

Beecher Festival

Local

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Many different towns and communities celebrate the holidays in unique ways. These include Crete, IL, with the Christmas celebration where many different shops and stores open their doors to different families and children in an attempt to promote their business. Goodenow Grove does many activities in order to celebrate certain seasons

or holidays. Other business do this as well, including the Beecher Farmer's Market.

The Beecher Farmers' Market is holding a Fall Festival on October 27th on 1407 W Church Road in Beecher. It is completely free to attend and run a booth. The event will run from 12 P.M. to 2 P.M. There will be between fifteen and twenty vendors at the event who sell food, Amish canned goods, wooden signs and furniture, patriotic decor, and all natural cosmetics made with

various essential oils. Last year was the first year for this Trunk-or-Treat, and over 200 children went. If you are interested in decorating your vehicle for this event, you can contact the event organizers through the Beecher Farmer's Market Facebook page.

Some other events being put on by the Beecher Farmers' Market this month, such as, a regular Farmers' Market on October thirteenth. They are also holding a Thankful Market on November 17th, which is a

Thanksgiving themed Farmers Market and their Christmas market on December fifteenth. Both are held in the same location, but indoors. These holiday markets are new this year, and have already had an overwhelming response from families who plan to attend.

The Beecher Farmers Market operates on second and fourth Saturdays of each month June through October. They are looking for produce vendors or any other vendors that "fit the traditional Farmers Mar-



ket mold." Anyone wanting to get involved can contact the Beecher Farmers Market through their Facebook page.

Breast Cancer Awareness

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Diagnosis

Doctors use a variety of testing methods to find or diagnose breast cancer. Some of these methods include: breast ultrasound, mammograms, MRIs, or biopsies. If breast cancer is diagnosed, further tests are done to check if the cancer has spread to other parts of the breast or metastasized to other parts of the body. The stage and kind of breast cancer determine the treatment an individual could need.

Treatment

After the cancer is

diagnosed and the stage and kind are determined, doctors can either schedule a surgery to remove the cancer tissue or suggest alternatives, such as: Chemotherapy, Hormonal therapy, Biological therapy, or Radiation therapy. The doctor will be able to explain both the risks and benefits of each treatment to ensure that each patient is comfortable with their treatment options.

If you or a loved one you know have symptoms of breast cancer, contact your family doctor immediately to check your breast health because it is best treated when it is discovered at its earliest stage.

United States

Sojourn Therapeutic Riding
Center and Equine Center

Volunteers are needed to work on
Saturdays and Sundays for two
hours between 9:00 and 3:00.
They will be working with
children and adults with
disabilities who ride horses.

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Frankfort IL



Poaching Epidemic in Botswana

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In the African country of Botswana, the elephant population is going extinct. This is significantly caused by extreme levels of poaching. Elephants are highly sought after due to their ivory trunks, which can be used to make anything from minor decorations to specialized equipment for airplanes and radar. This has caused a widespread decimation of the wild population of African elephants. Despite ivory bans in places such as China, the United States, and the European Union, there is still a high demand for it all around the world.

The wild population of African elephants went from 20 million before European colonization to 1.3 million after 1979. The poaching resulted in the near

extinction of these animals in Angola and Zambia. In a recent survey conducted by Elephants Without Borders, a charity dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and natural resources, have found over 90 elephant carcasses in Botswana in recent years, changing the long held idea that Botswana is a safe haven for these creatures. This was due to Botswana's anti-poaching unit, which was recently disarmed when their government took away all military equipment from the Department of Wildlife and National Parks. This left over 130,000 elephants unprotected. Elephants Without Borders expects this number to go up soon because they are currently in the middle of surveying Botswana. Thato Raphaka, Botswana's Secretary of Land Management,

Water, and Sanitation Services, responded to the E.W.B charity, stating that only 53 elephant carcasses had been reported to the government, not 90. Raphaka also mentioned that the majority of those elephants died of natural causes.

Poaching doesn't just affect the elephants, however. A major part of Botswana's income is tourism, and many tourists come to witness the versatile wildlife the country has to offer. The poaching of elephants takes away the motivation for tourists to visit Botswana, hurting it's economy.

The poaching epidemic in Botswana affects everyone, and needs to be resolved. Through organizations such as Elephants Without Borders, we can donate to help elephants around the world.

World

NASA Rover to the Sun

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On August 12, 2018, NASA launched its first probe to the sun. The probe, named the Parker Solar Probe, was launched from Cape Canaveral Air Base in Florida. The non-manned shuttle sits at just over ten feet tall and was nearly six decades in the making. Not only is this the first probe to be sent to the sun, it is also

the first craft to be named after a living individual. The probe was named in honor of astrophysicist Eugene Parker, who proposed the theory of solar winds. Solar winds are the same winds that the Parker probe has been sent to study. "We need to monitor the winds," says Parker, "as we send man and machine deeper into space we need to understand where it is we're sending them into. Solar winds have become a major factor of space travel, so we need to understand them, as well as, the rays and solar energy from the sun."

The probe is well prepared for its journey to the sun. It's covered in over five inches of carbon composite fiber able to withstand heat up to 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit. The probe will travel only 3.7 million miles away from the sun at



a speed of 450,000 miles per hour. That's like someone from Philadelphia traveling to Washington D.C. in one second. It's expected that the probe will orbit the sun 24 times and return back to Earth sometime in 2025. The mission costed NASA a total of 1.5 billion dollars, but according to Parker, "It'll be well worth the wait and the price tag that comes with it."

