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**Message from the Regional Superintendent:**

We have a few new faces at the Regional Office of Education, Maggie Haussman, Bookkeeper, came in October and Lynne Cecil is now my Administrative Assistant. Kathy Dennis retired on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Lynne worked for a time at King School. She volunteered in my kindergarten class many years ago. We are excited and pleased to have both Maggie and Lynne in the office. They are fitting in just great.

I want to take a minute to thank and applaud each and every member of the education community in particular, and the Knox County community at large for standing tall. We are going thru some very hard times. We will survive.

This issue of the newsletter has the names we were given of the people who are retiring this year. I would like to invite the new retirees to consider volunteering to assist on some special programs such as: outdoor education, Spelling Bee and Geography Bowl. Just let us know. We welcome you. Thanks to each and every one of the retirees for the service you have given to your community. We wish you only the best.

As of now the office will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>. I do not have late hours on Wednesdays in the summer.

If you are renewing your certificate I hope to see or hear from you before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in your statement of assurance and your C3 form.

I also hope many people will be able to take advantage of the Understanding the Framework of Poverty workshops on May 7, 16 and June 15. You only need to take the class in the AM or PM. Cpdu's are available for teachers. Please call as the classes are filling up fast.

The Teacher's Institute will need presenters. Call for presenters is on the last page on the newsletter.

Hope everyone has a safe, educational and fun filled summer. See you in the fall.

If you would like to download a copy of this newsletter go to [www.roe33.net](http://www.roe33.net) and click on '06/'07 newsletters. I'm sure we have saved a few hundred trees by only printing a few copies. Next year we will do all of them like this. Tell me how you feel about it pros and cons at [bharris@roe33.k12.il.us](mailto:bharris@roe33.k12.il.us). I welcome your comments.

**Educational Opportunities:**

- 1) May 1-Family matters-No child Left behind and Children receiving special Education Services-Knox County Annex-220 Simmons 5:00-8:00 pm. 3 cpdu's available for educators FREE Call 345-3828 and register.
- 2) May 7 and June 15 (Day one) A Framework for Understanding Poverty 9am-11:00am or 4pm-6pm 40 E. Simmons, Galesburg, IL. Cost \$47.00 per session/\$67.00 at the door (workbook included) Register by calling 345-3828 by May 1 to reserve a seat. May 16 (Day two) A Framework for Understanding Poverty 9am-11am or 4pm-6pm. 40 E Simmons, Galesburg, IL. Cost \$47.00/\$67.00 at the door (workbook included) Register by calling 345-3828 by May 1 to reserve a seat.
- 3) June 14-15 Cyber Camp 2007 Carl Sandburg College Registration fee \$50.00. Register by May 31<sup>st</sup>. For teachers K-12.
- 4) Summer Camp for Librarians June 12-14 and 20-21. Alliance Library System, East Peoria, IL. \$25.00 Contact Angie Green 1-800-700-4857 X2108 or [agreen@alliancelibrarysystem.com](mailto:agreen@alliancelibrarysystem.com)
- 5) 2007 Illinois statewide Migrant Education Workshop – Catch the Dream: Awakening the Possibilities June 13-15 Champaign/Urbana Holiday Inn Registration Fee \$85.00 Phone 217-328-7900

**GPS classes:**

Have GPS Will Travel Class, Dickson Mounds Museum, June 12-14, 2007 and August 7-9, 2007. Experience the ultimate introductory level GPS hands-on workshop for educators. This class is for all grades 3 – 12.

<http://www.gis2gps.com/newclasses/2007classes/2007JuneDMMhavegpswilltravel.htm>

**GPS2GIS Adventure**

July 16 – 19, 2007. This class is a fast approach to both GIS and GPS for 3 – 12.

<http://www.gis2gps.com/newclasses/2007classes/Julygps2gisadventureHavana.htm>

**Retirees:**

GALESBURG DISTRICT #205

Regine Benne  
Christine Fulton  
Janis Meyer  
Margie Renfroe  
Jan Smith  
Mattie Steward

Marquis Berrey  
Lisa Justus  
Lee Ann Paisley  
Bonnie Riggins  
Vicki Tate

Rena Coleman  
Jared Lacy  
Ann Pennington  
Jerry Shafer  
Rebecca Wessels

KWSED

Tim Mackey  
Carol Phillips

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT #202

Norma Hedbloom  
Margaret Swanson

ABINGDON DISTRICT 217

Teresa Sanford  
Elaine Clayton  
Jaylynn Landon

ROWVA DISTRICT #208

Gary Buckingham  
Kathy Lake  
Dixie Pecsí  
Mike Panther  
Pat Turner  
Brian Hall  
Lewis Behymer

WILLIAMSFIELD DISTRICT #210

Robert Anderson

**We have four teachers participating in the History Travel. They are representing Knox County very well. They presented in the last Teachers Institute.**

- 1) Michael Brown            Abingdon
- 2) Christopher Campagna    ROWVA
- 3) Christopher Johnson      ROWVA
- 4) Benjamin Rees            ROWVA

**Fill in the Blanks:**

LOL: laughing out loud  
BRB: Be right back  
MUSM: Miss you so much  
A/S/L/: age/sex/location  
BF: boyfriend  
TAW: teachers are watching  
LULAS: love you like a sister  
POS: parent over shoulder  
WTGP: want to go private  
LMIRL: let's meet in real life

## **Certification:**

If you are due June 30<sup>th</sup> and have all of your professional development completed you can come in today and renew in the office.

If you are going to register and renew your certificate online remember to send in or bring in the C-3 form and pay \$25.00. Your professional development-statement of assurance (s.o.a.) must be submitted to the ROE.

Make sure you push the button to submit to this office. Remember to check back and see if everything is okay.

The system is not set up to notify you if your s.o.a. was returned.

Teachers can continue to register with paper in the office.

Teachers if you have an Admin. Degree and you are not working on that degree make sure you make yourself exempt.

If you are an active Administrator, this process can all be done online.

- 1) You must do your professional development on line.
- 2) Send in the C-3 form, signed and dated.
- 3) Pay the \$25.00 fee – the cost on line is \$1.75 additional fee.

Initial certificate holders should come into the office if they are moving from initial to standard. Please do this process before June 30, 2007.

## **For Students:**

Julie A. and Lloyd Lehman Journalism Scholarship

Three \$2,900 scholarships. Deadline Friday, May 25, 2007

Who should apply: High school seniors who meet or exceed the following criteria:

Graduating high school student living in Illinois

Interested in pursuing a career in journalism

Cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Demonstrate a financial need

Additional information Margot Fennelly 708-865-1571

## **Annual Art Contest:**

For High School Students—Theme: “Share our Dream”.

5 entries from each school to be selected by the teachers in size 8 ½”x 11” in vertical (portrait) format. Pen and ink, pencil, watercolor or acrylic. Work should have plenty of contrast. Awards will be made for first, second

and third place winners. Student’s name and grade as well as the teacher’s name and school must be on the back of the design. Judging will be done on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 with winners being announced the next day.

All work must be sent or delivered to the Regional Office of Education by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Artwork becomes the property of the Regional Office of Education and will not be returned.

## **Annual Creative Writing Contest:**

For High School Students. The work must be based on the theme “Share our Dream”. Limit entries to 5 per high school-to be selected by teachers from each school.. Media can be pen, pencil and computer generated.

Writing must be original work and limited to 500 words. Awards will be made to first, second and third place winners.

All work will be printed in the program booklet and becomes the sole property of the Knox County Regional Office of Education. No entries will be returned. Student’s name and grade, as well as the teacher’s name and school must be on the back of the work. Work must be turned in to the English Dept at each high school. The

English dept. will select no more than 5 entries per school and deliver or e-mail them to the R.O.E.,

([bharris@roe33.k12.il.us](mailto:bharris@roe33.k12.il.us)) by 4:00 on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Judging done on May 8<sup>th</sup> and winners announced the next day.

**The G.E.L. Academy** June 17-23, 2007 Horn Field Campus, Macomb, IL.

Who can Enroll: Fall 2007 high school sophomores, juniors, seniors and college freshmen

Registration: \$150 includes room, board, t-shirt, and camp activities

For more information: [www.wiuec.org](http://www.wiuec.org)

## **KCA Graduation**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Ceremony for the KCA Graduates will be on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at the Knox County Academy, 850 Mulberry at 7:00 P.M. Doors will be open at 6:00.

## **Electrical Apprenticeship Opportunities**

The Electrical Apprenticeship Program is open to high school graduates or persons with a GED, 18 years of age and over who have successfully completed not less than one year of high school algebra. The Apprenticeship status program is an “earn as you learn” program providing on the job training and classroom instruction. Please direct interested applicants to call (309) 673-0393.

### **Homeless Children, who are they?**

A homeless child is one who lacks a “fixed, regular and adequate nighttime place of abode.” In general, children or youth living in welfare hotels, transitional housing, shelters, the streets, cars, abandoned buildings, and other inadequate accommodations are considered homeless. This includes the following groups:

#### **Children in Shelters**

**Doubled – up Children** (if accommodations are not fit for habitation)

**Runaways** (children who have run away from home and live in a shelter or inadequate accommodations, even if parents are willing to provide a home)

**Throwaways** (children whose parents or guardians will not permit them to live at home)

If you have questions regarding a possible homeless student, contact your local LEA or Mary Scanlon, Parent/Homeless Liaison, at the Regional Office of Education, 345-3828.

## **Illinois NEW Identity Theft Hotline**

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has created the first-ever Illinois Identity Theft Hotline. The hotline provides Illinoisans who have been victimized by identity theft with one-on-one assistance to take the steps necessary to report the crime to local law enforcement and financial institutions, repair their credit and prevent future problems.

Identity theft occurs when a criminal obtains and uses someone else’s personal information – such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, and social security number to purchase goods and services fraudulently.

Victims of identity theft lose more than money; they lose peace of mind.

When you call the Identity Theft Hotline at 1-866-999-5630, you’ll be assigned a Consumer Advocate who will help you:

- ✓ Dispute a fraudulent debt and clean up your credit report;
- ✓ Contact appropriate law enforcement agencies;
- ✓ Read through and understand documents related to the crime;
- ✓ Determine what to do if your wallet or purse has been stolen; and
- ✓ Take steps to prevent yourself from further victimization.

The hotline is open from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

For more information visit the Illinois Attorney General’s website at [www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov](http://www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov)

### **The Iraq You Never See: Gary Sinise**

“There are millions of people there that just want to go to work and send their kids to school. I have a project, Operation Iraqi Children, that sends school supplies for troops to distribute to Iraqi kids. We’ve raised over a million dollars, but I like it when people put together supply kits themselves. Our website ([www.operationiraqichildren.org](http://www.operationiraqichildren.org)) has guidelines for how to get kits to us, and we send them to the kids”.

### **Trip Tips**

Free Gas! More than 200 inns and B&Bs in approximately 20 states are taking the sting out of gassing up this summer. Through the Tanks A Lot program, Inngoers can receive gas cards, car washes, and assorted fuel freebies for booking with participating properties (800-462-2632, press number 2; or click on Free Gas at [www.bedandbreakfast.com](http://www.bedandbreakfast.com)).

### **Journeys for One**

Going it alone doesn’t have to mean onerous add-on fees. Tauck World Discovery is discounting or waiving single-occupancy surcharges on a wide variety of tours and cruises. Itineraries include the United States, Canada, and Europe, with savings of \$159 to \$3,000 (800-214-5158;www.tauck.com). Another option: Britain’s Just You offers trips exclusively for solo travelers in Europe and Asia. No single supplements, and you never share a room (011-44-870-252-8008;www.justyou.co.uk).

**Congratulations to the winner of the 2007-2008 Children of Veterans Scholarship (Vietnam Conflict) - Jordan Cline.**

**Paraprofessionals networking meeting will be held on May 10, 2007 at the Knox County Academy. Call to register. Dea Conrad Curry will be presenting. 4:30-6:00. Light refreshments.**

**KNOX COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE  
PRESENTER FORM**

Friday, October 5, 2007

Galesburg High School

8:00-1:00

Session I

Session II

Session III

Session IV

8:50-9:40

9:50-10:40

10:50-11:40

11:50-12:40

Will you require stipend?      Yes      No      (please mark one)

Presenter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current position and title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation information:

Title of presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Target Audience \_\_\_\_\_

Description:

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Any Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to R.O.E. before the end of the school year.

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**Presenter Pay Scale**

One Session.....	\$75.00
Two Sessions (same topic).....	100.00
Two Sessions (different topics).....	150.00
One Session – multiple presenters (same topic – share).....	100.00
Two Sessions – multiple presenters (same topic – share).....	150.00
Two Sessions – multiple presenters (different topics – share).....	200.00