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# Cell One sponsors 'You Decide, We Donate' charity event

Cellular One is continuing its holiday tradition of sponsoring the "You Decide. We Donate." program in which area residents will vote for 12 local charities to receive \$500 donations from the company.

Each of the 12 Cellular One stores will give a \$500 donation to the local not-for-profit organization receiving the most votes at its store.

"Celebrating our 20th anniversary this year, we are pleased to continue this program to help our local organizations that give so much to our communities," said Colleen Wright, assistant general manager of Cellular One. "As a family-owned and locally-operated company, Cellular One of East Central Illinois focuses on giving back to the communities that support us."

Ballots will be available through Dec. 24 in Cellular One stores in Casey, Charleston, Danville's Towne Centre and Village Mall, Flora, Hoopeston, Lawrenceville, Mattoon, Newton, Olney, Paris and Robinson. One vote is allowed per person per day. Those voting must be at least 18 years of age. No purchase is necessary.

The \$500 winner at each location must be organized or created in the U.S as a corporation, trust, community chest, fund or foundation (including private foundation) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific or literary purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, and is registered with the Internal Revenue Service under the charitable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

The \$6,000 charity donation through this program is one of several contributions Cellular One will make during the year, Wright said. The company annually presents \$6,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and supports many other organizations. Other donations include use of phones and service for public school nurses through the ClassLink RN, police assistance, senior citizen services, and others.

Cellular One initiated service in 1991 and is the only wireless company based here and dedicated exclusively to providing wireless communications for the residents of the Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland and Vermilion counties.

# Hoopeston Public Library has last-minute Christmas gifts

Hoopeston Public Library offers unique gifts, as well as specials for book and movie lovers.

The library has a limited supply of three different "historic Hoopeston" pewter ornaments available. The miniature works of art feature the library, Honeywell School and the old Town Clock building. Library ornaments are \$12.50 each; the school and clock ornaments are very limited and are just \$6.25 each.

The ornaments are a nostalgic remembrance of days gone by and make great stocking stuffers or gift package tie-ons.

For last-minute gifts, check out the library's book sale, where nearly all remaining items in the book sale room are now half price. Shoppers can get two bags of many books for \$1; VHS movies for  $25\phi$ ; and newer release books for \$1 each.

For those on your gift list who don't need more "stuff," consider a monetary donation to the library, to go towards the purchase of a new book, audio book, DVD or magazine subscription. A personalized bookplate will be placed in each item, identifying the honored recipient, and includes the name of the giver, if desired.

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## State, federal officials weigh on Gov. Blagojevich sentence

Former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich was sentenced Wednesday to 14 years in prison on 18 counts of corruption, including that he tried to benefit from naming a new person to President Obama's former Senate seat.

The first Illinois governor to be impeached, Blagjevich is to report to federal prison on February 16.

State and federal politicians were quick to offer comments on Blagojevich's fate.

"Finally, the Blagojevich saga is ending," said State Sen. Shane Cultra. "I believe two trials and juries have offered the same conclusion that the Illinois House and Senate delivered nearly three years ago. The message is eerily similar, Blagojevich was out for himself and was not engaged in serious government. Our long state nightmare has concluded, but we have to learn from this episode and give the public a more transparent, open process. I do have sympathy for the Blagojevich children."

State Rep. Jason Barckman said "There are penal-

#### Gift wrapping fundraiser

The Marching Cornjerkers will wrap all your Christmas gifts as a fundraiser for the band's trip to the Liberty Bowl.

Wrapping will be done immediately after the Christmas concert until 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the high school cafeteria. Cost is \$10 for 10 gifts and \$20 for more than 10 gifts.

#### Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:56 p.m. Wednesday at Route 9 and the railroad tracks. Police said John R. Lukas, of Hoopeston, in a 2004 Mercury, collided with a 2000 Dodge driven by Robert V. Cable, of Rankin, who had stopped at the tracks.

#### Weather



Clearing today. High 30. Tonight, clear. Low 12. Tomorrow, sunny. High 28, low 22. Sunday, sunny. High 38, low 25.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

ties for breaking the law. Governor Blagojevich will have to live with the consequences of his actions. Moving forward, those of us in government need be more focused on serving the people we represent ethically and honestly. As public officials, we all have the responsibility to restore the public's trust in government." Blagojevich is the second consecutive governor to be sentenced to federal prison. The first, George Ryan, is serving a 6½ sentence for racketeering and fraud.

Since 1971, more than 1,000 Illinois public officials and businessmen have been convicted of political corruption, including four of the last eight governors.

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