

Girard Chamber nominates 2017 officers

Nominating committee recommended the following officers be elected for 2017. Officers include President Victor Angulo, Vice President Darren Burnett, Treasurer Mike Mauk, and Secretary Debbie Burnett.

The Chamber decided to recognize long time Girard Chamber member Nathan Jones who is retiring this month. Nathan is part owner of Gold Nugget Publications which was sold on December 15 to the Southern Illinois Media Group headquartered in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Nathan was presented a plaque which said in part, "The Girard Chamber of Commerce recognizes and honors you for your many years of service to our Chamber and Community."

Construction at the Community Center is continuing with drywall going up in the kitchen and hallway. Committee member Jeanette Ear-

ley said that her group is hoping area residents can give a End of Year donation so that money can be raised to finish off the needed kitchen equipment.

Bill Deck said that the Girard History Museum was continuing to be assembled but he needed volunteers to help sort through all the collected items and organize them into the history cases. Volunteers are asked to contact Bill at 627-3533.

Miss Girard Colleen Nichols said that she and Mr. and Miss Girard were able to participate in various holiday activities including last weekend's Virden Christmas parade.

John Earley informed the chamber that six area fire departments had personnel at a planned house fire in the country which gave firemen an opportunity to learn about fighting fires.

Area churches, social organizations, and government

agencies have been meeting so that the community can coordinate all social services which are available for the needy.

Attending December's meeting were President Victor Angulo, Vice President Darrin Burnett, Secretary Deb Burnett, Treasurer Mike Mauk, Peggy and Bill Giles, Bill Deck, Miss Girard Colleen Nichols, Maureen Nichols, John and Jeanette Earley, Millie Burgess, Dr. Juanita Rule, Tabitha Bock, Stacey Hughes, Paulette Buch Miller, Mary Alice Cunningham, Dave Campbell, Bill Deck and Nathan Jones.

John and Jeanette Earley, sponsored the December 14th chamber breakfast which was hosted at Pleasant Hill Village. The Chamber will next meet on Wednesday, January 11, at Oak Leaf Country Club. The January chamber breakfast will be sponsored by First National Bank of Raymond.