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40,000

Number of women who die from breast cancer each year

34%

Rate of decrease in death rates since 1990

85%

Women diagnosed who did not have family history

Student numbers decline

State has seen drop in high school grads

By Ryan Wilson
Editor

SPRINGFIELD — Lincoln Land Community College saw a 3.4 percent decrease in enrollment this semester compared to last fall. All of LLCC's campuses combined to have 7,035 students on the 10th day of classes, which is down 244 students from this time last year.

The credit hours those students are taking is also down 1.3 percent from last year.

"There are fewer high school students in the pipeline to college overall," said Lynn Whalen, Lincoln Land's executive director of public relations.

A recent study by Western Illinois University said that there will be fewer than 8,000 graduates by 2015 than in 2011.

She said projections for next semester's enrollment have not yet been made.

But despite this, Whalen attributed the decline to the status of the economy.

"This decrease was expected and reflects a state and national trend," she said. "Traditionally, as the economy improves, community college enrollment experiences a decrease."

Additionally, since declining enrollments are occurring nationally, some schools — especially in Illinois — have recently made efforts to recruit students from the Chicago metropolitan areas. Chicago has been known to have a large market for college students.

"We do not recruit outside of our district, which includes all or parts of 15 counties in Central Illinois," Whalen said. "Students outside our district are served by community colleges in their areas."

She said the college sends some recruitment staff members to high schools, business and agencies in its

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Dealing with diagnosis

Breast Cancer Awareness Month promotes need for early detection

By Dominique Lamp
Staff Writer

Your heart may drop. You suddenly feel at a loss for words. You don't know how to feel or how to act next in order not to be rude. While diving into conversation with someone talking about life, day-to-day routines or small struggles, you never prepare yourself to hear this word: Cancer.

While you may not be prepared to talk about cancer, the patient was not prepared for diagnosis, either. It may have changed the conversation topic, but the news changed the other person's life.

It's October. People will be sporting their pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Established in 1985, the month has a primary

Get Involved

American Cancer Society Making Strides of Springfield will hold a 5K at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

The LLCC Student Government Association invites students to participate in the following events:

■ Donuts and Lemonade, 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15.

■ Wear Pink on Fridays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31. If wearing pink, stop by the SGA table in the Student Union between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to enter to win a \$50 gas card.

goal to detect cancer early.

Early detection leads to a better chance of survival and lower costs of treatment, according to "Health Awareness Campaigns and Diagnosis Rates: Evidence from National

Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, after skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, regardless of race or ethnicity. One in 8 Americans will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Professor Tim Humphrey, dean of Arts & Humanities, continues to walk through this journey with his wife, Jen, when she was diagnosed in 2013.

Jen Humphrey said that her and her husband found the initial lump in her breast.

"After a mammogram, an ultrasound and eventual biopsy, I was diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer," she said.

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Multicultural Fest changes focus

Vendors geared to student interests

By Brennan Stidham
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — This year's Multicultural Festival kicked off two hours later than normal to focus activities on the busiest times for the festival, Student Life officials said.

"It's an attempt to 'baptize students into culture,'" said Michelle Burger, the student engagement coordinator.

The 11th annual event started drawing students at 11 a.m. to the sidewalk outside of the A. Lincoln Commons for music, dancing and food. The Festival started at 9 a.m. in previous years.

"There was a smaller attendance between 10 and 11, so we cut (the event) to the best time possible," said Burger. "Attendance is usually better in the evening."

This year's Multicultural Festival featured belly dancing, African Banjo, folk dancing and LLCC's choir.

Additionally, about 36 different

groups and cultures were represented at the event. It had Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Mexican and American food, provided by local restaurants AZ-T-ca Mexican Grill, Clay's, Pop-eye's, Bar-B-Que, Gateway to India, Happy Sushi, Holy Land Diner and Hunan Chinese Restaurant.

"I've been coming for years," student Brian Markley said. "It seemed to me that two to four years ago, it was more about the countries. I went this year, and it was all about the vendors."

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Jordan Minder/The Lamp
Belly dancers perform as part of the Multicultural Festival at Lincoln Land Community College on Oct. 1.

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Lamp changes front page

By Ryan Wilson
Editor



It's sad to many of us, but gone are the days when people read the news-

paper as a matter of routine.

Realizing that, The Lamp sees its name brazened across its front page as no longer the best use of space. When people started their days with the newspaper and saw it as an essential part of their lives, the brand's prominence was integral. People would know that was something they needed to pick up.

Because of that, we've decided to make our nameplate smaller.

The Lamp's nameplate, also known as the flag by many journalists, has been shrunk. Many of you will

notice that it's smaller now.

It took up almost 3.5 inches of the page before. Given the way the newspaper is folded by the printer, that is about half of the cover visible to passers-by. We have only 8 inches to entice people to read our paper. Having the nameplate take up almost half of that space is too much.

The name alone no longer invites people to pick it up.

By keeping the flag less than 2 inches on the top of the front page, we have more room to capture attention with photos, stories, headlines

and more.

We hope our regular readers will still pick up the paper, despite the change. And we hope to capture more readers, as we will now have more content visible on the front page.

The Lamp hopes to make more design changes in coming weeks, but this is our first big change. We hope you like it.

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Is America the greatest country?

By Justice Council
Staff Writer



I know most people feel obligated to say, "Of course." I mean, how could anyone possibly say their home country isn't the best?

Before you answer my question, I would like to give you a few interesting facts.

According to the Program for International Student Assessment, the United States is ranked 20th in reading, 30th in mathematics and 23rd in science in the world. The United States' overall educational system is ranked 17th.

On top of our low educational rank-

ings, the United States ranks 17th in having confidence in its leader.

In the most recent presidential election, the United States had a voter turnout of 57.5 percent of registered voters. There are 58 countries that had a better voter turnout in their elections.

People have lost all confidence in the power of their voice. The newer generations see no point in voting. Nor are there any candidates that attract the new generation into voting.

According to the Pew Research Center, only 15 percent of Americans ages 18 to 29 said the United States is the greatest country in the world. While 40 percent of citizens ages 65 and older agreed.

As you can see, the patriotism and faith in the United States is beginning to diminish. People are no longer voting and our education system is failing our students. We don't even have faith in our own elected leader.

For all of these reasons, now is the time for people to pay more attention. Citizens need to become more involved in current events in our nation. The newer generations need to voice their ideas and opin-



ions. Sitting back and complaining about things isn't going to change anything.

The only way we can turn our country around is if the citizens of the United States get involved. We

have the right to vote, the right to freedom of speech and the right to make a change in our government. Now is the time, more than ever, to exercise our freedoms and rights.

I realize many people feel as if their individual voice cannot truly affect change. I personally could not disagree more. All it takes is one individual's voice to influence and inspire others. Remember, a journey begins with a single step. It is our duty as American Citizens to take that first step and begin forming our future as a nation.

Now, here is the challenge: Before you use your powerful voice, you first must seek to truly understand. Do not make any haste decisions based on a negative campaign add or another's opinion. Support your decision with your own research and facts.

And please remember this from Rush's "Permanent Waves" album: If you choose not to decide, you have still made a choice.

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Smokers feel stigma — justified or not

By Ben Johnson
Staff Writer

Smokers are treated like second-class citizens in today's society. It's an opinion voiced by many smokers, but according to some nonsmokers, they deserve this designation.

Effective July 1, 2015, the state of Illinois will enforce a statewide smoking prohibition on all public institutions of higher learning. This ban will also be imposed on state community colleges, including Lincoln Land Community College.

As smoke rose slowly from his burning cigarette, a current student, sat in one of the few designated smoking areas on LLCC's campus:

the so-called "smoking hut." As he sat there, he must have pondered that his days of being able to smoke in public was nearing a close.

"(I'm) indifferent on the statewide ban. People are still going to smoke. But I like the idea of (them) being confined to a spot," said David Molohon, a nonsmoker who is an engineering major at SIUE and former student of Lincoln Land.

Under the new bill passed by the Illinois General Assembly, an "individual or campus subject shall not discriminate or retaliate in any manner against a person for making a complaint of a violation of this act."

It also says that an institution must create and post on its website a

smoke-free map indicating locations where smoking is prohibited on campus.

However, before all of this occurs, the state-funded institution must communicate to all students and staff, the prohibition of smoking on campus.

"I'm sure it will tick a lot of smokers off, because they won't be able to get their nicotine on a daily basis," said current LLCC student Tylar Everhart. "Honestly, I think they (cigarettes) are a bad deal, but if you want to keep your campus clean, then that's your priority."

For many smokers, it is proof of their second-class status.

In 2008, Illinois took the step of creating a smoke-free environment

for its residents and workers. This includes bans on smoking in public places, such as bars, restaurants, schools, businesses and workplaces. If one were to smoke in these areas, he or she must be at least 15 feet away from the entrance.

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, behind high blood pressure.

Being discriminated against is never fun, but this is a challenge that many smokers face today. Smokers are living with limited smoking areas, higher taxes for smokes and discrimination. As we move toward a cleaner society and with new laws on the prohibition of smoking, smokers may soon become a dying breed.

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Students get practice at running a not-for-profit organization

By Nathanael Herbert
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Males/Females Saving the Whales was one of the ideas students created to test their mettle at running a nonprofit organization.

Student Life's 'Running a not-for-profit' Leadership Series event brought about 30 students to the Trutter Center on Sept. 26 for not only a free lunch, but also advice on how to run a nonprofit organization.

As part of the event, attendees were split into groups to create an imaginary nonprofit organization.

Besides Males/Females Saving the Whales, other ideas included: Open Arms, Higher Education Foundation and The Homeless Shelter Support Foundation.

Lincoln Land student groups, clubs and foundations are required to attend at least three Leadership Series events to earn funding from Student Life each year.

However, these events are for much more than a paycheck, says Michelle Burger.

The series is "a very good opportunity for officers and leaders to grow," said Burger, the student engagement coordinator who helped organize the event.

She said networking and collaboration is highly encouraged.

"I am hoping to find something that will help our club," one student said of the series.

"My goal for this semester is to give back to the community," another student said.

Other students were unsure what they would learn from the series, but they did expect a free meal.

The 'Running a not-for-profit' had people representing the Student Government Association, the Honors Program, Student United Way, Phi Theta Kappa, Logger Activity Board, Jazz Club, Veterans Club, Theatre Club, Beardstown SELF Group, J'ville

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run teaches girls how to handle difficult situations in life in a healthy and confident way. About 200 Illinois coaches help a group of eight to 15 girls in the fall and spring.

To find out more information on Girls on the Run, visit gotcentralillinois.org.

Student Loggers, Environmental Group, International Club and The Lamp.

The executive director of Girls on the Run (GOTR), Jennifer Sublett, was the main speaker. She quickly got people involved, as she asked everyone in attendance to share something about themselves, their clubs and their passions.

Sublett gave tips that would help ensure a healthy and stable management for each club and groups.

She helps train and prepare all volunteers at GOTR. She said she has received positive feedback from those involved.

Sublett graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor's degree in biology. She previously worked for several organizations and foundations. And in her words, she "just kind of fell into" Girls on the Run.

Nonprofits cover the entire spectrum of job occupations, meaning that anyone can be involved in or hired for one.

Sublett said a nonprofit organization needs a director and employees who can advertise, manage finances, plan and organize in accordance with each of their talents.

She said that, "They (those in attendance) can give back to their community with interests and passions."

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Eventually, Jen Humphrey's cancer spread to her lymph nodes. She has gone through chemotherapy, radiation therapy, two mastectomies and will face reconstructive surgery Oct. 7, as her husband shared.

Through all of her pain and loss of strength, the Humphreys took a similar outlook on the reason for her fight: their future together.

"Initially we were devastated and fearful of what the future would hold for us," Jen Humphrey said. "Most frightening is not knowing if you will have a future together in the first place."

Tim Humphrey had much the same view on his wife's journey saying, "I would argue that our future together kept us strong. I cannot imagine a future without Jen. I cannot imagine a future with Cheyenne not having a mommy."

Due to the treatment needed for breast cancer, patients more likely than not lose their hair. Jen Humphrey made this experience as positive as it could be and included her daughter.

"Jen let Cheyenne cut her hair shorter and shorter," Tim Humphrey said. "At one point, Jen wanted a mohawk. Therefore, I made it happen. We all got a good laugh out of it which lightened the mood."

Dr. Deborah Brothers, professor of English here at Lincoln Land, has witnessed the troubles of breast cancer through her loved ones, both her mother and grandmother.

"My mother and grandmother both recovered from their breast cancers," Brothers said. "And even though my mom developed cancer in the other breast a few years after her first bout, she recovered from that, as well, and has been cancer free for about nine or 10 years."

Brother's takes precautions to make sure she is checked for Breast Cancer regularly due to her family history, but according to U.S. breast cancer statistics, 85 percent of breast cancer diagnoses occur in women who have no family history of breast cancer.

Brother's mother opted for surgery both times she had been diagnosed. She said that even with her family history, her mother was sur-

prised at her first diagnosis. Even having family history of breast cancer, there really is no way to prepare you for that news. Her grandmother, 'Nonnie' was much older when she was diagnosed and decided upon chemotherapy.

"I think Nonnie was lucky," Brothers said, "She stopped her treatments, but they obviously worked. She didn't die until she was almost 90, and she did not die from cancer."

Although not any easy journey, both Brother's mother and 'Nonnie' were able to beat their cancers.

What is breast cancer?

Breast cancer forms in the cells of the breast. The breast consists of lobules, ducts, fatty and connective tissue, blood vessels and lymph vessels. The milk producing ducts and glands are the two most likely to develop cancerous cells, according to the Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

There are four main stages of breast cancer, as well as recurrent breast cancer, which is returning cancer despite previous treatment.

Some people do not get so lucky. Although death rates have gone down 34 percent since 1990, according

to the American Cancer Society, still close to 40,000 Breast Cancer patients will die.

During October we should not only be focused on raising awareness and the importance of regular check-ups, but also remember all of the individuals who have fought Breast Cancer themselves whether they won the fight or did not get to fortunate, as well as the devastation and fear their diagnosis brings to their life.

As Jen Humphrey continues to fighting she says: "Standing on the fringes of life gives you an unbelievable appreciation for the simple things in life, and one of those is life itself."

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“With the shift to the organizations, the event is more geared toward something about students,” said Sharon Stidham, who represented Ireland at the event in previous years. “Last year, a large number of students would go to a country’s display in a booth and look around for a few minutes then leave. A few of the students would come and ask some questions to learn about the culture, but it was not a majority.”

But despite this, the attendance at this year’s event was consistent with previous years. Burger said there was “a larger number of community members” at about noon.

As part of continual efforts to improve the festival, it was moved outside a few years ago from its venue inside the Trutter Center.

“Compared to the Trutter Center, it’s a lot easier to get community members involved. They don’t have to go completely out of their way,” Burger said. “We attract more students who are coming and going.”

Luckily for the event, it saw warm weather and sunny skies this year.

The multicultural events receive one of the largest budgets from Student Life, with \$16,500 allocated in 2014-15. While Burger was unable to give an estimate on the festival’s costs, it primarily goes to the food and entertainment.

“We saved a bundle on entertainment this year,” Burger said. “The stands are all done on a volunteer basis.”



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Looking for a good SCARE?

By Elaina Antenan | Staff Writer

Those goblins, ghouls and ghosts are waiting ... waiting to scare you and your friends half to death. They're staring you down, and then out of nowhere, they jump at you from behind a wall, watching you scream.

Boo Crew (Rochester)

This October, Boo Crew will be open every Friday and Saturday through Nov. 1. They will have a light show at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 for children

It costs only \$10 for general admission, but if you're too excited to wait, there is a \$15 flash-pass available.

Warning: This event is anything but amateur, as there are amazing actors and performances. They are certain to frighten you!

Address: 11083 Buckhart Road, Mechanicsburg, IL 62545

Contact: scare@boocrew.com

Riverside Park Haunted Hay Ride (Springfield)

This spooky ride is pulled by a hearse. And it is a guaranteed scare!

This is a perfect place for a spook, but

there are no ghosts. Just hang out with friends and family by a fire with some hot chocolate while waiting to get your scare on!

Riverside's haunted hayride is open every Friday and Saturday of October. Gates open at 6 p.m. and rides start at 7 p.m. General admission is \$10, but if you aren't patient enough to wait, there is a flash-pass available for \$15.

Address: 2310 Chinchilla Lane, Springfield, IL 62702

Contact: 217-522-7702

Carter Bros. Haunted Hay Ride (Springfield)

Every Friday and Saturday in October, this hayride starts rolling at 7 p.m.

Pay \$10 to ride through the woods and into nightmares!

Tired of drinking several cups of coffee on your long wait? Explore Carter Brother's "Halls of Terror," a haunted

house that is free with the purchase of a hayride ticket.

Well, The Lamp's Elaina Antenan has listed her top picks for the best Halloween experience. Her list takes a look at some of the scariest places in the area.

If you're scared of the dark but still interested in spooky stuff, Carter Bros. has a day-time hayride from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 that costs \$5 a person.

Address: 104 Carter Lane, Springfield, IL

Address: 119 S. 7th St., Petersburg, IL 62675

Terror On The Square (Petersburg)

Terror on The Square was formed in an old funeral home, and if the actors can't scare you, the spirits will!

This year's theme — "Terror in the Graveyard" — is a brand-new haunting experience.

It's \$10 a person for the scare of your life! Kids under 10 get in for \$8.

Terror on the Square is open every Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. until Oct. 25. But it reopens Oct. 26, 30 and 31.

Address: 1525 S. 8th Street St Louis, MO 63104

The Darkness (St. Louis)

If you are looking for something that's worth traveling for, this is the place to go!

The Darkness in St. Louis is open every weekend in October! Although it's more expensive than the other places, The Darkness is well worth the cash.

Tickets are \$25 a person. They are available online and at the door.

With new themes and characters every year, this haunted house is never boring. If you're looking for travel and fun, The Darkness is the perfect location.

Address: 119 S. 7th St., Petersburg, IL 62675

Contact: 314-241-3456

Experts warn about free speech threat

By Justice Council
Staff Writer

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign recently revoked the job offer of a professor because of his tweets.

Steven Salaita sent messages critical of Israel in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Just weeks before the start of classes, the U of I withdrew his job offer to teach Native American Studies.

The university took away the professor's right to voice his opinions, said Anthony DiMaggio, an associate professor of Political Science at Lincoln Land Community College. Even outside of his career, the professor was judged for expressing his own ideas.

DiMaggio and John Wilson, an expert on the history of higher education, shared their concerns about the state of academic freedom on Sept. 17. The pair were speaking as part of a Constitution Day event, "Free Speech Under Fire: Does the First Amendment Apply to Higher Education?" in the Trutter Center.

Wilson is also co-editor of *AcademeBlog.org* and editor of *Illinois Academe*.

Universities are no longer just paying attention to the professors teaching styles, but also to what they do outside of the class rooms, DiMaggio said. Universities now constantly have their eye on Facebook, Twitter



Jordan Minder/The Lamp

John Wilson, left, an expert on the history of higher education, and Anthony DiMaggio, associate professor of Political Science at LLCC, speak at a Constitution Day event, "Free Speech Under Fire: Does the First Amendment Apply to Higher Education?"

and the research publications of their professors.

Recently, there have been an increasing number of cases on the subject. DiMaggio outlined cases in which a professor's freedom of speech was challenged.

He argued that there should be a due process for all teachers before

they can be fired. Universities should be responsible for explaining why a professor was fired. DiMaggio said the tenure professors shouldn't be the only ones with the right to a due process.

Only 30 percent of all professors are considered tenured. So the majority of our nation's professors have

to constantly worry about their jobs. They no longer feel comfortable in voicing their opinions in class, nor in their own research outside of the universities, DiMaggio said.

Wilson gave a brief history of academic freedom, noting that the interpretation of free speech has changed drastically lately.

The universities' justify their actions by saying a professor must have civility. When they see tweets or publications of a professor that doesn't exercise civility, then the universities say they have the right to act.

Wilson argues that civility has nothing to do with professors' academic work. He says that the definition of civility is to have intellectual engagement — not political correctness at all the time.

Wilson says civility is a cover for political discrimination.

A teacher should try not to persuade a student to believe the instructor's opinion, Wilson said. But there is nothing wrong with a teacher expressing oneself outside of class.

One of Wilson's main arguments is that some teachers may be afraid to say certain things inside and outside of class. This, in turn, keeps students from seeing both sides of things. It kills any stimulating conversations a class should have.

Both speakers attested to witnessing academic freedom decline in their workplace. They ask that universities should be forced to show due process before they fire any teacher.

The First Amendment gave us the right to free speech, and the universities do not have the right to take that away.

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'It was a beautiful night for a beautiful girl.
I am glad I was able to be a part of it.'

Friend of Brooklyn Hope Armstrong

'Buckle Up for Brooklyn'

By Shannon Connolly
Staff Writer

CARLINVILLE — Seat belts save lives.

That's the message the family of 16-year-old Brooklyn Hope Armstrong are sharing after her death in an accident in which she was not buckled up.

Brooklyn was killed on the morning of Dec. 29, 2013, after she was ejected from a truck in which she was a passenger, according to news reports of the accident in the *State Journal-Register*. The Carlinville High School cheerleader and multi-sport athlete was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash occurred on Interstate 74 near Peoria with icy conditions creating treacherous driving conditions, according to news reports.

The family hopes her story and a fundraiser in Carlinville on Sept. 20 will fuel a "Buckle-Up-for-Brooklyn" campaign to raise awareness about seat belt safety.

More than 300 people came to the fundraiser to show their support for Brooklyn's family. The event started at 5 p.m. with chicken, pork chops, green beans and mashed potatoes. A prayer and guest speakers began two hours later.

Brooklyn's stepfather, Andy Ott, spoke first, thanking supporters and acknowledging all who made the

event happen.

The benefit also included a segment on seat belt safety from Illinois State Police Master Sgt. Michael Gillock, Trooper Rachel Bettis and Training Education Trooper Jeffrey Yenchko.

Sate Sen. Andy Manar and Macoupin County Sheriff's Deputy Shawn Kahl spoke about seat belt laws.

The benefit ended with Armstrong's father, Bryan Armstrong, doing the silent auction, which included wreaths, clothing, yard decals and oil changes.

Passion Painter painted, while Kishon Miller sang, "How to save a life" by the Fray.

"It was a beautiful night for a beautiful girl. I am glad I was able to be a part of it," said one of Brooklyn's friends.

The money raised from the event and campaign will go to seat belt safety awareness. Brooklyn's family plans to place billboards along highways and interstates across the state.

Ott and his wife, Kristy Armstrong-Ott, have played a major part in the "Buckle-Up-for-Brooklyn" campaign.

	*2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Deaths	686	991	956	918	927	911
No seat belt	182	294	282	276	272	276
Seat belt used	217	311	285	296	291	303

*Data as of Oct. 7

"Maybe we are supposed to do something bigger with this," said Armstrong-Ott.

As of Oct. 7, there have been 686 fatalities on Illinois highways in 2014, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. While seat belt usage is unknown in almost half of fatal accidents, 182 of them are known to have involved a person who did not wear — or improperly used — a seat belt.

In 2013, there were 991 people killed, with data showing at least 291 of them included the misuse of a seat belt, according to IDOT.

"Many people don't understand the actual risk they are taking at the time (of misusing a seat belt and driving)," another close friend of Brooklyn's said. "Not enough people care until it's too late."

Brooklyn's family said that many people have now taken the stand to wear seat belts.

"She (Brooklyn) just keeps changing lives," Armstrong-Ott said.

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Scrutiny follows security breach

Man jumped fence, made it into White House

By Michael Sauer
Staff Writer

For White House security, things were quite stressful.

On Friday, Sept. 19, military veteran Omar Gonzalez, who was armed with a knife, managed to jump the White House fence. He also had around 800 rounds of ammunition in his vehicle.

While he wasn't armed with a gun on the White House lawn, his intentions were unknown, and he was arrested after the break-in. On Monday, Sept. 22, he was taken to court on the charge of illegally entering a restricted area.

Gonzalez was also taken to George Washington University Hospital for a medical screening shortly after his arrest, according to Jon Passantino of BuzzFeed-News.com.

The next day, another man drove through a vehicle screening area of the White House, and he wouldn't leave. He was soon arrested.

Now, with all of these happenings in mind, should it raise questions about security at the most important building in the States?

John Vinzant said he was "not surprised that he (Gonzalez) jumped (the fence to the White House), since there is no security at the gate,"

Vinzant, a political science

professor at LLCC, recalled the time he visited the White House himself.

He said it's "easier than expected to get in the building (White House), even with the three checkpoints."

Vinzant said the White House has maintained safety.

"There have been very few attacks on the building, and none have been fatal, so far," he said. "Even if someone got past the fence, the president should be well-protected enough."

Dave Cox, however, had slightly different views.

Cox, a biology professor at Lincoln Land, said that "if someone broke into the White House, there are some definite security concerns. However, anything can be broken into if someone wants something enough. It would be worse if someone broke in without security knowing about it."

He said that the White House has previously done well at preventing potential threats.

"From what I understand, with all the guards, metal-detectors, surveillance, and other things, the White House seems to be protected enough. ... It is the digital threats that are more worrying than people on the lawn."

"Physical attacks are easy to handle, digital attacks are much harder to fight."

Now, we must ask ourselves this question: Is the White House truly safe enough, or does security there need an overhaul?

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Men's basketball recruits from St. Louis

Team also benefits from sophomores

By Ryan Wilson
Staff Writer

For the first time in 14 years, the men's basketball team will have players from St. Louis.

"We've tried and tried and tried, and I think we finally wore down some of the (high school) coaches out down there," said Jones of his previous experience in recruiting players from St. Louis. "They (the coaches) kind of helped us out a little bit, and once we got the first

kid, it kind of opened the flood gates. And we got a bunch of them. St. Louis was good to us this year."

In addition to the those new players, Lincoln Land Community College's men's basketball team is full of experience this year, as there will be around 10 sophomores and six freshmen. Last year's team had four sophomores, and they lost in the first round of the Region 24 Tournament.

The team usually recruits players from Peoria to southern Illinois, Jones said. It is unclear how many players there are from St. Louis on this year's team, as the roster was not publicized before this story was

printed.

But Jones is excited not only about these players, but also about all the incoming freshmen.

"We kind of have that group of savvy veterans, and then we got the talented young guys," he said. "I think they (the freshmen) see that, 'Hey, I'm pretty good, but those guys (the sophomores) are doing things a little differently than I am.'"

The freshmen will be learning under sophomores who played a lot of minutes last season.

Jones said that some freshmen could move into the sophomore-filled starting lineup.

"For just having that experience

(from the sophomores) right out of the chute has to be the best advantage we have right now."

In addition to these freshmen, Jones is optimistic about a transfer student.

The Loggers finished 15-16 last year. They allowed the ninth fewest point per game allowed (55.4) in the nation.

Jones, however, is worried about his team's defense this year.

"We're really going to struggle early in the year. ... We will definitely have some defensive questions," Jones said. "We have a lot of guys that are super aggressive, almost overly aggressive, and that kind of puts us in some sports where

we kind of gamble a lot."

Jones said he applies positive and negative reinforcement to try to improve the defense.

"At some point, the light bulb is going to come on that coach isn't going to give up on this. We need to start doing it this way. And usually goods things happen once we get to that point (where the problem is fixed)."

The Loggers season opener is on Sunday, Oct. 12 at Lincoln College. The Loggers complete schedule can be found on thelamponline.com.

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Recap of Loggers Soccer games

Lincoln Land Loggers Soccer team has a 6-9 record as of Oct. 7. Here is a recap of games since the last edition of The Lamp:

Culver Stockton (Sept. 18)

The Loggers topped Culver Stockton, 2-1.

"I'm very proud of the boy's efforts. They moved the ball very nicely today and gave a frying effort for the full 90 minutes," Coach Shawn Dunas said.

Parkland College (Sept. 23)

The Loggers lost a tough one to-night against 20th-ranked Parkland College 1-0 in a big conference matchup.

Despite the loss, Dunas said: "I was very pleased with their effort tonight. This is the best we have played all year."

Lewis & Clark College (Sept. 25)

The Loggers lost to Lewis & Clark tonight, 3-2.

"Everyone contributed in one way or another," Dunas said. "We honestly get better every day. We grew as a team again today."

Illinois Central College (Sept. 27)

The men's soccer team lost in

the last minute of play against 5th ranked Illinois Central College, 2-3.

The score was tied until the 89th minute of the match when an LLCC error lead to ICC capitalizing on their third and winning goal of the match.

Heartland Community College (Oct. 1)

Heartland Community College beat Lincoln Land in overtime, 2-1.

"We got very unlucky. The boys definitely deserved to win that match. Unfortunately, we couldn't finish our opportunities today," Coach Dunas said.

East Central College (Oct. 5)

East Central College beat the Loggers, 3-1.

Dunas questions the fact that the Loggers received three red cards. "I've seen some questionable calls in my, days but three red cards for one team in a match I have never witnessed," Dunas said.

Lincoln College (Oct. 7)

The Loggers won 5-3 against Lincoln College.

and some computer lab hours. But Whalen said those cuts were not a direct result of enrollment declines.

"For the past year, in light of budget concerns, all personnel vacancies have been evaluated," Whalen said. "Sometimes, reorganization of offices occurs, as was the case with Student Life."

Lincoln Land has had about 16,300 students in noncredit and credit courses in the fiscal year 2014. New courses and programs start at different times in the year, so the enrollment may vary.

"We continue to spread the word about our affordability, high-quality education and to focus on efforts to promote student success and competition."

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district for promotion and advertising. The college also holds three Campus Visit Days each year for prospective students.

Whalen said the enrollment decline was only part of the recent budget cuts at LLCC.

"Enrollment is one factor in the overall financial picture of the college. State funding has declined over the past years, and we are carefully eyeing the pension reform debate in the state legislature," she said. "These factors have contributed to the college continuing its conservative approach to budgeting. There have been no across-the-board budget cuts to the college."

Lincoln Land recently cut a portion of the Student Life's budget



Lamp staff photo

The Loggers play Parkland College on Sept. 24.

Loggers Volleyball holds 11-15 record

The Lincoln Land Community College Volleyball team has an 11-15 record.

Here is a recap of games since the last edition of The Lamp:

Lewis and Clark Community College (Sept. 17)

Lewis and Clark Community College defeated LLCC, 25-17, 25-15 and 25-19.

Brenna Perinar had a team-high of 11 kills for Lincoln Land.

Vincennes University (Sept. 19)

Vincennes University lost to Lincoln Land in the first game of the Parkland Invitational, 21-25, 25-21, 25-15 and 26-24.

Brittani Tabbert had 10 digs and 13 kills — her fifth double-double for the LLCC this season.

Jackson Community College (Sept. 19)

The Loggers defeated Jackson College, 25-13, 24-26, 25-19, 25-13.

Loggers' Brittani Tabbert had her sixth double-double this season with 10 kills and 13 digs.

Johnson County Community College (Sept. 20)

Johnson County Community College won over LLCC, 21-25, 25-13, 25-13, 25-18 and 15-10.

LLCC's Tessa Amsden had 23 digs.

Muskegon Community College (Sept. 20)

Muskegon Community College lost to LLCC, 22-25, 25-22, 24-26 and 15-25.



Tiffany Sunderlin had 19 kills for Lincoln Land.

Parkland College (Sept. 24)

Lincoln Land Community College lost 21-25, 15-25 and 16-25 to Parkland College.

Tessa Amsden had 18 digs for the Loggers.

Jackson Community College (Oct. 4)

Jackson College was defeated by LLCC, 25-23, 27-25, 23-25 and 25-21.

Brenna Perinar had 22 kills for Lincoln Land.

Lorain County Community

College (Oct. 4)

Lorain County Community College finished on top over the Loggers, 18-25, 25-17, 26-24 and 25-13.

Lincoln Land's Brittani Tabbert had her seventh double-double of the season with 10 kills and 12 digs.

Owens Community College (Oct. 4)

Lincoln Land Community College fell to Owens Community College, 29-31, 15-25, 13-24 and 23-25.

Brittani Tabbert had her either double-double of the season with 12 kills and 11 digs.



Jordan Minder/The Lamp

Students visit vendors while listening to music at Loggerpalooza.

Fun while learning

Loggerpalooza offers more than entertainment

By Madison Mings
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Volunteers and staff laid colorful cloths across long tables with blue skies above and a sidewalk filled with activity, vendors and entertainment.

It is an exciting event happening at Lincoln Land Community College, said Michelle Burger, the student engagement coordinator for LLCC's Student Life. It gives organizations the opportunity to

showcase what services they have to offer, and students have some fun on their breaks between classes.

Some of the fun may have included a few games of chance in which students could win a prize. Plus, they could have listened to Patrick Lentz Band.

The band, which made its debut at Loggerpalooza, featured guitarist/singer Ryan Rancudo, came from Kansas City, Kan.

Despite some technical difficulties, the band performed "Waiting On The World To Change" by John Mayer and "Hold On We're Going Home" by Rapper/singer Drake.

"(The performance was) stressful, but

good," said Rancudo.

In addition to the band, there were massages and numerous vendors and organizations.

Burger said Loggerpalooza has been very beneficial to get Lincoln Land students comfortable and interested with volunteering and looking for career in fields they might not have thought about before.

It is always good to see students having fun while learning about new and interesting organizations, she said.

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Not-so-scary event has become family favorite

Lincoln museum's 'Spooktacular Evening' offers historic hauntings

By Mike Whitlaw
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Fog won't cover the room, as it would be a moor on a deep, dark threatening night. Unnatural lights probably won't move without known purpose or source. Creaks and groans heard may be only from the older and wiser guests. But the shadowy specter of Halloween is moving nearer and the place to find not-so-scary goblins, famous ghosts and things that don't go bump in the night will be at The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Halloween is not just an exciting time for the wee folks, but it's also for wee-hee-minded adults. This Halloween invitation to haunt is directed at the adults with little ones and no special plans for a family fright night, said Phyllis Evans, the director for membership at the Foundation of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

The foundation is hosting a "Spooktacular Evening with Abe" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, with early evening fun, games and culture. Evans said it's truly something for all.

The Spooktacular Evening will be the third annual Halloween event presented by the foundation for its valued membership. However, it is also an open invitation for families to enjoy the presidential museum experience, said Clare Thorpe, the museum's ticket sales

coordinator.

Who will be the famous spectral guests? In previous times, Mary Lincoln was known to come and share moments of her life in the 1800s.

Certainly, no historic haunting would be complete without the reflections of a warrior who fought in the Civil War.

If you go

WHAT: Spooktacular

Evening with Abe

WHEN: 6 to 8:30

p.m. Saturday,

Oct. 18

WHERE: Abraham

Presidential Library

& Museum, 212 N.

Sixth St., Springfield

COST: \$10 for

family tickets

HOW TO BUY: Call

558-8934; visiting the

Union Station between

9 a.m. and

4 p.m. weekdays; or

online at <http://alplm>

foundation.tix.com/

Event.aspx?Event

Code=692193.

Civilian life was not a time without stress during one of our country's defining moments, so expect a Lincoln-era civilian to share a tale or two.

But be of good Halloween cheer, for all is not doom and gloom at the Spooktacular Evening. Games will be played, storytellers will weave tales to fright or delight and a costume contest will be held for the wee ghost, goblin and grim guests.

Parents are welcomed to dress in costume, but adults will not be allowed to wear masks in the museum.

Fair warning: The Spooktacular Evening has become a popular pre-Halloween event, and the number of participants has grown. The foundation will accommodate all they can, but they can only accommodate safety.

Club Info Day finds success in new location

By Rhonda Leonard
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — This was the first year Lincoln Land's clubs were separate from the activities of Loggerpalooza.

But some students said their clubs were noticed less this year than before.

This year's club information day was moved to the R.H. Stephens Room, which is on the first floor of Menard Hall, above the Student Union and next to the president's office. Last year, it was held in the A. Lincoln Commons.

Amber Berman, Student Life's program assistant, said the move was to highlight interest in clubs and to ensure student groups weren't lost among the many vendors at Loggerpalooza.

While Loggerpalooza was going strong in the front of the A. Lincoln Commons, the clubs did see a record-breaking number of new members.

Faith Benschhof and Meagan York, who were representing the environmental club, said they enjoyed the event. And they had a long list of new recruits.

"We're trying to focus more of our help on the clubs this year," Berman said. "This event, hopefully, pulls the clubs together. We've seen about 400 students come through these (the R. H. Stephens Room's) doors today."

Benschhof and York said they would rather have the event in a more accessible area for students.

Ed Gerson, a nontraditional student, said he enjoyed learning about the many clubs and their opportunities. He said the clubs saw a good turnout.

To attract students to the event, Subway offered 250 free lunches.

"This was the first year we separated the student club information day from Loggerpalooza," said Michelle Burger, the Student Life program director. "And as successful as the day was, we will continue to make improvements on student networking opportunities."

There are 44 clubs at LLCC.

THE LAMP IS SEEKING SCARY STORIES SUBMISSIONS

Want to scare the pants off of the Lincoln Land campus? Well, we do. Since Halloween is just around the corner, it's time to scare people of LLCC out of their skin at with our "Scary Writing" contest. The theme is "The Haunting of Lincoln Land" that includes a \$50 gift card for scariest and best written story, as well as \$25 gift card to the authors of any other printed stories. We ask that your story relate to LLCC's campus and/or a person associated with the college. A panel of judges will be selected to do a blind review of all submissions.

All stories will be published online, though The Lamp reserves the right to edit or not publish stories deem inappropriate. Stories should be 500 to 1,000 words in length and submitted by Monday October 20, 2014. All submissions should be sent to timothy.mckenzie@llcc.edu.

