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## U of I FarmHouse Fraternity seeks scholarship applicants

URBANA—FarmHouse Fraternity at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is offering multiple scholarships to incoming students of all majors who will be attending the university next fall.

In 2022, the Illinois chapter awarded more than \$15,000 in scholarships to incoming students. In 2023, we plan to award more dependent on the pool of qualified candidates. Scholarship amounts range from \$500-\$4,000.

To be eligible, you must be a male student who will attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for the first time during the 2023 fall semester. First-time students are considered to be high school seniors begin-

ning their freshman year or students transferring to the U of I.

All majors are encouraged to apply, and applications are due April 15. If there are any questions, please reach out to [fccfhauic@gmail.com](mailto:fccfhauic@gmail.com).

Finalists will be chosen based on their application and invited for an interview with a panel of current members and alumni on April 29. Scholarship winners will be notified shortly after. Finalists unable to attend the interview date will be asked to conduct a phone interview.

Interested students can learn more about the scholarship and apply at [farmhouse.web.illinois.edu/wp/new-student-scholarship/](http://farmhouse.web.illinois.edu/wp/new-student-scholarship/).

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## Farm & Home Safety Day

Sponsored by Carle Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety, Hoopston FFA and FFA Alumni Association.

**March 18, 2023**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**McFerren Park Civic Center**

5 Interactive Safety Exhibits  
Rural Safety Informational Displays  
Free Lunch provided by Hoopston FFA Alumni

Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety

## Obituaries

**BARR** - Lynn Barr, 66, of East Lynn, passed away at 9:20 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. She was born June 18, 1956, in Danville, the daughter of Robert and Dolores "Dee" (Gustine) Fraley. She married John Barr on June 21, 1986, in Hoopeston. He survives in East Lynn.



**LYNN BARR**

She is also survived by one daughter, Jessi (fiancé Josh Messinger) Barr of East Lynn; one son, Justin (Nikki) Barr of Lexington; one sister, Julie Schuler of Elsberry, MO; one brother, Robert (Laura) Fraley of St. Louis, MO; three grandchildren, Mason and Anna Barr and Xander Messinger; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Dolores Fraley; one son, Duder Barr; and one brother-in-law, Bill Schuler.

Lynn worked as a CNA at the Hoopeston Nursing

Home and at Heartland in Paxton. She enjoyed gardening, canning, making crafts, and painting. She also enjoyed sewing, doing puzzles, playing Scrabble, and most of all, spending time with her family.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A visitation will be held 12:30 – 1 p.m. Saturday March 11, 2023, at the East Lynn Community Fellowship Church, 41428 Main St. East Lynn. The memorial service will follow the visitation, beginning at 1 p.m. at the church. No burial will be held.

Memorials donations may be made to the donor's choice.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Lynn's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**FALCONER** - Thelbert M. Falconer, 81, of Rossville, passed away at 6:52 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2023, at his home. He was born August 5, 1941, in Danville, the son of Marion and Viva Leona (Watson) Falconer. He married Sheila K. Haynes on November 12, 1981, in Novinger, MO. She survives in Rossville.



**THELBERT FALCONER**

He is also survived by one sister, Nadine LeClaire of Danville and five nieces and nephews, Scott and Kevin Strawser and Tim, Brad, and Dawn LeClaire.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Marcella Strawser; and one niece, Teresa Branch.

Thelbert worked at the Danville Post Office until his retirement on August 30, 1996. He served in the United States Coast Guard from March 29, 1961 – August 26, 1966. He was a member of the Rossville Church of Christ. Thelbert was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and hunting for deer antlers and arrowheads. He was also a beekeeper and raised and sold sweetcorn. He loved traveling, especially to the southwest, as he collected arrowheads, western memorabilia and antiques and he enjoyed refinishing furniture. Over the years, Thelbert had several dogs and he loved them all.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A visitation will be

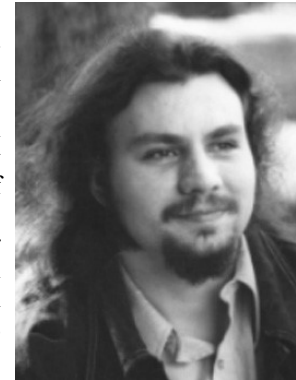
held 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Friday March 10, 2023, at the Rossville Church of Christ, 514 E. Attica St. Rossville. The memorial service will follow the visitation, beginning at 12 p.m. Friday at the church with Pastor Kevin Purdy officiating. No burial will be held. Military rites will be accorded by the Hoopeston American Legion Post #384.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Thelbert to the Danville Rescue Mission, 834 N. Bowman Ave., Danville, IL 61832 or the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, 2405 North Shore Dr., Urbana, IL 61802.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Thelbert's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**GERMAN** - Larry Eugene German, 71, of Normal, formerly of Hoopeston passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2023 surrounded by family and friends. Larry was born the third son of Wilbur and Ava Marie (Cox) German on October 13, 1951. He graduated from Hoopeston High School in 1969 and Illinois State University in 1988 after many years enjoying the college experience. On October 23, 1976, Larry married Janice Franklin in an intimate ceremony in Hoopeston.



**LARRY GERMAN**

Larry held a variety of jobs over the years. He was particularly proud of his work as a journalist, focusing on high school sports, for the Shelbyville Daily Union and the Hoopeston Chronicle. Larry won several awards from national and state press associations for his photography, sports columns, and news reporting. Following his career in journalism, Larry spent time running several of his own businesses including a baseball card shop and a framing store before following his brothers into a career teaching. Larry worked in the Hoopeston Area school system, where he spent the majority of his time teaching 6th grade. After retirement, Larry and Jan moved to Normal in 2019 to spend more time with their children and college friends. Larry was a very social person who was always interested in others. He will be remembered as someone who went out of his way to make others feel welcome, comfortable, and loved.

Larry enjoyed a variety of interests. He appreciated learning about history, especially the Civil War, World War 2, Russian, and Egyptian eras. He designed many interesting and interactive units for his 6th graders about history and other countries which were well remembered by his students. He was a sports fan and an avid baseball card collector. He loved the St. Louis Cardinals and was a fan of college basketball, supporting both Illinois State and Indiana University. Larry loved music and was always looking to share a song with family and friends. While in high school and college he played the trumpet, including in the ISU marching band. As an adult he reconnected with music, learning how to play the drums. He was passionate about theater. He had enjoyed acting and directing with the Hoopeston Playcrafters. Larry liked golfing and was happy just riding along in the golf cart once he was no longer able to play himself.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 4-7 p.m. at the Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, in Bloomington. The family will have a private burial at a later date.

He is survived by his wife, Jan, and children, Drew (Jordan) and Liz of Normal, as well as his brother Jim (Marylyn) of Dixon, and several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces/nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Jerry.

Larry doted on many family pets over the years, most recently his sweet senior dog Brownie and his "grandpuppy" Murphy. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team (HART).

Please view the obituary and share your condolences and memories online at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com).

**MURPHY** - Robert Murphy, 72, of Danville, died at 9:55 a.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

### New Books at the Library

#### FICTION

The Codebreaker's Secret by Sara Ackerman  
 The War Girls by V. S. Alexander  
 Book Haters' Book Club by Gretchen Anthony

### Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 46. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, increasing clouds, rainy, breezy late. High 47, low 36.

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