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Christian church to offer free lessons in contemplative prayer

Contemplative prayer has been associated with "meditation" and "Centering Prayer." The Rev. Tom Cici will teach the practice of contemplative prayer at 4 p.m. Thursdays, October 5, 19 and November 2 at First

Christian Church, 502 E. Main St, Hoopeston. Sessions last about 1½ hours, and are open to adults and teens ages 13 and older. Although you do not have to attend all three sessions to learn the practice of contemplative prayer, each session builds upon the other to increase spirituality.

Pageant to benefit Toys for Tots

Girls ages nine months to 21 years will compete in Hoopeston Saturday for the chance to represent the Toys for Tots charity pageant.

The early kings of Israel, 6th century prophets, 1st cen-
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Local and non-local girls will compete in the pageant, which will begin at 4 p.m. at First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange. Doors will open at 3:30. Admission is \$3 or a new toy.

Pumpkins available Sept. 30 for HPL decorating contest

Five titles will be possible in the pageant that will feature fashion wear and evening gown for all. Older contestants will also compete in interview and on-stage questions.

Hoopeston Public Library will sponsor its second annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest next month and the library will even provide the pumpkins.

The winning queen will receive flowers, crown and sash, along with products donated by sponsors, such as American Elegance pageant system, Kass Poparazzi and Lipsense by Emily Leslie.

The contest is open to any local residents from age 5 through adult. There will be categories for age groups from 5-7, 8-11, 12-15 and 16-adult, plus a special "Family/Group" category for families, classrooms or other groups of more than one person working together.

Special thanks to mini co-director Clara Leslie for raising donations to help kick start the donation year with \$300 worth of toys.

Patrons may register and "check out" their free pumpkin on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the library's south outside parking area. Free pumpkins will be available only on this day. Participants may also provide their own pumpkin for the contest.

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Decorated pumpkins must be returned between 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, and 12 noon, Friday, Oct. 6. Judging will be held on Friday afternoon and awards will be announced at 3 p.m.

Pumpkins will be on display for public viewing in the library's lower level meeting room through Saturday, Oct. 14.

Free pumpkins are once again being provided – while supplies last – by library staff member Terri Hambleton and her husband, Mel.

For more information, call the library at 217-283-6711.

6th Annual
WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Vendor Fair
 Saturday, Sept. 30 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 McFerren Park Civic Center
 More than 40 Vendors!! Admission: \$1
 Raffles!
 Entertainment & food throughout the day!
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Rossville's Fall Festival
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 Rossville Methodist Church
 Chicken Noodle Dinner Saturday
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Sports Roundup

Soccer

A 2-1 lead at the end of the half was good enough to give Bismarck the W over Hoopeston Area in a soccer match September 19.

Ethan Smith scored unassisted to get the Cornjerkers on the scoreboard. Riley Wyss and Wes Ravens combined six saves.

The Cornjerkers turned things around Thursday when Hoopeston Area traveled to Georgetown. The Buffalos learned to fear the ear as Hoopeston Area beat Georgetown 4-1.

Rhys Root led scoring from Neil Williams in the first half and from Brennen Granados in the second. Rounding out scoring was Ethan Smith from Tanner Harding in the first and Trey Houmes unassisted in the second.

Drew Barney got Georgetown on the scoreboard.

The win brings the team record to 8-9 and 3-2 in conference.

The team's next game will be the Kick Cancer game at home against Oakwood.

Volleyball

The Lady Cornjerkers lost to Armstrong Potomac last

Tuesday, 14-25, 16-25.

Marisa Rush had 18 digs for the Blue Slam, followed by Raven Rutherford with 14 and Ali Watson with 13.

Maddie Goble had seven assists for the night, while Rutherford, Watson and Mercy Linder all had three kills. Sadie Drayer and Rutherford each had one block.

Football

It was a happy homecoming for Bismarck Henning/Rossville Alvin Friday as the team defeated the Cornjerkers, 53-8.

BH/RA came out strong, scoring 43 in the first quarter and an additional 10 in the second.

BH/RA's Caleb Lahey had 20 points on the night, rush-

ing 193 yards, including three touchdown runs. Evan Walworth contributed nine points to the total. Rounding out scoring with six points each were Colten Arford, Jacob Akins, Travis Lappin and Thomas Savage.

A 22-yard pass from Marcus Blurton to Alex Funk got the Cornjerkers on scoreboard in the third. Vaughn Black added a two-point conversion.

Jacob Selsor and Michael Welsch led HA/SA/AP rushing with 22 yards each.

Funk had 31 yards receiving during the game, followed by Corey Moore with 21.

Moore led in tackles with two and five assists, followed by Brad Bradley, with three and three assists.

Court Dispositions

August 3

Matthew Minard, Hoopeston, failed to appear for restraint of dogs, found guilty by default, fined \$200; status hearing September 7.

Tyson Hollen, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial September 7.

Vance LaBaume, Hoopeston, failed to appear for

purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, found guilty by default, fined \$200; status hearing September 7.

Vance LaBaume, Hoopeston, failed to appear for disobeying police, found guilty by default, fined \$200; status hearing September 7.

From the Blotter

Tonya K. Edwards, 40, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 1:39 p.m. Sunday at Third Ave. and Washington. She was charged with driving after suspension and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Beatriz Alconedo, 49, of Ambia, Ind., was arrested after a traffic stop at 5:42 p.m. Sunday at North Sixth Ave. and Honeywell. She was charged with no valid driver's license and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Humberto Rubio, 58, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:36 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of West Main. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 88. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 64. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 78, low 51.

Selsor and Fun led in punt returns with 38 and 32 yards, respectively.

The loss bring the Cornjerkers to 1-4 on the season as they head into Friday's homecoming match against Clifton Central.

Classifieds

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Rossville-Alvin CUST #7 seeks a full time paraprofessional (aide) to assist with junior high math. Paraprofessional experience is not required; however a strong math background is essential. Pay ranges from \$10.65-\$17.37 per hour, depending on experience. Benefits are included and will be discussed with interviewed candidates. Send resumes to: Crystal Johnson, 350 N. Chicago St., Rossville IL 60963 by 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2017.

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Prayer continued from other side

tury Christians, Desert Fathers, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Francis of Assisi and many others have learned and used the practice of contemplative prayer. The practice died out completely during the Age of Enlightenment, but has slowly become popular again.

Practitioners of contemplative prayer claim it is a great stress and anxiety reducer. Harmony in one's life becomes more important than physical balance, as important as that is. The prayer helps you feel good about yourself. For these reasons, contemplative prayer shares some practice to meditation.

However, unlike meditation, contemplative prayer focuses on being in the presence of and listening to God. Are you spiritually hungry? Are you just not being fed spiritually? Spirituality is our relationship with God, our need for spiritual conversation with the divine. Contemplative prayer strives to glimpse the sacred in all things, in all people and in the self. If you slow down enough and become aware of the divine presence within, God

will help you discern your purpose in life and God's will for your life at this time. Contemplative prayer helps you look at things differently and whatever God is calling to your attention.

The course is being offered in October to take advantage of the beautiful fall scenery and contemplate on the universe as an avenue toward the awareness of God's presence in our lives. You are not alone in your struggles. Transformation is God's work in us. We will be growing together in deep spirit.

These sessions on learning contemplative prayer are free to the public. For those who feel lost or shackled by life experiences, this practice can provide freedom and give your life back. Some practitioners have experienced healing powers through the use of complete prayers.

For more information, please contact Pastor Tom Cici at 765-541-0611 or call the First Christian Church (217) 283-6691. Please leave your name and a brief message if there is no answer.