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Condill said. "We especially thank the park board for allowing us to use picnic tables from Eberhardt Park."

Condill thanked Jane Miller, Kim Stewart, and Linda Marlowe for preparing the meal and Phil Kingery for helping out with whatever needed to be done.

"We thank the custodial staff for helping with tables and chairs and the teachers for showcasing their classrooms and our great building."

The Amish Representatives met on August 29. The district has 38 families enrolled this school year compared to 37 in 2011-2012.

Of the 452 students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, 78 are Amish (19 percent).

Amish Representatives are Robert Gingerich, Darrell Schrock, Eldon V. Schrock, and Jerry Otto.

A wiener roast was held September 19 at the Otto Center.

Overall attendance at this year's Parent Orientation Night was down, Condill said. Seventy-five percent of the students were represented at the event this year. Last year 81 percent of the students were represented.

Kindergarten had the highest parent representation at orientation with 82 percent. First grade had 74 percent, second 77 percent; third 69 percent; fourth 77 percent; fifth 74 percent; and sixth, 64 percent.

"We thank the teachers, aides, and staff who made this event successful," Condill said.

Grade school students will have the same reading goal as last year, 27,500 books. The reward will be a movie/board game time during the spring semester.

Room Helpers are Amy Strong, Miss Harrison's class; Tiffany Yeakel, Mrs. Nall's class; Erica Schrock, Miss Fraser's class; Shana Condill, Mrs. Jent's class; Beth Wiley, Mrs. Kingery's class; Cheryl McWilliams, Miss Checkley's class; Miriam VanMeter, Mrs. Perkins' class; Randa Carson, Mrs. R. Kauffman's class;

Jaime Rafferty, Mrs. Rhodes' class, Anita Krutsinger, Miss Kutz' class; Christy Miller, Miss Bean's class; Sara Abercrombie, Mrs. Kauffman's class; Monica Miller, Mr.

Whelan's class; Carol Petersheim, Mrs. Guernsey's class; and Monica Green, Mrs. Thomas' class.

"The teachers and I greatly appreciate their time and effort," Condill said.

The Fifth and Sixth Grade Fall Program will be held at 7 p.m. on October 25 in the high school gym.

Lovington Grade School Report

Brandon Stone presented updated enrollment figures for the Lovington school. Pre-kindergarten 25, kindergarten 34, first grade 12, second 33, third 32, fourth 23, fifth 22, sixth 25, seventh 24, and eighth 11. Total enrollment is 241.

Teachers have begun the fall AIMS Web assessment in kindergarten and first grade. They will be progressing with the rest of the students in the next few weeks. Sarah Bush Dental Pro-

gram visited the school one afternoon to talk with students about good oral hygiene and dental practices.

Mrs. Newberry and Mrs. Battaglia took their third grade classes to Okaw Valley Coop Grain Elevator. Students were able to see how grain and corn come into the facility and how it is processed. They all had a good time. Stone thanked Shelley Martina for assisting the school with the program each year.

Upcoming events in Lovington include the Homecoming chili supper and football game on September 28.

Picture day in Lovington is October 12.

Other Discussion, Action

The board approved a request to enter into a cooperative agreement with

Atwood-Hammond of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade boys' basketball to begin this fall. The agreement must be approved by the Atwood-Hammond School Board and the IESA.

The request was made because Atwood-Hammond does not have enough boys to have their own team.

Candidate petition sheets for residents who want to run for a seat on the school board are available at the district superintendent's office at Arthur-Lovington High School. The election is Tuesday, April 9.

Petitions must be filed between December 17 and 24, 2012, in the superintendent's office.

The school district has 894 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.



LIONS AWARDS. On Thursday night, September 20, two Arthur Lions Club members received special awards for all the hard work they have done for the club. Lion Henry Herschberger, left, received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and Lion Bob Conlin, right, received the Foundation Fellow Award. The awards were presented by Lions Foundation executive director Van Stone, center. The Melvin Jones Fellowship, named after the Lions International founder, is the highest form of recognition given to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian service. Photo submitted by Linda Miller

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The Village of Arthur is now accepting sealed bids in the sale of a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria, Police Interceptor, former police canine unit car.

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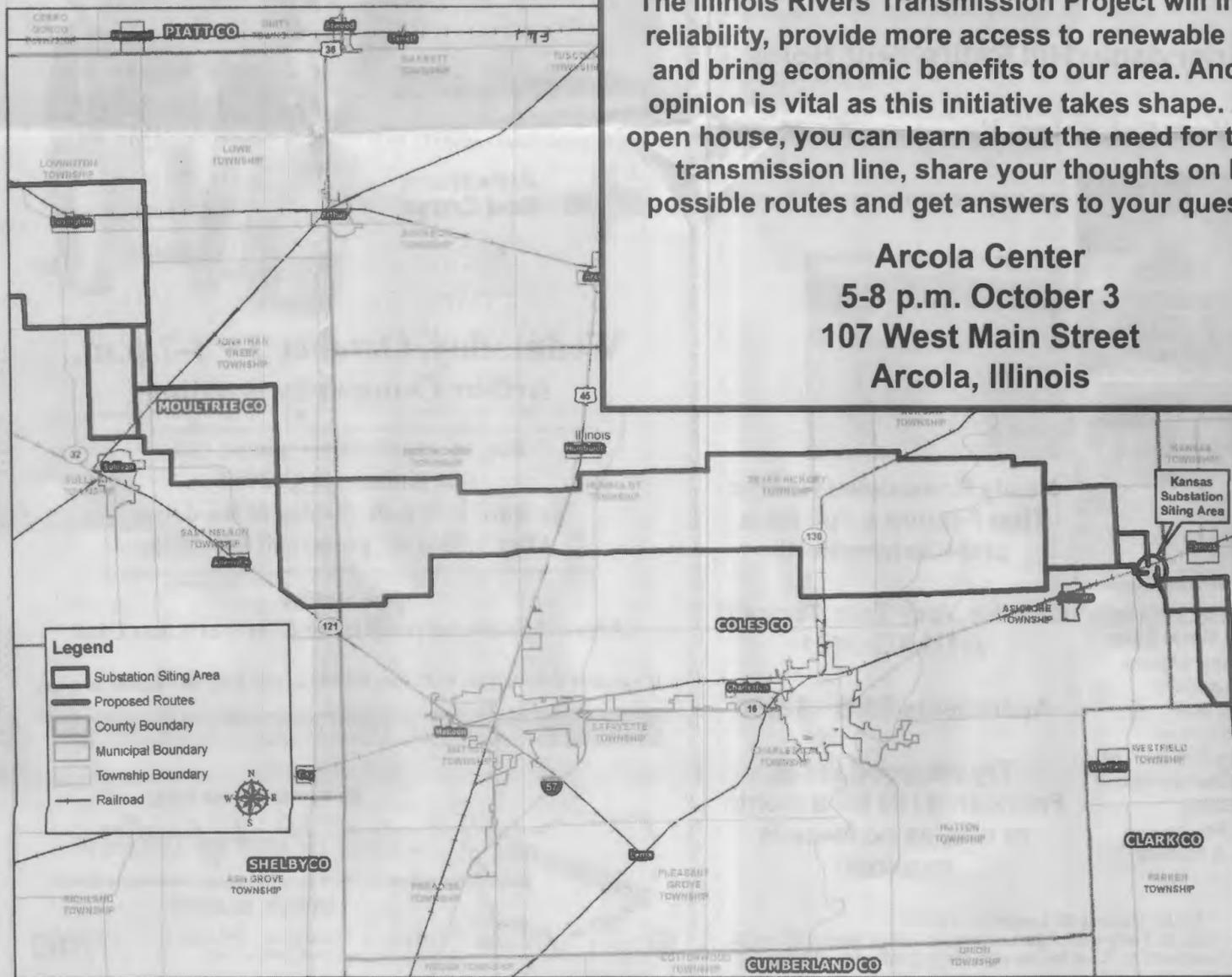
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Lovington Homecoming 2012



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES Lovington High School Hall of Fame inductees honored at the Alumni Banquet Saturday night are, left to right, Rod Butler, Class of 1960, Outstanding Athletic Hall of Fame; Judy Uphoff, teacher and principal, Honorary Alumnus; Mrs. Danny Fread, who accepted the award for her husband, Dr. Danny Fread, Class of 1956, Who's Who Among Lovington Graduates; and Leroy Fair, Class of 1961, Outstanding Graduate Hall of Fame. The banquet was held at the Church of God Community Center. Photos by Julie Kinert



Lovington High School Class of 1962 held its 50th Class Reunion during the Homecoming activities held last weekend.



Lovington's first Beautiful Baby Pageant was held Saturday morning in conjunction with Homecoming. Winners are shown above. Left to right: 2012 Little Mr. Lovington Connor Nettles, son of Ryan Nettles and Christi Yeilding; Mercedes Smith, daughter of James and Christie Alexander of Decatur, Baby Under One Queen; Dyson Wells, son of Sarah and Derek Wells of Plainfield, Baby Under One King; Elin Watkins, daughter of Chad and Alicia Watkins of Sullivan, One Year Queen;

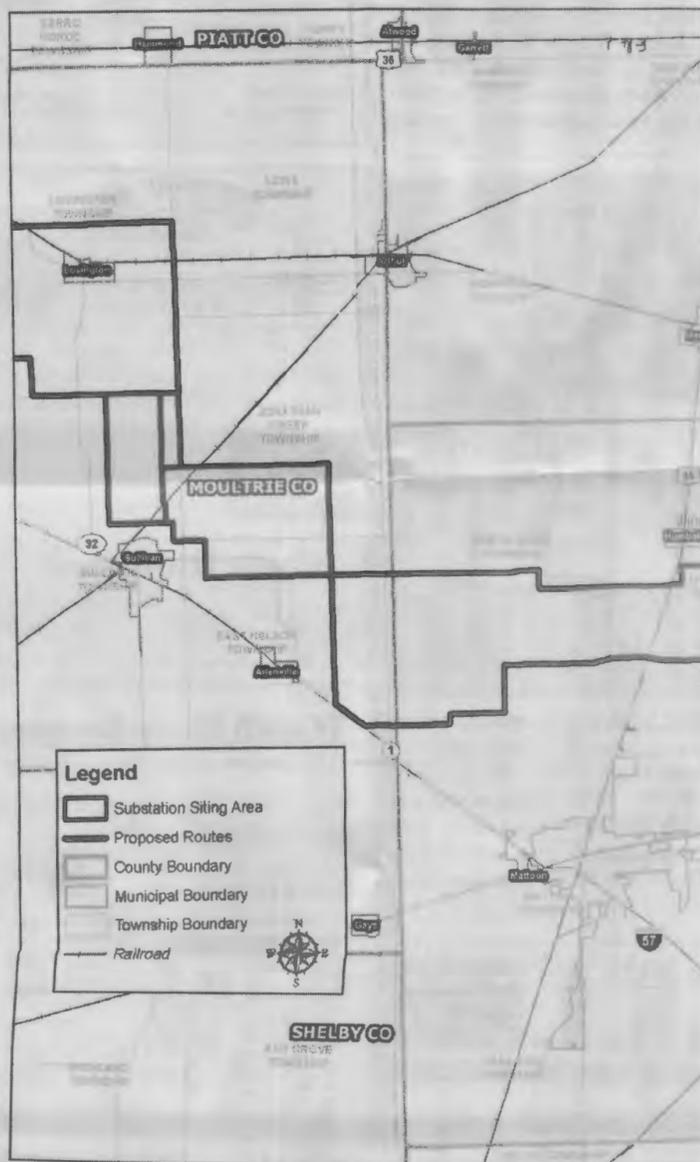
Bryson Hill, son of Justin and Stacy Hill of Lovington, One Year King; Mya Durbin, daughter of Danny and Leah Durbin of Cerro Gordo, Two Year Queen (not pictured); Violet Gilman, daughter of Tim and Dana Gilman of Warrensburg, Three Year Queen; Landen Franklin, son of Tanner Franklin and Shanah Phipps of Lovington; and 2012 Little Miss Lovington Alisha Stewart, daughter of Micha and Ray Stewart.



Alumni President DJ Smith holds the Valedictorian Trophy that was restored. The first recipient was his father, James C. Smith, Class of 1938. The last recipient was Danny Fread, class of 1956.

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Pot could be tax windfall, but skeptics abound

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER
and KRISTEN WYATT
The Associated Press

DENVER — A catchy pro-marijuana jingle for Colorado voters considering legalizing the drug goes like this: “Jobs for our people. Money for schools. Who could ask for more?”

It’s a bit more complicated than that in the three states — Colorado, Oregon and Washington — that could become the first to legalize marijuana this fall.

The debate over how much tax money recreational marijuana laws could produce is playing an outside role in the campaigns for and against legalization — and both sides concede they’re not really sure what would happen.

At one extreme, pro-pot campaigners say it could provide a windfall for cash-strapped states with new taxes on pot and reduced criminal justice costs.

At the other, state government skeptics warn legalization would lead to costly legal battles and expensive new bureaucracies to regulate marijuana.

In all three states asking voters to decide whether residents can smoke pot, the proponents promise big rewards, though estimates of tax revenue vary widely.

Colorado’s campaign touts money for school construction. Ads promote the measure with the tag line, “Strict Regulation. Fund Education.” State analysts project somewhere between \$5 million and \$22 million a year. An economist whose study was funded by a pro-pot group projects a \$60 million boost by 2017.

Washington’s campaign promises to devote more than half of marijuana taxes to substance-abuse prevention, research, education and health care. Washington state analysts have produced the most generous estimate of how much tax revenue legal pot could produce, at nearly \$2 billion over five years.

Oregon’s measure, known as the Cannabis Tax Act, would devote 90 percent of recreational marijuana proceeds to the state’s general fund. Oregon’s fiscal analysts haven’t even guessed at the total revenue, citing the many uncertainties inherent in a new marijuana market. They have projected prison savings between \$1.4 million and \$2.4 million a year if marijuana use was legal without a doctor’s recommendation.

“We all know there’s a market for marijuana, but right now the profits are all going to drug cartels or underground,” said Brian Vicente, a lawyer

working for Colorado’s Campaign To Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol.

But there are numerous questions about the projections, and since no state has legalized marijuana for anything but medical purposes, the actual result is anyone’s guess.

Among the problems: No one knows for certain how many people are buying black-market weed. No one knows how demand would change if marijuana were legal. No one knows how much prices would drop, or even what black-market pot smokers are paying now, though economists generally use a national estimate of \$25 an ounce based on self-reported prices compiled online.

“It’s difficult to size up a market even if it’s legal, certainly if it’s illegal,” said Jeffrey Miron, a Harvard University economist who has studied the national tax implications of the legalization of several drugs.

In Colorado, the \$60 million figure comes from Christopher Stiffler, an economist for the nonpartisan Colorado Center on Law & Policy. He looked at the state’s potential marijuana market in a study funded by the pro-legalization Drug Policy Alliance. The figure comes from a combination of state

and local taxes and projected savings to law enforcement.

Marijuana smokers and dealers, he argued, pay a premium now because the drug is illegal, and if government can find a way to capture that excess, tax collections should rise.

“You can basically take advantage of economies of scale, and the price of marijuana will go down and government can come in and capture the difference,” Stiffler said.

The biggest unknown: Would the federal government allow marijuana markets to materialize?

When California voters considered marijuana legalization in 2010, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder warned that the federal government would not lock the other way and allow a state marijuana market in defiance of federal drug law. Holder vowed a month before the election to “vigorously enforce” federal marijuana prohibition. Voters rejected the measure.

Holder hasn’t been as vocal this year, but that could change. In early September, nine former heads of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration called on Holder to issue similar warnings to Colorado, Oregon and Washington.

That political uncertainty could translate into states spending thousands of dollars to defend the laws, critics say.

“I think it’s important that this ballot lay out for the voters how much litigation is going to result from this,” said Colorado assistant Attorney General Michael Dougherty, a critic of the legislation.

Legalization proponents counter that some of the 17 medical-marijuana states already collect pot taxes in violation of federal law, which does not condone medical use of the drug. Colorado collects several million dollars a year in pot-related taxes, including sales taxes, licensing fees and fees paid by patients to acquire the drug. Oregon last year doubled the cost of a medical marijuana card to raise money for things like clean water and school health programs.

“Marijuana can be regulated, can be taxed, can be sold. We’re doing it now, just currently to sick people,” said Vicente, the lawyer working on the Colorado legalization

campaign. Backers concede there are big questions about how marijuana would be taxed and regulated, but they are hoping to sell voters on taking the chance.

“We’re like Star Trek. We’re heading into a new world,” said Art Way of the Drug Policy Alliance, answering law questions recently posed by law students gathered at the University of Denver to learn about Colorado’s initiative.

In the end, voters deciding the marijuana questions won’t be making up their minds based on the impact on taxes, said Miron, the Harvard economist.

“It’s small potatoes,” Miron said of marijuana’s tax implications. “I’m as firmly in the pro-legalization camp as anybody in the world, but it’s because I think smoking marijuana is not the government’s business.”

“That is the question — not whether it will produce revenue, but whether these drugs should be legal.”

Cooper reported from Salem, Ore.

Doubts over Harvard scholar’s claim of ‘Jesus’ Wife’ identified on papyrus

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
The Associated Press

ROME — Is a scrap of papyrus suggesting that Jesus had a wife authentic?

Scholars on Wednesday questioned the much-publicized discovery by a Harvard scholar that a 4th century fragment of papyrus provided the first evidence that some early Christians believed Jesus was married.

And experts in the illicit antiquities trade also wondered about the motive of the fragment’s anonymous owner, noting that the document’s value has likely increased amid the publicity of the still-unproven find.

Karen King, a professor of early Christianity at Harvard Divinity School, announced the finding Tuesday at an international congress on Coptic studies in Rome. The text, written in Coptic and probably translated from a 2nd century Greek text, contains a dialogue in which Jesus refers to “my wife,” whom he identifies as Mary.

King’s paper, and the front-page attention it received in some U.S. newspapers that got advance word about it, was a hot topic of conversation Wednesday at the conference.

Christian tradition has long held that Jesus was unmarried, although there is no reliable historical evidence to support that, King said. Any evidence pointing to whether Jesus was married or had a female disciple could have ripple effects in current debates over the role of women in the church.

Stephen Emmel, a professor of Coptology at the University of Muenster who was on the international advisory panel that reviewed the 2006 discovery of the Gospel of Judas, said the text accurately quotes Jesus as saying “my wife.” But he questioned whether the document was authentic.

“There’s something about this fragment in its appearance and also in the grammar of the Coptic that strikes me as being not completely convincing somehow,” he said in an interview on the sidelines of the conference.

Another participant at the congress, Aim Sicilia, a papyrologist at the University of Hamburg, was more blunt.

“I would say it’s a forgery. The script doesn’t look authentic” when compared to other samples of Coptic papyrus script dated to the 4th century, he said.

King acknowledged Wednesday that questions remain about the fragment, and she welcomed the feedback from her colleagues. She said she planned to subject the document to ink tests to determine if the chemical components match those used in antiquity.

“We still have some work to do, testing the ink and so on and so forth, but what is exciting about this fragment is that it’s the first case we have of Christians claiming that Jesus had a wife,” she said.

She stressed that the text, assuming it’s authentic, doesn’t provide any historical evidence



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Divinity professor Karen L. King holds a 4th century fragment of papyrus in this Sept. 5 photo released by Harvard University. King says it is the only existing ancient text that quotes Jesus explicitly referring to having a wife.

that Jesus was actually married, only that some two centuries after he died, some early Christians believed he had a wife. Wolf-Peter Funk, a noted Coptic linguist, said there

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