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Are you ready to

GRADUATE?

Brittany Webb
Staff Writer

Parkland College's Commencement Ceremony this year will be held on May 14 at the Krannert Center on University of Illinois campus. Commencement marks, for many students, the completion of very important steps in their educational careers. Parkland students have the option of walking in the commencement ceremony or skipping it all together. For some, it is the chance they have been waiting a long time for and they eagerly await the day. Konnor Williford, a sophomore in the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program at Parkland, has worked hard to get where she is. "I believe it is important to walk in commencement to really celebrate

all the hard work I have put in at Parkland," Williford commented. Unfortunately for some students, tickets were very limited this year. Students were allowed only four tickets to give to family members and friends. However, for Cindy Webb, another LPN sophomore, 4 tickets per student was just the right amount. "Students are only allowed 4 tickets so the people coming will be immediate family, [for me] my husband and 2 daughters," Webb said. Webb has earned 114 credit hours going into commencement. The commencement day is not a day for families, rather it is a day for the individual, it is about what the students themselves have achieved, and celebrating their hard work. "I think it's about time and being a nursing student about to graduate, it's an honor," Webb added.

The guest speaker at this year's ceremony is Supreme Court Chief Justice Fourth District, Rita Garman. Garman graduated from the University of Illinois and currently resides in Danville, so she is quite familiar with the area. She does not have a prior connection to Parkland College, but was selected by administrators to be the guest speaker due to her outstanding achievements and the work she has done. Garman was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2001, and elected to the court in 2002. "I think I was probably selected because I'm the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court," Garman said. "I live close and I'm very interested in Parkland." Garman has also known Parkland College President, Dr. Ramage for a long time, and also several members

of the Board of Trustees. In her speech Garman plans to talk about perseverance, why that's important and why it's important to take advantage of all opportunities that come along an individual's way. "Because you never know where life's journey is going to take you," Garman elaborated. "I hope they will be encouraged to not let this be the end, but to set other goals for themselves in life and to aspire to the accomplishment they can imagine." Garman hopes students will be proud of their accomplishments and achieving their goals. She has previously spoken at Parkland commencement, and has made some great speeches. Garman is also excited to encourage students to achieve the greatness they are capable of. "I've done a number of these kinds

of speeches," Garman added. "I've spoken to Danville Area Community College and University of Iowa College of Law." Two days after she speaks at Parkland College's commencement, Garman will also be speaking at the University of Illinois-College of Economics, where she graduated with highest honors in 1965. "I'm just anxious to participate in this wonderful ceremony," said Garman, "and to share the excitement of those that are graduating." The commencement ceremony will be held May 14, 2015 at 8 p.m. in Krannert Center for the Performing Arts Foellinger Great Hall. Tickets are required for entry. Any questions can be directed to the front desk in Student Life (U111), or by calling 217-351-2492.

Peaceful Baltimore demonstrators praise top prosecutor

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Michael Biesecker
Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP)— At a grassy plaza across from Baltimore's City Hall filled with thousands of people on Saturday, speakers praised the city's young top prosecutor for quickly moving forward with charges against the police officers they see as responsible for the death of a 25-year-old black man who suffered a fatal spinal injury in their custody. The peaceful scene was a striking contrast to demonstrations the past two weeks at the same plaza. Crowds of angry protesters demanded that the city's leaders heed their cries for justice, and one night, the protests gave way to looting, rioting and arson. On Friday morning, four days after the most violent civil unrest since the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King in 1968, State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby had stood nearby before a bank of television cameras beaming her words live around the world. She announced criminal charges against the officers ranging from assault to murder in the death of Freddie Gray, whose name has become a rallying point against police brutality and socio-economic inequality in American cities. "To the youth of the city," Mosby, 35, said as she announced the charges. "This is a moment. This is your



In this Friday, May 1, 2015 file photo, Marilyn Mosby, Baltimore's top prosecutor, speaks during a news conference in Baltimore. Mosby charged six officers in the death of Freddie Gray, who suffered a grave spinal injury as he was arrested and put into a police transport van, handcuffed and without a seat belt. But getting a jury to convict police officers of murder and manslaughter will be far harder than obtaining arrest warrants.

Photo by Alex Brandon | AP Photo

moment. ... You're at the forefront of this cause and as young people, our time is now." Organizers billed the big Saturday afternoon demonstration not as a protest of Gray's death, but a "victory rally" that city leaders have perhaps listened to their cries.

Smaller groups of what looked to be several hundred gathered all around the city and made their way through the streets to join the thousands at the main rally. Chants of "no justice, no peace, no racist police" echoed and crowds of people,

black and white, young and old, carried homemade signs calling for peace, as well as printed ones asking for justice. Others wore T-shirts that read, "Black Lives Matter," a slogan many have taken up in the fight. The Gray case is the latest

in a string of high-profile killings of black men by police that include Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner in New York City, neither of which resulted in charges against the lawmen. Unlike Brown and Garner, Gray's death happened in a

majority black city where black elected officials hold the reins of political power and oversee the justice system. The police department is 48 percent black. Even the officers charged are racially split — three white, three black. "I think it has to do with Ms. Mosby living here in West Baltimore: they took seriously the sentiment of the youth," said Kustanya McCray, a 41-year-old Baltimore resident who joined thousands of people at the demonstration. "Our city council, the mayor they're all from here. They've lost family members to violence. They understand what's been happening. They understand they have no choice now." After the night of rioting and looting, the National Guard was called in to help police enforce a nightly curfew with heavily armed troops riding in armored vehicles, to which many objected. As of 11 p.m. on Saturday, a handful of people had been arrested, including one that was hit with a blast of pepper spray and later taken away in an ambulance. Mosby said in charging the officers that police had no reason to stop or chase after Gray. They falsely accused him of having an illegal switchblade when it was a legal pocketknife. The van driver and the other officers failed to strap him down with a seat belt, a direct violation of

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NEWS

Parkland attains 'Ready to Respond Campus' designation

James K. Joseph
Director

SPRINGFIELD – Parkland College in Champaign today was recognized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) as the third institution of higher education to achieve the Ready to Respond Campus designation after completing the program's rigorous campus safety criteria.

Parkland College was one of nine campuses in Illinois that participated in a 2013 pilot of the Ready to Respond Campus program. The IEMA initiative is aimed at enhancing campus safety through a comprehensive, community-based preparedness and response effort, including public safety, campus administration, faculty and students.

The voluntary program is now open to all institutions of higher education in Illinois.

"The Ready to Respond Campus logo tells students, parents and others that safety is a top priority on this campus," said IEMA Director James K. Joseph. "It's not easy to satisfy the program's many criteria. I applaud Parkland College officials for tackling this challenge and, as a result, becoming only the third campus in Illinois to achieve this enhanced level of campus safety."

Joseph presented the college with a plaque bearing the Ready to Respond Campus logo. The college can use the logo on official correspondence, websites, brochures and other media. The designation is valid for three years, at which time Parkland College officials can submit updated documentation in order to renew its status.

"Parkland College is honored to receive this designation from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency," said Parkland College President Tom Ramage. "Parkland College is committed to the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors to our campus. The Ready to Respond Campus designation is an affirmation that we have the policies, procedures and training in place to respond to any emergency that may occur."

To achieve Ready to Respond Campus status, a college or university must meet criteria that address hazard identification, risk assessment and/or consequence analysis, operational planning, incident management, training and exercise. In addition, the campus must develop and maintain a violence prevention plan and implement a campus outreach and education campaign.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Richland Community College achieved the Ready to Respond Campus designation in 2014. Joseph said several other campuses currently are working toward the designation.

The Ready to Respond Campus program is the latest component of Illinois' Ready to Respond effort. IEMA announced the Ready to Respond Community initiative in 2012. Additional information about the program is available at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

Student Life Banquet

Ending the school year with food, awards and improvisation

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On Thursday 30 April, Parkland College had its annual end of the school year banquet. This event was hosted by the office of Student Life. For the first time ever, this event was held in the new Student Union building.

According to Activities Program Manager Chaya Sandler, the banquet was a great way to celebrate the culmination of a great school year, and commemorate the efforts that students and staff alike have made to make the student experience at Parkland wonderful.

The event was open to all clubs and organizations' members, officers and advisors. Student Government members were also a part of the event. The Parkland Academy Team, Student ambassadors, and the Prospectus staff were also in attendance even though they are not clubs.

"This banquet is a way for the Student Life office to recognize, and let students know how much the student life office appreciates the time that each club puts into recruiting new members, and planning events on campus," Sandler commented.

Due to the event being held on Parkland campus, the number of attendees had expanded and it was certainly higher than previous years.

"But next year I would love to have even more club members plan on attending," Sandler added.

The event started at 6 p.m., as students started arriving and dinner



Photo by Zonghui Li | The Prospectus

Members of the Comadre y Compadre Program are presented awards during the Student Life Banquet in the Student Union on Thursday, April 30, 2015.

was served. Chartwells catered the event and, according to students in attendance, the food served was excellent.

A photo booth was also setup and was available for the most of the night. Clubs and organizations alike got to choose from a veritable array of props and sign available at the photo booth and posed for shots. Dr. Tom Caulfield, Director of

the Student Life, presented the scholarships to students. Three awards were given out. Jenna Cheek of the Dental Hygiene program at Parkland was the winner of two awards; the Richard D. Norris Student Government Scholarship and the Student Activities Scholarship.

Jason Smith on the other hand won the Paul Simon Essay contest. According to Dr. Caulfield, Smith

wrote a phenomenal essay about what his experience had been like at Parkland and how it changed his life. Smith's essay inspired the judges so much that it was sent on to compete with other participants on the state level.

The Outstanding Achievement Award was given to club officers

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College for Kids provides summer programs for local youth

Zach Trueblood
Staff Writer

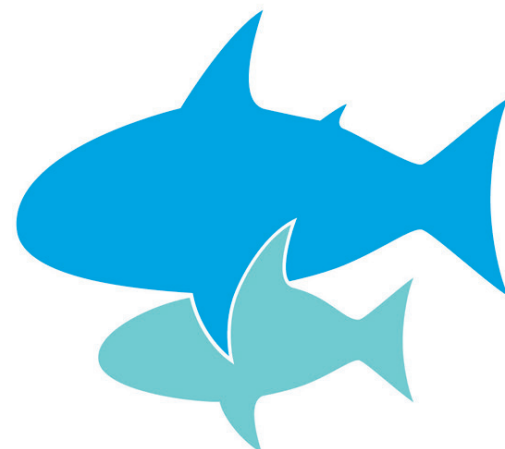
While the majority of students are away from campus for the summer semester, Parkland doesn't simply lay dormant. Many classes are still in session while staff and faculty prepare for fall semester. Another program that livens up the campus is College for Kids.

College for Kids is celebrating its 35th anniversary here at Parkland. The program is a way for students to stay active and engaged over the course of the summer. There is a detailed, interactive online catalog that parents and guardians can peruse.

A few examples of some of the courses from the online catalog are Creative Writing, Beginning Chinese, Digital Photography, Decorative Clay Pots and Engineering Medieval Mayhem. There are around 50 different courses being offered at different times throughout the summer.

Many of the faculty, staff and students here at Parkland are former members. One current student, and former College for Kids member, is Abby Vanderkloot. Vanderkloot is a Crop Science Agribusiness major and is transferring to the University of Illinois in the fall semester of this year. She was a participant in College for Kids when she was nine and then again when she was 10.

"I think it is important for kids to be a part of these programs at a younger age because it's an opportunity to experience different possibilities for the future. It also is a great way to get to know



PARKLAND College for Kids

other kids. I also think has lasted so long because it's an inexpensive way for kids to be active over the summer and also is a great experience," Vanderkloot said.

College for Kids is coordinated by Jessica Hammie. Hammie works in the Community Education Department of Parkland College on Mattis. She has been coordinating College for Kids for the past four summers. She was able to give insight into what the program is all about.

"College for Kids summer programming provides the opportunity for students who are

entering third through eighth grades to explore areas of study and interest in a non-graded, fun filled environment through quality, hands-on experiences," Hammie explained. "CFK classes provide hands-on exploration in specialized fields such as science, math, language arts, computer science, technology, humanities, and fine arts; offer challenging experiences and intellectual stimulation for students to develop their special interests; and expose students to a learning atmosphere that will motivate them to achieve their highest potential. Classes are small – no more than 16 students – and instructors are regularly able to give attention to each student."

Educators believe that the development of essential skills starts a young age. Parkland has adopted this principle and has been an active force in shaping the minds of local youth.

Getting the students started young at Parkland makes them more likely to attend college when they're older, and specifically Parkland. Hammie provided an opinion on why the program is so important and beneficial for both the students and the college.

"College for Kids inspires students to develop a lifetime love of learning and questioning through high-quality summer programming. Classes increase cognitive development and expose children to new cultures, ideas, and experiences," Hammie added. "All classes meet at Parkland College, which allows elementary and middle school aged children to spend time on a

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LIFESTYLE

On 150th anniversary, Lincoln's hometown re-enacts funeral

John O'Connor
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — At Abraham Lincoln's death, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton declared, "Now he belongs to the ages," but the meticulous, 150th anniversary funeral procession his hometown presented Saturday proved how profoundly the prairie city still considers the slain president its own.

Thousands of people, including many in period costume, gathered at the Old State Capitol, where the 16th president lay in state, to pay tribute to the simple, country lawyer who saved the Union and thrust the nation toward abolishing slavery.

Ranks of soldiers in Union blues and pallbearers, including several direct descendants of those who accompanied Lincoln's casket in 1865, retraced the route from a downtown train station to the old capitol square, where the coffin was taken from a replica hearse and placed on a catafalque during opening ceremonies.

Drums pounded out a funeral march and many of the 1,250 Civil War re-enactors strode by while a costumed chorus sang the "Star-Spangled Banner," and a man in a top hat with a black mourning sash trailing from it ran kid gloves over the coffin to prepare it for a bouquet of flowers.

At the Old State Capitol, where Lincoln served in the Legislature and in 1858 riveted a deteriorating union with his "House Divided" speech, Illinois Gov. Bruce



Re-enactors roll the Lincoln hearse up to Springfield's Fire Station One after the all night vigil that was to be the final event of the Lincoln funeral re-enactment, Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Springfield, Ill. The re-enactment of the historic funeral procession from Sixth and Washington streets to Oak Ridge Cemetery is scheduled to start around noon Sunday, May 3, 2015.

Photo by Ted Schurter | The State Journal-Register via AP

Rauner opened the weekend's activities, declaring that Lincoln returned to Springfield a hero for saving the nation and setting its future course.

"His legacy has withstood the test of 150 years, and our love for him has only grown stronger," the Republican said.

The re-enactment brought onlookers from far and wide, including many men donning top hats and women in hoop

skirts carrying parasols. Even a century-and-a-half later, some felt compelled to attend.

"Lincoln is a magnet to draw all types of people together for the common good, and we need some common good in our country with all the upheaval lately," said Bob Churchill, of Riverton, referring to the unrest over police shootings around the nation.

It was a natural place to be

for Noah Vaughn, a Springfield native steeped in Lincoln from childhood visits to the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg National Park and Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C., where Lincoln was fatally shot.

"Lincoln is just a big part of our lives," said Vaughn, who was at the train station with his wife, Megan, and daughters Klaira, 8, and Kennedy, 5. "This is about his legacy and

honoring everything he meant to our country and what he means to Springfield."

The nation lost a leader, while in Springfield, Bishop Thomas Paprocki of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield said in his opening-ceremony invocation, residents grieved for "not only an esteemed and respected statesman, but their beloved friend and neighbor."

The period pageantry was

juxtaposed with bottled-water sales, onlookers sipping gourmet coffee, and a sea of camera phones stretched above heads to catch glimpses of the action. Before presenting to Rauner a ceremonial coin his country minted for the occasion, Paolo Rondelli, ambassador from San Marino to the U.S., even turned his camera phone on the throng for an image to send home to the southern European country.

The Great Emancipator's hometown has a checkered history on race.

A 1908 race riot spawned the birth of the NAACP, the nation's oldest civil-rights organization. Ninety-nine years later, on this same capitol square, another politician who had been a little-known state legislator, Barack Obama, announced his intention to become the nation's first black president.

Lincoln scholar Michael Burlingame noted in his keynote address that on April 11, 1865, two days after the Confederate surrender, John Wilkes Booth made up his mind to kill Lincoln after he heard the president say blacks should have at least limited voting rights.

As much as Martin Luther King and others who were slain during the 1960s push for equality, Burlingame said, "It is appropriate for us in the 21st Century to regard Abraham Lincoln as a martyr to black civil rights."

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Troubled forecasters seek way to improve tornado warnings

Kelly P. Kissel
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Forecasters troubled by the high death count from twisters in Alabama and Joplin, Missouri, four years ago say they must put away their "nerd-speak" and find better ways to communicate if the public is going to react appropriately when bad weather approaches.

There once was a time when warnings went out after a tornado was on the ground. Forecasters now sometimes give 15 minutes' notice or more, and advances in technology help relay word automatically to emergency managers, media outlets and smart phones.

But when 158 people died in one storm in Joplin on May 22, 2011 — three weeks after 316 people died in the southern Appalachians — forecasters knew something else had to be done.

The nation ended 2011 with its second-highest tornado death toll on record, 553. The highest death toll was 794 tornado fatalities in 1925, well before advanced technology helped forecasters.

"We're not giving up," John Murphy,

the National Weather Service's chief operating officer, said as he visited researchers at the National Weather Center in Norman. "We're working with social scientists on what it will take to help get the sorts of behavior we're looking for," such as going to the basement when a tornado is moving through.

To encourage safe behavior, the weather service wants its social sciences on a par with its physical sciences.

"We don't want to have the same system we've had for 20-30 years," Richard Spinrad, the chief scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said last week at the National Weather Center, which houses the Storm Prediction Center and National Severe Storms Laboratory.

Three research projects unveiled last week each combine data from different sources to increase lead times. A fourth suggests a new way to warn about threats: assess risk in each 1-square-kilometer area, calculate it as a percentage and then perhaps relay that number to an app on smartphones. Updates each minute or two would show whether the threat was increasing.

The idea intrigues David Henderson, a city councilman in Mayflower, Arkansas. Last April, his city of 2,200 and nearby Vilonia were hit by the nation's deadliest tornado since a 2013 twister struck a Moore elementary school.

Sixteen people died in the central Arkansas storm.

"When weather alerts go off, people have to make a decision," Henderson said. "If you have an elderly person, they may not have time to get to a shelter," so having a way to know about an increasing risk before a formal tornado warning goes up could help.

The project, known now as FACETS for "Forecasting a Continuum of Environmental Threats," could especially help hospitals or nursing homes, where dozens or hundreds of people would have to be moved in advance of a storm, said Lans Rothfus, NSSL's deputy director.

A name change may be in order, too.

"We have to back away from the nerd-speak," said Craig McLean, the agency's assistant administrator for oceanic and atmospheric research. "We have to put plain language out so people will readily understand what



Photo by Danny Johnston | AP Photo

In this April 30, 2014 file photo, Dustin Shaw lifts debris as he searches through what is left of his sister's house in Vilonia, Ark. Forecasters who are troubled by the high death count from twisters in recent years say they must find better ways to communicate if the public is going to behave appropriately as bad weather approaches.

is the nature of their risk and what type of either preparation or evasive action they need to take and how soon."

Murphy's question after the 2011 storms — "Why didn't people react?" — was rhetorical, relevant and hard to answer when considering human nature.

"There is no one answer you can

give across the scale," he said. "The analogy that I use is that, as a young guy, I used to surf, and the National Weather Service would put out high surf warnings. Well, guess what? You know where I'm going? To the beach."

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Notice to students and faculty regarding Final Exams

A final exam is expected in each credit course at Parkland College.

Final exams for all full-semester and second-half-semester courses will be given during final exam week (May 8 – 14) according to the official published schedule.

These final exams are not to be given early (during regular class periods). Final exams for all other courses (those ending earlier) will be given at the last regularly scheduled class meeting.

All requests from faculty to alter scheduled final exam times or dates must be reviewed and

approved by the Department Chair and the Vice President for Academic Services.

In courses where a final exam is not appropriate, as determined by the Department Chair, an educational alternative scheduled during the week of final exams is expected.

Students: These official College guidelines were established to more fully ensure that you receive the full set of instructional class periods for which you paid and to which you are entitled; and that you have the appropriate amount of time to prepare adequately for your final exams.

If your final exam is given earlier than scheduled, please contact the Department Chair or the Vice President for Academic Services (351-2542, Room U333).

Three final exams scheduled on the same day may be considered a conflict.

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OPINIONS

Rauner agency privatization idea raises concerns

David Mercer
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Bruce Rauner says his plan to privatize the state's economic development agency will improve job creation in Illinois. But similar plans in other states and even in Chicago have sometimes raised concerns about transparency and oversight, with taxpayers not always knowing how their money was being spent.

Rauner's plan, currently being considered by the Illinois General Assembly, would turn much of the development work of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity over to a new, not-for-profit corporation.

Rauner and other supporters say a private agency negotiating tax breaks and other government-funded incentives with companies can move faster and with less red tape than a state agency. They say it could use private money to pay higher salaries and recruit better talent.

"We think the agility comes from having private people that can be much more aggressive," Jim Schultz, Rauner's recently named DCEO director, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

But experts on corporate tax breaks say there's little direct evidence that private development agencies are better than their public counterparts. And skeptics see a potential minefield of ethical challenges in letting a private corporation overseen by political appointees make decisions about which companies receive state subsidies.

"I'm not sure that the best way you eliminate pin-stripe patronage is to hand the decisions over to the guys in pin stripes," said Ron Baiman, director of budget and policy analysis at the



Photo by Seth Perlman | AP Photo

In this March 4, 2015 file photo, Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner speaks at an event in Springfield, Ill. Rauner says his plan to privatize the state's economic development agency will improve job creation in Illinois. But similar plans in other states have sometimes created legal and ethical problems, as well as concerns that taxpayers had no way of knowing how their money was being spent. Ohio, Indiana Michigan and other states have experienced problems with transparency. In some cases private economic development agencies have overstated how many jobs they help create. Jim Schultz is Rauner's new director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. He said a private corporation would be more agile in its ability to quickly negotiate. It could also pay more to recruit employees. And Schultz believes Illinois can learn from problems in other states.

Center for Tax and Budget Accountability in Chicago. "I just think it's a horrible idea."

The Republican governor's plan is bundled in legislation that also would eliminate the state Historic Preservation Agency and create a separate agency for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Those are moves that Democratic House Speaker Mike Madigan wants, potentially giving both initiatives a stronger chance of becoming law.

The bill would create the Illinois Business and Economic Development Corporation and

give it the authority to recruit companies and negotiate deals. That includes EDGE tax credits that have generated controversy the past few years as part of multimillion-dollar deals with Sears Holding Corp., CME Group and others. A board would oversee the corporation, with most members appointed by the governor.

A closer look at similar agencies already operating shows a number of potential pitfalls.

In Chicago, concerns have been raised about a lack of transparency at the publicly

funded, not-for-profit World Business Chicago. Mayor Rahm Emanuel chairs the organization.

The Michigan Auditor General in 2013 found that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation significantly overstated job creation, essentially taking companies' word.

In Ohio, JobsOhio has faced a series of problems. Among them was \$5.3 million in state funding given to the agency without the Legislature's knowledge and criticism of Republican Gov. John Kasich for filling board seats with

campaign contributors.

In Indiana, a federal audit last year found that a company contracted by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation improperly funneled almost half million dollars to a business run by the contractor's chairman. Questions also have been raised about some job-creation numbers reported by the IEDC.

Eric Shields, IEDC's vice president for policy & strategic initiatives, says the agency has learned from those mistakes. It has, among other things, started posting contracts

online in response to concerns about job-creation numbers.

"There's always going to be glitches, that comes with the territory," he said, adding that the IEDC makes far more deals than its state predecessor to bring companies to Indiana or help firms expand.

In Illinois, Schultz believes Rauner's plan can avoid such problems. Under the legislation, deals would have to be approved by a new Office of Accountability and Transparency to be set up within DCEO. Once complete, the terms would be made public.

Regarding salaries, records from the Illinois Comptroller's Office indicate that dozens of DCEO employees make close to or more than \$100,000 a year. How much more the development corporation would pay would be up to its board.

Rauner has drawn scrutiny since taking office for paying top staff considerably more than former Gov. Pat Quinn, which he says is justified to bring in better talent.

The new corporation also would be funded in part by private donations, Schultz said. Just how much is yet to be determined, but that money would presumably not be subject to restrictions and oversight that would come with some state funds.

State Rep. Jack Franks, a longtime critic of corporate subsidies, hopes the legislation isn't approved so quickly that its details are not considered. He says he's spoken to Rauner about his concerns, but worries the plan would undo the sort of transparency provided in his 2012 legislation requiring disclosure of the terms of tax-break deals.

"I want to make sure we don't go backwards," Franks said.

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Deportation of immigrants continue to decline under Obama

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is on pace to deport the fewest number of immigrants in nearly a decade, according to internal government data obtained by The Associated Press.

As of April 20, federal immigration officials sent home 127,378 people in the United States illegally. That puts immigrant removals on track to be among the lowest since the middle of President George W. Bush's second term.

The internal statistics reveal a continuing decline in deportations even as the Obama administration fights a legal challenge to a plan it announced late last year to shield millions of immigrants from deportations.

"With the resources we have ... I'm interested in focusing on criminals and recent illegal arrivals at the border," Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson told members of the Senate Judiciary Committee during an oversight hearing Tuesday.

The new figures, contained in weekly internal reports not publicly reported, showed that the government sent home an average of about 19,730 removals a month for the first six months of the government's fiscal year that began in October.

If that trend continues, the government will remove about 236,000 by September — the lowest figure since 2006, when 207,776 were sent home.

Removals have been declining for nearly three years after Immigration and Customs Enforcement recorded a record 409,849 removals in 2012. That federal agency, known as ICE, is

responsible for finding and removing immigrants living in the country illegally.

President Barack Obama announced a plan in November that would protect millions of immigrants living in the country illegally, but that effort is on hold after a federal judge in Texas blocked its implementation.

Meanwhile, the Homeland Security Department has continued to slow removals, and a program launched in 2012 to protect young immigrants from deportation remains in place.

Johnson has directed immigration authorities anew to focus on finding and deporting immigrants who pose a national security or public safety threat, those who have serious criminal records and those who have recently crossed the Mexican border. Roughly 11 million immigrants are thought to be living in the country illegally.

Johnson confirmed Tuesday that removals have decreased but did not provide the committee with specific numbers. He said a variety of factors, including a corresponding drop in arrests of immigrants caught crossing the border, have led to the drop.

Last week, Johnson said the Border Patrol had arrested about 151,800 people trying to cross the Mexican border illegally, the fewest number of people caught at the border during the same period over the last four years.

"There's lower intake, lower apprehensions," Johnson said Tuesday. "There are fewer people attempting to cross the southern border, and there are fewer people apprehended."

Since Obama first took office in 2009, the number of immigrants arrested and deported from the interior



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In this April 28, 2015, photo, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Senate Judiciary Committee on oversight of the department. The Obama administration is on pace to deport the fewest number of immigrants in nearly a decade. Federal immigration officials have sent home about 127,000 people as of mid-April. That's about 19,730 people a month since the government's fiscal year started in October.

of the country has steadily declined. That year, nearly two thirds of the 389,834 immigrants removed were found in the interior of the country. By 2014, roughly a third of the 315,943 people removed were living in the country, according to internal ICE figures.

As deportations have slowed in recent years, Homeland Security officials have repeatedly attributed the drop to the changing demographic of border crossers. A 2014 analysis of government data by the AP found that the

Obama administration had quietly slowed removals by about 20 percent.

The change in deportations has included increased numbers of immigrants from countries other than Mexico, including a flood of tens of thousands of children and families, mostly from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. ICE shifted a variety of resources to the border, including deploying agents to quickly opened family detention centers.

Sen. Charles Grassley, the Iowa Republican who chairs the

Senate Judiciary Committee, called Johnson's explanation of moving resources to the border "a red herring."

"It's clear to me that the department no longer seems to have a will to enforce immigration laws," Grassley said.

The number of children caught traveling alone has dropped by about 45 percent compared to the same time last year, while the arrests of families have declined about 30 percent.

Johnson said again Tuesday that those changes make it

more difficult for ICE officials to quickly remove people.

"They are increasingly from noncontiguous countries, and the process of a removal of someone from a noncontiguous country is more time-consuming," Johnson said. "You see greater claims for humanitarian relief, for asylum, and so it's not as simple as just sending somebody back across the border."

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BALTIMORE

department policy, and they ignored Gray's repeated pleas for medical attention, even rerouting the van to pick up another passenger, she said.

Mosby said Gray's neck was broken because he was handcuffed, shackled and placed head-first into a police van, where he was left to slam against the walls of the small metal compartment. She deemed the death a homicide.

The Gray case has brought to the forefront problems that have festered in Baltimore for more than a half-century: poverty, crumbling infrastructure, joblessness, racial tension, and neighborhoods plagued by neglect, drugs, violence and a heavy police presence, and prompted repeated refrains of "Black Lives Matter."

The reverberations through the streets of Baltimore have extended far past its borders.

Protests have swept across Philadelphia, Austin, Dallas, Boston and New York in response to Gray's death and the cities' own tense relationships with their police forces.

In Baltimore, before the racially and economically diverse crowd in City Hall plaza, Black Lawyers for Justice president Malik Shabazz praised Mosby for her decision, and called on the citizens of Baltimore to protect her.

"Every prosecutor should have such backbone," he said. "Every prosecutor should have such spine."

"We've always got the cuffs on us," he continued, "now the real criminals have the cuffs on them. Make sure no harm comes to this black woman who is prosecuting these police officers, because if any harm comes to this prosecutor while she is prosecuting this case we will hold Baltimore and America thoroughly accountable."

As Shabazz's amplified criticisms of the police echoed off nearby buildings, heavily armed officers and national guardsmen stood cross-armed near armored vehicles barricading the streets surrounding the plaza and peering at protesters through binoculars from their perch on a nearby rooftop. A police helicopter circled high above.

Earlier in the day, demonstrators gathered in Sandtown, the poor, predominantly black West Baltimore neighborhood where Gray was raised and arrested. Among the throng was Kweisi Mfume, the former congressman and president of the NAACP, who said the charges are a response to the passion and fury of young Baltimore residents.

"This current generation has realized that it has to shape its destiny and not wait for it to be shaped," Mfume said. "I think now they're starting to come to grips with the enormity of this and what they have caused to take place nationwide, and are embracing the fact that perhaps, this is our civil rights movement."

Associated Press writers Jessica Gresko and Amanda Lee Myers contributed to this report.
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AWARD

or member for their remarkable dedication to their organizations throughout the school and building a good calendar of events.

This award had two recipients, Kallista Lutes from Phi Theta Kappa won this award because she managed to remain a devoted member of her honors society despite having career goals to be an occupational therapist, a very busy schedule, working for a bridal entertainment company and remaining involved with her church. The second student to win this award was Mary from the Dental Hygiene program, she worked to design t-shirts, and organize events. Her club also donated almost \$90,000 in free dental care to the community.

The outstanding Advisor Award was given to Lori Garret, who is the advisor of Phi Theta Kappa.

Moises Orozco, and Eduardo

Coronel also presented recognition certificates to Comadre y Copadre program's mentors, and former mentees who moved on to take the role of mentors.

After the presentation of awards, Mission IMPROvable, an improvisational group consisting of four members took the stage and put on a hysterical show that lasted almost ninety minutes. The performers intermingled with the guests, took suggestion from the audience, asked questions, made jokes and then jammed all of it together to create several different comedic acts.

One of the most liked acts put on by the performers was when they asked the audience to suggest the title for a Shakespearean play that had never been performed. College President, Dr. Tom Ramage came up with the name "A Midsummer Night's Final Exam". The group then proceeded to improvise a classic Shakespearean tragedy complete with accents and colloquial cadence

of the sixteenth century England.

Several other equally entertaining acts were also performed and the group managed to keep the audience engaged and laughing throughout their performances. Students commented that the last part of the night was by far the most enjoyable and the hysterical performances put on by mission IMPROvable worked to lighten the stress they were feeling due to the approaching final exams.

All attending students and staff were given mason jars with a white ribbon bow and colorful straws (so they could have lemonade in it) as a memento of the event. Some lucky guests also got to take home the flower arrangements and green planters decorated on their tables as an extra token of appreciation by the office of student life. All in all, the general consensus among the students was that the end of the year banquet was well organized and enjoyable.

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YOUTH

college campus and form an early connection with Parkland. Research has indicated that those students are likely to consider Parkland as an educational option years later."

The courses offered in College for Kids take place on Parkland's main campus, which helps students get comfortable with the college setting.

The normal price for a class is \$135. There is a reduced tuition option available though.

"Reduced tuition is available for students who receive free or reduced lunch at school. For those who qualify for reduced tuition, the cost is \$105. Proof of reduced lunch is required," the online catalog states.

There are also even some scholarships available that are made possible by the Champaign West Rotaries. Interested parties should

email collegeforkids@parkland.edu for information about those.

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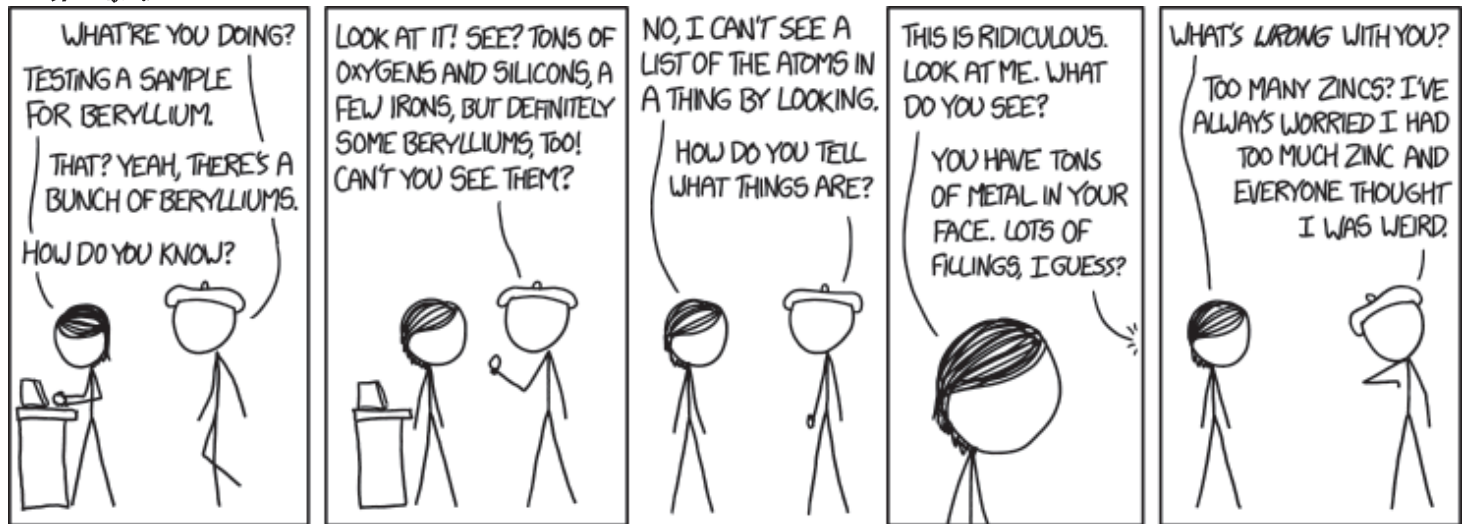
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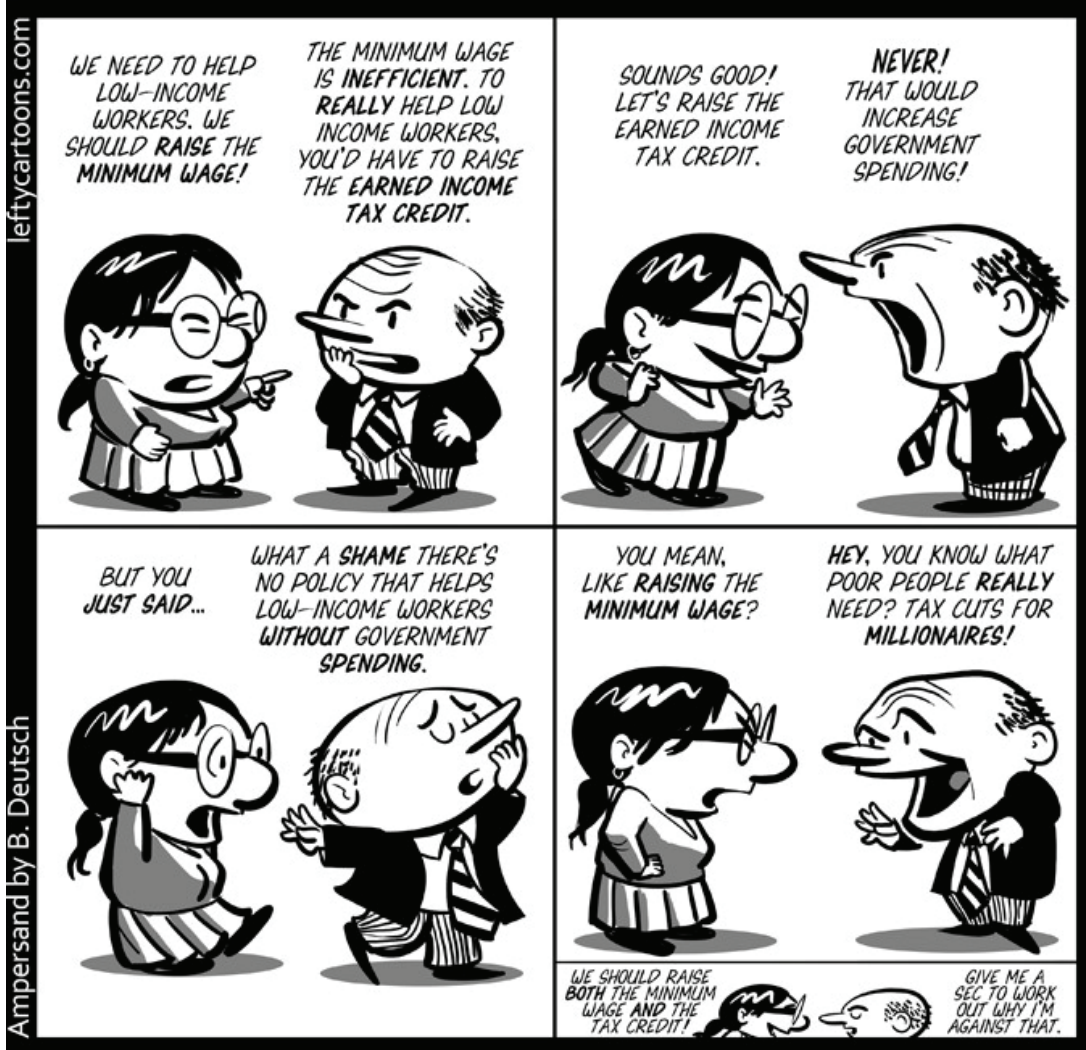
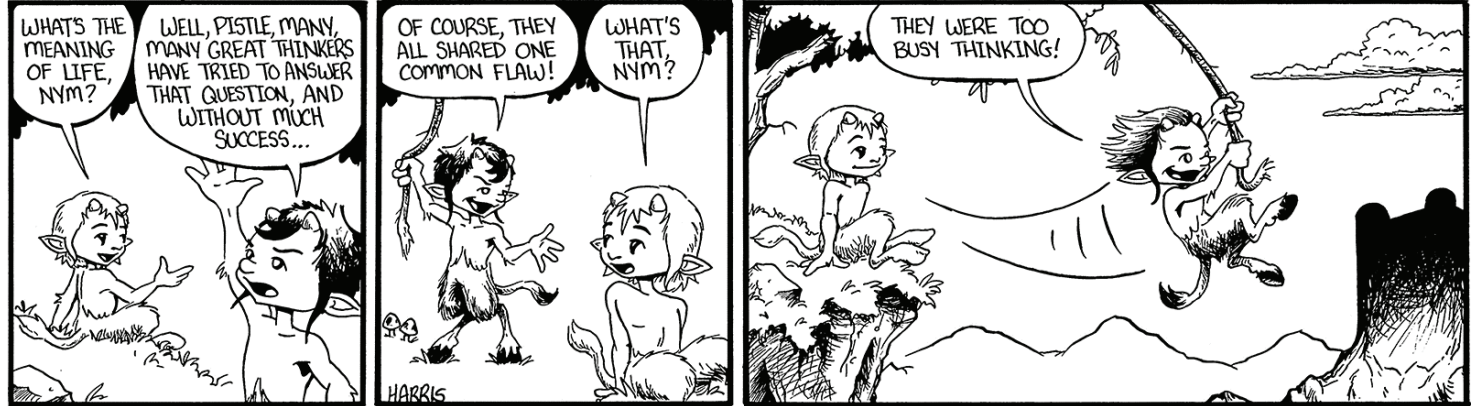
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Grant given to convent school (12)
 - 8 Some food suitable for a tosser? (7)
 - 9 See 3
 - 11 Have great affection for pop singer and his fanatical following (7)
 - 12 High fliers from British university taken on by financial speculators (7)
 - 13 See 19 ac
 - 14 Fruit obtained by interbreeding conker with mallow regularly (4-5)
 - 16 Arrangement of locks which requires no key (9)
 - 19,13 Relative-s against any one producing 21-s work (5,5)
 - 21 Audibly tick off writer of 19 ac 13; 3 9; 26; and 3 (part 1) 6 (7)
 - 23 Broadcast «The Jazz Singer?» (7)
 - 24 Evangelists chiefly refer to part of the Bible: that-s obvious (7)
 - 25 Conveyance by van (7)
 - 26 Goneril, Regan and Cordelia for example in 21's work (5,7)

DOWN

- 1 Set of cutlery from cafeteria (7)
- 2 Where Lawrence went to drink cold coffee (7)
- 3,9 Article by revolutionary bishop takes on leaders of orthodox church in a measure - 21 wrote it (3,6,7)
- 4 Lozenge obtained from doctor by Greek character (5)
- 5 Copper gets stuck in large chimney, the sucker (7)
- 6 In speech, observe Fool following 3 (part 1) in 21's work (7)
- 7 Enterprise, for example, requiring mostly clever chaps to work - including one egghead (5,7)
- 10 Break up with girl, treating emotions extremely casually (12)
- 15 Company briefly gets involved with dodgy stereotypes - and protects fence? (9)
- 17 Swimmer in frozen water flounders perhaps (3-4)
- 18 Leaders of society paraded here to hold a ball in olden times (7)
- 19 Not knowing where outspoken girl is leading (7)
- 20 US city-s manufacturing plant (7)
- 22 Makes one cross? (5)

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SPORTS

Cobra athletics exemplify the Parkland experience

Adam Vilmin
Staff Writer

Just like the rest of Parkland's student body, Parkland's student athletes are building a resume in hopes of transferring to a four year university. Many student athletes enroll at Parkland for the same reasons that other students do.

Whether that reason is the low cost tuition, they're trying to get into the school of their dreams that has initially rejected them, or they feel like they need some time to adjust to the college level.

There is only one big difference motivating their transfer decision, which is what is going to give them the best opportunity to keep playing ball at the highest level.

Sophomore student and basketball player, Will Gary, has real life experience dealing with the differences between Parkland and a four year college.

After coming to the Cobras from Eastern Kentucky University, he found Parkland gave him the perfect opportunity to build up skills

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for his major in business management, as well as improve his skills on the court by playing with the co-Midwest Athletic Conference champion Parkland squad.

"Parkland is the best out of all the community colleges out there," Gary said. "The professors are highly educated. The classes actually prepare you for [four year] university. They're here to actually challenge you."

Women's basketball point guard Laura Litchfield also expressed the same sentiment. After a successful season that ended with the team second

in the nation, Litchfield explained how Parkland helped her prepare for next year's transfer to University of Illinois, Chicago.

"Coming here with the coaching staff, and just going over tape, the dedication in practice really helped me as a point guard," Litchfield said. "There's more confidence, just being able to learn more plays and get faster."

In addition to the educational experience here at Parkland, student athletes are also the beneficiaries of a dedicated Athletic department. The coaching staffs take special

care to not only create successful programs here in Champaign but also create student athletes that successfully transfer in the future.

They also make an effort to work as "agents" for their students by reaching out to coaches at bigger schools to give their players as much exposure as they can.

"Anyone looking to transfer on, we are trying to get as much tape out to the four year coaches as we can," women's basketball coach Mike Lindemann explained. "When the season's over,

our work is talking to other coaches, getting their names out, doing what we can to get them exposed."

The Parkland College coaching staff doesn't stop at preparing the athletes for on the field success.

They also try to create well rounded students and young adults, ready to be successful in life after sports.

"We have study halls set up for the guys to come and get all their work done together," baseball's assistant coach Zach Berryman said. "We hammer in them early to make sure you're talking to your teachers

and know where you're in all your classes. We also make a point to make sure these guys know what it is to be great men in everything they do."

Students and athletes both choose to come to Parkland based on their reputation as a top community college in the state. Athletes are also attracted to the added benefit of playing on the highly successful Parkland teams. The exposure from playing deep into the playoffs gives the added benefit of receiving a scholarship at a four year university.

Baseball player, Tyler Burcham, came for the winning tradition as well as the academics.

"My education is important," Burcham, who has committed to Lee University in Tennessee, said. "I want to move into coaching and being around the staff has been awesome."

Watch all the Spring Athletics' rising stars in golf, baseball, and softball. All have upcoming Regional/National tournaments.

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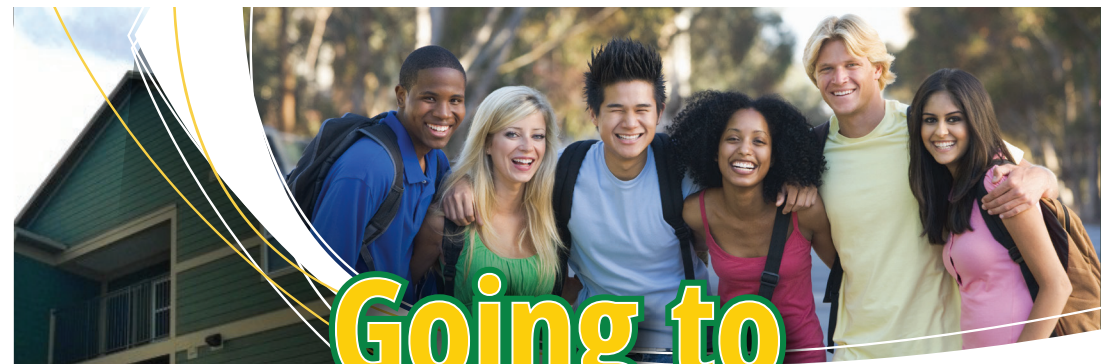
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ENTERTAINMENT

Parkland Motorsports Car Show shows off their shine



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Visitors walk down an aisle of display vehicles. Awards were given in both the Custom and Stock categories.

Brittany Webb
Staff Writer

The Parkland Motorsports Car Show went on this past weekend in the M and W parking lots of Parkland's campus. There was also autocross fun by the Champaign County Sports Car Club, where cars zipped through a traffic cone course. A swap meet was held in the W2 parking lot, as well as an RC Car demonstration, according to the blog post on Parkland's website.

Sunday, May 3, more autocross was held in the parking lots and the Parkhill Applied Technology Center demonstrated their dynamometer. On Monday, May 4, for the first time ever, there was an automotive career showcase featuring Hot Rod Magazine. It was an opportunity for students to connect with local automotive industry partners and learn about the skills employers want to see. Jeff Dahlin, publisher of Hot Rod Magazine was on hand to make an exciting announcement about the Hot Rod Power Tour, which will be held at Parkland College June 7.

There were many participants in the auto show, ranging from Model T's to new Mustangs and Corvettes. One participant, Jim Samson, has been entering his cars in the show since 1999. He brought only one car this year.

"It's a 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner," Samson said. "And this is the best area show."

Students were among those in attendance to the show. A collision repair student, Jake Wyatt, says the show is a great one. He has been coming a few years now.

"With the turnout and the autocross, it's really nice," Wyatt said.

Also in attendance were the Respiratory Therapy Club students at Parkland College. The club wanted to provide the community with information about occupational safety awareness.

"The demographic of people who come

to the show are people who are exposed to carbon monoxide, auto body and body work," said Respiratory Therapy major Mitch Cortas.

The club wanted an opportunity to raise community awareness, along with club funds. The students were selling raffle tickets along with snacks and drinks. The club hopes with the money raised they can put on more events and raise awareness in the future, explained advisor Molly Martian.

The respiratory therapy students were hoping to also raise awareness about lung cancer and the importance of early intervention.

"Lung disease is debilitating," said Martian. "So we would rather intervene early and let people know about the hazards of the possible exposures."

Many members from the community and surrounding areas came out to the car show this weekend. Since the event was open to all, there were many families and groups of friends in attendance. Community members are always excited about this show because of its size.

There were 17 classes of cars to be judged at the car show. The cars were divided into two categories, and then broken down further in those categories. Stock cars were cars that had less than three modifications, while custom cars had three or more modifications (there was no limit to the modifications). There were 3 awards given to each class.

Parkland automotive students also had the opportunity to do some judging of their own. Twelve of the car show entries were selected and directed to a special place in the W parking lot where they were to have pictures taken and will be featured in the next Parkland Motorsports calendar.

The Parkland Motorsports Car Show is held each spring on the west side of campus. For more information, contact Jon Ross at jross@parkland.edu.



Photo by Scott Wells | The Prospectus
A Parkland Automotive student is on hand at the show to answer questions. The Automotive Technology program prepares students for entry-level service positions in the automotive industry.



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A member of the Dinosaurs Motorcycle Club admires a vehicle at the event. The Dinosaurs are based out of Champaign, IL.



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Pictured above is a customized Camaro SS logo. The Chevy Camaro was introduced in 1967.



Photo by Scott Wells | The Prospectus
A custom Pontiac is on display. Pontiac was established in 1926.



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An Autocross contestant drives the course during the Saturday time trials. Autocross is hosted by the Champaign County Sports Car Club.



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A visitor enjoys a beverage while discussing the show with a friend. Food vendors were on hand throughout the event.



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A couple admires the 2015 Polaris Slingshot. Because it has 3 wheels, the federal government classifies the Slingshot as a motorcycle.



Photo by Scott Wells | The Prospectus
Custom flames adorn the side of this 1933 Ford Coupe. The vehicle is owned by Kirk Kresin of Mahomet, IL.



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A custom 1936 Plymouth Coupe is on display at the show. The original sticker price for the Coupe was approximately \$650.