

# Officials say gas risk is low

## Carbon monoxide unlikely to cause problem at LLCC

By Shannon Connolly  
Staff Writer

GIRARD — On what seemed like a normal day at North Mac Middle School in Girard, 140 students and faculty ended up being rushed to the hospital. The Sept. 15 incident has been blamed on a broken furnace vent, leaking carbon monoxide (CO) throughout the school.

Carbon monoxide is known as the “invisible killer” because it is colorless and odorless. More than 150 people in the United States die each year from accidental non-fire-related CO poisoning. These deaths are caused by typical household products.

Most of the children and faculty at North Mac were sent to the hospitals and later released that same day. No one was seriously hurt.

The school has decided to install detectors in all of its schools.

Every home in Illinois is required by state law to have a CO detector, but schools — including Lincoln Land Community College — are not included.

“LLCC’s gas fired boilers and water heaters are located in mechanical rooms that are separated from student-, staff-occupied spaces,” said Dave Bretscher, Lincoln Land’s director of facilities. “And these rooms are ventilated to the outside of the building, so the chances of being exposed to excessive CO at LLCC are very small.”

Lincoln Land Community College also has carbon monoxide detectors in the Child Development Center, the Automotive Service Labs and the Grounds Maintenance Shop, Bretscher said.



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**Vehicles are common source of carbon monoxide.**

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# ‘Haunted Lab’

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The Lincoln Land Community College chemistry and environmental clubs are hosting the second “Haunted Lab.”

The Oct. 28 event welcomed a crowd of children, dressed in costumes, to see “spooky” science demonstrations and learn about science experiments they can do at home.

While waiting for the science shows, children enjoyed bubbles, fire, animals and hands-on activities.



## Ex-Logger joins the Generals

### Pro-team pits Burgess against Globetrotters

By Ryan Wilson  
Editor

It will be the first-time in the history of Lincoln Land Community College that an alumnus will wear a Washington Generals jersey.

The Washington Generals have been the well-known opponents of the Harlem Globetrotters for more than 60 years. Both teams are separately owned and consist of former (men and women’s) college basketball players from around the globe.

Blake Burgess, a 2012 graduate of LLCC, signed a contract in September to get paid to play with the Washington Generals from December to April. He will be “re-evaluated” after that point to see if he will continue playing with the team.

“It’s pretty exciting,” said Burgess, a Jacksonville High School graduate. “The whole atmosphere of getting ready to play with them is pretty exciting. Playing the (Harlem) Globetrotters is pretty exciting.”

“Even though the Harlem Globetrotters are a basketball team, there’s a big show that goes with it,” said Chad Jones, the coach of LLCC’s men’s basketball team who coached Burgess.

The Globetrotters are a professional team, but periodically suspend the normal basketball rules. For example, they may stop the clock, throw confetti into the crowd, play football (on a basketball court with a basketball), pull a General’s shorts down, or even perform their famous “weave” play.

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# French Club plans first international trip

By Nathanael Herbert  
Staff Writer

The French Club from Lincoln Land Community College has planned a trip to Quebec City, Canada, for March 9 to 12.

This is the first time the French Club has traveled out of the country.

This trip, which is open to the public, will be led by Valérie Jungjohann, an adjunct professor at LLCC and a professional tour director.

The club will be visiting Dufferin Terrace, Notre Dame des Victoires, Plains of Abraham Battlefield, the Royal Palace and Montmorency Falls.

“We tried to go (to Québec) a few years ago,” Jungjohann said. “(We were) not able to afford it.”

Jungjohann said he hopes this trip will become an annual occurrence, and that it will give students extra college credits.

The club drove to St. Louis earlier this semester to see the Louis the 9th

exhibit at the St. Louis Art Museum and to celebrate the 250th anniversary of St. Louis.

Although the French Club has planned bake sales in the past to raise money for local trips like the St. Louis trip, each person will be

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# Should county own an MRAP?

## Yes, it should ...

**By Ryan Mazrim**  
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The Sangamon County Sheriff's Department has received a much anticipated armored rescue vehicle under the National Defense Authorization Act. This essentially allows the government to "lease" vehicles left over from the draw down in Iraq and Afghanistan that would otherwise sit on a surplus lot.

These \$755,000 MRAPs (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles) are being used by police departments as an inexpensive means to properly outfit themselves to better serve the public for about \$6,400 (for shipping). Certain departments have been met with some public disapproval. Some have seen the police "militarizing" themselves since the early 1990s. Others citizens are concerned that the vehicle will be too expensive and overused.

The Chief Deputy of the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department, Jack Campbell, assured me that the use of the vehicle is for rescue operations and armed conflicts.

"Five of the Tactical Response Unit members are trained and proficient in implementing the vehicle to assist officers or to be used as a protected means of egress for law enforcement and the public," said Sgt. Jim Tapscott, a member of the response unit.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the intimidation factor that comes with a larger and prior military vehicle. But if a vehicle can act as a deterrent, why wouldn't we embrace that? Its design isn't to strike fear into the general public, however if it strikes fear in criminals — good. The engine is a Caterpillar Diesel, so no special training is required to maintain and operate these MRAPs outside the usual budget.

To operate the vehicle, all that is required is a CDL, which is more than the military requires of the personnel operating these vehicles in combat zones.

With some consideration to the weight of the vehicle, the county highway department has worked with the Sheriff's office to provide the best possible options that will help in keeping roads from being damaged. But the sheriff's office will not hesitate to

take the MRAP wherever it needs to go, to get to where its needed most. The county is currently in the process of having the MRAP painted matte black with a police light package.

The 11-foot tall, 9-foot wide and 21-foot long rescue vehicle has already responded to one instance of a barricaded subject. After a man pointed a firearm at police, the call was made for the only other armored vehicle the county owns. But it broke down en route to the call.

Luckily, the county police had recently received the MRAP and had trained the response unit in deploying the vehicle. Using it helped the man to eventually surrender to law enforcement. "The county has trusted the Sheriff's Office in serving the public for decades. We (the Sheriff's office) are asking for its citizens to continue to trust us in doing the right thing as it has before." Campbell said.

As an Infantry veteran with a 16-month tour in Iraq, I have had the opportunity to experience the usefulness of the MRAP. On numerous occasions these vehicles have proven themselves in combat situations.

Everyday, you can see a Brinks Truck protecting money while traveling down the road and not think twice about it. Why not offer the same protection to our officers? What about our neighbors, family or ourselves?

The general public often has problems with accepting the reality of the constant threat of worst-case scenarios. As a community, we should be best-equipped for any situation, because it's certainly better to have and not need it than ever need it and not have it.

Prior to these vehicles the Springfield Emergency Response Teams considered draping soft body armor over the side of a police cruiser as the alternative option. No employee at any job should be forced to depend on less than adequate equipment when there are better options. Regardless of your stance on the MRAP use in our county, or if the unfortunate event you are stuck in an active shooter on campus or downtown hostages at the Capitol, this vehicle would be a welcome sight.

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## No, it should not ...

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Before you saw this lumbering 13-ton monstrosity rumbling down your street, you would hear the full-throated diesel powering the latest Sangamon County Crime fighting tool.

The 11-foot tall, 21-foot long and 9-foot wide behemoth is known to Afghanistan and Iraq veterans as MRAP. The Mine Resistant Ambush Protected military vehicle was making a house call.

On July 22, the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department responded to an armed standoff in a Springfield mobile home park. According to WICS, the sheriff's deputies rolled the MRAP to the individual's mobile home, flooded it with the vehicle's lights, and then the police tossed a cell phone toward the home to start negotiations.

Shortly after, the man surrendered to the deputies.

In a news conference, Undersheriff Jack Campbell cited officer safety as the primary reason for using the MRAP in this confrontation. He also credited the intimidation projected by the vehicle's noise and size helped minimize the danger of injury for his deputies and the individual involved.

In the July 22 incident, Campbell thought the MRAP diffused the situation. Perhaps it did, and no one denied that. But it raises a question whether military vehicles are necessary for civilian police work.

This is a civilian community, not a war zone.

Shouldn't deployment of military combat grade equipment be considered a last resort tactic?

Safety for law enforcement personnel is paramount, but reigning in the "OK Corral" mentality currently festering in some is also an important consideration.

Because these agencies must use or lose this equipment, the

civilian population should be leery of response level elevation by their lawmen necessitated by this requirement.

Let's not forget this caveat: Those, for whom the bell tolls and are constantly in fear of their government, have already shuddered at the MRAP deployment in civilian law enforcement. These end of days and survivalist bloggers are already telling the faithful how to defeat the MRAP when it comes for them.

Does it matter if the paranoid tin foil hat wearers have one more thing of which to be afraid? Maybe not, but perhaps some thoughtful consideration is not inappropriate.

We should note that the event on July 22 is the only newsworthy deployment of the county's MRAP. It has been an issue of contention in the election for sheriff, as the candidates debate whether to paint the MRAP before or after the election and what color to paint it: matte black or keep it in Camo.

How did the MRAPs come to play this role in Springfield? The MRAP, retired from active service in 2012, is Department of Defense largesse available through its 1033 Excess Property Program.

The original Department of Defense program started in 1990, and it was called the 1208 program. It was administrated from the Pentagon and its regional administrative branches.

The original program's purpose was to put law enforcement on a level playing field with the drug-selling criminals they were dealing with at the time.

Acquisition of currently available military surplus and cast offs is coordinated and administered by Department of Defense through it Defense Logistics Agency's Disposition Services.

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# Time to calm ebola hysteria

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Recently, I was waiting at a rental car service, and the lady next to me asked me, "Do you think you are going to get Ebola?"

I laughed and responded, "No, I absolutely do not fear an Ebola infection."

Ebola is a rare and often deadly disease caused by an infection with one of the Ebola virus strains. It was discovered in 1976, and while it is considered extremely infectious, it is not extremely contagious. The virus is not transmitted through the air, and a human can be infected only by contact with an infected person or

animal's bodily fluids.

The odds of contracting an incurable sexually transmitted infection are far higher than contracting Ebola. In the United States, there are almost 20 million cases of new sexually transmitted infections annually.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, you most likely know a few people who have herpes or another sexually transmitted infection. However, you most likely do not know the four Americans been infected with Ebola.

There have been almost 5,000 deaths from Ebola worldwide, most of them in Western Africa, according to the CDC.

When this article was printed,

Thomas Duncan was the only person from the U.S. who died because of this disease. He previously worked in Liberia where most of the Ebola-related deaths have occurred.

So far, two infected Americans have been cured. Nigeria and Senegal have been declared Ebola-free.

I think it is safe to say that we can go back to introducing ourselves by name and commenting on the weather, instead of stressing out about Ebola.

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# Dying on one's own terms

Springfield-area officials divided on end-of life decision

By Tyler Cameron  
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You, your husband and your parents have moved states. Your husband has taken a leave from his job, and you quit yours. On Nov. 1, you will take medicine prescribed to you by a doctor with the intent of ending your life.

Sound crazy?

This is what Brittany Maynard has recently done after she was diagnosed with an incurable stage 4 brain cancer. Maynard and her family moved from San Francisco to Oregon, one of five states that have a Death with Dignity Act, which would allow her to have a doctor-assisted suicide on Nov. 1 of this year.

The Death with Dignity Act has been introduced as legislature in several states; however most doctors are against it. The Death with Dignity Act was not being considered in the Illinois Legislature, when this article was printed.

Maynard's actions have caused a national debate about medical ethics. She has become a spokesperson for the Death with Dignity Act, posting videos explaining that she is not suicidal, but she does not want to suffer through the mental and physical pain of cancer.

Ethical questions are often raised



**Brittany Maynard, 29, who is terminally ill with brain cancer, sits with her Great Dane, Charley. Maynard moved to Oregon where doctor-assisted suicide is legal.**

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Lamp typically names all sources. Due to the sensitive nature of this story, a few sources were not named in print.*

when serious illness is involved.

A local man with lung cancer, which spread to his lymph nodes and liver, could face up to 10 years in prison for the actions he took when his doctors gave him nine months to live.

After several ineffective rounds of chemotherapy, he used an outside source to purchase 22 ounces of medicinal marijuana from

Colorado. He then used a homemade device, involving Everclear, a highly explosive alcohol, to boil it down into 70 grams of resin, which he uses to, self-medicate.

"With the resin, which I just inject into a piece of bread usually, I've lost the pain and have even gone back to work," he said.

He goes on to say, "The painkillers weren't working; they made me depressed, and the chemo was killing me. I couldn't do another round of that. Buying this much (marijuana) would get me 10 years for intent to sell, but it's helped."

Connie Ward, a 25-year veteran nurse and risk manager at the Springfield Clinic, feels uncomfortable with the Death with

Dignity Act.

"I was taught by my religion that suicide is wrong, even in situations like that," Ward said, when asked if she would assist a patient who asked her for help with a medically assisted suicide. "Yes, the patients come first, but nurses and doctors have rights as well, and it goes against the oath that they all take."

Nurses from the hospice unit at St. John's Hospital are divided on the issue.

"If it was legal in Illinois, we still probably wouldn't do it here at the hospital, but I would find someone willing to help the patient with what they wanted," one nurse said.

"Hospice care is different than what Brittany Maynard is doing, because we don't try to speed up the process at all. We just treat the symptoms and let the time come naturally, while trying to ease pain," another one added.

Situations such as Maynard's shine a spotlight on this serious ethical dilemma.

Can only people in awful situations see the rationality of an action, or will doctors treat doctor-assisted suicide on as the ultimate form of patient care?

As "Issues like this are never black and white," another nurse from the St. John's Hospital's hospice unit said. "It's just one of those things that you would have to decide if you are faced with it, and you just hope you never are."

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## French Club

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responsible to pay for their own expenses to Quebec.

Total student cost is estimated to be \$1,406, but additional fees may vary. The full balance payment is due in December.

The costs include round-trip transportation, three overnight stays in a hotel, breakfast daily (excluding arrival day), dinner daily (excluding departure day), full time service of a professional tour director and visits to select attractions.

Jungjohann said that educational travel is vital for students to grow in academics, experience and understanding. Québec is estimated to be 95 percent French speaking, and Jungjohann wants her students to apply what they have learned in class as they develop their secondary language.

Steve Welch, a student taking a French class at Lincoln Land, said that the trip will be an immersive experience.

"Once you're in that atmosphere, it (French) is easier to pick up. It's a French-speaking city and an opportunity to learn," second year French student Rosemary Gilbert said.

"It's a good starting point to travel," said Savannah Holloway, 17, who hopes to travel often in her life.

To inquire partaking in the trip to Québec, contact Jungjohann at Valerie.Jungjohann@llcc.edu. To sign up, visit explorica.com and enter the Tour Center ID: Jungjohann-4635.

The French Club meets 9:30 a.m. every fourth Saturday at the restaurant "Incredibly Delicious" in Springfield. The club can also be found on their Facebook page "Le Cercle Français."

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# Social media creates dilemma for faculty

Professors set own rules; many see good in usage

By Dominique Lamp  
Staff Writer

Friend. Tweet. Like. Share. Add. Follow. Pin. #Hashtag.

The world of social media is like a second world. Social media has revolutionized the means of communication throughout the world, but the relationship between students and professors can become controversial.

In high school and college, social media is used for educational purposes. But some professors find themselves walking a fine line between appropriate and inappropriate interaction with students, as well as any use of social media.

Certain posts from professors on social media may be questionable, like claiming to have had illegal drugs on campus, but is it understandable that a counselor be fired for pictures of herself almost 20 years ago?

For example, Tiffani Webb, a 37-year-old counselor at Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers, was fired after her photos of her previous lingerie modeling job from 17 years ago appeared on Twitter, according to the Huffington Post. She worked for 12 years at the school.

"I feel like my job should be judged on what I'm doing in the classroom, not something that somebody did before they ever were teaching. That's kind of bothersome,"

said Brenda Protz, a professor of communication at Lincoln Land Community College.

Protz said she thinks that teachers should have their own rule of ethics without school rules having to be enforced. As a former journalism teacher, Protz said she advocates freedom of speech and does not think the school should put rules on what can or cannot be said through social media.

"I think everyone should follow this one basic rule: If you wouldn't want your post/photo/link to be seen on the front page of the newspaper, or by a potential employer, then don't put it on Facebook or any other social media, including Snapchat because I'm not 100 percent convinced that those photos 'disappear' after a few seconds," said Claire Gordon, professor communication at LLCC.

Protz has a personal Facebook page, as well as a separate Facebook page for alumni. She said she does not add her current students on her personal Facebook, and even upon their graduation she does not friend all of her former student.

"I have a rule that I will 'friend' students — or former students — on Facebook if they request it first," said Diana Coffman, a professor of microbiology at Lincoln Land. "I don't initiate friendship on Facebook, since I don't want to be accused of favoritism, stalking, overstepping my boundaries, etcetera."

Many people who use social media sites do so to stay in-touch with their friends or family. Teachers can also use social media in the same way. Professors can often turn into a student's mentor long after class is over, and professors like to see their students becoming successful as

they progress further in their life.

"It is fun after people have come out of my class and I've accepted their friend request once they've graduated or moved on, it's fun to keep up with them," Protz said. "I have students I have been interacting with and talking to for the last 15 years through Facebook. It's really cool to see their lives progress and see them get married."

"I've been invited to weddings, and 'Hey, I had a baby,' getting told about their new job, and everything that goes on with them. That's the part of it I really like. I like being able to stay in touch with people."

Gordon agreed with the choice of not adding current students.

"I just feel like several potential problems can be averted by following this rule."

Gordon did say friending students could be a good thing, though.

"Students are more engaged with social media than they are with their LLCC email, so that could be a great means of communication," she said.

Protz agreed that students are increasingly becoming dependent on technology, but she has a different way of using this to her advantage.

"I'm very open with, 'Here's my cell phone number, text me if something has happened, and you can't come to class.' And a lot of teachers don't do that. They're like, 'I can't believe you just pass your cell phone number out,'" Protz said. "But I know for a big population of my students and their age group, it is the best way to reach them. I think in order to be better at what we do as teachers, we need to be able to adapt through the changing times."

Mary Beth Ray, a professor of psychology, also enjoys seeing where students lives lead after they finish her class.

"I think it is a great way to stay in touch and enjoy seeing what my students are doing and accomplishing after leaving my class," she said. "However, students need to be respectful of the fact that we are teachers, and they have requested being our (Facebook) friend."

Some teachers like LLCC's Terry Logsdon, a philosophy professor, and David Reynolds, a sociology professor, however, do not use social media.

As a student using social media myself, I enjoy staying connected with my professors or teachers. I love seeing some professor's posts on my news feed, because most teachers I friend professors on social media sites I think I have established a relationship.

I also enjoy receiving feedback from teachers when they see successes I have made in my life. It's almost like certain professors are like another parent for me, but not as close. Yet, I still know many of them I could go to and talk to.

Social media can also be beneficial in the future as students' progress through their life. Many students use previous teachers or professors as references for letter of recommendation.

"A lot of them (students) keep track of me because I crank out letters of recommendations, and job references," Protz said. "Some of them don't friend me until years later when something like that comes up and they really want my help. And I am happy to do that."

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Students enjoy a massage at Campus Spa Day in the A. Lincoln Commons.

## Spa offers relaxation

Massages aim to ease students' midterm stresses

By Madison Mings  
Staff writer

SPRINGFIELD — Stressed by midterms? Or work? Then hopefully you had a chance to visit the Campus Spa Day.

The spa came to the students with the hopes of massaging away their stress.

When students arrived in the A. Lincoln Commons at Lincoln Land Community College on Oct. 22, they had an option to sign in to get a spa treatment. While waiting in line for the spa, they could have had chips, granola bars and water.

But when one's name was called, the 30-minute pampering began.

It started with a nice hand massage during which one's hand was dipped into a hot paraffin wax to get his or her hands soft, smooth and smelling good.

Freshman Matt Miller said the paraffin wax "was hot and gross,



A student has his hand dipped in paraffin wax.

but it felt good."

After the hand treatment, students leaned back into the massage chair to get a back, feet and calves massage. Students then got an oxygen treatment with the smell of grapefruits and sounds of the ocean waves in the background.

But that was not the end of the treatment. Each student went on to have a personal massage by therapist Jennifer Schmid. She has been a therapist for 14 years and has been doing the campus spa for 10 years.

Campus spa is a mobile spa with different teams that go to campuses during midterms and finals. They sometimes go to band festivals, fairs and carnivals.

The campus spa was provided by Planned Parenthood, according to Michelle Burger, LLCC's student engagement coordinator. The event also was sponsored by the Student Life.

Miller, who let out a sigh during the treatment, said that he enjoyed the spa day.

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## Professor sees both sides in Ferguson

By Michael Sauer  
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We all know the story by now. On Aug. 9, a young, unarmed black male named Michael Brown was shot to death by police officer Darren Wilson.

Wilson allegedly assaulted Brown, because he was trying to take the officer's gun. However, some witnesses of the shooting say that Brown's hands were in the air before he died.

To say the least, this now infamous incident unleashed a storm of rioting and looting across the town of Ferguson, Mo. The worst of it, the New York Times says, lasted for about a week. But smaller, isolated protests still occur, bringing about the now popular phrase, "Hands Up, Don't Shoot."

One thing that comes to mind,

though, is: Was the killing the work of a racially fueled officer who went against protocol, an accusation that is so often used nowadays by the American people? Or was the event just a misunderstanding that involved a black male and a white cop?

Professor John Paul Jaramillo, who teaches English at Lincoln Land Community College, grew up in a rough Hispanic community in Colorado with his uncle who was a police officer.

"The shooting of Michael Brown was a tragedy, a horrible event, but it is nice to see people exercise their right to protest, and get some social unity out of it," Jaramillo said. "I've personally written about similar incidents to this, so I sympathize with those who feel under-protected. However, my uncle was a cop, so I always see

both sides of the story."

Jaramillo said most of the officers in his community were white, so he is able to understand the social inequalities in Ferguson and how there may not be enough African-American police in that community.

When asked which side of the story Jaramillo favors, he said, "I want to withhold my opinion on this until the true court ruling. I guess I'm taking both sides here. I certainly see a lot of examples of racist police brutality in the media, like Rodney King, and there are multiple other specific incidents like this that have also been filmed. I do feel that there is an issue at the heart of this, and I think the federal government knows this as well."

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# Faculty Art Show

Lincoln Land Community College hosted its biennial Faculty Art Show in October.

It featured paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs and more by LLCC faculty members Joseph Ciaccio, Michelle Coakes, Ashley Dickey, Al Shull, Clay Stalter, Leslie Stalter, Tim Wight and Thom Whalen.

Each faculty member displayed up to five works of their art.

Through the show, the faculty artists were given the opportunity to display some of their recent projects.

## New show

On Oct. 27, "Amor Discendi" opened, featuring the work of two LLCC students. It continues until Nov. 20.

The artwork of Trish Duknoski and Suzanne Traylor

The arts tend to draw a particular group of nontraditional students such as Duknoski and Traylor who take classes for the joy of learning and for refining their craft.

The result of these two artists' ceaseless love of learning is evident in "Amor Discendi."

A closing reception will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14. Light refreshments will be served.



# Ex-president draws overflow crowd

## Jimmy Carter visits Illinois College in Jacksonville

By Nathanael Herbert  
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JACKSONVILLE – More than 100 people were sent home Oct. 14 when Illinois College's Bruner Center for former President Jimmy Carter's speech.

The Illinois College Phi Alpha Literary Society Lecture not only featured Carter, but also Illinois College benefactor Dr. Khalaf Al Habtoor and ex-Congressman Paul Findley.

During the event, Carter spoke of the many peace treaties he has established: The Carter Center and the revealing of the Pathways to Peace initiative, a new program at the college.

The Pathways to Peace initiative will teach and challenge a select few students and faculty at Illinois College how to achieve peace in the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Carter, Al Habtoor and Findley were all vital in creating, developing and financially supporting the new program, which will launch in the spring 2015 semester.

All three men participated in a question-and-answer session toward the end.

IC's staff announced before the event that the center had reached its capacity, forcing many people to watch the event from a different location.

Those who could not enter the building could still watch the former president over a live video feed on the college's website via their smartphones.

The 2,000 people who were able to find a seat at the event had arrived two hours prior to its start.

Multiple schools from around Jacksonville brought junior high and high school students to see Carter, a Democratic president from 1977 to 1980.

A sophomore from Westfair Christian Academy, Kiley Hutton, was one student who attended the event. "His (Carter's) goal is to target

women and children who are vulnerable or abused globally," Hutton said.

She said she enjoyed how Carter talked about Christianity and protecting women and children with basic human rights.

Hutton bluntly said that the event was long and that the speakers were hard to understand. She said that they didn't give clear answers to questions and spoke a lot of political language.

Trey Brown, a junior who was also from Westfair Christian Academy, echoed Hutton's opinion.

However, he did key in on the main topic of peace.

"Peace is so important to have in this world and country. I would like to help keep peace, and help tell other countries that we're here to create peace," Brown said.

Rachel Clayton, a sophomore at Illinois College, ushered the event. She said that "people (at the event) clapped all the time, every time – it was ridiculous."

Even being a college student, she said she struggled to understand the



Nathanael Herbert/The Lamp  
**Many people watched President Jimmy Carter speak using their smart phones after the facility reached maximum capacity.**

"political lingo" that was being said.

Clayton said she believed that most people came solely to see President Carter, and they were not concerned with what he had to say.

Clayton said that hosting this event with Carter was significant for the 1,000-student liberal arts college.

Illinois College benefited by gaining an exclusive new program, recognition from newspapers and TV stations, hosting a former president and congressman and drawing students and citizens from the surrounding area.

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**Culinary Arts student works the counter at Bistro-To-Go. Patrons can buy gourmet food to take with them.**

## Always changing, always delicious

### Review looks at gourmet fare at Bistro-To-Go

By Brennan Stidham  
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"Bistro-To-Go" is the best place to go for food on campus.

Located in the Workforce Careers Center, it's just a hop, skip and a jump from both Sangamon and Menard Halls. It offers casual bistro fare, soups, salads and sandwiches, which are prepared by the students of the culinary program.

But you never know what's on the menu, as it changes every time the Bistro opens.

On my first visit, I felt welcomed. And all the service counters are run by kind and helpful culinary students. Plus, everything on the menu sounded delightful.

I tried four out of the six items offered on the day I visited. I also bought one of each kind of bakery good.

My meal consisted of herbed tomato soup, a Greek salad, a roasted turkey sandwich and an Italian

hoagie. The sandwiches come with house-made potato chips that are absolutely worth the trip on their own.

Every single thing I ordered was truly delicious. The soup was creamy with a hint of spice that kept me interested. The Greek salad was perfectly balanced, crisp and light. The Italian hoagie came with a deliciously marinated onion and tomato. It also came with red wine vinaigrette, which was a refreshing twist on a familiar sandwich. The roasted turkey sandwich was absolutely divine with creamy avocado, bacon and a roasted tomato aioli on toasted house-made bread.

There are also baked goods available for sale, including muffins, cookies and loaves of bread made in the Bistro's own ovens. The muffins and cookies are two for a dollar, and the bread is \$3.

The main menu is reasonably priced at \$5 for soup, \$6 for a salad or sandwich. There is also the option to pick a half soup, salad or sandwich for only \$7, which I would highly recommend. It's a great deal.

A great part of the experience is sitting inside a dining room area and watching the students prepare the food in the kitchen. Even if you order half the menu — like I did

— your wait isn't very long. The students really make sure you feel the hospitality.

Sadly, though, the Bistro's hours are limited. It is open on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. But it is definitely worth taking a few minutes out of the day to visit.

The menu is always changing. What will they have when you visit? That's up to you to find out.

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## Canceled event creates conundrum

By Rhonda Leonard  
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SPRINGFIELD — Have you ever wondered what happens when your professor gives you an assignment to attend a local event on campus, but the event was canceled last minute?

On Sept. 15, the founders of Tower of Refuge Inc., Lorenzo and Bevey Loudon, were scheduled to speak at the Student Life's Soup & Stories series in the R.H. Stephen Room. Tower of Refuge is a community-based nonprofit organization that mission is to support, assist and equip current and former prisoners to have a successful re-entry into today's society.

A medical emergency, however, forced the cancellation of the speech just 10 minutes before it started.

It had been rescheduled for 12 to 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10 in the R.H. Stephens Room.

In addition to the rescheduled event, "we will offer several Soup & Stories events each semester," said Amber Berman, the assistant program director of LLCC's Student Life.

Several students were already attending the event on Sept. 15 before it was canceled. They had promises of extra credit and a free lunch. In fact, many of them may

have thought, "Yes, a free lunch!" Only later might they have been concerned with losing the extra credit.

While some professors don't offer extra credit to students who attend the Soup & Stories events, there are many who do.

"I offered extra credit for my students if they attended the event," said Ellen Watkins, a professor of sociology at Lincoln Land Community College. "Alternative opportunities are always available if an event is canceled, such as attending the Multi-Cultural Fest, instead."

Lorenzo Loudon is the founder of Tower of Refuge Inc. because he is a parolee. He now acts as a mentor and encourages people to focus on self-development.

Lorenzo and Bevey Loudon strive to help individuals become productive members of society, while remaining healthy and being able to adjust to a different lifestyle.

They also try to educate the community, prevent homelessness of parolees and expand employment opportunities.

Tower of Refuge offers several programs and services in many aspects of a parolee's life after incarceration.

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"The detectors in the Automotive Labs are tied into an evacuation system, and if a high level of CO is detected, the overhead doors will open and exhaust fans will run to quickly remove the CO, and replace it with fresh air," Bretscher said. "The Maintenance Shop has exhaust fans and overhead doors that would manually be operated in the event of a high

level alarm."

State Sen. Sam McCann, whose district includes the North Mac Schools, has filed legislation in Springfield that would require all schools to install carbon monoxide detectors in buildings where students are present.

McCann said everyone needs to "wake up and pay attention to what could happen," and make sure it doesn't happen again.

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# I'm not done yet

## By Jake Evans Scary Writing Contest Winner (fiction)

I was just trying to impress her. I wanted to walk out of that classroom with her clinging to me for her defense. I should have taken her to a scary movie or one of those cheesy haunted houses with the fake bloody hand hanging from a cobwebbed ceiling. But no, I thought it would be much more fun to break into the college, go to the one room the professor hung himself in, and dabble in the unknown.

The campus had gone dark and an occasional, eerie light flickered to illuminate a small patch of the sidewalk ahead. Brandy and I waited in the paths that wove through the prairie grass behind the pond at the school. Brandy was stunning to say the least; her dark brown hair fell to her shoulders and framed her soft face, accenting her stunning hazel eyes. I wish I could still be sitting there with her, watching the cool October breeze rustle her hair.

Once we felt most of the staff had left, we made our way toward the school. We stalked past the pond and headed toward Sangamon Hall up the slight incline. I had spent that day jamming chewed gum into the lock to prevent it from coming closed that night. We slipped through the door and proceeded up the stairs to our left. We made it to the second floor when a rhythmic tapping started. "Thwap, thwap, thwap." It was from behind us. Someone was coming up the stairs. We bolted and made our way to the nearest room. Still came the steady cadence of the feet behind us. But the sound dissipated as soon as it made the apex of its crescendo outside the door. We chuckled as the adrenaline began to drain from us. It's amazing what the mind can make you think you heard. I looked around and realized

we were exactly where I intended to take Brandy that night. Except, I swore the room was much farther away than the few feet we had ran. Regardless, this is where I would scare her into my arms.

I placed my backpack on the ground and pulled out a wooden slab no bigger than a game board. I laid it and the planchette on the ground. Looking back now, I should have known that the hairs standing up on the back of my neck was not of excitement, but of my body screaming to leave while I had the chance. But, I continued. I pulled a few candles out of the pack and lit them. The candles' flames swayed, yet no breeze could be felt in the room. We sat across from one another with the board between us. Across the board in dark etchings, read letters and numbers. I began to tell Brandy the Urban legend.

The story goes that a young professor had moved here from a distant state. He was a

fantastic teacher and every year he would choose a student to be his assistant. For their hard work, the assistant would be rewarded with a trip to the island in the Florida Keyes where the professor was raised. Each year, the assistant would send a letter home stating that they would stay on the island, never to be heard from again. One evening, one of the officers from the department on campus heard screaming. He followed it to the source to see the student hanging in midair with no line or tether hoisting them. The professor was said to be chanting and painting occult symbols from the blood that covered the still screaming student. The officer drew his weapon, fired six shots at the professor, and finally turned the gun on himself out of horror from what he had seen. As the professor lay dying, they say his last words were "I am not done yet". Supposedly, the school buried the story and let truth become urban legend.

She quivered and we began the game. I would ask questions and would force the planchette across the Ouija board to the answers I wanted, in an effort to scare Brandy. But then the board began to betray me and forced its way to an answer I did not intend. I merely thought it was Brandy catching on and messing with me. Brandy asked what the spirit's name was. The board spelled out D-E-A-T-H. I chuckled and told Brandy she was being very funny and that we didn't have to play games any more. The board again began spelling N-O-G-A-M-E. I removed my hands out of agitation, yet a chill crept up my back. Brandy removed hers and the planchette began to move I-A-M-N-O-T-D-O-N-E-Y-E-T. Brandy and I quickly rose to our feet, a cold, stuffy air filled the room, and the candles were stuffed out. The odorous smell of sulfur burst to life; I had to stop myself from gagging. The door flung open and a figure stepped into the room. He stared at us and let out a chuckle as a smile burst from cheek to cheek. I felt myself being effortlessly lifted into the air. Brandy's shrill cry pierced the air while she flung herself toward the door, bumping the figure to the side. Then it all went black.

I'm dead and this is where my soul will rest, and I've accepted that. I'm not the only one he's imprisoned here. Each of his past assistants are still here in the school. I don't know how he survived. I don't know who he is. I can't communicate other than this computer that I can somehow still use. Oh god, I hear him coming. If you're reading this print it and share it. All I know is this the room is in Sangamon Hall and the four digit room number is 22... Nice try boy, I'll see you in class, reader.

**Burgess**

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Nick Totta, the head coach of William Woods University men's basketball team, does not expect Burgess to win many games with the Generals.

Burgess, a graduate of Jacksonville High School, transferred to William Woods after he graduated from LLCC.

The last time the Globetrotters lost was on Jan. 5, 1971, when former player and coach Louis "Red" Klotz made a 20-foot jumper with 10 seconds left.

"Let me tell you," wrote the Washington Post, quoting Klotz, "beating the Globetrotters is like shooting Santa Claus."

Klotz played on the Generals until he was 63 and coached the team until he was 75 years old.

**Burgess**

He holds the record for most losses in professional basketball history.

"I don't want anyone on my team that doesn't play to win," he told the Kansas City Star in 2007. "I always tell my players that every time you lose, you should learn something. ... We should have learned quite a lot."

He died on July 12 at the age of 93.

Although the Globetrotters and Generals play for entertainment, a player must be talented to be on one of those teams.

"In order to get to that point, you've got to be a player, and you have to go to (basketball) combines," he said. "They don't care about your dribbling skills and showmanship; they teach you that after the fact."

"You have to be a player, and you have to compete and show that you can play the game like it's supposed to be played. And then they pick their people, and they teach them all the crazy, fun skills. ... You got to play and compete, and Blake fits that."

Totta said he thinks the Generals liked Burgess because of his talent and personality.

"He has a good motor, and I think they like him, because he's a good guy," said Totta, who watched his former forward/guard win the Hustle Award in both seasons with the Owls. "He's fun to be around, and he's generally in a good mood. I think that's important to those people. I think he's a guy with high character."

The Generals' manager John Ferrari sends out an email to all college basketball coaches in the country asking for players. Totta then recommended Ferrari look at Burgess.

"An ideal prospect for the Washington Generals can strike a balance between sports and entertainment. He must be an intelligent and fundamentally sound player," the General's website says.

Jones said Burgess's work ethic helped him become a General. Burgess averaged 6.5 points per game in his two-year stint on the Loggers' men's basketball team.

"Blake was a better than average basketball player here for us (at Lincoln Land), but he certainly wasn't the best player we had on the team," Jones said. "He was the hardest working kid without a doubt, and I think that's what got him where he is at."

The 6-foot-3-inch former Logger then had career-highs in points per game (14.1), rebounds per game (5.9), field goal percentage (45.9) and free throw percentage (75.7) in his senior year with the Owls. He won the team MVP for the 2013-14 season.

The head coach of the Owls' men's basketball team said Burgess spent a lot of time in the weight room and improved his ball handling skills for his last year on the team.

That season, though, he played in 31 games. The Generals often play hundreds of games each year. In some cases, Jones said, they play every night. Two or three of the team's 15 players rotate to rest each game.

On top of that busy schedule, the Generals and Globetrotters are one of the most traveled basketball teams in history. They could play in up to 100 countries each year.

"It's exhausting and awesome (at the same time)," Jones said. "It's one of those things where it sounds like it's awesome and you start getting into that grind, and it's very mentally and physically demanding. But at the same time, he's the type of kid who's going to look on the positive. ... In all honesty, he's the perfect person to do something like that."

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Eloise Sneddon (No. 5) looks to pass to Abbey Schaeffer (No. 24) in the team's practice game. Lamp staff photos

# Lucky Loggers

## Team finds talent from England

By Ryan Wilson  
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SPRINGFIELD — The Lincoln Land Community College women's basketball team "won the lotto," says head coach Gary Albert, and the Loggers went all the way to England to win that prize.

"We got lucky," in signing Eloise Sneddon, says Albert. "Eloise is a very good shooter, and that is something every basketball team can use," Albert said. "She has definitely exceeded expectations on the court."

Sneddon is 5-foot-8-inch guard who attended Henley College (High School) in Salisbury, England. She is the only international player on the team.

Sneddon said she has always wanted to attend college in the United States to play basketball.

"I got an agent," she said with her slight English accent. "They sent my information (a video of her basketball career in high school) out to various colleges, and then I got an email from Gary."

Sneddon will be joining a team of five returning Loggers and six freshmen. The six freshmen are Cheyanne Cherry, Rochester; Sydney Jarrard, Athens; Rachel Alde, Pana; Abbey Schaeffer, Astoria; and Gretchen Hobbie, Hillsboro.

They will be teaming up with sophomore guards Breonna Lewis, Molly Sloman, Hannah Hergenrother, Kelsey For-



Head coach Gary Albert talks to the team at one practice about defense.

sythe, and post player Haley Lockhart.

LLCC's basketball team will be dealing with the graduation of Jessica Armour, who averaged the second most points on the team with 11.6.

Breonna Lewis, the Loggers' leading scorer (13.2 points per game) and rebounder (6.4 rebounds per game) from last season, will be returning.

A lack of size could also be a problem for the Loggers, Albert says. The Loggers have only two players over 5 feet 10 inches tall: sophomore Hobbie (at 5 feet 11 inches) and Jarrard (at 6 feet).

"Big, physical teams could cause problems for us," Albert said. "We're more of a finesse team. We're going to execute, we're going to run the floor, but big, powerful teams may give us trouble, potentially."

But Forsythe said she thinks

the Loggers will be able to accommodate for their size deficiency after a couple weeks of practice.

"We'll work on what type of defense we have to play to help our inside players," Albert added. "We'll put more pressure on the ball further out just to make teams have to work to get the ball up. And we'll just have to challenge the passing lanes and put pressure on the ball, so they (other teams) will have to really work hard to do what we want."

Albert said he thinks Illinois Central College and Parkland College may be the Loggers' toughest opponents this season. Those teams, he said, have talented guards and post players.

ICC went 27-4 last season, while averaging 47.5 total rebounds per game and allowing its opponents to shoot 33

percent from the court. That was 11th and eighth best in the nation National Junior College Athletic Association, respectively.

Parkland, on the other hand, went 27-10 last year. It averaged 81.1 points per game (ninth in the nation) with a 46.6 field goal percentage per game (fourth in nation). It also averaged 19.4 assists per game, which was third in the nation.

"I think we have the potential to be pretty good," Albert said. "We have a lot of athletic players. We're not the biggest team around, but we've got speed, we can play good defense, we've got good shooters. It should be a pretty exciting season."

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