

Graduates prepare for May 13 ceremony

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Print editor

SPRINGFIELD - For those who have completed LLCC, congratulations! You are now able to graduate and receive your cap and gown from the bookstore! Here are a few housekeeping tips for prospective graduates to

consider.

Graduates must submit a graduation form to the Student Record Office by May 1 in order to officially graduate. After that, cap and gowns may be ordered and picked up in the bookstore.

On March 16 and 17, the bookstore hosted Grad Fest in the A. Lincoln Commons to jump

start the graduation regalia orders

Also at Grad Fest, there was a photo booth and another free haircut day hosted by the Black Student Union.

The cost for a cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover is \$20.

Students who are Veterans or part of the National Guard are eligible to purchase Honor

Americana Cords, which cost \$14.95.

Graduation Regalia can be purchased in the bookstore, as long as orders are placed before April 15. Starting on March 18, orders can be made on the bookstore website.

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Lincoln Land Loggers take on the Parkland College Cobras during the homecoming game on Feb. 25 in Cass Gym.

Basketball season ends

By Emmi Fisher
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Lincoln Land Community College winter sport seasons have come to the end.

The women and men's basketball teams played their last games of the 2015-2016 season right before the start of spring break. Both teams started training in September and have been playing strong for six months.

During the regional tournaments, the men's team competed in Champaign, Illinois, at Parkland College and lost to Danville Area Community College in the first round.

The women's team competed in Lincoln, Illinois, at Lincoln College and beat John Wood Community College in the first

"I felt that this season was such a great season. We worked together as well as a team and worked really hard every day. We got better as the year went and continued to do great things. I miss playing with the sophomores, but I'm very excited to see what next year brings."

Kylie Crouse,
No. 32,
Freshmen/Starter/All Region
Selection Player

round, than lost to Parkland College in the second round.

The women's basketball team ended up 18-11 overall for the season and 5-5 in conference play. The women's team started the season off with a 0-3 record

after the team learned to tie their shoes they went on an 11-game winning streak. After winter break, they started conference play and broke even with wins and losses going 5-5.

The Lady Loggers will be losing five sophomores starters Gretchen Hobbie and Rachel Alde; and Cheyenne Cherry, Sydney Jarrard and Eloise Sneddon.

The Loggers had two members earn All-Region recognition sophomore Rachel Alde (12.4PPG) and freshman Kylie Crouse (11.8PPG).

Men's Basketball

The Men's Basketball team ended the season with a record of 16-15 overall and

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LLCC prepares for severe weather

Isaac Warren
Print Editor

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois sees the extremes of weather on an annual basis. From hot summers, to frigid winters, residents of Illinois know a thing or two about how the weather works. However, severe weather threatens lives everyday. Tornadoes, lightning, severe thunderstorms, flash floods, and even a fire can cause massive damage and can wreak

havoc when they strike.

Dean Butzow, who teaches an intro to weather class at Lincoln Land Community College, gave some helpful tips when it comes to preparing for severe weather.

Having a weather radio, he said, is very important, because they are louder than the alerts on a phone. Radios do not drain a phone's battery and can even be used to charge them. A weather radio can be

bought at virtually any store that sells electronics. For the Springfield area, radio station WUIS provides weather updates and forecasts all day and night.

Having a plan of action in case severe weather strikes is also very important, says Butzow. In Illinois, the weather can change dramatically by the hour, which

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Students grant Wish

By Teresa Brummet
Online Editor

SPRINGFIELD – In March, The Make-A-Wish Foundation will be having a presentation at which a local Jacksonville family will have a wish granted. Their boy who 4 wish a chronic illness wished to go to Disneyland will have that day thanks to some local Lincoln Land college students

Nine students from Jacksonville Lincoln Land College recently helped this family out by collecting six thousand dollars so that they would get that wish of going to Disneyland in August. And with a great determination to help this family that's just what these students accomplished.

Chriswell who is their teacher said she couldn't be more proud of her students and all of their hard work. But to be able to collect this amount of money in such a very short time of three weeks is overwhelming for these students with disabilities.

Chriswell commented saying " Dream BIG---then go out and be creative enough to make it happen because we never know what we're capable of doing until we try and try and NEVER GIVE UP!After all, half the battle is helping the students believe they can do it—just as I believe in each of you!"

The Make-A-Wish-Foundation, helps children who are battling diseases and other medical conditions, granting them a wish.

The collaboration started 35 years ago in 1981 when Disney granted its first official "Wish Kid," Frank "Bopsy" Salazar, his wish. It helped the 7-year-old boy who wanted to be a fireman, ride in a hot-air balloon and go to Disneyland. Salazar died of leukemia in 1981.

Going to Disney world hasn't been the only type of wishes made. Others include being a Police Officer, a Firefighter, an NFL player, a cowboy, visiting Knotts Berry Farm, meeting Princess Diana, going to Antarctica and swimming with dolphins.

If fact President Ronald Reagan was the first president to give a Wish Kid her wish, where she was allowed to light the National Christmas Tree.

In making wishes come true, by the year 2000, there had been 80,000 wishes that had been granted to children across America. And as of Oct. 8, 2015, the foundation had celebrated 30 years of wishes in our home state of Illinois.

While making kids and their families dreams come true, Disney and the Make-A-Wish Foundation have worked together, making 100,000 wishes come true.

Now with Disney is celebrating its 60th, Disney is having a promotion if you take a picture with Mickey ears or something that resembles Mickey ears and post #shareyouears to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, it will donate \$5, up to \$1 million to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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Kiss me, I'm Irish!

By Editorial Staff

What are you doing on St. Patrick's Day? Probably, wearing something green, maybe enjoying a green beer, or many, and celebrating the day's tradition watching a parade. It does seem like we are all Irish on St. Patrick's Day. It is a great excuse to have fun with friends and family.

The tradition and importance of St. Patrick's Day dates way back to 1903 when it became a national holiday in Ireland. Ireland as a primarily Catholic country celebrated St. Patrick's Day as a Holy Day up until this time. Many legends have been associated with St. Patrick over the 20 years he preached in Ireland. One of these is the three leafed shamrock, which it is said he used to

explain the Trinity. Today in Ireland, this special day is celebrated with parades and festivals, some lasting for days, celebrating Irish culture. Businesses, Banks and Government offices are all closed. Even Pubs open late and close early. It was not until 1995, that St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with a national parade in Dublin, as a way to promote tourism.

Many Irish immigrated to the United States in the late 1800's and early 1900's due to a famine in Ireland. The US Census has estimated that 34 million U.S. citizens claim Irish heritage. Over the past decades the Irish in America have celebrated St. Patrick's Day as it has evolved from a holy day celebration to a reason to party.

So, St. Patrick's Day is this week, and many

of us Irish will celebrate with friends and family, but many of our non-Irish friends will be Irish for a day! The color of the day is green, and shamrocks will be on display. We will drink green beer, and possibly eat some corn beef and cabbage. It will be a fun day of celebrating Irish tradition, even though none of this will actually be happening in Ireland. Even though our modern traditions differ from those in Ireland, it is a great reason to have some fun!

So wear green, celebrate, and kiss someone who is Irish!

This editorial was written by Tess Peterson based on a discussion of The Lamp's editorial board.

Trump's fake University

By Isaac Warren
Print Editor

SPRINGFIELD — By now, just about everyone in America knows the name Donald Trump. The multibillionaire businessman has been running for president since 2015.

His policies may not be completely understood, but this is not the first time he has not been completely upfront and honest. In the mid-2000s, Trump began what has been known as a "huge scam," and is currently being sued because of it. Trump University looked promising to those who signed up for it, but they were soon met with utter disappointment.

The purpose of Trump University was to teach students how to successfully operate a business and earn huge profits. In fact, the promotional video for the so-called "university" promised "terrific professors, terrific people, terrific brains" to teach the classes. The video also promised success to those who participated, with Trump claiming to have "hand-picked" successful people to teach the courses.

It was later discovered that Trump pick none of the "experts." Instead, the organization hired a third party that, according to the National Review, "creates and develops materials for an array of motivational speakers and seminar and timeshare rental companies." Essentially, Trump University cut costs by hiring a bunch of motivational speakers, instead of actual experts in real estate or business owning.

The name Trump University is a bit misleading. Technically, the organization was not a college, nor did it provide students with any college credit. Upon its launch on May 23, 2005, the name was changed to Trump Entrepreneur Initiative. The name was changed, according to the Huffington Post, because the New York Department of Education suggested that the original title was "misleading and even illegal." The Better Business Bureau also gave the organization a D-minus rating. Recently, Trump claimed to have received an A-minus rating, according to the New York Times.

Within the past week, three anti-Trump ads have been released for the presidential race concerning the effects of Trump University. Each ad is about 30 seconds long and features someone who paid for the courses talking about how they got scammed. The common theme among the ads is that Trump promised something great, and lied after he took their

money. One man said that his credit score was "ruined," after attending the "university."

Although the actual "university" was stationed in New York, classes were also offered in Dallas and San Francisco. Currently, Trump is battling numerous lawsuits. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is suing for \$40 million, while California is involved in a class-action lawsuit against the phony university. Both are suing for fraud charges.

About 5,000 people were allegedly swindled out of their money by Trump, 600 of whom are New Yorkers, according to the Daily News. The Atlantic reported in 2014 about a playbook that was discovered with the Trump University logo on it. The contents further prove that Trump was intentionally out to get people's money.

The playbook shows that the school's goal was to gain at least \$70,000 per seminar, which lasted three days. Even the rooms of the classes had very specific details, according to the playbook. It is quoted as saying that, "chairs should be close enough together to bring attendees out of their comfort zone," and that the temperature should be "at no more than 68 degrees." There was a "sales corral" near the exit that one would have to walk by in order

to leave.

The playbook also contained instructions for certain events, such as if a "member of the media were to approach the registration table." The staffers were instructed "not to talk to him or her under any circumstance." Usually, if someone is starting a business, some free publicity would not be a bad thing. Seeing how Trump handled reporters shows that there was something wrong with his business endeavor. Perhaps the single most effective piece of evidence that Trump University was designed to be a sham was the phrase "all payments must be received in full," in all caps. The Atlantic sums it up by saying, "Basically, anyone with a valid credit card was 'admitted' into Trump University."

Some instructors incorrectly remarked that Trump could just happen to "drop by" the class. Apparently, the students never got to meet Trump in the flesh, but a cardboard cutout was available for students to take pictures with.

Donald Trump is a businessman, albeit, not an totally honest one. If he can barely run a credible business, how can he be trusted with running this nation?

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Spring forward back to school

By Madison Mings
Editor

SPRINGFIELD – Welcome back Loggers! Hopefully you did amazing on your mid-term exams and had a wonderful spring break! Now it's back to responsibilities and school work. So long sleeping in and enjoying those 2 a.m. lovely weather night drives.

March came in like a lamb. A couple rainy days over spring break but nothing terrible. But the weather has been so nice. But I can't wait for St. Patrick's Day!

March has a lot of great things. The holiday St. Patrick's Day, wearing green, luck, and trying not to get pinched by someone.

Also, basketball fans have March Madness to look forward too. And we have to set our clocks ahead, bummer I am going to miss that extra hour. Plus, Easter is at the end of March. So there's excitement for that holiday too.

But I hope coming back from spring break you are ready to be back at school!

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Elephants make final exit

By Teresa Brummett
Online Editor

For years, children and adults alike have gone to circuses across the United States to see animals perform and do ricks. The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus was no different — until now.

After years of watching the elephants walk in and out tail to tail with the circus, the Greatest Show on Earth is bringing the tradition to an end.

For years, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and other animal-rights organizations have fought trying to get the elephants out of all circus shows. Ringling Brothers plans to stop using elephants by

2018.

The circus had more than \$270,000 in fines for animal-welfare violations, the largest civil penalty paid to date. PETA has complained about the elephants abuse and what other animals have also gone through. They've argued for years about the stress and hazards that go along with it.

PETA complained that the elephants were chained in cages with little ventilation for days. They would jostle around as they were moved from place to place, only to be let out to perform. While PETA complained about the conditions, it also noted that it was hard on the elephants' joints and bones. Besides those strains, there's also abuse from

workers, who zap the elephants with cattle prods and hit or poke them with bull hooks (similar to fireplace poker).

The abuse was draining these beautiful animals.

Furthermore, workers would remove babies shortly after birth, tying all four legs together and dragging it from its mother.

An undercover PETA employee commented saying "that the elephants had abnormal behavior typically seen in animals who are suffering from extreme stress, frustration and boredom. It brought attention to them as the light in their eyes dimmed and they became broken."

So as babies, they are raised and taught tricks and then shoved into

their cages, and after years of repeating this over and over, it's not that hard to believe why any of these animals would not walk away damaged in one way or another.

While the decision to end the use of elephants in the circus is good, that doesn't mean those retiring from show business will be put out to a comfy pasture.

Ringling Brothers plans to send the elephants to the Center for Elephant Conservation, which is more of a breeding ground than a sanctuary. Breeding mothers have been known to be chained to the cement floor for up to 18 hours per day, according to PETA.

About 30 elephants have died including babies since 1992. That

includes an 8-month-old named Riccardo, which was killed after breaking his leg jumping off a pedestal.

Elephants are not the only animals to suffer abuse at the circus. In 2004 a 2-year-old lion died of heat stroke while the circus was in the Mojave Desert.

And since 2010, several elephants have tested positive for a human strain of tuberculosis (TB) and herpes, which can spread to humans. These are very rare viruses in the wild.

Animal abuse is so much worse than people realize. Do your part and get involved.

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Join your pet in a selfie

By Teresa Brummett
Online Editor

What is a Selfie? It's a photograph that you take of yourself.

Believe it or not the very first Selfie was taken in 1839 by Robert Cornelius, when he produced a daguerreotype of himself. This was also the very first photo of a person.

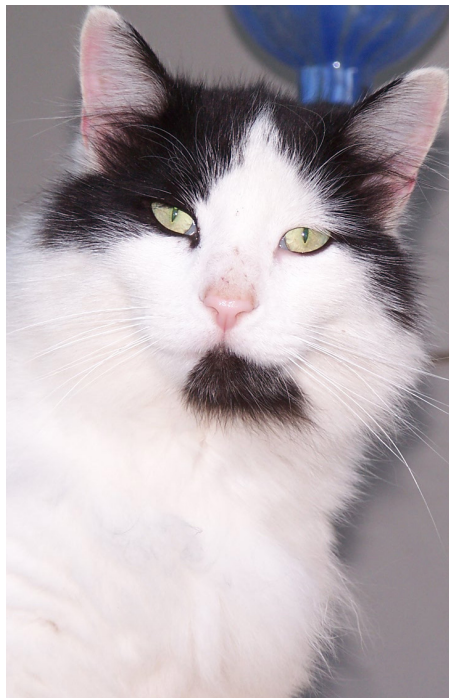
The process was very slow so it allowed Cornelius to uncover the lens and then get into the frame for a few minutes and then replace the lens.

In fact the first box camera was invented in 1900 by Kodak Brownie which led to the more self-portraiture technique that we know today.

Don't think that space has stopped the Selfie fascination. In fact in 1966 Astronaut Buzz Aldrin took the first EVA (extra-vehicular activity) Selfie while on the Gemini 12 mission in space. Even the Mars Rover has gotten into the fad. Taking photos of itself for research.

As cell phones became more popular so did the use of them for taking a Selfie. And it keeps getting more and more popular with no ending in sight.

Back in 2011 Photographer David Slater who was on expedition was taking photos of the Crested Black Macaque Primate when one of the curious ones snatched



up his camera. Slater ended up with hundreds of selfies of so called primate on his camera. Actually taking some great shots in the process.

Now because of the love of our pets they are getting in on the Selfies to. People are

posting and re-posting photos of their pets just to make sure people get a chance to see them, because they think their pet is the best.

Which leads us to the Westminster Kennel Club (WKC) and the Cat Fancy Association cat shows (CFA). These are clubs where people bring their dogs and cat to show. WKC has been around for 139 years and for the CFA it's been 110 years of doing shows.

WKC is focused on seven different categories. Then they are broken down and eventually put into the mix for the Best in Show winner (Grand Prize).

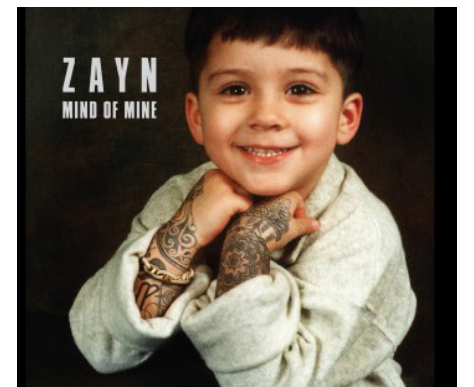
CFA is similar but has just over forty breeds to vote from. And after breaking them down further they are also placed into the mix for the Best in Show (Grand Prize).

Now you ask why talk about Selfies then talk about animals. Well since the popularity is there to take Selfies with your pets that's what I would like you to do.

Send me your pet Selfie photos. Whatever photos you'd like to share. If I get enough of them they could be posted in one of our future editions of The Lamp.

Make them as subtle or as crazy as you'd like. Please be fun and enjoy taking the Selfie with your pet. The Selfie craze continues.

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Zayn Malik debuts own sound

By Madison Mings
Editor

SPRINGFIELD – Ever since Zayn Malik left One Direction, he still wanted to make his own music with his own sound.

Malik wanted freedom to do his own music but One Direction's management Modest! Didn't approve of his sound that he wanted. Malik left One Direction on Mar.25, 2015. Without giving any real explanation to why he left the band. Then finally tweeted from his Twitter page stating why he left on Jul. 29, 2015.

His tweet read: I guess I never explained why I left, it was for this moment to be given the opportunity to show you who I really am! #realmusic #RCA !!He signed with RCA to get his solo career started. His fans are glad he isn't given up on music and will be able to express himself the way he wants.

Malik's first single is Pillow Talk with 149,132,000+ views being played everywhere and it is amazing. He said in an interview that it's "dirty and raw". Next for Malik's career he guessed on The Tonight show with Jimmy Fallon and debuted a new single to gush over called "It's You".

This month Malik dropped another single called "Like I Would". He teased fans on his Twitter with some lyrics of the new song and pictures of the new music video.

Malik's sound is R&B and it sounds amazing, still signing those heavenly high notes. It is a much different sound from him singing One Direction songs. He has opened up more with his soul and his lyrics are emotional and relatable.

His album is titled "Mind of Mine" and it comes out on the anniversary of the day he departed One Direction one year ago on Mar. 25. He said instead of looking at it as a sad day look at it as a good day, like a sign. So look for "Mind of Mine" when it drops that day and listen to his single's, you won't regret it.

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Speed dating offers new twist on 'blind date'

Teresa Brummett
Online Editor

They say that love is blind. But a new twist on speed dating is taking that to a whole new level.

In speed dating, participants spends two to three minutes with a prospective paramour. But now, they do it with a paper sack over their heads.

Speed dating got its start in 1998 when Rabbi Yaa-cov Deyo invited a group of friends to convene in his living room and brainstorm about how he could best serve the local Jewish community. The Los Angeles group included several entertainment-industry people, including a game-show producer.

The group decided Jewish singles needed to identify marriage partners with maximum efficiency, and they designed a wacky game in which participants would table-hop their way through a dozen dates in a night.

The first event gave participants 10 minutes for the speed date. When the Rabbi would lift up a gragger (the noisemaker Jews use during Purim), everyone would switch partners and go to their next stranger and start up yet another conversation.

He would give each person a client informational form where he could get feedback on the process, using an Excel spreadsheet to keep track of the singles and their responses.

About a year later, the speed-dating idea had gone viral, with imitators around the country.

With several online dating sites like: plentyoffish.com, eHarmony, Match.com and Letting It Go, others believe that online dating isn't as good as speed dating. For example, you can prepare yourself for the real-life interactions with real dates not a computer picture, which you have to hope is the actual person.

With technology changing every day, it's hard to decide which way you would prefer to date. Looking at the person through a computer screen or bag face to bag face.

Today, Deyo still believes that speed dating is a good

way to meet someone, although online places out there believe the opposite. The online does let you see a person's face, and it lets you browse thousands of singles, not just the dozen at the speed dating event.

So if you want to meet and have a relationship that will be everlasting, it just depends on what you want.

But if you're not into online dating, you might want to consider speed dating with the bag-covered face as a fun twist.

And remember the saying, "Looks will someday fade, but love is forever."

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Eastern hemlock grows in Illinois

Few know about trees growing in Starved Rock State Park

By Jared Gorrell
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD - I have suddenly grown a fascination with the topic of endangered species through discovering one of the rarest tree species in Illinois. That would be the eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), and finding it here in Illinois is something of a major surprise.

The discovery of the eastern hemlock came after a series of events. In June 2015, I visited the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina. There, hemlocks are dying by the thousands thanks to the hemlock woolly adelgid, a small insect that looks like a piece of white lint. However, en masse, the millions of adelgids were, and are, drinking the hemlocks' sap far faster than the trees can replace it. The trees die, and the bugs move on to the next tree, and the next, and the next. As a result, these little vampiric insects are causing one of the largest mass tree deaths in the United States today. Nearly all eastern hemlocks in the

southern Appalachians will be gone in a few years. Thankfully, in the north, around the Great Lakes, the climate is too cold for the hemlock woolly adelgid, but not too cold for the hemlock. As a result, this tree is not likely to go extinct.

In Illinois, this tree, for the most part, has already gone extinct. During the last series of glaciers, eastern hemlocks were found in Illinois. As the climate warmed and dried, the hemlocks were pushed farther and farther north, into Wisconsin, where they are currently found. This is a tree present mostly in areas that are colder, wetter and with far more acidic soil than Illinois. (That PH scale from chemistry class matters a lot when it comes to plants. The PH of a soil determines what plants live on it about as significantly as light and water do.)

The discovery of the eastern hemlock in Illinois itself came about after a trip to Starved Rock State Park by the Lincoln Land Environmental Club in November 2015. I, a member of the club, went along. While hiking in St. Louis Canyon, we happened upon the trees, which I recognized as being eastern hemlocks. Several online searches later, I came to the conclusion that these trees are not found in Illinois, or at least are not widely recorded as being present in Illinois. Most major botanical

websites had eastern hemlocks labeled as not occurring in this state. I had to take a second look. The follow-up trip, taken over Spring Break 2016, confirmed it. I had stumbled across the rarest trees in Illinois. There appears to be only 11 trees, all present in two canyons in Starved Rock State Park, which is one of the few areas in Illinois with suitable habitat.

With an observed total of 11 trees, one might think that this would be an endangered species in this state. For plants and animals that are rare in Illinois, the state of Illinois has its list of state-threatened and endangered species. For a species to be listed as state-endangered in Illinois there are five criteria, each of which is considered significant enough to put the species on the list. First, the species may be federally threatened or endangered, or proposed to be so. Second, the species must have suffered a severe population decline within Illinois due to human-caused activities, i.e. development, agriculture, hunting, or collecting. Third, the species may have a limited overall geographic range. Fourth, the species may have a limited range or a low population in Illinois alone. Finally, in a similar vein to the last two reasons, the species may be a disjunct species, one that is not found in large numbers in Illinois because the main portion of the species' range is elsewhere. The eastern hemlock

meets the fourth and fifth criteria of being a state-endangered species, but according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the tree is not listed as protected at all. Except for a few officials at Starved Rock State Park, I do not believe that the eastern hemlock is known to still exist in the wild in Illinois.

At present, it is the goal of this nature columnist to get the eastern hemlock recognized as a state-endangered species. Of course, that's where bureaucracy comes in. Every five years, the Endangered Species Protection Board, the state organization in charge of determining whether a species deserves protection, reviews candidacy for protection for rare species. The next time the board will do so is in 2020. Each one of these reviews includes a public hearing, which I plan to attend... in 2019. Until then, the trees will just have to wait. In the meantime, I encourage anyone visiting Starved Rock State Park to keep an eye out, especially in St. Louis Canyon, where the bulk of the population lives. For all that we know, there could be many more eastern hemlocks in Illinois, just waiting to be discovered by sharp-eyed naturalists.

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Homecoming packs stands for games against Parkland

By Madison Mings
Editor

SPRINGFIELD - Cass Gym at LLCC is buzzing with excitement. Students, parents, and faulty helping with the homecoming game hosted by LLCC Feb. 25. The LLCC women and men's basketball team played against Parkland College.

There is a table filled with candy, little foam fingers, a Go Loggers poster with a drawing of Abraham Lincoln and markers that the kids can color it with.

On another table is the pictures and the homecoming court, where you have the last chance to vote before they announce homecoming king and queen.

When you walk into the gym you are giving a little card where you get a free hot dog, chips, and a soda. You also get a raffle ticket to be one of the three winners to be a part of a basketball contest to win an iPad Mini.

There is a good turnout of the crowd, most of the seats were filled.

The women's game is first.

The final score for the women's game is Loggers 51 and Parkland 68.

I asked LLCC Guard Emmi Fisher about the overall performance of the game against Parkland.

"We need to be more aggressive, we played hard and started strong but we started decreasing." What is a strategy you'll use for a next game? "Next time play hard all four quarters."

The men for both teams started with their warm-ups while there was an intermission before the game started.

Parkland was up 8 points at the beginning of the first quarter, and they maintained that lead to win 53-71.

During halftime of the men's game, the homecoming king and queen were announced. They were Zeke Rowe of Jacksonville and Emmi Fisher of Springfield.

The games were a lot of fun and I enjoyed every second of this year's homecoming event.

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4-6 in conference play. Unlike the ladies season the Men's wins and losses were pretty consecutive throughout the season. The Loggers will be losing four sophomores Tyler Burdine, Edward Longmeyer aka "Eddie", Riley Spencer, Marshall Corbin. Edward Longmeyer (21.0PPG) was selected as an All-Region Player and made All-Conference.

Both the Women's and Men's Basketball team had a good seasons. Before graduation, while the air grows warm, both teams will be spending their last days with their

sophomore teammates before they move on to better things. The signing period is also right around the corner. So new incoming freshmen will be welcomed to the Logger's family this spring!

As Actor Tom Hanks says, "You begin by always expecting good things to happen."

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Weather

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is why it is important to have a plan. Illinois has a very high count for tornadoes, especially in Sangamon county, which has the second highest tornado average in central Illinois, according to the National Weather Service. Because of this, a plan must include where to go if a tornado were to touch down. The best place to be during a tornado is the lowest part of a building that has no windows, such as a bathroom. Pillows, helmets, even a mattress should be brought along as a shield from debris, should a tornado strike the building. Debris from a tornado is usually what kills people. Tornadoes have been known to drive grass and straw through trees, as well as lift an entire house off its foundation.

Butzow noted that LLCC is one of the few areas in Springfield to be certified by the National Weather Service

as a storm ready facility. This means that the LLCC campus is a safe place to be if a tornado warning was issued.

It is crucial to know what the difference is between a watch and a warning. When the NWS issues a severe thunderstorm watch, or a tornado watch, this means that the current weather conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather. This does not mean that a severe thunderstorm or a tornado is happening. It just means that it may happen soon. If a watch is issued, prepare a weather emergency kit with flashlights, candles, shoes, first-aid, and water. In the event of a severe thunderstorm warning or a tornado warning, you must take cover immediately. A warning means that a severe thunderstorm or a tornado is in progress and will affect you shortly. A warning is not an open invitation to stand on the porch and watch the storm, especially during a tornado. If you want to see a tornado, I suggest you watch some YouTube

videos instead of risking your life.

In rare cases, the NWS may issue a PDS, which stands for Particularly Dangerous Situation. This kind of warning should not be taken lightly, and indicates that a storm that is life-threatening. Usually, if a PDS is issued with a tornado warning, this means that the tornado is strong and will last a long time. It could also mean that there will be multiple tornadoes. If a PDS is issued with a severe thunderstorm warning, this means that winds could reach and even exceed 90 miles per hour, and cause extreme damage to life and property.

So, this spring, consider making a weather emergency kit, and having a plan of action for when severe weather occurs. More information can be found at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration webpage at www.noaa.gov.

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