

## Decatur Audubon Meeting

The Decatur Audubon Society invites members and other interested persons to its regular monthly meeting at Rock Springs Nature Center, 3939 Nearing Lane, Decatur, on Sunday, November 19, 2017. At 2:00 p.m. artist, Tracey Maras, will present "Bird Portraits." At 2:30 p.m., following brief announcements, Melody Arnold, President of Decatur Audubon Society, will present "The Amazing History of Decatur Audubon." Following the meeting, refreshments will be served.

## Turkey Time

The Mt. Zion Library will host Turkey Time on Saturday, November 18 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Join them for a fun Thanksgiving celebration filled with crafts, games, snacks and more. Registration is required, please call 864-3622 or come in to reserve your spot. Program is for ages 5-12.

## NARVRE Unit 77 Annual Christmas Party

N.A.R.V.R.E. Unit 77 will have their Annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 6 at the VFW Hall, 3920 N. Martin Luther King Drive, enter through middle door. Doors open at 9:30 am, party starts at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$13.00 each for adults, gratuity not included. The event will be catered by Debbie's Diner. Menu will include ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, tossed salad, roll, dessert and drink. Tickets must be purchased by November 27. Call Pam Hahn at 454-2950.

## Second Annual Ladies Night Out

The Second Annual Ladies Night Out is presented by Les Femmes and Premiere Show Choir groups will be Thursday, November 16 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Mt. Zion High School. Ladies, bring your friends, family, neighbors and come shop at the event. There are plenty of vendors with great ideas to help you get started on your Christmas shopping.

## Bailey a Member of Conference Championship Cross Country Team

Wheaton College student Megan Bailey of Decatur, Illinois, is a member of the Thunder women's cross country team which recently won the 2017 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Championship. This is the team's second consecutive CCIW Championship, and the team's 17 points is the lowest point total in the history of the CCIW Women's Cross Country Championship.

## Concert for National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

The public is invited to attend the Concert for National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week, Sunday, November 19, 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1320 Arbor Drive, Decatur. The concert will feature "Allegiance". National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week is held each year the week before Thanksgiving to bring awareness of the issues of hunger and homelessness. Please bring a warm item (hats, gloves, sweatshirts, blankets, coats, etc.) or non-perishable food item to be shared with local agencies. Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Decatur and Dove, Inc.

## 2017 Heritage and Holly Historical Home Tour

Tickets are on sale for the Annual Heritage and Holly Historical Home Tour, in Decatur, Illinois. The 2017 event will be held the weekend after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 24, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday the 25th, from noon to 6:00 p.m.

\$18 Advance Tickets are available at the following locations through Noon, November 22:

All Things Beautiful, 219 N. Main Street

Dove, 302 S. Union Street and 788 E. Clay Street

Land of Lincoln Credit Union, 4850 Prosperity Place, 3130 E. Mound Road, 2890 N. Oakland Ave., 151 N. 22nd Street and 1435 N. Water Street

Novel Ideas, 480 E. Main Street

Wildflower Artisan Bakery, 256 W. Main Street (who can accept Debit/Credit cards)

To link to the online site, visit the Volunteer page on www.doveinc.org

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 250 W. Decatur, is

the first stop of the tour and a \$20 day-of-event ticket can be purchased there. The tour will feature eight stops, decorated for the Holiday Season in the Historic West End of Decatur.

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Dove, Inc. is honored to have been selected to carry on the traditions of the Annual Heritage and Holly Tour from NWRAPS, Near Westside Restoration and Preservation Society, which hosted this event for 26 years. The tour will continue to bring area history to light and feature area historic homes and businesses.

Dove, Inc. is a social service agency serving Central Illinois for 47 years with the current programs: BABES, MAX and DAX, Homeward Bound, Children's Clothing Room, RSVP and the Domestic Violence Program. For more information about the programs at Dove, please visit our website, www.doveinc.org.

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Bear Den 3 results: first place- Jack Rogers, second place- Audstin Burich, third place- Ryan Byers.

Wolf Den 1 results: first place- Logan Owen, second place- Brenner Hayes, third place- Matthew Brown. Wolf Den 2 results: first place- Michael

Craig, second place- Briar Barnes, third place- Jacob Craig. Wolf Den 3 results: first place- Jack Ulis, second place- Abram Carpenter, third place- Keegan Russell. Wolf Den 4 results: first place- Jackson Windhorst, second place- Wyatt Turner, third place- Hunter Erwin.

Tiger Den 1 results: first place- Pierce Flora. Tiger Den 2 results: first place- Jude Selvey, second place- Robert Larson, third place- Kellan Cyruulik. Tiger Den 3 results: first place- Isaac Ryan, second place- Zach Smith, third place- Logan Cullison. Tiger Den 4 results: first place-

Wylie Durham.

Sibling race results: first place- Daniel Yelton, second place- Audrey Brent, third place- Clara Monroe. Pack results were first place- Matthew Freund, second place- Jacob Craig, third place- Jack Rogers and fourth place- Jude Selvey.

## Veteran's Day Assemblies Continued From Page 1

stated that in his interactions with the Iraqi's they were grateful that they were there and hopeful they would create a change in the country and their lives.

He stated that he lost six men during his three tours in Iraq. Patrick stated that he considered them his brothers and that he thinks of them often. He then read the names off.

## Decatur Choral Society's Opus 24 To Present Fall Concert On November 21

Decatur Choral Society's Opus 24 presents their fall concert, "Wintertide" on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM. The concert will be held at St. Patrick Church in Decatur. Opus 24, a community choral group will perform a variety of music celebrating the spirit of the Holiday Season. The concert will feature scholarship contest winners, brass players from Millikin University, and the premiere of local composer, Randall Reyman's Bring a

The program closed with music from the orchestra and sixth grade honors choir performing "Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies."

At Mt. Zion Grade School, second grade students invited veterans in their families to attend their program. This was the ninth year for this program. The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance which

was presented in sign language by two students and a teacher and was followed by students singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

During the program each veteran had the opportunity to introduce themselves and share which branch of the military they serve or have served in and which student invited them. There were several video

segments during the program expressing gratitude for veterans.

Veterans were honored by their individual branches by being encouraged to stand during the Armed Forces Medley. They finished the program by singing "God Bless The USA" and "Oh, I Love America."

Lantern, Bring a Light.

Opus 24 is a premier community choir excelling in the performance of serious choral music, both sacred and secular. Choir members come from Central Illinois and represent a wide variety of experience and occupations but are united in the goal of achieving excellence in choral music performance. Opus 24 is under the direction of Milton Scott, a nationally recognized choir director who participates

in professional workshops as a presenter in competitions and as an adjudicator.

Tickets for the November 21 concert are available from any Opus 24 member, Decatur Arts Council and the following Decatur Churches: Central Christian, First Lutheran, First

Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Grace United Methodist, St. James Church, St.

Patrick, and at the door the night of the concert. Admission is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for full-

time students.

Decatur Choral Society is the parent organization for Opus 24. Its mission is to provide choral music excellence to Central Illinois and to promote the development of vocal music talent. DCS provides funding to Millikin Children's choir and grants a semester of private voice lessons with the Millikin University's Preparatory Department to auditioned scholarship winners.

## 26th Annual Coats For Kids Drive To Collect Coats For Families In Need

The Coats for Kids drive is collecting coats, gently used and new, to get into the hands of families in need - warm winter coats for their children. This is the 26th annual drive, cosponsored by Dove, Inc., and WAND-TV. We want to make it as easy as possible for people to make a donation of a coat. Coats of all sizes may be dropped off at the following locations, through November 30.

Participating Cleaners will make sure the coats are clean and fresh and ready for the clothing rooms to distribute.

Classic Cleaners  
•2474 N. Main

Peerless Cleaners  
•519 N. Monroe  
Pride Cleaners and Launderers

•2553 N. Main  
•1804 E. Eldorado  
•912 W. Eldorado  
•2056 Mt. Zion Road  
•1154 E. Prairie Ave.  
Waite's Dry Cleaners  
•1004 S. Main  
•664 W. Eldorado  
•115 Magnolia, Forsyth

and coats can be donated at any of the sites below:

Decatur Public Library  
130 N. Franklin  
Decatur Township Offices  
1620 S. Taylorville Road

GT Church  
500 S. 27th Decatur  
Illioopolis Christian Church  
Illioopolis  
Jerger Pediatric Dentistry,  
P.C.

2101 N. Main, Decatur  
Kroger  
Brettwood Plaza  
South Shores Plaza  
Fairview Plaza  
Airport Plaza  
Land of Lincoln Credit Union  
2890 N. Oakland  
3130 E. Mound  
4850 E Prosperity Place  
Longcreek Township  
2610 Salem School Road  
Regions

2340 Mt. Zion Rd.  
350 N. Water  
1355 W. King  
333 E. Pershing Rd  
Richland Community College  
#1 College Park, Decatur  
Soy Capital Bank and Trust  
560 E. Pershing  
455 N. Main  
4825 US Route 36  
St. Teresa High School  
2710 N. Water Street  
Texas Roadhouse  
US 51 North

Check your closets and consider the good you can do by donating any coats you no longer need. For more information, contact Dove at 428-6616.

## Give thanks for good health by donating blood this holiday season

The American Red Cross encourages people to share their good health this holiday season by donating blood for patients in need.

Mike Healey's son was born prematurely, weighing 3 pounds, and immediately needed blood. "I gave blood the next day and have done it 56 times since then," he said. Though Healey's son spent his first 49 days of life in the neonatal intensive care unit, he has thrived and is now a healthy, 10-year-old little league baseball player. "I will never forget whoever selflessly gave blood for my son."

A decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors are busy with holiday activities and travel. However, patients don't get a holiday break from needing lifesaving transfusions. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

By giving blood or platelets, donors may give patients more time - and more holidays - with loved ones. Make an

appointment to give blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Nov. 16-30

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11/21/2017: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Decatur Blood Donation Center, 2674 N. Main St

11/28/2017: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Decatur Blood Donation Center, 2674 N. Main St

12/1/2017: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Lutheran School Association, 2001 E Mound Rd

12/1/2017: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., St Paul's Lutheran Church, 1 Bachrach Ct

Forsyth

11/25/2017: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Hickory Point Mall, Route 51 North, 1146 Hickory Point Mall

Maroa  
11/16/2017: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Maroa-Forsyth High School, 610 W. Washington

Mount Zion  
11/28/2017: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 1220 West Main Street

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass®

to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a computer or mobile device. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

## Host a turkey-free Thanksgiving (And other meal ideas inspired by the first Thanksgiving)

Low in fat, high in protein and an inexpensive source of iron, zinc, potassium and B vitamins, turkey makes a healthy addition to a person's diet. Turkey also tends to be the star of the show on Thanksgiving and other holidays. Even though turkey can be a delicious addition to any holiday table, some people prefer to buck Thanksgiving tradition from time to time and divert focus from the golden gobbler.

Even though turkey may be synonymous with Thanksgiving, hosts and hostesses should not shy away from serving something different. In fact, turkey may not even have been on the menu for the first Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving dates back to New England in November 1621, when newly arrived Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians gathered for an autumn

harvest celebration. It's reported that pilgrims went on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the three-day feast. Although wild turkey was plentiful in the region, ducks, geese, passenger pigeons, and swans were commonly consumed. Historians at Smithsonian say documents refer to wildfowl and venison as foods appearing at the first Thanksgiving, but turkey was not mentioned.

Home chefs can take a cue from those first pilgrims and choose less traditional offerings this Thanksgiving. The following are some ideas that are reminiscent of the first Thanksgiving.

- If the flavor is more palatable, don't hesitate to select another bird to grace the Thanksgiving table, such as a goose or even a chicken. Some people find turkey meat to be too dry, despite all of the different

preparation methods. Chicken or goose may be more well-received and just as versatile.

- Don't overlook the possibility of serving fish and other seafood. Colonists and the Wampanoag probably ate eel, lobster, clams, and mussels. Fish can be dried, smoked and preserved.

- Replace wheat-based recipes with those made from cornmeal, as maize was more likely available during colonial time than wheat.

- Forests provided chestnuts, beechnuts and walnuts, so a platter of nuts paired with cheese or fruit also can make a welcome addition to the table. Nuts also can be ground and used in baked goods or flavoring for Thanksgiving desserts.

- Pumpkin and squash were plentiful in colonial times, and this is why these gourds are often

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