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LINK cards expand to Farmer’s Markets

TARA KULASH Daily Egyptian

The Friday Night Fair will soon be able to accept LINK cards, thanks to a federal grant. 

This federal LINK card provides lower income families and the unemployed with money for food purchases. The cards works similarly to a debit card and an individual can apply online to get the card.

Lt. Governor Sheila Simon announced Friday that 41 farmers’ markets in Illinois will receive a federal grant of $1,200 and a wireless LINK card machine, with Carbondale Main Street’s Friday Night Fair on the list.

The university will also do a study of the program by using monthly sales data and market surveys to measure the impact on overall sales at farmers’ markets, according to a press release. The findings will be released by the end of 2013 or early 2014.

The Friday Night Fair is every Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Town Square Pavilion in Carbondale, and offers food vendors, crafts, live music and more.

Meghan Cole, executive director of Carbondale Main Street, said while she only applied for the grant a month ago, it had all the talks for awhile.

“This was a need and something the community that could really help not only the fair but a lot of the community,” she said.

Cole said the bus system doesn’t run during the summer, so low-income families don’t always have transportation to the farmers’ market.

Those families can get their produce at the Friday Night Fair on LINK cards now, as five farmers bring their produce to the fair every week.

The cards can be used on any kind of food item, even at the hot dog cart, said Cole, so the grant will be helping the fair’s vendors as well.

Cole said she doesn’t think the machine will be put to use until next year because there are still a lot of steps to go through — such as a training session she must attend in August — and this year’s last fair is Sept. 21.

The machine, which is funded by and named after the Illinois Electronic Benefits Transfer Wireless Project, can be kept by the farmers’ markets after Sept. 2013, but at that point the machines must absorb the wireless services.

Cole said she expects the fee to be small and easily absorbed by Carbondale Main Street.

While the Friday Night Fair got the grant, the Carbondale farmers’ market didn’t apply for it.

Aan Stahlbecher, market manager for the farmers’ market, said the market’s board discussed the idea of the grant but decided to keep Link access on an individual basis for now, meaning some vendors at the market will carry their own card machines.

Stahlbecher said the decision was made because the farmers’ market does not have any outside funding and would not be able to hire someone to work the machine.

She said the vendors are still open to the idea of getting a machine for the market in the future, though.

Jenna Tromburg, a 2012 SIU alumnus, said she has had a LINK card for more than a year.

Tromburg found out about the card through friends who had it and said she usually receives about $13.95 a month for groceries.

She said she thinks the machine will be beneficial at the Friday Night Fair, but isn’t sure she would use it at the farmers’ market.

“I always wanted to go, but the hours were early in the morning and I was a college student so I typically slept in or was doing something else,” she said.

Tromburg said having a LINK card machine at the farmers’ market might have encouraged her to visit the market, though.

In order to be eligible for a LINK card machine, markets must have certification to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, more commonly known as food stamps, through the USDA Food and Nutrition service.

The funding comes from a $4 million project by the USDA to encourage SNAP use nationwide.

AUSTIN FLYNN Daily Egyptian

After a comment made by the president of Chick-fil-A stating his belief of a traditional Christian marriage, there have been no active attempts to remove the fast food chain from the Student Center.

Since the restaurant chain’s President Dan Cathy’s interview about his stance on gay rights was published July 16, sales for the restaurant have not only plummeted but the company is no longer welcome in the cities of Chicago, Washington D.C., San Francisco and Boston.

According to a report from The New York Times, many college students from universities across the country have started petitioning online to get the company booted from their campus.

According to an article from advance.com, some of the schools include University of Illinois, Ball State University and Michigan State University and University of Kansas.

Lori Stettler, assistant vice chancellor for auxiliary services, said while the university does not endorse the religious views of Chick-fil-A, it chooses to stay in business with the restaurant because the quality of their products.

Stettler said even in light of the negative publicity, nobody has actively asked for the restaurant to be taken off campus.

Hannah Wagner, a spokesperson for Chick-fil-A, said an official statement has been released and the company is not submitting any quotes or interviews right now.

Wednesday was Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day and advocates of the restaurant lined up all across the country to show their support for the company during these times.

In a report by the Los Angeles Times, lines were said to be “millions” and to just get into Chick-fil-A across the country and people have coordinated meetups for the event. One event posted on the site meme.com calls for people to show up and dine to “make a statement in favor of God”.

However, on the website change.org, a website used to start petitions, 275 out of 500 signatures have been given to the cause titled “Remove the Chick-fil-A from the Student Center”. The petition is for removal of Chick-fil-A from SIUC specifically.

The petition was started by Darcy Dunphy, a senior studying human nutrition and dietetics and former president of Saluki Rainbow Network.

Jessica Miller, an SIU graduate student, commented on the site and said she is upset about funds from the campus going to a restaurant that donates to anti-gay organizations.

“We need to have a welcoming and open climate on our campus, and that means removing businesses that promote the hatred of some of our students — myself included,” Miller said in a comment on the website.

Stettler said even if the school wanted to remove the business from campus they would lose a considerable amount of money because Chickfells are a company dedicated to dining hall or cafeteria services within schools or universities, owns the contracts to Chick-fil-A and the contract is still in effect for six more years.

She said if the school breaks the contract in any way, such as the removal of Chick-fil-A, the school would owe money back to Chickfells.

“Chickfells spent $16 million renovating the food court area in the Student Center as part of the contract,” Stettler said. “If we break that contract then we will end up owing them the balance of that investment.”

Scott Schackman, president of the Saluki Rainbow Network, said in an e-mail although the school has entered a contract it can work on a mutual agreement with Chickfells to end the contract early based on financial performance of any dining unit employed by the school.

He said if the school continues to do business with Chick-fil-A it could make current and potential students question the acceptance of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender community by SIUC.

“It could be the deciding factor in accepting admission or continuing admission to the university. Our community starts for equal inclusion and acceptance of all peoples, not just GLBT, but Black, Asian, and Native Americans, just to name a few,” Schackman said.

Wendy Weinhold, coordinator for the GLBT Resource Center, said although she doesn’t agree with Cathy’s position, she is grateful she displayed his views to the public.

“I’m glad he told people about Chick-fil-A’s position because now I know not to spend my money there,” Weinhold said.

Stettler said the choice to do business with them should ultimately be left up to patrons of the campus.

“Our students, faculty, staff and visitors to the university will continue to personally choose which business they patronize for reasons that are reflective of their personal values,” Stettler said. “We believe that people in gay vote with their pocketbooks.”

Weinhold said people involved with gay rights have a history of activism and Chick-fil-A has given all of them a reason to keep the tradition going.

“GLBT has a long history of protest and activism so this is really an exciting opportunity to exercise those rights,” Weinhold said.

Seth Lesemann, a junior from Havana studying cinema and photography, said workers in the Student Center and other campus locations shouldn’t be punished.

“I don’t agree with the way he thinks at all and I really think it’s kind of ignorant, but at the same time we removing the restaurant from our Student Center is not going to keep him from thinking that way,” Lesemann said. “All it’s going to do is get a whole bunch of people fired and make them have to find a new job.”
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**Half of US counties now considered disaster areas**

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ST. LOUIS — Nearly 220 counties in a dozen drought-stricken states were added Wednesday to the U.S. government’s list of natural disaster areas as the nation’s agriculture chief unveiled new help for frustrated, cash-strapped farmers and ranchers grappling with extreme dryness and heat.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s addition of the 218 counties means that more than half of all U.S. counties — 1,584 in 32 states — have been designated primary disaster areas this growing season, the vast majority of them mired in a drought that’s considered the worst in decades.

Counties in Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Wyoming were included in Wednesday’s announcement.

The USDA uses the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor to help decide which counties to deem disaster areas, which makes farmers and ranchers eligible for federal aid, including low-interest emergency loans.

To help ease the burden on the nation’s farms, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on Thursday opened up 3.8 million acres of conservation land for ranchers to use for haying and grazing. Under that conservation program, farmers have been paid to take land out of production to ward against erosion and create wildlife habitat.

“The assistance announced today will help U.S. livestock producers dealing with climbing feed prices, critical shortages of hay and deteriorating pasturals,” Vilsack said.

Vilsack also said crop insurers have agreed to provide farmers facing cash-flow issues a penalty-free, 90-day grace period on premiums in 2012.

As of this week, nearly half of the nation’s corn crop was rated poor to very poor, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. About 37 percent of the U.S. soybeans were lumped into that category, while nearly three-quarters of U.S. cattle acres are in drought-affected areas, the survey showed.

The potential financial fallout in the nation’s agriculture appears to be intensifying. The latest weekly Mid-America Business Conditions Index, released Wednesday, showed that the ongoing drought and global economic uncertainty hurting business in nine Midwest and Plains states, boosting worries about the prospect of another recession, according to the report.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the index, said the drought will hurt farm income while the strengthening dollar hinders exports, meaning two of the most important positive factors in the region’s economy are being undermined.

The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Thursday’s expansion of federal relief was welcomed in rain-starved states like Illinois, where the USDA’s addition of 66 counties leaves just four states, 102 counties. Cook, DuPage, Kane and Will, all in the Chicago area — without the natural disaster classification.
With numerous independent housing companies and apartment complexes in Carbondale, a disconnect between leases can force students to find storage space, moving trucks, reliable friends, vacant Couches and, in some cases, transportation home.

For Yatenea Davis, a senior from Chicago studying social work, finding all of the above came in the middle of finals week and will cost two weeks of paychecks along with related costs.

She said that moving from The Pointe at SIU University Village, said move has been a complete inconvenience.

To accommodate Tuesday’s move-out deadline, Davis said she had to move out Monday in order to fulfill her work obligations and in turn, she said she was forced to sacrifice study time for her summer-school exam.

She said although complexes need time to complete maintenance, the gap can put a lot of stress on tenants.

Management of The Pointe at SIU declined to comment because of corporate policy. Home Rentals and The Reserve at Saluki Pointe also declined to comment.

Davis, who works as a traffic assistant for WSUI-TV, has also worked extra hours in order to get ahead so that her absence didn’t inconvenience the station as well.

Kevin Boucher, traffic manager for WSUI-TV, said every summer student-workers face housing troubles.

“It’s a struggle as an employer as well,” Boucher said. “The work falls on the staff and can put more stress on students who have to take on extra duties and pick up shifts.”

Boucher said it’s also stressful for the students who manage their situation because they don’t make the money they need to survive.

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NEW YORK — Only 11 years after her death, Elton John sang his ode to Marilyn Monroe. “And I would have liked to have known you, but I was just a kid,” went the lyrics. “Your candle burned out long before your legend ever did.”

What John didn’t know was how much truer his words would ring a few decades later.

Monroe passed away a half-century ago this Sunday, a murky death that remains one of Hollywood’s most tantalizing mysteries. But look around: Her legend lives on, more vibrantly than ever. In a development this fiercely ambitious actress surely would have appreciated, the 1950’s bombshell has become a 21st-century pop culture phenomenon.

Just flip through a celebrity magazine: Some of-the-moment young starlet or pop singer will be channeling (or outright appropriating) those platinum locks, the bright red lips, moist and slightly parted, and that joyously, almost deviously curvy figure, sheathed in something skin-tight and glamorous.

Was that Marilyn on the red carpet at last year’s Teen Choice Awards? No, it was Taylor Swift, wearing a white halter-style dress just like Marilyn’s in “The Seven Year Itch,” in which the actress stood atop a subway grate and let the breeze of a passing train lift her skirts. (Oh, and that dress? It sold at auction last year for a mind-boggling $5.6 million, including commission.)

Was that Marilyn in the Dolce & Gabbana ad a while back? No, it was Scarlett Johansson, all white-blonde hair and ruby lips. And there was Charlize Theron in a Dior ad last year, meeting up with the real Marilyn, not to mention Marlene Dietrich and Grace Kelly, via CGI. Magazine spreads have featured Nicole Kidman, Lindsay Lohan, Rihanna, Michelle Williams, Viola Davis and others having their Marilyn moment.

Madonna, of course, has famously appropriated Monroe’s look into her image. So have singers Christina Aguilera and Gwen Stefani. In June, on what would have been Marilyn’s 86th birthday, Lady Gaga tweeted “Happy Birthday Marilyn — ‘They’ll never take our blonde hair and lipstick, ’ along with a picture of herself, Monroe-like. Nicki Minaj says she’s “obsessed with Marilyn Monroe.”

On the big screen, actress Williams earned an Oscar nomination for her moving portrayal of Monroe in “My Week With Marilyn.” And one of TV’s most popular new shows is “Smash” on NBC, which follows a Broadway musical based on Marilyn’s life, with two actresses competing to play her.

Heck, there’s even been a giant Marilyn traversing the country: A 26-foot-tall, 34,000-pound statue of the actress, white dress billowing and undies showing, by artist Seward Johnson, now resting in Palm Springs, Calif.

And there are plans for much more — thanks to the purchase in late 2010 of Monroe’s estate, which includes among other things her name and image — by Authentic Brands Group and its partner, NECA. The company’s CEO, Jamie Salter, says he aims to upgrade the Marilyn brand by moving away from cheap souvenirs and developing Marilyn-themed cosmetic lines, spas and salons, sportswear, swimwear, footwear, handbags and more. There are even plans for — wait for it — the inevitable Marilyn Monroe reality show, in which young women would compete to become a new Hollywood icon.

But just what is the secret of Marilyn’s enduring appeal? It depends on whom you ask — and that’s fitting, really, because Marilyn, more than other iconic celebrities, was different things to different people.

There was, most simply, Marilyn the actress — a Marilyn that often got lost in all the hype, despite her desperate aspirations to be taken seriously. Film historian Leonard Maltin laments that many people know Marilyn “as an image and an icon, but not as an actress.”
As a night of karaoke and dollar drink specials comes to an end, fuddled customers lock towards Winston’s Bagel cart on a torrid Tuesday night. Winston Mezo, originally of Herrin, may be the most popular insomniac in Carbondale. His persistence on East Grand Avenue through June and July’s sweltering summer nights are admirable and his bagels are deliciously creative.

For some, a trip to southern Illinois just isn’t complete without a late night bite at Winston’s. “Winston’s bagels are to Carbondale what the Arch is to St. Louis,” said Derek DeFranco, a first year law student from St. Louis. “It’s a staple. You just can’t come to town for the first time and not have one.”

DeFranco, like many of Winston’s customers, filter in from the bars across the street. With sweat collecting on his brow and a half eaten bagel in hand, DeFranco said he’s stood in line for a bagel in all types of weather. “I’ve been out here and nearly froze to death and I’ve been out here and nearly had a heat stroke,” he said. “It just isn’t the right way to end a good night.”

His twin brother, Dustin DeFranco, said he’s in Carbondale during the summer visiting his brother. He said a visit to Carbondale just isn’t the same without Winston’s. “I like to sit down with my food and just take in the surroundings,” he said. “When it’s this late at night there’s nothing to tell that school isn’t going on.”

Nearly 30 years sober, Mezo said he started making bagels with his friend as something to do after he stopped drinking. Originally known as ‘The Bagel Grill,’ Mezo bought out his friend’s share in 1983, incorporated Winston’s Bagels, and hired an accountant, and the rest is history.

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Wednesday's Answers:

1. DHAL
2. GILOC
3. TIENTS
4. SSSIH
5. TERMP
6. TRUFO
7. HIS
8. MESSY WHARF
9. HIDDEN BICEPS
10. SWAMPED

Answer: MESSY WHARF HIDDEN BICEPS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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Fishers compete to lower carp population

Competitors in an upcoming carp fishing tournament won't have to abide by normal catch-and-release rules.

The inaugural Carp-A-Thon, will try to bring local fishermen together in a competitive format to take the intrusive species out of southern Illinois waterways. The tournament will try to raise public awareness of the damages Asian carp can do to area creeks, rivers, lakes and ponds.

The event is hosted by Saint Andrew School in Murphysboro, the SIU chapter of the American Fisheries Society and the Bowfishing Association of Southern Illinois.

Asian carp were originally introduced to the Midwest in an effort to help clean algae out of private ponds. Major flooding throughout the 1970s and 80s allowed them to spread into the Mississippi River, and now they are common throughout the Great Lakes.

Asian carp are a genuine nuisance, both to humans and the species in competition with the carp for habitat, said Jim Garvey, director of the Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center at SIU.

"The carp feed on similar food sources as other species, we have anecdotal evidence that certain species of fish have become less abundant," Garvey said. "Silver carp are jumpers. They hear a boat and jump out of the water, it's a real hazard to boaters."

Garvey said the fish can weigh between 10 and 30 pounds, and jump so easily and in such large numbers that when researchers need to study the species, one technique for catching them is to simply allow them to jump into a boat.

Researchers at SIU estimate more than 16 percent of the fish population in southern Illinois waterways are Asian carp, Garvey said.

Garvey said the Carp-A-Thon is a major positive for fishing in the area, and while he doesn't expect the number of pests pulled out of the waters to make a major impact, the event will increase awareness about the damages Asian carp can do, and make competitors feel as if they helped with the issue.

The event will run Aug. 10-11, and contestants are allowed to fish any river, creek, ditch or stream within the Big Muddy waterway or the Mississippi waterway from the mouth of the Kaskaskia River to Cairo. There is a suggested donation of $15 for adults and $5 for children less than 16-years-old.

Prizes will be awarded for total pounds of fish, biggest fish, biggest fish taken by device, net, bow or spear; biggest fish taken by bow or spear by a participant aged 13 or younger; biggest fish that jumped into a boat; and biggest fish caught in the air with a net. Prizes will be determined by the amount of donations received.

All Asian carp that are caught in the Carp-A-Thon will be taken to Leadly’s Feed Store in Murphysboro to be used for fertilizer.

John Leadly, owner of Leadly’s, said he originally planned to grind the carcasses up for feed, but decided to use them for fertilizer because it was the easier option.

Any legal methods of fishing are allowed, including bow, line and net, gig, pole and spear, said Eric Giles, president of the Bowfishing Association of Southern Illinois in a press release.

While the Carp-A-Thon is an event for entertainment purposes, Garvey said he hopes participants keeps potential dangers in mind, not only in the tournament but anytime they are on the water.

"There have been reports of people on jet skis getting smacked in the face and knocked off, people have had their jaw broken. It’s only a matter of time before someone gets killed," he said. "It will be a freak accident, but one life is too many."

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