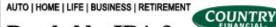


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Snow, food coloring spark Hoopeston woman's creativity

When it snows, many adults think of having to run to the store for bread, milk and eggs, that shoveling will have to be done or, how difficult driving will be.

When Rose Norman sees snow, she may think those things, too, but it seems her primary thought is to create. Norman, who lives at 860 E. Seminary, spent a few hours Sunday creating a snow woman, "Snow Angel."

The figure is between three and four feet tall and wider than that at the base. "I wanted it bigger, but the snow was hard to pack," she said.

To dress her creation, Norman mixed "a squirt of red food coloring" into a spray bottle filled with water. "It took the whole bottle because it soaks into the snow," she said.

Snow Angel's eyes are mini pumpkin pods and her mouth was made with whole cloves.

Norman raided her craft stash to add finishing touches of ribbon and dried material for a bouquet and halo.

Photo submitted

A snow angel made by Rose Norman watches over the 800 block of East Seminary.







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Youth, Adult Mental Health First Aid sessions set for January, February at health department

With the support of a grant from the Vermilion Healthcare Foundation, the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board (VCMHB) office is providing both Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid Trainings in Vermilion County.

Beth Knecht, of Hoopeston, serves as the project director for the grant. She is also an instructor for both trainings, as is Jim Russell, executive director of the VCMHB.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings are for

January and February. Dates for the full eight-hour training are January 22 and February 21. Both will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Vermilion County Health Department, 200 College St., Danville.

There is also a split session training scheduled for 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday in February (5, 12, 19, 26), also at the health department.

These are set for people whose work schedule will not allow them to attend an all-day training. Participants must attend all four sessions to be certified. Adult Mental Health First Aid Trainings have also been scheduled. Those eight-hour trainings will be held on January 23 and February 7, also from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the health department.

Attending an eight-hour training and passing a brief written exam will result in a three-year certification.

Please call Beth Knecht at (217) 516-2298 to register, or with any questions. You may also call Jim Russell at (217) 443-3500 with any questions.

A Christmas treat

Marie "Ma" Brown, facing the camera, attended Hoopeston American Legion Auxiliary's Christmas party on December 5, 2018. A lifetime auxiliary member, Brown has been at Heritage Health, Hoopeston, for a few years and unable to attend auxiliary functions. Last year, however, her son, Gary and daughter-in-law, Marjorie, along with Post Commander Paul Ziemnisky worked to arrange transportation to the Legion so Brown could visit with her friends. The ladies attending enjoyed social time and a dinner served by men's auxiliary members.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for help with Christmas gifts

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2018 Miracle Tree and Santa Cares Too a success! Special thanks to all the individuals, businesses, social clubs, churches, civic organizations, school groups, youth groups or anyone who helped with gifts or donations. You made Christmas a happier time for many children within the community.

Thanks to Dolores Crabtree, Megan Deck, Robin Lawson at Global Fashions, April Jones with April's Learn and Lead Academy, Nicki Trueblood and staff at First Financial Bank and Rosie Zarate-Diaz and the congregation at St. Anthony's for their time and effort in handing out name tags and handling gifts as they were returned.

These programs would not be the success that they are without the publicity provided by WHPO, Just the Facts and the Chronicle. We sincerely thank you all!

Our community never ceases to amaze us through their generosity throughout the Christmas season as well as throughout the year. We are very thankful to be a part of this effort and appreciate all of the contributions and support of every kind.

> 2018 Miracle Tree Workers Santa Cares Too

Weather

Patchy freezing drizzle today, then mostly cloudy. High 32, low 28. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 33, low 23.

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