

Nikki Maxey
1984 - 2016

Culinary student killed

Remembered for passion for baking, love for her 18-month-old son

By **Teresa Brummett**
Online Editor

SPRINGFIELD -- Many Lincoln Land student were shocked on the morning of the Jan. 19 to learn a familiar, happy face was gone. Nikki

Maxey, who was studying culinary arts at Lincoln Land, died after being stabbed multiple times.

The 31-year-old was studying culinary arts at Lincoln Land.

Her boyfriend, Wesley Carey, has been arrested in connection with the stabbing on Monday, Jan. 18, according to the State Journal-Register.

The SJ-R reported that the 28-year-old Carey was previously arrested after police responded to a call on New Year's Eve at Maxey's Pawnee home. Carey pleaded guilty four days later to damage property.

Her 18-month-old son, Asher, was at home at the

time of the stabbing.

"She always had a smile on her face and she loved to bake," said Lisa Brinson, a good friend of Maxey. "She wasn't a stranger to anyone."

Maxey had hopes and dreams of owning a bakery, where patrons could cakes, cookies and other goodies. Her passion was baking.

"When I saw it on Facebook, I thought it was a joke," Brinson said. "So after bagging up my things, I headed over to Ms. Klatt's office. I couldn't feel my feet as they hit the pavement.



Nikki Maxey died Jan. 19 after being stabbed.

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Student numbers declining

Enrollment has been dropping since 2011

By **Isaac Warren**
Print Editor

SPRINGFIELD - Lincoln Land has seen a fall in enrollment in the past few years.

Spring enrollment numbers were not available at press time, but indications were that the decline was continuing this semester.

According to the Lincoln Land Fact Book, which came out January 2016, since 2011, fall semester enrollment numbers show an average loss of about 222 students. The largest loss of students can be seen between the fall 2014 and fall 2015, with a difference of 559 students, both full-time and part-time.

There are several reasons for the decline.

Data shows that many high schools are sending fewer student to Lincoln Land after high school.

Another possibility is the improving economy. College spokeswoman Lynn Whalen said in September that "an upturn in the economy, which generally in community colleges translates into more people working with less time to be in school," she said.

This drop in enrollment seems to be trend that began around 2011. Data from 2006 through 2010 showed that Lincoln Land was actually growing in size by an average of 267 students a year.

Despite falling enrollment numbers, the retention percent has not changed much in recent years. Since 2011, an average of 86 percent of students have come back the next semester. An average of 73 percent of students actually succeeded, which is defined as earning a "C" or higher.

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Adult coloring contest



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By **Teresa Brummett**
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SPRINGFIELD - Do you remember when you were back in grade school or even preschool. You'd pull out your favorite coloring book and crayons. You'd color a picture for Mom or Dad, waiting for that special moment when your work of art is hung on the door of the fridge

Now parents are getting back to their childhoods by bringing out some coloring books. But these aren't your childhood coloring books. These are coloring books for adults.

These sophisticated coloring books are doing a lot more than just keeping adults busy. They are allowing for adults to take a breather and relax by doing something that is also a lot of fun: coloring.

Each page of these coloring books have a lot of detail, which allows adults to take their time and loosen up. And of course, this leads to less stress.

When adults put their feet up to take a breather, they're able to have better focus and concentration.

One could go out and buy a kids coloring book but what type of challenge is that? You're adults

Hundreds of thousands of adults across the country are coloring these pages and letting the woes of the day be gone with the stroke of a colored pencil or crayon. That's the thing you can even use markers if you want to color. There's no rules and as you remember, adults make the rules.

The Lamp has decided to have a coloring contest.

With the help of graphic arts

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Pollution proves fatal in bio experiment

Class tests effects of nitrogen in water

By **Tess Peterson**
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD -- For most of the fall semester, people walking

through the second floor of Sangamon Hall would see a fish tank with 10 minnows darting about. On the shelves next to it, several tanks sat without any fish.

There once were 10 minnows in each tank at the beginning of the semester, but some died during a biology experiment set up by Biol-

ogy Professor David Cox. The lab was designed to mimic the impact of human waste on aquatic environments.

Each tank began with the same water, but Cox added nitrogen and acid to the tanks to different levels marked on the side of the tanks.

Cox developed the experiment to

get students to take a hands-on approach and learn about science.

"This provides the best results. It's always better to do it, firsthand, and not just hear or read about it" Cox said.

There were 125 students involved

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Lamp endorses Rubio, Sanders in primary

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Republican nominee

By The Lamp editorial writers

Our choice in the Republican primary for President is Sen. Marco Rubio. Rubio has the potential to bring a new face to the Republican Party. He is a young, smart politician who can offer a new

direction for the Republican Party in terms of hope and restoring the American dream. Rubio's positive message is a huge contrast to his opponents' fear and anger.

Recent presidential elections have demonstrated that Republicans cannot win the White House with Republican votes alone. Rubio has polled well among independent voters, beating all the other candidates, except Ben Carson among independents.

Rubio, as the son of parents from Cuba, has a potential to make a mark and bring in future Latino voters, if he can return to immigration reform after the primary. This will not be easy, but is necessary if he is to have a chance against the most likely Democratic candidate, Hilary Clinton.

Rubio is smart, and has an impressive grasp of the details in the issues he is putting forward. He has also demonstrated a

command of foreign policy that the other Republicans do not.

Rubio is relatively inexperienced, but his ideas are resonating, and the Republican base is looking for a new direction in this cycle.

Rubio still has a lot to learn, but he is running on restoring America's dream. We believe his fresh approach, positive campaign, and command of the issues is what the Republican Party needs at this time.

Democrat nominee

By The Lamp editorial staff

Bernard "Bernie" Sanders is The Lamp's pick for the Democratic

nomination.

Sanders has a lot of great ideas and ambitions. We support his goals for school funding.

He seems to care more about improving the United States, rather than bashing people and telling them to get out of America.

His strongest competition for the Democratic nod is Hilary Clinton. We believe Sanders is more honest than Clinton. He would have a wider appeal in the general election.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Sanders is 74 years old. He previously was married from

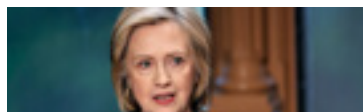
1964 to 1966. His ex-wife is Deborah Shiling. He also has one child, Levi Sanders, who was born in 1970 to Sanders and Susan Mott.

Sanders has been married to Jane O'Meara since 1988. She has three children from a previous relationship. They have seven grandchildren.

A look at selected candidates



Ben Carson - Benjamin Solomon "Ben" Carson is seeking the 2016 Republican presidential nomination. Carson born Sept. 18, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan. Carson had a childhood dream of becoming a physician. He excelled in high school and went on to attend college at Yale University. He performed the first successful separation of craniopagus (Siamese) twins joined at the back of the head in 1987. Carson announced his candidacy on May 4.



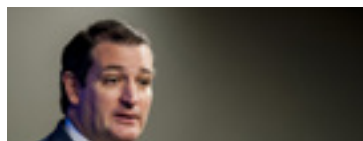
Hillary Clinton - Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton is seeking the Democratic party's 2016 nomination for president. She was born Oct. 26, 1947, in Chicago and grew up in Park Ridge, Illinois. She earned a juris doctorate from Yale Law School. She served as First Lady from 1992 to 2000, was in the U.S. Senate from 2001 to 2009 and served as secretary of state from 2009 to 2013. She announced her candidacy in April.



Carly Fiorina - Cara Carleton "Carly" Fiorina is a Republican candidate for the 2016 presidential election. She was born on September 6, 1954. In 1980, she became AT&T's first female executive officer. From 1999 to 2005, she Fiorina was Hewlett-Packard's chief executive officer. She announced her candidacy for the 2016 presidential election on May 4, 2015.



Chris Christie - Christopher James "Chris" Christie is a Republican Party presidential candidate for 2016. Born Sept. 6, 1962, Christie grew up in Newark, New Jersey. He is currently the 55th governor of New Jersey and has held that position since 2010. Christie used to be a lawyer in the late 1980s, and was a lobbyist. On June 20, 2015, Christie announced his candidacy.



Ted Cruz - Rafael Edward "Ted" Cruz is a Republican party presidential candidate for 2016. He was born Dec. 22, 1970. He has worked for several federal departments as an adviser, solicitor, senator and even a professor. He worked as domestic policy adviser on President George W. Bush's 2000 campaign. Cruz was the first Latino solicitor general, and he has served the longest term of anyone in that role. Cruz began campaigning in March of 2015.



Bernie Sanders - Bernard "Bernie" Sanders is a Democratic party presidential candidate for 2016. He was born on Sept. 8, 1941, in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1964. Sanders was a member of the Young People's Socialist League and an active organizer in the civil rights movement as a student. Sanders was the longest-serving Independent in U.S. history. He announced his candidacy on April 30, 2015.



Jeb Bush - John Ellis "Jeb" Bush is a Republican Party presidential candidate for 2016. His hometown is Midland, Texas. He is the son of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush and brother of former President George W. Bush. Jeb was the governor of Florida from 1999 to 2007. He announced his candidacy on June 15, 2015, for the 2016 presidential election.



Donald Trump - Donald John Trump is a Republican candidate for the 2016 presidential election. He was born on June 14, 1946, in Queens, New York. He is an American businessman and billionaire, with a net worth of \$4.5 billion, as of 2015. He earned his fortune by working for, and eventually taking over, his father's company in the real estate business. Trump's campaign began on June 16, 2015.



Marco Rubio - Marco Antonio Rubio is a Republican candidate for the election of 2016. Rubio was born May 28, 1971, in Miami, Florida, to Cuban parents who were naturalized as U.S. citizens. He graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor of science and the University Of Miami School of Law with a juris doctorate. On April 13, 2015, Rubio announced his candidacy for the 2016 presidential election



John Kasich - John Kasich is a Democratic candidate for president. Kasich was born on May 13, 1952, in McKees Rock, Pennsylvania. Kasich attended Ohio State University where he was a political science major. He only served one term in the Ohio state senate. He spent the next 18 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. Kasich announced his candidacy on July 1, 2015.

Homeless shelter faces cuts

State budget impasse forces service reductions

By Anne King
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD – While Springfield has been experiencing a mild winter so far, it is about to take a bitter turn for some of the most disadvantaged.

Helping Hands of Springfield is cutting the hours for its shelter and

warming center as it faces budget cuts from the state, said Rod Lane, the homeless shelter's executive director.

Lane said the shelter will reduce hours, making people leave at 6 a.m., instead of 8:30 a.m. Furthermore, the warming center will be closed on weekends.

Springfield residents will likely see more homeless in emergency rooms and in other public places, such as the library, trying to keep warm, Lane said. But not having a place to warm up also could increase the risks for the mentally ill, who might not have a place to go or have

the ability to decide to seek shelter elsewhere.

Nationwide, about 250,000 mentally ill people live on the streets, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless.

The overnight shelter will remain open, Lane said, which should minimize the cases of frostbite and other issues. But a complete closure still looms without a budget, although it would be summer before such an impact would be felt.

Helping Hands has been making an impact on the Springfield homeless community for 27 years. It started in a rented room near the YWCA,

offering the homeless warmth, a cup of coffee and a place to rest.

In the years that followed, Helping Hands grew into the organization that it is today.

When Helping Hands first began in 1989, it had no reliable way for funding its future. Now, in 2016, it does have the funding needed.

The shelter helps 40 to 60 individuals through its Threshold & Support Services, 95 individuals through Stable S.M.I.L.E. Program, and 24 through Springfield Hearth House, according to the website. Some of these programs require clients to hold partial financial responsibility,

helping the cost of providing these services manageable for donors.

Lane encouraged people to help out. Financial gifts would be great, but one can also volunteer at the shelter's front hub. That volunteering can keep the shelter open longer.

"The most obvious thing they need is safe and affordable housing," Lane said.

Those interested in volunteering can learn more about Helping Hands at its website: <http://www.helpinghandsofspringfield.org/>.

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Musk plans future

Meet mind behind big ideas for tomorrow

By Isaac Warren
Print Editor

SPRINGFIELD – Elon Musk is a real-life Tony Stark. The 44-year-old entrepreneur is the 39th richest person in the United States. Although Musk has not made a body armor suit, he has been responsible for many things that we use on a daily basis. From PayPal to SpaceX, Elon Musk has been inventing and investing for much of his life.

Elon Musk was born on June 28, 1971 in Transvaal, South Africa. When he was 10, he taught himself the computer language BASIC, and at age 12, he programmed a game, which he sold for \$500 to a computer magazine.

Even in college, Musk's entrepreneurial nature was showing. While attending the University of Pennsylvania, he and a friend bought a 10-bedroom fraternity house and turned it into a nightclub.

He was going to get a Ph.D. in applied physics but left after two days to begin exploring renewable energy, space and business ideas on the Internet.

After PayPal, Musk started Tesla Motors in 2003. The car company was named after the inventor Nikola Tesla. The company gained attention when it released the Tesla Roadster, which was the first completely electric sports car.

In 2015, Musk stated that he would like to see self-driving cars by 2018. He said his goal for the future of cars is to be able to summon your car from anywhere you are.

More recently, Musk has been investing in and working on a company called SpaceX. According to SpaceX's website, the long-term goal is to "enable people to live on other planets."

On December 22, 2015, SpaceX successfully launched an unmanned spacecraft into low orbit, and landed the rocket vertically on the launch site. This was the first time a rocket landed without either being destroyed, or rendered unusable. Eventually, NASA may not have to rely on Russia to transport U.S. crewmembers, or to resupply the International Space Station.



The future for Musk seems bright, as he already has ambitious plans to change transportation as we know it. In 2013, Musk announced an idea he had for a "high-speed ground transport system." Calling it the Hyperloop, Musk claimed it would be capable of sending passengers across California in 30 minutes, traveling at a top speed of 700 miles per hour.

The Hyperloop is similar to the tube system used at banks, but much larger and on its side. The system would be powered via solar panels, and the passenger car would rely on skis and magnets to move. Cars would seat about 20 people.

Neither Tesla nor SpaceX have endorsed Musk's idea, but SpaceX has opened a competition to the public. The competition ended on Sept. 15, 2015. University students and independent engineering teams were to design the best Hyperloop pod, which would be tested on SpaceX's testing fields.

Musk has planned on building a one-mile Hyperloop as proof of concept. The tests are planned to be started by this summer.

In the next five years, America could see self-driving cars, and rockets that send tourists to space. A mars colony is no longer an idea found in Ray Bradbury books, but is slowly becoming more plausible. Elon Musk is paving a new road to the future for America. Everyday, new milestones are made in the technology field, and Musk is sure to be found close by.

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Students learn how to learn

Seminar discusses opportunities for those needing help

By Bailie Stowell
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD -- Does college feel a little overwhelming?

Perhaps you haven't been in school for several years. Perhaps you are just not sure how to handle the stress and responsibilities.

That can be a bit overwhelming, but help is available.

The Center for Academic Success offers Smart Start Seminars. These 50-minute informational sessions are offered at a variety of times to fit everyone's schedule. And perhaps best of all, the sessions have a low price of FREE!

Tricia Hardway, an Academic Success professional, was teaching a recent session in the Center for Academic Success, located below the library in Sangamon Hall.

Demonstrating one of the first lessons about the importance of organization, Hardway handed out binders and highlighters to everyone attending. Inside the binders were organized with key sections and labeled tabs to separate them.

The seminar covered a variety of topics, such as introduction

to college-level study skills, time management, reading and questioning textbooks, taking effective notes, skills to improve your memory, and test-taking tips.

Hardway also took the time to highlight the other services that the Center for Academic Success offers. There are tutors, one-on-one help from professionals in courses such as Math, English, Biology/Chemistry, and a place to make up missed tests.

This extra help is also FREE, and many students do not realize that and how beneficial that extra help can be.

Perhaps the best lesson was that of time management helping with success. Hardway emphasized the idea of keeping a daily planner with everything tracked for school, work and even weekend plans. Getting organized and making it easy for you to have access to that information is key.

"Realizing it's okay to ask for help and to utilize the extra resources offered, college isn't easy and you're not alone," Hardway said. "That's what we're here for. Our job is to help in any way we can."

There are not Smart Start Seminars scheduled at this time, but other services are available. To learn more about services from the Center for Academic Success, call 786-2396 or go online to www.llcc.edu/cas

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Slingshotting mud is easy, effective political maneuver

Lukas Myers looks at rhetoric in campaigns

By Lukas Myers
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Mudslinging is to be expected in the wake of every campaign. It is, after-all, an entirely useful mechanic for discrediting the opposition without having any basis in fact whatsoever.

Most recently in the political field, presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, a liberal senator hailing from Vermont, has been compared

to none other than the man, the myth, the legend: Adolf Hitler.

This claim comes from the fact that Sanders is ideally a Socialist, the line has been drawn to the former dictator's political alignment without much wanted favorability toward Sanders.

The logical inconsistencies here start with the fact that Bernie Sanders is not a fascist, which is part of the reason Hitler made it into power, riding the anti-Semite wave (Sanders is also Jewish).

Also the sociopolitical climate in which Hitler rose to power is not even remotely the same as modern-day United States of America. Hitler rose to power with the

backing of an entire Socialist party and then created a one-party system.

Sanders is a socialist in an entire party of Democrats who do not necessarily hold the same views as him taking away any support for fascist lawmaking or invading Poland. The climate and rhetoric around Sanders is entirely different from that of 1930s Germany.

Another piece of mudslinging in the news comes from Presidential "hopeful" Donald Trump who has chosen to Trump simultaneously holds the Constitution up to the level of a holy book while he claims that the Canadian-born Cruz is not a U.S. Citizen, which the law, protected by that very same holy book, supports that he is.

Nevertheless American's continue to believe in this strange business man who, for lack of a better phrase, is the type of person that fact-checking analysts refer to as an "anomaly".

The very practice of mudslinging itself is a logical fallacy known as an ad hominem that focuses on attacking the characters of these candidates rather than battle them in true debate on their policy.

One thing is clear, in an America that claims it is tired of "the same old thing," in politics, it sure is biting the same old bait seemingly without attempt to find something more substantive.

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Circus comes to LLCC



Morgan Tsu-Raun and Nathan Kepner visited Lincoln Land to show their tricks to students and faculty on Jan 13.

Student-life events welcome students back to campus

Story by **Madison Mings**
Photos by **Teresa Brummett**

SPRINGFIELD -- As students walked into the A.Lincoln Commons on Jan. 13, they saw a magician and a woman doing tricks with a hula-hoop, a photo booth, a caricature artist and the student life table set up to give out goodies.

The Crescent Circus visited LLCC as part of the activities during the first week of classes. It included Nathan Kepner and Morgan Tsu-Raun who are performance artist and have been performing together since 2009. They began as street performers in New Orleans. They now perform for colleges and corporate events across the country. They have appeared on HBO's series Treme and The Tonight Show.

Kepner started doing magic since he was 5-year-old and Juggling since he was 12 years old. Tsu-Raun's story behind being a performer started with her and her friends attending festivals and her friend told her she should do it! Tsu-Raun is outstanding with hula hopping and Kepner is amazing with his crazy cool magic tricks and juggling skills! Her favorite part of it is being able to be silly and have fun.



Caricature of Madison Mings created by Miguel Bohrer.

A trick I caught was Kepner was asking the audience if they had a cell phone, and Jake Eiltes a student at LLCC was chosen to be a volunteer. Kepner made Eiltes give him his phone, and joked about if it was okay if he didn't get it back, then Kepner asked him to pick a kind of cereal box between Trix or Life, Eiltes chose Life, then Kepner asked him to pick one card from the fanned out cards he had presented in front of him. He told him to sit on the card, and to hold the cereal box. Kepner held Eiltes phone and covered it with a red bandana, and asked Eiltes to make a gun hand gesture and make a gun noise at the phone.

Eiltes made the hand gesture but failed at making a gun sound, Kepner told him "That sounded like a weak British gun noise, you know how a gun sounds? Go like Grat-ta-ta." They tried the attempt again and Eiltes pointed his fingers towards the bandana and made the gun noise and once he did that the phone disappeared.

The audience was shocked and asking where the phone could have gone. Kepner asked Eiltes to open the cereal box and he did but the bag was heavy he said, he opened the cereal bag and the phone was sealed inside with the cereal! Next was the card, Kepner had no idea what Eiltes had chosen, so he asked another audience member who has a phone to get on Facebook and type in The Crescent Circus and the card should pop up and it was the 9 of hearts and that was posted an hour before and that was the card he had chosen! It was shocking and amazing how he did that!

I asked Eiltes how he thought about being in the act? "It was fun!" he said.

I also asked him if he has ever been in a magic act before, "That was my first time."

I asked him where he thought his phone had disappeared too. "I thought it was in the cereal box, but it was still crazy and fun!"

I also asked reading Professor Rebecca Klatt about The Crescent Circus being here and the magic act. "It's something different and unique and the variety they brought." I asked her what her favorite part was, "The phone trick in the box and the card was my favorite!"

Afterwards, they were teaching students and faculty how to hula-hoop and juggle some already knew how. I had to touch up on how to hula-hoop again, but Tsu-Raun taught me how to hula-hoop with my hand which was awesome! I didn't attempt to juggle but Kepner can juggle behind his back.

The other fun activities were the photo booth with different props you could include in your photos to make them more fun, from a pirate hat, joker hat, a feather boa, and more! I love taking photos so I was all over the photo booth with Online Editor Teresa Brummett.

It is Fire Guys Photo booth, a Photo Booth rental for all events and parties.

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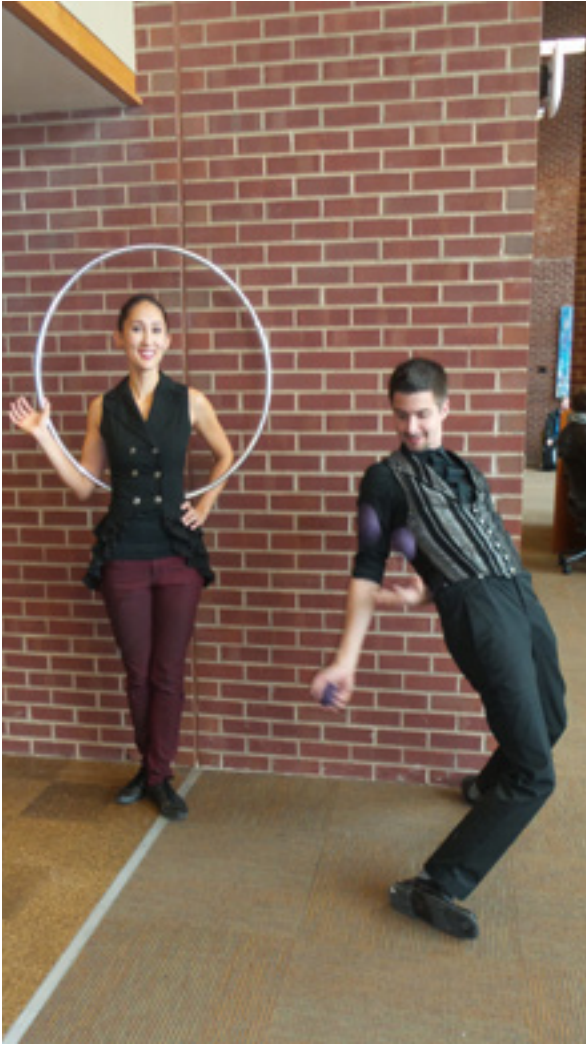
They also had a caricature sketch drawer, named Miguel Bohrer, 19, who just started college and his major is graphic design. He was doing sketches for free for anyone who wanted one. He did one of me and it was awesome, he is very talented!

Logger activities gave away cool sunglasses, a sleepy hollow tote bag, hand sanitizer spray, a little flashlight, a mobile phone card holder, and candy.

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Scenes from the circus





Movie Review: In the Heart of the Sea

By Madison Mings
Editor

SPRINGFIELD -- My friend invited me to see the movie *In the Heart of the Sea* which is a drama film/ thriller/ biography which is 2 hours and 2 minutes long and was released Dec 11, 2015 starring Chris Hemsworth who plays Thor in the *Avengers*, Cillian Murphy (*Batman Begins*), and Benjamin Walker (Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter). We take our seats in the middle section with my large diet cherry vanilla coke and cookie dough bites and watch the previews while waiting for the movie to start. The movie is taken place around the 1820s and is based on the novel *Moby Dick*.

I haven't read the novel but from just learning and hearing about the novel I know what it is mainly about. The movie starts off with Chris Hemsworth character Owen Chase and his wife getting ready for him to set sail on the New England vessel *Essex* and then we meet an older man who is telling author Herman Melville about his experience with the crews men and ship and the famous Whale. He goes back to his teenage boy years while on the ship through that time period. The characters go through terrible thunderstorms, starvation, and panic. They must think of way to either capture the whale or find a way to get away from it. The events that have been going around makes Melville want to write the tale of what happened those long days and months at sea, trying to survive and make it back home safe and alive.

The movie is very good and I would recommend everyone seeing it. It will bring out every emotion in your body. It gets really detailed with everything and makes you feel like you are there experiencing it as well. *In the Heart of the Sea* was amazing and just a very good film.



Movie Review: Spotlight

By Teresa Brummett
Online Editor

SPRINGFIELD -- This small department located in the basement of one of the most well-known newspapers in the U.S. stunned their city and the world when they ran this story.

As I was sitting down to watch the movie "Spotlight" I wasn't sure if I would enjoy it. The story which is based on true events of a cover-up of sexual abuse within the archdiocese.

The cover-up opens up a can of worms that brings their 80 victims forward and exposes the Roman Catholic Church.

The movie does an excellent job telling how the lawyers and everyone involved with the cover-up kept these stories quiet for so long.

Interviewing and digging up whoever and whatever evidence they could to bring these abusers to justice.

Staring big named actors/actresses: Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton, Rachel Mc Adams, Liev Schreiber, John Slattery, and Stanley Tucci.

The stars in this movie do an outstanding job and deserve any award they should get. This movie is filled with calm but intense drama that brings the archdiocese down. And keeps us as the viewer watching and wanting more.

And to make things even better for the cast of "Spotlight" Michael Keaton just received one of France's highest honors for his part in the movie. "Officer of the order of Arts and Letters" Which is for recognition of significant contributions to the arts, literature, or the propagation of these fields.

Rating this movie, I would give it a 10. It was so worth the 2 hours and 8 minutes.



Movie Review: Krampus

Madison Mings
Editor

SPRINGFIELD -- The same night we saw the fantasy/horror film *Krampus*. Its 1 hour and 38 minutes long and is rated PG-13 and was released Dec 4th 2015. It stars Adam Scott (*Step Brothers*), Toni Collette (*The Sixth Sense*), and Conchata Ferrell (*Two and a Half Men*). The movie starts off with the scariest part which is Black Friday shoppers, scary sight. Then we meet the family and see how they don't really get along and want to listen to their son Max, who loves Christmas and doesn't really want some of his family relatives to come this Christmas.

Max's grandma tells him to make his Christmas letter to Santa which he does. Then next is there Christmas dinner, and his rude cousins steal the letter away from him and read aloud the things he asked Santa. He gets mad and rips up the letter and that's when everything comes crumbling down. *Krampus* who is a demon version of the jolly Santa comes to town.

The family doesn't know who or what is going on, there is evil gingerbread cookies, a creepy jack in the box, and whole lot of creepy things. The movie is based around Max having to do what's right and try and save his family from the evil *Krampus*

Krampus was very good as well from any other *Krampus* movies out there. I would recommend this for everyone to see!

Review: One Direction goes indie pop

By Madison Mings
Editor

SPRINGFIELD -- One Direction has a new album out called *Made in the A.M.* Now the band only has four members due to Zayn leaving the band to start on his own music which just leaves Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Liam Payne, and Louis Tomlinson.

Made in the A.M. is the bands 5th album, starting with *Up All Night* (2011), *Take Me Home* (2012), *Midnight Memories* (2013), *Four* (2014), and *Made in the A.M.* (2015).

Made in the A.M. is a new sound from their teeny bop songs from their previous albums. Some people think One Direction's music is just for little girls but their sound is much more mature and can be heard by any age and gender. This album is going more

for an indie pop than just their pop catchy tunes.

I love all their songs and albums, so if someone came up to me and told me to choose just one song it would be hard and be a while till I gave a full answer. *Made in the A.M.* is a very amazing album and have very good songs and the lyrics are relatable.

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They have their two big hit up beat singles that always play on the radio "Drag Me Down" and "Perfect" on the album too if you love those songs.

My Favorites songs on the album are "Drag Me Down", "Perfect", "Hey Angel", "History" "Love You Goodbye" and yeah I told you I love all them so that's what I will say they are amazing songs! I hope you get a chance to check out the rest of their songs on iTunes, You-

Tube, or just buying the album!

Song Titles:

1. Hey Angel
2. Drag Me Down
3. Perfect
4. Infinity
5. End of the Day
6. If I Could Fly
7. Long Way Down
8. Never Enough
9. Olivia
10. What a feeling
11. Love You Goodbye
12. I Want to Write You a Song
13. History (Deluxe Edition Song Titles)
14. Temporary Fix
15. Walking in the Wind
16. Wolves
17. A.M

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Basketball player plans wedding

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SPRINGFIELD - Well, the holiday season is over, and the Lincoln Land Women's Basketball team is back in action!

Sophomore leader Rachel Louise Alde is preparing not just for her next 10 games and graduation, but for her future wedding. She is also taking care of her newly adopted hamster named Baby, nicknamed Rayray.

Alde, who is No. 22, is a 5-foot-10 forward for the Loggers, averaging 12.4 points a game, and leads the Loggers in scoring.

TL: Where are you from?

RLA: Pana, Illinois

TL: How did you get involved in playing basketball?

RLA: When I was little I played every sport and I found my love for basketball.

TL: How do you feel about your season?

RLA: We are doing well, I am excited for it.

TL: What gets you ready for your games? Do you have any rituals?

RLA: No not really, I just go out and play my hardest.

TL: What hobbies do you have outside of sports?

RLA: I mostly read and work out.

TL: Where is your favorite place to hang out in Springfield?

RLA: The mall.

TL: What is your major?

RLA: Business and accounting.

TL: What are your goals after LLCC?

RLA: Well, I will be moving down to Florida with my fiancé. Then, from there, it is up in the air. I might play basketball, but I am not sure yet.



TL: So I heard you are a vegetarian? Why, and when did you become one?

RLA: It was in sixth grade. My sister always made me feel bad for eating meat, so I stopped.

TL: So I heard you are getting married this summer?

RLA: Yes!

TL: Can you tell us more about your fiancé?

RLA: His name is Joseph Kevin Cowler. He is in the Air Force. He is really inspiring and motivational.

TL: How did you guys meet?

RLA: We met at LLCC. He played soccer.

We were set up on a blind date.

TL: How long have you guys been together?

RLA: About one year.

TL: When did you guys decide to get

engaged?

RLA: It was August 27, 2015.

TL: Where did he propose to you?

RLA: Right on the beach at Biloxi, Mississippi.

TL: What were some of your first thoughts after he propose to you?

RLA: What the hell! No, I was so surprised I did not expect it at all!

"She has improved a lot. The extra practice she put in over the summer has definitely paid off. Not only is she a great asset to the team, but she is a great person! I love having her as my roommate. I am going to miss her a lot when we both move away from Lincoln Land."

Eloise Sneddon, No. 5, sophomore guard

TL: Do you have a ring?

RLA: Yes, I do!

TL: Do you have a dress picked out?

RLA: Yes, I do!

TL: Is it bad luck if he sees you in your wedding dress before the wedding?

RLA: Yes, it is. I actually have a funny story to share about that. So I was being a little brat and sent a picture of my dress to him edited on Snapchat. My mom pointed out a homeless person and I looked up, as doing so, I sent him the picture of me in my dress, unedited. Then quickly called him and told him to delete it.

TL: What date are you planning on getting married?

RLA: We are think mid- to late July, but not 100 percent sure yet.

TL: Who will be your bridesmaids?

RLA: My two sisters and a friend from home.

TL: Out of these movies, which one do you think your wedding be most like?

1. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
2. "Bridesmaids"
3. "American Wedding"
4. "Wedding Crashers"
5. "Monster In Law"

RLA: I have not seen most of those movies, but "Wedding Crashers" would be cool.

TL: If someone crashed your wedding who would you want it to be?

RLA: My roommate (Eloise Sneddon) or Beyonce!

TL: What do you say to all the haters who do not approve of your marriage?

RLA: Well, I just ignore them. They are not going to have an effect on my life.

TL: Do you foresee yourself on Jerry Springer anytime soon?

RLA: I sure hope not!

The Lincoln Land Community College Women's Basketball season is starting to die down. The Loggers only have 10 games left, and four are home.

Now for the individuals who are preparing for bikini or Speedo season, studies have shown cheering for an hour at a basketball game will delete 100 calories from your life.

These next 10 games could potentially be 1,000 calories closer to being asked to model for Victoria's Secret or for the guys be featured in a Polo Ralph Lauren Cologne commercial!

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Culinary

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And when I saw Ms. Klatt that's when I broke down. Still not believing that she was really gone forever." Brinson added: "I couldn't go to pastries class the next day. It was too hard knowing that Nikki wasn't going to be there."

Brinson, also a culinary student here at Lincoln Land, spoke of some memories of her.

Brinson and Maxey had gone to look at a building in Pawnee, Brinson said. It was a place Maxey had thought about buying to open her bakery.

"She not only loved cooking, but she loved to bake and collect recipes from me," Brinson said.

In a recent memory, Brinson said, "One time, she

brought me home on New Year's night, we hit the back roads, and as we were coming up over this hill, we flew like it was a Dukes of Hazzard moment, talk about rush."

Beyond baking, Maxey also loved cows, baby calves and dogs, specifically pit bulls.

She was an avid pit bull lover. And spoke of one day having one or two of her own.

Maxey had a lot of things planned for her future, but her 18-month-old son, Asher, was her rock in life.

You didn't have a conversation with her and not talk about her son. He had been one of the reasons why she was always smiling and happy.

A unknown friend commented online: "She was a friend to a friend. A rebel woman. She loved to party and have a good time. She had a special drink that included Mountain Dew and Captain Morgan. I'm going to buy a bottle of Captain Morgan and keep it in her honor here at my home."

On Saturday, Jan 23, friends and family gathered and celebrated Maxey's life.

The Curry Funeral Home in Pawnee was packed, and the overflow had to stand outside.

As tears were flowing, there were also fun stories remembering her. Talking about her fun-loving ways and how if you ever needed anything she would be there.

Along with friends and family there to honor her memory about seven police officers from the Pawnee police department also came to offer their condolences. Maxey will never be forgotten. Yes, her son will have to grow up without her. But her memories will be there being told through family and friends who vowed to keep in touch with her family.

Let's remember Maxey as she was. A lovable, good-natured culinary student and friend, who loved her family, friends and lived for her son. Who always had something nice to say with a smile on her face wearing her pink camo.

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Nikki Maxey leaves behind her 18-month-old son, Asher.



Madison Mings/The Lamp

These minnows, from the fall experiment, were in the control group and did not have nitrogen added to the tank. They were the only fish to survive.

Pollution

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in this project from different sections of biology classes. The students did this as class work to better understand what they were learning in class.

Student Hope Maxon said the project initially was not that interesting. But after getting into the experiment, Maxon changed her mind.

"I've come to appreciate and see the point that Professor Cox was trying to get us to understand," Maxon said. "Professor Cox wanted us to see, firsthand, how human created waste can make its way into other organism's bodies and potentially kill them."

Once Maxon came to this realization, the project took on a relevant purpose.

As the experiment played out some interesting challenges were presented. The students set up a control tank, and several tanks with minnows. Each week a lab was conducted in each class, during which the minnows were exposed to more acidic or basic water. This was

simulating human waste.

Not surprisingly, the minnows in the acidic water at a level of 18 parts per million (ppm) of nitrogen, began to die.

The challenge for the students – and Cox – was that the minnows in the tanks with an acidic level of 10 ppm of nitrogen began to die earlier than those with the higher level of acidic water.

"I don't know about my fellow classmates, but I was expecting those minnows to live at least until November," Maxon said.

Cox is happy with the participation and renewed scientific interest of his Biology students after working on this experiment. The challenges of the minnows in the less acidic water dying before those in the more acidic tanks has resulted in some students, including Maxon to want to pursue this project further.

In fact, Cox plans to conduct the same project with a few minor adjustments with his students next semester.

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Enrollment

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student Miguel Bohrer, The Lamp is asking students to color the front-page picture and return it to The Lamp office (either in person or via email).

Email it to lamp@llcc.edu or bring it by Menard Hall 2275. If no one is there, slide it under the door. Submissions must be in hand by Friday, Feb. 19.

The Lamp staff will select winners, whose work will be published in The Lamp.

Winners will receive a coloring book and colored pencils, so that they can continue their coloring aspirations.

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Oscar time

The Lamp invites you to select the winners of this year's Academy Awards. Submit your picks to The Lamp office (Menard 2275) or email to lamp@llcc.edu by 5 p.m.

on Thursday, Feb. 25.

After the Academy's choices have been revealed on Sunday, Feb. 28, we'll figure out who did the best job. The person with the

most correct Oscar picks will win a \$25 gift card to a movie theater. In the case of a tie, a random drawing will select the winner.

We thought it would be interest-

ing to include every category, even if that means you have to guess in a few categories.

Only Lincoln Land students are eligible to enter.

Best Picture

- The Big Short
- Bridge of Spies
- Brooklyn
- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The Martian
- The Revenant
- Room
- Spotlight

Best Actor

- Bryan Cranston, Trumbo
- Matt Damon, The Martian
- Leonardo DiCaprio, The Revenant
- Michael Fassbender, Steve Jobs
- Eddie Redmayne, The Danish Girl

Best Actress

- Cate Blanchett, Carol
- Brie Larson, Room
- Jennifer Lawrence, Joy
- Charlotte Rampling, 45 Years
- Saoirse Ronan, Brooklyn

Best Supporting Actor

- Christian Bale, The Big Short
- Tom Hardy, The Revenant
- Mark Ruffalo, Spotlight
- Mark Rylance, Bridge of Spies
- Sylvester Stallone, Creed

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Best Supporting Actress

- Jennifer Jason Leigh, The
- Hateful Eight
- Rooney Mara, Carol
- Rachel McAdams, Spotlight
- Alicia Vikander, The Danish Girl
- Kate Winslet, Steve Jobs

Best Animated Feature Film

- Anomalisa
- Boy and the World
- Inside Out
- Shaun the Sheep Movie
- When Marnie Was There

Best Cinematography

- Carol
- The Hateful Eight
- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The Revenant
- Sicario

Best Costume Design

- Carol
- Cinderella
- The Danish Girl
- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The Revenant

Best Director

- The Big Short
- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The Revenant
- Room
- Spotlight

Best Documentary (Feature)

- Amy
- Cartel Land
- The Look of Silence
- What Happened, Miss Simone?
- Winter on Fire: Ukraine's
- Fight for Freedom

Best Documentary (Short)

- Body Team 12
- Chau, beyond the Lines
- Claude Lanzmann: Spectres of the Shoah
- A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness
- Last Day of Freedom

Best Editing

- The Big Short
- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The Revenant
- Spotlight
- Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Phone:

Best Foreign Language Film

- Embrace of the Serpent
- Mustang
- Son of Saul
- Theeb
- A War

Best Makeup and Hairstyling

- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed out
- the Window and Disappeared
- The Revenant

Best Music (original score)

- Bridge of Spies
- Carol
- The Hateful Eight
- Sicario
- Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Best Production Design

- Bridge of Spies
- The Danish Girl
- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The Martian
- The Revenant

Best Short Film (animated)

- Bear Story
- Prologue
- Sanjay's Super Team
- We Can't Live without Cosmos
- World of Tomorrow

Best Short Film (live action)

- Ave Maria
- Day One
- Everything Will Be Okay (Alles Wird Gut)
- Shok
- Stutterer

Best Sound Editing

- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The Martian
- The Revenant
- Sicario
- Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Best Sound Mixing

- Bridge of Spies
- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The Martian
- The Revenant
- Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Best Music (original song)

- "Earned It," Fifty Shades of Grey
- "Manta Ray," Racing Extinction
- "Simple Song #3," Youth
- "Til It Happens To You," The Hunting Ground
- "Writing's On The Wall," Spectre

Best Visual Effects

- Ex Machina
- Mad Max: Fury Road
- The Martian
- The Revenant
- Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Best Writing (adapted screenplay)

- The Big Short
- Brooklyn
- Carol
- The Martian
- Room

Best Writing (original screenplay)

- Bridge of Spies
- Ex Machina
- Inside Out
- Spotlight
- Straight Outta Compton