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LLCC adds pot dispensary

By Anne King
Staff writer

Ladies and gentlemen, the day has finally come! Lincoln Land trustees and student council have voted to legalize the recreational use of marijuana on campus. The committee reached its unanimous decision late Wednesday night after little deliberation.

Students, faculty and staff can purchase marijuana starting April 1, from the bookstore. Financial aid can be used as payment, as well as credit and debit cards. At the time, there is not a limit on how much marijuana one can purchase or possess on campus, as it is a first come, first served basis.

"I feel that smoking before class really increases blood flow to my brain you know, like it just gets me going and as long as I bring something to eat I'm good to go," said Jason Cheech-Chong, a Lincoln Land sophomore.

Overall, the campus is thrilled about the decision, and has designated special smoking rooms for those who wish to light up.

While many are excited about the legalization, some students are concerned about the use of the substance on campus. Many of the culinary art students who help run the campus restaurant, Bistro Verde, are worried about not being able to keep up with the increased crowd.

"We're potentially concerned that the demand will be too great and we won't be able to serve everyone," said Rachel Snoop, a Bistro Verde worker, while others joke about how they should have thought of this earlier to drum up business.

Others worry that the campus will become overrun by smokers looking for a legal place to smoke, which is why the committee put



rules in place. For example, in order to gain access to the special smoking rooms, you must swipe your Lincoln Land ID card, which you can get from the library. If you are smoking and asked by campus police for identification, you must present your Lincoln

Land ID, barring any nonstudent, faculty or staff from abusing Lincoln Land's rules. Professors are also allowed to create their own rules regarding use during class and in their classrooms.

Campus police do advise you to not drive

under the influence, and to stay safe while enjoying your marijuana. For any questions regarding the legalization, student support services are available.

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Tattoo parlor offers ink between classes

By Madison Mings
Editor

SPRINGFIELD— Do you want a tattoo or have one already and want more? Well, stop going to a local tattoo shop or trying to find one because LLCC is going to be opening a tattoo shop called Lincoln's Tats around April 10.

Lincoln Tats changed their name when they moved from South Dakota last month to come to Illinois. They originally were named Just Ink About It.

During your breaks before going to a class or after you can get a tattoo. The money from the tattoo will be helping the Illinois state budget. Any size tattoo is only \$10.

The bookstore will provide tattoo books that you can get ideas from or you can bring in your own. Tattoo artist are said to be scheduled 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Charlotte Warren, President of LLCC, said, "I think this will be the best thing for Lincoln Land, we always have popcom and we just had



a haircut day, why not have a tattoo shop on campus. I can't wait to get a couple tattoos myself and on the bright side we will be helping the state."

The tattoo shop will be held in the A.Lincoln commons and some of the tattoo artist are looking for students to help. If they get enough signatures

they will start a tattoo artist class.

An LLCC student Sharona Burger said, "Having a tattoo parlor would be so sick, instead of making an

appointment at a place far out, I can just come to my class and get one done here."

The tattoo shop will be at LLCC permanently for students and faculty members to get tattoos.

The tattoo artist Neil Down said "I'm excited LLCC is letting us open our tattoo shop here for college students. We had a professor once come in a paid for his students to get tattoos so they wouldn't have to take a test. Some were scared, but they were all in."

Mike Rotch is the founder of Lincoln Tats and said he never thought about coming to LLCC to start business, but once he heard the money would be helping the state he was on board. "I love helping others out, so when we moved we heard that Illinois was in a budget crisis, so it was a great idea and plus I love giving people tattoos for a good cause."

To get ahold of Lincoln Tats they have a phone number (605) 475-6958.

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Professors to battle in rink

Roller derby to generate funds for college

By Isaac Warren
Print editor

SPRINGFIELD - Lincoln Land Community College President Dr. Charlotte Warren has announced that she will begin a roller derby league that is open to professors of all

LLCC campuses.

"Due to the current state of the Illinois budget," she explained to Lamp editors, "Lincoln Land needs money if we are to keep our doors open."

Teams of 14 are needed in order to compete at the Nelson Center on June 5, 2016. Warren has already named her team "Moneyless Mayhem."

Professors who wish to join must pay a \$15 fee, and supply their own roller skates. Students are allowed to bet on teachers at the event, as long as everything is kept "low-key," ac-

ording to an anonymous janitor.

As it currently stands, two other teams have been formed for the event. The Hillsboro campus has listed their roster under the name "Common Cents." Beardstown also posted their roster under the name "The Melon Collies."

All proceeds from fees and betting should go to LLCC's budget for Fall 2016. Contact the Lamp for more information.

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Sculpting class to use sand, ice

By Teresa Brummett
Online Editor

It's finally been settled. Lincoln Land Directors have agreed to another new course.

Sculpting. And not just any sculpting. This will be Sand Castle Building 101 and Ice Castle Building 101 classes.

Students will have a chance to sign up for these classes starting this fall.

Ice Castle Building 101 will begin in October and follow through February.

The Sandcastle 101 Class will be available to sign up during the Summer months. From May till mid

September.

These classes will inform and give you information on how to build, where to build, where not to build, what to use when you build, what not to use when you build, and what you want to build.

These very informational classes will not be hands on till that last few weeks of the class due to Illinois weather.

There will be play blocks where you can design and create your own castles or whatever you want to build.

This first class will be on trial basis and due to the uncertainty of student signup, Lincoln Land staff will be

teach these classes. If you would like a copy of these teachers look on Lincoln Land web site for more info.

During the times of these classes each class will have a showing to show what they have learned during these classes.

Afterwards drinks will be served with these ice sculptures. Sand sculptures will be recycled for the following year's class.

So get your chisels and pails. It's time to build a castle...no NOT A SNOWMAN!

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LLCC to offer pole dancing

By Teresa Brummett
Online Editor

Everyone remembers Magic Mike & Magic Mike XXL. Now you'll be happy to know they are working on Magic Mike III-Till The End.

In this installment they will be doing a lot of pole dancing, which brings us to why Lincoln Land has decided to start new class: Pole dancing in the fall.

Fifteen poles will be installed for these classes at the east end of Cass gym, said instructor Ima Dancer. The area will have a dropped ceiling installed for this classes for beginner, intermediate and expert dancers.

"You will learn different techniques, which will include stretches, strength training, dance movement and gymnastics," Dancer said.

With these types of techniques and exercises, one's mind won't be the only thing taking shape, Dancer said. "You will be strengthening your core and toning your body. You will feel better and be losing weight at the same time,"

Students are encourage to Get signed up now for this class.

"With fall quickly approaching, these classes will fill up quickly," Dancer said. "And you don't want to be left out in the cold."

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Astronauts to teach class

By Teresa Brummett
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A year ago we watched as Astronaut Scott Kelly left earth for space, for an entire year. Recently he arrived back on earth and was happy to do so.

While up there he did testing along with fellow astronauts and now he's coming to Lincoln Land Community College along with his twin brother Mark.

They are going to start a program where the average person can take to become an astronaut.

They will explain everything you want to know about space travel and being an Astronaut.

The program will start in the spring of 2017. You will have prerequisites for taking this class. But the seminar will be free.

The Kelly twins will do a few demonstrations on walking and floating in space. Mark will show you video of his spacewalk. And Scott will share his photos of his most recent trip.

Each student will test and this program will include a motion test. You will be placed in a module, which will slowly spin and continue to spin until your dinner comes up. You will then clean up your mess.

Only the top 100 students will be chosen and to make things a little more interesting the Kelly twins will plan for three students to return with them where they will be three of the first people to go up into space through the Virgin company.

Plans for this adventure will take place in 2020.

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Early graduation offered as prize to contest winner

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DLEIFGNIRPS— There is a study going around in London that if you read backwards that means you don't have to do two years of college. Colleges all over the world are taking a test with only five sentences to see if people can read backwards. LLCC is having the students

who read backwards graduate early with their degree on April 20. Reading Professor Hiya Sir from London said reading backwards is the new trend. Teenagers and parents are just now learning about this. It helps in case they go to a different country that has to write like that, so they are prepared. LLCC is going to have the test given out to each student by mail on April 8. The sentences will start off easy then difficult. Liv Long is the top backwards reader in the world. She has beaten 45 people that have attempted to read backwards, and she can even talk backwards. Long said in an interview in 2012 with The

Advertiser that "Reading backwards helped me, some colleges I looked at said they would pay you if you knew how to read backwards so I took the opportunity. I mean it, took a while and I got it all down. It was totally worth it. I can travel all over with only two years of college because they take the other two off. It been a really nice life." The person to come in second place is from Iceland named Jim Shu. He enjoyed going against Long and said she was amazing at reading backwards, but when reading aloud at the 2010 reading backwards convention, Shu was only one word away from winning. Shu was a upset but he said Long came over

and shook his hand and said "boj taerg a did uoY" and he was happy that at least he competed with someone so nice. Long wishes all college students to give it a try because it changed her life for the good and she has never been happier, and wishes the students that do try it a very big good luck. So as amazing as that seems, good luck on the reading backwards test you will be receiving by mail. It should be quite a time and so much fun. You can contact Liv Long with questions and help at 605.475.6959. Madison Mings can be reached at lump@llcc.edu.



LLCC adding nap room

By Madison Mings Editor

SPRINGFIELD— Have you said recently "I need a nap." or "I need to sleep for another 8 hours." College students are drained with a work life, social life, home life and try to maintain a regular sleep schedule on top of it. Give us a break. Well we are getting one, finally! Lincoln Land community college will be having college students jumping with joy soon on April 18 because they are adding a nap room, yes you read that right a nap room. It will be held in the Cass Gym. Professors are wanting to protest against this idea. Most of the professors say they enjoy looking at their students exhausted faces due to the lack of sleep.

I interviewed some students about how they feel about the new nap room. "I am so thankful for this new nap room that is arriving. Life is so good, Chick-fil-A and a nap room. I so need it, my work schedule and school life is so packed I need a nap in between but I never know where to go while on campus but now I do." Says LLCC student Kenya Dewitt. "A nap room is what we needed all along! Being at school from 8 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. I get so sleepy after I have lunch and I have an hour till my next class I could use a nice nap and feel energized before I head back. I'm excited for this nap room to open, I'll be counting down the days for it." Said LLCC student Daniel Damm. Yes he gets the joke a lot if you were thinking about it.

But some LLCC professors love the idea just as much as the students. They said if it helps the students do better in their classes they are all on board. One professor said he remembers not getting enough sleep during his busy college days so he said that it's an amazing idea to have a nap room the students can sleep in until their next class. For the nap room, you will need to provide your own pillow and blanket. There will be ear plugs and you can bring your own. There will be different sections also, if you like listening to the rain, music, or silence you will be split up so you can sleep like how you want.

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GOP replaces elephant

Turtle will be new face of Republican party

By Isaac Warren Print editor

SPRINGFIELD - Republican majority leader Mitch McConnell has announced that the Republican party will change their mascot. The familiar elephant will no longer be a part of the party's identity. Instead, McConnell says,

the new mascot will look more like himself. As of April 15, 2016, the new face of the Republican Party will be Yertle the Turtle. McConnell has stated that he "has been up for months sweating bullets, instead of paying attention to the current presidential race." Trump backer Chris Christie says he supports the change, and also said, "turtle soup ain't that bad, either." Orrin Hatch did not have his hearing aid turned on, so he was not able to comment on recent events. On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton has spoken about the decision by McConnell. At a

news conference in Seattle, she called McConnell "a baboon, and a 'cotton-headed ninnymuggins.'" President Barack Obama was golfing at the time and had no comment on McConnell's decision. Members of the Republican party will be allowed to vote on the idea, in all districts. Voting opens at 3 am on April 14, 2016, and ends at 5am, April 14, 2016.

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FCC to charge 99 cents for viewing web pages

By Isaac Warren Print Editor

SPRINGFIELD - The FCC has released a new rule for the Internet. Effective May 1, 2016, any website ending with .com, .info, .org, and .edu will cost visitors \$0.99 per visit. This fee is charged only once

a day per website per visitor. The FCC stated their reasoning behind this new law. Tom Wheeler, FCC Chairman, stated he felt this was a necessary move "because I was bored and need money to buy another boat." The ramifications of this law are larger than previously estimated. It seems that using any search

engine, such as Google, or Bing if you're really desperate and dead inside, will cost about a dollar per day. If all the money was not going directly into Wheeler's pockets, the American economy may benefit from this sudden income. Ever since the announcement, Wheeler has reportedly been in

hiding, and is rumored to be part of the Witness Protection Program. The Lamp has gained exclusive information from an anonymous source that he is now a soybean farmer in Decatur, Illinois. Isaac can be reached at 866-740-4531

Happy April Fools Day!!!

Loggers join Big Ten

Budget impasse leaves spots for Lincoln Land

By Emmi Fisher
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Lincoln Land Community College will join The Big Ten Conference starting in August 2016 for the fall sports season.

This move went into effect after many junior/community colleges cut their budgets due to the state budget impasse. Lincoln Land Community College unlike some Illinois colleges were able to keep their sports programs.

The Loggers has been very successful in the last few years going to Nationals this year in volleyball and last year in softball and baseball. So it was no surprise when the college was asked by Governor Bruce Rauner to help represent Illinois in The Big Ten Conference.

The Loggers will compete in three men's and women's sports, Men's Basketball, Soccer and Baseball, and Women's Basketball, Volleyball and Softball.

This is yet another move after the University of Illinois announced that Lovie Smith will be

BIG

the new head coach over the program for the 2016-17 season.

"I am extremely excited about Lincoln Land Community College joining the Big Ten. I look forward to winning many conference titles and being the best school in the Big Ten," said Ron Riggle, LLCC Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach.

Not everyone was excited. Outrage over Lincoln Land joining the Big Ten is what led protesters to disrupt a Donald Trump rally planned for Friday, March 12, at University of Illinois at Chicago.

"I am a billionaire, I am going to build a huuuuggeeee wall, and I like Illinois decisions to allow Lincoln Land Community

College into The Big Ten Conference, they are just trying to

make Illinois great again!" said Donald Trump, Republican presidential candidate and billionaire businessman.

This statement sparked outrage after University of Illinois at Chicago was denied acceptance into The Big Ten Conference two years prior. Lincoln Land Community College is still ready to take on the challenge no matter what furry goes on over there tie with The Big Ten Conference.

"I'm so excited about LLCC athletics becoming the newest member of the Big 10 conference. It has been long time in coming." Said John Marsaglia, LLCC head softball

coach and adviser of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. "I just talked with my longtime friend, Lovie Smith (new head football coach at U of I). Apparently, he had some input with our becoming a member of the Big 10."

Lincoln Land will now become Lincoln Land University, starting in June of 2018.

The Lincoln Land athletes do have a big shoes to fill. They will be competing with some of the best athletes in the world, and being a little school with much less resources, Lincoln Land Community College will make each coaches jobs harder when recruiting players who can compete, but like upsets such as Yale vs. Baylor, Lincoln Land Community College athletes can put in work and be very successful!

"I always felt that my greatest asset was not my physical ability, it was my mental ability." said Bruce Jenner, retired Olympic gold medal-winning decathlete.

The LLCC athletes are ready for The Big Ten Conference next season!

"I'm super excited for this great opportunity to be competing against the best athletes in the midwest. I look forward to winning The Big Ten Championship in our first season!" Said Brenna Palmer, sophomore volleyball leader.

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BMX race track being built

By Teresa Brummett
Online Editor

After three years it's finally going to happen. Work will begin starting on the new BMX race track.

Lincoln Land board members finally voted to build it. And Lincoln Land will be outdoing themselves. Wasting no expense.

With the donation they received the track will be one of the best BMX tracks in the country.

Then quickly after it is built, Lincoln Land will then host its first ever BMX tournament this fall.

They had talked about bringing in dirt to shape all the ramps and jumps associated with the races. And since they would have had to place it all in Cass gym it ended with a no go. They would have had to bring in over 600 tons, and that's just a basic track.

The tournament will then be held for two days. Starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. on July 24-25.

Each race will start with 25 riders and they will compete until the number of applicants goes from 100 down to ten. Then after coming up with the top 10 out of each race the riders will be split yet again to the top five. Then taking it down to the top 3, then the winner.

The race track will be located behind Cass Gym and will consist of four jumps, where they will be showing off their skills.

By no means are these riders amateurs. These men attending are some of the biggest names in the sport.

Garrett Reynolds, Steve Churchhill, Mat Hoffman, Tom Dugan, Chase Hawk, Chad Kerley, Dakota Roche, and Ty Morrow just to name a few.

Winner will receive a trophy and grand prize of \$500 thousand dollars.

Come out and support your new BMX race track at Lincoln Land Community College in behind Cass gym.

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Lincoln Land adding pool

Swimming club being organized by students

By Teresa Brummett
Online Editor

It's finally here. Lincoln Land has finally said the OK for a brand-new building. But, there's something a little different about this building. There will be a pool inside of it.

Several students have already shown interest where a swimming club in involved. So the swimming teams get ready. This Olympic size pool will be one of several in the country that will host Olympic stars, for practices.

The pool will have 10 lanes and be 10 feet deep. It will have a removable dome and windows.

As you can see from the drawing it will have enough seats so that everybody who comes to see the races will have a spot to sit.

There will of course be rules. Like no running around. You could fall and get hurt.

Or like no diving head first into the shallow end. But, I should add, there is no shallow end.

There will be lifeguards on duty, and of course, Lincoln Land students will get a chance to apply for the jobs.

You will have to fill an application out and take a swim test to apply for these positions. There will be way too many to count so

just apply.

The swim team will be call "Floating Loggers" Swim team.

They will consist of male and female teams and will have their very own locker rooms to change.

Each locker room area will have shower stalls with actual running water with changing areas, along with lockers to store your things.

You will have to bring your own lock and leave the key at the counter for your safety. Just in case you drown we'll have to clean out your locker.

You will not be able to let loose any logs of your own. And this is just a sanitary thing cause it's gross.

Construction for the building and pool will begin in August and plans to be done will be in summer of 2017. If weather holds out.

Get your swim gear ready for the opening of the pool which will highlight several Olympian, including Dorothy Hamill, Scott Hamilton, Adelina Sotnikova's, Peggy Fleming, David Mark Berger, Derrick Crass, Sibby Flowers, Dane Hussey, Tommy Kono along with Ryan Lochte and Michael Phelps.

Anyone who wants autographs forget cause they won't be signing anything. They'll be way too busy swimming.

Bring your gear and let's get to swimming.

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