



Congressman Shimkus shares a Valentine with a veteran.

Shimkus collecting 'Valentines for Heroes'

Congressman John Shimkus (R, Illinois-15) is asking constituents to participate in his annual "Valentines for Heroes" program.

The congressman's district offices will collect valentines for distribution throughout the region to veterans and those currently serving in the military.

"Tens of thousands of valentines have come into my offices every year since we began Valentines for Heroes," Shimkus said. "Elementary and middle school classes, church youth groups, homeschoolers, senior citizens, and constituents from every corner of the district have been overwhelmingly generous and supportive of our military men and women, past and present."

Valentines will be accepted at Shimkus' offices until February 8 and will then be distributed to local VA and military facilities before Valentine's Day.

Rep. Halbrook sworn in as 101st General Assembly begins

At a noontime ceremony at the University of Illinois at Springfield, State Representative Brad Halbrook took the Oath of Office to serve the 102nd District in the new 101st General Assembly.

Rep. Halbrook (R-Shelbyville) stressed that new and returning members have big challenges ahead to get Illinois back on firm financial ground.

"Progress has been slow, but I believe there's reason to be hopeful," Rep. Halbrook said. "The national economy has strengthened, and if we remain committed to expanding job opportunities, supporting our agriculture industry, and holding the line on taxes, we can strengthen our state and local communities as well."

Rep. Halbrook is a na-

Lake Land College Community Learning offers painting with oils, acrylics

Lake Land College Community Learning is offering a "Painting with Oils or Acrylics" class at the Kluthe Center, 1204 Network Centre Boulevard, Effingham.

The eight-session class is open for registration and will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays beginning February 13 through April 3.

The class will be taught by Vera Keplar, who has a master's degree in art from Eastern Illinois University and has taught art in K-12 schools and adult level for many years.

The class is for the beginner to the experienced painter. Students will paint on canvas using

Valentines may be dropped off or mailed to Congressman John Shimkus at any of his district offices:

—15 Professional Park Drive, Maryville, IL 62062;

—City Hall Room 12, 110 East Locust Street, Harrisburg, IL 62946;

—101 North Fourth Street, Suite 303, Effingham, IL 62401;

—201 North Vermilion Street, Suite 325, Danville, IL 61832.

Constituents should return signed valentines without addressing them to a specific person; without signing their last name or including their address; and without sealing them in individual envelopes.

All valentines are reviewed for content and appropriateness before distribution. Constituents can call the congressman's Maryville Office at (618) 288-7190 with questions.

He currently resides on a small farm in Shelbyville and is the former owner of a fence contracting business.

He encourages residents of the 102nd District to contact him with questions or concerns as the General Assembly's spring session moves forward. He can be reached at district offices in Shelbyville (774-1306) and Champaign (607-1853), or through his website www.rephalbrook.com.

"I want my children and grandchildren to have great opportunities to work here and raise their families here," Rep. Halbrook said. "The beginning of a new General Assembly is a new opportunity for us to help make that happen. I'm eager to get to work."

oil or acrylic paints and will be able to choose their own subject matter.

Students will need to bring their own paint supplies. The supply list includes basic colors of oil or acrylic tubes of paint, variety of sizes of oil or acrylic paint brushes, and 16" x 20" minimum size canvas panels or stretch panels.

The cost is \$40 for the class. To register, go to www.lakelandcollege.edu/learn. The drop date for a refund is five business days prior to the class. For more information, contact Jackie Wake, professional development support, at (217) 234-5087 or email jjwake@lakelandcollege.edu.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Arthur Community Park District ("District") will accept sealed Proposals for Request for Proposal (RFP) for park maintenance. Proposals will be received until Friday, February 8, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. (noon) local time. All proposals should be sent or dropped off at:

Arthur Community Park District
c/o Erica Carter
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
120 East Progress Street
Arthur, Illinois 61911

Proposals should be sealed in an envelope and marked as follows: "Arthur Community Park District Maintenance RFP." It is the responsibility of the Contractor to meet the specified deadline; any proposals not so received may be returned unopened at the discretion of the District. The District will open the bids at a meeting scheduled for 5:00 P.M. Monday, February 11, 2019 at

Brad-O-Clen Park Building. Proposals shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the proposal documents available from the District. Copies of the RFP documents may be obtained from Erica Carter, Park Secretary, at the Arthur Municipal Building, 120 East Progress Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911. Further information concerning this process may be obtained by contacting Crossman Law Office at 217-543-3336.

The District reserves the right to modify and waive any and all informalities or technicalities, or to reject any and all bids and/or parts thereof, and to accept the proposal which it deems most favorable to the District.

By order of the President and Board of Trustees of the Arthur Community Park District.
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Mast, Lowry score in double figures for AOC in loss to Decatur LSA

Arthur Okaw Christian gave up a 10-point first-quarter lead in a 60-45 loss to Decatur Lutheran School Association in a non-conference game played Friday night in Decatur.

Sean Mast led the Conquering Riders with 15 points. Ian Lowry also finished scoring in double figures with 10.

Karsten and Fiala led Lutheran School Association with 23 and 21 points respectively.

The Riders opened the game with a 19-9 first quarter advantage, but Decatur took control in the second quarter and the rest of the game. The Lions outscored AOC 17-5 in the second period to lead 26-24 at the half.

Arthur Okaw Christian came out shooting in the third quarter, but LSA continued its offensive barrage.

The Lions outscored the Riders 18-13 to lead 44-37 heading into the fourth quarter.

Decatur finished the game with 16 points while AOC added eight.

Knights' boys season continues to roll along

By KENT A. STOCK
Staff Writer

The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond boys basketball team was hoping to add to their win total this past week of play, but the Knights came up short in three non-conference contests.

The first game of the week was a rare Monday night contest at Paris High School. The Knights played the Tigers tough but eventually fell by a final score of 56-39.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond was led by Austin Plank with 16 points including four three-pointers. He was assisted in the scoring column by Austin Romine, 8 points; Dominick Baker 7; Adam Day 6; and Adam Hingson 2.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond was on the road again the very next night in Moweaqua to face off against Central A&M. The Raiders came into the contest with a 14-3 record, so the Knights knew this would be a tough opponent.

That proved to be the case as A&M took the lead early and kept the Knights off their game most of the way through the contest. Still, ALAH was able to keep it about a 20-point game until a late fourth-quarter surge by the hosts put the Raiders ahead with a 30-point lead which meant a running clock. The final score was Central A&M 71, Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 42.

Scoring for the Knights were Jamison Rocke, 6 points; Romine, 14; Baker, 5; Plank, 9; and Day, 8.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond returned to their home floor on Friday night to take on

LOVC SE rival Tri-County in a non-conference game. The Titans surged out early in the season but recently have struggled for victories. The Knights were hoping to get their second win of the season.

The first quarter was a real battle between the two squads with the Titans scratching out a 17-15 advantage after the first eight minutes of play. However, the Knights had a counterpunch waiting in the second quarter as they outscored Tri-County 17-8 to take a seven-point halftime lead of 32-25.

Unfortunately, the third quarter saw the game unravel for ALAH as the team just could not sustain the momentum from a very good first half. Nothing worked for the Knights, and everything worked for the Titans. The visitors not only caught up to the hosts but surpassed the red, black, and gold to grab a 44-37 lead heading into the final period of play.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond hung tough in the fourth but could never quite catch up to Tri-County. The Knights did their best to get the Titans to crack, but could not do so as ALAH fell to the Titans by a final score of 66-58.

Scoring for ALAH versus Tri-County were Romine with 21 points; Day, 19; Plank, 16; and Baker, 2.

The Knights have two games this week before heading into the LOVC NW Tournament at Saturday, January 19, at Arcola. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond will take on top-seed Decatur LSA in an 11:30 a.m. game. This game will take place in the junior high gym.

er City on Thursday evening to take on Blue Ridge High School. This was the second go around of Knights versus Knights this season.

The red, black, and gold defeated the blue at the Arthur Girls Holiday Classic, but it was a hard fought 13-point victory. This game started out somewhat the same with ALAH leading by just six at the end of the first quarter of play.

However, ALAH quickly dispelled any thoughts the hosts might have had of an upset with a strong second quarter. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond outscored Blue Ridge 22-6 in the second period to take a 34-12 lead going into the locker room at the half.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond never looked back and kept the blue-clad Knights on the ropes with hot shooting and excellent defense to capture a second victory of the week over an LOVC NW opponent, this time by a final score of 55 to 18.

Scoring for ALAH were Tinkle 1, Miller 4, Emma Harris 2, Barbee 11, Bowles 4, Mackenzie Brown 4, Nichols 8, Marcy Petersheim 2, and Herschberger 10.

The Knights had three players in double figures in the game. Marissa Herschberger led with 17 points. Makenzi Bowles added 15 points and Jolynn Barbee 10. Addi Tinkle and Alexa Miller each had eight points, and Mallo-ry Nichols chipped in with a two-point bucket.

ALAH Versus Blue Ridge

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond traveled to Farm-

Other players scoring for Arthur Okaw Christian were Oliver and Otto with six points each, Somebody five, and Smith three. Binion, Linville, I. Miller, M. Miller, Roughton, and Tiarks played but did not score.

Other scorers for Decatur LSA were Crafton and G. Harshman four each, Jones three, Boehn and Havener two each, and Blakeman, one. Ferguson and A. Harshman played but did not score.

Arthur Okaw Christian slipped to 11-7 overall with the loss. They were scheduled to host Judah Christian in an East Central Illinois Conference game last night (Tuesday, January 15) at Arthur Christian School.

AOC Versus
Bloomington Cornerstone
Christian

Ian Lowry and Sean Mast combined for 24 points in a 49-47 loss to Bloomington Cornerstone Christian on Tuesday night, January 8, in an East Central Illinois Conference game played in Bloomington. It was the Conquering Riders' first conference loss of the season.

The lead changed hands several times. Arthur Okaw Christian led 11-7 at the end of the first quarter, Bloomington found their offense in the second and held a two-point advantage, 23-21, at the half.

The Conquering Riders outscored Bloomington 16-10 in the third and led 37-33 heading into the fourth quarter. Bloomington regained the lead in the final period and outscored AOC 16-10 for the win.

Wolfe's 12 points led Bloomington. Blakemore added 11.

Arthur Okaw Christian slipped to 11-6 overall and 2-1 in the ECIC.

Other scorers for Arthur

Okaw Christian were Michael Miller with nine points, Smith six, Trier three, Oliver three, and Otto two. Linville played but did not score.

Other players scoring for Bloomington were Jean and Kaufman with nine points each, Patterson six, and Wolfe two. Sanders played but did not score.

Decatur LSA 60, AOC 45
Friday, January 11
At Decatur LSA

AOC (45) Mast 5-0-0-15, Lowry 1-2-3-10, Oliver 0-3-0-6, Otto 0-3-0-6, Trier 1-1-0-5, Smith 0-1-1-3, Binion 0-0-0-0, Linville 0-0-0-0, I. Miller 0-0-0-0, M. Miller 0-0-0-0, Roughton 0-0-0-0, Tiarks 0-0-0-0; Totals 7-10-4-45.

LSA (60) Karsten 1-5-10-23, Fiala 3-5-2-21, Crafton 0-1-2-4, G. Harshman 1-0-1-4, Jones 1-0-0-3, Boehn 0-1-0-2, Havener 0-1-0-2, Blakeman 0-0-1-1, Ferguson 0-0-0-0, A. Harshman 0-0-0-0; Totals 6-13-16-60.

Three-point goals: AOC (7) Mast 5, Lowry, Trier; LSA (6) Fiala 3, G. Harshman, Jones, Karsten.

Bloomington Cornerstone 49, AOC 47
Tuesday, January 8
At Bloomington

AOC (47): Lowry 2-1-4-12, Mast 4-0-0-12, M. Miller 3-0-0-9, Smith 0-3-0-6, Oliver 1-0-0-3, Trier 1-0-0-3, Otto 0-1-0-2, Linville 0-0-0-0; Totals 11-5-4-47.

BCC (49) Wolfe 0-6-0-12, Blakemore 0-2-7-11, Jean 1-3-0-9, Kaufman 0-3-3-9, Patterson 2-0-0-6, Willard 0-1-0-2, Sanders 0-0-0-0; Totals 3-15-10-49.

AOC 11 10 16 10—47
BCC 7 16 10 16—49
Three-point goals: AOC (11) Mast 4, M. Miller 3, Lowry 2, Oliver, Trier; Cornerstone (3) Patterson 2, Jean.

AREA TEAMS SPORTS SCHEDULES**

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19 – at Lake Zurich - AOC at Dayspring Basketball Classic

Tuesday, January 22 – Tuscola at AOC 6:00 pm

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, January 17 – Decatur Christian at AOC 6:00 pm (Varsity Only)

Saturday, January 19 – LOVC Finals SE vs. NW at Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond HS

Monday, January 21 – AOC at Champaign Judah Christian 6:00 pm

JR. HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, January 17 – Shelbyville vs. ALAH at Atwood 6:00 pm

Friday, January 18 – AOC at Mattoon St. Johns 6:00 pm

Monday, January 21 to Wednesday, January 23
ALAH at IESA Class 3A Regional Tournament - Hosted by Shelbyville Moulton

Tuesday, January 22 – AOC at Urbana Uni High 6:00 pm

JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, January 17 – ALAH at Decatur LSA 6:00 pm

Monday, January 21 – ALAH at Villa Grove 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 22 – Bement vs. ALAH at Lovington 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 23 – AOC at Mattoon St. Johns 6:00 pm

**Schedules subject to change

**ALAH HS girls and boys basketball schedules can be found on sponsors page

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