



Magic Show at Virden Library

The Grand Prairie of the West Public Library District in Virden held a Comedy Magic Show entitled "Reading Rock" on August 14. A large audience of area youngsters turned out for the summer-ending event put on by traveling magician Richard Landry. Other programs held at the Library this summer included the DePriest Puppet Show, "Make Your Own Ice Cream" and a Nutrition program by Shirley Emerson in July.



In November, Richard Landry, visited Countryside Preschool during a circus unit. The children really enjoyed "A Touch Of Magic". They helped a beautiful American Flag appear, after several silly tries! Pictured from right to left are

Haley Schnapp, Rebecca Bloome, Morgan Worker, Allyson Cunningham, Megan Murphy, Quinton Tomso, Cade Puzey, Jacob Taylor, MacKenzie McGann, Austin Padfield, Elizabeth DeBrun, Pierce Saville, and Richard Landry.

MAGIC 2 MOTIVATE
Richard Landry
1-217-483-3745
www.touchofmagic.net
pilgrimm52@msn.com

CHRISTIAN COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS "MAGIC IS FUNTASTIC SHOW"



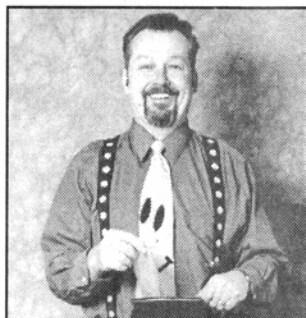
TAYLORVILLE - Richard Landry of Chatham volunteered his services for the "Magic is Funtastic Show" sponsored by the Christian County Senior Citizens Center Friday night. Approximately 90 area residents enjoyed the event as Landry performed hilarious and amazing magic to dazzle all ages. Many audience participants were invited to assist Landry with his illusions, including making a real egg yolk appear from an empty egg! The dinner was provided through donations by Wal-Mart, Taylorville Food Center, Pauline Curry and Ron's Produce. Door prizes were won by Mary June Weiser, Lynn Hawk, Cecelia Heimsness, Charles Hawk, Glenna Larson, Alex Lindzy, Phil Witt, Herschel Scritchlow, Ruth Eck, Boots Koonz and Laura Darwin. Executive Director Alice Benton said, "This fundraiser, which benefited the Center, attracted both young and old alike from as far away as Michigan. This was such a wonderful way to support senior services in this area, while enjoying a fun, intergenerational evening in a family friendly atmosphere." Pictured (l to r): Eric Wooley, Tori Faulkner, Richard Landry, Blake Wooley.

2002

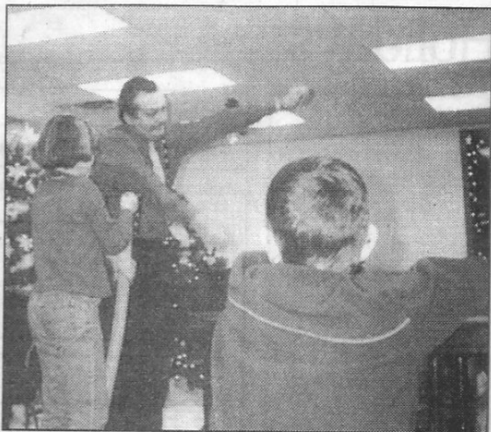
Magician will entertain at UMC Rally Day

The Carlinville United Methodist Church, located at 201 S. Broad, invites everyone to join them for Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 29. A performance by comedian and magician Richard Landry will be given from 9:15-10 a.m. Landry entertains family audiences with comedy magic, dazzling deceptions and sleight of hand with audience participation.

Those needing information or having questions may call the church at (217) 854-4446.



**"CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK"
SUPPER WITH SANTA**



TAYLORVILLE - During "Christmas in the Park" 80 children were treated to "Supper with Santa." Each child received a "Happy Meal" courtesy of McDonalds, a teddy bear courtesy of Steve Breckenridge, and a goody bag from Santa courtesy of the Park District. Deputy Don Broadus and Officer Vince Childers gave a "K9" demonstration and comedy magician Richard Landry mesmerized everyone with his magic act. Pictured is Brooke Praker assisting magician Richard Landry.

2001

**"MAGIC IS FUN-TASTIC" SHOW AT THE
SENIOR CENTER**

TAYLORVILLE — On Friday, March 14 the Senior Citizens of Christian County held a "Magic is Fun-tastic" Show at the Senior Center. Richard Landry, comedy magician, performed a fun-tastic show filled with surprises and illusions. Children and adult alike were amused and amazed by disappearing rabbits and flowers. This event was a wonderful opportunity for all ages to enjoy an evening together. The magician's special helpers were Tori Faulkner, Rachel Swiney, Blake Wooley, Eric Wooley and others. Jason Milligan won the huge chocolate Easter bunny door prize. Pictured is Landry and his assistant Eric Wooley.



**Comedy Magician One Of Hillsboro
Christmas Opening Highlights**

HILLSBORO - Richard Landry, comedy magician from Chatham, is among the featured performers for the Saturday morning, Nov. 15, Christmas opening entertainment in downtown Hillsboro.

Landry, who was a hit during last summer's community vacation Bible school here, uses dazzling deceptions, sleight of hand and audience participation to delight all ages.

Landry is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, following the HHS Show Choir at 9:30, the arrival of Santa Claus and the 2003 Snow Princess at 10:00, a Christmas skit by the Hillsboro Clovers 4-H Club at 10:15, and the Joyful Noise Handbell Choir from Fillmore at 10:30 a.m.



Magician Richard Landry

Landry's appearance is sponsored by CNB Hillsboro Banking Center.

Weather permitting, all of the Saturday activities, like those on Friday evening, will be held on the Hillsboro Park Plaza stage just north of The Escape.

Christmas opening activities, Friday night and Saturday, Nov. 14-15, are being coordinated by Hillsboro 2000 & Beyond and the tourism committee of Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.

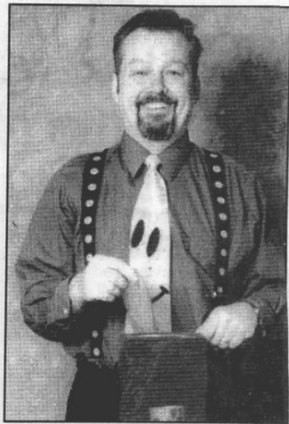
Other events scheduled during the two-day holiday opening include an appearance by singer/story teller Mike Anderson, plus a quilt show and coronation of the 2003 Snow Princess.

Watch The News for the complete schedule.

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY SENIOR
CITIZENS PLAN FUNDRAISER**

TAYLORVILLE - The Christian County Senior Citizens Center will sponsor the "Magic is Fun-tastic Show" Friday, March 14, at the Center, 701 W. Adams, Taylorville. Comedy magician Richard Landry will perform his special show at 6:30 p.m. with hilarious and amazing magic to dazzle all ages.

The fundraiser will assist in supporting the senior programs at the Center. The public is cordially invited to attend. Tickets are \$4 per person and can be purchased in advance at the Center. Snacks will be available before the show. Local transportation will be provided for seniors to attend the event. For additional information, call the Center at 824-4263.



2003

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



TAYLORVILLE - The Taylorville Park District's After School Program held it's end of the year "family cookout" at North Elementary School on Wednesday, May 22. Guest "grillers" were John Champley, Rosemary Kearney, Emille Miller and Marlane Miller. Richard Landry, comedy magician volunteered his services to entertain everyone with a magic show. Instructor for the program is Paula Gipson, and assistants are Mary Huffines and Britne Harrison. Pictured is Comedy Magician Richard Landry with his "special assistant" Justine Crowe.

2002

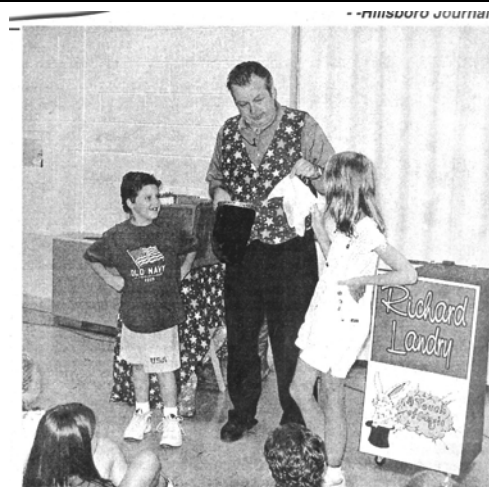


**Magic Show
at Virden Library**

The Grand Prairie of the West Public Library District in Virden held a Comedy Magic Show entitled "Reading Rock" on August 14. A large audience of area youngsters turned out for the summer-ending event put on by traveling magician Richard Landry. Other programs held at the Library this summer included the DePriest Puppet Show, "Make Your Own Ice Cream" and a Nutrition program by Shirley Emerson in July.



"I Love to Read" was echoed throughout the Chatham Area Library recently, as Richard Landry performed a magic show for children and adults.



**Community VBS This Week
At United Methodist Church**

Youngsters age preschool through fifth grade had a great time Sunday evening at an Ice Cream Sundae Social and Magic Show. Richard Landry of Chatham, a comedy magician, entertained those registering to attend a Community Vacation Bible School that will be held Monday - Thursday, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Area youngsters are invited to attend. On Friday, the VBS will conclude with a Swimming Party and Weiner roast. The theme for this year's event is "Treasures of the Nile". Pictured above with magician Landry are, at left, Joseph Passariello and Megan Ernst.

Journal Photo

Coloring contest promotes magic show

Westmer Elementary School is hosting a professional comedy and magic show, open to the community on May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Westmer High School gymnasium. The magic show, presented by professional magician Richard Landry, will include amazing comedy magic and plenty of audience participation.

The show will feature Westmer's Elementary principal Patrick Helling on stage participating in a special effect as a way to generate interest in the fund-raising program.

"To get those who attend more involved, we're also having a 'Suspend A Child in the Air' coloring contest," Richard Landry explains. This is really a great way for people to help support their local school while enjoying themselves with their families for an evening of fun."

With state budget cuts screaming all the time, Westmer Elementary Parent's Club is hoping the community comes out to support this fund-raiser.

Advance purchase tickets are \$5 each for adults, \$3 for children, and are available at the school. "At the door" tickets will be available the evening of the program, seating availability permitting.

There will also be a concession stand that evening. Proceeds from the show will go towards purchasing new playground equipment at the elementary school.



Richard Landry, educational entertainment specialist will be entertaining at Westmer High School at 7 p.m. May 19 as a fund-raiser for Westmer Elementary.

Richard Landry * 217-483-3745 * pilgrimm52@msn.com * www.touchofmagic.net

Magician will entertain at UMC Rally Day

The Carlinville United Methodist Church, located at 201 S. Broad, invites everyone to join them for Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 29. A performance by comedian and magician Richard Landry will be given from 9:15-10 a.m. Landry entertains family audiences with comedy magic, dazzling deceptions and sleight of hand with audience participation.



Those needing information or having questions may call the church at (217) 854-4446.

Chatham man uses magic to teach children the gospel

By TAMARA BROWNING
STAFF WRITER

Country magician Richard Landry pulls red, yellow and green handkerchiefs out of a small bag before the eyes of children watching the show at the Illinois State Fair.



One by one, Landry pulls the handkerchiefs into a tube. The then appears to have a moment for the children and he asks if he brought in a bag of handkerchiefs.

Landry has been doing "Landy Jobs" for 17 years and has performed in over 100 states. He has been through the red and the handkerchiefs come out and together it's another child and another reason for the magician who reached from working out and down to working a crowd.

Landry, 42, comes to Church of Magic, a magic business based out of his home in Chatham. His degree is "Teaching Kids Stories with the use of magic."

Landry said he provides instruction programs for family entertainment throughout the country. The fee for a one-hour performance is \$1,000. He also does a four-hour performance for \$3,000. He has performed at the World Harvest Church in Springfield, Ill., and at the World Harvest Church in Chicago, Ill.

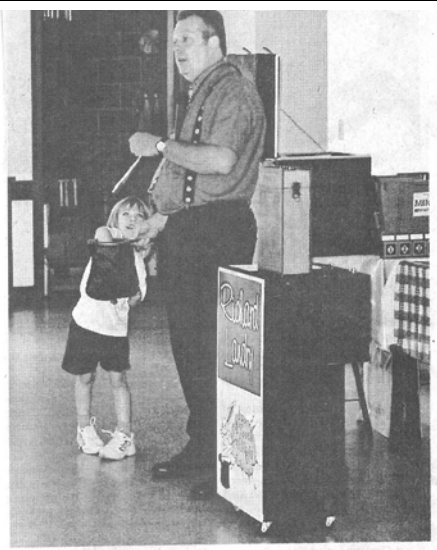
Landry has been doing "Landy Jobs" for 17 years and has performed in over 100 states. He has been through the red and the handkerchiefs come out and together it's another child and another reason for the magician who reached from working out and down to working a crowd.

Landry has been doing "Landy Jobs" for 17 years and has performed in over 100 states. He has been through the red and the handkerchiefs come out and together it's another child and another reason for the magician who reached from working out and down to working a crowd.

"CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK" SUPPER WITH SANTA



TAYLORVILLE - During "Christmas in the Park" 80 children were treated to "Supper with Santa." Each child received a "Happy Meal" courtesy of McDonald's, a teddy bear courtesy of Steve Breckenridge, and a goody bag from Santa courtesy of the Park District. Deputy Don Broadus and Officer Vince Childers gave a "K9" demonstration and comedy magician Richard Landry mesmerized everyone with his magic act. Pictured is Brooke Praket assisting magician Richard Landry.



Participants in the Chatham Area Library's Summer Reading Program were treated to a Magic Show performed by Richard Landry at last week's End of Summer Reading Party at Chatham United Methodist Church. A packed house that included children and parents enjoyed the show.

COMEDIAN/MAGICIAN AT CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK



TAYLORVILLE — Comedy magician Richard Landry performed "The Magic of Christmas" for the crowd on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Manner's Park Dining Hall. Landry dazzled the crowd with his magic tricks which incorporates humor and participation by the children present. This is just one of the many free programs offered during Christmas in the Park due to the generosity of local merchants and businesses. Supper with Santa is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m., and a Junior High Dance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. Pictured is Magician Richard Landry with his volunteer assistant Connor Patrick.

Magic Show Comes To Henry Grade School

On Thurs., Mar. 30, the H.S.G.S. Preschool Programs were thrilled to have Mr. Richard Landry, a comedy magician, put on two wonderful magic shows entitled, "The Magic Of Reading." The first show was performed during school hours for Pre-K through Third Graders. The second show was a free evening performance that invited the general public. Many children and adults were in attendance and everyone enjoyed the show.

Mr. Landry performed many wonderful magic tricks along with his bunny, Snowball. With his mixture of comedy and audience participation, his show was a big hit and his message about the importance of reading was well received.



All of the children who came to the show were given a book to take home and refreshments were served after the show.

RICHARD LANDRY
"TOUCHING HEARTS WITH FUN & LAUGHTER!"
1-217-483-3745 pilgrimm52@msn.com www.touchofmagic.net

Minister conjures up gospel message

Richard Landry will present his Amazing Gospel Magic Show on Sunday at Chatham United Methodist Church.

Richard Landry will present his Amazing Gospel Magic Show on Sunday at Chatham United Methodist Church.

Richard Landry will present his Amazing Gospel Magic Show on Sunday at Chatham United Methodist Church.



In November, Richard Landry, visited Countryside Preschool during a church unit. The children really enjoyed "A Touch Of Magic". They helped a beautiful American Flag appear, after several silly tries! Pictured from right to left are Haley Schnapp, Rebecca Bloome, Morgan Worker, Allison Cunningham, Megan Murphy, Quinton Tomaso, Cade Puzey, Jacob Taylor, MacKenzie McGinn, Austin Padfield, Elizabeth DeBun, Pierce Saville, and Richard Landry.

Educational
Magical fingers

Richard Landry's act encourages reading at Harris School

Richard Landry's act encourages reading at Harris School

Richard Landry's act encourages reading at Harris School