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Lake Land College broadcast students receive state awards at IBASSDA



Lake Land College broadcast students Dylan Smith, Charleston, and Chandler Smith, Charleston, earned awards at the annual Illinois Broadcasters Association Student Silver Dome Awards. Dylan Smith earned first place for Best Sales Presentation with his piece "Tangles Hair Salon" as well as first place for Best Radio Longform Journalism Programming with "COVID-19 and Addiction." He also earned second place for Best Radio Longform Journalism Programming for his piece "2019-2020 Lady Lakers Basketball." Chandler Smith earned fourth place for Best Radio Recorded Promotion with his piece "Yeah, The Radio Works Now." "These awards are a testament to the great work students produce in the Broadcast Communication department at Lake Land College," Broadcast Communication Instructor Greg Powers said. "Their efforts have paid off again. We're also excited that Lake Land College was one of just two community colleges in the state that had students recognized for their work, competing against mainly four year schools." Dylan Smith earned an associate degree in Radio/TV Broadcasting, now renamed as Broadcast Communication, at Lake Land College. He currently studies at Western Illinois University. Chandler Smith also earned an associate degree in Radio/TV Broadcasting at Lake Land College and transferred to continue his education at Eastern Illinois University.

Douglas County Ag in the Classroom teaches topography through region

The characteristics of the landscape will determine the types of agriculture produced with the land. While Illinois appears to be a very flat state, Douglas County Ag in the Classroom taught students about the different topography throughout the region. Students learned about the rich flat plains of soil used for corn and soybean production and the hilly areas that support grazing cattle.

Regardless of what type of agriculture is produced on the land, farmers must take good care of the soil so they can grow the best food possible. Modern technologies allow farmers to test soil and apply only the nutrients needed for the soil. Farmers also utilize soil conservation techniques such as reduced tillage, crop rotation, and planting cover crops. These methods enrich the soil, reduce soil erosion, and help trap leftover nutrients.

The "Shape of Illinois" activity used modeling clay which each student used to form the shape of Illinois. Then using a topography map, the student molded the clay to resemble the hills along the Mississippi river. Many farm products are transported on barges on the Illinois River. Students added the Illinois river, flowing down the west central part of the state. Some of the best soil in the world for growing crops like corn and soybeans is in central Illinois. Then they glued on a corn kernel and soybean seed in productive central Illinois. Some parts of Illinois are too hilly and rocky to grow crops. Even in these areas, though, the rich soil supports pastures for grazing animals like cattle. More dairy and beef cattle are raised in the hilly northwest corner of Illinois than anywhere else in the state. They added a cow shape to the hilly regions in the northwest corner of Illinois.

Older students then noted the neighboring states, Lake Michigan, the Mississippi river, and the northern, southern, eastern, and western boundaries of Illinois.

All students finished the project by drawing a compass rose with directions and adding a legend to explain the map.

Douglas County Ag in the Classroom is supported by Douglas County Farm Bureau, Douglas County Ag Center, and Illinois Ag in the Classroom.

Illinois Amish Heritage Center welcomes Miller House to historic site

The Illinois Amish Heritage Center, located three miles east of Arthur and six miles west of Arcola and I-57, will begin its fifth year by moving the historical Miller Amish German schoolhouse to the IAHC site on Friday, March 26. The one hundred year old schoolhouse was built about 1920 and was located two miles west of Arthur on Illinois Route 133. The school was moved in 2011 to the Miller farm two miles further west where it was preserved in its original historical condition by Karen Miller, whose father and grandfather taught in the school.

The Miller school served as a German school where Amish youth, after graduating from the eighth grade, went during the winter months to learn the German language. This is important because Amish church services are conducted in high German. The school is in pristine historical condition with original paint still on the walls, all of the student desks, the teacher's desk, and the wood or coal burning stove all still in place, and even the original granite basin is still on the shelf in the back of the room. The school enrollment logs with the names of the teachers and students remain intact and will become part of the permanent collection in the school. German lessons can be seen written on the chalkboard in the front of the room.

The Miller school will join the 1882 Schrock house and the 1866 Yoder house along with the Yoder workshop at the IAHC campus and will help interpret early Illinois Amish life to site visitors. The school will include an exhibit on Amish education and today's school children will be able to sit at the desks where Amish youth studied a century ago.

The Miller school was recently purchased from Karen Miller so that Karen's initial desire for the school and its history to showcase the experience of educating the Amish youth in the German language would be fulfilled.

Future educational events and opportunities are being planned for the school once it is placed on the IAHC campus site. Karen hopes that "all former students can step back into the school and remember, and all those who have only heard stories, can step into the school and imagine."

For more information, call Wilmer Otto at 217-721-9266. Also, look for the

Illinois Amish Heritage Center at www.illinoisamish.org and on Facebook. Rain date for the moving of the schoolhouse will be Friday, April 2.

Route: The School House will be moved from its current location of 1350 Rte. 133, proceeding East one-half mile, then South one mile, to Road 2000 North, then East eight miles to Road 250 East, and then North one mile to IAHC campus.



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