

# Let's Cook!

It's strawberry season! There are few things better than fresh strawberries! But did you know that strawberries are not a true berry? It's because they do not develop from a single flower nor do have seeds inside. Technically, fruits like bananas, watermelon and even tomatoes



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melancholy, fainting, fever and infections.

Did you guess that California is the leading producer of strawberries? California grows about 75 percent of the U.S. crop, with 1 billion pounds produced annually!

If you are looking for a creative way to make a strawberry dessert, try this recipe for Strawberry Lasagna. Imagine the look on your guests' faces when you tell them you are serving Strawberry Lasagna... One great thing about this recipe is that you won't have to turn on the oven.

**Strawberry Lasagna**

- Makes 12 servings
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 3/4 cup strawberry preserves
- 1/2 cup confectioner sugar
- 3 oz strawberry gelatin
- 8 Tbsp butter, melted
- 1/3 cup boiling water
- 3 8-oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup chopped strawberries
- 1 cup confectioner sugar

Extra strawberries for garnish, opt.  
2 tsp vanilla  
16 oz frozen whipped topping, thawed and divided  
Mix the graham cracker crumbs, 1/2 cup confectioner sugar and butter. Press into the bottom of a 9x13 dish. Place in refrigerator to set. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, 1 cup confectioner sugar and vanilla until smooth, about 3 minutes. Fold in half of the whipped topping. Spread Half of the filling over the crust. Then carefully spread the preserves over in an even layer.

Whisk the gelatin in boiling water until dissolved. Add to the remaining filling. Fold in the berries. Spread over the preserves. Then finally, spread the remaining whipped topping over the filling. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. Garnish with fresh strawberries of desired. Cut into squares to serve.

If you have a recipe to share, please send to letscook!@heraldpubs.com or mail to Mascoutah Herald, PO Box C, Mascoutah IL 62258. Thanks and Happy Cooking!

## Frogtown News

**Graduation**

St. Peter's Lutheran School held graduation on Saturday, May 16 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The 8th grade graduates were: Rubin Roberts, son of the late Kevin and Julie Roberts and Olivia Urban, daughter of Kyle Urban and Dawn Urban. The guest speaker was Larry Urban, former principal of St. Peter's Lutheran School.

Ephraim Meyer on Sunday. Elders were Curtis Jenne and Darrell Wollin and Larry Urban and Warren Schroeder.



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**In Our Prayers**

Those with health concerns:  
Paul Lash, Jr. (father of Barb Schaal)  
Phil Maske  
Those with long term health concerns:

Ellie Baylis  
Tyler Centorbi  
Sue Courson  
Norman Gehle  
Ruth Guntren  
Jo Ann Guy  
Elaine Kruger  
Doc Lotz  
Phyllis Lynch  
Diane Martin  
Roger Miller  
Martha O'Dell  
Steve Rubin  
Sandra Runge  
Lucretia Schroeder  
Lori Smithson  
Gary Sporleder  
Laney Sullens  
Banji Taylor  
Jill Walker

Walker Warden  
Sandy Wehking  
Kevin Wodtka  
Mark Wollin  
Missionaries  
The Shaver family in the Dominican Republic  
Those Serving Our Country and their families  
Andrew Braddy (nephew of Cody and Lydia Middleton)  
Cory and Natalie Doyen  
Ryan and Meisha Howell (nephew of Kari Harmeier)  
Gavin Muma (friend of Kevin and Kayce Jenne)  
Daniel Roberts (friend of Logan Lotz)  
Reis and Jenn Rubin (grandson of Doris Rubin)  
Our Shut Ins  
Celebrating birthdays

this week  
Melissa Suckow  
Braden Will  
Chris Miller  
Reagan Roberts  
Tresston Bahde  
Celebrating anniversaries

this week  
Shane and Kelly Taylor  
Jesse and Michelle Hinton  
Bob and Allison Magnus  
Tony and Anna Niemerg

**Visits Cousin**  
Belinda Harpster of St. Peter, spent the weekend with her cousin, Rachael Arnold of Festus, MO. On Saturday, Belinda went to the graduation party of another cousin in Bismarck, MO.

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church News**  
The Pastor was Rev. Ryan Meyer. The Organist on Saturday evening was Rhonda Comrie and the organist on Sunday was Lynette Wooster. The Acolyte on Saturday evening was Harper Jacquin and

## Rotary Program Explores Future of AI and Geothermal Energy



Patrick Click, Ben Frazier, Jamie Hoffman and Kyle Smith

Rotarian Ben Frazier presented the May 12 Rotary program, which focused on the growing role of artificial intelligence and emerging energy technologies. A special pre-program featured guests Kyle Smith, Jason Masters, and Jamie Hoffman who are involved in a proposed community geothermal energy project.

During the pre-program discussion, the group explained how geothermal systems could provide heating and cooling to homes and businesses through a

shared underground utility network. The speakers discussed potential energy savings, long-term efficiency, and opportunities for future expansion throughout the community.

Frazier's main presentation centered on artificial intelligence (AI), explaining that while AI technology has existed for years, it has recently become more accessible to the public through tools such as ChatGPT. He shared practical examples of how AI is already used in everyday life, including

GPS navigation, spam filters, voice assistants, and automated business workflows.

The presentation also explored how AI may impact the workforce in the future. Frazier emphasized that AI should be viewed as a tool to improve productivity and help employees work more efficiently rather than simply replace jobs. Rotary members participated in a lively discussion and asked questions about both geothermal energy and AI applications in business and daily life.

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### June Events

# Charters Patio

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Saturday, May 30 • 7-8 PM  
*The Morning After*

Saturday, May 30 • 8:30-10 PM  
*1973 The Music of Journey*

Friday, June 5 • 11:30 AM-1 PM  
*The Gray Line*

Friday, June 5 • 6-9 PM  
*Backroad Boogie's John & Bubba*

Saturday, June 6 • 7-10 PM  
*Backroad Boogie*

Wednesday, June 10 • 6-8PM  
*Owen Goodman*

Friday, June 12 • 11:30 AM-1 PM  
*Kam Bugger*

Friday, June 12 • 6-9 PM  
*Jethro Makes 3 & Paul*

Saturday, June 13 • 7-10 PM  
*90's Daughter*

Wednesday, June 17 • 6-8PM  
*Owen Goodman*

Friday, June 19 • 11:30 AM-1 PM  
*Kristin & Murphy from the Flynts*

Friday, June 19 • 6-9 PM  
*Hookie*

Saturday, June 20 • 7-10 PM  
*Deja Voo Doo*

Friday, June 26 • 11:30 AM-1 PM  
*Avery Hill Duo*

Friday, June 26 • 7-10 PM  
*Substance*

Saturday, June 27 • 7-10 PM  
*Robert Perry Band*

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