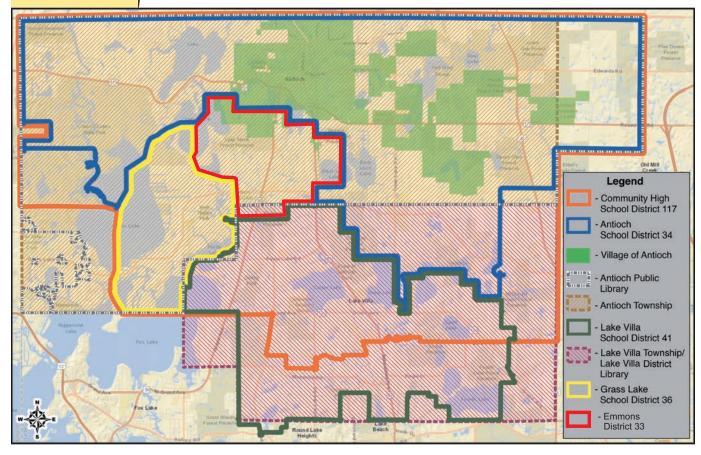




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Girls Night Out Dancing Queens w/After Party

March 24 - 5-9 pm Advance Registration

Girls Night Out Derby Hats w/ After Party

May 5 - 5-9 pm Advance Registration

Wizards Weekend Day

June 25
4 Magical Fun Ways
to Spend the Day.
Advance Registration

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July 14-17 Enjoy Food, Fun, Music, Carnival & Sales

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Nancy McConnell

Antioch Parks Pre-School Teacher & Local Author

→ Antioch Parks Department

→ Lead Camp Crayon pre-school teacher, 4-year-old class

→ Hometown: Trevor, WI

How long have you been at the Antioch Parks Department

7 years

Favorite Part of being a preschool teacher for Antioch Parks?

One of the best things about being a preschool teacher is that we laugh every day. You just never know what the children will say or do. You need to be on your toes. It's never boring.

Favorite thing to do in Antioch?

So many great things to do in Antioch, love having a latte at the Latte Café or a sandwich at Little Bean.

How many books have you written?

I have written several short stories that have been published online and in print, as well as educational materials for companies that provide remedial reading materials for reading enhancement. My first story One, Two, Three Strikes You're Out appeared in Primary Treasure's Magazine, then a story I wrote called The Sleep Sheep won a contest and was published in an anthology

called A World of Stories. Into the Lion's Mouth is my debut novel.

What got you writing books?

I loved books from the time I was a young child and I always dreamed of writing a book. The books I read as a middle grader myself had the most impact on my life, so when I started writing a novel, I knew that was the age range I wanted to write for. I joined writer's groups and took classes and read writing books to learn everything I could about the craft.

What is your latest book?

My debut novel is called Into the Lion's Mouth. It's an adventure story set in 15th century Venice. It's about a boy named Nico who accidentally uncovers a plot to overthrow the city. He must use his wit, charm, and street smarts to save the city. There's lots of action, adventure, and a bit of history.



What is your inspiration?

I was lucky enough to go to Venice on a trip with my family a few years

ago. While we were there, I was

so inspired by the history and mystery of the city that I fell in love. I came home and read anything I could about it and the inspiration for the story came from finding out about the unique and exciting history of the city.

847-395-2160

Who is your target audience?

The book is aimed at an upper middle-grade audience, but adults have enjoyed it as well.

What's next?

NANCY MCCONNELL

I have a graphic novel that I wrote that is currently looking for a publisher. My daughter, Rebecca, is an artist and she's done the art for it. It's about two sisters who build a real rocket ship.

It's different from Into the Lion's Mouth.

How can people find your books? I am a big fan of supporting your local bookstore, so that's a great place to start. If it's not on their shelf, they can order it. Otherwise, you can order it from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or Bookshop.com.













The Ron Clark House System Has Come to Emmons School!

s a result of the strategic plan developed during the 2019-2020 school year, Emmons decided to make character development and social emotional learning a top priority. Our Social Emotional Learning Committee initiated the implementation of the Ron Clark House System as the first phase toward this priority. The Ron Clark House System provides a structure for staff and students to develop healthy and meaningful relationships across grade levels and with adults from all areas and in varying roles in order to create a strong sense of belonging for all. Additionally, this system will allow our older students to engage in leadership opportunities by organizing and facilitating our House meetings and events with the support of their adult House leaders.

To prepare for this initiative, four teachers from the SEL Committee visited the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia this past summer. The staff members were trained and provided the necessary tools to plan for the January, 2022, implementation of the House system at Emmons School.

The teachers came back very excited after experiencing the House system, first hand, at the academy. The committee spent half of this school year planning and training the staff and preparing for the launch of the program. In early January, Emmons held a schoolwide event and students were randomly sorted into the six Houses. Each student was celebrated as he/she blindly picked a bandana from the sorting box.

Students and staff will remain in the same House for the duration of their Emmons career, and it is our goal that the learning community develops strong bonds over the years with all their House members. The House system will be embedded within the instructional program using a positive behavior program, hosting friendly House competitions, participating in color war days, and attending monthly House meetings.

Our Emmons' motto has now become: Six Houses, One Family!



Warming Up to Spring Events

etting closer to spring and summer is an exciting time in the Village of Antioch!

As the weather warms, our Parks Department becomes busier with events and programming.

This summer, I'm excited to bring back Antioch Farmer's Market events each Sunday from the beginning of June through the end of September. Right now, our staff is busy working to secure vendors for the markets. Our village communications team is preparing an aggressive marketing plan to make sure our Farmer's Markets are well attended. Our staff is working hard to ensure the market is successful for vendors and enjoyable for visitors.

Summertime also marks the return of our Thursday night concerts at the bandshell. These are always a fun and enjoyable way to enjoy downtown. As of the publication of this newsletter, we're still in the final stages of booking the bands. A final list of performers will be made available on our village website and social media.

In this issue of Connections, we're providing an update on a couple of major projects in the village, one of which will have a significantly positive impact on downtown Antioch. First, we continue to move forward with the redevelopment of the former Pittman Property at Main and Orchard. Earlier this year, the Antioch Village Board approved design con-

tracts with the Lakota Group and Strand Engineering. This critical next step in the process of the redevelopment of this

property will provide more detail, a better timeline, and a much clearer picture of what the final project will cost.

In February, I hosted the first "Antioch Mayor's Business Roundtable". I plan to host these events several times a year. They're a great way for me to share information about what our community is doing for businesses, and it's a great way for me to hear directly from the business community about their needs. The best part of the roundtable was hearing directly from the Antioch business community. I look forward to our next meeting!

Finally, I wanted to encourage you to follow the Village of Antioch on social media. There, you will find our most up-to-date information on village news and events. Also, as always, I value your feedback. Feel free to email me at sgartner@antioch.il.gov or call 847-395-1000.

Sincerely,

Mayor Scott Gartner 847-395-1000 antioch.il.gov





Antioch Aqua Center

Open Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day

Last weekday open will be determined by staff availability.

General Admission Hours

Mon.-Sat. - 12:00-7:00pm, **Sun.** - 12:00-6:30pm **Holidays** - 12:00-5:00pm

Special Hours for Pool Passholders

Mon.-Fri. 11:00-12:00pm **No diving board use:** 11:00-12:00pm & 6:00-7:00pm

Daily Admission Fees

Children under 3 are free Ages 3-54 - \$7.00 Ages 55 & up - \$5.00 After 5:00pm - \$5.00

Season Pass Fees

Resident/Non-Resident

Children Under 3 Are Free

Individual Couple \$70/\$80 \$130/\$150

Family of 3 Family of 4

\$180/\$215 \$220/\$\$276

Additional

\$55/\$69 (Tarrilly)

Seniors 552 \$59/\$69

Swim Lesson Registration & Fees

Registration for Residents (60002) April 11, 2022 Non-resident Registration April 25, 2022 Register online or in-person. You must have an account to be able to register online. Please call 847-395-2160 to create an account.

Resident/Non-Resident

Parent/Tot \$55/\$65

Preschool

\$55/\$65

Levels 1-5

\$76/\$87

Jr. Lifeguarding \$85/\$95

Diving \$80/\$92

Lifeguarding \$250/\$300

Swim Lesson Level Descriptions

PRESCHOOL

Ages 3-4 years

This class is a water acclimation class where children will learn to separate from parents, blow bubbles, become comfortable in the water and much more.

LEVEL 1

Ages 4 and up

This class is for children who have already mastered the skills learned in preschool and are ready to progress to underwater exploration, floating, kicking and forward movement in the water.

LEVEL 2

Ages 5 and up

Level 2 is for children who already can float on their front and back, understand movement in the water using various methods and are ready to begin rhythmic breathing.

LEVEL 2

Ages 6 and up

In this class your child will perfect the front and back crawl. They will learn the elementary backstroke, whip kick and dolphin kicks along with treading.

LEVEL 4

Ages 6 and up

The concentration in this level will be on refinement of the above strokes, learning the butterfly, breast stroke and sidestroke, along with dives and turns.

LEVEL 5

Ages 6 and up

Level 5 refines all strokes, works on endurance, building, surface dives and lifesaving skills.

DIVING

Ages 6 and up

This is a beginner to intermediate class where the child is expected to know how to swim in deep water. students must be comfortable going headfirst off the side of the pool. Proper approach, standing dive, tuck, pike, and back dives will be introduced.



Get more info at antioch.il.gov



Grimm Road Gets a New Route

In 2016 and 2017, as part of the construction and opening of Tractor Supply Plus and other developments, the Village of Antioch purchased and annexed several parcels of property along Grimm Road. As part of this process, Grimm Road was annexed into the Village and thus the maintenance became the responsibility of the Village of Antioch.

When it was annexed in 2017, Grimm Road was in very poor condition and had become hazardous for travel. The pavement was extremely rough and poor drainage facilities caused water to pond on the roadway. Additionally, the intersection of Grimm Road and Route 173 had developed a growing occurrence of traffic accidents.

The road was closed to traffic on February 25, 2019.

The Village is working to reopen Grimm Road as a completely reconstructed roadway with a slightly different route. When reopened, the roadway will connect with Route 173 between Kunes Ford and the Body Craft auto body shop, which is slightly west of where it had connected. This new connection to Route 173 will create a safer intersection than the previous one.

What is going on now?

The Village and contract engineering firm HR Green has



been working to secure right-of-way agreements with property owners along the proposed new route of Grimm Road. Engineers have also been working to obtain the necessary environmental and agency permit approvals. Additionally, the Village has been working to secure grant funding for the project. Up to an estimated 50% of the total funding for this project will come from grants and other sources from outside of the Village.

This year, village engineers expect utility design work to begin. The remaining agreements and permitting will also be completed in 2022.

Construction of the roadway is expected to take two years, beginning in either 2023 or 2024. The timeline of the project is largely contingent upon how quickly the village can receive funding. Village staff and engineers have a goal to see construction completed as quickly as possible while optimizing as much outside funding as possible.

Updates for all major village projects can be found online at antioch.il.gov.

Questions or comments can also be directed to Village Hall at 847-395-1000.

Need Help? Call 211

The United Way of Lake County's 211 service has been an essential lifeline to some Antioch residents during the COVID pandemic. The 211 service is a free, easy-to-use, three-digit information and referral hotline offering accurate, 24-hour personal help for hundreds of potential issues.

The 211 service helps Lake County residents with Housing, Utilities, Food, Crisis Help, Mental Health & Addiction, Health Care, Financial Support, Education, Personal, Child & Family Support, Employment, Transportation, Legal & Immigration, Government, Volunteering, and Disaster Information.

The 211 service is available by telephone, text, or online.

By phone, Lake County residents can simply dial the numbers, 2-1-1. By text, a resident should simply text their five-digit zip code to 89821. Online, the service is available at 211lakecounty.org





Senior Discounts Available to Village Residents 65 Years or Older!

id you know that Village of Antioch residents 65 and older are entitled to a discount from the Village's contract waste hauling service? Senior discounts of 20% are available for qualifying residents.

Seniors are also eligible for a discount Village vehicle tax. Seniors 65 and older only are required to pay \$1 annually per vehicle, a 90 percent discount from the regular tax of \$10 per vehicle.

To qualify for either discount, residents must be registered with the Village. To verify senior status, contact Antioch Village Hall at 847-395-1000.



SPRING EVENTS

Mother/Son
Game Day

Flashlight Egg Hunt

APRIL

14

Easter Parade/ Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL

16

Bike Resale

APRIL

30

Mother/Daughter Bingo

MARCH

MAY

15

Summer Wine Walk

JUNE

4

Farmer's Market Starts!

JUNE

5

First Thursday Night Concert

JUNE

9





The final concept plan was designed by the Lakota Group and approved by the Antioch Village Board. This concept plan provides a framework for the next step in the design process, where the details of the plan are finalized. Some elements of this conceptual plan could change as the design work progresses.

Updates on the Project at Orchard and Main

he current history of this area began about 50 years ago I when an approximate 900-foot section of the Sequoit Creek that ran through the 3.5-acre site was fitted with a 102" metal culvert and was buried to make way for a commercial auto dealership development.

Over time, the property surrounding the culvert was vacated of commercial uses, and the buildings that once occupied the land and surrounding area were removed.

Beginning in 2016, the culvert began to fail, creating sinkholes.

By 2019 the culvert had failed and impaired the flow of the creek, presenting both a general flooding hazard for downtown and a threat of flooding for upstream properties. The Village mitigated the potential for flooding by opening the creek and removing most of the metal piping.

In 2021, after acquiring the remainder of the property in the project area, the Village engaged the Lakota Group, a planning and landscape architecture firm, to seek the Antioch community's feedback as to the final use and redevelopment of the property. With community input, the Lakota Group has produced a detailed conceptual plan for the redevelopment of the property as an open space with an exposed or daylighted Sequoit Creek, with appropriate flood

mitigation attributes and other attractive programming and park features.

What is going on now?

The Lakota Group and Strand Engineering presented its design and engineering proposals to the Antioch Village Board in January of this year. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Village Board. The project now has moved to the engineering phase. Work has already started to secure the required permits needed for the project. Once the Village is permitted to break ground, construction will begin immediately.

2022-2024

Early 2022 has been busy with engineering and permitting work for the project. The first visible signs of construction could begin in late 2022.

Construction along the creek and major construction milestones will occur in 2023, with the grand opening of the redeveloped site expected sometime in 2024, if not earlier. Once complete, the site will become a major gateway and anchor to Downtown Antioch and an important new hub of Village life.



Button Down the Hatches on Crime

ooking at suburban newspaper headlines, it feels like crime seems to be increasing all over Chicagoland. Village of Antioch Police Chief Geoffrey Guttschow says Antioch is no different from other similar communities in Lake County that have seen an increase in "crimes of opportunity."

"More frequently we are seeing very well-organized groups of thieves come into our community with one goal, find unlocked car doors or open garage doors," says Guttschow. "These crews cover large areas, very quickly. It doesn't take many unlocked doors for them to be successful."

These thieves target contents inside of unlocked cars, and even cars themselves. Chief Guttschow says there are several easy steps residents can take to make our community safer and a less attractive target for thieves.

Chief Guttschow Recommendations

- **1. Don't put outgoing mail in your mailbox at night.** If possible, drop mail that needs to be delivered at the post office, or in the blue USPS mailboxes.
- **2. Lock your car door at night.** Most reports of theft involve residents forgetting to lock their car doors at night.
- **3. Don't leave your car running with keys inside.** "Warm Up" thefts are common in the wintertime.
- **4. Make sure your garage door is closed and doors are locked.** Chief Guttschow recommends following a routine before bed to make sure your garage door is closed, car doors are locked, and house doors and windows are also secure.
- **5. See something, say something.** Neighbors watching out for neighbors is one of the best ways to catch criminals in the act.



- 6. Utilize camera doorbells and home security.
 - Home security cameras, such as Ring, are an increasingly popular tool to fight crime. More homes are watched 24/7 by motion sensor-activated security cameras. The video from these cameras can give police a good look at criminals and provide valuable evidence.
- 7. HOA and other neighborhood groups can encourage residents to follow the speed limit in residential neighborhoods. Another common safety complaint in our community is cars speeding through residential areas. Another defense against reckless driving through neighborhoods is simple reminders from homeowner associations, parents, and neighbors reminding younger drivers of the importance of following residential speed limits, and drivers being aware of their surroundings, such as children running from between parked cars into the roadway.
- **8. Follow the Village of Antioch Police Department on Facebook.** Follow your local law enforcement agency on social media to stay aware of police events in the community, various crime and traffic alerts, and general information regarding the police department.









Investing in Our Teachers

t has been researched and stated that the most important element in a successful classroom is a caring, qualified, and confident teacher. In Community High School District 117 we believe that this statement is true and we invest in our teachers in many ways so they can guide our students to unbelievable accomplishments. One of these areas that we encourage our teachers to pursue is to obtain a National Board Teachers Certification.

The process to become a National Board Certified teacher is not an easy or quick one. Our candidates will work in a cohort with other teachers from the District in conjunction with Illinois State University. Through this two to three-year process, the teachers will gather standards-based evidence from their teaching and align it with the Five Core Propositions. The propositions include the following:

- ➤ Teachers are committed to students and their learning
- ➤ Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach these subjects to students
- ➤ Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring students learning
- ➤ Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience
- > Teachers are members of a learning community

 The evidence that is needed to meet these Five Core

 Propositions comes in multiple forms and is demonstrated

in multiple ways. Student achievement goals and data are one item that provides feedback on the teacher's effectiveness for the certification. Teachers are also self and peer-evaluating their practice by videotaping lessons and then gathering evidence from that lesson based on the National Board Professional Teaching Standards. The final piece of evidence is the



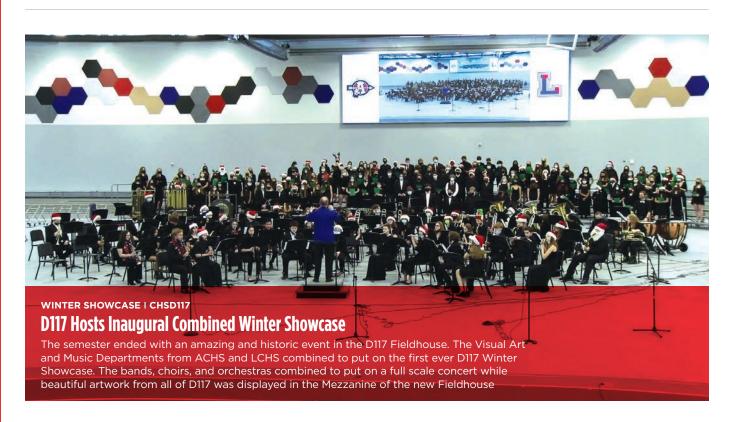
competency tests to complete the program.

This is a grueling process that our teachers choose to take part in to improve their practice as teachers. We have seen incredible results as our cohorts of teachers work through this process. They truly leave this process with the skills that are needed to be caring, competent and confident educators. We are proud of all of our teachers and especially proud of our Nationally Board Certified Teachers.

For more information on the National Board Certification visit: **nbpts.org**

David B. Newberry

Proud Principal
Lakes Community High School





COLLEGE BOARD | CHSD117

Celebration Our College Board Recognized Students

This year we have again been blessed with fantastic students at Community High School District 117. Our students are compassionate, hard-working, and enthusiastic and we are proud of all of our students. We have had a number of students over the years receive special recognition for their academic achievements by the College Board and this year we have a record number of students. CSHD117 would like to honor the following students for being recognized by the College Board:

LAKES COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Angelina Roman-Alcocer

National Hispanic Recognition Award

Gabrielle King

National African American Recognition Award

Ramon Perez

National Hispanic Recognition Award

Joseph Jorgenson

National Merit Commended

Elizabeth Klann
National Merit Semifinalist

reactional Fleric Serimmans

Hunter Savell
National Merit Commended

Aarya Patel

National Merit Semifinalist

William Zeigler
National Merit Commended

ANTIOCH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Jasmine Ametovski

National Merit Commended

Nathan Knoll

National Merit Commended

Jacob Slabosz

National Merit Semifinalist

Alexander Ware
National Merit Semifinalist

Arianna Guerra

National Hispanic Recognition Award



The Lakes Community High School Jazz Ensemble, directed by Elliott Hile, added another accomplishment to its growing list of success by being a featured ensemble at the 2022 Illinois Music Education Convention. It was the first time in the program's history that a band had been invited to play at the state convention. The audition process includes sending in a recording and description of the overall program and its history. This packet is reviewed by a committee and compared to other submissions as each school's ensembles are considered for performance. Due to the quality of the recording and the program, our Jazz Ensemble was invited to play at this year's convention. The group played a demanding and diverse set that brought the audience to its feet for a rousing standing ovation. Congratulations to our students and staff for their hard work and dedication to the art form of jazz, it truly translated into a memorable performance.

FINE ARTS | LCHS

Two Lakes Students Selected for All-State Performances

akes seniors Jack Klein and Kyle Delaney are truly soaring to the top. Each Lakes artist was selected to participate at the All State Level for their chosen art form. Jack Klien, an actor at Lakes, was selected to be part of the cast of the 2022 Illinois Theatre Festival's production of Cabaret. Kyle Delanev was selected for the Illinois Music Educators Conference All-State Band and was the Principal Euphonium player this year. Both students were required to submit several recordings of themselves performing their art form for review by a state level panel. The audition process is rigorous and truly results in recognizing those we are at the top of their field. By being selected for All-State, Jack and Kyle put themselves in the top 10% of all high school artists in Illinois. Our theater teacher Dan Esquivel and band directors Elliott HIle and Matthew Kastor





are very proud of their accomplishments and hope other students will be inspired by Jack and Kyle's hard work and success.





Learning New Skills

ave you ever built a chess board? Have you ever learned to speak another language? Have you ever been on stage and performed for others to watch? Have you ever learned to cook? Have you ever created your own logo for a t-shirt? Have you ever learned to fix an engine? These are just some of the skills that our students can learn from taking electives at ACHS. We have a place for everyone to learn a new skill, inspire themselves, and find their passion. For some of our students, this might not be their future career, but the ability to learn a new skill, to take a risk, and to take pride in their efforts is something that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

We realize there is not one path to success. Fortunately, there are many and we provide opportunities for our students to try them. There is no better time to try something new than when you are in high school. You are supported and encouraged and can make mistakes and learn from them without damaging your career goals. Instead, you may find a new goal and begin to pursue it. We encourage our students

to be well-rounded individuals with multiple experiences and interests. For us to achieve our mission of inspiring passion and discovery in every student, we must continue to provide and promote our electives.

This spring, we will have 3-D printed, remote controlled cars racing in our school. We will smell bacon and cookies throughout the day. We will see small children being taught by our students. We



will watch students climbing the walls, literally. Most of all, we will see students find their future and be guided there with our support.

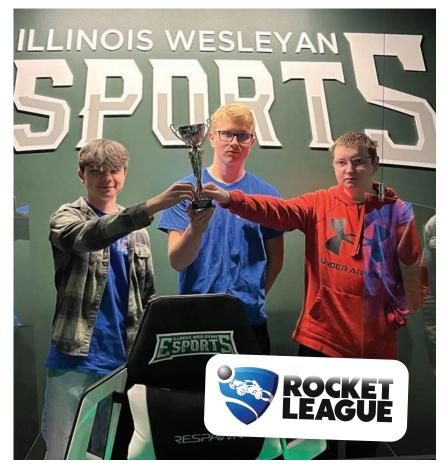
Eric Hamilton

Principal
Antioch Community High School

E-SPORTS | LCHS

E-Sport Rocket League Team

he Lakes Community High School E-Sport Team, worked together in the Rocket League competition for the IHSEA finals down in Normal Illinois at Illinois Wesleyan University on December 18th. With the weekly competitions taking place for two months prior, Lakes went into the state series with a ranking of fifth out of the 89 competing teams. Once down in Normal, the team came away with a third in state trophy, losing only to the eventual champion. Jason Jastrom, Justin Kao, and Philip Heuser came home with the 3rd place trophy. Their coach, James Anderson worked hard with building a strong team that functioned together to strategize against their opponents during these events. There was great growth as a team and as individuals as their accomplishments have given them confidence in knowing how to work with others as a team in a positive manner. Mr. Anderson and Lakes Community High School is proud of their efforts in this, our first season as an esport team.







FINE ADTS I ACHS

ACHS Spring Musical Preparations Are Underway

CHS held auditions and cast for the spring musical, "The Wizard of Oz." It is especially exciting as this year's show has been double cast, enabling more students the opportunity to be on stage with lead roles, and as ensemble members. Over ninety students will be involved in this production and all are eager to have the spring musical back "live in person." Performances of "The Wizard of Oz" are scheduled for April 7th-9th at 7 PM and April 10th at 2 PM. Tickets can be purchased on **vancoevents.com**

FINE ARTS I ACHS

ACHS to Host NLCC Honors Band Concert

CHS was excited to host the NLCC Honors Band Concert in February. This annual event brought together top performers from the Northern Lake County Conference. Students worked with guest conductors for three rehearsals prior to the concert to put the finishing touches to pieces. Performers representing ACHS were:

Addie Gjelsten Nate Knoll Linnea Lindstrom Lily Loose Sophia Mann Jana Paulsen Justin Pedersen Evan Ringnalda Hudson Swain Sidney Tindell Alyssa Ulmer **BRIEFLY NOTED | ACHS**



Scholastic Bowl Team Takes 3rd

Antioch Community High School's Scholastic Bowl team was very competitive through the conference season and took 3rd place at the NLCC Conference Meet. Members of this team include Madison Eul, Braxton Schieler, Jack Schwisow, Benjamin Steuer and Amanda Whitely.

Chess Team Wins Conference

The Chess Team took home the NLCC Conference Trophy for the 4th straight year.

Math Team Soars

At the NLCC Math Team Conference Tournament, all members of the team placed in at least one event. In Algebra 1, Noah Bohn took 1st and the team was 1st overall. In Geometry, Jack Schwisow took 1st place. In PreCalc Antioch placed 3rd overall. In Freshman/Sophomore 8 Person, Antioch placed 1st. In the Junior/Senior 2 Person, Jacob Slabosz and Alex Ware finished 1st.

Speech Team Prepares for Regional

The Speech Team is young and continues to learn while attending the Grant Speech Invite and the Glenbrook North Invite in January. This will help prepare them for the IHSA Regional competition.

Bass Fishing Team Podiums

Tucker Siminak, member of the 2021 IHSA 3rd place Bass Fishing Team, has been accepted into McKendree University, a premiere College Bass Fishing School in the country.





E-SPORTS | LCHS

Pawz 4 Change Fluffy Fiesta

The Pawz 4 Change put together a Fluffy Fiesta just prior to our finals on December 15th to give the students an opportunity to destress by interacting with adoptable cats and bunnies. Over 80 students showed up to spend 5 minutes with the animals and hopefully feel the need or want to adopt one and change each other's lives. In the end, we had two of the cats as well as two bun-

nies that were adopted by our students and their families.

Pawz 4 Change continues to work with shelters to assist in providing those animals in need with goods that will make their lives as enjoyable as possible while waiting to be adopted. They will be making toys for shelter animals to help the animals be engaged, provide comfort, and help prevent behavior problems. A toy drive took place in January as



the group is consistent with their efforts. They held a Howl-O-Ween Ball with animals coming to the school dressed up in their costumes with adoptable dogs present for adoption. They also have raised money for the shelters with a bake sale as they continue to find ways to make a difference. Later this year They plan to concentrate Their efforts on education of fostering and adoption, make cat shelters

for Spay and Stay, and bake dog treats for a shelter's bake sale. The group is sponsored by Steph Gates with Aarya Patel, Gaby Vasquez, Sammy Skula, Gabi Oparowski, Shivani Raj, Kaelee Winderweedle, Katie Pop, and Beth Kunkle are members of the Pawz 4 Change club. We are very proud of all of the work that this group does to assist in finding homes for the animals in need. Thank You Pawz 4 Change!

ARGNONNE LABS | LCHS

Lakes Students Team Up with Argonne Labs

akes Community High School students have been given the opportunity to work with Argonne Scientist Nathan Guisinger as part of the Exemplary Student Research Program. Matthew Anderson, Andrew Cook, Luis Hernandez, Joseph Jorgeson, Kendall Queen, Cody Summerson,

Gabriela Vazquez, and Ava Wallace led by teachers Mr. Jeff Newton and Mrs. Irina Stan are exploring fundamental chiral

molecular self-assembly at the atomic scale. Students meet weekly to research, collect data, and analyze as true scientists would. The title of their research project is "Exploring fundamental chiral molecular self-assembly at the atomic-scale: In search of clues to the origins of life on Earth". The abstract of the research that got their project accepted is as follows.

There are more than five hundred amino acids in nature, but only twenty are used in proteins by all living organisms. Amino acids play a central role in cellular metabolism, synthesis of proteins, chemical messengers in communication between cells, and many other biologically important functions. Due to the roles amino acids play in developing the human body, we may be able to use them in drugs to help with bodily functions such as protein creation and tissue repair. The first step toward

creating these drugs and medical processes will be to understand how amino acids interact with themselves and other substances. Completing this project will grant us knowledge about how two of the amino acids, histidine and cysteine,

self-assemble into structures and how their chirality affects their interactions. Specifically, we will perform fundamental research utiliz-

> ing an ultrahigh vacuum (UHV) scanning tunneling microscope (STM) to perform fundamental studies on the

> chirality of amino acid self-assembly on single crystal metal surfaces [1-2]. We will observe chirality in the larger ordered molecular assembly, and we hypothesize that the chirality in L- and D-versions of a particular amino acid will be translated into larger assemblies. We will initially explore the amino acids histidine and cysteine on Cu(111) surface, and we will explore

the molecular assembly of homochiral L-, D- amino acids and racemic mixtures (50%

L-, 50% D-). The only way to ensure the amino acids self-assemble without interference from outside particles is to perform the experiment in a UHV. Likewise, a STM is the best way to get the most accurate data on the self-assembly of the amino acids. This is why the atomic resolution of the UHV STM is critical for characterization of these surfaces.



even though we have endured our share of challenges during the winter season, we have overcome most of those and seen considerable success. Congratulations to all of these dedicated student-athletes! Below are the highlights:

Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team hosted its inaugural Thanks-giving tournament in the District 117 Fieldhouse. The fieldhouse was able to host 8 teams, with each playing three games over two days. The varsity team's current record is 10-18.

Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team hosted its two-level Martin Luther King, Jr. tournament for the 2nd time. The sophomore team placed 1st and the varsity team placed 3rd. The varsity team's current record is 12-13.

1st Annual Jr. Eagles Basketball Tournament

The Lakes and Antioch girls and boys basketball teams partnered to host the 1st Annual Jr. Eagles Basketball Tournament on the Sunday of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. 53 teams were able to participate!

Gymnastics

The District 117 co-op gymnastics team has seen considerable improvement as the season has progressed. Made up of team members from both District 117 schools, the girls team had four sectional qualifiers.

Cheer

Cheer had a great season, as they placed 4th in the NLCC Competition and 4th at sectionals to qualify for state.

Dance

The JV team placed 3rd in the NLCC Competition and saw great growth as the season progressed. The varsity team did not compete in the NLCC Competition, but placed 11th at the Deerfield sectional, and showed solid improvement throughout the season.

Girls Bowling

Girls Bowling has seen considerable growth in the size of the team, as well as in its success. The varsity team finished 5th at the NLCC Tournament and had two sectional qualifiers.

Boys Bowling

Alec Melecio and Phil Heuser qualified for the IHSA state bowling tournament. Phil won the Hononegah Sectional with a 230 average, and Alec placed 4th with a 220 average. At the state tournament in O'Fallon, Phil placed 17th in the state!

Wrestling

The wrestling program successfully added girls wrestling to our extra-curricular offerings, and the IHSA will host a girls, as well as a boys state series. At the time of this publication, the girls sectional has not yet taken place, but four boys wrestlers qualified for the sectional meet.

MATH TEAM | LCHS

Math Team Podiums

ur Math Team hosted the NLCC Math Competition here at Lakes on January 27th with the students guiding our guest schools into their rooms and explaining the evening's process. James Valsa and Asra Cherestal made a very smooth evening with setting the event up showing Lakes off with the class held by our students and faculty. We are proud of the team's second place finish! Congratulations to the Math team as this was our best finish in many years!







ATHLETICS I ACHS

ACHS Winter Sports Heating Up



Winter sports are off and running and many are nearing postseason play. We were so thankful to play these sports during their normal seasons this year and are looking forward to a lot of success in the postseason.

Boys' Basketball

The Boys' Basketball Team has been strong at home with a record of 6-3 with great support from the student section. Seniors Leighton Costello and Trenton Crandall have provided scoring while junior Emmy Zamudio takes on the ball handling duties as a floor general. Joe Neumann has been a rock on the interior and freshman Marshall Gehrke leads the team in scoring and rebounds. Finally, Nathan Young has been quite versatile this season, playing up to three different positions per game at times, and Kyle Glassman is the heart, soul, and energy of the team.

Cheer

Varsity Cheer competed at 5 invitationals and finished in the Top 3 at every competition, taking 2nd in the NLCC



Conference, and taking 1st place at the Grayslake North invitational. At the Fremd Invitational, Varsity took 2nd place out of 19 teams, posting one of the top scores in the state, following an impressive third place finish at Sectionals. JV Cheer just completed their season, finishing Top 4 at every competition this season. At state, the Cheer team placed 3rd.

Girls' Basketball

Currently the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team has a record of 9-12. Senior Avery Larson (Truman State bound) leads the team in scoring (11.5 points per game) and rebounding (10 per game). Callie Bemis is 2nd in scoring with 8 points per game, and Ariana Nikolov is 2nd in rebounding with 6 rebounds per game. The team continues to work to improve their skills and knowledge of the game behind the veteran play of Maggie Volkmar, Mia Kaiser, and Campbell Lazarz. Kate Fredrick, Gia Larsen, and Carlie Elizondo bring defensive pressure off the bench, while Demi Lee adds height to the inside game.

Wrestling

The team has several wrestlers ranked in the state, such as Edgar Albino (10th), Anthony Streib (5th), and Caleb Nobiling (7th), while relying on senior leadership from veterans

Evan Vazquez and Briar Russell. The newcomers, Gavin Hanrahan and Ben Vazquez, are making a huge impact as well. Nearing the end of the season, the team won regionals and 12 wrestlers qualified for individual sectionals. Caleb Nobiling and Edgar Albino placed 3rd in state.

Dance

The Dance Team welcomed Antioch dance alum, Sarah Owen, as an assistant coach this year. The team won 1st place at their first competition



of the season at Mundelein and earned a 2nd place finish in conference where Alexis Barbosa earned the NLCC Sportsmanship Award. The dancers placed 3rd at sectionals last week and are the first winter sport to qualify for state. This past weekend the team finished 13th in the state!

Gymnastics

D117 gymnastics shattered the school record with a 135.5 and are continuing to break multiple individual personal records throughout the season. Senior night was a success with the girls celebrating and sending the seniors off in style.



Girls' Bowling

The Girls' Bowling Team has won all of their conference matches, except for one, earning them the title of regular season conference champions. This year, at their invites, they have placed second and third multiple times. At the end of January, the varsity girls won the conference tournament championship, and took home the team regional championship and Allyssa Tanner was the overall individual regional champion and qualified for state.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

elp the Leprechaun fill the caboose at the Lake Villa St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday March 12th. All donated non-perishable goods will go to the Lake Villa Township Food Pantry. Our food pantry is funded entirely by donation and we have been able to help many less fortunate residents through the generosity of our community.





Peacock Camp Summer Adventure Day Camp

ake Villa Township will host it's 9th season at Peacock Camp, Summer Adventure Day Camp. Campers, entering grades K - 8th, will spend their summers on Crooked Lake swimming, boating and exploring the outdoors right in our backyard. Our partnership with High School District 117 offers use of the high and low adventure course and zip line; where campers test their bravery and sharpen their team building skills. Camp sessions are one week intervals for 9 weeks throughout the summer. Please visit peacockcamp.com for more information and to register. We look forward to spending the summer with your families!



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St. Patrick's Day Senior Lunch

Lake Villa Township's Senior Event St. Patrick's Day

Friday March 11, 2022, Noon

Lake Villa Township West Campus Community Center 37850 N. Rt. 59 Lake Villa, IL

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, bingo with Corned beef and cabbage

Please RSVP to the Lake Villa Township Office



Spring Brings New Life

s the calendar turned to 2022 back in January and we are now witness to new life popping up around us this Spring, we have been talking a lot about what is new, what is blossoming, and what is emerging in District 34. Like a new year presents new opportunities and like Spring breathes new life into our surroundings, our schools are constantly growing minds, expanding offerings, and fostering new ideas, services, and opportunities with, for, and on behalf of our students.

This year has brought a lot of new beginnings and growth. In this edition of Connections, District 34 aims to highlight just some of the new, innovative, inspiring, fun, and educational happenings. We are profoundly proud of our staff, grateful for the support of our Board, appreciative of the partnerships we have with our families and community, and always in awe of our students. In education, new can be challenging and difficult; but, this year in District 34, it has

been embraced, exciting, rewarding, and impactful.

We are so thankful for the support we receive and the relationships we have fostered. As a key member of our learning community, thank you for assisting us in the navigation of what affords us opportunities to continuously improve, serve, and meet the needs of our students.



Yours in Education.

Dr. Bradford Hubbard

Superintendent

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

With the start of the new year behind us and looking forward to all the newness Spring brings, W.C. Petty is proud to announce the launch of its first school newspaper. This idea was invented by a group of 5th graders, and the project was completed solely on their work. Here is what our tenacious Bobcats had to say about their creation and how they are using it.

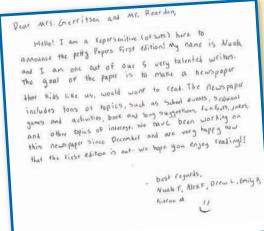
"We are a group of 5th grade writers from W.C. Petty Elementary who had an idea to create and write a paper for the students at our school. After 2 months of hard work, we were excited that our first edition of The Petty Paper was finally published in our school last week. It

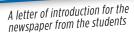
has been a big hit with both teachers and students. As we brainstormed what to put in our paper, we decided that our first issue would include interviews with teachers, seasonal games and crafts, articles about current topics of interest such as pets, jokes, as well as book and song suggestions. We also plan on gathering information in a poll, so we can include current interest topics in future issues."

"Students really seem to love the word-finds, mazes and pet articles the most," said project coordinator, Mrs. VandenBerge.

Students have hard copies of our paper and teachers can also share the digital versions to their students on their iPads. We are currently busy at work on our next issue!"









A Picture of the front page of the first issue of The Petty Paper





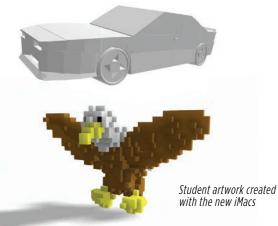
The new school year brought the opportunity for the Early Learning Center to undergo exciting renovations and upgrades including:

- New entryway to welcome our students and families.
- ABC ISpy themed wall murals that are not only visually appealing, but also offer the opportunity for children to expand their language and vocabulary by identifying pictures

and images that represent each letter of the alphabet.

- Sensory walks and walls where children can engage in movement breaks to provide a balanced sensory diet.
- Library makeover, including new carpet and wall mural, as well as, the addition of learning spaces for students to engage in STEAM activities, including a makerspace, Lego wall, coding and robotics, art studio, and architecture.





AUGS New Graphic Arts iMac Lab Powers Up

The Antioch Upper Grade School Graphic Arts Lab powered up the 2021-2022 school year with Apple iMacs. This is the first time that the encore class has been equipped with Apple computers, an industry standard in the Graphic Design profession. The Apple iMacs work interchangeably with the student issued Apple iPads. This is extremely beneficial because students can utilize AirDrop and upload their Weekly Sketches, bring in their photographs for editing, send their iPad video assignments to the iMacs for editing,

and so much more with just the click of a share button. With more processing power and powerful graphics cards, the Apple iMacs are running the newest Adobe Creative Suite, Apple Apps, and web-based programs, while also working more efficiently. As a result, students are gaining valuable experiences by using the same programs and computers that the professional Graphic Designers use in the field, and AUGS Graphic Arts students will continue to reap the benefits of an iMac lab for years to come.



New 1st Grade Addition

Penelope (Pen-Pen) is a 2-year-old bearded dragon that was adopted by 1st grade teacher Kristan Owens over Winter Break and has become a beloved class pet. Before introducing Pen-Pen to the class, they completed a week-long unit on bearded dragons. The kids got so excited learning about them that Mrs. Owens had three parents reach out to her saying their children were begging them to get a bearded dragon as a pet. At this point, the parents of the classroom knew that Penelope was coming but the students had no idea.

On January 10, students came into the room, met Penelope and fell in love! Penelope loves being able to watch the students learn, and even positions herself in her terrarium where she can see them. When the students leave the classroom, she goes back into her hammock to rest. Once Penelope became a permanent member of the classroom, students began mimicking her mannerisms during

their play time by doing the "beardie head bob" (show of dominance) and the "arm wave" (show of submission). They have even started a classroom chant in her honor, and randomly break out into "pa-pa Penelope!"

Now, Mrs. Owens' students cannot wait to purchase "snack time with Pen- Pen" as their favorite PBIS store prize, and are working towards increasing Penelope's "roam time" in the classroom so she can become a reading buddy during center time. Recognizing that being a pet owner carries responsibility, the children help Mrs. Owens give Penelope a bath during play-time. They also love to draw pictures and make cards to decorate the outside of her terrarium. Although Shelly, the turtle across the hall in Miss Pantke's room, has reigned as the celebrity of sky blue village, it is

clear to see that Penelope has become a true Hurricane rock star, adored by fans near and far.

















Spreading Kindness at Oakland

akland Eagles have started 2022 with a focus on kindness to others and goal setting. Throughout the halls, you will find student created posters on Kindness - both about things that students can do for others and also recognizing kind acts that have been done for them. Our focus on Kindness was further strengthened by our Student Council sponsoring the Great Kindness Challenge the week of January 24 - 28. Students (and staff!) were challenged with a checklist of ideas for how they could show kindness to others. Our Oakland families were also invited to create family kindness challenges

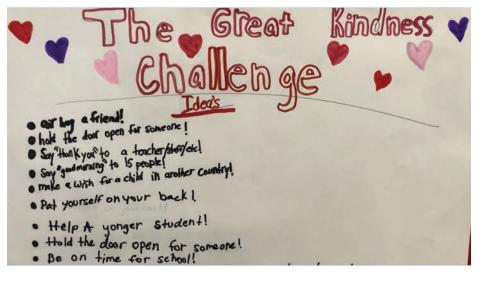
to help spread kindness and love throughout the community.

Additionally, our Eagles started the new year with setting goals for themselves or choosing a focus word to work towards in the 2022 year. These goals were posted in the hallways for all to share in. Some included reflections on the past year and others set academic and personal goals for themselves in the coming year. Our Eagles are forward thinking and always looking to grow.

In this new year, we are focused on growth for ourselves and what we can bring to others!







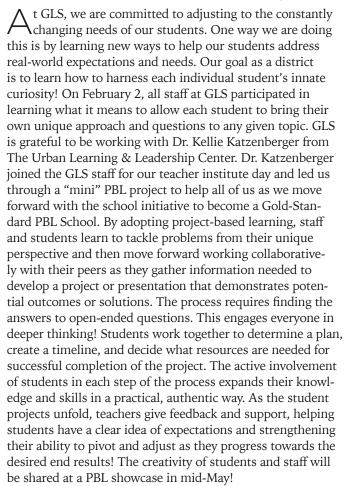






























Act of Kindness

hrough the years, Colin Chamberlin has chosen Grass Lake School when providing service hours to the community for the National Honor Society at Antioch Community High School. Recently, he completed a self-led project encompassing kindness and being the best you can be tying this message with our upcoming Valentine's Day celebration. Chamberlin created a card that represented the GLS mission statement and encouraged students and staff to spread acts of kindness! He filled each bag with a special treat for all!





All School Spelling Bee

n Thursday, January 20, 2022, we held our all school spelling bee. In attendance were the grade-level winners from fourth through eighth grades. Seventh grader Liam Wheeler emerged as the champion with his proper spelling of the word "invigorating." He will go on to represent Grass Lake School in the Regional Competition on February 16, 2022. Eighth Grader Amanda Kattner was the first runner up and will move to the Regionals if Liam is unable to attend. Congratulations to all student participants! This was a difficult challenge and everyone



In December, Grass Lake School's Student Council members shared kindness and appreciation by honoring our bus drivers. Throughout all of the changes and new requirements expected during the Covid-19 Pandemic, our bus drivers continued to meet all of our needs for daily transportation, field trips and sporting events! Thank you for all you do!





Tom Shaughnessy Supervisor (847) 395-3378

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Working Together is Success

e are embarking on exciting times for all residents of Antioch Township. The partnership between the Township and the Village is strong and getting stronger. As auto giant Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Together as one Antioch, we are united in making our community the best it can be for residents of all ages.

We are developing plans to consolidate, cooperate and share resources to maximize efficiencies. On December 8th, both boards voted to transfer property from the Village to the Township for a proposed Antioch Township Center.

The Center will bring our offices back into Antioch from Lake Villa and connect the Assessor, the Clerk, and Township Supervisor's offices under one roof. Taxpayers will benefit from the shared cost savings and convenient one-stop services that will be centrally located.

Current and future generations of all ages will benefit from Antioch's new heart and soul. A state-of-the-art event

and banquet facility will keep special events and residents' dollars in Antioch. A gymnasium will bring youth sports back to Antioch because there is currently no place for children to play recreational sports. The gymnasium will also be used for adult recreational sports such as basketball and pickleball. Most importantly our growing population of Seniors will benefit from a large space to gather for meetings, classes, and daily activities. The fitness center for adults will offer classes and physical therapy. There is something for every resident of all ages!

We look forward to a new day in Antioch. I am proud of our cooperation and the progress we are making to improve the quality of life for all our residents.

For more information, visit the township website at www. antiochtownshipil.gov, or call the office at 847-395.3378.

All the best,

Tom Shaughnessy

Antioch Township Supervisor



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS

December-February 2021/2022

Free Monthly Monday Movies Series For Seniors

March 7: Duel In the Sun March 21: Movie: Titanic April 4: Movie: Twister April 18: Movie: Things Change May 9: Movie: Forrest Gump May 23: Movie: Ratatouille

LOCATION: Antioch Movie Theatre (378 Lake Street)

TIME: All movies start at 10am and valet parking is available (Theatre

opens at 9:30am, call Township for full list)

We are pleased to offer FREE monthly movies to Antioch seniors. Movies start at 10am. There is FREE valet parking and popcorn. There is trivia before the show, and participants can win a trip to the concession stand for some goodies. There is also a special basket raffle! After each film, Oliveri North (384 Lake St. Antioch/Next door to Antioch Theatre) is open with a special lunch menu that is just \$11.

Badda Boom Badda BINGO

Thursdays once a month, Antioch Township

DATES: 3/10, 4/14, 5/26, 7/21, 8/18, 9/22, 10/20, 11/17, 12/8

TIME: 9:30am-11am

LOCATION: Antioch Township 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd. Lake Villa, IL COST: First BINGO card is FREE any additional is \$1.00 that goes to

grand prize/final game (Snacks and beverages provided)

BINGO is the name-o! Come join your friends for some fun and prizes. Cash, gift certificates and good times abound; the only rule is that you must shout out "Badda Boom, Badda BINGO!" if you win. Please call antioch township to register at 847.395.3378. Please do not arrive earlier than 9am. The doors will not be open.

Magician Bill Cook

Sign-up

DATE: March 18th

LOCATION: Docker's North, 955 Rte. 59, Antioch

Bill Cook's high-energy show combines comedy, drama, and interactive audi-

ence participation. His ability to entertain audiences both young and old alike makes him one of the most versatile performers working today. Doors open at 11am. Lunch 11:30am. Show 12-1pm. Meal and show \$20/person.

Titanic the Musical

Sign-up/Bus trip

DATE: April 20th

LOCATION: Milwaukee Rep

Limited tickets available! Sign-up for this trip to Wisconsin's famous Milwaukee Rep. Winner of five Tony Awards, "Titanic The Musical" is a stirring and unforgettable account of the first and last days of the ship of dreams. A boxed lunch will be provided on the bus. Depart Antioch Township: 11:30am. Show: 1:30pm. Return by 5pm. Bus, boxed lunch, ticket to show: \$50/person.

Blue Man Group

Sign-up/Bus trip

DATE: May 4th

LOCATION: Briar Street Theatre, Chicago

Limited tickets available! This show is amazing. Blue Man Group will rock your world. Blow your mind. And unleash your spirit. As three bald and blue men explore our world, together we'll discover music, laughter and surprises at every turn. Get on the bus and let's have some fun. Trivia and prizes on the way down to the Briar Street Theatre, in Chicago. A boxed lunch and refreshments will be provided. Depart Antioch Township: 12pm. Show: 2pm. Return by 6pm. Bus, boxed lunch, trivia, ticket to show \$65/person.

Cats the Musical

DATE: May 15th

LOCATION: Marcus Center for Performing Arts, Milwaukee

Limited tickets are available! Since its world premiere, Cats has been presented in over 30 countries, has been translated into 15 languages and has been seen by more than 73 million people worldwide. The Broadway cast recording also won a Grammy Award for Best Cast Album. Come joins us for a great experience. Includes buffet/sit down lunch at the theatre. Depart Antioch Township: 10am. Lunch: 11:30. Show: 1pm. \$70/person.

Cut out below & sign up now!

Antioch Township Event Registration	
Mark your selections	
Magician Bill Cook March 18th \$20/person Titanic the Musical April 20th \$50/person	Blue Man Group May 4th \$65/person Cats the Musical May 15th \$70/person
Total amount of payment	Registrant Details
\$ All payments must be received 10 days before event	Name:
Please make checks payable to:	Address:
Antioch Township 1625 Deep Lake Road	Phone:
Lake Villa, IL 60046 Attn: Courtney Kotloski	Email:

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NEW THIS YEAR! ~ Cosplay Contest

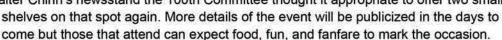
Winners will receive a gift card to a local business. Please no weapons. Costumes must be family friendly.

Check the online calendar and website for updated information closer to event date.

Comic books provided in partnership by Jay"s Comics

APLD Little Free Library Dedication

Friday, May 13 at Casa Ruiz restaurant on Main St. the Antioch Public Library District will formally end its year long 100th Anniversary Celebration. On that day we will dedicate a Little Free Library on the spot were the very first Antioch Library stood. Since the original Library was only a couple shelves in Walter Chinn's newsstand the 100th Committee thought it appropriate to offer two small





At the Library on this same day, Henry Brother's Construction will have a steel beam located off Williams St. to the south of the Library. This beam will be used in the build of the Library's new addition. The public is invited to sign it before it is installed. Follow the APLD Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter accounts for more information for both events. Times and more info will also be on the Library website at apld.info.



Antioch Publc Library District 2022 Summer Reading Program

A SUMMER OF READING AND FUN
June 1 through July 31

This year the summer reading program will be filled with lots of reading and lots of fun things to do at home, at the Library, and around Antioch.

Register the entire family!