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The Lake Land Lakers Women's Basketball Team made school history in winning the NJCAA Division 2 National Championship, defeating Johnson County Cavaliers 53-49 in the April 24 game. The team finished with a 25-2 record. The college community congratulated and welcomed the team on Sunday, April 25.

Douglas County Board discusses possible wind turbines in the county

By Jim Allen
The County Board met on April 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. After minutes, bills, and fees were approved, the board moved on to ordinances and resolutions that were on the agenda. The board approved ordinance 21-0-2 which approves the sale of baked goods from home kitchens. Those who are considering offering baked goods for sale in the county should contact the Health Department to determine what goods may be sold. Resolution 21-R-13, extension of a declaration

of emergency due to COVID-19 was approved. Resolution 21-R-14, supporting local control of land use affairs was approved. This is in response to Illinois Senate Bill 1602 which would remove all control of Industrial Wind Turbine Complexes from the counties. The state would be the sole regulator of such "wind farms". This could be a first step in taking all control of development from the counties and placing that control in the hands of the State. An agreement with Hillard's Bookkeeping Service to assist with MFT/Federal

construction documentation requirements was approved. Hillard's assists in many aspects of construction contracts including the interpretation of plans and specifications through final observation of construction and preparation of final papers and reports. The amount paid under this agreement is not to exceed \$35,000.00. A bid from King-Lar Company was approved for the installation of a roof top air conditioner for the third floor of the Courthouse. This bid covers all roof work associated with the installation but does not cover any

damage to interior plaster work. The bid amount is \$33,000.00. Liquor licenses were approved for Double JP Inc. of Camargo, Cindy's Log Cabin of Camargo, Kaskaskia Country Club of Arcola, Tri-County Country Club of Villa Grove, and Reclaimed 32, LLC of Arcola. The Board heard from Chairman Munson that the county has continued to receive good news on the amount of sales tax that is being received. Amanda Minor from the Health Department presented an update on the COVID-19 vaccination

progress. Twenty one percent of Douglas County residents are fully vaccinated. The twenty one percent includes Douglas County residents who have been vaccinated in other counties. She also noted that vaccine clinics in Douglas County would now be opened up to all Illinois residents due to low number of signups in the county. Chairman Munson then asked for questions or comments from the public. I had asked the Plat and Planning Committee a question concerning changes needed in the current WECS ordinance written in 2009. Mr. Munson

assured those present that he was communicating with the States Attorney and staff regarding wind and solar ordinances. He further stated that there would be a committee with County Board members, County staff, and the public to review the ordinance. Chairman Munson also stated that a moratorium on further wind development would be enacted until an agreed upon ordinance would be put in place. With no further business, the board adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Douglas County Farm Bureau announces coloring contest winners

Douglas County Farm Bureau recently held their eighth annual coloring contest. The overall grand prize winner is Isla Gardiner from Shiloh Elementary School. Isla is a second grade student. Her entry had a vibrantly colored sunset. Isla's entry will be copied for

use as placemats at Douglas County Farm Bureau events. For her winning entry, Isla won the grand prize which is a \$50.00 saving account and a goody bag from the First Bank of Tuscola. Jessica Grant submitted the winning entry for the fourth annual teachers

coloring contest. Jessica is a 3rd grade teacher at Atwood Grade School. Kindergarten through third grade students from Arcola Elementary school, Atwood Grade school, Tuscola North Ward, Shiloh school, Villa Grove Grade school and Arthur Grade

school participated in this contest. One first place winner was chosen from each school that submitted entries. Douglas County Farm Bureau gave each first-place winner a McDonalds gift card. Almost 400 entries were received.



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Jessica Grant winner of the fourth annual teachers coloring contest.



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Grand prize winner Isla Gardiner from Shiloh Elementary School

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