

Crossroads: The Center

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Special points of interest:

- University of Illinois Nutrition classes are the third Wednesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.
- WACC will be closed on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10th.
- Senior Bingo Potlucks are the second Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. until noon.

October Mystery Dinner Fundraiser Set to Entertain

Mr. Boddy has invited you to a very elite dinner party that promises intrigue, debauchery, and blackmail (and we're not just talking about your average night in Washington D.C.).

When someone turns up dead, it's up to you to figure out if it was Professor Plum in the Library with the revolver. Or maybe Miss Scarlet in the Lounge with the lead pipe? Or even yourself in the Dining Room with the knife?

Figure out the solution and you just may win the game, along with a lot of laughs.

Sponsored in part by:
The Heller Stores - A Family Proud to Serve Your Family, the event



will take place on Saturday, October 29th from 6:00- 9:00 p.m.

The site is once again

provided by the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 99 located at 406 S. Eldorado Road in Bloomington.

Tickets are \$45 per person and includes a catered dinner with beer and wine from CJ's Restaurant, entertainment from Without a Net, and much more.

Door prizes, silent auction items and 50/50 raffle will be on hand. Optional - dress in character for a chance to win a fabulous prize.

To reserve tickets by phone, please call WACC at 829-4807 during regular business hours.

WACC Programming Schedule Set for the Fall Season

On September 6th, fall semester After School Club began and is held during the week from Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:15 p.m. Please contact Ms. Christy at 829-4807 for registration information.

On September 7th, fall Survival English began and is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Please Contact Saul at 829-9231 with any questions.

On September 19th, "On My Way" Teen Club began and is held on Mondays from 6-8 p.m. Please contact Socorro at 827-3794 with any questions.

On September 23rd, Kindermusik began again on Fridays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Please contact Socorro at 827-3794 for information on this program as well.

On October 4th, Mentoring for Life (M4L) began on

Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. at LINC. Please contact any participating member of 100 Black Men of Central Illinois for more information.

The "Fun Fridays with Freddie" program for interested senior citizens began on October 7th with a Movie Day at Western Avenue Community Center. Please contact Freddie at 829-4807 for more information.

WACC Staff Participate in Local Labor Day Parade

The 2011 McLean County Labor Day Parade marched on Monday, September 5, 2011, with a theme of "We are One."

Members of Western Avenue Community Center's staff participated by sporting United Way t-shirts with the words "Live United" on the chest.

The Parade annually features area marching bands, different union locals, construction equipment, political officials, candi-

dates and community organizations.

Staff lined up on Front Street at 9:30



a.m. and marched at 10 a.m. to the west on Front Street to Lee Street, south on Lee

Street to Wood Street, and then west on Wood Street to Miller Park.

Staff passed out candy to crowd in addition to giving away similar "Live United" t-shirts. A picnic followed for union members at the Miller Park Pavilion.

WJBC-AM once again sponsored the "Laborer of the Year" contest, the winner of which rode at the parade's front in WJBC's car, according to the Bloomington-Normal Trades and Labor Assembly Web site.

"The senior citizens' Fall Fest Dinner and Dance featuring the Heartland Jazz Orchestra will be held on Monday, October 17th from 5:30 -8:30 p.m."

Abundance of New Programming on the Horizon for Seniors

Western Avenue Community Center is bringing new opportunities for senior citizen programming to our facility and beyond.

In addition to the "Fun Fridays with Freddie" program, it will

also include upcoming affordable outings and field trips. A free Speaking Series sponsored by Evergreen Senior Living Community is also in the works.

The senior citizens' Fall Fest Dinner and

Dance featuring the Heartland Jazz Orchestra will be held on Monday, October 17th from 5:30- 8:30 p.m.

The Senior Computer Tutor sessions will also be held beginning Oct. 26th from 10-11 a.m.

Consider Making a Donation to WACC this Holiday Season

Whether donating your time and energy to a specific program such the Violet Espy Food Pantry or the After School Program works for your schedule or simply giving a monetary contribution to Western Avenue Community Center, our staff would like

to take the time to thank you for your efforts.

That being said, this holiday season presents an even greater need of services for many of our clients. If you're looking for a way to get involved, please contact us with your areas of interest in the forefront.

In addition, our annual J.O.Y (Just Our Youth) letter will also be mailed in the coming weeks. With a successful response last year, please keep in mind that your monetary donation is tax deductible as WACC is a 501(c)(3) organization. Thank you!

Summer Camp Sessions a Success for Students

Twenty-five middle school children enjoyed six weeks of camp this summer at Western Avenue's Play! Create! Lead! Summer Camp. Four staff and three ISU student volunteers led campers in three 2-week sessions.

During the first session, Play!, students learned and practiced the fundamentals of baseball and golf. They also took a road trip to St. Louis to see the Cardinals play.

For the second session, Create!, students created original art projects and learned about musical theatre. Artist Peg Shea led the art portion of the program and local dance studio owner Katrina Lain directed the drama portion.

To celebrate their achievements during this session, the kids hosted an art show and performed parts of the musical, "Fame" for friends and family. During this

session campers and staff had the opportunity to host a cook-out for Western Avenue's senior citizens group.

Campers also enjoyed swimming, bowling, movies and visits to Splash Down Water Park and Wildlife Prairie Park. For



session three, Lead!, campers developed leadership skills and reviewed their math and reading skills for the coming school year.

A local leadership trainer led the campers in team-building and problem-solving activities, and then he challenged them on the ropes course at Timber Pointe. At the end of the session campers

and staff celebrated a great summer of camp with a trip to Six Flags!

A "Shakespeare Camp" was directed by WACC Board Member and ISU faculty member Dick Folse. Another group of our LINC youth were hosted for "Evenings at Ewing Castle" with picnics on the lawn and several Shakespeare theatre presentations. They were guests of a group of ISU mentors also arranged by Folse.

A camp for our Hispanic youth was directed by Socorro Alvarez and her IWU interns. This group met every Friday for planned educational and recreational activities as well as field trips.

Through our summer program, campers were blessed to engage in recreational, fine art, leadership, and academic activities that positively transformed their academic, social, spiritual and character development.

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A Big 'Thank You' to Our WACC Summer Camp Donors

Western Avenue Community Center would like to thank the donors and volunteers who sponsored our successful Summer Day Camp this year; Second Presbyterian Church for providing their wonderful facility.

Peg Shea for leading our art classes. Katrina Lain for coordinating our drama and dance performances. Corporate Donor: Morris

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Terry & Kathleen Tosh





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Western Avenue Community Center Business Hours

Monday- Thursday
10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Friday
10 a.m.- noon

Western Avenue Community Center Phone List

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT WESTERN AVENUE

October

October 13th- Seniors Glen
Oak Zoo trip, 9 a.m.

October 16th- LINC Open
House 1-5 p.m.

October 17th- Senior Citizen
Fall Fest. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

October 21st- Seniors Rader
Farms trip

October 24th- B.A.R.T begins,
4-5 p.m.

October 26th- Senior Com-
puter Tutor, 10-11 a.m.

October 28th- Senior Hallow-
een Party

October 29th- Mystery Dinner,
6 p.m.

October 31st- Senior Com-
puter Tutor, 10-11 a.m.

November

November 7th- Senior Com-
puter Tutor, 10-11 a.m.

November 9th- Senior Com-
puter Tutor, 10-11 a.m.

November 11th- Seniors Festi-
val of Trees outing

November 14th- LINC Basket-
ball League begins

November 16th- Senior Com-
puter Tutor, 10-11 a.m.

November 23rd, 24th, and
25th- Office Closed

December

December 9th- ISU Poverty
Simulation, 8- 3:30 p.m.

December 10th- ISU Holiday
Helper, After School Party

December 12th- Senior
Christmas Party, 5:30- 8:30
p.m.

December 23rd, 26th- Office
Closed