

## BRIEFS

### Mt. Zion Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 9 - 14 (age as of Jan. 1, 2019) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

It will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Mt. Zion Intermediate School Gym. Registration will be held from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. This contest is free to all participants.

### New WIC Call-In Clinic

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) are pleased to offer a new call-in clinic beginning January 2, 2019. The call-in clinic will help reduce wait times. Anyone who is interested in receiving WIC services can call the day they would like to be seen and ask if openings are available to be seen the same day. If appointments are full, you will be asked to call the next business day. To schedule a same day appointment, simply call 217-423-3764 starting at 7:30 a.m. The earlier you call, the more likely you will get the appointment time you want. Eligibility requirements must be met for same day service. Scheduled appointments will continue to be available upon request.

To learn if you qualify for WIC services or to continue services, call the WIC office at 217-423-3764. We look forward to serving you and your family.

### Long Lane Honey Bee Farms is offering Beginning Beekeeping Classes in 2019 at their Training Center in Fairmount IL.

Classes are taught by Certified Master Beekeeper David Burns, who has 25 years beekeeping experience. David has taught beekeeping classes since 2008 and other choices include Queen Rearing; Spring: Survival, Supering, Swarms and Splits; A Day in the Apiary, and Overwintering Your Bees. His beekeeping Youtube channel has over 3.5 million views and has thousands subscribed to his beekeeping blogs. David has also taught all over the US at beekeeping clubs and conferences and has the popular Hive Talk podcast.

Beginning Beekeeping workshops are 1 day events, beginning Jan. 26, 2019 and most students will also pick up their hive packages at the same time (with pick up discounts) and return later in the spring to pick up packages of bees.

For more information and to register for classes please go to honeybeesonline.com or call the office during their hours at 217-427-2678.

## Macon County Adoptable Pets of the Week



**Lou.** Lou is one of the many black cats looking for a place to call home. Lou has the cutest face and purrs so loud. Lou came to the shelter as a stray. He is neutered, up-to-date on vaccines, and micro-chipped. His adoption fee is \$75. Fill out the adoption application at the shelter or online at [DMCASF.org](http://DMCASF.org).



**Hercules.** Hercules is an awesome dog who LOVES to play fetch. He knows some basic commands and even walks well on the leash. Hercules has the cutest little smile that draws you in. Hercules would love to go Home for the Holidays with you soon.

## Say Yes to a Blind Date with a Book at the Mt. Zion District Library



**Pick a Date.** Now through February 11 you can visit the Mt. Zion District Library and pick your blind book date. After you finish it, you can rate it and enter to win prizes. More "dates" mean better chances at winning. Photo taken by Ashley Batchelder.

## YEAR IN REVIEW

