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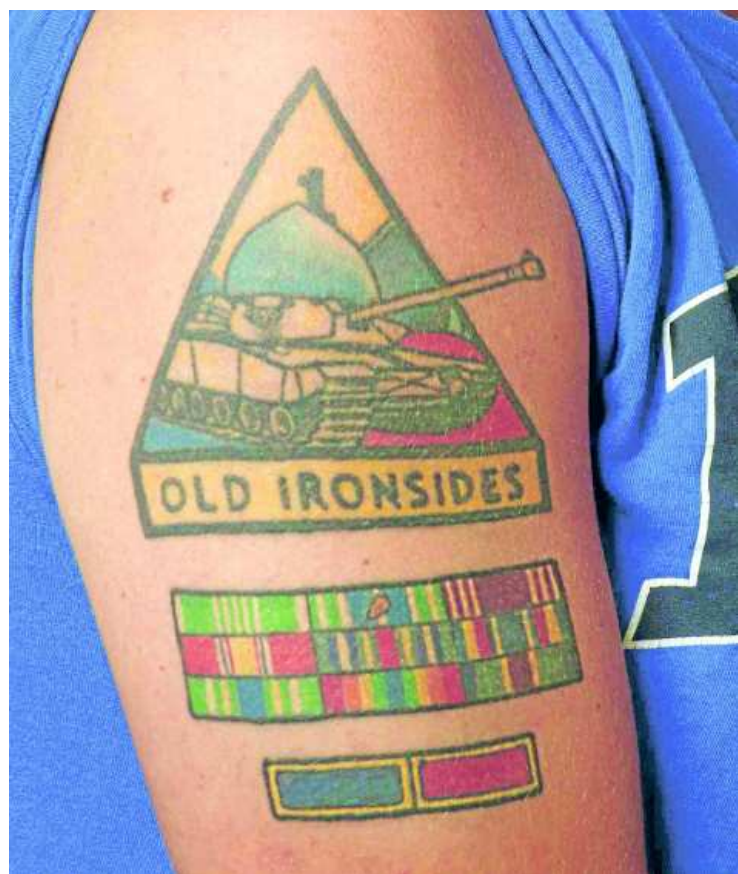
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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Eric Hiltner of Charleston chose this tattoo image that depicts the Martyrs Monument in Baghdad, Iraq, where he served as a member of the US Army.



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Wilson Reynolds of Charleston chose this tattoo design that combines his nickname with the armored symbol. Reynolds served as a tanker in the US Army.

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CHARLESTON — Two U.S. Army veterans from Charleston are among those featured in “Designs of Duty,” an exhibit highlighting East Central Illinois veterans and their service-related tattoos.



Reynolds



Hiltner

The exhibit is now on display at Booth Library on the campus of Eastern Illinois University, according to a press release.

Shane Wright of Shelbyville and Lyle Gordon of Towanda.

“Designs of Duty” tells the stories of seven military veterans who served our country over a 45-year period throughout Asia and Europe. Veterans featured in the exhibit are Eric Hiltner and Wilson Reynolds of Charleston, Ken Fernandes of Newman, Random Clavin of Nokomis, Adam Griffy of Olney, and Lyle Gordon of Towanda.

Tattoos are a common symbol among the military, and this exhibit aims to explore the inspiration and meanings behind them, as well as the stories of the veterans themselves. Pride, patriotism and honor are common themes in the artwork chosen by the veterans showcased in “Designs of Duty.”

Related exhibits on display include military flags; “Symbols of Service,” featuring University of Illinois student veterans; aircraft nose art from World War II to today; Vietnam War helmet graffiti; and literature and poetry

during wartime.

“Designs of Duty” is free and open to the public. The exhibit will continue through May 11. For more information, visit <http://library.eiu.edu/exhibits/designsofduty/>.

Booth Library’s regular hours are 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 1 a.m. Sunday. For more information on the library, visit the website, www.library.eiu.edu; call 581-6072; or find the library on Facebook or Twitter.

Deer seasons conclude with harvest estimate of 147,535

SPRINGFIELD — Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 147,535 deer during all 2017-18 archery and firearm seasons, which concluded on Jan. 14. The total preliminary deer harvest for all seasons compares with a total harvest for all seasons of 144,303 deer in 2016-17.

During the 2017-18 deer seasons, hunters took 44 percent does and 56 percent males.

Archery: Archery deer hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 57,937 deer during the season which began on Oct. 1, 2017 and concluded on Jan. 14, 2018. That compares with the harvest of 53,468 during the 2016-17 archery season.

Youth: Youth deer hunters harvested a preliminary total of 2,372 deer during the three-day Illinois Youth Deer Season (Oct. 7-9, 2017), compared to 3,272 in 2016.

Traditional Firearm Season: Hunters took a preliminary total of 80,021 deer during the Illinois Firearm Deer Season on Nov. 17-19, 2017 and Nov.

30-Dec. 3, 2017, compared with 79,559 deer taken during the 2016 firearm season.

Muzzleloader: Hunters using muzzleloading rifles harvested 3,700 deer during the Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season on Dec. 8-10, 2017, compared with harvest 3,308 in the 2016 muzzleloader season.

Late-Winter Seasons: The 2017-18 Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and Special CWD deer seasons concluded on Jan. 14, 2018, with a combined preliminary harvest total for both seasons of 3,505 deer, compared with a harvest of 4,696 deer taken during those seasons in 2016-17. Season dates for the seven-day Late-Winter and CWD seasons were Dec. 28-31, 2017 and Jan. 12-14, 2018.

There were 15 northern Illinois counties open to the Special CWD Season in 2017-18, while 14 counties were open for the 2016-17 seasons. The Special CWD season is used to assist in slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease in the Illinois deer herd.

There were 22 counties open for the Late-Winter Antlerless Season in 2017-18, two fewer counties than were open for the Late-Winter season in 2016-17. Counties that are at or below their individual deer population goal for two consecutive years may be removed from the Late-Winter season.

A county-by-county summary of local preliminary deer harvest results for 2017-18 and harvest results for 2016-17 is:

- Clark: Archery—821; Youth—25; Firearm—1145; Muzzleloader—60; Total—2051.
- Coles: Archery—642; Youth—13; Firearm—592; Muzzleloader—20; Total—1267.
- Cumberland: Archery—448; Youth—22; Firearm—775; Muzzleloader—18; Total—1263.
- Douglas: Archery—184; Youth—6; Firearm—132; Muzzleloader—8; Total—330.
- Edgar: Archery—411; Youth—23; Firearm—562; Muzzleloader—23; Late Winter-CWD—48; Total—1067.
- Moultrie: Archery—353; Youth—13; Firearm—203; Muzzleloader—10; Total—579.
- Shelby: Archery—741; Youth—36; Firearm—1069; Muzzleloader—45; Late Winter-CWD—56; Total—1947.

Additional statewide results, including Final Deer Harvest Totals can be found at www2.illinois.gov/IISNews/15275-IDNR_Deer_Seasons_Preliminary_Harvest_Release.pdf

Hospital, health department to provide screenings

EFFINGHAM — HSHS St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital, in partnership with the Effingham County Health Department, offers low-cost health screenings to the community. Called “Working Together for Health”, this service is available to anyone in the community, especially for those with high-deductible insurance plans.

The health screenings are conducted the first Tuesday of each month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The next screening is scheduled for Tuesday at the Effingham County Health Department, 901 West Virginia Ave. The low-cost health screenings that will be offered are:

■ Cholesterol and Triglycerides – Cost: \$20

An important measure of heart health, a cholesterol and triglyceride blood test measures the total amount of fatty substances (cholesterol and triglycerides) in the blood. This test requires drawing a blood sample from the vein. Prior to the test, fasting for 10 hours is required.

■ Blood Sugar – Cost: \$20

A screening for prediabetes and diabetes, this blood test is used to determine the amount of glucose in the blood. This test requires drawing a blood sample from the vein. Prior to the test, fasting for 10 hours is required.

■ Hemoglobin A1C – Cost: \$20

An A1C test measures your average blood glucose for the past two to three months. This test is used to diagnose type

1 and type 2 diabetes, and to gauge how well a person’s diabetes is being managed. People who have diabetes need this test regularly to see if their levels are staying within range. This test requires drawing a blood sample from the vein. No fasting is required prior to the test.

No appointments are necessary and walk-ins are welcome. Cash payment (cash, credit card, debit card or HSA card) for tests is required at the time of the screening. Insurance plans or medical cards will not be billed.

Screenings participants will be mailed the test results. The participant is responsible for follow-up with their physician to review the screening results and obtain medical advice and treatment.

In addition to the Working Together for Health service, the Effingham County Health Department continues to offer additional low-cost, physician-ordered, diagnostic testing during regular business hours throughout the month. Please call the Health Department at 217-342-9237 for details about this service.

For more information about “Working Together for Health” low-cost screenings, contact the Effingham County Health Department at 217-342-9237. For more information about the Effingham County Health Department, visit their website at effcohealth.org. For more information about HSHS St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital, visit St. Anthony’s website at stanthonyshospital.org.

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Paris Art Center to hold Lincoln card contest

PARIS — The Paris Art Center, along with Altrusa Intl. of Paris, Pearman Pharmacy, and individuals are sponsoring a Lincoln Birthday Card Contest. All fourth- and fifth-grade students in Edgar County are creating birthday cards for Mr. Lincoln.

A panel of judges will pick a grand prize winner, who will receive a \$50 award, and first-, second- and third-place winners in each school, who will receive ribbons. Every participating student will receive a certificate.

The cards will be on display at the art center starting Wednesday. The awards will be given out during the Lincoln Birthday Open House at the art center on

Sunday. The open house is from 2-4 p.m. The awards will be handed out at 3 p.m. Bring your family and come see the Lincoln birthday cards that will be on display at the art center.

For more information, contact the art center at 217-466-8130 or at parisartcenter.com. The center is located at 132 South Central Ave. in Paris.

Bluegrass band plans anniversary celebration

ARTHUR — Members of Mackville, a local bluegrass gospel band from Atwood, have been together for 10 years and are hosting an anniversary celebration on Saturday to be held at Penn Station, 122 E. Progress St.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. for fellowship and refreshments followed by a concert at 7 p.m. This is a free event and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call 217-460-1439 or 217-578-3868. To learn more about Mackville, visit their website at www.mackvillebluegrass.com.

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