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Danville Area Community College will host the 34th annual Academic Challenge competition, Tuesday, February 7 in the Mary Miller Gymnasium. Twelve area school districts, represented by 166 students, are expected to send representatives from the junior and senior classes to this year's competition.

Each school is required to have at least six team members, but most send closer to fourteen participants. The competition is open to all classes, but mainly consist of juniors and seniors.

The Academic Challenge is a battery of tests that is created by the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Society (WYSE). Participants are tested in seven different academic areas including mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, English, engineering graphics, and computer science. Between arrival at 9AM and lunch at 11:30AM, students receive a brief orientation and take two 40-minute tests.

Teams must have at least two students test in each of the three required areas of English, math, and chemistry and two students in at least two of the other four areas of biology, physics, computer science and engineering graphics in order to qualify for the team awards.

DACC staff and faculty from the Science and Math Division meet with the team coaches during the testing periods to update them on future changes to the test program and receive feedback on the competition.

Following the testing periods, students are treated to a pizza lunch while test scores are finalized. DACC provides entertainment, including math and science games while participants await their results. Award presentations are at approximately 12:45 p.m. Team ribbons are awarded for first through third place in each division, based on school size. Individual medallions are awarded for those placing first through third place over all the divisions in each testing area. Winners of the regional competition continue on to the sectionals held at Eastern Illinois University on March 8, and then may advance to the State Finals at the University of Illinois.

For more information about the WYSE Academic Challenge at DACC please contact the Math/Science Division office at 217-443-8805.

County clerk sets extended hours for voter registration

DANVILLE—Vermilion County Clerk Lynn Foster announced extended hours for voter registration.

Registration may be done from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 4, 11 and 18 at the Annex.

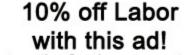
New registrations, as well as address and name changes, must be completed by Tuesday, Feb. 21, for voters to be eligible to vote in the March 20 general primary election. Grace period registration and voting will be available from Wednesday, Feb. 22 through Tuesday, March 13.

"I am frequently asked if voters are required to reregister periodically," Foster said. "In general terms, the answer is no." Voter registration in Illinois is permanent; however voters who move or whose addresses changed must update their registrations and voters who change their names must reregister because their signatures will be different. To check the status of your voter registration, go to www.vercounty.org and click on County Clerk-Voter Registration Search or call the Voter Registration Hotline, (217) 554-1915.

To register, applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 by March 20. Those who cannot register in person may request a form to apply for voter registration by

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Dog catcher ends her time in rhyme

More than a job this job became to me Helping people and animals and caring for their needs.

Anyone can own a pet, a leash and a collar

But to show them that you really care requires a trip to the vet and a few dollars.

So thankful to have met so many people from this town

Due to an upcoming move, I am having to step down. I ask that in my leaving you continue to work together And make sure the pets have their needs met in accordance with the weather.

Proper shelters, food and water are all imperative to their survival

And when these needs are met their loyalty to you will be more full!

The many, many pets and friendly faces I have met Will be embedded in my memory with no regrets. Thank you again for the opportunity that I have been allotted

Letters to the Editor

Don't forget to keep those t's crossed and all those i's dotted!

In honor of one of my favorite game show hosts of all time, "Help control the pet population, have your pets spayed or neutered! Goodbye everybody."

Sincerely, Erica Green

Positive school news appreciated

I am the grandmother of Reece Williams, who is a fifth-grader at John Greer.

I read the article in Wednesday's Just the Facts about the "messy room" composed by John Greer fifth graders. It was quite refreshing, entertaining, well done, and something the community can be proud of. These students were very innovative in their choice of descriptive words; it brought more than a few chuckles and I could just picture 'the room.'

It would be very beneficial to the City of Hoopeston and all of the students in Hoopeston if you would be willing to features articles such as this one once a week

Obituaries

PERRY - Kenneth R. Perry, 93, of New London, Conn., formerly of the Rankin area, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012, in Colchester, Conn. Services, with military graveside rites by Cissna Park American Legion, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rankin Union Cemetery. Baier Family Funeral Services, Paxton, is in charge of arrangements.

New Books at the Library

Paperbacks

Prairie Cowboy by Linda Ford (Inspirational) Wyoming Sweethearts by Jillian Hart (Inspirational)

All That Remains by Janice Kay Johnson

Weather

Sunny today. High 51. Tonight, cloudy. Low 30. Tomorrow, partly sunny, rain late. High 52, low 37. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (**217**) **283-6221**.

or perhaps twice a month. This would enable the community to become more involved with the future of these students by giving them the incentive and the chance to "show off their talents." It would also give grandparents and others of the community the opportunity to become more involved and informed of the abilities of the students, as well as many of us (who live out of the community) to also enjoy their progress and talent. In addition, and most important, I feel that sharing this with others in the community gives the students an added sense of accomplishment and importance as individuals. It does, after all, "take a village."

Thank you so much for publishing this article, and I look forward to reading the next one!

Sincerely, Janice (Williams) Collier Woodbridge, VA

Registration continued from other side

mail or may print an application form from www.elections.il.gov and mail it to the county clerk's office at 6 North Vermilion, Danville IL 61832.

Further information on voter registration sites, community and workplace deputy registrars and precinct committee people is available by calling the registration hotline, (217) 554-1915.

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