

OUTREACH COMMUNITY TIMES

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BASKET BINGA

Once again Outreach will be having Basket Binga. This is a fundraiser for Outreach so they can continue to offer the programs and services to seniors of the community. Players play bingo and win Longaberger Baskets. These baskets make great gifts, are useful around the house for holding items, or just as decoration.

We are also raffling off a Quilt that is beautiful. It is lavender, purple, and white. The blocks are hand embroidered hearts and flowers of lavender and purple on white background. The date of this year's Basket Binga is September 30 and is held at the American Legion on Rt 150 (by the racetrack).

Doors open at 11:30 for you to browse the wares of vendors that are present and maybe start your Christmas shopping. Binga starts promptly at 1 pm and we are done by 4 pm. Lunch is available for purchase and provided by Two Reds BBQ. This is a great fun filled afternoon for all and a great way to help Outreach.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$15 for a book of 20 games (\$20 at the door) and you may purchase them at Main Street Video, the Medi-

cine Shoppe, Outreach, or see Sharon Stiger.

You may also call 309-928-9400 and reserve your advance tickets or for more information.

Raffle tickets are also available at the same locations and are \$1 each or 5 for \$6. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of Basket Binga. So mark your calendar and come out for a fun filled day. Hope to see you there.

QUILT RAFFLE

Outreach will once again raffle off a quilt during Basket Binga on Sept. 30 at the American Legion.

This year's quilt is also made by Farmer City resident, Karen Harris. It is a beautiful quilt of lavender, purple and white with squares of hand embroidered hearts and flowers on a white background. Be sure to purchase tickets for your chance to win this beautiful quilt. Tickets will be available at Main Street Video, the Medicine Shop, or Outreach. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

HIS AND HERS DINNER

On Saturday, Oct. 7, the American Legion Joe Williams Post 55 in Farmer City will be serving their His & Hers Dinner starting at 5p

and serving your choice of rib eye steak or chicken until 7p. You may purchase your tickets at the door. The Legion is located at 755 Stensel Dr. and Rt. 150 near the fairgrounds on the north edge of Farmer City. Bring your friends for a Great meal. Carryout is available, either in person or call ahead to 309-928-3055. Future dinners: Nov 4, Dec 2; 2018: Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

FARMER CITY HAUNTED FOREST

Sponsored by the Farmer City Chamber of Commerce & Salt Creek Area 21 Campsite at South Park in Farmer City

A hayrack ride in the Haunted Forest through the Salt Creek Area 21 Campsites (No Walking through the campsites will be permitted.)

Fri., Oct. 27th from 6p.m. to 11p.m.;

Sat., Oct. 28th 3 p-11 p

Matinee Hours from 3-6 p.m. Costume Contest during the Matinee hours on

A variety of categories including child, adult, and pets will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

Please park in desig-

City News BURNING

You can burn landscape waste every month BUT July and August, on Thur., Fri., and Sat. between 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next Council Meetings , Oct. 2; 16 at 7 p.m.

BRUSH CLEAN UP: Brush pick up will be the last Wednesday of the month. Call City Hall at 928-3412 to arrange pick up. Yard waste needs to be in biodegradable paper bags NO plastic. Piles larger than 6'x6'x8' will have a fee for pick up.

Outreach and the City of Farmer City have teamed together to bring you a monthly newsletter that will be included with your utility bills. Please send any news you would like to have included in the newsletter to ss-tiger544@gmail.com or news@farmercityil.org. The deadline for each newsletter will be the weekend before the 18th of the month.

nated areas only.

Restrooms are available.

Food vendors will be available.

Donations accepted

Anyone interested in helping with the Farmer City Haunted Forest may contact Angela Testory at 217-714-3669 or fchauntedforest@gmail.com

46TH ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

The Joe Williams American Legion Post 55 Color Guard of Farmer City are holding their 46th annual Turkey Shoot on Sunday, Nov. 5 starting at 10a. The shoot will happen "rain or shine" and will run until approximately 2p. The shoot is being held at the Farmer City Fairgrounds on U.S. Rt. 150, just off I-74. The cost per shoot is \$3.50. Raffle tickets will be sold for chances on 2 Dick's Sporting Goods gift cards representing the cost of a shot gun (\$381) and a rifle (\$196). These raffle tickets are available from legion members prior to the shoot or at the fairgrounds on Sunday. Food and free coffee will be available from the American Legion Auxiliary on the grounds.

HELP NEEDED

Outreach is in need of someone to clean the activity room. This is a volunteer position and will require you to dust, vacuum, and mop three small

tile areas. It takes an hour to hour and a half and is only required once a week. If you are interested just stop by and speak with Sharon or give a call to 309-928-9400.

Blue Ridge Upcoming Events

10/5 All-District Evacuation Drill – Parents: Watch for a letter soon!

10/6 Teacher Institute Day – No School

10/9 Columbus Day Holiday – No School

10/8 Homecoming Kick-Off and Coronation, 5p

10/13 Homecoming Parade, 2 p.m.

10/13 Homecoming Football Game VS. Midland River Valley 7 p.m.

10/18 Board of Education meeting in BRHS Library, 7 p.m.

10/20 End of First Quarter Did you miss Math Night Parent Academy? We have posted documents from the evening at <http://www.blueridge18.org/for-parents/parent-academy>.

The handouts give parents strategies on how to help their child with math concepts. Enjoy! Blue Ridge Board of Education Receives Governance Recognition – Congratulations to the Board of Education on being one of 20 to earn the IASB's 2017 School Board Governance Recognition designation! The recognition is designed to acknowledge those school boards that have engaged in activities and modeled behaviors that lead to excellence in local

school governance in support of quality public education. The Board will be given the recognition at an upcoming IASB Division Dinner Meeting. Also, a display in the IASB Homeroom at the Triple-I conference will recognize the boards who have been given the honor in 2017. Way to go!

Blue Ridge Dress Code Committee – Blue Ridge School District is reviewing the dress codes at all 3 schools. A committee has been formed to review information and formulate recommendations to the Board of Education. If you or someone you know is interested in participating on the committee, please email whitehouse@blueridge18.org.

Update on School Funding and 17-18 Budget – SB 1947 was passed at the end of August to put in place an Evidence-Based School Funding Model. The legislation put in place the needed components to allow the comptroller to release state payments to school districts. Here is a link to a fact sheet on SB1947. The new funding model is expected to generate an additional \$37,532 over last year's General State Aid allocation for Blue Ridge. The Blue Ridge 2017-18 budget summary and budget presentation are posted at www.blueridge18.org.

CEO Program Up-

date – Blue Ridge, Clinton, Maroa-Forsyth, and Warrensburg-Latham school districts are working together to establish a program called Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO). The cooperative program will be called Central Illinois CEO (CICEO), and will allow high school seniors opportunities to learn how to start and run a business. It is expected that students will be able to enroll in the program beginning in fall of 2019.

There are several important steps to developing, funding, and establishing the program that need to take place over the next year or so. To that end, a steering committee has been formed with representatives from all four school districts and their communities. Sean Halcomb and Leslie Whitehouse are representing Blue Ridge on the committee. Cherrie Magenheimer, Linda Hadley, John Lawrence and Susan Wilson will be working in supportive roles.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks on ways to support the initiative. For more information go to <http://www.midlandinstitute.com/>