

Environmental Resource Management

Mt. Zion Nips Tennis Toppers

The Hillsboro High School tennis team made its way to Mt. Zion on Thursday, falling to the Braves 5-4 in a well played match for the tennis Toppers.

Hillsboro would get two wins in singles play as Chandler Talley dispatched Mason Roberts 6-4, 6-2 in the number two singles match, and Luke Mackey took a three set win over Ryan Beavers.

Several other singles matches would be close for Hillsboro, including the number four match between Hillsboro's Ben Leible and Grant Rexroat of Mt. Zion. Leible would take the first game

6-0, before losing the next two sets 6-4, 6-4.

In doubles, the Toppers would win the number one and two matches, but fell in the number three doubles 6-2, 7-6 as Mt. Zion held on for the win. Josh Blain and Talley would beat out Max Youngeman and Jake Ludow in the number one singles match 6-4, 6-1, while Mackey and Leible beat Alex Cardasco and Brian Atkinson 6-2, 6-1.

With the loss, Hillsboro's record fell to 5-6 on the season. The team will be back at home on Tuesday, when they host Mascoutah at 4 p.m.

**April 26 at Mt. Zion
Mt. Zion 5, Hillsboro 4**

Singles: No. 1 - Scott Lake (M) def. Josh Blain (H) 6-3, 6-4; No. 2 - Chandler Talley (H) def. Mason Roberts (M) 6-4, 6-2; No. 3 - Luke Mackey (H) def. Ryan Beavers (M) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; No. 4 - Grant Rexroat (M) def. Ben Leible (H) 0-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 5 - Jordan Bennett (M) def. William Craig (M) 7-6 (7-4), 6-3; No. 6 - Cole Evans (M) def. Spencer Renfro (M) 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles: No. 1 - Blain/Talley (H) def. Max Youngeman/Jake Ludow (M) 6-4, 6-1; No. 2 - Mackey/Leible (H) def. Alex Cardasco/Brian Atkinson (M) 6-2/6-1; No. 3 - Devon Butler/Sean Wright (M) def. Craig/Renfro (H) 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

Records: Hillsboro (5-6).

HHS Girls Knock Off Pana

by Hannah Wiggins

Friday night the Hillsboro Lady Toppers picked up another win as they defeated Pana 13-6 on the Panthers' home field.

The Toppers scored the first run of the game as Katie DeLuca led off, reached on an error and then stole second. Shelby Gray grounded back to the pitcher, Raven Horsthenke, advancing DeLuca to third. Kaela Perfetti scored DeLuca with a single.

The Toppers did not score again until the top of the fifth as they picked up five in just that inning, putting them ahead 6-4.

Jaicie Halleman led off with a walk and then advanced to second when Gray singled, putting runners on first and second.

Runners would advance to second and third with Perfetti up to bat. She later hit a double, scoring both base runners.

Hannah Wiggins then hit a single, putting runners on first and third. With one out, Jayde Sharp reached on an error that scored Perfetti and advanced Wiggins to second.

With Hannah Hosick up to bat, Wiggins scored on a pass ball as Sharp moved to third. Sharp scored with Savannah Petray up

to bat, who grounded to second.

With the score tied at six, the Toppers scored five more runs, commanding the lead.

Halleman led off with a walk and the next seven batters reached base. With one out, Macy Murray grounded to second and scored the final run of the inning.

DeLuca led off the seventh grounding out to the third baseman. Gray then walked and scored as Perfetti hit an inside the park home run, making the score 13-6.

The Toppers would close out the win with a scoreless bottom half of the seventh to pick up another SCC win.

Bowling League Results

Monday Night Ladies Week 24 of 32 - March 5

W	L
Sunset Farms 59.5	36.5
Shear Delight 58.0	38.0
Hurst & Rosche 51.5	44.5
Knisley Bowl 43.5	48.5
Team High Scratch Game: Shear Delight, 781; Knisley Bowl, 694; Sunset Farms, 649	
Team High Scratch Series: Shear Delight, 2088; Sunset Farms, 1893; Knisley Bowl, 1879	
Team Handicap Game: Knisley Bowl, 1041; Shear Delight, 1031; Hurst & Rosche, 960	
Team Handicap Series: Knisley Bowl, 2920; Shear Delight, 2838; Hurst & Rosche, 2813	
Women's Scratch Game: Jen Diesselhorst, 192; Earlene Robinson, 176; Nancy Bryce, 170	
Women's Scratch Series: Jen Diesselhorst, 513; Earlene Robinson, 487; Nancy Bryce, 456	
Women's Handicap Game: Earlene Robinson, 236; Jen Diesselhorst, 236; Nancy Bryce, 227	
Women's Handicap Series: Earlene Robinson, 667; Jen Diesselhorst, 645; Nancy Bryce, 627	

Monday Night Ladies Week 25 of 32 - March 12

W	L
Shear Delight 61.0	39.0
Sunset Farms 60.5	39.5
Hurst & Rosche 54.5	45.5
Knisley Bowl 44.5	51.5
Team High Scratch Game: Shear Delight, 692; Sunset Farms, 690; Hurst & Rosche, 632	
Team High Scratch Series: Sunset Farms, 2022; Shear Delight, 2003; Hurst & Rosche, 1812	
Team Handicap Game: Shear Delight, 964; Sunset Farms, 951; Hurst & Rosche, 948	
Team Handicap Series: Shear Delight, 2819; Sunset Farms, 2805; Hurst & Rosche, 2760	
Women's Scratch Game: Jen Diesselhorst, 176; Michele Reincke, 175; Christina Dobson, 175	
Women's Scratch Series: Jen Diesselhorst, 452; Patsy Smith, 439; Michele Reincke, 435	
Women's Handicap Game: Rosemary Tuetken, 231; Joyce Connor, 223; Ronda Meyer, 223	
Women's Handicap Series: Jen Diesselhorst, 611; Rosemary Tuetken, 600; Ronda Meyer, 588	

Monday Night Ladies Week 26 of 32 - March 26

W	L
Shear Delight 62.0	42.0
Sunset Farms 60.5	43.5
Hurst & Rosche 57.5	46.5
Knisley Bowl 48.5	51.5
Team High Scratch Game: Shear Delight, 708; Sunset Farms, 695; Knisley Bowl, 670	
Team High Scratch Series: Shear Delight, 2043; Sunset Farms, 1970; Hurst & Rosche, 1828	
Team Handicap Game: Knisley Bowl, 1013; Sunset Farms, 949; Hurst & Rosche, 936	
Team Handicap Series: Knisley Bowl, 2843; Hurst & Rosche, 2770; Sunset Farms, 2732	
Women's Scratch Game: Mabel Murray, 173; Earlene Robinson, 167; Michele Reincke, 157; Jen Diesselhorst, 157	
Women's Scratch Series: Mabel Murray, 482; Michele Reincke, 441; Amy Reincke, 428	
Women's Handicap Game: Earlene Robinson, 225; Christie Roach, 220; Rosemary Tuetken, 213	
Women's Handicap Series: Rosemary Tuetken, 597; Christie Roach, 597; Earlene Robinson, 582	

Monday Night Ladies Week 27 of 32 - April 2

W	L
Shear Delight 65.0	43.0
Sunset Farms 64.5	43.5
Hurst & Rosche 57.5	50.5
Knisley Bowl 49.5	54.5
Team High Scratch Game: Shear Delight, 754; Sunset Farms, 718; Knisley Bowl, 651	
Team High Scratch Series: Shear Delight, 2128; Sunset Farms, 1981; Knisley Bowl, 1767	
Team Handicap Game: Shear Delight, 1013; Knisley Bowl, 994; Sunset Farms, 993	
Team Handicap Series: Shear Delight, 2905; Sunset Farms, 2815; Knisley Bowl, 2796	
Women's Scratch Game: Michele Reincke, 182; Jen Diesselhorst, 179; Nancy Bryce, 173	
Women's Scratch Series: Jen Diesselhorst, 509; Mabel Murray, 492; Michele Reincke, 453	
Women's Handicap Game: Nancy Bryce, 230; Michele Reincke, 225; Jen Diesselhorst, 222	
Women's Handicap Series: Jen Diesselhorst, 638; Kathy Joyce, 604; Nancy Bryce, 603	

Friday Mixed League Week 12 of 15 - April 13

W	L
One More Pin 36	12
J.L. Motorsports 32	16
Crazy 8's 24	24
Shiphillers 23	25
Hillsboro FFA 15	33
Vogel Plumbing 14	34
Team High Scratch Game: J.L. Motorsports, 646; Crazy 8's, 578; Hillsboro FFA, 505	
Team High Scratch Series: J.L. Motorsports, 1704; Crazy 8's, 1695; Shiphillers, 1414	
Team Handicap Game: J.L. Motorsports, 930; One More Pin, 925;	

Friday Mixed League Week 13 of 15 - April 20

W	L
One More Pin 36	16
J.L. Motorsports 32	20
Shiphillers 27	25
Crazy 8's 25	27
Vogel Plumbing 18	34
Hillsboro FFA 18	34
Team High Scratch Game: Crazy 8's, 702; J.L. Motorsports, 575; Vogel Plumbing, 553	
Team High Scratch Series: Crazy 8's, 1790; Vogel Plumbing, 1476; Shiphillers, 1450	
Team High Handicap Game: Crazy 8's, 971; Vogel Plumbing, 956; Shiphillers, 914	
Team High Handicap Series: Shiphillers, 2698; Vogel Plumbing, 2684; Hillsboro FFA, 2646	
Indiv. Men High Scratch Game: Rick, 227; James, 192; Virgil, 190	
Indiv. Men High Scratch Series: Rick, 506; Denny, 492; Joey, 485	
Indiv. Men Handicap Game: Rick, 271; James, 262; Gabe, 259	
Indiv. Men Handicap Series: Gabe, 714; Denny, 705; Brendan, 671	
Women High Scratch Game: Barb, 160; Tracy H., 150; April, 145	
Women High Scratch Series: Barb, 432; April, 401; Becky, 368	
Women High Handicap Game: Tracy H., 265; April, 245; Barb, 243	
Women High Handicap Series: Tracy S., 702; April, 701; Barb, 681	

Sunday Night Mixed League

W	L
Happy Hookers 74	38
Balls Out 68.5	43.5
Pin Seekers 59	53
Wright's Paintin 56.5	55.5
North-End Roller 55	57
Bye	0
Team High Scratch Game: North-End Roller, 753; Balls Out, 744; Pin Seekers, 685	

Sunday Night Mixed League

W	L
Happy Hookers 74	38
Balls Out 68.5	43.5
Pin Seekers 59	53
Wright's Paintin 56.5	55.5
North-End Roller 55	57
Bye	0
Team High Scratch Game: North-End Roller, 753; Balls Out, 744; Pin Seekers, 685	

Team High Scratch Series: North-End Roller, 2040; Balls Out, 2033; Pin Seekers, 1954

Team High Handicap Series: North-End Roller, 945; Happy Hookers, 834; Balls Out, 822

Team High Handicap Game: North-End Roller, 2616; Happy Hookers, 2390; Pin Seekers, 2362

Men's Scratch Game: Virgil Wright, 256; Colton Caulk, 234; Jerry Pope, 220

Men's Scratch Series: Rex McClanahan, 616; Virgil Wright, 612; Gary Hyser, 598

Men's Handicap Game: Virgil Wright, 268; Colton Caulk, 251; Lance Caulk, 226

Men's Handicap Series: Virgil Wright, 648; Gary Hyser, 622; Rex McClanahan, 616

Women's Scratch Game: Pam Hyser, 238; Cheryl Dogan, 204; Melissa Wood, 191

Women's Scratch Series: Pam Hyser, 548; Cheryl Dogan, 514; Melissa Wood, 501

Women's Handicap Game: Pam Hyser, 275; Panny, 265; Cheryl Dogan, 254

Women's Handicap Series: Panny, 671; Cheryl Dogan, 664; Pam Hyser, 659

Sunday Night Mixed League

W	L
Happy Hookers 80	40
Balls Out 73.5	46.5
Wright's Paintin 62.5	57.5
North-End Roller 60	60
Pin Seekers 60	60
Bye	0
Team High Scratch Game: Balls Out, 766; Wright's Paintin, 753; North-End Roller, 729	
Team High Scratch Series: Wright's Paintin, 2242; Balls Out, 2229; North-End Roller, 2034	
Team High Handicap Game: Wright's Paintin, 905; North-End Roller, 868; Happy Hookers, 850	
Team High Handicap Series: Wright's Paintin, 2898; Happy Hookers, 2482; Balls Out, 2469	
Men's Scratch Game: Rex McClanahan, 277; Virgil Wright, 277; Jerry Pope, 256; Gary Hyser, 256	
Men's Scratch Series: Rex McClanahan, 660; Jerry Pope, 659; Virgil Wright, 652	
Men's Handicap Game: Virgil Wright, 289; Lance Caulk, 283; Rex McClanahan, 277	
Men's Handicap Series: Lance Caulk, 745; Virgil Wright, 688; Rex McClanahan, 660	
Women's Scratch Game: Pam Hyser, 225; Kay Wright, 193; Marj Caulk, 180	
Women's Scratch Series: Pam Hyser, 529; Kay Wright, 479; Marj Caulk, 462	
Women's Handicap Game: Pam Hyser, 262; Kay Wright, 244; Marj Caulk, 237	
Women's Handicap Series: Pam Hyser, 640; Marj Caulk, 633; Kay Wright, 632	

Lady Toppers Double Up Southeast

by Hannah Wiggins

The Hillsboro Lady Toppers played a doubleheader in Southeast Saturday, returning home with two wins, beating the Spartans 7-5 and 9-0.

The Toppers did not score until the third inning of game one, when Iacy Murray started the rally by reaching first and going to second on a pass ball. Ashley Kimbro was talked to put runners on first and second.

Katie DeLuca then singled to lead the bases. Shelby Gray flew to center field and scored Murray with a sacrifice fly. Kaela Perfetti tripled, scoring both Kimbro and DeLuca.

With the Toppers down by one going into the fifth inning, DeLuca walked, stole second, and was advanced to third when Gray singled.

With runners on first and third, ray stole second as Perfetti singled and also scored DeLuca. ray and Perfetti were stranded

on base as the next two Topper batters got out to end the inning.

Going into an extra inning with the score tied at five, Hannah Wiggins led off with a single and stole second as Rachel Puckett hit a triple, driving in the eventual game winning run. Puckett also scored as Petray grounded to the shortstop. The Toppers won the first duel with a 7-5 victory.

The second game was started off quicker than the first, as Shelby Gray singled and reached second as Kaela Perfetti singled.

With runners on first and second, Hannah Wiggins also singled. With Rachel Puckett up, Gray scored on a pass ball, and Puckett later singled to load the bases.

With one out, Jayde Sharp flew to left and scored Perfetti on a sacrifice fly.

Macy Murray led off the second inning with a walk and also stole second. She later advanced to third as Savannah Petray grounded out to second.

DeLuca then hit a double, scoring Murray, and later stole third and scored on a Gray single. Gray reached second and was driven in as Wiggins hit a double, making the score 5-0.

In the third inning, the Toppers would only score one as Hannah Hosick singled and Murray got her in as she grounded to second.

In the fourth and final inning, due to lightning, DeLuca led off with a home run to center field. Gray reached on an error, stole second, and reached third on a pass ball.

Wiggins then walked, putting runners on first and third. With one out and Puckett batting, she hit a double, scoring both Wiggins and Gray. The final score was 9-0.

The Lady Toppers will play today in Staunton with a 4:30 p.m. start, Tuesday at home against Pana with a 4:30 start, and Wednesday in Vandalia with a 4:30 start.

Soccer Toppers Fall To Lady Oilers

by Christina Bowman

On Thursday, April 26, the Hillsboro girls soccer team played East Alton against East Alton 'ood River. The Toppers lost without being shutout with the ore being 6-3.

Many attempts were tried by Brian White, Christina Bowman,annah Sawyer, Erin Satterlee, meelya Kuhl, Patynne Wright, ut the only three who succeeded

were Satterlee, Wright and Kuhl, each making one.

The first goal scored by Hillsboro was by Kuhl when she rebounded a goal kick, shooting from behind the 18-yard line. Sarah Maguire played a great game, defending the box and saving more than 20 shots on goal.

Maguire also scored the only goal in Hillsboro's 1-0 win in the junior varsity game.

Hillsboro's next game will be

Monday, April 30 at 4:30 p.m., home against Roxana, making their last home game senior night for Audrey Brohammer, Kiper and Satterlee. They will also be starting regionals the following week at their home field.

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Irving Creamery Wins Tuesday Industrial League

There was no need for a roll-off, because Irving Creamery won both halves of the Tuesday night Industrial League at Knisley's Hillsboro Bowl. The champions, from the left, are Joey Hapner, Virgil Wright, Kay Wright, Becky Himes, and David Himes. *Journal-News Photo*

Industrial League Week 33 of 34 - April 17

W	L
Irving Creamery 73	39
H.F.T. 58	54
Hillsboro Bowl 47	65
Marcolini Inc. 46	66
Team Scratch Game: H.F.T., 1020; Hillsboro Bowl, 946; Marcolini Inc., 911; Irving Creamery, 869	
Team Scratch Series: H.F.T., 2877; Hillsboro Bowl, 2714; Marcolini Inc., 2501; Irving Creamery, 2393	
Team Handicap Game: H.F.T., 1115; Marcolini Inc., 1095; Hillsboro Bowl, 1079; Irving Creamery, 1058	
Team Handicap Series: H.F.T., 3162; Hillsboro Bowl, 3113; Marcolini Inc., 3053; Irving Creamery, 2960	
Men's Individual Scratch Game: Ryan Robinson, 290; Len Thompson, 246; Joey Hapner, 231; Randy Reck, 225; Kel Marcolini, 221	
Men's Individual Scratch Series: Len Thompson, 690; Ryan Robinson, 623; Mark Campbell, 597; Joey Hapner, 565; Dave Himes, 557	
Men's Individual Handicap Game: Ryan Robinson, 316; Randy Reck, 261; Kel Marcolini, 257; Len Thompson, 252; Joey Hapner, 241	
Men's Individual Handicap Series: Len Thompson, 708; Ryan Robinson, 701; Phil Johnson, 661; Randy Reck, 652; Mark Campbell, 648	

Industrial League Week 34 of 34 - April 24

W	L
Irving Creamery 75	44
H.F.T. 65	54
Hillsboro Bowl 51	68
Marcolini Inc. 47	72
Team Scratch Game: H.F.T., 928; Hillsboro Bowl, 848; Marcolini Inc., 813; Irving Creamery, 811	
Team Scratch Series: H.F.T., 2718; Hillsboro Bowl, 2518; Marcolini Inc., 2386; Irving Creamery, 2283	
Team Handicap Game: H.F.T., 1051; Irving Creamery, 1002; Marcolini Inc., 989; Hillsboro Bowl, 979	
Team Handicap Series: H.F.T., 3087; Marcolini Inc., 2914; Hillsboro Bowl, 2911; Irving Creamery, 2856	
Men's Individual Scratch Game: Bill O'Connell, 232; Mark Campbell, 216; Joey Hapner, 215; Ryan Robinson, 211; John Clark, 209	
Men's Individual Scratch Series: Bill O'Connell, 646; Ryan Robinson, 576; Joey Hapner, 560; Mark Campbell, 540; Len Thompson, 523	
Men's Individual Handicap Game: John Clark, 247; Rich Denny, 240; Bill O'Connell, 240; Virgil Wright, 235; Ryan Robinson, 235	
Men's Individual Handicap Series: Bill O'Connell, 670; Ryan Robinson, 648; Rich Denny, 627; Virgil Wright, 606; John Clark, 605	

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Coffeen Food Pantry Would Love Donations Of Local Produce

owdy. Please remember that Coffeen Food Pantry would love your surplus of garden tables this year. So, while you planning and planting your garden please remember to plant extra row of something to give the pantry. The folks in town do love the veggies.

Happy birthday this week to McLaughlin, Danielle Lee, Hickey, Ellen Moore, Wade, Earl Ray Williams, Betty, Debbie Kent, Summer, Amanda Hirsch, Lainie, Evan Malloy, Brandon, Afton Grindley, Eichelberger, Jesse Shaw, Walsh and Cayla Grandt.

Happy anniversary this week to Tysha Mullen, Gary, Vivian Gile, Glen and Edwina, John and Edna Balla, Jeff and Sandy Smith.

The Coffeen School Alumni meet will be held on Saturday, 26, at the school. Registration is at 5 p.m. and the dinner is served at 6 p.m. The cost of dinner is \$8.50 and dues are \$1. Reservations are due in by 14 by calling Jean Brown at 5361. The alumni banquet is to anyone who attended Coffeen School, whether elementary or high school.

The Coffeen/Fillmore Red Hat Magnolias met at the Chinatown Restaurant in Litchfield on April 17. After Bev Greenwood and Bonnie Bollman read a few poems composed by Bonnie, the group enjoyed lunch together. The next meeting will be at the Litchfield Inn on May 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Those attending the April meeting were Bev Greenwood, Edith Metzger, Calvin Metzger, Evelyn Lawler, Wilda Pfeifer, Maxine Pearson, Marjorie Simmons, Geneva Whitten, Gerry Rhoades, Agnes Huber, Phyllis Holloway, Roberta Buttol, Janet Chaplin, Clara Mae Whitten, Bonnie Bollman and Betty Ellington.

I have Coffeen Casey's information for y'all. Cookie Wars have started once again. The incentive for you to buy a cookie or two or dozen is that the top selling store will have a pizza party for the town. What that means is that Casey's will be handing approximately 150 pizzas out for the top selling town. Two years ago Coffeen was the first place winner. Last year Coffeen was the second place winner. In the past, when we would travel, I would buy a dozen for the road, so come on all you Cookie Monsters out there, buy some cookies. Casey's is making

it even easier for y'all, they have expanded their hours of operation to midnight every night.

The Coffeen Community Memorial Service will be Sunday, May 27, at 4 p.m. at the Coffeen Free Methodist Church. After the services at the church, the group will be traveling to the local cemeteries for graveside services. If you have lost a loved one in the last year and would like for them to be remembered during this service, you can contact Tina at 534-6304 by May 22.

Congratulations to John Walsh on being named prom king at the Hillsboro High School. John is the son of Rev. John and Kalisi Walsh.

Erin Satterlee had the honor of being the MC at the prom. She is the daughter of Hugh and Angie Satterlee and the granddaughter of Houston and Loretta Satterlee.

The Coffeen Royal Neighbors met Saturday at the Vandalia Ponderosa for their annual Spring Fling. There were 15 in attendance and the door prize was won by Danielle Keith, who received a gardening tool bag loaded with all the necessary tools to help the garden grow—with the exception of a green thumb.

Until next time.



The junior and senior high school choir joined together for a song featuring Josh Bails and Mark Gehlbach on percussion. Vocal solos were sung by Isabelle Clark and Shane Peavy.

Photo courtesy of Panhandle F...

Lincolnwood Jr./Sr. High Holds Band And Choir Spring Concert April 29

The Lincolnwood Jr./Sr. High School music department held their 2012 band and choir spring concert on Sunday, April 29. A potluck and awards ceremony for participants and their families followed the concert in the Lincolnwood auditorium.

The high school choir performed "Seize the Day" by Feldman and Mencken and arranged by Emerson, "One Minute Madrigal" by Donald Moore, "It Don't Mean a Thing" by Mills and Ellington and arranged by MacHuff and "Hallelujah (from Shrek)" by Leonard Cohen and arranged by Emerson. The choir is directed by Sarah Weatherford.

The junior high school band performed "The Two-Timer March" by John Kinyon, "A Childhood Hymn" by David Holsinger, "Air and Dance" by John Kinyon and "Westwind Overture" by Anne McGinty. The band is directed by Mr. DalPozzo.

Family and friends were entertained by the junior high school choir's performance of "Elijah and Joshua," arranged by Sally K. Albrecht, "Song for the Unsung Hero" by Martin and Martin and "River in Judea" by Marcus, Feldman and Leavitt.

The high school band performed "Valdres" by Johannes Hanssen and arranged by Robert W. Smith, "Over the Rainbow" by Harburg and Arien and arranged

by Jerry Brubaker, "Overture: The Court of Henry VIII" by John Cavas, "Crimson Dawn Overture" by Forrest L. Buchtel, "Sons of Liberty (Songs of the American Revolution)" by Larry Neeck and "Celtic Air and Dance," arranged by Michael Sweeney.

The junior and senior high school choir joined together to sing "Amani (Peace)" by Audrey Snyder. The song featured Josh

Bails and Mark Gehlbach on percussion. Vocal solos were sung by Isabelle Clark and Shane Peavy.

Choir and band members received awards included Jackie Boaden, Panhandle Band Association Scholarship; Mark Gehlbach, John Phillip Sousa Award; Jackie Boaden, Panhandle Band Association Scholarship; and Patrick Crawford, Outstanding High School Vocal Musician.



Lincolnwood choir and band members who received awards included, from the left, Jackie Boaden, Mark Gehlbach, Josh Bails and Patrick Crawford.

Photo courtesy of Panhandle F...

Phi Chapter Installs New Biennium Officers

The Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held their general meeting on Friday, April 28, at Maverick's Litchfield. President Carolyn Bardo called the meeting to order and 16 members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Area members attending included Ginnar, Betty Bledsaw, Mary DeClue, Harriet Gibson and Wall.

The March minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. There was a short session on percents earned on the fund and how else the funds may be used.

Committee reports were presented and Compardo thanked the committees on all the work provided over the biennium. A petition for membership was read by Helen Mings for

Sharon Neumann, who attended last month's meeting and was invited to join the Phi Chapter. She was unanimously voted into Phi Chapter.

Certificates earned by Phi Chapter at the Lambda State Convention include one for submitting four articles to the Newscaster over the past year, literacy projects and reinstating members. Lynn Rochkes was honored with a certificate for earning her National Board Certification in nursing.

Art Mart was filled with many nursing items for purchase or to raffle. Betty Bledsaw won the raffle.

Summer outings were also discussed. Little Theater sent a brochure and is celebrating its 55th anniversary this summer. Several plays are being performed, including "Grease," "Seven Brides

for Seven Brothers," "Pirates of Penzance," "Music Man" and "9 to 5."

Phi's new officers for the biennium were installed, including Betty Bledsaw as president, Sue Ade as first vice president, Teri Hudson as second vice president and Harriet Gibson as secretary.

Mary Ellen DeClue handed out postcards regarding coal in Illinois. Lynn Rochkes brought in music from late member Ruby Munzenmeier to be given to the music committee.

Chapter leader orientation is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, at Central Junior High in Belleville. The new team of officers, along with the finance chair and corresponding secretary, are expected to attend.



Mid-State Special Education honored several staff members for their years of service to the program at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 2. Pictured above, in front, from the left are JoAnn Doss, Molly Daggett, Cathy Guthrie, Missy Trump-Richie, Tonya Johnson and Darcy Rutan. In back are Jill Pope, Nancy Roasio, Amy Ashmore, Tony Musgrove, Lisa Engelke and Brandy Buske.

Mid-State Honors Many Staff Members

The fifth annual Mid-State Montgomery County/Carlinville retirement and recognition luncheon was held at the Lincoln Community College campus in Litchfield on Wednesday, May 2. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, a show featuring staff, and singing with colleagues prior to the presentation of awards. Educators were welcomed by Region Assistant Director Darcy Armour, with recognition and congratulations from Alison Roasio, Mid-State executive director.

In recognition of the upcoming retirement of Brandy Buske, a retiring educator was celebrated. Brandy Woods, superintendent of Panhandle School District, was recognized for her contribution and service to Mid-State for the past ten years. Also recognized were Mary Lattan, a 18-year education teacher for 18 years in Carlinville and Litchfield, and Jeanne Banovic, a teaching assistant at Lincolnwood Junior School for three years.

Brandy Woods was presented with an inscribed marble apple certificate of thanks prepared by Armour and Brandy Woods, program coordinator. Brandy Woods' service awards were presented for working in the region by Darcy Armour and Lyn Becker, program coordinator. Each recipient received a "You Make the Difference" certificate and a service pin denoting the number of years of



Mid-State Special Education also recognized three educators who will be retiring this spring. From the left are Jeanne Banovic, Connie Woods and Mary Lattan.

service to this region. Receiving recognition for 15 years of service were Tonya Johnson at Madison Park School; Darcy Rutan at Beckemeyer School; and Lisa Engelke at Carlinville High School. Recipients of ten-year service awards were Jacque Griffith of Carlinville Intermediate School and Lisa Green of Hillsboro High School.

Recognition for five years of service was received by Amy Ashmore at Mid-State; Melanie Bauman at Hillsboro Junior

High School, Brandy Buske at Hillsboro and Panhandle districts, Carol Correll at Farmersville Grade School; Molly Daggett at Litchfield Middle School, JoAnn Doss at Beckemeyer School, Marcey Guthrie at Mid-State, Cathy Johnson at JD Colt School, Toni Musgrove at Farmersville Grade School, Jill Pope at Carlinville Middle School, Nancy Roasio in the Litchfield and Panhandle districts and Missy Trump-Richie at Carlinville High School.

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Mad cow discovery was stroke of luck

Mad cow cases traced by feed containing brain tissue, spinal columns

ANFORD, Calif. (AP) — A mad cow case in California's dairy industry has become the focus of intense scrutiny that mad cow disease has been discovered in a dairy cow. The finding, announced Tuesday, is the first new case of the disease since 2006 — and the first that the discovery was made at all was a stroke of luck. Tests are performed on a small portion of dead animals brought to the slaughter facility near Ford. The cow had died at one of the region's hundreds of farms, but hadn't exhibited any symptoms of the disease: unsteadiness, incoordination, a drastic change in behavior or low milk production, officials said. But when the animal arrived at the facility with a truckload of other dead cows on April 19, its 30-month-plus age and fresh corpse made her suitable for USDA testing. "We randomly pick a number of samples throughout

the year, and this just happened to be one that we randomly sampled," Baker Commodities executive vice president Dennis Luckey said. "It showed no signs" of disease. The samples went to the food safety lab at the University of California, Davis on April 18. By April 19, markers indicated the cow could have bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a disease that is fatal to cows and can cause a deadly human brain disease in people who eat tainted meat. It was sent to the USDA lab in Iowa for further testing. On Tuesday, federal agriculture officials announced the findings: the animal had atypical BSE. That means it didn't get the disease from eating infected cattle feed, said John Clifford, the Agriculture Department's chief veterinary officer. It was "just a random mutation that can happen every once in a great while in an animal," said Bruce Akey, director of the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell University. "Random mutations go on in nature all the time."

In humans, experts say it can occur in one in 1 million people, causing sponge-like holes in the brain. But they say not enough is known about how and how often the disease strikes cattle. The disease cannot be transmitted by contact among cows, and experts say it's unclear whether this rare type of BSE ever has been transmitted from a cow to a human by eating meat. Among the unknowns about the current case is whether the animal died of the disease and whether other cattle in its herd are similarly infected. The name of the dairy where the cow died hasn't been released, and officials haven't said where the cow was born. "It's appropriate to be cautious, it's appropriate to pay attention and it's appropriate to ask questions, but now let's watch and see what the researchers find out in the next couple of days," said James Culler, director of the UC Davis dairy food safety laboratory and an authority on BSE. Culler said that in this case the food safety testing program worked and that this form of BSE so rarely occurs that consumers

shouldn't be alarmed. The infected cow was identified through an Agriculture Department surveillance program that tests about 40,000 cows a year for the fatal brain disease. There have been three confirmed cases of BSE in cows in the United States — in a Canadian-born cow in 2003 in Washington state, in 2005 in Texas and in 2006 in Alabama. Both the 2005 and 2006 cases were also atypical varieties of the disease, USDA officials said. The mad cow cases that plagued England in the early 1990s were caused when livestock routinely were fed protein supplements that included ground cow spinal columns and brain tissue, which can harbor the disease. The Agriculture Department is sharing its lab results with international animal health officials in Canada and England who will review the test results, Clifford said. Federal and California officials will further investigate the case. He said he did not expect the latest discovery to affect beef exports.

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Young St. Louis heart patient found safe

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis police have issued arrest warrants for the father and paternal grandmother of a 5-year-old boy taken from a hospital where he was on a transplant waiting list. The department issued a warrant Wednesday saying it issued felony warrants for kidnapping, interfering with custody and endangering the care of a child against 33-year-old Jeffery Stone and his mother, Rhonda Marie Stone. Authorities accuse Stone of luring his son, Porter Stone, from St. Louis Children's Hospital on Tuesday. The hospital warned Porter only had about a week's worth of medication left in a portable IV when taken. St. Louis police say Illinois State Police found the boy, his

father and grandmother in Alsip, near Chicago, early Wednesday and that Porter seemed fine but was taken to a hospital. Porter Stone was found at a hospital in Alsip, Ill., and the father, 33-year-old Jeffery Stone, was in custody, a police dispatcher there, who declined to give her name because she wasn't authorized to talk to the news media, said early Wednesday. A missing child alert was issued after the boy was taken from the hospital Tuesday. St. Louis police Capt. Jim Moran told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch the boy's father didn't have legal custody. Porter was being treated for cardiomyopathy, a thickening of the heart muscle. Dr. F. Sessions Cole, the chief medical officer at St.

Louis Children's Hospital, told KSDK-TV Porter's condition is serious and he only had about a day's worth of medication left in a portable IV when he was taken. According to relatives, Jeffery Stone is estranged from the boy's mother, Tiffany Stone, who has legal custody of Porter. Porter, who lives in St. Joseph in northwestern Missouri, was on hospital's waiting list for a heart transplant. Cole said the boy was discharged after several days in the hospital so he could be monitored by doctors closer to home in the Kansas City area. Police said Jeffery Stone took Porter and then called Tiffany Stone — who was still at the hospital — and told her he was taking the child, according to police.



Porter Stone, 5, who was missing after his father took him from a St. Louis hospital where he is on a heart transplant waiting list, has been found.
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S Factory orders plummet in March

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders for long-lasting factory goods fell by the largest amount in three years last month, mostly because demand for commercial aircraft plummeted. But companies also ordered less machinery and other equipment, and manufacturing output grew slowly. Orders for durable goods slipped 4.2 percent in March, the steepest fall since January 2009, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. Commercial aircraft orders, a staple category, fell by nearly 10 percent. Excluding transportation equipment, orders declined 1.2 percent. That's the second drop in that category in three months. And orders for so-called "core" capital goods, a good measure of business investment plans, declined 0.8 percent. Companies cut their orders for steel and other metals, industrial machinery and computers. Shipments of durable goods increased last month, which adds to growth in the first three months of the year. The government will report on the economy's first quarter growth Friday. But the decline in orders indicates that growth may slow in the months ahead, economists said.

"This was a weak report," said Ellen Zentner, senior economist at Nomura Securities. It "certainly points to slowing business investment as we enter the second quarter." A durable good is expected to last at least three years. Examples range from appliances and cars to heavy machinery and planes. Orders for autos and auto parts ticked up 0.1 percent, far below February's 2 percent gain. Auto production has grown as Americans ramped up their purchases of cars and trucks this year, boosting output at auto plants and their suppliers. But March's tiny increase suggests auto output is slowing. Changes in aircraft orders mostly reflect orders received by The Boeing Co. The company has generally reported rising demand since last fall, but Zentner noted that it received orders for 53 aircraft in March, compared to 237 in February. In March, durable goods orders totaled \$202.6 billion — 36 percent above the recession low. But orders remain 17 percent below their peak in December 2007. Manufacturing has been a leading source of growth and jobs since the recession ended. Americans stepped up their purchases of autos and

electronic goods this year. Businesses invested in more industrial machinery, computers and other equipment. Both trends have kept factories humming, but there have been other hints that the sector is slowing. Factory output fell in March, the Federal Reserve said last week. Companies made fewer electronic products and cut back on steel and other metals. Americans are still spending, despite recent increases in gas prices. Retail sales rose at a healthy pace in March, the government said last week, boosted in part by unseasonably warm weather. Consumers also bought more furniture, cars, and other durable goods. More consumer spending is aiding the economy, which expanded at a 3 percent annual pace in the final three months of last year. That's likely to slip to 2.5 percent in the first quarter, economists say. Still, that is a higher estimate than just a few weeks ago, when many analysts thought growth in the first quarter would dip below 2 percent. Data released since then has shown that the trade gap was narrower and stockpiles were larger than first thought. That suggests growth was faster.

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Feds to patrol Chicago ahead of summit

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago may see visible signs of the upcoming NATO summit when federal agents — some in battle gear — start patrolling downtown as soon as next week.

The Federal Protective Service has been telling tenants of the city's federal buildings that the officers would be patrolling in what is calling the "Red Zone." The decision to dispatch the officers, some armed with non-lethal bean bag weapons, was first reported this week by the Chicago Sun-Times.

The head of the city's NATO committee said she didn't know about the federal show of force until she read it in the paper. Lori Healey explained the federal government doesn't consult the city when it makes such a decision but that such moves are common when there are major events.

Legal action possible after chemical spill in Ill. creek

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A chemical spill that killed fish in a central Illinois creek could lead to legal action.

The state Environmental Protection Agency is asking the attorney general to ensure the company involved in Tuesday's spill cleans it up thoroughly and keeps any chemicals from reaching the Mackinaw River.

The EPA says a truck carrying a mixture of herbicide and fertilizer hit a guard rail, tipped over and landed in Prairie Creek in Tazewell County. It spilled between 700 and 1,000 gallons, along with 60 gallons of diesel fuel, killing fish in the creek.

Officials tried to keep the chemicals from spreading by placing dams and absorbent booms in the creek. They also used vacuum trucks.

But they said Thursday that those efforts had "a limited effect."

Ex-East St. Louis police chief awaits sentencing

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP) — The man who stepped down again as East St. Louis' police chief after admitting he stole video game boxes planted by federal agents is about to hear his sentence.

Michael Baxton Sr. faces up to 15 years in prison when sentenced Friday in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis. That's where he pleaded guilty in January to stealing four Xbox games federal agents put in a car last October as part of a sting operation.

Baxton was Alorton's police chief at that time but was later rehired by East St. Louis as the top law enforcer. Baxton resigned from that post a day before entering his guilty plea.

He previously stepped down as East St. Louis police chief in 2009 after his performance was called into question.

Classifieds have it all!

WWII pilot's remains return to southern Illinois

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The remains of a World War II pilot killed in a midair collision during training over England finally returned to his southern Illinois hometown Thursday, ending a decades-old mystery that might never have been solved had a group not happened upon the buried wreckage in search of the other aircraft.

The remains of Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Charles "Butch" Moritz were flown into St. Louis from Hawaii before being driven to Effingham, where on May 5 the pilot who died when he was 21 will be interred with full military honors.

"It's a big relief," said niece Pamela Landers, 69, of Nisswa, Minn., his oldest living relative.

Moritz, a member of the 496th Fighter Group stationed in England, was 21 when he died on June 7, 1944, after his P-51C Mustang collided in midair with another U.S. aircraft over Lincolnshire, England. Eyewitnesses reported seeing Moritz's fighter plane spiraling out of the sky before slamming into the ground, exploding and bursting into flames.

The other pilot parachuted to safety.

Last September, members of a private English group that

searches for vintage aircraft were scouring the countryside for the plane that collided with Moritz's aircraft when they happened upon Moritz's remains and what little was left of his P-51, both buried 18 feet in the ground. Found at the scene were Moritz dog tags, ID bracelet and a wallet containing papers with his name.

The next month, a U.S. Defense Department division reached Landers, the niece who helped verify her late uncle's identity — just not without a sputter. Landers hung up on one of the initial calls from the U.S. government, figuring it was a solicitation.

"This brings closure to the family," Landers said, lamenting that Moritz's two brothers and two sisters are all deceased. "My big regret is that they aren't here to see this. My mom, who was his older sister, died two years ago."

For decades, Landers said, Moritz's siblings "would talk about him every now and then, and it was sort of stressful not knowing all of those years what happened to him."

"There were all kinds of suppositions in the family. They didn't know if he died over England, over Germany. All we knew is that he was gone," she

said. "We long ago assumed we'd never know what happened to him."

Moritz graduated from Effingham High School and later attended a New Mexico military academy for one year before attending the University of Illinois, where he played polo. He enlisted in the Army Air Force in August 1942 and left the United States on April 29, 1944, just weeks before he was killed.

Landers expects as many as 20 relatives to converge on Effingham to say their final farewells to Moritz at a graveside next month, bringing with them mementos of the late flyer. One of Landers' cousins has Moritz's silver baby cup. Another has Moritz's wings, while Landers clings to the personal items recovered at the crash site.

"We're gonna put all of that together and decide how to pass that along in the family," Landers said of the get-together she expects will include each relative sharing their tidbits about what they've been told about Moritz, hopefully piecing together a mosaic of his life. "It's wonderful. We're going to be able to pool all of that. It just makes me really sad we never got to know him. He sounds like a really great guy."

New University of Ill. website offers campus directions

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — We've all seen them clogging the streets of campus.

Parents of new University of Illinois students trying to find their way to the residence halls. An alum who hasn't been back to campus in 20 years and can't remember which way Wright Street runs.

There's now a mobile application that can help.

It's not an app per se, but the UI's new mobile-friendly website, complete with Google-powered 3-D maps and directions to every major campus building — by bus, car, bike or on foot.

The mobile website debuted on Monday, and so far no major bugs have been reported, though some of the features are still under development.

Go to <http://illinois.edu> on your mobile device and a dozen icons pop up with helpful information — a campus directory, maps, the Office of Admissions, calendars, social media and an A-Z index, as well as promotional features with the latest UI news. Click on "more" to see additional options.

"It's handy because it has the feel of an app. You can bookmark it on your screen," said Robin Kaler, associate chancellor for public affairs, whose office produced the mobile website in conjunction with UI Facilities and Services.

"People who are visiting, or who are on the go, really need to be able to access our website just as much as people who are sitting on a desktop machine. We want to make sure that it's as convenient and user friendly as possible," Kaler said.

The idea is to make the site an "information concierge," she said.

"Obviously the directory will get a lot of use. If you're a family visiting campus, that's helpful to have at your fingertips," Kaler said.

Maps are also a big feature. The UI website had maps before, but they were scattered on different pages.

The new maps have a cleaner look, with multiple search functions, pop-up windows with addresses and directions, and information on accessibility and Wi-Fi capabilities. They utilize Google's map capabilities to

show street, satellite and aerial views, and you can also choose categories like bike trails, places to eat, performing arts and sports venues.

The map function was developed in partnership with Facilities and Services, which manages the graphic information systems database for the campus, said Joel Steinfeldt, brand manager for public affairs. The map previously developed for the website was 8 years old and was based on a static image, he said.

"It wasn't dynamic," he said. "The challenge was to come up with something that would work well on desktops, iPads, tablet computers and mobile phones."

Designers loaded the locations for the UI's 800 major buildings onto Google maps, writing a custom application and tools to manage it, he said.

The goal was to make it mobile friendly and include more areas of the south campus, near the UI Research Park, which had expanded significantly since the previous map was created, he said. They also wanted to build in "wayfinding," so if someone was using the mobile app on campus, it could show their location.

"We wanted the ability to help people find their way around," he said, including potential students, parents, visiting researchers, legislators and alumni.

Users can click on a building to get a pop-up window with a photo and address, then use a "get directions" link to find the best way to get there by driving, biking, walking or taking a bus. That function isn't enabled for mobile devices yet but will be soon, Steinfeldt said.

Designers hope to improve the map over time, adding emergency phone locations, public works of art, historical markers and memorial markers on campus, or other features suggested by users.

With the exception of an inexpensive computer, the project did not use any additional campus funds, Kaler and Steinfeldt said.

—Guide to the new site: <http://illinois.edu/emailer/newsletter/23217.html>

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CEO survey
ranks Illinois
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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Illinois gets low marks for business climate in a survey of 650 corporate chief executives. Chief Executive magazine ceased the survey today. Illinois ranked 48th among U.S. states and received low ratings in particular for taxes and regulations. Texas was the top-rated state. Illinois has struggled the past year with a mounting state budget deficit, rising taxes and public campaigns in other states to lure businesses away. Marcelyn Love is a spokeswoman for the state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. She notes that the state added 32,000 jobs last year. Unemployment has topped for seven straight months. Peoria-based Caterpillar Inc. has been among the state's critics. But company spokesman Jim Dugan says the state is now taking steps that could move Illinois in a better direction.

Dixon official
actually stole
\$53 million

DIXON, Ill. (AP) — Federal prosecutors say in an indictment that a former financial officer for the small northern Illinois city of Dixon stole millions more in public funds than an initial investigation had uncovered. Tuesday's indictment accuses Rita Crundwell of stealing more than \$53 million from the city since 1990. An initial criminal complaint filed upon her April 17 arrest accused her of siphoning \$10 million in public funds to a secret account she controlled. Crundwell is accused of using the money to fund horse-breeding operations at brought her national fame and a lavish lifestyle that included expensive jewelry and luxury vehicles. The former comptroller will be arraigned May 7 in U.S. District Court in Rockford. The theft stunned the small city of 16,000 people.

Warm spring
puts Illinois
corn ahead
of schedule

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — Illinois' warmer-than-average spring has put both corn and soybean crops ahead of schedule. The Bloomington Intagraph reports that 10 percent of corn and 30 percent of soybeans have already been planted. Illinois Soybean Association board member Bob Shaffer says by contrast only 53 percent of corn nationwide has been planted. Shaffer is a corn and soybean farmer from Paso. Rodney Weintzler (NE'-zerl) of the Illinois Corn Growers Association says more farmers will get it in their fields if Illinois gets another week of warm weather. Dennis Wentworth is a corn and soybean farmer from Downs, and he says he's ahead of his planting. Wentworth says he's now timing time checking plants for damage and trying to determine if the plants are healthy. <http://www.pantagraph.com>

Daley maneuvered to expand pension

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley was able to greatly expand his retirement package and save \$400,000 in contributions through some maneuvering within the state pension system, the Chicago Tribune today. Daley, who retired a year ago, receives benefits totaling nearly \$184,000 a year, about \$50,000 more than he would have otherwise received.

The Tribune found Daley was able to do this by briefly rejoining the legislative pension plan that he was part of as a state senator. One month later, he returned to the Chicago municipal pension fund. That switch came two years into his time as mayor and made Daley eligible for a pension worth 85 percent of his mayoral salary. That's better than any other city employee gets.

The Tribune said that Daley declined to be interviewed for its story. His spokeswoman, Jacquelyn Heard, wrote in an email: "I can only assume that his pension was handled in the same manner that anyone's would be, given the length of service — nearly 40 years — in government." The city of Chicago is coming under an increasingly heavy load of pension debt.

Unfunded liabilities of the city's four pension funds have reached nearly \$20 billion, adding to the burden on taxpayers and other current and future employees in the pension plans. Daley's pension, too, will cost taxpayers throughout Illinois because his contributions to the General Assembly pension fund were not enough to cover the cost of the benefits he is receiving.

Peabody: judge sides with union

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A federal judge has rejected a coal company's objections over a union election at a southern Illinois mine, ordering Peabody Energy Corp. to halt what he called unfair labor practices at the site and to rehire a worker fired over the dispute.

U.S. District Judge G. Patrick Murphy's injunction Monday at the United Mine Workers of America's request came four months after a National Labor Relations Board administrative law judge similarly ruled against St. Louis-based Peabody in the dispute over the union's 2011 organizing at the Willow Lake mine. The Saline County site is operated by Peabody subsidiary Big Ridge Inc.

Murphy ruled that he was compelled to act, writing that failing to impose the injunction would "send a clear message to Willow Lake employees that Big Ridge is too big for the law and not even the NLRB can do anything to help Willow Lake employees."

Echoing the NLRB judge's decision late last year, Murphy ordered Peabody to halt threatening employees with mine closure, job loss or other unspecified reprisals over their backing of the

UMWA, and to stop promising employee benefits if they oppose the union.

"Big Ridge's actions have dramatically shifted the status quo between itself and its employees by refusing to bargain with the employees' representative and retaliating against vocal UMWA supporters," Murphy wrote in his 20-page ruling. "Moreover, as time passes, Big Ridge's actions diminish UMWA's ability to organize and effectively represent Big Ridge's employees after NLRB issues its final decision."

Murphy added that, without the injunctive relief, Big Ridge's employees would continue "suffering significant harm due to the employer's refusal to bargain collectively with their chosen representative."

Murphy also ordered the immediate reinstatement of Wade Waller, a 28-year miner fired after the UMWA's successful May 2011 organizing campaign. The union had claimed that Waller strongly supported the UMWA and was jettisoned "in order to chill union support at the mine," according to Murphy's ruling.

A spokesman for Peabody, the world's biggest private-

sector coal producer, said the company may have a public response later Tuesday to Murphy's decision.

Union president Cecil Roberts called Murphy's intervention "yet another decision that completely repudiates the company's actions during and after this election, and strongly supports the workers' decision to elect the UMWA to be their collective bargaining representative."

"It's long past time for these workers to have the fair contract they deserve," Roberts said in a statement, urging the company to put aside what he called "its campaign of threats and intimidation" and negotiate a contract.

The UMWA filed early last year for an election, after the company's negotiations to replace a soon-to-expire contract with the mine's workers — represented then by the Boilermakers Union — went badly.

Some 93 percent of the mine's 440 production and maintenance workers later signed authorization cards requesting the UMWA's representation. The union, in a secret-ballot election, won by just 13 votes.

Study gleans insights
into Chicago lake breeze:

CHAMPAIGN — Lake breezes that bring some relief on a scorching summer afternoon are thought to move more slowly through Chicago than through the surrounding suburbs.

Scientists at the Illinois State Water Survey have discovered that this is often not the case and have gained new insights into the mysteries of how cities affect winds off a lake.

Looking at 44 lake-breezes from Lake Michigan in the Chicago region from March to November 2005, Jason Keeler, a graduate student in the University of Illinois Department of Atmospheric Sciences, and David Kristovich, head of the Center for Atmospheric Sciences in the Illinois State Water Survey, found that in many instances, the lake breeze acted as if the city wasn't there. Nearly 30 percent of the lake breezes moving through the city reached as far as 30 miles inland.

Two factors explain why urban areas might slow breeze movement. Urban areas have many taller structures than more rural areas. Flow around these structures disrupts the lower portions of the lake breeze, causing it to slow.

A second important reason for slowing of lake breezes is winds set up by "urban heat islands." Urban heat islands, which describe the tendency for cities to be hotter than surrounding suburbs, can change the wind speeds and directions in the area. In theory, the lake breeze should slow down due to the onslaught of winds coming from various directions.

"We found that quite often, the lake breeze doesn't follow the theoretical pattern," Kristovich said. Keeler could not find a relationship between the afternoon urban heat island intensity and how quickly the lake breeze moved through the urban area.

"What really shocked us is that there was a strong relationship between lake breeze movement and the city heat the night before."

High temperatures in the city

center are most pronounced at night, but lake breezes typically develop in the afternoon. It appears that the temperatures in the city at night, many hours before lake breezes form, may influence the movement of lake breezes the next afternoon.

"The exciting aspect of these outcomes is that if this finding is confirmed, it may give us a strong prediction tool," Kristovich said. "We can measure the temperatures the night before and have a strong hint of whether the lake breeze will move through or stay in the city the next day."

Research findings of this type are valuable because lake breezes can have a large impact on summer temperatures and resulting use of electricity for air conditioning, the location where it rains, and even the direction that planes must land and take off. Lake breezes can even change the amount of air pollution in the city.

This and other research on lake breezes also can be applied to sea breezes, Kristovich said. Lake and sea breezes affect millions of people living in ocean coastal cities and along the Great Lakes.

The Illinois State Water Survey at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's division of the Prairie Research Institute, is the primary agency in Illinois concerned with water and atmospheric resources.

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