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Students honored at Hoopeston Area High School Awards Night

The accomplishments of Hoopeston Area High School students were honored Monday during the school's annual Awards Night presentation.

Awards and the recipients included:

American Legion Awards: Matthew Alt, Emily Warner

DAR Good Citizenship: Elizabeth Booher

SAR Good Citizenship: Brandon Spaur

Outstanding Young Citizen Program: Brock Baker, Kayla Potter

Prairie State Achievement Award (Exceeding): Andrew Eells, Casey McFadden, Brandon Spaur

Women Making a Difference: Elizabeth Booher, Callie Huffman, Emily Warner

Jeff Wallace Memorial Scholarship: Brock Baker, Brittany Duffin

Tara Ann Tyler Memorial Scholarship: Brittany Duffin

Hoopeston Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship: Brittany Duffin

Harold Hobart Poland Scholarship: Brittany Duffin, Lacy Halley

Provena Health Care Scholarship: Ashley Houmes

DACC Scholarship Awards: Brock Baker, Sarah Bock, Lacy Halley, Sheri McCormick, Keri Nunn, Kayla Potter

Business Women of Vermilion County: Abigail Newman

Cameron Cunningham: Brittany Duffin, Lacy Halley, Ashley Houmes, Callie Huffman

Vermilion County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship: Elizabeth Booher, Emily Warner

U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Music Excellence in Band: Ashley Houmes, Dane Nicholls

U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence: Elizabeth Booher, Brandon Spaur

U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete: Brock Baker, Brittany Duffin

Army Reserve Scholarship/Athlete Award: Matthew

Alt, Emily Warner

Military Commitments: Aaron Wagoner (Air Force), Adam York (Army)

McDonald's Employee Scholarship: Matthew Alt

Hoopeston Rotary Club: Justin Jeffries

Lions Club: Brittany Duffin

Rossville Township Scholarship: Callie Huffman

Dorothy Duley: Callie Huffman

Youth Town Council Award/Prairie Center Award: Elizabeth Booher, Ashley Houmes, Callie Huffman, Emily Warner

Wilson F. Bessellieu Scholarship: Joshua Dobkins, Adam Perzee

TRW Scholarship: Jennifer Porth

Lori Lyons Special Education Scholarship: Callie Huffman

Reynolds-Barwick Scholarship: Brandon Spaur

Rosalie Fraley Bard Memorial Scholarship: Carrie McCormick

Charlotte Russell Memorial Scholarship: Elizabeth Booher, Emily Warner

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship: Brittany Duffin

Illinois Council of Teachers in Mathematics Award: Emily Warner

VFW Award: Brock Baker

Hoppy Hopkins Memorial Scholarship: Amanda Wisdom

Bob Betka Award: Brandon Spaur

Glenn Brasel Award: Brock Baker

VVC All-Academic Team: Brock Baker, Brittany Duffin, Ashley Houmes, Carrie McCormick, Christine Morgenroth, Abigail Newman, Keri Nunn, Kayla Potter, Brandon Spaur, Emily Warner

VVC All-Academic Team-Scholastic Bowl: Elizabeth Booher, Callie Huffman

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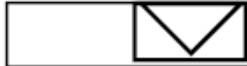
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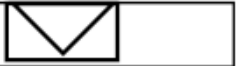
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Letters to the Editor



Goodbye to an old friend

This letter is to mourn the loss of one more sanctuary of peace, quiet and camaraderie in this world, a world that is much too fast-paced. This sanctuary of which I write was enjoyed by many people who valued a simple kind of life, it was the campground called Timbered Meadows. The campground is still open and has a waiting list of new people who want to camp there, but it is not the Timbered Meadows it once was.

Once the little gravel roads were well-traveled by children on foot and bikes. Now the children navigate the roads on noisy and smelly motorized vehicles of various sorts, or ride around on their parents' golf carts, kicking up as much dust as they possibly can.

Once you could hear the songs of bull frogs at night, but alas the frogs have left to find safer, quieter habitats. Once neighbors were considerate of each other and didn't have campfires on windy days when they knew their neighbor's trailers would fill with smoke from their campfire.

Of course one thing never changes, and that is that all things change. Timbered Meadows is going through its own changes, and many people see this as something good, and perhaps it is.

For those of us who long for beautiful, peaceful days gone by, it is time for us to say goodbye to an old friend.

Farewell Timbered Meadows - we will certainly miss you.

Cindy Hardwick
Hoopeston

Will we see change in 2009?

For what seems like a long, long time we have heard candidates promise that they represent change for our country if elected. I don't know why, maybe it is because my name is Thomas, but I have my doubts. We heard the same thing two years ago, when the majority changed in Congress. Did you notice any changes that you wanted? Biggest changes I noticed, was a lot of folks lost their homes, the prices for gas, food, and health care keeps rising.

Of our three branches of government, Congress (house and senate) is where lobbyist have their biggest influence. Why? Because they introduce the spending bills that help the business or special interest groups that they lobby for. It would be interesting to know how many lobbyist were once working in Congress in some capacity. At this moment many members of Congress are laying groundwork to become lobbyist if and when they get out of office. Trent Lott from Mississippi recently gave up his senate seat and now lobbies for a company that he sponsored a bill that helped his employer.

Until our Congress takes full fiscal responsibility for the people of the United States, and less for pork barrel spending for their individual states, plus helping big business and special interest groups, such things as health care, social security, education, employment, border control, etc., will not be addressed. Can anyone explain to me how this broken system can be fixed?

Last week nearly 400 Hispanic workers were arrested in Postville, Iowa at a kosher meat packing plant. Many were illegal immigrants who had forged ID and social security cards. This plant has been in business for over 20 years, and a lot of employees could not believe this could happen to them. (makes you wonder - it was not a secret what was going on at this plant - what took them so long to raid the place). Shouldn't the company be fined heavily?

Many employees took refuge and sanctuary at St. Bridget's. Do you think that any religion that protects and aids criminals, should lose their tax exempt status in the United States? Some may say there should be more compassion. The basic difference in all religions is their doctrine. Isn't doctrine the basic teachings and politics of a religion? There is one common denominator in all or most religions and that is justice. One criminal should be treated like any other.

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

Awards continued from other side

Northeast Vermilion Chapter FFA: Kayla Potter, Sarah Schmid, Heather Smothers

HEA Scholarship: Andrew Eells, Emily Warner

Jeld Wen: Bethany Ried

Smith College-Charlotte Ann Russell Scholarship: Elizabeth Booher

Education Personnel Federal Credit Union Scholarship: Andrew Eells

Vermilion County Bar Association Scholarship: Christine Morgenroth

Scholastic Bowl Team Awards: Elizabeth Booher, Michael Donley, Arthur Gonzalez, Brian Huffman, Katy Lantis, Katie Pajor, Sara Schmid, Nell Smith

WYSE Awards: Alicia Beltran, Sarah Bock, Elizabeth Booher, Andrew Eells, Ashley Houmes, Callie Huffman, Casey McFadden, Abigail Newman, Katherine Pajor, Kayla

Potter, Katelyn Prather, Katelin Sheppard, Emily Warner

Art Awards-Senior Show, Most Improved, Outstanding

Student: Alina Burk, Brandi Warner, Miranda Tannehill

John Phillip Sousa Band Award: Callie Huffman

Patrick Gilmore Band Award: Elizabeth Booher, Bethany Ried

Louis Armstrong Band Award: Alexandra Wilson

Director's Award: Jennifer Porth

Woody Herman Band Award: Abigail Newman, Dane Nicholls

Outstanding Senior Chorus Member: Joshua Dobkins

Melvin Weaks Thespian Award: Joshua Dobkins

Show Choir Award: Alexandra Wilson

Arion Award: Adam Perzee

Illinois State Scholars (ACT & GPA): Elizabeth

Booher, Andrew Eells, Callie Huffman, Brandon Spaur, Emily Warner

Hoopeston Awards & Signs Top 10 Scholars Award: Elizabeth Booher, Alicia Burk, Brittany Duffin, Andrew Eells, Lacy Halley, Ashley Houmes, Callie Huffman, Christine Morgenroth, Brandon Spaur, Emily Warner

Class of 2008 Salutatorian: Ashley Houmes

Class of 2008 Valedictorian: Elizabeth Booher

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 64. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 46. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 69, low 48.

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