



# **PATH-O-GRAM**

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**January 30, 2012**

**FREE FITNESS EQUIPMENT** - S.O.A.R. has some used fitness equipment that it is looking to donate to a non-profit organization. The equipment consists of 3 weight machines, an exercise bike and a Nordic Trac. If interested, please contact Diana Nicol at [dnicol@cityblm.org](mailto:dnicol@cityblm.org) or (309) 434-2405.

**Drug Therapy for Alzheimer's Presentation** - Sugar Creek Alzheimer's Special Care Center invites you to attend a presentation with local pharmacist Dave Wegman. Mr. Wegman has many years of experience in the field of pharmacology. He would love to share his knowledge regarding drug therapy for Alzheimer's disease. This includes a history of what has been done, current therapies, and what is coming in the future. This event will be held on Thursday, January 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We are located at 505 East Vernon in Normal. Please RSVP to Stacy at (309) 451-300.

### **Money Smart Week**

Be sure to mark your calendar for Money Smart Week, April 21-28, 2012. Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

The following are ways you can become involved:

1. Attend classes during Money Smart Week. Dates, times, locations will be available later through the media and in a printed calendar of events brochure.
2. Become a partner by:
  - A. Offering a space to hold a class.
  - B. Becoming a speaker to share financial information with children or adults. These classes must be educational in nature and relate to improving knowledge of personal finances, from basic saving tips to advanced money management strategies. Classes are generally 50 minutes in length but can be longer if the speaker requests.

To become a partner, contact Charlotte Talkington, curriculum chair, by January 20 at [moneysmartweekb.n@gmail.com](mailto:moneysmartweekb.n@gmail.com).

### **Free Adult Education Classes in McLean County**

The GED Adult Literacy Program at 905 N. Main Street, Normal, is accepting students for free GED, Pre-GED, English as a Second Language, and Learn to Read classes. There is no cost to students for these classes. Classes meet mornings, afternoons, and evenings, 2-4 times per week for 3 hours.

To enroll in GED, Pre-GED, and Learn to Read classes, students must complete registration and assessment session. Appointments can be made for the Monday 5:30 P.M. or Tuesday 1:00 P.M. registration times by calling the Adult Literacy Office Normal (309-888-9884). Those wishing to register for English as a Second Language classes can also call the GED/Adult Literacy Office Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

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**FREE!!! PARENT EXPO** – Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 801 S. Madison St., Bloomington, IL

Parents and caregivers of kids from birth to age 12 are invited to attend. Attend one or more FREE parent education sessions and learn about community resources during this family-centered day, just for parents.

Information session topics include:

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| *Bully-Proofing Your Child | *Study Skills    | *Childhood Obesity       |
| *Love and Logic®           | *Cooking for Fun | *Parents Right to Say NO |
| *Sports Injuries           | *Power of Play   | *Early Literacy          |

Child care is provided for children three years and over at no charge with reservations. Call Aly at 834-5266 for child care reservations by 2/10/12. Limited Spaces are Available.

### **MONEY SMART KID ESSAY CONTEST**

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and its partner organizations present the “Money Smart Kid Essay Contest.” The contest is presented in partnership with Money Smart Week Bloomington-Normal taking place April 21-28.

Students in grades 6-8 are encouraged to answer the Money Smart Question below with an essay of 500 words or less. Five finalists will be interviewed and selected to attend the Money Smart Kick-Off event in April. One student will be named this year’s “Money Smart Kid.” The winner will be awarded a \$ 2,000 scholarship sponsored by CEFUCU, and the runners-up will each receive recognition and prizes.

The 2012 Money Smart Question is: Decision Making & Money – Give an example of when it is wise to borrow money and when it is not. What factors do you need to consider to help you make a responsible choice? Please be sure to discuss the concepts of decision-making and opportunity cost in your answer.

Essays must be submitted online at [www.pantagraph.com/moneysmart](http://www.pantagraph.com/moneysmart) February 1-29, 2012. All essays become the property of the Money Smart Week Committee and may be used by Committee members to promote financial literacy. (Essays will be judged on how well the question is answered, not the number of topics addressed.)

The next **Parent Café** will be Tuesday, January 31, 2012. 5:30 – 8:00 pm at Oakdale Elementary School, 601 S Adelaide in Normal. For more information on Parent Café’s visit [http://www.strengtheningfamiliesillinois.org/index.php/main/content/category/parent\\_cafes/](http://www.strengtheningfamiliesillinois.org/index.php/main/content/category/parent_cafes/)

To make your reservation, please call Kayla (309) 557-1065 or email [Klefler@thebabyfold.org](mailto:Klefler@thebabyfold.org).

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**Ready to purchase your own home??** The time is **NOW!** We are recruiting for Build Group 6. Get your application in before it is too late.....we only have **2 spots left!**

Self Help housing is a process in which the borrower contributes labor toward their home with the technical assistance of YouthBuild McLean County and qualifies for a government loan through USDA Rural Development

In contributing labor families build sweat equity in their new homes, substantially lowering the cost of homeownership. No down payment is required for this program. To find out more details, view a video on the process, & fill out an application please visit us online at:

[http://www.youthbuildmcleancounty.org/joomla15/index.php?view=article&catid=1%3Alatest&id=67%3Aself-help-application-instructions&option=com\\_content&Itemid=2](http://www.youthbuildmcleancounty.org/joomla15/index.php?view=article&catid=1%3Alatest&id=67%3Aself-help-application-instructions&option=com_content&Itemid=2)

Eligible applicants must be working or self-employed. Families or individuals must have strong positive rental history and meet specific credit guidelines. A certified housing counselor will meet with you individually to review specific qualifications. If credit repair is needed YouthBuild also can guide families through this process free of charge.

If you would prefer to pick up an application please visit us at YouthBuild McLean County (360 Wylie Drive, Suite 305 Normal, IL 61761).

For questions contact **Liz Franz:** [selfhelp@youthbuildmcleancounty.org](mailto:selfhelp@youthbuildmcleancounty.org)

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month** and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois has many resources available to you to help you plan community awareness events and activities. View the [Community Packet](#) for helpful information, resources and ideas. Your community awareness event is important and we invite you to add it to our [statewide prevention calendar](#) or by downloading this [form](#) and faxing it the Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Office at (217) 522.0655 or visit our [website](#) to add events yourself. Submission deadline is February 17, 2012. Submit early! See what is already on the [prevention calendar!](#) Questions call 217.522.1129.

### ***BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL CELEBRATES 20 YEARS***

The Club will host an anniversary party on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Irvin Neighborhood Center located at 1615 W. Illinois Street.

The Club opened its doors on February 11, 1992, and 22 youth joined that initial day. Very special thanks to the Bloomington Housing Authority and members of the Community Task Force for taking the lead to open the doors in the John Kane Homes.

The evening will consist of a party and dance with Board member Tony Jones as the DJ... food, giveaways, special recognition... lots of fun for everyone to commemorate this time of growth and opportunity for the youth of our community.

An extra special call - we want Club Alumni to attend and share old memories from your time in the Club. Contact Laura Duvendack at the Boys & Girls Club or visit the Club's website at [www.bgcb-n.org](http://www.bgcb-n.org) or visit the Facebook page for additional details about the event. The Chamber of Commerce will host a Ribbon Cutting on Thursday February 9, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. at the Club location.

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The **Human Service Council** will be meeting on **February 14<sup>th</sup>** at LIFE Center for Independent Living, 2201 Eastland Drive Suite 1, In Bloomington. Our Speaker will be Molly Casteel, from the Chestnut Family Health Center, a new facility which is designed to take families who use Medicaid. Come and learn about a useful resource for many in the community and share a relaxing, yet informative time with fellow human service professionals.

**The First Book McLean County Local Advisory Board (LAB) is currently accepting book grant applications for 2012.** To qualify for a book grant, applicants must be a tutoring, mentoring, Title I or Title I eligible School, Head Start or family literacy program that works with children from low-income families.

**A grant application workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 3:30 pm** at the Regional Office of Education at 905 North Main Street, Normal, IL. To register for the workshop or if you have any questions please contact Sheila Diaz, Applications Chair of First Book–McLean County at 309-888-9884 ext. 247 or [sdiaz@roe17.org](mailto:sdiaz@roe17.org). **Grant applications are due March 3, 2012.**

First Book is a national nonprofit organization with a single mission: to provide low-income children with their first new books. First Book McLean County is comprised of local volunteers from all sectors of the community who work to promote and facilitate the distribution of new books to literacy programs in McLean County through existing community-based educational programs. All books distributed by First Book are provided at no cost to the child or program. For more information about First Book, please visit [www.firstbook.org](http://www.firstbook.org).

## ***Fundraising Opportunities:***

The Child Protection Network (Children's Advocacy Center & CASA) presents:

**Just Kids at Heart ~ Blue Kids Benefit 2012** (formerly known as TIPaVIP)

Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the Marriott Hotel 5-9p.m.

Plated Dinner, Silent & Live Auctions, Raffles, Games

Tickets available - \$65. Call 309-888-5656

**Eat at Noodles & Co (South Main location) on Valentine's Day and Homes of Hope**, Inc. will receive 10% of sales from 4-9 p.m. Treat your Valentine to a delicious meal and help a wonderful organization! Homes of Hope provides quality living to adults with developmental disabilities. Be sure to mention Homes of Hope when you order! To learn more about Homes of Hope, check out our website: [www.homesofhopeinc.org](http://www.homesofhopeinc.org). See you at Noodles on Feb 14, 2012 from 4-9!

Faith in Action (FIA) of Bloomington-Normal is hosting the annual **Heart of Faith Gala** Saturday, February 11 at the Parke Hotel & Conference Center. This annual event begins at 6:00 and includes a

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cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, live and silent auctions and live entertainment. Tickets are \$50 per person. Reservations may be made by calling FIA at 309-827-7780, or going to [www.bnfia.org](http://www.bnfia.org). Auction items include passes to the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Georgia, a hearing aid from Hometown Hearing & Audiology, autographed jerseys from Mike Ditka, Paul Hornung, and Bob Gibson, and many fabulous homemade food items, including dinners, desserts, and appetizers.

The "Music of the Heart" themed gala will raise funds to support FIA so the organization can continue providing services for seniors age 60 and older in the Bloomington-Normal area in order to keep them independent in their homes. FIA is an interfaith non-profit which currently serves 350 seniors with 250 volunteers with no federal, state, or grant funding. Their primary services include rides to medical appointments and grocery shopping, friendly visitors, reassuring phone calls, and light home maintenance. According to Director Linda Bollivar, "FIA relies totally on the support of our local congregations, individuals, and community organizations. The gala is our major fundraiser, and is essential for us to be able to provide services free of charge to seniors in Bloomington-Normal."

## ***Employment Opportunities:***

**Administrative Assistant** - The Ecology Action Center is seeking a part-time administrative assistant. This position is responsible for recurring book keeping and filing tasks to include paying bills, submitting invoices, processing of receipts, and making deposits, among other duties. The administrative assistant will be paid hourly and will work approximately 10 hours a week. Must be experienced with Quickbooks and Microsoft Office, have good organization and communication skills, and exhibit professionalism. Position is open until filled.

Apply by completing the application at [http://ecologyactioncenter.org/doc/EAC\\_Employment\\_Application.pdf](http://ecologyactioncenter.org/doc/EAC_Employment_Application.pdf) and submitting it with a resume to: Michael Brown, Ecology Action Center, 202 W College Ave, Normal, IL 61761

### **MARCFIRST JOB OPENING**

**FOOD PRODUCTION MANGER:** Responsible for all aspects of the kitchen including quality, sanitation and inspections. Will maintain inventories, schedules for deliveries, cost control, train and supervise staff. Applicant must possess a valid Illinois Driver's License with driving record in good standings.

**HOURS:** Full time position – Hours vary, days, evenings, nights, weekends and holidays.

**EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:**

High school diploma

Mathematical and reading skills

Restaurant or management experience

Licensed for Food Service Sanitation through the Public Health Department.

Contact Sara Reeves at 309-451-8888 or [sarareeves@marcfirst.org](mailto:sarareeves@marcfirst.org) for additional information.

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