

People & Places

PAGE 6 JULY 2, 2012 - PANA NEWS-PALLADIUM



FACT FUN & FILLIPS

By Tom Phillips

Here it is, the brink of another Fourth of July, a happy occasion.

But, rather than feeling the responsibility of boosting "crash, boom, bang" this season

In light of the heat, and an unusual dry season, we'll "stop" right there.

Am not saying don't celebrate the wonderful "Fourth" and all it stands for But sending out a warning for all.

We have a sense of confidence in it all, that we couldn't be any more protected as a municipality than the situation we have in those whose duty is to protect us at all times from flames!

Our always, ready to go, group of talented and willing firefighter volunteers, but responsible to go perpetually, night or day, should they be needed, will be there doing their "double duty."

But, let's all thank them for sponsoring the display that pleases so many hundreds and protects us at the same time.

So, we're looking forward to a happy and enjoyable Fourth. And everything to keep, in light of the conditions, heat and dryness and caution for an "alarm free" "Fourth" for those folk too! A local organization we've always been proud of and their professional assistance. So "thank you" too, Pana Fire Chief Rod Bland and the "always ready" members of his Pana Fire Department and all the others in the Pana News, Inc., and its stable of newspapers!

So, be happy, be careful and enjoy Those men who are protecting you are, as usual already "on the job" and will be!

Don't get much better than that! At least we don't think so! We thank them for what they do around the clock - and especially the task they do in handling the annual Fourth Display!

☆☆☆☆

So with that being said, from Doris and myself and the Pana News, Nokomis Free Press, Morrisonville Times and Assumption Golden Prairie News . . .

(Note: Folks of Morrisonville. Your greeting for the holiday comes after the fact, considering your paper will be published Thursday morning.)



Wishes For a Happy and Safe Fourth . . . To All!

☆☆☆☆

Bulletin: Temperature is at 93 degrees at 10:55 a.m., today, Monday, July 2. Courtesy of Peoples Bank of Pana, looking through the front window of the PN-P. Thank you, T.J.P.

☆☆☆☆

So Long.

Donation & Volunteers Needed For
"Share & Care 4 Kids"
Call The Ministerial Assoc. @ 562-4529
Ask for Pastor Kurt

Max's
Coins & Firearms
141 E. MAIN • SHELBYVILLE, IL 62565
217-774-4748
OPEN: Monday-Friday 9-5 • Saturday 9-2
or Call For An Appointment
"See The Round Man For
A Square Deal"
**Gold & Silver At An All
Time High!**
**TURN THAT OLD
JEWELRY INTO CASH!**

Crisman Retires from LLC After 29 Years of Service

After 29 years of service, Pam Crisman, vice president for development at Lake Land College, will retire.

"Lake Land College has been like a second home to me for the past 29 years. I have devoted my career to the college and its students, and have made many lifelong friends whose friendships I will treasure and take with me when I retire," said Crisman. "My family often teased me that I bleed Lake Land blood. I am fortunate that they understood my commitment and loyalty to the college even though that meant many nights away from home."

Crisman, who was hired at the college in 1983, acknowledged that she has worked for all of the college's presidents except Virgil Judge, its first president. Crisman was initially hired as the coordinator of public relations and she stayed in that position until 1999 when she accepted the vice presidency.

Lake Land's second president Robert Webb, who hired Crisman said, "I was serving as president of Lake Land College in 1983 when Pam was selected from among several highly qualified applicants for the position of coordinator of public relations. I have followed her career since that time as she advanced professionally as a college administrator and in community involvement."

In her current position as vice president for development, Crisman is responsible for overseeing the development, grants, foundation, alumni, institutional research and public relations offices at Lake Land College. She also serves as a member of the president's cabinet, as chief development officer and as chief executive officer of the foundation and alumni association.

Crisman said she is proud of her many accomplishments during her tenure at the college and pointed out one of her most gratifying achievements.

"While being chief executive officer of the Lake Land College Foundation, the foundation raised more than \$9 million," said Crisman. "Our assets have increased from \$1.2 million to \$7 million. These generous gifts from hundreds of donors have provided thousands of scholarships to area students. Lake Land College is very fortunate to have so many wonderful donors who have been willing, year after year, to help students fulfill their dreams of a college education."

Crisman said that she's gotten to know many of the foundation donors and board members and they have become more like friends to her throughout the years.

Additionally, Anne Kabbes, Lake Land College Foundation board member and former trustee, said that under Crisman's leadership,

the Lake Land College Foundation and the development division at the college have grown tremendously.

"Pam's accomplishments have touched many lives," said Kabbes. "Scholarships awarded at Lake Land College through the work of the foundation, under Pam's leadership, have changed the direction of many students and allowed them to realize their ambitions and reach their goals."

Kabbes also said that because of Crisman's direction in fundraising and planned giving activities, the foundation has grown by 600 percent.

According to Tina Stovall, vice president for student services at Lake Land, Crisman's work with fundraising and putting students' needs first, is the first thing that comes to mind when she thinks of her colleague.

"When I think of Pam, I immediately think of her commitment and hard work in making scholarships available to students through the foundation," said Stovall.

Crisman also served as the executive officer of the Lake Land College Alumni Association. Her leadership has placed Lake Land's alumni association as one of the most outstanding community college associations.

"The alumni association has experienced many accomplishments over the past several years," Crisman noted. "Phase one of Alumni Park has been completed and there is much more work to do including phase two of Alumni Park, installing a veterans honor garden and implementing the 1966 Society."

In 2007, Crisman established the Distinguished Alumni Society in honor of the college's 40th anniversary. An inaugural 45 members were inducted, honoring former students who have made significant contributions to their profession and communities.

Through Crisman's work in public relations, she became concerned about the college's history. Working with a faculty member, she oversaw the development and implementation of the College Living Archives which included updating the college history and organization of the college archives.

Her legislative work has led to developing strong relationships with the college and area state and federal legislators who have supported issues that have impacted the college favorably. She has also assisted in securing \$23 million for capitol funds and \$2 million in federal earmarks.

Crisman has also worked in various capacities outside of Lake Land College, most notably through the East Central Illinois Development Corporation (ECIDC), an 11-county regional economic



PAM CHRISMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT for development at Lake Land College, will retire after 29 years of service in higher education.

development group that she has overseen for the past 13 years.

According to Jean Anne Grunloh, executive director for ECIDC, Crisman's mentorship and guidance was invaluable to the steering of that organization. "Pam has been an integral part of economic, educational and community development and growth within our 11-county area both through her professional and personal life," said Grunloh. "Simply put, I would not be in my current position without her support and guidance."

This spring Crisman received the Lifetime Achievement Award for community and economic development from ECIDC.

Throughout her career, Crisman has received numerous awards including several national, regional and area awards for her work in public relations and numerous recognitions in Who's Who publications.

In addition to her significant contributions to the

growth of Lake Land College, Crisman has been actively involved in several organizations to benefit the region. This includes being a member of: the Christian County and Shelby County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors; the Planned Giving Information Consortium of East Central Illinois; Illinois Community College Resource Development; and TrendBending Steering Committee for Central Illinois. She has also served on the board of directors for the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce and numerous state and regional organizations related to higher education, fundraising and public relations.

Crisman lives with her husband Jerry in Effingham who will also retire this year. The couple looks forward to spending time with their adult children, sons Brian and Jeff and daughters Kim and Tara along with their three grandsons, two step-grandsons, and one step-great granddaughter. They celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary last spring.

Beyond spending time with family and friends, Crisman plans to expand her artistic side by taking jewelry courses and a pottery class this summer. She said she would also like to learn to weave on a loom she's had for several years and become a Master Gardener.

"I plan to remain active with some of the organizations I have been affiliated with during my career at Lake Land," said Crisman. "I have already made commitments to remain on the ECIDC Board of Directors, PGIC Steering Committee, and to continue serving on the Effingham County Chamber's

Community Breakfast Planning Committee."

Crisman said she looks forward seeing how her retirement and departure from Lake Land College unfolds in the coming months.

Crisman holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she graduated summa cum laude, a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, and a certificate in Fundraising Management from the Fundraising School at the Indiana University Center of Philanthropy.

"We will miss Pam's leadership, experience and vast knowledge of the college," said Scott Lensink, president. "Anytime there was a question of how things were done or what happened and when, we all turned to Pam. She will be greatly missed on a daily basis, but we look forward to her remaining active in community involvement in order to continue to assist development and opportunities for east central Illinois."

Crisman will retire from Lake Land on June 30, 2012 and her career was recently celebrated at her retirement reception held on Thursday, June 21.

Please Donate Clothing, Personal Hygiene Products or Monetary Donations To Help Our Community.
Pana Community Mission Center
34 S. Locust St.
Please Mail Monetary Donations to:
P.O. Box 200
Pana, IL 62557

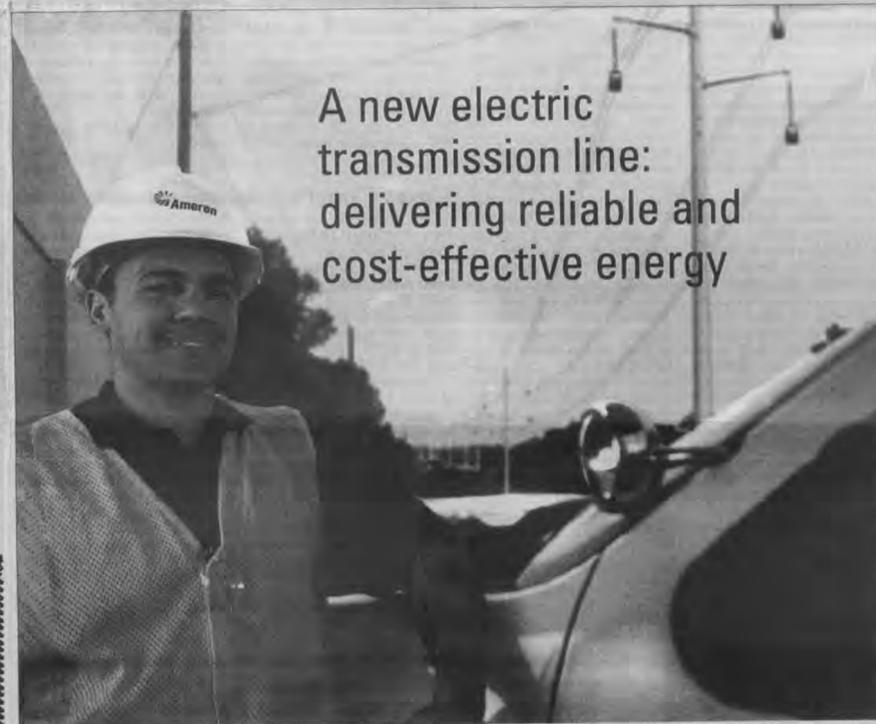
LLC Offering Sign Language Classes

The Lake Land College Office of Community and Professional Programs will offer two sign language classes this summer. "Sign Language for Kids" will meet July 9-11 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Western Region Center in Pana, room 103.

The cost for this class, CE-LERN147-25739, is \$21. Students in this class will learn hand shapes used in American Sign Language, along with the manual alphabet, numbers, food and color signs. Students will also learn to sign several songs. Their skills will be recorded and each student will be mailed a DVD copy to continue practicing what they learned. Children ages five through nine are welcome.

"Sign Language for Tweens" will meet July 9-11 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Western Region Center in Pana, room 103. The cost for this class, CE-LERN177-25738, is \$19. Students will learn basic sign language used in American Sign Language. Skills will be recorded and students will get a DVD mailed to continue practicing. Students will learn to sign many popular songs. Children ages 10-13 are welcome.

The instructor for the courses is Valerie Lynch. To register online, go to www.lakeland.cc.il.us/learn. Select the "Summer Kids College Classes" link. For more information or to request a registration form call Community and Professional Programs at 217-234-5219. You will be sent a statement for payment. The drop date for a refund is five business days prior to the start of the class.



A new electric transmission line: delivering reliable and cost-effective energy

Please join us for an open house—because your input matters.

The Illinois Rivers Transmission Project will improve reliability, provide more access to renewable power and bring economic benefits to our area. And your opinion is vital as this initiative takes shape. At our open house, you can learn about the need for this new transmission line, share your thoughts on best possible routes and get answers to your questions.

Eagles Club
5 - 8 p.m. July 24
186 US Highway 51, Pana, IL 62557

Learn more now at ILRiversTransmission.com or call 1.800.229.9280.

FOCUSED ENERGY. For life.



Code: IRT

WILBORN CREEK
POWERPORTS
210 E. 1st • Pana, IL
Phone 217-562-5517
Fax 217-562-5519
Jimmy Dixon 217-273-1284
Email: merrifield7@yahoo.com
Hours: M-F 9-6 • Sat. 10-3

NOW SERVICING:
ATVs • Motorcycles
• Jet Skis & Snowmobiles
ALL FACTORY STOCK PARTS FOR:
Harley Davidson, Kawasaki, Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, Polaris, KTM & Can Am
PARTS BY:
Tucker Rocky Parts Unlimited, S&S, Biker's Choice & Big Twin
• COMPETITIVE PRICES
• \$40 LABOR

"We Offer 24 Hour On Site Towing"
• 100,000#, 40,000#, 20,000#, & 10,000# Winch Trucks
• Local & Long Distant Semi & Auto Towing
• Roll Back & Tow Truck Service
INSURED & BONDED
Covering All Surrounding Counties
217-273-1284 Cell • 217-562-5517 Office

People & Places

PAGE 6 JULY 9, 2012 - PANA NEWS-PALLADIUM



FACT FUN & FILLIPS

By Tom Phillips

For about as long as we can remember around here, beginning with the uncle, Joe, the name has been synonymous and associated with excellence in athletics in Pana.

And the younger generations with the weekend under the four column Decatur Herald and Review - "hrpreps Awards Argenta's Wiz Kid - athleticism, determination from gymnastics background paying off for Stupek."

The "Stupek" here is Argenta's contribution to the roster of family members, keeping the illustrious family's record currently is Alex Stupek, who the newspaper has her story take off with the lead:

"If Alex Stupek wanted to, she could become the Argenta-Oreana's version of Ozzie Smith and perform back flips on the way to her shortstop position before games.

"The problem is, not only is Stupek not quite sure who 'The Wizard' is, she's become far too valuable to her team to risk it. As great as Ozzie was, he never hit .692 with 11 home runs, 39 RBI's, 24 stolen bases and 25 total extra-base hits in a 37-game stretch. That's what Stupek did this season to earn H & R Macon County Player of the Year - the first time a player from Argenta has won the award.

"Alex's dad, Martin, who coaches the Argenta softball team, knows exactly who Ozzie Smith is and once talked Alex into performing a back flip before a big game during summer travel ball. While Alex is now most known for her ability as a softball player - this is her third straight all-county first-team selection and she plans to continue her playing career in college at the University of Missouri-St. Louis - her early athletic success was in gymnastics.

"Stupek began gymnastics in second grade and was competing by the end of her third-grade year. Stupek, whose specialty was the vault, won state titles as a fourth- and fifth-grader.

"I loved it - from the first time I saw it, I knew it was something I wanted to do," Stupek said.

"The problem was she kept getting hurt. Stupek broke both wrists, hyper-extended her back more than once and had a couple of concussions. When she broke her ankle in eighth grade, she decided to hang up her leotard.

"It was No. 1 with her for a long time," Martin said. "But it got to the point where the injuries were just too much. I played football in high school and college, and gymnastics is the most physically demanding sport I've seen."

Alex is the daughter of Martin and Nancy Stupek of Oreana; granddaughter of Anna Stupek and the late Albert Stupek and Barb and John Eilers; and great-granddaughter of John Oller, all of Pana.

Congratulations to Alex, an attractive young lady, from here, and to all the Stupek family.

And we hope "Uncle Joe," who many folks will remember, is somewhere looking on with that crinkled smile moving down his forehead.

A really swell person and truthfully, one of Pana's gridiron's best.

☆☆☆☆

So Long.

TRY A CLASSIFIED

**In Your Travels,
Tell Someone
Something Nice
About Pana**

DeMichiel
Floors & More
Floor Covering
Cabinets • Ceramics
1217 W. Spresser, Taylorville
Phone: (217) 824-6214
Cellular: (217) 561-6116
RON DEMICHEL, OWNER

Visit Us
On The
Web At:
**www
pana
news
online.
net**

Hurry!
For the best deals in town!

16 Inch XL 1 Topping Pizza \$10 (Extra Toppings \$1.25 Each)	Family Favorite Starting At \$17 Pizza, Family Salad or Breadsticks, Drinks	Buy Any 12 Inch Med. Pizza, Reg. Price, Add Regular Breadsticks \$2.00 or Garlic Cheese Breadsticks \$3.50
---	---	---

PIZZA MAN OF PANA
RT 16 & 51 • PANA, IL • 562-9321
**No Coupon
Needed!**

Summer Ag Institute for Local Teachers



DAVE GREEN-DEAN of Workforce preparation at LLCC, right, explains the state of the art auto repair facility to area teachers during a Summer Ag Institute at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield.

Recently, local teachers from Christian and Macon Counties spent two days learning about Agriculture and how to apply this knowledge to the classroom.

On day one, teachers experienced Ag in the Classroom teaching resources through hands-on activities and toured the Farell Horse Farm. On the second day, the teachers traveled to Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield and toured the new Workforce Careers Center. The Center is a state of the art facilitates for Culinary Arts, HVAC, Ag Mechanics,

Construction Trades, Welding, Auto Body and Automotive Technology classes.

In addition, a University of Illinois Master Gardener presented a program on container gardening.

Those attending the event were: Macon County - Sharon Gregory, 4th Grade; Connie Wrigley, Pre-K; Terri Carr, 2nd Grade; Christa Minott, 2nd Grade; and Nancy Graven, Kindergarten.

Christian County - Sharon Allen, 2nd Grade; Kris Daugherty, 3rd Grade; Lisa Holmes, Jr. High; Leanne Kettelkamp, 2nd Grade; Ka-

tie Kittell, K-12; Sue Leonard, 1st Grade; Doris Morehouse, 1st Grade; Betty Smock, Cross Categorical - Elementary and Sarah Walker, 4th Grade.

The Summer Ag Institute was sponsored by Christian and Macon County Farm Bureaus and University of Illinois Extension in Christian County. To learn more about the Ag in the Classroom program, contact the Christian County Farm Bureau at 824-2940 or University of Illinois Extension Christian County at 287-7246

DePriest Puppets Entertain At Library Summer Reading Program



CARNEGIE-SCHUYLER Library ended the June Summer Reading Program, "U R What U Eat," with a presentation by the DePriest Puppets. Stories of tales and folklore entertained the families. The library thanks David Budds for sponsoring the program.

**BE
A
PANA
BOOSTER**

**Donation & Volunteers Needed For
"Share & Care 4 Kids"**
Call The Ministerial Assoc. @ 562-4529
Ask for Pastor Kurt

Police Reports

Pana Police Department has released the following reports:

Thursday, July 5

8:37 a.m. - An incident of domestic battery that happened July 2 at 205 W. Seventh St. was reported by a 39-year-old woman, a resident of the 10 block of North Johns Street.

After completing an investigation, a report will be sent to the state's attorney's office for consideration of charges against a 39-year-old Pana man.

8:50 a.m. - The theft of a cell phone at 5 Maple St. was reported by a 22-year-old Mattoon woman, a former Pana resident. The incident happened between 11:00 p.m. on July 4 and 8:00 a.m., Thursday. The phone was apparently taken from the woman's juvenile relative and not returned.

The phone, with applications, is worth \$325.

At 2:12 p.m., the phone was recovered. The incident is under investigation.

8:51 a.m. - Criminal damage to property, a vehicle at Lot 15, 1020 Birch, was reported by Marcella Whittlatch of that address.

An unknown person used a sharp object, possibly a knife, and cut all four tires of her 1999 Mercury Villager. It happened between 10:00 p.m. July 4 and 7:00 Thursday morning.

The tires are valued at \$600.

9:58 a.m. - Michael Barr of 1100 E. Second St. reported criminal damage to property/vehicle. An unknown person

used a sharp object, possibly a knife, cutting the driver's side front tire of his 2006 Chrysler 300. The incident happened between 5:00 p.m., July 3 and 7:00 a.m., Thursday.

The tire is valued at \$150.

10:51 a.m. - At a traffic stop on Second and Wells, Page Crane, 19 of rural Kane was cited for speeding 45 in a 30 mph zone. She posted her driver's license as bond.

11:20 a.m. - Elwin Kimmel, 67, of 400 W. Orange was ticketed for speeding 47 in a 30 mph zone at Fair and Seventh, south. He posted his driver's license as bond.

6:00 p.m. - A rear end crash happened at Second and Spruce streets. Drivers were Jami Ross, 36, and Michael McKittrick, Jr., 25, both of Pana. Neither was injured, nor was McKittrick's passenger, Sherri Oller, 22, of the same address.

Both were eastbound on Second with McKittrick in front, driving a 2003 Dodge Quad, and Ross operating a 2001 Chevrolet. McKittrick stopped at the stop sign at Spruce, as did Ross, behind him. Ross proceeded forward and stopped again, as McKittrick drove forward and attempted to make a left turn, and the collision occurred.

Friday, July 5

8:02 p.m. - Criminal damage at 406 W. Lake was reported by Coady Cothorn of 205 N. Johns. He called the police station to report that his ex-wife, Keffery Cothorn, 25, of the Lake Street address listed, had struck his

2007 Harley Davidson Street Bob on the rear fender with a metal object, damaging paint and metal.

8:50 p.m. - Lisa Lash of 714 S. Spruce reported criminal damage to property. Police are investigating the incident involving a walk-in door jamb of a shop/garage.

Summer projects?

Whenever you update your home, call me to make sure your homeowners insurance is up-to-date as well.

Policies issued by COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company, Bloomington, IL

COUNTRY

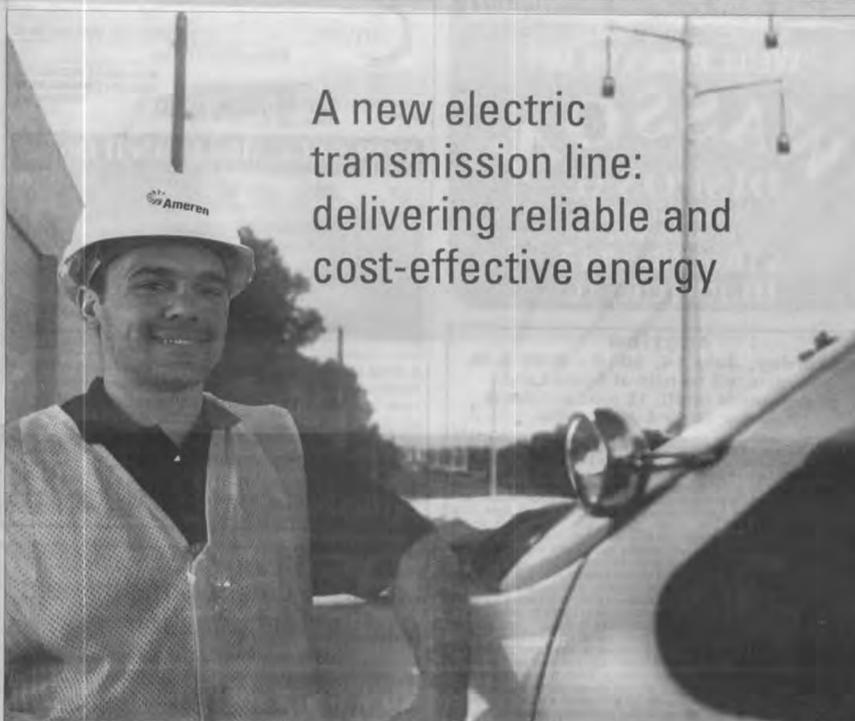
FINANCIAL

www.countryfinancial.com

0712-500HO



Kathy Kircher
Pana, Illinois
562-5509
"Serving
Pana Area"



**A new electric
transmission line:
delivering reliable and
cost-effective energy**

Please join us for an open house—because your input matters.

The Illinois Rivers Transmission Project will improve reliability, provide more access to renewable power and bring economic benefits to our area. And your opinion is vital as this initiative takes shape. At our open house, you can learn about the need for this new transmission line, share your thoughts on best possible routes and get answers to your questions.

Eagles Club
5 - 8 p.m. July 24
186 US Highway 51, Pana, IL 62557

Learn more now at ILRiversTransmission.com or call 1.800.229.9280.

FOCUSED ENERGY. For life.



Code: IRT