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## SBDC honors area businesses during Small Business Week

Two Hoopeston businesses and a Milford restaurant were among those honored with Illinois Small Business Awards given by the Small Business Development Center at DACC.

Small Business Week was celebrated April 30-May 6 and the awards were given at the SBDC Small Business Stars Awards Breakfast on May 4 at Danville Country Club. Awards are given to business in their first two years of operation to those who have been in business 10 years or more.

Entrepreneur of the Year honors went to April Jones, owner of Learn & Lead Academy. Jones, a former teacher's aide, teacher, and director of a preschool program, opened Learn & Lead Academy in 2015.

The business name says what Jones' goals are: making sure youngsters learn so that they can someday lead in their community. To that end, Jones not only teaches young children, she raises money from an annual color run to fund scholarships for high school students.

Learn & Lead Academy is located at 409 W. Washington, Hoopeston and may be reached at (217) 504-1335.

Russell Leigh and Associates was named the 2017 Legacy Small Business of the Year at the breakfast.

Russ Leigh received his degree, became a certified public accountant and worked in the field before joining an established firm in Hoopeston. He purchased that firm that then came to bear his name.

From Hoopeston, Russell Leigh and Associates has expanded, with offices in Watseka, Cissna Park, and a new office that opened last fall in Gibson City.

The business provides all kinds of accounting services, from audits to taxes, and has a diverse clientele, ranging from individuals to small business to school districts and municipalities. In fact, Russell Leigh & Associates serves several school districts, in a wide swath ranging from I-70 to I-80.



SBDC photo

April Jones, right, of Learn & Lead Academy in Hoopeston, accepts Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Carol Nichols, director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at DACC.

Leigh is active in Hoopeston, serving as treasurer of the local Lions Club, elder at his church and chairman of the Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center board, among others.

Russell Leigh and Associates is at 228 E. Main St., Hoopeston, and may be reached at (217) 283-9336.

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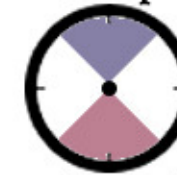
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## Happy Mother's Day

I'm taking Mother's Day off to spend time with my daughter and granddaughter, so Just the Facts will not be printed Monday. Printing will resume Tuesday.

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## Mothers...what are they?

By BERTHA PARSONS

Here we are nearing Mother's Day. Whether you send a card, flowers, a gift or just make a phone call, Mothers seem to top our list.

Maybe you're like me, my Mother is no longer with me, but I sure have many thoughts on who she was. What makes up a Mother, what are they really? A great question. They are a teacher, playmate, financial adviser, laundry lady, corrections officer, nurse, doctor, to name a few.

She teaches us right from wrong, not that we always listen. She teaches us to dress ourselves but as time goes on, we decide we know best, whether torn jeans, dirty underwear and colors that don't match. When you can't go out to play, she will find a game for the two of you. She does your laundry and never asks where it has been or tells you about the \$5 left in your jeans.

She finds household or yard jobs you can do to make money. She tries to teach you to save some. Few of us followed that advice and now as a grown-up, we sure wish we would have listened better.

When you get a skinned knee, she is the nurse on call. If you think you may have broken your leg, she puts on her doctor's hat, "can you move it up and down? We will see how it is in the morning."

Your best friend is mad at you and school is just too hard. You want to quit. She says "Let's pray about it," as a pastor would say. Growing up is not easy and if we did not have a Mother or someone as a Mother figure, we would all be in a real pickle.

Perhaps the hardest job is being a corrections officer, trying to keep us out of trouble and on the straight and narrow. Today, like years ago there are so many ways to get into trouble. My kids would say, "They held a gun on me." Yea, right!

She is always a friend. She will keep your secrets. When you talk she puts her hearing on loud and clear.

Inside she's a little girl thinking about being happy, having fun eating ice cream and cake. Yes, your Mother was a little girl once upon a time.

Mothers. What are they? More than I have room to write.

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## Businesses continued from other side

Another Legacy Small Business of the Year winner is Milford Family Restaurant

Jesse Cintora was a cook at the restaurant 10 years ago. When the owner wanted to sell it to open a restaurant in Watseka, Jesse and his wife, Janet, bought it. They, their children, and 10 employees provided family oriented restaurant serving American, Mexican and Italian foods.

In November, Jesse Cintora received a call from police that the restaurant's burglar alarm was sounding. He arrived before police and was shot and killed by the armed thieves.

The restaurant temporarily closed as the family dealt with their loss. This year, Mrs. Cintora's brother, Rigo, and his wife, moved from Virginia to Milford, to reopen the eatery and take on cooking duties.

Besides serving good food, the restaurant serves as a

meeting place for Milford residents, both unofficially, over coffee, and officially in a room for meetings and special events. They also prepare meals five days a week for the local senior citizen Peacemeal program.

Milford Family Restaurant is located at 107 E. Jones and is open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays It may be reached at (815) 889-4365.

Other winners were:

- Torch Award: Danville Omni Kolor, Danville
- Small Business Start-Up of the Year: Lifted Up Balloon Designs Party Store and Café Express, Danville; and Shovelhead Saloon, Danville.
- Small Business of the Year: Mad Goad Coffee, Danville; Frozie's Fat Calf Frozen Yogurt, Danville; and Sonny's Corner Café & Pizzeria, Sidell.

## Briefly

### Tire collection

Hoopeston is having a used tire collection from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 16 at the McFerren Park Annex. Residents are asked to use the West Maple annex entrance. Cost is \$2 per car tire, \$4 per semi tire and \$6 for each tractor tire. People 60 and older will be charged half price.

## Obituaries

**MARTIN** - Richard J. "Dick" Martin, 89, of Hoopeston, died Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. memorial service Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston., with Masonic rites at 11 a.m. and military rites by Hoopeston American Legion post. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Hoopeston Star Lodge #709, 208 W. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

## Weather

Chance of showers, then chance of thunderstorms today. High 63. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 49. Tomorrow, cloudy, then chance of showers. High 67, low 51.

## From the Blotter

A boy's black Huffy bicycle was found at 8 a.m. Sunday in bushes in an alley. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Patrick E. Clingenpeel Jr.**, 40, of Hoopeston, was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 36-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged his children were shocked and alarmed by actions and threats the children witnessed. The incident occurred at 11:35 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of West Chestnut.

Clingenpeel was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

## Classifieds

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