing in College



Jade Emery a senior at Shiloh High School signed her letter of intent on April 28th to play softball at Benedictine University in Springfield next year. Jade is the daughter of Angela and Michael Emery of Brocton. Jade plans to major in Criminology while at Benedictine. Benedictine Coach Kerry Crum says "Jade will bring us some additional speed and versatility. We will be starting a Fresh/Soph program next season and Jade will be a good fit."

This is Coach Crum's 2nd year at the helm and the school just completed the most successful season in school history with a 27-27 record. This included an upset win over nationally ranked Columbia University in postseason play.

Shown in the photo are Skylar Emery (Jade's brother), Jade, Angela Emery and behind is Coach Kerry Crum. photo/article submitted by AD Missy Tingley

Titans Battling Through Tough Schedule and Injuries Not Giving Up by Tim Hendershot

The Tri-County/Shiloh Titans have played a very formidable non-conference schedule in this 2014 baseball season to date. The schedule has had some of the top teams from across Central Illinois come to play Head Coach Joe Morrissey's squad and giving the Purple and Orange some fits as last week's action came around. Five games in four days was the challenge for TCS and after the smoke cleared, the Titans not only kept themselves in the thick of the LOVC title race, but showed the heart and determination to not be intimidated going 2-3 with only five games left to play before the post-season begins.

Wednesday afternoon saw some unusual circumstances come about for an LOVC contest between the Titans and the Arcola Purple Riders. The game itself was to have been played in Arcola, but heavy rains in the Arcola area made the field unplayable, so the game was moved to Shiloh Field in Hume. The change in venue didn't faze the Titans one bit as TCS used seven Arcola errors and a strong pitching performance by Eli Furgeson to stay in the title hunt with a 6-2 win. Furgeson went five innings only giving up five hits and two runs while striking out six. Clint Foster went two innings in relief to get the hold not allowing a run or hit while walking two and striking out four. Foster also went 2 for 4 with 3

RBI while Luke Armstrong went 3 for 4 with three runs scored and Cyrus Furgeson went 1 for 4 with a double and an RBI. Justin Kuhns went 2 for 3 for the Riders while both Wyatt Fishel and Daniel Mendoza went 1 for 3 each with Mendoza picking up an RBI. Blake Lindenmeyer also added an RBI in the loss. Seth Still went the distance giving up 7 hits and 6 runs (2 earned) while striking out six and walking one.

There was no rest as the Titans stayed in Hume on Thursday to take on the Champaign Central Maroons, who came into the contest at 24-1. TCS kept pace with Champaign Central through the first two innings, but then the Maroons exploded with an eight spot in the top of the third inning and rolled from there taking the contest 14-0 by mercy rule. Phillip Swartz was masterful going the distance giving up only two hits while walking one and striking out seven. Tim Smith and Campbell Foster got the lone hits for the Titans. Cyrus Furgeson went 2 1/3 innings giving up 8 hits and 8 runs while walking one taking the loss. Brandon Getche tossed the final 2 2/3 innings in relief giving up 5 hits and 6 runs while walking three and striking out one. Nick Brunson led the Maroons attack with two hits and four RBI while Luke Beesley added three hits in the win.

The team then traveled to Tuscola on Friday to face off against the Tuscola Warriors and the hosts under Head Coach Duff Hoel showed why they are one of the best programs in the area pouncing on TCS early and often to win the contest 13-3 by mercy rule. Clint Foster provided the offense for the Titans with a home run as part of his two hits on the day while Brandon Getche went 2 for 3. Nick Bates went 3 for 3 with 5 RBI for the Warriors and Austin Martin added a home

against the Okaw Valley Timberwolves and hosted the A-L/A-H Lancers in another league contest in Hume on Tuesday. The team will be in action this Friday afternoon as the travel to Villa Grove to face the Villa Grove/Heritage Blue Devils. First pitch is set for 4:30 pm at Villa Grove High School. Diamond Roundup will have the highlights of all four league games for you next week as the post-season approaches.

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Shiloh High School Seniors of the Week

written by Mrs. Casey Long's Freshman English Class

Scholastic Sam

By *Cheyenne Nicole Crippin*

Who is witty, fun-loving, and apathletic? If you have not figured it out yet, those are the three words that describe senior Samuel Lee Fegett. Sam, the son of Jerry Fegett and Nancy Meier, plans to attend Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville (SIUE) to become a pharmacist. In ten years, Sam sees himself paying off debt for his college expenses. He has not always wanted to be a pharmacist, however. When he was a younger, he wanted to be a chief executive officer (CEO) of a railroad company.

"Don't slack off in the beginning because it will affect you later on." This is the advice Sam gives to Shiloh students. When asked how Shiloh has prepared him for his future, he said it has made him more of a team player. Noisy and fun are two descriptions Sam's classmates will remember about him.



Samuel Lee Fegett

One goal in life Sam would like to accomplish is to successfully manage his own pharmacy. "There would be more money, and it is more prestigious," Sam explains. Mr. Fegett will remember the people the most from his high school years. The people who have influenced him today would be the entire senior class and their personalities. Many of his peers and their attributes have influenced Sam in different ways.

Sam's primary interests in school are science and scholastic bowl. He says science is all logical. His favorite type of science is microbiology because he finds cells fascinating. He has also helped with informational technology at Shiloh Schools. This involves addressing computer problems for staff members and assisting Technology Director Mr. Sullivan. His favorite high school memory was from his junior year in 2013 when he and his scholastic bowl team won third place in the LOVC tournament. "Don't be afraid to ask questions you're not sure about," Sam gives as advice to the future scholastic bowl teams.

Sam's favorite teacher is Mrs. Belobraydic. He says she is one of the nicest teachers he has known throughout his high school experience. His favorite movie is *The Lost Skeleton*

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of *Cadavra*. Sam's favorite song is "Sad but True" by Metallica. His interests outside of school are playing video games, pool, and chess.

As graduation approaches, Sam and his intelligence will be greatly missed at Shiloh next year. One day in the distant future, we might just be walking into Sam's pharmacy to see him for his pharmaceutical expertise and to be in the presence of his friendly personality.

Ready for the Game of Life

By: *Maddy Allen*

One can always find this senior on the football field or basketball court ready to play. This Shiloh High School senior is a very responsible young man excelling in everything he does, but he also is known for being such a hilarious person and having fun with his friends. This well-rounded senior is Kaleb Tyler Hood.

Throughout his entire high school career, Kaleb has made some close friends along the way that he plans to stay in touch with while he is at Eastern Illinois University. His goal is to become an athletic trainer, along with being a member of the National Guard. His only regret from high school is not applying himself enough on his grades. Mr. Carver and Mrs. Long have been there for him the most throughout high school encouraging him to do his best on his school work and all things in life.

Although Kaleb plans to attend Eastern, his dream was to play football for the University of Illinois because he



Kaleb Tyler Hood

grew up watching and cheering on the Fighting Illini. He has been a member of the football and basketball teams all four years of high school. Kaleb is a funny, intelligent, and well-spoken young man who is easy to talk to and the type anyone would love to hang out with at Buffalo Wild Wings. Fellow senior Bethany McGinness says, "Kaleb has always been the type of friend to just give you a hug and tell you to relax. He always has time to listen to his friends."

This 6'2" senior's advice to underclassmen is "Listen to your teachers; they know what they are talking about." Kaleb's favorite memory was when he was a freshman during a

basketball game against Arcola, and he scored nineteen points helping his team to win the game. However, he does not have a least favorite memory because he cherishes all of his high school memories. "I will miss everything about Shiloh and everyone in it," Kaleb says.

As for his family, Kaleb is the son of Rich and Julie Hood. His siblings include older sister Courtney and younger brother Cody. He is also the father of Connor. He is going to go far in life being the family man that he is. "It is stressful having a kid, but it makes you realize what is important in life," Kaleb says. This 2014 Shiloh High School senior has enjoyed his journey through Shiloh Schools and now is ready to take on the game of life.

Shiloh's Superwoman

By: *Tonja Rollins*

Sports are important to senior Bethany McGinness because they have taught her many things beyond the court. These lessons include working hard, forming a bond with teammates, and pushing oneself past limits. From playing basketball all four years of high school, Bethany said that her favorite memory was going to state her freshman year. "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." This quote by Michael Jordan inspires Bethany on a daily basis.



Bethany Gail McGinness

A very active senior, Bethany's favorite high school memory is Winterfest because of the closeness she feels with her classmates. She has enjoyed being in a plethora of activities ranging from learning about the environment to speaking Spanish. Some people at Shiloh might even consider

The Recipe Corner

Rhubarb Crunch

3 Cups rhubarb cut in small pieces
1 Cup sugar
2 Tbsp. flour
Mix together in 6" x 10" pan

Combine 1 Cup brown sugar, 1 ½ Cup flour, 1 Cup oats, mix in 1 C. oleomargarine. Spread over rhubarb. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes.

Submitted by **Mary Drake**

her to be "Superwoman" for everything she is a part of and does at Shiloh. The advice Bethany would give to underclassmen is be involved in school activities. It might be stressful but definitely worth it.

What Bethany will miss most is coming to school and being able to have a personal connection with the teachers. One important aspect she has learned throughout high school is being nice pays off in the end. It makes it a lot easier in high school to build a relationship with both students and staff alike. Two teachers she has connected well with are Mr. White and Mrs. Long. Mr. White has been patient because math does not come easy to her. Mrs. Long has helped her prepare for college and helped her in volleyball.

Bethany said her favorite class is Honors Literature because it is with her best friend Lauren and her favorite teacher Mrs. Long. It is always a relief to her day. "Bethany impresses me with her diligent work ethic, upbeat personality, athletic ability, and sincere kindness," Mrs. Long says. Some goals she has achieved throughout high school are getting all A's and being successful in many activities. After high school, Bethany plans to attend the University of Illinois in Springfield and major in communication.

A resident of rural Brocton, Bethany is the youngest daughter of Tom and Amy McGinness. Her father farms and has many stories to tell. "He is very level headed," Bethany says. Her mother pushes her to do her best and is one of the strongest people she knows. She enjoys how her siblings—Chris, Ted, Ferrin, and Jake—all have different personalities. Successful in all that she does, "Shiloh's Superwoman" Bethany McGinness is ready to take on the next challenges in life.

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When and Where?

This Friday, May 9th at 6:30 pm,
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Who?

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recent trip to Israel

Spezial music by some of
our AWANA girls

See you there!

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run as part of his two hits and 4 RBI on the day.

Saturday morning saw the Titans back at home in Kansas to host the 11th annual Ken Coffey Wooden Bat Tournament. Coffey was a four year coach for the Kansas-Oakland team and an assistant coach with Eastern Illinois University during his career before he died on October 2, 2000 due to injuries he suffered working on the renovated press box at Kansas High School. The field was then named after him in his memory for his contributions towards the various baseball programs he helped in.

Game one saw TCS play the Arcola Purple Riders for the third time this season and second time in four days and the Titans saw themselves down 2-0 going into the bottom of the third inning. This was when the Purple and Orange bounced back with three runs including a home run by Clint Foster to take a 3-2 lead. With the game still in the balance, TCS got a huge boost in the bottom of the sixth inning with a two out, two RBI pinch hit double by Steven Dye to pull away and take a 5-2 win. Eli Furgeson was sharp once again going three innings to take the win only giving up 2 hits and 2 runs while walking one and striking out six. Brother Cyrus Furgeson went the final four innings to get the save giving up only one hit while striking out six. Furgeson also went 2 for 3 with a walk and a run scored at the plate. Clint Foster finished 1 for 3 with that home run and an RBI while Luke Armstrong also finished 1 for 3 with a triple and an RBI. Steven Dye finished 1 for 1 with that double and 2 RBI. Devin Warren went 2 for 3 with a double for the Riders while Daniel Mendoza went 1 for 3 with a run scored and Justin Kuhns went 1 for 2 with a walk and a run scored. Richard Jaegar went the distance taking the loss giving up 6 hits and 5 runs (all earned) while walking two and striking out eight.

It was then the Neoga Indians up next for TCS after Neoga held on for a 12-8 win against Arcola in the second game of the day to decide this year’s champion. The teams faced off in a doubleheader in Neoga earlier this season with the Indians taking the sweep of the day and the Titans looking for some revenge. The game started off unusually with starter Campbell Foster only throwing one pitch as he was pulled with soreness in his right throwing shoulder, but stayed in the game going to left field. The game stayed even at 4-4 with TCS getting three in the top of the first inning and taking the lead in the top of the second inning off of a solo home run by Cyrus Furgeson. The Indians then broke the game open in the bottom of the third inning with six runs to take a commanding 10-4 lead. Normally, this would be a good enough cushion to win any game, but the Indians had their troubles on the mound and the Titans roared all the way back to cut the lead to 10-8 and had the bases loaded with two out in the top of the seventh and a chance to take the lead. Unfortunately, Clint Foster hit a fly ball to center field which was caught for the final out and the Indians held on to take this year’s Wooden Bat Tournament title by that 10-8 score. Cyrus Furgeson finished the game 2 for 3 with that home run, two walks, three runs scored and an RBI while Luke Armstrong went 5 for 5 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored. Taylor Houia went 1 for 3 with a walk and a run scored while Brandon Getche had a sacrifice fly, a walk and 2 RBI. Campbell Foster went 3 for 3 with 2 RBI and Eli Furgeson went 1 for 4 with an RBI in the loss. The team also took a possible big hit as Steven Dye was injured during a steal attempt in the top of the third inning and now may be out for the rest of the season with that knee injury.

The Titans (7-15 overall, 6-2 LOVC) will have started a big week of league action on Monday in Bethany with a doubleheader against the Okaw Valley

Douglas County Real Estate Tax Bills Are in the Mail

Douglas County Real Estate Tax bills were mailed on Friday, May 2, 2014. The first installment due date is Monday, June 2, 2014 and the second installment due date is Tuesday, September 2, 2014. This year we are again using a mailing service. You will receive a separate envelope for each tax bill. Taxpayers with a high volume of tax bills will receive a single large envelope. Please look over your tax bill(s) and make sure all of the information is correct. Please read the back of your tax bill. It is the responsibility of the property owner to report all address changes to the Assessor’s office at 253-3031. Questions about assessments and exemptions are to be directed to the Assessor’s office. If you do not receive a tax bill and should, please call the Treasurer’s office at 253-4011. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve a taxpayer from their tax liability. You may pay your taxes at any participating bank in Douglas County.

Contact your local bank for hours and information. We accept postmark as date of payment, so please feel free to mail your payments to: Douglas County Collector, PO Box 320, Tuscola, IL 61953.

If you wait and mail your payment on the due date, we suggest that you request your post office hand cancel your stamp. Also, check with your post office for any time cut-offs that may affect the postmark date on your envelope. If you are mailing your payment and would like a receipt other than your cancelled check, you **MUST** include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and **the whole tax bill** with your payment. You may also bring your tax payment to the office of the Collector/Treasurer at the Douglas

Timberwolves. The team will be back in action this Friday afternoon as it will be a homecoming of some sorts for the Shiloh players as they head to Broadlands to face the Villa Grove/Heritage Hawks at Don Stampini Field. The contest will be the first time that Shiloh players will play at the field as the visiting team since the breakup of the East Central Panthers program last season. The two teams played an exciting contest earlier this season in Hume with TCS grabbing a 10-7 come from behind win. First pitch is set for 4:30 pm. Diamond Roundup will have the rundown of all three key LOVC games as it pertains to the title race for you next week.

County Courthouse, room 206. You may also drop your payment in the gray Circuit Clerk’s drop box at the east door of the Courthouse. Payments in the drop box will be picked up at 8:00 AM each business day.

You may also pay your taxes through Illinois E-pay over the phone or internet with most major credit cards. For instructions for phone and internet payment, go to our website at douglascountyil.com and click on Treasurer on the left hand side of the page or call this office if you do not have internet access. Convenience fees apply. See the website or call this office for fee amounts.

There will be no grace period after the due date. Tax payments received (other than with a postmark of June 2, 2014 or before for the first installment and September 2, 2014 or before for the second installment) after each installment due date will be charged a penalty of 1.5% per month or any part of a month that the installment remains delinquent. If your taxes are paid by a mortgage/escrow company, you **must** forward a copy of your bill to them for timely payment. **Please read the back of your tax bill, it contains this and other very important information.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of Shiloh Community Unit School District No. 1 in the Counties of Edgar and Douglas, State of Illinois, that a tentative amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent, 21751N 575th Street, Hume, Illinois, from and after 12:00 noon on the 16th day of May 2014.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on said amended budget will be held at 7:00 PM on the 23rd day of June 2014, at the Shiloh Board of Education Room.

Dated this 21st day of May 2014.
Nelson Starkey, Secretary
Board of Education
Shiloh CUSD #1
Counties of Edgar & Douglas
State of Illinois

SHILOH COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 19, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a proposed application for Waiver of School Code Mandates Section 18-8.05 (F)(2)(d), Compilation of Average Daily Attendance, will be held at 7:00 PM on May 19, 2014, in the Board of Education Room, Shiloh Community Unit School District No. 1, 21751 N 575th Street, Hume, Illinois.

Description of the proposed waiver: To allow the district to bank hours and combine four School Improvement Half-Days into two School Improvement Full-Days. Proposed waiver is for a period of five years.

Dated this 21st day of April 2014.
Nelson Starkey, Secretary
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