

CANDLEWICK LEISURE

“Paws in Motion” Eagle Scout Project

by Hunter Petersen



An Eagle Scout project is now complete in the CWL Dog Park! “Paws in Motion” by Hunter Petersen gives dogs some creative ways to exercise and bond with their owners. Photos submitted by Gigi Burke of Heathcliff Drive.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is a challenging and rewarding journey that begins with a young child’s entry into the world of scouting. Over the years, one progresses through various ranks, learning essential life skills, leadership, and teamwork. To attain the prestigious Eagle rank, he must complete a significant community service project that demonstrates his leadership abilities and commitment to making a positive impact. This journey is a testament to dedication, perseverance, and a strong sense of responsibility, ultimately shaping a young scout into a capable and responsible young adult, ready to tackle life’s challenges. Baden-Powell once said “A boy does not really get the full value of scout training until he is a first class scout”. He wanted every scout to get the rank of first class and the rest is up to the scout.

My journey started when I was a cub scout at the age of 6 with Pack 77 based at the Outpost in Candlewick Lake. With the help of scout leaders and my peers, my passion for adventure and exploration for the outdoors ignited. In those early years, I learned the fundamental skills of camping, knot tying, and outdoor safety. These skills not only enhanced my confidence but also instilled in me a deep

respect for nature. When I turned 10 and transitioned to Boy Scouts, I continued to build on those essential skills. The scouting program exposed me to a wide range of experiences and taught me the importance of teamwork and leadership. As I progressed through the ranks, I eventually achieved the coveted First Class rank, a significant milestone that signifies a scout’s dedication to mastering fundamental scouting skills. This is where most decide if they want to continue with scouts and get their Eagle Rank. The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest achievement a scout can attain. I decided to continue for a number of reasons. The friendships I’ve forged along the way have been invaluable, as they have enriched my life with lasting connections and shared experiences that extend far beyond the campfires and meetings. The camping adventures, filled with the thrill of the great outdoors and the serenity of the wilderness, have provided me with a profound appreciation for the environment and the skills needed to thrive in it.

A scout must demonstrate scout spirit, an ideal attitude based upon service, leadership and the scout oath and law. This includes an extensive service project that the scout plans, organizes, and leads. For my project I planned and

built an agility course for dogs in the neighborhood. These courses provides an exciting and beneficial experience for both dogs and their owners. Beyond the physical benefits, participating in agility courses can help improve a dog’s confidence and behavior, reducing anxiety and destructive tendencies. It is equipped with a variety of obstacles such as jumps, sea-saws, and bridges. The agility course was designed to challenge your dog’s coordination, balance, and problem-solving abilities, making it an excellent way to keep your dogs active and engaged. They offer a dynamic environment that fosters physical and mental stimulation for your dogs. Moreover, these courses promote the development of a strong bond between owners and their furry companions as they work together to navigate the challenges.

Creating a dog park agility course as an Eagle Scout project is not only a remarkable way to give back to my community but also an opportunity to demonstrate my leadership skills and commitment to making a positive impact. With careful planning and dedication I hope to have left a lasting legacy that benefits both dogs and their owners for years to come.

Turkey Bingo 2023

Photos by Kelly Sieg

Article by Kathi Smith

Thank you to all that came out to play Turkey Bingo at the Rec Center. Thank you to all that brought non-perishables and hats, mittens, and scarves for the less fortunate. I am sure everything will be greatly appreciated.

We had about 145 people come to try to win a turkey and other cool prizes. Not only did we have turkeys as bingo prizes, but everyone that came in to play bingo also received a door prize ticket for a chance to win 2 other turkeys.

Several participants also purchased a 50/50 raffle ticket. The winner of the 50/50 raffle, Dan Calhoun won \$76. The other \$76 will go towards purchasing gift cards to raffle during the food trucks.

I also want to take the time to mention the Candlewick Maintenance Department for setting up the tables for the event, the members of the Events Commission for always helping to make sure that our events are awesome and the residents that come to make all the hard work worthwhile. I also want to thank the residents that stayed after the event to help put all the tables and chairs away, we appreciated this more than you will know!

Thank you also to Mary Giovingo for the gracious donation of the extra turkeys!!!!



Amenities

2023/2024 Amenity Information

Watercraft Registration & Renewals Email documents to cwl@candlewicklake.org
Boats & Personal Watercraft (Jet-skis/Waverunners)

Mail, email, or drop off your current registration, proof of \$100,000.00 liability insurance,

and the completed watercraft registration form and a new decal will be issued.

Maximum boat length is 20' and there is a 90 HP limit on all motors operating on the lake.

There is no charge for the decal. All watercraft not registered to your Candlewick Lake address in 2022 must be inspected by Public Safety before it goes on the lake. All motorized watercrafts are required to be registered, have a new decal displayed every year, and have the member's unit and lot number preceded by CWL displayed on both sides of the watercraft.

Guest watercraft are not allowed.

Canoes, Kayaks and other Non-Motorized Watercraft

Non-motorized watercraft that are not required to be registered with the State, must display the member's unit and lot number preceded by CWL on both sides of the watercraft. You do not need to register non-motorized watercraft at the office. Candlewick decals are not required for non-motorized watercraft.

Storage Site Renewal Email documents to cwl@candlewicklake.org

Mail, email, or drop off your completed registration form, payment, along with registrations

for each item stored in the storage area and a new decal will issued. A current year's decal must be displayed on all items.

Storage Site locks will be changed on May 1st. Please renew your storage site and exchange your key.

Large sites – Yearly Rental \$200.00

Small sites – Yearly Rental \$155.00

Boat Dock Rental

Marina Docks \$500 per season

Stationary Docks \$325 per season

\$25 Key Deposit

To be put on the waiting list, please contact the Administration Office

Dog Park Registration

The dog park is located by the Outpost. All dogs must be registered and have a dog park tag and a key to enter. The tags and keys are available at the Recreation Center.

The lock will be changed on May 2nd.

Dog Tag \$10.00/Annually plus a \$25 Key Deposit

You must provide:

A copy of your homeowner's/renter's insurance

A copy of your dog's rabies vaccination including rabies tag number

Dog Park Registration Form

Extended Fitness Memberships

Residents may use the Fitness Center during regular hours of operation by presenting a valid Member ID card.

Extended Membership hours are 4:00 am – 10:00 pm daily. You must be 18. Sign up at the Recreation Center.

\$10.00/month per person

You must have a change of shoes to use the Fitness Center and Gym.

Savannah Oaks Golf Course

Please call ahead for a tee time. 815-339-0500 Ext. 410

Guest Fishing Passes Email pass request form to cwl@candlewicklake.org

Anyone age 16 and over is required to always have an Illinois Fishing License and a Candlewick Guest Fishing Permit in their immediate possession while fishing at

Candlewick Lake. Active-duty military personnel and disabled veterans need to present a Military ID in lieu of an Illinois Fishing License and Candlewick Guest Fishing Pass.

Mail or email completed pass request form along with check made payable to CWL.

Annual Pass (Valid May 1st – April 30th) \$30.00 each - Limit 4 per household

Daily Pass \$10.00 each - Limit 5 per day

Three Day Pass (Consecutive Days) \$15.00 – Limit 5 per day

Guest Pool Passes Residents must be with their guests while at the Candlewick Lake Pool.

Children age 9 and younger must be accompanied by a chaperone that is at least 16

years old.

Annual Pass (Valid May 28th – September 5th) \$30.00 each - Limit 4 per household

Daily Pass \$5.00 each Your Member ID serves as your Resident Pool Pass.

A complete list of rules and regulations can be found at candlewicklake.org.

2023/2024 Member ID Card

Information

It is not necessary to renew your Member ID card if your Member ID card has your bar code printed on it. The following amenities will be included with your dues and will require a Member ID card. Your Member ID card must be presented at the time of service.

If you do not have your Member ID card, additional fees may apply. All members of your family residing with you and wishing to use these amenities will be required to get a Member ID card.

(A Member ID card will not be issued to children under age 3.)

Resident Pool Pass

Resident Fishing Pass

Resident Green Fees

Resident Gym Pass

Fitness Center

Boat Decals

Snowmobile Decals

ATV Decals (for operation on the ice only)

Your member ID is also available on the Candlewick app.

Waiver Forms

A waiver form must be on file if you, your children, or your guests wish to use the pool, fitness center, gym, or participate in any classes or camps. All guests under the age of

18 must have the waiver form signed by their parent or legal guardian. Waiver forms that are already on file are still valid. Contact the Recreation Center for more information. Blank waiver forms are available online, at the Recreation Center, and at the

Administration Office.

Building Hours

Recreation Center (November-April)

Monday – Friday	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Savannah Oaks Clubhouse Hours

December

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday - 4:00-10:00 PM

Friday - 4:00-10:00 PM

Saturday - 12:00-10:00 PM

Sunday - 11:30 AM-10:00 PM

****Clubhouse Hours unless otherwise posted for event.**

**THURSDAYS AT
SAVANNAH OAKS
4PM-10PM** **KICKOFF
7:20PM**



GAME
DAY
SPECIALS
ON
DRINKS
&
FOOD

Candlewick Lake Association, Inc. Telephone Numbers

Administration Office	815-339-0500
Public Safety Office	815-339-0500
Recreation Center	815-339-0500
Savannah Oaks Clubhouse	815-339-0500
Pool	815-339-0500
Administration Fax #	815-339-0501
Maintenance	815-339-0500
Report an Incident	815-339-0503
Visitor Call In	815-339-0311

By dialing 815-339-0500, you will be able to reach the Administration, the Public Safety Office, Recreation Center, or Savannah Oaks Clubhouse. Please make a note of these numbers.

Savannah Oaks

SAVANNAH OAKS
DECEMBER

Bingo 8th 7:30pm

PUB TRIVIA 9th 8pm

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY Begins at 7pm

Happy Hours 4pm-6pm (winter schedule)

NFL Game Night Specials

New menu items

SAVANNAH OAKS IN DECEMBER

Monday - Closed
 Tuesday - Closed
 Wednesday - Closed
 Thursday - 4pm-10pm
 Friday - 4pm-10pm
 Saturday - 12pm-10pm
 Sunday - 11:30am-10pm

Congratulations, Announcements, Kudos & Condolences...

Submit your FREE family announcements, condolences, congratulations, etc., to the Administration Office or email newspaper@candlewicklake.org for posting here in our paper!

SAVANNAH OAKS

New Year's Eve

SUNDAY - DECEMBER
31ST
PARTY BEGINS AT 7PM

DJ **CHAMPAGNE TOAST**

FOOD SPECIALS **DRINK SPECIALS**

SUNDAY JAN 7TH

SPECIALS RUN THROUGHOUT THE GAME

Kickoff Time TBD
(stay up to date with E-blasts)

DRINKS	FOOD
Apple Bomb \$6	Italian Beef \$7.50
Pirates Booty \$6	Mini Beefs \$4
Winter Specials \$6	Hot Dogs \$2
Chocolate Mint Shots \$3	Brats \$2
Chocolate Shots \$3	\$1 OFF PIZZAS
Cinnamon Shots \$3	
50 CENTS OFF DRAFTS	

Rec Center



CANDLEWICK LAKE REC. CENTER HOURS

November 1 - April 30

Building Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Extended Fitness Center Hours

Monday through Sunday

4:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Fee: \$10.00/Month/Per Person

CWL Rec Center

Member IDs

You are required to show your Candlewick Lake ID to enter the fitness center, gymnasium, and pool for any reason other than programs.

It will cost all individuals a daily fee of \$3.00 to enter the gym, \$3.00 for the fitness center and \$5.00 at the pool if you do not have an ID. All guests must be accompanied by a Candlewick Resident.

Dog Park Tags/Keys

Locks are changed on the gate May 3rd. You must be registered for 2023-2024 season to use the park.

Please bring:

- a copy of your homeowners/renter's insurance declaration page
- a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination including rabies tag #
- Dog Park Registration Form, available on website,
- \$10 for Dog Park Tag
- \$25 Key Deposit

**If you have previously registered your dog for the Candlewick Dog Park you do not need to fill out a new registration form.



Lending Library

Stop by the Rec Center for a book!

We have a great selection of books to choose from in the newly renovated Water's Edge.

Take a book, leave a book!

Seeking Coffee Sponsorships

At the Rec Center

The agreement will be \$200.00 per quarter. The sponsor will be allowed to advertise their business with a sign not to exceed 12"x16" provided by the sponsor and business cards can be displayed in the provided holder.

If interested contact Leann at 815-339-0500 ex 301 or recmanager@candlewicklake.org.



CANDLEWICK LAKE REC CENTER GYM SCHEDULE

December 1-31, 2023

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Open Gym 12:00-4:00 PM	Morning Walking 9:15-10:15	Morning Walking 9:15-10:15	Morning Walking 9:15-10:15	Morning Walking 9:15-10:15	Morning Walking 9:15-10:15	Open Gym 9:00-5:00pm
	Open Gym 10:30-6:00	Kids Gym 10:30 -12:00	Open Gym 10:30-5:30	Open Gym 10:30-12:30	Open Gym 10:30-6:00	
GYM CLOSED 4:00 PM	Full Court Bball 6:00 - 8:00 16 years & older	Open Gym 12:00-8:00	Pickleball 6:00 - 8:00	Pickleball 1:00 - 3:00	Full Court Bball 6:00 to 8:00 16 years & older	GYM CLOSED 5:00 PM
	GYM CLOSED 8:00 PM	GYM CLOSED 8:00 PM	GYM CLOSED 8:00 PM	OPEN GYM 3:00-8:00	GYM CLOSED 8:00 PM	

GYM RULES-MUST HAVE YOUR CWL ID WITH YOU

YOU MUST CHANGE YOUR SHOES BEFORE ENTERING THE GYM.

No one under the age of 14 may be in the Gym without someone 14 or older to supervise them.

No street shoes or dark soled tennis shoes or stocking feet are allowed.

No pop, food, or gum is allowed.

Guest day passes will be available for non-residents for \$3 and will only be sold to anyone who is with a CWL resident who has a proper ID.

Liability waivers must be signed by anyone entering gym or fitness center.

Minor waivers may only be signed by parent/legal guardian.

No playing kickball

No full court basketball unless scheduled

FAMILY GYM

"Family Gym" is designed for the enjoyment of candlewick families.

No unaccompanied children.

OPEN GYM

Must be 14 years of age or accompanied by a 14 year old or older.



Pony



Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00

Water's Edge at the Rec Center!

Please do not deposit your animal waste bags in the port-a-potties. This causes a major problem with the pump system. If this continues, the port-a-potties will be removed.



Every Tuesday 10:30 - 12:00

CWL Rec Center

This is a fun non-instructional environment for both you and your child to gather and socialize. Parents/caregivers must remain with children and supervise their play.

Equipment such as balls, mats, and toys will be available for your child to play with while you chat with other parents or join in on the fun.

This program is free for Candlewick residents.

Drop in basis no registration is required.

Bring a change of shoes & your CWL ID!

REMINDER

You Need a State Fishing License as Well as a CWL License to Fish on Candlewick Lake!
Get Yours Today!

Rec Center



Fitness Center Orientation Classes

The Rec Center will be offering Fitness Orientation Classes for anyone wanting to know how to properly use the fitness equipment and for resident's ages 16-17 who want to use the Fitness Center without needing a parent present to workout.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Sign up at the Rec Center front desk.

Class Cost: \$10.00

Your \$10.00 will be **forfeited** if you are a **no show** when you have scheduled a class.

If you call the instructor and cancel, you will have a \$10.00 credit.



December 1st!

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Water's Edge at the Rec Center

Anyone 18 or older!

BYOB & Snack to share.

Candlewick Crafters

Want to join a friendly group and learn a new skill or simply work on your recent project?



CWL Crafters meet December 11th

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Lakeview Room of the Rec Center.

CWL Morning Exercise

Fitness walking is serious exercise!

It is a safe and fun way to health and fitness!

Participants walk & march in place while working out to DVD's.

You will choose your own work out intensity & speed.

Daily 9:15-10:15 a.m.

THIS IS A FREE CLASS!!



PICKLEBALL!!



Come and meet friendly and helpful CWL residents and find out about the fun way to socialize and get some exercise at the Rec Center every:

Wednesday from 6-8 PM and Thursdays from 1-3 PM.

Residents 18 years of age and over as well as guests (when accompanied by a resident for a nominal fee of \$3) are most welcome to come and play.

All that is needed is a pair of gym shoes (not worn outside) and a desire to have fun! Paddles, balls and helpful information for new players are available.

Questions? Contact Susan Leibforth at sbleibforth@gmail.com Looking forward to seeing you there!

Community Events

SAVE THE DATE 2023

Breakfast with Santa December 16

Holiday Light Judging December 18

Winterfest January 13

Valentine Bingo February 9

Dues Raffle March 1-April 15

Lunch with Easter Bunny March 23

Spring Vendor Fair April 20

Wine Tasting May 4

Spring Garage Sales May 17-19

Kayak Races/Boat Parade June 8

Independence Day Celebration July 6



K & C Painting Memories

Invites you to join them for an afternoon of painting at the Rec Center!

Who: Children 7 years of age and up.

When: Dec. 9th from 1 to 3 p.m.

What: You will paint an 8x10 canvas of Rudolph.

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th AT 6:30 PM

NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBORS, YOURSELF OR ANYONE YOU FEEL HAS CAPTURED THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT IN THEIR OUTDOOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS!

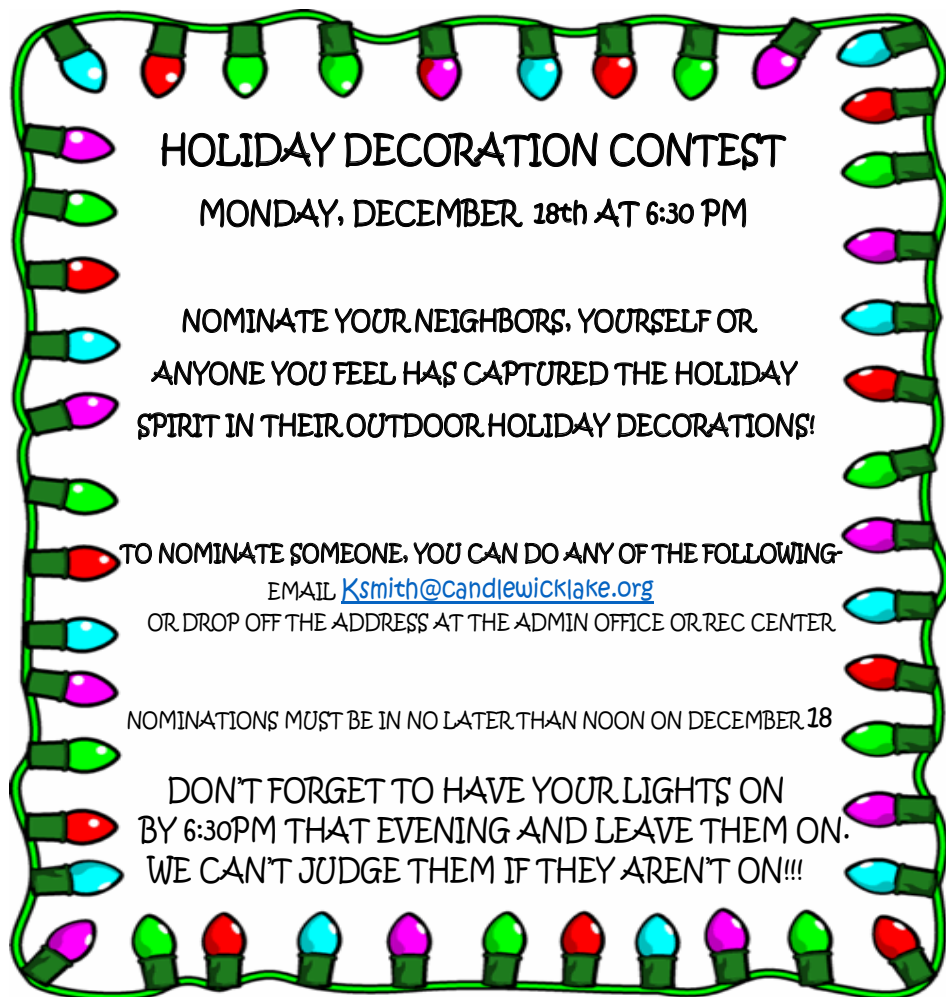
TO NOMINATE SOMEONE, YOU CAN DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING-

EMAIL Ksmith@candlewicklake.org

OR DROP OFF THE ADDRESS AT THE ADMIN OFFICE OR REC CENTER.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN NOON ON DECEMBER 18

DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR LIGHTS ON BY 6:30PM THAT EVENING AND LEAVE THEM ON. WE CAN'T JUDGE THEM IF THEY AREN'T ON!!!



Rocky Mountaineer through the Canadian Rockies

by Gloria Hensler, Candlewick Dr SE

AWE-INSPIRING BEAUTY. That is how I describe the scenery of the Canadian Rockies.

Our 8-day journey began in Vancouver, British Columbia via the Rocky Mountaineer. We chose a circle tour which began and ended in Vancouver the first week of October when the fall colors were in bloom. The main colors were a vibrant yellow and gold, with a smattering of reds and oranges. The most populous trees are the aspen and deciduous larch pines.

We had never been on a train before so that was an adventure. The Rocky Mountaineer is not a sleeper train, so nightly we stayed in many wonderful hotels.

Did you know that there is a desert in the Canadian Rockies? Yep there is. That was our first stop, Kamloops, British Columbia. Next stop was Jasper, British Columbia and we were there for two days.

During our journey we saw wonderful landscapes, a mama and baby moose and visited Spirit Island (amazing beauty). We celebrated Canada's Thanksgiving (October 9th) at a diner with a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner. We were served by a woman from the Philippines who knew nothing about the holiday. We had a good laugh.

From Jasper to our next town of Banff we took a bus. Along the way we saw so many glaciers it was hard to count and remember the names of them all. Unreal the massiveness of the glaciers and mountains.

Next town was Banff, Alberta, Canada for two days. Our lodge was in a town which was very quaint and rustic. We took a side excursion to Maligne Lake and Lake Louise. The color of the waters was breathtaking.

Heading back now going on the other side of the Canadian Rockies from Banff to Kamloops. Then Kamloops to Vancouver. Scenery was INCREDIBLE!

Passed through many small towns, farmland and a little more diverse colors. In one of the towns there is a woman named Dorothy who is always standing out waving as the Rocky Mountaineer chugs by.

We met many, many fantastic people along the way from many different countries working at various venues. People from Lithuania, Prague, Philippines, UK, Australia, Iran, Sweden, Italy, Ireland and Scotland who come to work for the season or we met on tours.



Community Events

It's that time again!!!!



Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 16, 2023
10 am at the Rec Center

\$9 per person-includes a pancake breakfast and beverage, visit and picture with Santa, children 12 and under receive a special gift from Santa and a make and take craft.

Ticket Sales start Tuesday, November 21st and end Sunday December 10th or until tickets are sold out.

Tickets are not available at the door.

Anyone without a ticket will not be permitted to enter the event.
Limited Capacity.

Beyond the Gates

S. Bartels Drew Ct., Communications Commission

It's December, and holiday and winter activities are in full swing! Check on line for more details.

Dec. 2-Jan. 28 Festival of Lights - Sinnissippi Park, 1401 N Second Street, Rockford, IL. **This is a free drive through event.**

Nov. 25-Jan.7 All Aglow Holiday Display - Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens, 1354 N Second St, Rockford, IL.

Dec. 2-Jan 28 Sinnissippi Station - Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens. A variety of trains and trolleys along with miniature Rockford landmarks and willow trestle bridges run down, around, and above you.

Outdoor Skating - Go ice skating or play hockey outdoors at the Eclipse Lagoon in Sinnissippi Gardens on the campus of Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens.

Nov.11-Dec 23 Christmas Town at Summerfield Zoo -"Santa's Reindeer Barn with Santa's entire sleigh team of reindeer. Visit with Santa Claus on Saturdays-Sundays. Kids will earn a "stable elf" diploma and take part in baby reindeer flight school training sessions. Online reservations are required."

Dec. 1-3 The Rockton Christmas Walk - Enjoy the lighted displays at Settlers Park, Ugly Christmas Sweater Pub Crawl, Dueling Pianos, Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, music by River City Sound Chorus Sweet Adelines, Lighted Christmas Parade, Hot Cocoa Crawl and Scavenger Hunt.

Dec. 2 Winter Holiday Walk at Boone County Conservation District Belvidere invites you to "start the Holiday Season in the 1800s! By walking a luminaria-lit pathway as you listen to live music, enjoy some holiday treats & get in the Holiday Spirit!" Admission is free. Check on line for more details. Entrance address is 1121 N Appleton Rd. Belvidere, IL.

Dec. 3 Cookies with the Grouch- Tinker Swiss Cottage, 411 Kent St. Rockford, IL. Tickets required. 815-964-2424 tinkercottage.com

Dec. 12-Roscoe Hometown Holidays - Main Street Square, Roscoe, IL, 5344 Williams Dr. 3-7p.m. "There will be music, baby reindeer, games and prizes, crafts for kids at the Fire Station, food trucks at Main Street Square, choirs from all the local schools, soup and gospel music at Roscoe United Methodist Church, letters to Santa at Village Hall, cookies, hot chocolate, wassail and an appearance by Santa himself. Join in on the caroling as they light the Community Holiday Tree"

Dec. 15 Luminaria - Severson Dells Nature Center, 8786 Montague Rd. Rockford, IL 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Enjoy the holiday with this candlelit trail. Make s'mores and enjoy live music and other activities. Free event. Check online for details.

December Ice Hogs Hockey at the BMO Center in Rockford has 4 home games- check schedule on line.

Apollo Theatre - 104 N. State St. Belvidere, IL- theapollotheatre.com. December Line-up of entertainers: Hellzapoppin - "A rock & Roll Side Show of wonder," Nonpoint - "American Rock Band," Matt Stell -"American Country Music."

Snow Park at Alpine Hills - 4402 Larson Ave., Rockford IL. 815-966-8737. <https://rockfordparkdistrict.org/snow-park>. This five-acre snow park is divided into separate tubing and terrain park sections designed to accommodate riders of all abilities.

WINTER FESTIVAL

**BEAT THE WINTER BLUES AND COME TO THE REC CENTER
 AND HAVE SOME FUN!**

JANUARY 13, 2023 FROM 2:30-4PM

SIP HOT CHOCOLATE MAKE SMORES
WINTER CRAFTS FACE PAINTING
PLAY GAMES

EVEN GO OUTSIDE AND BUILD A SNOWMAN!
(BRING YOUR WINTER GEAR IF YOU ARE GOING TO BUILD A SNOWMAN)

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Information

From the Table - Just a Bite

By S.L. Bartels, Drew Ct.

One of my favorite things is making bread. Who doesn't love the smell of fresh baked bread? mmm! So, when I learned that Belvidere's Library was going to host a lecture and demonstration of breads featured or inspired by literature, I jumped on the opportunity to attend.

The guest speaker was Father Dominic Garramone, a monk of Saint Bede Abby in Peru, Illinois. He was also the host of a PBS cooking show, Breaking Bread with Father Dominic from 1999-2001.

For the library program, he made a variety of yeast and quick breads: Winnie the Pooh Honey Nut Buns, Corn sticks inspired by Little House on the Prairie, Victorian Seed Cakes from books such as Sense and Sensibility and then ended with a Mystery Bread challenge.

We were to eat half a piece of bread and then guess what the mystery ingredient was. Some thought squash, tomatoes or other vegetables...finally someone gave the correct answer... pork and beans! Everyone loved the taste of the Mystery Bread and it was fun trying to guess the mystery ingredient.

The Winnie the Pooh Bun recipe is an easy one to make with young bakers. Father Dominic had a young girl in the audience help him with this recipe. It begins by warming equal parts of honey and butter together and putting the mixture in a squeeze bottle. According to Father Dominic, make as much of this as you want because this is a great mixture to have on hand not only for this recipe but for cornbread, pancakes or anything you want to sweeten.



Use a regular size muffin tin, squeeze about one tablespoon of the honey/butter mixture into each muffin tin, sprinkle in some chopped pecans or walnuts (nuts are optional) and top each one with a refrigerator roll biscuit. Bake at the temperature on the package just until the tops are lightly browned.

Remove the muffin tin from the oven and lay a plate on top of the muffins. Flip it over so the muffins release onto the plate which allows the honey and nuts to drip down over the sides of the muffin. Father Dominic believes there is no such thing as too much honey butter so he had his assistant drizzle more over the tops of the muffins before she served the warm buns to the audience to enjoy while we listened and learned more about baking breads.

Conversely, I have a friend who has no interest in cooking. She shops at a grocery store where she can make selections from the meat department who will then cook them to her specification and package the finished product for her to take home. Imagine my surprise when she served delicious crusty bread that she made herself!

Personally, I love the work of kneading the dough to a smooth, satiny boule, so it surprised me that she would make her own bread given her dislike for cooking. She assured me that her recipe required no kneading, very little effort and she could even make it gluten free if she wanted to. She gave me the recipe and I agree, it is easy and tasty and can be made with flavor variations as well. Here is my friend's recipe for Crusty Bread and Father Dominic's for Mystery Bread. Enjoy!

Crusty Bread

(The original recipe was from Jim Lahey of Sullivan Street Bakery)

Ingredients:

3 cups unbleached all purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon instant or rapid rise yeast
1 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt 1 1/2 cups water

Instructions:

- In a large mixing bowl whisk together the flour, salt and yeast. Add water and mix until a shaggy mixture forms.
- Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let it sit for 12-18 hours at room temperature. Overnight works great. After 12-18 hours the dough will look shaggy and be pretty sticky. That's okay, that's the way it is suppose to be.
- Heat oven to 450 degrees F. As soon as the oven reaches 450 degrees place a 5.5 quart Dutch Oven pot with a lid that can take the high heat into the oven. Heat the pot and lid for 30 minutes.
- Right after you put the pot in the oven, Dump the dough onto a heavily floured surface. Put flour on your hands and shape the dough into a ball. (The dough will be VERY sticky) Cover the ball lightly with plastic wrap to keep the dough from drying out while the pot is heating up.
- Use pot holders to remove the hot pot from the oven. Carefully pick up the ball of dough and drop it into the pot. Put the lid back on the pot and return it to the oven to bake for 30 minutes.
- After 30 minutes, remove the lid and continue to bake for an additional 15 minutes.
- Remove pot from the oven and remove bread from the pot to cool on a wire rack.



Variations:

After mixing basic dough, mix in the following ingredients and bake as usual.
Lemon, Rosemary and Gruyere cheese: zest of 1 lemon, 1 1/2 cup Gruyere cheese, chopped fresh rosemary to taste.

Cranberry, Orange, Almond: 3/4 cup dried cranberries, zest of 1 orange, 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Sharp Cheddar Cheese: 1 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Gluten Free: Follow recipe except use gluten free flour (which already contains the correct amount of xanthan gum) in place of regular flour. (Jules Gluten Free flour is recommended for this recipe). They suggest leaving it in the oven 7 minutes longer. It will not rise as much as bread made from normal flour.

Pork & Beans Bread

Ingredients:

1 15-16 oz. can of pork & beans	3 cups all purpose flour
2 cups sugar	1 tablespoon baking powder
3 eggs, beaten	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup vegetable oil	1 cup raisins and/or 1 cup chopped nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla	

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- Process beans- juice and all in a food processor until smooth. Pour mixture into a large bowl.
- Add sugar, eggs, oil and vanilla extract; mix well.
- Sift together flour, baking powder and cinnamon. Stir into liquid mixture.
- Fold in raisins and or nuts. Do not over mix.
- Divide batter into 2 greased and floured 8 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" loaf pans.
- Bake for 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
- Let cool for 10 minutes before removing bread from the pans, and then cool the rest of the way on a wire rack.



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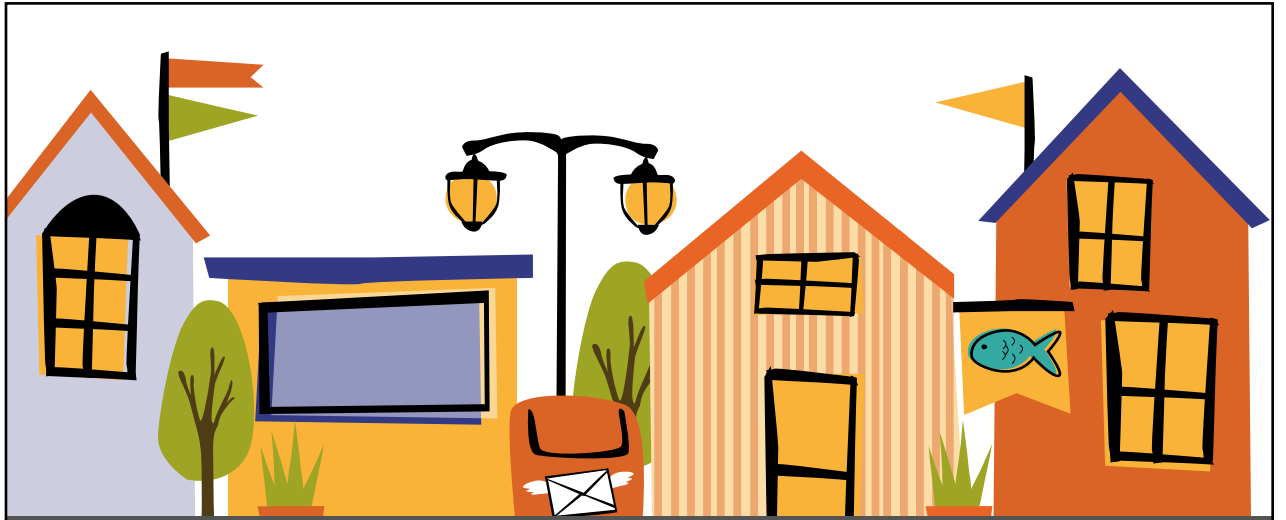
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10	11 1:00-4:00 PM CWL Crafters Rec Center	12 6:30 PM Lake Management Rec Center	13 7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	14 5:30 PM Book Club Meeting Rec Center	15	16 Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive Ends 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost 10:00 AM Breakfast with Santa Rec Center
17	18 6:30 PM Holiday Light Judging 5:30 PM Finance - Admin Office	19	20 7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	21	22 7:30 PM Bingo Savannah Oaks	23 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE & REC CENTER CLOSED	2 OFFICE OPENS AT 12:30 PM REC CENTER OPEN 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM	3 6:00 PM Golf Commission Meeting Rec Center 7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	4	5 6:30 PM Bunco Rec Center	6 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost
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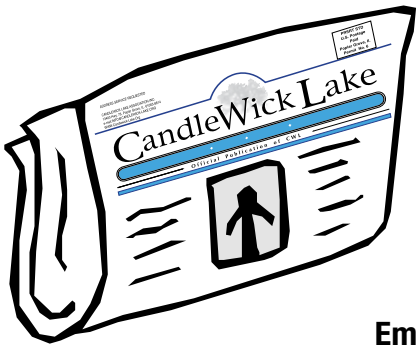
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