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Area Girl Scouts realign councils, announce new executive

SPRINGFIELD—Girl Scouts of Central Illinois has recently realigned from six previous Girl Scout councils. The six legacy councils were Girl Scouts of Centrillio (Bloomington), Girl Scouts - Green Meadows (Champaign), Girl Scouts - She-mamo (Decatur), Girl Scouts - Kickapoo Council (Peoria), Girl Scouts of Two Rivers (Quincy), and Girl Scouts, Land of Lincoln (Springfield). The Girl Scouts of Central Illinois serves 38 counties in the central part of the state of Illinois.

Over the last year, Girl Scout councils have been re-



Girl Scouts

aligning in an effort to modernize the organization and focus on leadership development for girls in the twenty-first century. This realignment process strengthens our position as a community-based organization and allows us to focus our efforts on working with girls to develop their leadership skills, connect with others, and take action to identify and address issues facing them and their communities.

Realignment only strengthened our council. The mission continues to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Council staff and volunteers are committed more than ever to providing relevant and quality program opportunities for girls in our area.

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois is proud to announce Pam Kovacevich as the new chief executive officer. Kovacevich joins the council to support the organization's effort to make the most effective use of local resources and to deliver a superior Girl Scout leadership experience to girls in the central Illinois area.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Millikin University and a Masters of Education in Training and Development from the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign. For the past 13 years she has been with Springfield Electric Supply Company, most recently as the Vice President of Operational Services. She has a strong background in training and development, as well as strategic planning. Kovacevich is involved in the community and has previously served as a board member of the Girl Scouts, Land of Lincoln Council.

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois is comprised of six regional service centers and two satellite offices, with headquarters in Springfield serving 38 counties with 25,000 girls and 6,000 adult members annually within the jurisdiction.

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— **Briefly** —

Tiny Tots

“Halloween” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room. Children may come dressed as their favorite book character.

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Program on Witchcraft

Rossville area churches will sponsor “Encountering Witchcraft: Christian Strategy of Truth and Grace” at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 in the Rossville-Alvin High School gym. Dr. Robert Kurka, professor of theology and church in culture at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, will present the program.

Parent/teacher conferences

Hoopeston Area schools have set parent-teacher conferences for 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 and 9 a.m.-noon Friday, Oct. 26.

Parents of kindergarten-sixth grade students need to make appointments with teachers to insure time avail-

able for their conferences. Parents of students in grades 7-12 do not need to make appointments.

Those who cannot attend during the set times are urged to call their’s child’s respective school and arrange an alternate time. Grade reports must be picked up

Social Security, SSI benefits to increase 2.3 percent in 2008

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 54 million Americans will increase 2.3 percent in 2008, the Social Security Administration announced last week.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' *Consumer*

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:13 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of North Market. Police said Linden Coffee of Hoopeston, in a 1988 Chevrolet truck, stopped to avoid hitting a dog and was hit by a 2005 Pontiac driven by Linden Coffee Jr., also of Hoopeston.

Julie A. Buttica, 40, of 901 W. Voorhees, Danville, was ticketed for no valid driver’s license at 11:13 p.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of West Orange. She was released on a notice to appear.

Obituaries

MALADY - Eugene Elmer Malady, 94, of Hoopeston died at 8:11 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Friday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 8 p.m.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today and tonight. High 59, low 44. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 58, low 44.

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by the parents at their child’s attendance center. This applies to all students.

Alley cleanup

City of Hoopeston alley cleanup began Oct. 15 and is ongoing. It is for yard waste only.

Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), from the third quarter of the prior year to the corresponding period of the current year. This year's increase in the CPI-W was 2.3 percent.

The 2.3 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that nearly 50 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2008. Increased payments to more than 7 million Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries will begin on December 31.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$102,000 from \$97,500. Of the estimated 164 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2008, nearly 12 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2008 can be found at www.cms.hhs.gov.

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