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Who doesn't like to eat? Gift certificates from local eateries, like Fas Lanes, Mr. B's, La Casa del Sol or Pizza King in Hoopeston and Rossville Family Restaurant are always great!

Know someone who likes to write letters? Stamps, available in many designs right at our Hoopeston Post Office, would be a welcome gift. For the computer lovers in your life, check out Computer Works for all the hot gifts.

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Barickman recognized by environment, manufacturing groups

SPRINGFIELD—State Sen. Jason Barickman was honored for his work in the Illinois General Assembly by organizations representing the environmental and manufacturing sectors.

Barickman received the Environmental Leadership award from The Illinois Environmental Council (IEC),

largely for his work on the Natural Areas Stewardship Act.

"In 2017, we were proud to recognize Senator Jason Barickman with our Environmental Leadership Award, one of our highest honors, because of his dedication to

See BARICKMAN on other side



Photo submitted

Kicking it up a notch

The Okinawan School of Karate put on an after-school karate program for Maple Elementary School recently. Students paid \$20 for the 3-week program and all the money was retained by the school. Twenty-five students signed up and participated and in turn raised \$500 for Maple. Students learned karate techniques in class and were given character style homework assignments to earn 5 stripes to be able to come to the graduation at OSK. During graduation, each student was awarded a karate uniform and free classes at OSK. The Okinawan School of Karate is owned and operated by instructor Mike Webb and is at 208 E Main St., Hoopeston.

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Wrestling
HA wrestlers topple North Vermilion
 Four pins helped lead the Cornjerkers to a 48-30 win over North Vermilion (Ind.) in wrestling action Thursday. North Vermilion had one pin in the patch and the teams each had four forfeits. Scoring was:
 138- Chance Shelton (NV) FF
 145- Hannah Pugh (NV) FF
 152- Cole Gaddis (HA) FF
 160- Dale Ashby (HA) pin over Josh Latoz (NV)
 170- Double FF
 182- Christian Myers (NV) FF

From the Blotter

Efrain Flores, 22, of Hoopeston was arrested after police were called at 4:06 a.m. Sunday to the 700 block of South third St. for criminal damage. Police said after investigating, Flores was charged with criminal damage to property under \$300 and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

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Saturday, Jan. 6

Contestants enter by 10 a.m.
 Open House & Tasting start at Noon
Chili must be in 1 gal. Ziplock bags with clean crock pot and ladle
 \$10 entry fee
\$100 to Winner
\$50 to People's Choice
Q & A - Door Prizes

Sports Roundup

195- Adam Colunga (HA) FF
 220- Gage Kenner (HA) FF
 285- CJ Curry (HA) FF
 106- Chase Hugh (NV) FF
 113- Ethan Larkin (HA) pin over Hunter Cummins (NV)
 120- Tyson Coon (HA) pin over Aaron Rose (NV)
 126- Ezra Elliot (HA) pin over Bodhi Tuttle (NV)
 132- Lucas Cook (NV) pin over Audra Funk (HA)

Wrestlers took part in Saturday's Unity Invitational at Tolono. Results were not available at press time.

Boys' basketball
Rossville tops fifth grade in close game
 The fifth grade team got off to slow start in the first quarter but made some great plays on the defensive end

Barickman continued from other side
 conservation of Illinois' outdoor resources," said Jennifer Walling, Executive Director of the IEC. "This year, he worked to pass the Natural Areas Stewardship Act, which provides for public-private partnerships to care for our most important nature preserve properties in Illinois. We are grateful for his leadership."

The Natural Areas Stewardship Act creates a new grant system to assist non-profit organization in their efforts to protect natural areas.

"Protecting our natural areas is obviously very important to me, and the Natural Areas Stewardship Act is a major win for all those who enjoy the outdoors," Barickman said. "I'm proud that I can have a part in protecting these areas for future generations."

The Technology and Manufacturing Association (TMA) is recognizing Barickman for his pro-manufacturing voting record in the General Assembly.

"Illinois is an international manufacturing powerhouse, and this is a sector of our economy that produces an untold number of good-paying jobs and important economic activity" said Sen. Barickman. "If we want Illinois to be successful, we need to make sure all of our businesses are successful and able to grow and add jobs."

The TMA rates the voting record of every lawmaker in regard to legislation that affects manufacturers and businesses. Sen. Barickman received a perfect 100 score for

Weather
 Mostly sunny today. High 51. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 42, low 27.

in the second quarter of its game Thursday against Rossville-Alvin. That defensive work led to a tie score tying before Rossville was able to make some buckets late in the first half to lead 14-8 at half time.

Trenton Montez had a monster game in the second quarter, scoring all eight points and pulling in four rebounds to lead the fifth grade in both stat categories.

The third quarter saw Rossville begin to pull away. Even with a good effort to make a comeback late, Rossville was able to pull away late to win by the score of 30-22.

Montez led the team with eight points, Gavin Walder scored seven points, Kenyon Montez added three points and Angel Zamora and William Brockus each scored two points.

2017, and has a lifetime rating from the TMA of 90.

"The residents fleeing Illinois in record numbers are evidence that we need to do things differently in Springfield. The first step is to support our makers and job creators so we can restore Illinois to its former premier place in America's manufacturing. That's why we are proud to congratulate Senator Barickman for his 100% rating in TMA's 2017 Legislative Scorecard," said Steve Raushenberger, president of the Technology & Manufacturing Association.

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