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Notice Something New?

Connections Magazine has undergone a slight make-over, bringing you even more news from your community. We are introducing two new features to bring the community closer to you. Turn to page 4 to check out our new From the Top column which will feature a different community leader each issue. This issue’s From the Top column features Village of Antioch Trustee, Jerry Johnson. Jerry served in the past on the Antioch Parks Commission and was the Trustee Liaison for the Parks and Public Works Departments. He also shares insights into what drives him, his favorite movie and a story about Chicago Bears legend, Brian Urlacher.

On page 34, you’ll find Community Capture, photos from around the community. This issue’s Community Capture features a moment during the Antioch Community High School Homecoming Parade and Bonfire Celebration. We are inviting the community to share images they “capture.” If you have a moment that represents our community, please email it to us at connections@chsd117.org.

Happy reading!

Connections, a quarterly magazine in publication since 2015, is a collaborative effort among several taxpayer-supported organizations to keep residents informed about news and events in Antioch, Lake Villa, and Lindenhurst. We appreciate your feedback. Please send comments or questions to connections@chsd117.org.

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“My four sisters, brother and myself grew up with all my mother’s Italian heritage and traditions. We were taught the importance of family and friends, sharing togetherness through all times, good and bad, and the joy of eating and laughter (and how that brings us all together). The smells of Sunday dinner cooking still are just amazing. My family is very important to me and I am very proud of what we share.

My family instilled in me a commitment to the community, and how we can make a difference. Serving my Antioch community feels like an extension of ‘family’ to me. I’m thankful to serve.”

It might surprise you to know...
I produced a horror movie in 2008, “The Chauffeur,” that premiered at Gurnee Mills Marcus Theatre. It was featured in an article in the Daily Herald, and filmed throughout the county, mostly in Lake Villa.

I also once played against Brian Urlacher, Chicago Bears pro football Hall of Famer in a Pop-a-Shot basketball shooting contest. I participated in a charity basketball game with The Harlem Ambassadors and scored a basket.

I am an extremely social person who loves to meet and talk with people. I enjoy learning about people, sharing and voicing opinions and a good debate. I’m also a great listener and like to take everything in with decision-making. I’m a graduate of Antioch High School; our 30th reunion is this year. I played football and baseball, and was a member of the Math Club.

Education/Occupation
DePaul University graduate and business owner/entrepreneur.

Favorite Sports Teams
I am a HUGE Chicago White Sox fan and Chicago Bears fan. I’m a season ticket-holder for the Sox.

Favorite Free-time Activity
When I have free time, I like to work out, spend time outdoors, and do activities with my two dogs, Zuko (Italian Mastiff) and Zane (French Bulldog). I also like to travel.

Favorite Food
I strive to eat a low-fat, healthy diet with mostly steak, fish and chicken. My favorite “cheat day” food is pizza.

Favorite Movie
My favorite movie is JAWS. The film score (music) just gets you!

Favorite Quote/Inspirational Message
“The bad news is time flies. The good news is, you’re the pilot.”

Greatest Lesson I’ve Learned
If I fail, I want to make sure I can look myself in the mirror and blame myself. I do not want my failures to be because of someone else. And when I “fall off that horse,” I make sure I get right back on and try again.
Enjoy Winter

Embrace the Season in Antioch

• KRINGLE’S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE •
On display the day after Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Browse in warmth and awe indoors, with a self-guided, at-your-own-pace view of dozens of oversized shadowboxes with scenes rivaling some of the best display windows anywhere. Each display is filled with miniature fun of the holidays. FREE. Suitable for all ages.

Antioch Shopping Plaza on Orchard Street
(just down from Piggly Wiggly, opposite end, past restaurants)

• DICKENS HOLIDAY VILLAGE •
On display the night after Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day
Olde England comes alive in downtown Antioch with life-like figures representing scenes from the Dickens era. Experience this unique, volunteer public art exhibit while strolling the streets. Browse the shops, too. FREE. Suitable for all ages.

NEW: Begin your experience at the Dickens Welcome Center.
Enjoy Dickens-style hospitality with a free walking tour brochure and learn about the Dickens Holiday Village.

Sidewalk Displays throughout Downtown Antioch (outdoors, available 24/7)
Dickens Welcome Center at Hannah’s on Lake Street (during regular business hours)

Hosted by the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Raymond Auto Group.

Happy Holidays • Discover more: antioch.il.gov and antiochchamber.org
Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center Opens

The Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center had its official building dedication on September 23rd, 2019. The Early Learning Center was named in honor of Mary Kay McNeill who joined Antioch School District 34 in 1979 as a junior high teacher at Antioch Upper Grade School (AUGS). In 1992 Mary Kay became the first female principal in District 34 and served as a school leader for 20 years, splitting her time between Antioch Elementary School and at W.C. Petty. Following her retirement from Antioch School District 34, she was elected to Antioch District 34 School Board of Education from 2013-2017. Mary Kay also served on the Antioch Public Library Board of Trustees. To honor Mary Kay’s passion for libraries, reading, and children, each child at the Early Learning Center will receive a book on their birthday, a tradition that Mary Kay began so many years ago.

The Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center provides educational services to the youngest children and their families of Antioch School District 34. Beginning with our Birth to 3 preventative program, families who qualify are provided in home services to assist families with knowledge of age-appropriate child development, improved parent capacity, parenting practices, and parent-child relationships. In addition, our Birth to 3 families have the opportunity to participate in Group Connections where they come together and engage in a variety of activities such as nature walks, read alouds at the library, and science nights. Programming continues for children ages 3-5 through our Preschool for All (PFA) program. Our Preschool for All program provides two and a half hours of high-quality teaching and learning designed to foster social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development so that our children can achieve success in school and in later life. The Preschool for All program has 5 major components including: (1) Developmental screening and referral, (2) Educational program using research-based curriculum, (3) Parent education and involvement (4) Community collaboration, and (5) Certified staff and professional development.
The Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center also provides services for students ages 3-5 with developmental delays and who are eligible for special education services. Following an evaluation, our early childhood assessment team (ECAT) as well as the child’s parents work together to develop an individualized educational plan where they identify the specially designed instruction and related services the child needs to foster social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth.

If you have a child between the ages of 0-3 or between 3-5 and would like to schedule a screening to determine if you qualify for preventive services or preschool services, please contact us.

Students and staff at Antioch Upper Grade School are spending more time this year with independent, self-selected reading in an effort to build stronger reading skills. Students have set personal goals and many are truly enjoying the time they are given in class to read books of their choosing as they work towards reaching their goals.

Middle-school students often need recommendations of what books to read. Teachers have implemented different ways this year to share suggestions. Bitmoji posters were created for staff members to display what books they are currently reading in an entertaining way. Some classrooms have extended this idea by creating posters for students to display their novel choices as well. Other teachers have bulletin boards flooded with pictures of popular titles for middle-schoolers to read. In addition, a webpage called Warrior Reads was created where teachers post suggested titles with ratings as they finish reading novels they wish to recommend to students. This webpage can be found under the teacher webpages tab for Antioch Upper Grade School at the bottom in the library section. Feel free to take a look!

Students are not the only ones increasing the amount of their independent reading. Teachers are as well. A school wide reading chain is displayed in the library to show the entire school’s progress.

According to Judy Newman, president of Scholastic Book Clubs, “The most critical skill for success in school or in life is the ability to read well. Reading is the only way to build usable vocabulary because in books, words are written in a context, with meaning and nuance. You need to build your vocabulary over time by reading. Once you have a strong, dynamic vocabulary you can translate your thoughts and ideas (and hopes and dreams), and communicate them to others.” Increasing self-selected, independent reading time is just one way to show how AUGS is fully committed to fostering continuous improvement in their students’ reading skills to help ensure their academic success.
Students in grades K-8 have started their journey with District 34’s new science curricular tool, Amplify Science. Amplify Science is rich with hands-on investigations, cross-curricular connections and interactive technology. Each unit of Amplify Science engages students in a relevant, real-world problem where they investigate scientific phenomena, engage in collaboration and discussion, and develop models or explanations in order to arrive at solutions. The program has students reading, writing, making a claim, providing evidence and thinking like real scientists and engineers through a phenomena-based approach.

Kindergarten students plant radish seeds for a hands-on learning opportunity. They document their growth using observation journals, all while learning about the parts of the plant and how each plays a role in the plant’s growth and ability to live.

First grade classes study how animal and plant defenses can be used to meet basic survival needs. Students work on gathering evidence to help the aquarium director answer questions about Spruce the Sea Turtle, who will be released back to the wild. Using evidence they collect throughout the unit, students create models of sea creature defenses.

Third graders participate in a balancing forces unit. Students investigate how it is possible for a train to float. Students are challenged to figure out how floating a train works in order to explain it to the citizens of a city called Faraday. Students developed models of how the train rises, floats, and then falls back to the track, and then write an explanation of how the train works.

Fifth graders play the role of astronomers. Students help a team of archaeologists figure out what the missing piece of a recently discovered artifact might have depicted. They soon learn that the ancient artifact depicts what was seen in the sky at different times—the sun during the daytime and different stars during the night time.
Lexia Core 5 Reading Begins in Antioch District 34

All students in Kindergarten through fifth grade in District 34 now have the opportunity to use Lexia Core5 Reading! Lexia Core5 Reading is a fun computer-based program that has helped millions of students. The activities in Lexia Core5 Reading support and build on the classroom curriculum and focus on developing reading skills in six areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Students begin Lexia Core5 Reading at a starting point that fits his or her needs and work in online activities throughout the week. The online activities include direct instruction and feedback as students learn new skills. Student progress and performance in the program is reported so teachers can provide help when needed. Lexia Core5 Reading also provides targeted lessons for teachers to use with students who are struggling and paper-and-pencil activities that may be done in school or brought home for additional practice. Families may see achievement certificates coming home to celebrate success and to show progress in the program.

The students and teachers in District 34 have had a very positive response to the program. The students love to have choice in their learning. They are motivated to hit their usage and progress targets each week. The teachers love that the reports give them detailed information about how each student is progressing and resources to provide additional instruction when needed. We are very excited to be implementing Lexia Core5 Reading in all of our elementary schools this year!

Social/Emotional Learning: Second Step Resource

Antioch School District 34’s mission is to inspire a passion for learning that empowers all students to achieve personal excellence. This includes educating the whole child, including social/emotional learning. The district began using Second Step as a resource for tier 1 several years ago, fully adopting the program for grades K-8 during the 2018-2019 school year.

According to their website, Second Step is a program rooted in social-emotional learning (SEL) that helps transform schools into supportive, successful learning environments uniquely equipped to encourage children to thrive. More than just a classroom curriculum, Second Step’s holistic approach helps create a more empathetic society by providing education professionals, families, and the larger community with tools to enable them to take an active role in the social-emotional growth and safety of today’s children.

Second Step is used by schools in over 70 countries and reaches more than 15 million students annually, is a longstanding partner in education, and is built on decades of research and experience. Educators turn to Second Step because of its record of results, its commitment to research, and its intuitive programs that are designed with empathy and scalability. Second Step is a comprehensive and sound investment to support improving child safety, readiness to learn, school culture, and academic success.

Second Step gives teachers what they need in a way that makes a real difference, right away. Easily managed lessons and minimized up-front training and prep time allow teachers to buy in to the programs quickly and take their concepts further as SEL champions. Experienced veterans and first-year teachers alike are quick to embrace the intuitive formats, supported and developed through rigorous research and testing. Second Step is successful precisely because it works for teachers.

Dynamic, interactive content and explicit skills instruction are worked into every Second Step lesson to ensure it meets its objective. From beloved puppets and catchy songs during the younger years to candid Real Voices videos for middle schoolers, learning and practicing the skills and concepts taught in Second Step is an enjoyable, memorable experience—one that’s relevant and engaging for every grade level and reaches every learner in the classroom.
Expanding the school day!

As times change, we experience incremental changes in education. One of these changes can be the duration of the school day. Our students are involved in classes and other activities throughout the year, with the majority of their academic classes occurring between 7:30 and 2:50. However, a large number of our students do not leave the building at our dismissal time of 2:50 because they participate in a variety of athletics, clubs, and activities after school.

As we look to grow more academic opportunities for our students, we have decided to offer an inaugural ninth hour class from 2:55 to 3:45. Our Fine Arts department was happy to take on this challenge by running a pilot class based in our Eagle Theater. The class they chose to run was Stagecraft as this group of students already works after school on a daily basis designing, building, and preparing our theater productions. We currently have 15 students taking this class and earning high school credit for their efforts.

Our district mission is to ignite passion and discovery in every student and we do that by providing a variety of opportunities during and after the school day. Our students all have different passions and with our focus on the core academics of English, Math, Social Studies, and Science, little room is afforded in their schedules. Although we offer a plethora of electives during the school day that allow students to explore their passions, we have found that some students want to focus on more than one passion. Expanding our schedule by having a ninth hour class allows our students to take advantage of these courses and helps us ignite passion and discovery in every student.

David B. Newberry
Proud Principal
Lakes Community High School

Those Who Excel

The Illinois State Board of Education annually sponsors Those Who Excel to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to our state’s public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. Excellence, Meritorious Service, and Special Recognition awards are presented in seven categories: classroom teacher, school administrator/principal, student support personnel (licensed), educational service personnel (unlicensed), school board member/community volunteer; team, and early career educator. Congratulations to the following staff that was recognized: Rebecca Holst - Administrator, Ryan Miles - Educational Service Personnel, Nick Schock - Building Support Personnel, Bruce Pagni - Board of Education, Kevin Shifley & Michelle Adams - Team, Stacy Terlep (ACHS) - Early Career Educator, and Mike Gedville - Classroom Teacher. We are proud of the professional and caring staff in the District.
The Girls Cross Country team made history at the IHSA State Meet. In finishing second as a team they became the first program in school history to bring home a team state trophy. The team of Brooke Stromsland, Olivia Schmitt, Madison Perez, Rebecca Runyan, Alex Bryant, Krista Gfesser and Kayla Dieringer scored 177 points which edged out the 3rd place team by 2 points. The team completed a banner season that included a sectional, regional and conference titles. Brooks Stromsland also earned all state in placing 2nd overall.

Five Lakes students, Seniors Jennifer McMahon and Michael Variny, Juniors Dalton Hass, Allison Heuschdmit, and Yumna Ahmed, will be working with Dr. Anirudha V. Sumant, Ph.D., a Materials Scientist at the Center for Nanoscale Materials at Argonne Laboratories on a Superlubricity project, Wear and Friction Studies of Steel vs Steel by Using Graphene as a Lubricant, utilizing nanomaterials. This project will test the friction between steel surfaces when coated with a layer of graphene, with graphite as a comparison lubricant.

Mrs. Stan and the group will visit Argonne Lab on November 13th to get familiar with the tools they will be using and meet Dr. Sumant and the team of scientists guiding them with the project.

In its 9th year, the Exemplary Student Research Program (ESRP) is offered in partnership with Argonne’s Advanced Photon Source (APS), Argonne Education, and numerous beamline staff & scientists.
Highlighting Three Eagles Pursuing Activities Outside of School

Some of our Eagles are so tenacious in their pursuit for excellence that their training and experience happen outside of Lakes.

**Axel Ellis**

Axel, a senior at LCHS, began taking guitar lessons at the age of five. He has been in multiple jazz bands, was a member of the Midwest Young Artists Conservatory (MYAC), and has been the frontman for three extracurricular rock/alternative bands. Ax and the Hatchetmen, his current band, is an eight-piece group of high-schoolers from the Chicagoland area. The band performs at events such as the International Blues Competition held in Memphis and many music festivals in the Chicagoland area. They have made appearances on Chicago’s WGN Radio and TV programs. As a result of winning the Evanston Rocks Battle of the Bands in winter 2018, the band was awarded recording time at Gremlen Studios in Aurora. Working with producer Chris Leonard, the band released their first original single, “Silhouette”.

**Jennifer McMahon**

Jennifer, a senior at LCHS, attended the PENN Summer Medical Program at the University of Pennsylvania’s Perelman School of Medicine in July. Students took classes at UPenn from 9am to 4pm and went on academic field trips while staying in a freshman dorm for four weeks. The lectures were taught by UPenn professors on a variety of topics ranging from Veterinary Behavioral medicine to minorly invasive surgery. Jennifer reflected on her experience, “We would go to different labs, do different procedures, and do projects together in our small groups. We got to perform different dissections, urine analysis, skin biopsies, and so much more. Despite being very academic heavy, I had an endless amount of fun. I got to live like an actual college student. It became a life changing experience that I will never forget.”

**Megan Heuser**

Megan, a junior at LCHS, had a goal: to win a state tennis championship. On October 26, 2019 Megan became the 2019 IHSA Class 1A tennis singles state champion. Megan practices year round at her tennis club at least 3 times a week and on weekends travels all over the country to play in United States Tennis Association (USTA) tournaments. During the 2019 Lakes tennis season Megan was flawless, winning 18 of 18 matches in dominating performances. Going into the sectional she only lost 7 games of the 223 played. The coaches voted her the #1 seed. In the sectional tournament, she did not falter. While playing what would eventually be three other seeded players at state, Megan ran through the competition only losing 2 games out of 50. At the state tournament, in what has to be one of the most dominating performances in state history, Megan won all six matches winning 72 of 77 games. According to Mr. Kurt Rowells, LCHS Athletic Director, Megan played with sportsmanship and class in all 28 matches. Whether playing in a dual meet at home or in the state finals, Megan was sincere, honest, and friendly to all she faced.
Offering Students Flexibility & Options

In late October, our students were able to enjoy a festive Homecoming week, culminating with an exciting parade, bonfire, athletic contests, and a dance. The week prior to Homecoming also witnessed our junior class taking the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exam (PSAT/NMSQT), which can also serve as a practice exam for the Spring SAT. Throughout these two weeks, our students and staff showed an incredible amount of flexibility. We had alternate schedules, different classroom locations, and missing instructional time. Adaptability and flexibility are hallmarks of strong organizations and Antioch Community High School is definitely that. This was verified at the end of October, when the Illinois State Board of Education released the Illinois Interactive Report Card for each school in the state. For the second year in a row, Antioch Community High School was rated as exemplary!

Another hallmark of a strong school is offering options to students. As a district, our mission is to ignite passion and discovery in every student. ACHS offers a comprehensive set of courses across 9 academic departments. In addition to 24 AP offerings (including AP Capstone), we have a robust slate of dual credit courses, world language courses, career and technical education offerings, and fine/applied art classes, as part of over a 125 electives aimed at meeting the needs and interests of our students. We also offer courses during zero hour, which begins at 6:35 a.m. The purpose behind this is to allow students to make more room in their schedule for electives, college requirements, or other classes of interest. Approximately 100 students take advantage of this option and are enrolled in a PE class or AP Biology. By offering these courses at an alternate time, outside of the traditional school day, we are able to expand options for students, furthering our ability to be adaptable and flexible to their needs.

These successes are a credit to our students, staff, and community. Through flexibility, adaptability, and working collaboratively to support our students, we will continue to succeed at high levels. As a school, we are always working on the craft of teaching to make sure that your Sequoit and future Sequoits are receiving the best education possible!

Eric Hamilton
Principal
Antioch Community High School

National Merit Scholarship Honors ACHS Students

Seniors Jack Bay, Marja Lalley, and Charles Smith received the National Merit-Letter of Commendation from the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Congratulations!
Fired Up for Homecoming

Homecoming Week-Friday, October 18, the Homecoming Pep Assembly kicked-off the homecoming week, and the crazies got everyone fired up for the cross-town football grudge match against Lakes. The week included Powder Puff games, and the parade and bonfire. This year’s Homecoming Queen and King, along with the court, were announced at the assembly.

Queen & King: Serena Mielke & Tre Watson
Prince/Princess: Evan Day & Grace Rowe
Duke/Duchess: Alex Wisdom & Autumn Rizzo
Lord/Lady: Bob Rohrs & Jenna Pazdernik
ACHS Science Teacher Krabbe ‘Excels’

The Illinois State Board of Education held their annual “Those Who Excel” banquet to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to our state’s public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. Excellence, Meritorious Service, and Special Recognition awards are presented in seven categories: classroom teacher, school administrator/principal, student support personnel (licensed), educational service personnel (unlicensed), school board member/community volunteer, team, and early career educator. Congratulations to Stacy Krabbe for 2020 Outstanding Early Career Educator, Bruce Pagni for Board of Education and Ryan Miles for Educational Service Personnel.

ACHS science teacher Stacy Krabbe has been named the 2020 Outstanding Early Career Educator by the Illinois State Board of Education. She was recognized at the 2019-20 Those Who Excel Banquet in Normal, Illinois on October 19. According to Science department chair Greg Bays, Krabbe is the type of educator who, “works harder than any teacher I have ever seen. She understands the needs of her students and differentiates their instruction to best fit the needs of all students in the classroom.” He describes her as a teacher whose students “are able to reach a deep level of content mastery.” Finally, Krabbe “is truly one of the nicest and most caring teachers I have encountered. She displays a warmth toward students that not only welcomes them but allows them to feel truly comfortable in the classroom. As a result, students are able to take risks and attempt things outside of their normal comfort zone,” says Bays. Congratulations, Ms. Krabbe—we are all incredibly proud of this acknowledgment of your talent and hard work!

Heart Smart EKG Testing

Antioch High School hosted Heart Smart EKG Testing, along with the Max Schewitz Foundation, on October 9th. We provided an EKG to 619 students. Eighty four students were tested at no charge from the Foundation as qualifying Free and Reduced Lunch students. There were 32 community volunteers who helped make this event possible. Teri Klobnak worked with the foundation to make sure the day ran smoothly.
Drumline Flips Everything Upside Down

On October 9th the ACHS Sequoit Drumline was featured on the WGN Morning News show. Senior Aaron Paulsen arranged a drumline cadence where his bandmates flipped him upside down while he played at the Friday night football game. Videos of this posted on social media caught the attention of producers at WGN who invited the group to come and perform live on-air and be interviewed by Dean Richards. The drumline got the chance to tour the performance studio and work closely with their sound engineers. The video of the performance has already garnered thousands of views online, and even more on TV.

Athletics

Golfer Emily Roberts was a NLCC Conference medalist, and advanced to Sectionals.

Freshman Donald Barnett, was the 2nd place finisher at the Boys’ Golf Conference meet on Oct. 3. What an awesome achievement.

Cross Country Boys’ and Girls’ Teams took 4th at Regionals, with Charlie Smith taking 1st place and Sarah Benes placing 5th.

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Doubles tennis team, Natalie Labicki and Sierra Ward, finished in third place at the IHSA State Tennis Sectional Tournament.
This year Emmons School is celebrating its 175th anniversary! It was established in 1844 as a subscription school. The first Emmons School was located on what is now the southeast corner of Beach Grove Road and Route 59. Myron Emmons (1805-1893) migrated to Antioch two years prior from Caughdenoy, New York, and settled on a farm of 440 acres. Myron donated a portion of his farm for the original schoolhouse.

Six families worked together and built the initial building that was made of lathe, plaster, and oak lumber, materials that were family donations. The schoolhouse was one room measuring 16 x 24 feet and was heated by a wood burning box stove.

The very first teacher at Emmons School was Mr. Miller, followed by Mr. White. They earned twelve dollars per month for teaching the students. Each family took turns housing the teacher. The length of time that the teacher stayed with each family depended on the number of children that family had enrolled at Emmons.

After some time, it was determined that the Emmons land was too low, so in 1870 land for a new site was purchased from John and Josephine Grimm for the price of twenty dollars. The schoolhouse was relocated to the new site directly across the road from where it had been originally built, the land was returned to the Emmons family.

The building was remodeled in 1916 at a cost of $900, yet was not considered a standard school. The heating and drinking water system were far below the necessary requirements. Since there was no well on the grounds during the 1920's, the teacher, Ida (Runyard) Kufalk, carried water from her parents’ farm across the road. The teacher was also responsible for starting the fire in the morning as well as cleaning the school.

During the summer of 1934, a new brick schoolhouse was built on the site. The brick structure had an oil furnace, boys and girls cloakrooms, indoor flushing toilets, a library, and a teacher’s room. This new building won the “Superior School” award because of the modern facilities. The former frame structure was sold and moved to the Nielsen Corner and became part of their restaurant.

Emmons remained a one-teacher school into the 1950’s. The current school was built during the summer of 1994. The one room brick schoolhouse built in 1934 remains in use today.

Emmons will be marking this momentous anniversary by planting a new tree and plaque on the school grounds. Emmons School is proud to have had 175 years of learning and is looking forward to what the future brings!
Have you noticed the radar speed signs on a road’s right-of-way? Chances are, you have. And, that’s a really good thing—as a driver and for our community. Radar speed feedback (RSF) signs are a proven traffic calming solution to raise speed awareness. They complement a toolkit of approaches for roadway and pedestrian safety that the Village of Antioch Public Works and Police Departments have put in place with effective results.

Since law enforcement agencies and departments cannot constantly monitor speeds in every location, yet have the need to collect data, monitor and provide workable solutions, an RSF sign serves to supplement regular enforcement of speed limits alerting drivers to specific driving behavior.

The purpose is simple and direct: slow cars down by making drivers aware when they are driving at speeds above the posted limits. They are used as a traffic calming device in addition to or instead of physical devices such as speed bumps. They come by a wide variety of names and shapes—driver feedback sign, radar speed display, traffic calming sign, and more. No matter what the term or design, the goal is the same—be alert and slow down. The signs provide the Village valuable opportunities to test streets and traffic patterns to determine the need for further traffic controls.

Here in the Village of Antioch, we’ve seen the benefits. Residents really like the radar speed sign. This is because residents and those that travel our roads, really want to follow the rules. They appreciate a sign that gently reminds them to slow down. How do we know? The data shows it.

With each placement being specific and strategic, the departments work in cooperation with several stakeholders and supporters for the best outcomes, including the Lake County Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation. The program and its benefits will continue to evolve as do things that play key roles such as community growth and development, traffic patterns, usage of roadways, infrastructure, and more.

The signs and traffic awareness are steps in the right direction. Studies show that when alerted by a radar sign, speeders slow down up to 80% of the time. Typical average speed reductions are 10 to 20%, and overall compliance with the posted speed limit will increase by 30 to 60%.

“It’s about awareness,” said Antioch Police Department Administrative Sergeant Aron Fendel. “Familiarity of our roadways can breed inattention, and along with that, collisions. We’re able to bring speed to more top-of-mind, and gain useful data. Safety is our main priority.”
The important “how” and “why”

Just how do these signs help? It’s in the science. Strategically placed RSF signs can serve as important triggers—stimulating the Reticular Activators that identify potential “danger,” transitioning a driver’s brain activity from theta to beta mode\(^2\). Theta waves, like a state of functional daydream, allow the ability to complete a repetitious task, like driving to work. Alpha waves reflect a state of relaxation, and beta waves, a strongly-engaged mind; this is the mode you want to be in as the driver. The signs you see along roadsides can be the catalyst for shifting into the best (and safest) gear.

“The signs give drivers an opportunity to change actions, pushing toward better behaviors, actions, and reactions,” said Sergeant Fendel. “The idea is to build awareness.”

The behavior described as “highway hypnosis” (a would-be theta mode), revealed drivers on average make eight journeys on familiar routes each week. While traveling these routes, 46% say they are most likely to have no recollection of how they got there. Those top “autopilot” treks include: work commute (43%), going shopping (16%) and highway driving (15%). According to a study, autopilot drivers break the speed limit (25%), brake too late and don’t stop at pedestrian crossings because it’s too late to stop. Also, 7% of motorists say they are likely to switch to autopilot while “doing the school run.”\(^2\) So, the “why” is as obvious as the signs themselves. This type of messaging and the technology are crucial to the well-being of a community. They’re proven visual reminders, that needed “trigger” and gentle nudge, that can help all of us react in the best fashion.

Community: driving the success

As with any initiative, success depends on community support and involvement. You can help “drive” the best results of the radar speed feedback sign program with simple reminders when behind the wheel like being alert, slowing down, staying engaged, limiting distractions (like mobile devices), and keeping your vehicle roadworthy.

Additional helpful information about roads including resurfacing projects, street patching/potholes, sidewalk clearing and snow removal, can be found at antioch.il.gov/departments/public-works.

SOURCES:
A thank-you, warm wishes & glimpses

It’s always a surprise to me how quickly the year goes by. It seems like yesterday we were proudly swearing in board of trustees members, enjoying summer’s July 4 parade, and fall’s “Harvest Fest,” a great coming together for costumed families and kids (wiener dogs, too), that have now come to round-out the year.

In this season of reflection, thanks and joy, I want to express my gratitude for your support, and for providing me the opportunity to lead and guide our Village of Antioch. I am blessed to be part of such an amazing community. I wish you joy and peace this season and in the upcoming year.

Our community has continued to grow throughout the year, along with plans and opportunities on the horizon. With year’s end approaching, I’d like to share a quick look-back and a glimpse of what’s ahead. We’ve accomplished so much. Thank you for working together—Village of Antioch administration, staff and departments, residents, businesses, and community members.

We’ve seen several new businesses open their doors. I hope you’ve had a chance to discover these many shops and services including Rustic & Reclaimed Market, Corniciones (its New York-style pizza a must-try), convenient PromptMed Urgent Care, and Handi-foil, a new 600,000-square-foot facility at Antioch Corporate Center (and a “neighbor” to Fischer Paper Products detailed below). Of the newest on downtown’s Main Street are David A. Cornes, AIA, Architects, the Curvy Diva Boutique, and Edward Jones. The Snowbird Ski Shop, for an extensive selection of snow sports equipment and more, is soon to open along Route 173.

Of significance in the future of local jobs and economic development is the exciting expansion of Fischer Paper Products (www.fischerpaperproducts.com). The Antioch-based paper packaging manufacturer servicing the foodservice industry for over 45 years with the manufacture and supply of high-quality, food-safe paper products, broke ground in October on its new 162,000 square-foot headquarters at Antioch Corporate Center. The new facility on Gregory Drive will merge Fischer’s two current locations into one facility.

The company’s President, Joshua Fischer, shared his enthusiasm about the facility build.

With its business under one roof, he noted opportunities such as for an expanded workforce, streamlining of processes, investment in new products and technology, and the ability to continue valued client partnerships for decades to come. The company plans to be moved into the new location and begin operations there next summer.

The Village of Antioch is pleased to work with Fischer Paper Products and all its businesses, large and small, continuing to create and foster strong relationships that are an integral part of our community and employment base.

It has been a great year—and great things ahead for 2020. I’m looking forward to being a part of it with you.

Mayor Lawrence “Larry” Hanson
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847-395-1000
antioch.il.gov
TLC for your mailbox this winter
Tips for mailbox care and snow

Wintertime can bring along heavy snowfall and difficulty on the roadways. And, this can be as close as where the road meets your driveway—at the mailbox. While mailboxes need to be far enough off the road that they won’t be hit by cars, they need to be close enough so mail carriers can reach it without leaving their trucks. Most often, it’s not the mailbox placement or the snowplow that cause havoc, it’s the snow itself.

If snow is wet and heavy, the force of the snow coming off the snowplow can be strong enough to dent a mailbox, loosen a post, or if already weathered or old, cause a break. Slick roadways and hazardous conditions can also bring about a hit to a mailbox from any type of vehicle.

“Our snowplow drivers are careful to avoid mailboxes. Most often, it’s the weight of snow thrown from the plows that causes damage to mailboxes with weak supports,” said Director of Public Works, Dennis Heimbrot. “That’s why we recommend you take a look at your mailbox and keep it in good condition.”

If the Village causes damage to the mailbox or post with a direct hit from the plow, the Village will reimburse the homeowner up to seventy-five dollars if the mailbox cannot be reasonably replaced or repaired by the Public Works Department.

To give your mailbox some extra TLC this winter, consider these simple steps:

→ Clear the area in front of your mailbox to ensure mail delivery and reduce the amount of snow coming off the plow.
→ Place a small piece of reflective tape on the mailbox to help all drivers see it at night.
→ Remove snow from around your mailbox but avoid throwing snow back onto the roadway.
→ Inspect your mailbox. Make sure it is securely mounted to the post and firmly supported in the ground.
→ If replacing your mailbox, consider the purchase of a heavy-duty mailbox to meet your needs.

If you reside within the Village limits and experience a situation with your mailbox or other roadway concern, contact the Village Hall at 847-395-1000 or the Public Works Department at 847-395-1000 x 425.

Stay up-to-date
Stay informed this winter, and year-round, online at antioch.il.gov/public-works with useful information on things such as tree pruning and landscaping, street sweeping schedules, to sidewalks and snow removal.

The website also offers a handy Online Service Request portal that allows residents/visitors to request information, submit requests for service, or submit comments for review. It’s convenient and simple. With a tracking number assigned to each new service request, the submitter can check back on the website at any time to view the current status of the request. Details about the online option can be found at antioch.il.gov/citizen-action-line or by clicking “Report an issue” on the homepage under Services.
Camp Crayon Preschool
Discover how learning through play can benefit your child

Camp Crayon Preschool is an amazing place where young ones can develop emotional, social, physical, and intellectual skills through a variety of creative and fun activities. The Village of Antioch’s Camp Crayon Preschool offers popular social programs (ages 2.6 years to age 5) based on the concept of learning through play and simple structured activities. Classes meet weekdays on varied days and times at select locations.

So, what is “learning through play” and how can it benefit your child? “The concept helps to foster critical thinking, teamwork, and conflict resolution through group play and structured activities,” said Lauren Kabrick, director of parks and recreation. “Learning through play promotes both child-initiated and teacher-supported activities. Both support positive attitudes toward learning, and promote confidence, enthusiasm, creativity, and curiosity in our students. It is our hope that this type of environment will provide a strong foundation in preparation for continued social, emotional, and intellectual success.”

Research has shown that play and learning are intertwined. Think about it as a science lecture with a lab designed to reinforce learned skills. Our teachers use guided learning to help Camp Crayon students develop their cognitive abilities. The students, on their own, practice child-initiated learning that doubles as play. Play is the child’s lab.¹

The goals of the Camp Crayon Preschool and its team are to provide each child the opportunity to develop independence and self-confidence, learn to share and cooperate, and explore new experiences. Age-based programs run from September to mid-May with a teacher to student ratio of 1:7. Camp Crayon Preschool also aims to provide comfort, convenience, and affordability for parents.

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will take place on Monday, February 10, for residents (those that reside within 60002) and Monday, March 2, for non-residents. Priority registration will begin on Monday, January 27, at 6 p.m., for current Camp Crayon families.

To learn more about Camp Crayon Preschool, visit antioch.il.gov/camp-crayon, or contact Mary Quilty, parks and recreation program manager at 847-395-1000 ext. 404, email, mquilty@antioch.il.gov.

SOURCES:
1. www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/10-things-every-parent-should-know

BONUS: YOU’RE INVITED
A free Camp Crayon Preschool Open House is planned for January 23, from 6 to 7 p.m. Three age-specific locations will be setup in Antioch and include the Parks Building (806 Holbek Drive, upstairs for age 2.6 and classroom for age 4) and the Scout House (770 Cunningham Drive for age 3). Parents/caregivers are invited to view classrooms, meet with teachers, and ask questions. Children are also welcomed to attend. Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.
The U.S. Census Bureau is Hiring in Our Area!

Are you looking for ways to help your community? The U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring temporary positions for the 2020 Census in our area.

All 2020 Census jobs are temporary. The largest number of positions available are for census takers. Pay rates vary by area.

By working for the Census Bureau, you can help them reach their goal for the 2020 Census to ensure everyone is counted. Census counts have a huge impact on our community. The 2020 Census data will be used to determine how more than $675 billion from more than 100 government programs are distributed to states and localities, including communities like ours. The data influence choices made about which roads are fixed, where schools are built and businesses opened, what medical services are offered, and more.

If you’re interested, please visit the Census Bureau job site to apply. You’ll also be able to see descriptions and frequently asked questions at 2020census.gov/jobs.

Embrace the chills, thrills and fun this winter. Antioch Parks and Recreation Department’s Winter Camp is coming! For kids, kindergarten to grade 7.

Winter Camp will be held on:
Monday, December 23
Thursday, December 26
Friday, December 27
Monday, December 30
Thursday, January 2
Friday, January 3

Camp days run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each day includes a fun field trip to a different destination, sports activities and crafts. Children will travel by bus or on foot, based on location. A sack lunch, drink and snacks for the day should be provided with your child. Weather permitting, outside play will be included (please dress accordingly).

Cost: $35 per day, per child
Camps meet at the Parks and Recreation Department, 806 Holbek Drive. Registration can be done in-person at the parks office, online at antioch.il.gov (under “parks and rec”) or by calling 847-395-2160.
What would be possible if all schools were filled with students who were responsible, who showed initiative, who were creative, who knew how to set goals and meet them, who got along with people of different backgrounds and cultures, and who could resolve conflicts and resolve problems?

This year all Lake Villa 41 schools are setting the stage for an intentional school year by taking a proactive approach to leadership, culture, and academics. The district is excited to implement the Leader in Me: 7 Habits for Happy Kids. This social-emotional curriculum provides staff and students with habits that empower them with both leadership and life skills. Leadership opportunities abound in all the schools and they are organized and led by students. With the mindset that ANYONE can be a leader, the district is confident that we are preparing our students to lead into the 21st century by teaching leadership and creating a culture of empowerment.

Through the teachings of the 7 Habits and providing leadership opportunities, District 41 will continue to foster positive relationships between teachers, students, parents, and other community members. With great enthusiasm, we celebrate the leader in each of us.

Thompson Elementary students are learning about and practicing the 7 Habits during explicit 7 Habit activities, as it is integrated into the core curriculum, and through buddy activities. School and classroom leadership roles include: Service Project Teams, School Ambassadors, Assembly Greeters, Assembly Presenters, Tiger Express Mail Sorters, Morning Newscasters, Kindergarten Helpers, Dismissal Helpers, and Classroom Greeters. Recently, our Service Learners organized and are currently collecting items for Save-A-Pet.
Hooper Elementary Unveils Waste-Free Wednesdays

At Hooper Elementary 6th graders started a Waste-Free Wednesday in the cafeteria and 5th graders are busy organizing a fundraiser for Pets for Vets. 3rd graders will be organizing a project to assist the Antioch Traveling Closet. Mrs. Welch, Hooper music teacher, engaged 100% of Hooper students to create a video for our School Song. In addition to these leadership and service opportunities, each class has integrated leadership experiences such as Greeters, Tech Buddies, and Center Managers.

Palombi Middle School Showcases ‘LEAD-ership’

Palombi Middle School students have also embraced the Leader in Me approach. Each Tuesday, students focus on developing an understanding of the 7 Habits, incorporating the language, skills, and strategies to both school and personal lives. The day after students receive a lesson, the Family Learning Action Team follows up with an email as well as a social media blast. LEAD lesson conversation points are posted online so families can discuss habits at home. Students are being empowered to be leaders by asking them their opinions, solutions, and ideas. Each room has classroom jobs to practice these skills, as well as an opportunity to lead in an area where they have a passion. Students are leading groups about endangered animals, future careers, environmental causes, helping the homeless, beautifying the school, bully awareness, making a difference, providing tech support, and much more.

Martin Elementary Welcomes Leader in Me Model

Students at Martin Elementary have welcomed the Leader in Me improvement model. From trimester leadership assemblies led by students to weekly grade level team building activities where themes of giving and kindness are intertwined as a themed celebration, students are demonstrating their leadership capabilities and living the 7 habits in their daily life. Opportunities abound at Martin with Leadership roles including: Tour Guides, Reading Buddies, Bottle Cap Club, Library Leaders, Kindness Ninjas, Math Buddies, Yearbook Club, Scrub Club, Jolly Follies, and Little Library Leaders, as well as represent students on the Veterans Day and Red Ribbon Week Committees.
We would like to introduce and connect you with our Office Staff. These women are our first line of connection with you in the following ways:

- **Merry Ladewig**, is responsible for managing our General & Emergency Services programs as a Case Worker. She handles our passport services, new issue or renewals including any needed photography. She also serves as our ‘mobility manager’ assisting in coordinating our transportation services.

- **Sheila Dvorak**, Administrative Clerk, serves as the office manager. Coordinating the use of Smouse Hall and the Silo Rooms for community use. She processes the financial activity for the Township and the Highway Department. (She also keeps the Supervisor in line when necessary)

- **Courtney Kotloski**, Senior Services Activities Coordinator, our newest addition, is responsible for arranging activities for our 55 yr and older residents. She makes all the arrangements, booking the venue, entertainers and transportation requirements. Take a look at the activities that she has planned on the next page and if you have any requests or suggestions just give her a call.

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**The Park Crew Keeps Improving**

Our Park Crew (L-R Bill Fick and Barney Anderson) have been working in concert with the Village Parks and Rec Department, Antioch High School District 117, Viking Football & Cheer Leading, US Flag Football and Antioch Youth Local Leagues to maintain and improve all the sports complex fields.

Bill and Barney have connected with Stritar Construction and Disc Golf professional and course designer, Chuck Kennedy from Minneapolis to re-design the disc course. Buck thorn and other invasive overgrowth have been removed to expose the many unsafe and dead ash trees, a process that will continue this Spring.
Saturday, December 21st

**Jolly Holiday Lunch**

*Time: 11am-2pm*

*Location: Antioch Township, 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Lake Villa* 

*Cost: FREE*

Antioch Township is proud to host a Jolly Holiday Lunch for our seniors. This is a celebration of music, community and the spirit of the Season. Antioch seniors (55+) are welcome to come for a FREE lunch and choir concert performed by The Warren Alumni Choir. Lunch is roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and green beans. Seating and space is limited, please reserve your spot by December 2nd by calling the township at 847-395-3378 or visiting the Township Office and filling out a form.

Monday, January 6th

**Monthly Monday Movie Series for Antioch Seniors**

*Time: 10am- (end of film)*

*Location: 378 Main St. Antioch*

*Cost: FREE (concessions available for purchase)*

Antioch Township is proud to partner with The Antioch Movie Theater to bring FREE monthly movie classics to our seniors (55+). Concessions will be available for purchase and a discount on lunch will be provided by Oliveri North (384 Lake St. Antioch).

Thursday, January 16th

**Peter Oprisko at Dockers North!**

*Time: 11:30am-2pm*

*Location: Dockers North, 955 Rte 59, Antioch*

*Cost: $15.00/person*

Step back in time and enjoy lunch and entertainment by the one and only, Peter Oprisko; classy, fun, exciting Chicago pop-jazz singer- often called “the American Michael Buble” and “the next Sinatra”. Come enjoy music, entertainment and have a delicious lunch provided by Marcos and his staff at Dockers North.

Saturday, February 15th

**“Live” Old-time Radio Show Recording**

*Time: 10:30am-12pm*

*Location: Antioch Township 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Lake Villa*

*Cost: $5.00/Person*

All ages are welcome! Come be part of a “LIVE” radio broadcast show! Meet the cast and crew and step back in time to the “oldies but goodies”. This is a cartoons-on-the-radio show that is a mash-up of Rocky and Bullwinkle, Mr. Peabody, Yogi Bear, Bugs Bunny-all the classics. Be recorded as part of our “LIVE” studio audience and even warm-up with the cast and crew before the show begins! Refreshments will be provided, space is limited. Please reserve by February 1st. Must be in seats ready to warm-up with cast by 11:15am.

Friday, February 28th

**Cards, Cuts & Coffee**

*Time: 9am-11am*

*Location: Antioch Township 1625 Deep Lake Rd Lake Villa*

*Cost: $12.00/haircut*

It’s cold outside, come in and get cozy and get a haircut while you’re at it! Antioch hairstylist, Rebecca Calendine, will be on-site for male and female haircuts. Enjoy music, snacks, refreshments and a game of cards with friends. Other 2020 dates for Cards, Cuts & Coffee: April 24th, June 26th, August 28th, October 30th, December 18th. Refreshments and snacks are FREE. Sign up on-site, first come first serve basis.

Cut out below & sign up now!

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**Antioch Township Event Registration**

Mark your selections

- **Jolly Holiday Lunch**
  - December 21st
  - Free (Limited Space)

- **Peter Oprisko Dockers**
  - January 16th
  - $15.00

- **“Live” Radio Show**
  - February 15th
  - $5.00

**Total amount of payment**

$ ______________________

All payments must be received 30 days before event

Please make checks payable to:

Antioch Township
1625 Deep Lake Road
Lake Villa, IL 60046
Attn: Courtney Kotloski

**Registrant Details**

Name: ______________________

Address: ______________________

Phone: ______________________

Email: ______________________

(Please note: Antioch Township Residents will have first availability)

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For information and to check availability contact Courtney Kotloski at 847-395-3378.
Kindness in the Classroom

Throughout the 2019-2020 school-year, Grass Lake School will be focusing on Kindness in the Classroom. All students in Kindergarten through eighth grade will be receiving the Kindness Curriculum from the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation. The curriculum covers the following six concepts: Caring, Courage, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Inclusiveness. The Lake County Sheriff’s department will be supporting Grass Lake School in teaching the Kindness Curriculum. Once a month, officers will meet with all students to discuss one of the six main concepts.

Braves’ Cross Country Team is on Pace

The Grass Lake Braves’ Cross Country team was comprised of three returning athletes from last year’s team and three athletes who were new to the sport of cross country. Over the course of the season, the student-athletes competed in seven races and had great success. Chris Avila placed fourth in the Lakes Region Athletic Conference at Park and eighth at the Class 1A Boys Sectional Meet, with a personal best time of 11:46, which is also a new school record! This qualified him for the IESA State Cross Country Meet! Chris is the first GLS student-athlete to qualify for State in Cross Country! Congratulations Chris! Nick Quist ran a personal best at the conference meet with a time of 15:57. Angela Ortiz had a season best time at the conference meet as well, with a time of 16:54. Briana Stewart, Hanna Michielli and Matthew Sobierajski broke their personal records multiple times throughout the season and each ran their best time at Millburn with finishing times of 16:51, 16:54 and 19:23 respectively. Congratulations on a great season!
Eighth Graders Visit CLC

On Thursday, October 10, eighth grade students toured the Tech Campus of the College of Lake County. They were fascinated by the array of hands-on learning opportunities in a variety of career choices. Once they are in high school, they will have the opportunity to take classes through the Tech Campus and earn dual credit.

Braves Soccer Team Play Hard & Have Fun

Grass Lake Braves soccer team returns again for the fall 2019 season! The team is very young, having only two eighth graders and the addition of three fifth graders. Our focus this season has been on competing daily; whether it is practice or a game, the kids have bought into giving their best effort all of the time and playing hard until the whistle. Our program has a few kids who will look to play soccer in high school, which is always the goal when working extremely hard on individual skill. Most importantly, our team has had a lot of fun during the course of the season. We had a great showing against Emmons, and played extremely well against North Prairie, Prairie Crossing, and Gavin South. As a coach, I am extremely proud of each child's effort and commitment to becoming better team players!

NJHS Students Serve During Lunch Period

National Junior Honor Society students earned some service credit by trimming and bundling Box Tops for Education during their lunch period. The PTO collects these from GLS students and will submit them in order to raise some money that can go toward field trips and additional activities.
Fox Lake Grade School District 114’s 5th Annual Day of Service took place on Friday, September 27. This exciting event not only raises funds for the Fox Lake District 114 Parent Teacher Association, but more importantly gives students an opportunity to serve in the community and grow as individuals. Every dollar collected goes directly back to every student in the district. The Day of Service grows bigger each year, and this year was no exception. The Clinton Family Fund once again agreed to generously match donations over $25,000.

District 114’s Day of Service is similar to a walk-a-thon, but instead of students collecting pledges and walking, students seek donors to sponsor their involvement in a service project within the Fox Lake community. Locations included The American Legion Post 703, YMCA Camp Duncan, Camp Henry Horner, Feed My Starving Children, Lakefront Park Building, Grant Township’s Fall Fest, Fire Stations 2 & 3, The Cottages, Perricone’s Restaurant, the Fox Lake Police Department, and more! Lotus’ 4th graders added to this year’s event by visiting a local retirement home and performing readers theater for the residents. In addition to the off site service projects, Lotus students decorated superhero capes for a children’s hospital, made dog treats for local animal shelters, and made care packages for our local Fox Lake Fire and Police Departments.

In addition to student fundraising, we are incredibly grateful to our local business sponsors who contributed to the Day of Service:

- Able Storage
- Access Elevator
- American Family Insurance-Gordy Kiesgen
- Antioch Pizza Shop
- Benny’s Service Center. Inc.
- Culver’s of Fox Lake, IL
- Dam, Snell, Taveirne, LTD
- Dockers Restaurant & Lounge
- Education Association of Fox Lake
- El Puerto Restaurant
- Guardian Material Handling
- Ray Auto Group
- Royal Sheet Metal Corporation
- Soffietti, Johnson, Teegen, Phillips and Argueta, Ltd.
- The Clinton Family Fund
- W. Brothers Roofing

This year’s Day of Service goal was to raise $30,000.00 to benefit all students in Fox Lake District 114. We are thrilled to share that, thanks to our students, families, and community’s efforts, we raised over $41,000.00! The money raised will be used for our PTA events, educational assemblies, field trips, family nights, principal programs, athletic scholarships, school dances, the Lotus and Stanton libraries, Book Buddies, mentor programs, and other school-specific projects. What a WIN for the students in District 114!
Medicare 2020 At Lake Villa Township

If you are just turning 65 and are confused about your options with Medicare or if you have been on Medicare for many years and are still confused… Let us try to help you.

We are hosting an AARP Medicare Seminar on December 3rd from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM at the Administration Building at Caboose Park on Fairfield and Grand in Lake Villa. AARP does not sell insurance but will provide you with information about:

- Traditional medicare parts A & B
- Medicare advantage plans under medicare part C
- The ever changing medicare part D drug plan
- Medigap policies and the changes in plans F and G
- Medicare penalties for not signing up when you should
- If you are still working… what are your medicare options

How much does it cost?
There is no charge... IT IS FREE!!

Please call Lake Villa Township office to reserve your space at 847-356-2116

SAVE THE DATE

Winter Festival at Lake Villa Township
January 25th
Sledding, Skating, Entertainment, Food & More!

New Years Extravaganza
Saturday January 11, 2020 12:00 Noon

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, gambling (play money), food and prizes

Please R.S.V.P.
Admission $5 advanced reservation required

For more information contact
Lake Villa Township
37908 N. Fairfield Rd. Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-356-2116
Lakevillatownship.org

Event location
Lake Villa Township West Campus
37850 N. Route. 59
Lake Villa, IL 60046
ph 847.356.2116
### Community Events

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<td>Winter Break Magic Show at the Lindenhurst Park District $1 at the door</td>
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<td>Engle Junction Preschool Prospective Family Open House</td>
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<td>Flannels &amp; Flapjacks Mother/Son Breakfast. Registration required.</td>
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<td>Daddy Daughter DC SuperHero Girls Dance. Registration required.</td>
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**Grass Lake School**

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**Community Contacts**

**Antioch Community High School**

11/26/19 Early Release, 2:30pm
11/27/19-11/29/19 Thanksgiving Break-No School
12/05/19 Math Fair
12/05/19 Board of Education Meeting, ACHS
12/06/19 Holiday Gala-ACHS @ Maravela’s
12/13/19 Winter Concert
12/16/19 NO LATE START
12/18/19-12/20/19 Final Exams
12/23/19 Winter Break Begins
01/06/20 Teacher Institute Day, No School
01/07/20 Semester 2 Begins
01/15/20 Class of 2024 Open House
01/16/20 Board of Education Meeting at LCHS
01/20/20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School
01/23/20-01/26/20 Winter Play
01/28/20 District Orchestra Festival
01/31/20 Winterfest Dance
02/04/20 District Choir Festival
02/05/20 Enrollment Night, Class of 2024
02/13/20 District Band Festival
02/17/20 Presidents Day, No School
02/20/20 Board of Education Meeting at ACHS
02/28/20 Teacher Institute Day, No School

**Lakes Community High School**

11/19/19 PAC 6:30pm
11/20/19 Eagle Pride 6:30am
11/20/19 Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm @LCHS
11/20-11/21/19 Advanced Theatre Production 7:00pm
11/26/19 Early Release 2:30pm
11/27/19-11/29/19 Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
12/05/19 Winter Art Show Opening Night 6:00 pm
12/05/19 Board of Ed Mtg 6:30pm @ACHS
12/06/19 Winter Music Concert 5:00 & 7:00 pm
12/11/19 Eagle Pride 6:30 am; PAC 6:30pm
12/13/19 24 Hour Play Festival 7:00pm
12/18/19-12/20/19 Final Exams
12/20/19 Semester 1 Ends
12/23/19-01/03/20 Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
01/06/20 Teacher Institute - NO STUDENTS
01/07/20 School Resumes
01/15/20 Open House Class of 2024
01/16/20 Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm @LCHS
01/16/20 Mr. LCHS 7:00pm
01/20/20 ML King Day - NO SCHOOL
01/21/20 Course Selection Class of 2021
01/27/20 Course Selection Class of 2022
01/28/20 District Orchestra Festival
01/29/20 Eagle Pride 6:30 am; PAC 6:30pm
01/31/20 Winterfest Dance 7:00pm @ACHS

**Antioch**

- Chamber of Commerce
  - 847-395-2233
  - antiochchamber.org
- Fire Department
  - (non-emergency)
  - 847-395-5511
- Police Department
  - (non-emergency)
  - 847-395-8585
- Post Office
  - 847-395-3482
- Public Works
  - 847-395-1881
- Economic Development
  - 847-395-1000
- Parks and Recreation
  - 847-395-2160
- Senior Center
  - 847-395-0139
- Village Hall
  - 847-395-1000
  - antioch.il.gov
  - Permits Coordinator
    - Ext. 302
  - Building Inspector
    - Ext. 309
  - Village Clerk
    - Ext. 304

**Lake Villa**

- Village Hall
  - 847-356-6100
  - lake-villa.org
- Police Department
  - (non-emergency)
  - 847-356-6106
- Public Works
  - 847-356-6100
- Lake Villa District Library
  - 847-356-7711
  - lvdl.org
- Rescue Squad
  - 847-356-2992
- Fire Department
  - 847-356-2525
- Township Supervisor
  - 847-356-2116
  - lakevilatownship.org
- Township Assessor
  - 847-356-2383
  - lvassessor.org
- Township Highway Department
  - 847-356-5831
  - lakevilatownship.org

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Lake Villa School District 41**
- 847-356-2385
  - district41.org
- Palombi Middle School
  - 847-356-2118
- Hooper Elementary School
  - 847-356-2525
- Thompson Elementary School
  - 847-265-2488
- Martin Elementary School
  - 847-245-3400

**Community HS District 117**
- 847-395-9001
  - chsd117.org
- Antioch Community HS
  - 847-395-1421
- Lakes Community HS
  - 847-838-7100

**Antioch School District 34**
- 847-838-8400
  - antioch34.com
- Antioch Elementary
  - 847-838-8901
- W.C. Petty Elementary
  - 847-838-8101
- Hillcrest Elementary School
  - 847-838-8001
- Oakland Elementary School
  - 847-838-8601
- Antioch Upper Grade
  - 847-838-8301

**Emmons School District 33**
- 847-395-1105
  - emmons33.org

**Grass Lake School District 36**
- 847-395-1550
  - gls36.org

**Fox Lake Grade School District 114**
- 847-973-4028
  - df14.org
On October 24th, Antioch Community High School celebrated the Homecoming parade and bonfire. After the parade, the marching band and color guard performed. Each fall sports team also presented dance sketches for the celebration. As soon as the performances were finished, the amped up audience charged the field! They then headed toward the bonfire while fireworks exploded overhead. The excitement was palpable.

Have a great photo from our community?
Send us your high-res image to connections@chsdis117.org and we will select the best image to be featured here on Community Capture!
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Friday • 9am – 6pm
Saturday • 9am – 5pm
Sunday • 1 – 5 pm

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