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WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS BI-COUNTY INSTITUTE

Expect Waterloo High School to showcase its new building when it hosts the Bi-County Institute on October 8, 2010. The largest group of Institute presenters will be on home turf this year when they share everything from STEM to foreign language software to connecting your classroom worldwide. Fifteen Waterloo district personnel will share with fellow educators tried and true methods for academic success. Other teachers, administrators, coaches and businesspeople will round out the program for "Reaching All Learners." Institute booklets have been distributed so everyone can plan for a day of attending excellent workshops, hearing a best-selling keynote speaker and sharing ideas.

GET AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF *LOOK ME IN THE EYE*

Don't miss an opportunity to own an autographed copy of *Look Me in the Eye*, the best-selling book by guest speaker John Elder Robison. A limited number of the books will be available for \$13 apiece at the Bi-County Institute for Mr. Robison to sign. Please make checks payable to *Monroe-Randolph ROE*.

DAUPHIN ISLAND GROUP LEARNS AND PLAYS

Thirty-three high schoolers, ten teachers and Cindy Callahan from the ROE returned September 28th from Dauphin Island Sea Lab, a marine science institution located on a barrier island in the Gulf of Mexico near Mobile, Alabama. Participants spent 2 days traveling by bus and 3 days learning about that area's ecosystems. Activities included an excursion aboard a research vessel; exploration of beach, saltwater marsh and maritime forest habitats; plankton collection and an oceanography lesson. This trip has been offered by the ROE approximately every two years since 2000 and proven popular with students and chaperones alike.

JUANITA KENT KEEPS ON JEEPING

Many of you might not see her often, but Juanita Kent, the veteran ROE courier, comes to Randolph County schools on Friday and Monroe County schools on Monday, calendar permitting, to deliver requests from the Resource Library and interschool materials. Any administrator or teacher in the bi-county region is able to send materials among schools or the ROE with her service. On the job since 1999, Juanita knows the fastest way around the counties, the best place to park at the schools and the right door to enter to get to the office. She enjoys seeing so many smiling faces and hearing happy children's voices in the halls and over the years has attended many sporting events, open houses and other school activities to support her younger friends.

RESOURCE LIBRARY IS IMPORTANT STOP

One of Juanita's Friday/Monday stops (article above) is the Resource Library. The entire library and check-out system is now accessible from the ROE website at www.roe45.org. On the homepage is a navigation menu on the right called *Tools & Resources*. Select *Resource Library* to view and check out items from the library. You will need to create an account on the site to access over 1600 items. If you already have an account but have forgotten your password, click the link *Forgotten Password* at the bottom of the login form. Once in the system you will be able to search the library by title, subject, category (including professional development under Teaching and Learning), type of resource, grade level or resource status. Videos for all subject areas, Literature Tubs, Math Kits, etc. are available and may be checked out for up to 6 weeks. If you do not find the resource you are looking for in the library, contact Gertie at the ROE's Waterloo office at 939-5650; the ROE may consider acquiring the item.

FREE CONFERENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRESENTER BERTIE KINGORE

Dr. Bertie Kingore, an internationally known education consultant and award-winning author, will combine humor and practicality in her workshop *Differentiation: Ways to Save Time and Increase Achievement for All Learners K-12* October 19th at The Falls in Columbia. Educators new to the concepts of differentiated instruction, as well as those who are familiar with the practice, will be motivated and revitalized for teaching. Her session will translate research into realistic and effective strategies that you can use in mixed-ability classrooms to promote continuous learning for all students. Register online at www.directionsconference.org. The first 60 teachers from the bi-county region will have their fees waived, with Gifted Education Seminar participants having preference. The first 30 registrants will also get sub reimbursement. This is a workshop that you will not want to miss!

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MORE THAN EIGHT SIDES TO THE STORY AVAILABLE

Six autographed copies of Mary Ellen Cissell’s nostalgic book, *More than Eight Sides to the Story*, are on sale for \$26 each at the Waterloo ROE office. The book is a well-researched collection of oral histories of student days at Charter Oak School, the octagonal schoolhouse located in Randolph County south of Sparta on the Schuline/Evansville Road between Schuline and Walsh and well maintained by the Randolph County Historical Society. Read about the times of one-room schools and enjoy the enlightening commentaries and interesting photos. *More than Eight Sides* would make a perfect Christmas gift for the local history buff on your list.

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 23-31

Share the story with your students. Undercover Drug Enforcement Agency agent Enrique Camarena was killed in 1985 by Mexican drug traffickers. To honor him, people in his hometown of Calexico, California, started Camarena Clubs that promoted drug-free lives. The concept spread to other states. The U.S. Congress officially proclaimed Red Ribbon Week in 1988. Share the anti-drug message: the more educated a student is about healthy choices, the greater the likelihood he will choose to avoid drugs.

ADMINISTRATOR ACADEMY SPOTLIGHTS SPECIAL EDUCATION

Brandon Wright, juris doctor and former university professor, will present *Identification and Provision of Service for the Special Education Students* on November 2, 2010 at SWIC, Red Bud. Designed to give administrators legal knowledge and best practices regarding special education eligibility, procedures, methodology, implementation of IEP’s and discipline, Mr. Wright’s workshop will also discuss 504 plans, legal updates, records management and extended services. All administrators will benefit from this informative and timely workshop and should register by October 25th by faxing a registration form to 618-939-5332 or phoning 618-939-5650.

LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the publication of the Institute Fund receipts and disbursements for Monroe and Randolph counties as required by Public Act 84-120 on or before January 1st of each year. *Monroe-Randolph Counties Regional Superintendent of Schools, 107 East Mill Street, Waterloo, IL 62298*

Annual Institute Fund Report

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Balance on hand July 1, 2009	\$ 35,383.24
RECEIPTS:	
Fees – Teacher Certification & Registration	11,598.38
Interest Earned on Account	266.28
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,864.66
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Personnel- Salary/Benefits	5,803.04
Supplies	321.50
Printing/Copying/Postage/Telephone	<u>1,165.03</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 7,289.57
BALANCE ON HAND 6-30-10	\$ 39,958.33

A detailed list of all receipts and expenditures is available for public inspection at the Regional Superintendent’s Office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 4, 2010	CASI Workshop	Monroe County Annex – Waterloo	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
October 6, 2010	New Teacher Communication	SWIC, Red Bud – Room 123	4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
October 8, 2010	Bi-County Institute	Waterloo High School	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
October 14, 2010	School Improvement Planning	St. Patrick Parish Hall – Ruma	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
October 19, 2010	Bertie Kingore Workshop	The Falls – Columbia	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
November 2, 2010	Administrator Academy #593	SWIC – Room 152	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
November 16, 2010	TRS Group Meeting	Sparta Lincoln Middle Library	4:30 p.m.
November 17, 2010	TRS Group Meeting	Waterloo High Library	4:30 p.m.
November 23, 2010	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC – Room 152	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

THE MONROE-RANDOLPH ROE IS HERE TO SERVE YOU. CONTACT THE WATERLOO OFFICE AT 618-939-5650 OR THE CHESTER OFFICE AT 618-826-5471.