

**Appendix F**

**Series I**

**Mt. Zion Region News**

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

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Wednesday, October 1, 2014

### Punt, Pass and Kick Competition On September 13

Don't miss your chance to compete at an NFL game! On Saturday, September 13, boys and girls between the ages of 8 – 15 can show off their football skills at Punt, Pass & Kick, presented by the Decatur Park District. The free event will be held at the Fairview Park baseball diamond with registration/check-in from 8:30 – 9 a.m. and division competitions beginning at 9 a.m. Winners will advance to sectionals, and finalists may win a chance to compete during an NFL game! For more information, call Gabby Cliff at 429-7750.

**Punt, Pass & Kick Competition**  
Date: Saturday, September 13  
Time: Check-in, 8:30 – 9 a.m.  
Competition, 9 a.m.  
Fee: Free  
Location: Fairview Park baseball diamond

### School Menus for the Week of September 15-19

- September 15- Mini corn dogs or chef salad w/crackers and ranch dressing, baked beans, pineapple, milk-variety
- September 16-Salisbury steak w/hot roll or string cheese and crackers, mashed potatoes and gravy,peaches, milk-variety
- September 17-Pepperoni pizza or turkey and cheese sandwich,mini carrots w/ranch dressing,applesauce, milk-variety
- September 18- Fish sticks w/tartar sauce or chef salad w/crackers and ranch dressing,green beans,pears, milk-variety
- September 19- Chicken patty on bun or yogurt and graham crackers, lettuce salad w/ranch dressing,grapes, milk-variety
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- September 19- Chicken patty on bun or turkey and cheese sandwich, lettuce salad w/ranch dressing,grapes, milk-variety
- Grades 7-12
- September 15- Mini corn dogs or grilled chicken on bun, baked beans, pineapple, milk-variety
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- September 17-Pepperoni pizza or hot ham and cheese,mini carrots w/ranch dressing,applesauce, milk-variety
- September 18-Fish sticks w/tartar sauce or popcorn chicken,green beans,pears, milk-variety
- September 19- Chicken patty on bun or meatballs on sub bun, lettuce salad w/ranch dressing,grapes, milk-variety

### Majestic Hall Senior Menus for September 15-19

- September 15- BLT sandwich, sweet potato fries, cottage cheese, cabbage salad, soy nuts, applesauce
  - September 16- Chicken and vegetable casserole, peas, fruit cocktail, pound cake w/strawberries
  - September 17- Turkey Caesar wrap, mixed greens, tomato/mozzarella salad, melon, peanuts, fruit cobbler
  - September 18- Taco salad w/tortilla chips, pinto beans, spanish rice, pineapple
  - September 19- Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, Normandy blend vegetables, fruit w/jello, orange
- Please call the DMCC office at 428-4148 to make your 24 hour in advance reservation. A \$3.00 donation for ages 60 and over is appreciated. Participants under the age of 60 will be required to contribute \$5.21 (congregate) and \$6.51 home meal. LINK cards are accepted—please call the Nutrition Office to set up.

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Learn more at FaradayTransmission.com or call (877) 655-2349

### If Your Child Is Disabled, Social Security Can Help

By Gerald Tilley, Social Security District Manager in Decatur, IL  
Cancer is a terrible disease that, although sometimes beatable, can strike a blow to anyone unfortunate enough to face it. It is especially difficult to see children struck by cancer. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, designated to bring attention to the types of cancer that largely affect children. About 13,000 children under age 21 receive cancer diagnoses every year. About a quarter of them will not survive. Those who do will likely suffer with the disease for some time. While Social Security cannot help with the cure, we can offer financial support to children with cancer—or any other severe disability. If your child has cancer or another disabling condition, and if your family has low income and few resources, you may be able to get Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, for your child. If you are receiving retirement or disability benefits,

your child may be eligible for Social Security disability insurance when he or she turns age 18 as a “Disabled Adult Child.” To receive SSI or disability insurance benefits, your child’s condition must be expected to last for at least 12 continuous months or result in death. For both Social Security and SSI, you will need to file an application for disability benefits. A good place to start is by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability) and selecting the “Disability Starter Kit” under “Apply for Benefits.” There, you’ll find a “Child Disability Starter Kit” that includes a factsheet to answer your questions, a link to the

“Child Disability Report” for you to complete, a checklist for your in-office interview with a Social Security representative, and a “Medical and School Worksheet.” A printable version of the “Child Starter Kit” is available. Although going through the disability decision process and obtaining disability benefits may not help your child get well, the financial support can alleviate some of the stress. And the time to get started is now. To learn more, view, print, or listen to an audio version of our publication, Benefits For Children With Disabilities by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

### Entrepreneurship Speaker Series Continued From Page 3

Treat University Center  
Topic: Entrepreneurship, inequality and inflation.  
For more information on the speaker series or the Millikin Institute for Science Entrepreneurship, contact Dr. David Horn at 217.424.6392, via e-mail at [dhorn@millikin.edu](mailto:dhorn@millikin.edu) or visit [millikin.edu/InstituteForScienceEntrepreneurship](http://millikin.edu/InstituteForScienceEntrepreneurship).

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### Stashing Treasure For Retirement Island

By Gerald Tilley, Social Security District Manager in Decatur, IL

Ahoy, matey! Hoist the sails and prepare to cast away — for International Talk Like a Pirate Day! The September 19 holiday caught wind in its sails when Dave Barry highlighted it in his nationally syndicated column in 2002. Who wouldn't want to run a rig and spend a day talking like a pirate?

If ye plan to find yer land legs and spend a few retirement years ashore (instead of continuing to work until yer time comes to walk the plank), then drop anchor at this website: [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). There be gold in them webpages.

If a pirate's life is for ye, chances are ye've got some buried treasure waiting for ye in retirement — especially if ye

paid yer Social Security tax along the way. Social Security retirement benefits serve as yer Letter of Marque when it comes to a comfortable retirement. But just how much can ye expect at the rope's end of yer career?

X marks the spot at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator). Parlay with the Retirement Estimator to dig up how much you can expect in monthly retirement bounty. It's quicker and easier than an act of piracy. Just carve in your basic information and the Retirement Estimator will have you cheering "yo ho ho!" A bit of navigation with the Retirement Estimator can help make your Retirement Island a Treasure Island.

All the doubloons ye may have thought were being

hornswaggled from you during your working years were actually marooned on your retirement island. The treasure map to retirement is at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Apply for benefits in minutes from the comfort of your own bunk.

Not savvy to English? You'll find information and pubs (that's publications, me hearties, not rum stashes) in other languages at Social Security's Multilingual Gateway: [www.socialsecurity.gov/multilanguage](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/multilanguage).

Shiver me timbers, there be more treasures at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) than in all the seven seas. Get yer Social Security business taken care of on International Talk Like a Pirate Day or any other day. And a hearty Arg to ye!

### College Tax Credits Continued From Page 6

each student. Also, the lifetime learning credit does not provide a benefit to people who owe no tax.

Though the half-time student requirement does not apply to the lifetime learning credit, the course of study must be either part of a post-secondary degree program or taken by the student to maintain or improve job skills. Other features of the credit include:

Tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance qualify as do other fees required for the course. Additional expenses do not.

The credit equals 20 percent of the amount spent on eligible expenses across all students on the return. That means the full \$2,000 credit is only available to a taxpayer who pays \$10,000 or more in qualifying tuition and fees and has sufficient tax liability.

Income limits are lower than under the American opportunity tax credit. For 2014, the full credit can be claimed by taxpay-

ers whose MAGI is \$54,000 or less. For married couples filing a joint return, the limit is \$108,000. The credit is phased out for taxpayers with incomes above these levels. No credit can be claimed by joint filers whose MAGI is \$128,000 or more and singles, heads of household and some widows and widowers whose MAGI is \$64,000 or more.

You can use the IRS's Interactive Tax Assistant tool to help determine if you are eligible for these benefits. The tool is available on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov). Eligible parents and students can get the benefit of these credits during the year by having less tax taken out of their paychecks. They can do this by filling out a new Form W-4, claiming additional withholding allowances, and giving it to their employer.

There are a variety of other education-related tax benefits that can help many taxpayers. They include:

- Scholarship and fellowship grants — generally tax-free if

used to pay for tuition, required enrollment fees, books and other course materials, but taxable if used for room, board, research, travel or other expenses.

Student loan interest deduction of up to \$2,500 per year.

Savings bonds used to pay for college — though income limits apply, interest is usually tax-free if bonds were purchased after 1989 by a taxpayer who, at time of purchase, was at least 24 years old.

Qualified tuition programs, also called 529 plans, used by many families to prepay or save for a child's college education.

Taxpayers with qualifying children who are students up to age 24 may be able to claim a dependent exemption and the earned income tax credit.

The general comparison table in Publication 970 can be a useful guide to taxpayers in determining eligibility for these benefits. Details can also be found in the Tax Benefits for Education Information Center on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

### School Menus for the Week of September 22-26

- September 22- Pancake sausage sticks or chef salad w/crackers and ranch dressing, carrots, fresh apple slices, milk-variety
- September 23-Nachos or string cheese w/crackers, chips w/red pepper hummus, pears, milk-variety
- September 24- Stuffed crust sausage pizza or turkey and cheese sandwich, corn, peaches, milk-variety
- September 25- Grilled chicken on bun or chef salad w/cracker and ranch dressing, potato smiles, pineapple, milk-variety
- September 26- Mexican pizza or yogurt and graham crackers, lettuce salad w/ranch dressing, fruit cocktail, milk-variety
- Grades 4-6
- September 22- Pancake sausage sticks or chef salad w/crackers and ranch dressing, carrots, fresh apple slices, milk-variety
- September 23-Nachos or chicken bean burrito, red pepper hummus, pears, milk-variety
- September 24- Stuffed crust sausage pizza or hot dog on bun, corn, peaches, milk-variety
- September 25- Grilled chicken on bun or sloppy jo on bun, potato smiles, pineapple, milk-variety
- September 26- Mexican pizza or cheese sticks, lettuce salad w/ranch dressing, fruit cocktail, milk-variety
- Grades 7-12
- September 22- Pancake sausage sticks or cheeseburger, carrots, fresh apple slices, milk-variety
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- September 23- Spaghetti w/meat sauce, peas, bean salad, apricots, cookie
- September 24- Tuna salad sandwich, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, celery sticks, peaches
- September 25- Shepherd's pie, mixed vegetables, slaw, pears
- September 26- Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, lima beans, strawberry pretzel salad
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