



**LI'L LAMBS FIRE SAFETY** - Certificates for completing a fire awareness course were presented to students at Li'l Lambs Preschool at Bridgeview Community Church on Wednesday, May 26. De Spellman (left), an Illinois Valley volunteer firefighter who is the fire district's fire prevention coordinator and who conducted the course, was accompanied by 'Rainie' Rich (right), wife of Chief Harry Rich. Receiving their graduation certificates were (front, from left) Grace Drevenstedt, Annabelle Drevenstedt, Charity Richardson, Steven Martinson and Liana Murphy; and (at rear) Asa Martinson, a school helper, holding Joseph Martinson.

## BLM sets road closures, delays in Selma

Various temporary road closures and delays, some of them in the Selma area of Illinois Valley, are planned by the Bureau of Land Management.

Four culvert projects are to begin on Tuesday, June 15.

Two culverts on Crooks Creek Road (BLM Road 37-7-35.2) near mile-

post 0.5 and 0.7 are scheduled to be replaced with a "fish friendly" arch. The road will be closed to all through-traffic until approximately Aug. 15.

Also, the culvert on Crooks Creek Spur Road (BLM Road 38-7-3) near milepost 0.1 is to be replaced with the same type arch. It will be closed to all through-traffic for the same period as above.

A culvert on White Creek Road (BLM Road 38-6-18), off Deer Creek Road east of Selma near milepost 1.5, is to be replaced with a fish-friendly arch.

Traffic will be rerouted via BLM Road 38-7-13.4 until about Aug. 15.

## Shining Stars Festival

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joyment of a band while relaxing by a campsite, or dancing close to the main stage. The entire grounds are wired, so no one misses the incredible sounds.

"Shining Stars Festival offers an eclectic mix of workshops, ethnic food booths, and quality vendors from a wide spectrum of local and regional artisans. Primitive campsites are available with drinking water and outhouses.

"Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult and will enjoy the engaging Kids Village. It hosts a wonderland of opportunities for youthful tastes - a safe place for children to explore and create on a grand scale that will satisfy all their senses. This year's Kids Village will include planned arts-and-craft projects; as well as snacks, storytelling and performances, juggler extraordinaire and more.

"The children will create costumes - then present a parade of their own design throughout the festival grounds Sunday afternoon. Kids Village works for parents too; providing wa-

ter, snacks, shade and quiet areas among the trees, with the fully staffed first aid station nearby.

"Everyone involved blends into a giant family for the weekend. Band members, artists, vendors, festival attendees and volunteers equally enjoy the atmosphere.

"Under the universal umbrella of music and love of children, Shining Stars Festival creates the social benefit of bringing people together from many different cultures, political viewpoints and economic backgrounds. What started as a small, grassroots effort has quickly expanded into a major music festival, as well as a not-for-profit organization.

"The Shining Stars Board of Directors includes parents, musicians, artists, puppeteers and small business owners, who share the common goal of enriching the lives of children in Illinois Valley with access to arts, music and recreation.

"Producing an annual music festival helps bridge financial and social gaps affecting youth in the impoverished Illinois Valley.

## WWII Memorial established at lake

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"When World War II ended," said Ellis, "the generations of forces that ended the tyranny, neither asked for a memorial nor did they expect a memorial. They came home and they went to work. They built a nation that remains the world's most powerful example of democracy and freedom."

The event featured honored guest speaker Teedie Cowie Woodcock, who was held in a Japanese prison camp for three years during the war.

Wookcock talked of her harrowing ordeal as a POW in a camp located in the Philippines; known as Santo Tomas.

"We had a 6-foot by 4-foot area for our bed and possessions," said Woodcock. "Food was our primary concern. One of the signs of starvation was a constant fantasy about food; you think about it all the time.

"We would share recipes, talk about food, and salivate over pictures in magazines. The Japanese permitted us to open a garden at one point to help



Former POW Teedie Woodcock (Shane Welsh photo)

raise some food, but it certainly wasn't enough for 3,600 people.

"Bed bugs were a constant problem," she said. "The room my mother and I were in had a line down the middle where we attached our mosquito nets. If the lady next to you didn't keep her bed bugs out of her bed, they would walk up the line and end up in your bed."

She said that there were nearly 3,600 prisoners in her camp when it was liberated.

Junior American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70

member Pam Stafford presented, "I Am The Flag," and junior member Katrina Grove presented, "It Is The Veteran." Members of the Merlin National Guard were also present.

More than 45 veterans were honored during the ceremony with a certificate of appreciation for their service to our nation.

A chicken barbecue was offered before the main event, which ended with a raffle drawing of a 16-foot drift boat. It was won by U.S. Navy veteran Marvin E. Haynie, Cave Junction resident.

Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country. - President John F. Kennedy -



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