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In Brief



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The Singing Strings Concert Set

The Singing Strings along with Richard Tucker are a group of local musicians and gospel singers that plan to provide an afternoon of enjoyment.

The music will include such instruments as the fiddle, dulcimer, auto harp, hammer dulcimer, guitar and piano.

The program will be held at the Dexter Methodist Church (four miles east of Altamont and half mile north) on Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m.

A free will offering will be taken for the building fund. There will be refreshments after the concert.

For further information call 618-483-9849.

ACHS Class of 1977 Reunion Set

The ACHS Class of '77 will celebrate their 35th class reunion on Friday, May 25, 2012.

The event will be held at Siebert's pavilion located at 104 E Hawthorne, Effingham.

Friends of the class may stop by after 7 p.m. to enjoy the entertainment of the "One Man Band".

They are still trying to locate some class members: Jerri Robison Tipsword and Steve Lindsey. Please contact Judy Siebert at 217-347-0660 for more information.

Lake Land Summer College for Kids Planned

Register your child today for Summer College for Kids at Lake Land College

School is letting out soon. What are your kids doing this summer?

Make sure they beat the heat with some educational fun at Lake Land College's Summer College for Kids.

Classes ranging from arts and crafts to science adventures to sports and recreation will be offered at various locations throughout the Lake Land College district.

Registration is already underway, but it's not too late to sign up your child!

For more information, call 217-234-5219

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Altamont High School seniors from the graduating class of 2012 received special scholarships during the Honors Award program on May 9 included front row, Catelyn Vail, Grace Ziegler, Morgan Wendling, Sadie Spilker, Allison Wendling, Molly Verdeyen, Allison McGuire, and Zach Hutson. Back row, Mitch Wolff, Aaron Armstrong, Heather Began, Rachel Tillman, Bailey Hofmann, Davey Seidel, Mark Hendricks, and Donna Garrett. Above left is ACHS Class of 2012 Valedictorian Mark Hendricks. Above right is ACHS Class of 2012 Salutatorian Sadie Spilker. (Altamont News photo by Clyde Barr)

Belly Up For A Cure, Redneck Games Coming to Altamont

BY CLYDE BARR
Editor

Altamont area establishments are set to host the first 'Belly Up For A Cure' event on June 9.

Belly Up For A Cure is sponsored by the Altamont Bar Association and Koerner Distributor, Inc.

Proceeds from the event are going to benefit The Cure JM foundation.

Belly Up For A Cure is a fun-filled day of playing silly games at participating locations, the ol'fashioned 'Redneck Way'.

Games are designed for

luck and very little skill just a lot of fun and funds going to a great cause.

Fun and food will be at each location which includes, Luke's Bar & Grill, On The Rox, Altamont VFW Post #7676, Blue Mound Tavern, and Tips Corner Tavern.

Registration is set for 12:02 p.m. at On the Rox.

Teams can register up to 4 p.m..

The first scramble event begins at 2:03 p.m.

At 6:12 p.m. scorecards are to be turned in at Luke's for final scoring.

From 8:02 on the finale will be held at Luke's Bar & Grill with prizes, entertain-

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City-Wide Garage Sales Set for June 16

The annual Community City-Wide Garage Sales will be conducted in Altamont on Saturday, June 16.

For those residents wishing to hold a sale that day it is asked that the sale be put in the sponsored flyer which will be included in The Altamont News and St. Elmo Banner published June 12, as well as distributed in area towns.

Please make checks payable to the Altamont News Banner.

Payment must be received at the Altamont News Office, 111 N. Main, no later than noon on June 7.

Submitted by:
Joan Fitzwilliam

Altamont Garden Club

Take a drive around Altamont and notice a wealth of community pride displayed in its homeowner's beautiful yards.

This makes selecting a Yard of the Month a challenging experience.

However, the Altamont Garden Club is pleased to announce that the honor of May's Yard of the Month is located at 12S. Edwards and belongs to Leo and Kathy Krueenegel.

The front of their lovely ranch style home is highlighted with great foundation plantings, some of which are blue junipers, oakleaf hydrangeas and weigela.

A nice wide paver sidewalk ushers you to the home's entrance. The entrance plantings include variegated hostas, blue fescue and burgundy coral bells.

A gorgeous japanese maple is situated in this bed behind a rock fountain water feature.

In the front yard a bed contains a variety of bush and Knock Out roses. Opposite this bed is a huge

mimosa tree encircled with hostas.

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Long time Altamont Garden Club member Mary Ann Meek presents a certificate of Chamber Bucks to May Yard of the Month recipients Kathy and Leo Krueenegel. The home is located at 12 S. Edwards or directly across from ALIS school. (Submitted photo)

Altamont Set To Host Second Homecoming Event

Due to the overwhelming success of the first ever Altamont Alumni and Faculty Homecoming two years ago with over 1000 people in attendance, the Effingham County Fairgrounds will once again be the site of the second Altamont Alumni and Faculty Homecoming.

The event will take place on May 26, from 11 a.m. to midnight.

This year's event will host a car show, DJ music from all generations, a memorabilia museum, concession stands, and t-shirt and hat sales.

Tours of the newly renovated Altamont Community High School (free admission) and Wright's Mansion (\$5 admission fee) will be available between 2 - 4 p.m.

There is a \$10 gate fee to get onto the grounds.

The first 500 paid attendees will get a can huggie that marks the event.

Everyone in attendance is asked to sign in at the registration tent. There will also be t-shirts and hats available at that location.

There are many campsites available on the

grounds, \$10 per night for primitive camping and a fee of \$20 per night for sites with utilities.

As for the car show, the committee is looking for anyone who has a car, truck, motorcycle or tractor that they drove while in high school or just want to show off, to display under the Grandstands. No pre-registration required. A People's Choice Award will be given.

The Memorabilia Museum will once again be open in the 4-H Exhibition Hall. Anyone having any school items that they would like to share may bring items out to the grounds anytime after noon on Friday May 25 or the day of the event.

Some examples of what were displayed last time were: Cheerleading, Basketball, Band and PE uniforms, School Sweaters, yearbooks, diplomas, class rings, pictures, a team water cooler, the school Tee Pee, copies of the old school newspaper, letterman's jackets and reunion photos.

Concession stands will be on the grounds with a variety of food and drink •see EVENT pg 3A

Altamont Public Library Summer Reading Program

The Altamont Public Library will be holding its 2012 Summer Reading Program with the theme 'Munch Your Way Through a Good Book!'

The program, designed to keep children engaged in reading during the summer, will run June 1-30.

The library has many new and captivating resources for families to check out during the hot summer months to help keep children's reading skills sharp.

Children ages two through high school are welcome to register for the program with reading goals for the month set according to age.

A valid library card is all that is needed to register.

Fun at the library throughout the month of June is being planned with prize bags handed out at month's end to all of the hungry readers who manage to nibble their way through the month to reach their reading goals.

Registration forms will be available at the circulation desk at the library beginning on May 21.

Plan to make the Altamont Public Library one of your family's favorite summer stops and join us in June to Munch Your Way Through a Good Book - or many.