

# CANDLEWICK LEISURE

## Winterfest 2025

Photos and article by Dale Miedema



Josie Kish face painting



Lots of action!



She loves her new look!



Roasting some goodies

The Lakeside Room was really hopping this past January 18 with Winterfest in full swing. There were a few dozen Nerf balls, disguised as snowballs, laying around the floor that were supposed to be used to play all the games available, but most of the ones I saw were bouncing off heads. Lots of fun and laughter as the kids could have a snowball fight without the usual dangers that come with real snowball fighting such as getting hit by an ice ball, or frozen fingers that can't be felt after extended time outdoors.

There were many other activities for those with creative minds with four craft tables where kids could make snowmen from pinecones or marshmallows, and even a table where you could assemble your own s'mores to be cooked on an open campfire outside on the patio. Another popular table was the face painting table where Josie Kish offered many different designs where each child could choose their favorite design, and even which colors they would like. At one time, I counted over 30 kids there, but I can't be sure as it's hard to count a moving mob while ducking snowballs!

As usual, thanks to all our volunteers who manned the craft tables helping make sure everything went as planned, and thanks to our Events Commission for putting the whole thing together- you guys continue to outdo yourselves. Thanks for all you do!

## SAVANNAH OAKS

Candlewick Lake's  
Community Clubhouse  
and Golf Course

 **ST. PATTY'S PARTY**  
Saturday, March 8th - 2pm

 **KARAOKE**  
Saturday, March 8th - 7pm

 **EUCHRE NIGHT**  
Friday, March 21st - 6pm

 **PUB TRIVIA**  
Saturday, March 22nd - 7pm

 **PUB BINGO**  
Friday, March 28th - 7pm



Please check the Savannah Oaks Facebook Page for up-to-date announcements and last-minute changes!

# Amenities

## 2024/2025 Amenity Information

**Watercraft Registration & Renewals** Email documents to [cwl@candlewicklake.org](mailto: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 2023 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](mailto: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 \$250.00

Small sites – Yearly Rental \$175.00

**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 1st.

You must be registered for 2024-2025 season to use the park

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](mailto: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 25th – September 2nd or when pool closes for season.) \$35.00 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](http://candlewicklake.org).

## 2024/2025 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.

# PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

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.

# SAVANNAH OAKS

Candlewick Lake's Community Clubhouse and Golf Course

## A few updates...

### WINTER HOURS:

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY CLOSED

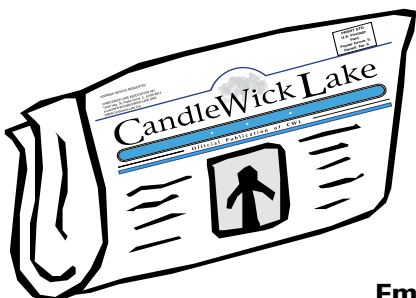
THURSDAY - FRIDAY 4:00PM - 10:00PM

SATURDAY 2:00PM - 10:00PM

SUNDAY 11:30AM - 8:00PM

Our hours have changed recently; please note the most up-to-date hours are posted here. We appreciate your patience and your understanding!

## Advertise in Candlewick Lake



For Display Ads call...  
Bob @ 815-742-8333



Email: [rbmadvertising@gmail.com](mailto:rbmadvertising@gmail.com)

For Classified Line Ads call...  
the CWL Office @ 815-339-0500  
or visit us online @ [www.candlewicklake.org](http://www.candlewicklake.org)

Exciting improvements are happening at Savannah Oaks! If you have been down to the Clubhouse recently, you likely noticed some changes. Behind the scenes, there is even more happening and we are excited to see where this new chapter at Savannah Oaks takes us. We are happy to announce our new Clubhouse Manager, Ben! Next time you are at Savannah Oaks, be sure to introduce yourself. Ben is a Candlewick Resident with great bar management and marketing experience. We are all excited to see him elevate the Savannah Oaks Clubhouse and continue to improve our residents' and their guests' experience.

# Savannah Oaks

## Savannah Oaks News

by Lynn Pehanich, Golf Commission

### New Fun for Everyone at Savannah Oaks!

#### “Oh What a Night” First Karaoke “Mic Night” at Savannah Oaks

Not only is this one of the songs performed at our inaugural night of karaoke— it is an apt description of the evening.



The crowd was electric!! People of all ages gathered to enjoy the music and cheer on those brave enough to take the microphone. We clearly had some karaoke veterans, along with those depending on a bit of liquid courage to enthusiastically participate.

Our host and DJ Mike Pehanich warmed up the crowd initially with some of his favorite tunes. Then Jupitar (aka Ellen Fong) further revved up the crowd with her extremely entertaining rendition of “Dream a Little Dream” by Mama Cass. After that, the flood gates opened with a great variety of singers and songs.

The ladies golf league, Chicks with Sticks, was well represented and did a group sing of “Girls Just Want to Have Fun”, as well as individual songs and duets.

At the end of the evening, Mike turned to me with a big grin and said that the best thing about the night is that everyone was truly having fun! So, given the great participation, karaoke will become a regular event at Savannah Oaks.

Our next karaoke night will be Saturday, March 8th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. This will coincide with the Savannah Oaks St. Patrick’s Day party that will be serving green beer and food specials starting at 2:00 pm and into an evening. So, find your green outfit and come join us to celebrate!

**FOR DETAILS ON ALL THE EVENTS AT SAVANNAH OAKS IN MARCH, PLEASE VISIT THE CANDLEWICK LAKE FACEBOOK PAGE. ALSO, THE EVENTS ARE LISTED ON THE CALENDAR PAGE OF THIS NEWSPAPER.**

### Meet Benjamin Wilken

#### Clubhouse & Course Manager at Savannah Oaks

You may notice a different look and feel at the Savannah Oaks clubhouse in 2025. We are fortunate to have Ben Wilken, who has taken over the reins as manager. Ben brings top qualifications and professionalism to the job and hopes to develop the full potential of both our golf course and clubhouse.

So, who is Ben? Ben is a Candlewick Lake resident who has lived in our community for 3 1/2 years with his beloved dog, Holly. Ben served 5 1/2 years in the Navy – thank you for your service!! After that, he built a 20-year civilian career working in retail, sales development, and marketing. His most recent experience was six years as the Business Development Manager at Royal Pub & Grill in Freeport, a 6,000 square-foot facility that includes a liquor store, bar, and full kitchen. And to top it off, Ben is an entrepreneur. He previously owned a frozen yogurt store in Bolingbrook and currently owns a marketing company. Ben’s dedication to hard work and finding solutions is evident to his customers and staff.

When not working on ways to improve the customer experience at Savannah Oaks (which doesn’t leave much free time), Ben enjoys photography and playing pickleball.



I asked Ben why he decided to take this position of manager at Savannah Oaks. He explained that being retired military he does receive financial benefits. However, he wanted to get more involved in the community, as well as earn some additional income. Initially, he thought it might be fun to work part time as a bartender. Then, the manager position opened up and, given the perfect fit, “the rest is history.”

#### What do you like most about your job?

Ben replied, “the clientele – they are truly nice people. I like that there is accountability to the community because everyone knows each other. And just as important, is my staff. We have a great group of people working now who are focused on providing the best possible service. None of what I hope to accomplish is possible without my staff. They deserve a lot of the credit. I am the idea guy, but the staff is responsible for the execution.”

#### We then discussed the challenges and goals for his transition.

His first priority was improving the visual appeal of the clubhouse. He said “presentation” is key to a welcoming environment. Ben and his staff rearranged the seating to provide more space in the dining room. They have added new and more modern décor. Cleanliness is an area of focus throughout the clubhouse and kitchen.

#### Cost control.

Ben is convinced that they can provide a high quality of food and service, but still control expenses responsibly. He believes that he, and all in management at CWL, should be aware that the decisions they make and expenses involved do affect the fees paid by the residents.

#### “Better experience for the customers is essential for success.”

Ben has worked, and will continue to work, with the board to expand the food choices. One of the first things he did was to create menus for the tables and standardize pricing to be more family friendly. You will notice that the servers now come to your table to take your order and are trained to be pro-active to make sure customers are aware of new items available and upcoming events.

Also, Ben is encouraging food take-out. There are now take-out menus that people can bring home. He said, “I wanted to reach out to those in the community that may not want to be in the bar atmosphere, but still can have access to the convenience of food pick-up so close to their homes.” The take-out menu will also be at the Rec Center and Administrative Office.

I asked Ben to discuss his vision for the future, and possible changes he’d like to make to both the golf course and clubhouse experience. Some of his ideas include:

- Open course and clubhouse at 7:00 am during golf season.
- Add breakfast food items such as egg sandwiches and breakfast pizzas
- Keep expanding food menu such as adding french fries or tater tot sides and salads

- More inclusive events that appeal not only to golfers but the entire community. Specifically, he wants to start soon a Networking Evening in which the residents of CWL can connect. This will be a weekday evening at which people can gather at the clubhouse to meet fellow local businesses and service providers such as painters, landscapers, hair salons, pet care, cleaning services, etc. This will be a great way to help meet the needs of people in the community, while supporting your neighbors. He sees this as possibly a monthly event.

- Individual Golf Contest Days such as Longest Drive and Putting contests

#### What are Ben’s thoughts on the golf course?

He first mentioned he works closely with Shawn Chisamore, who is our course Greenskeeper and Department Head of Course Maintenance. I think most golfers will agree that the course is in great condition. Shawn continues to make improvements. His most recent change is on Hole #7 cutting back the trees and bushes on the right side of the fairway. Also, he hopes to have the new putting and chipping practice green that is near the first tee, open in May 2025.

Ben wanted to emphasize that he and Shawn have a common goal of ensuring “Respect and Proper Etiquette on the Golf Course.”

What this means is that course rules will be posted and enforced and irresponsible behavior or damage to the course will not be tolerated. Ben hopes to have a Ranger on the course at peak times to ensure an enjoyable golf experience.

In closing, Ben made it clear that “people having fun is most important, even over profits because that is what will draw more residents to utilize our facilities”. Ben is well aware of the great potential for growth. He explained, “I especially enjoy the challenge of the dynamic atmosphere at Savannah Oaks. Every day is different.” Ben is serious, diligent and focused on getting things done. However, now and then after a successful event, or a proud moment witnessing the good service of his staff, or watching his patrons clearly enjoying themselves, you may see a small, but very sweet smile, emerge on our new leader’s face.

#### New Food Items at Savannah Oaks:

- Hawaiian Pizza
- Meat-Lovers Pizza
- Toasted Subway Sandwiches – choice of ham, turkey or beef and cheese on a toasted roll

**MARCH MADNESS** is back at Savannah Oaks so come cheer on your teams!

#### GOLF LEAGUES

Thinking about joining a golf league this year? If so, stay tuned for more information regarding the Men’s, Ladies’ and Junior Golf Leagues. Informational meetings will be held in April. Great way to get out, meet new friends and be an active part of our great community.

**NOTE: Mark your Calendars: The ladies league meeting will be Tuesday, April 1st at 5:30 pm at Savannah Oaks clubhouse.**

# Rec Center

## 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 \$4.00 to enter the gym, \$4.00 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.

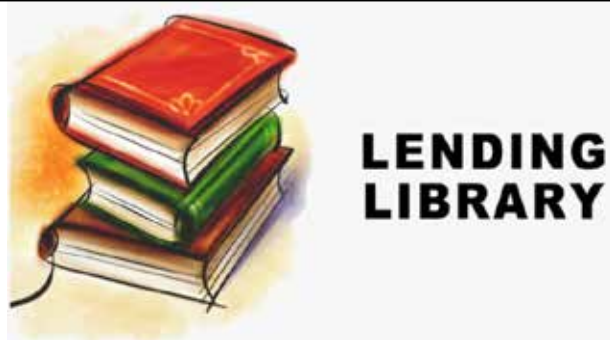
### Dog Park Tags/Keys

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.



Stop by the Rec Center for a book!

We have a great selection of books to choose from in the 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 call 815-339-0500 ex 301 or email [recmanager@candlewicklake.org](mailto:recmanager@candlewicklake.org).



## AD DISCLAIMER

We reserve the right to refuse any advertisement, photo or article.

## VOLLEYBALL



1pm - 3pm  
2nd & 4th Saturdays  
ages 14+  
free for all residents



6pm - 8pm  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
ages 14+

## DODGEBALL

This activity is free to all residents. Adults are encouraged to come join the fun! This game is not just for kids!

## PICKLEBALL



Join the Pickleball League every week in the gymnasium! Rackets and balls are available at the Rec Center. Residents may bring a guest for a \$4 fee per visit. Remember to bring a change of shoes to keep the floor clean!

Wednesdays at 6pm - 8pm (ages 18+)  
Thursdays at 6pm - 8pm (ages 14+)

## BUNCO



6:30pm - 8:30pm First Friday every Month

Anyone 18+ is welcome to join us at the Outpost on the first first Friday of every month! BYOB & a snack to share!



## PONY CANASTA

Wednesdays  
1pm - 4pm  
Water's Edge

## CANDLEWICK CRAFTERS



1pm - 4pm  
2nd & 4th Monday  
every month

Looking for a friendly group where you can learn a new skill or simply work on your current project? Meet the Candlewick Crafters in the Lakeview Room twice a month!



## KIDS GYM

10:30am - 12:00pm  
EVERY TUESDAY

A fun non-instructional environment for both you and your children to gather and socialize! Equipment such as balls, mats, and toys will be available for your children to use.

Kids Gym is FREE for Residents. Bring your CWL ID and a change of shoes. No registration required. Parents/Guardians must remain with children and supervise their play at all times.



### 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.

# Rec Center

REC CENTER GYM SCHEDULE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Open Gym 12:00pm - 4:00pm	Morning Walking 9:15am - 10:15am	Morning Walking 9:15am - 10:15am	Morning Walking 9:15am - 10:15am	Morning Walking 9:15am - 10:15am	Morning Walking 9:15am - 10:15am	Open Gym 9:00am - 1:00pm
	Open Gym 10:30am - 6:00pm	Kids Gym 10:30am - 12:00pm	Open Gym 10:30am - 6:00pm	Open Gym 10:30am - 6:00pm	Open Gym 10:30am - 8:00pm	Volleyball (2nd & 4th Saturdays) 1:00pm - 3:00pm 14 years +
GYM CLOSED 4:00pm	Full Court B-Ball 6:00pm - 8:00pm 16 years +	Dodgeball (1st & 3rd Tuesdays) 6:00pm - 8:00pm 14 years +	Pickleball 6:00pm - 8:00pm 18 years +	Pickleball 6:00pm - 8:00pm 14 years +		GYM CLOSED 5:00pm
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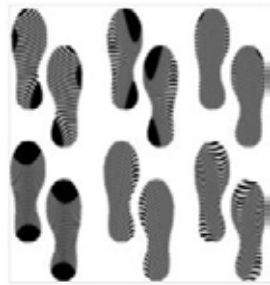
### GYM RULES:

- CWL Member ID must be presented to front desk staff to use the Gym.
- No one under the age of 14 is allowed in the Gym at any time without someone 14 years or older to supervise them
- \$4 Guest Day Passes are available for non-residents and may only be sold to someone who is with a CWL resident with proper ID.
- Liability waivers must be signed by anyone entering gym or fitness center. Minor waivers may only be signed by parent/legal guardian.
- Family Gym ("Kids Gym") is designed for the enjoyment of Candlewick families. No unaccompanied children.
- Shoes must be changed before entering the Gym.
- No street shoes, no dark soled tennis shoes, no stocking feet
- No drinks (except water), food, or gum is allowed in the gym
- No playing kickball
- No full court basketball unless scheduled

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



Share your news with us! Congratulations, condolences, births, life events, etc., can be announced here in our paper!  
 We welcome your photos and news.  
 Send your information to [newspaper@candlewicklake.org](mailto:newspaper@candlewicklake.org).



## 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.

**Monday - Friday**  
**9:15-10:15 a.m.**  
**Rec Center Gym**

**THIS IS A FREE CLASS!!**

# Community Events

please join us for our annual

## Lunch with the Easter Bunny!

at the Recreation Center

### Saturday, April 12th, 2025

11:00am  
lunch

MAKE & TAKE CRAFT  
PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY  
LUNCH - HOT DOGS, CHIPS, LEMONADE  
EASTER EGG HUNT (KIDS UP TO 13 YEARS)

11:30am  
egg hunt

### \$5.00/PERSON

Tickets available at the Rec Center March 12th - April 7th  
Every person in attendance must have a ticket. Due to limited capacity, tickets must be purchased in advance and are not available at the door



Sponsored by the Events Commission - For more information, please call 815-339-0500 ext.300



## BOOK CLUB

Join the Candlewick Lake Book Club!  
Meetings take place the last Wednesday of each month at the Rec Center (Water's Edge Room)  
No sign-up required!

READING IN MARCH:

**"DOWN THE STEEP"**  
by A.D. Nauman

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH**  
**5:30PM SOCIAL TIME**  
**6:00PM BOOK DISCUSSION**



## Candlewick Garden Club

Invites the CWL Community to a

# SEED SWAP

Rec Center  
Waters Edge Room

Bring some ~ Take some

Saturday, March 8 at 10 am

Presentation by Cindy Mikota

Attendees will also receive a seed starter tray to take home



# Community Events

SAVE THE DATE...

*Bi-Annual CWL*  
**GARAGE SALE**

Friday, May 16th  
Saturday, May 17th  
Sunday May 18th

**WE PAY HIGHEST PRICES**  
for Gold, Silver, Jewelry, Coins, Sterling Flatware & Silver Plated Items!

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# Spring Craft & Vendor Fair

Candlewick Lake Recreation Center  
1812 Candlewick Dr SW, Poplar Grove, IL

**March 22nd, 2025**  
**10am - 3pm**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

IF YOU HAVE A BUSINESS AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, SUBMIT THE FORM BELOW TO THE REC CENTER BY MARCH 16TH. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO [ksmith@candlewicklake.org](mailto:ksmith@candlewicklake.org) / 815-339-0500 ext. 205. VENDOR REGISTRATION FEE IS \$15 FOR A 10'X10' SPACE, YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN TABLE, ETC. SPACE IS LIMITED AND REGISTRATION MAY CLOSE BEFORE MARCH 16TH IF WE REACH CAPACITY.



## SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR - REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS TYPE \_\_\_\_\_







BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE REC CENTER WITH YOUR \$15 REGISTRATION FEE.

## *Information*

# GET IMPORTANT, REAL-TIME UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND NEWS DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX!

*PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR CWL EMAILS, THE EASIEST WAY TO STAY INFORMED OF YOUR COMMUNITY'S BUSINESS AND EVENTS.*

-  MEETING NOTICES
-  BOD & COMMISSION MEETING AGENDAS
-  COMMUNITY EVENTS
-  HELPFUL REMINDERS
-  IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
-  ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS AND UPDATES

### **INTERESTED?**

**LOG IN TO YOUR CANDLEWICK ACCOUNT AT  
CANDLEWICKLAKE.ORG**

**GO TO "MEMBERS", CLICK "EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION",  
MAKE SURE THE BOX IS CHECKED, AND CLICK "UPDATE".**

Need assistance? Please call the Admin Office 815-339-0500



## **DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR APP!**

Download the app from our website or by searching the Apple App Store or Google Play App Store on your smartphone under the name Candlewick Lake.

*Thank you for taking the time to be a well-informed resident!*



# Information

## Beyond the Gates - March

S. Bartels Drew Ct., Communications Commission

**For ALL events please check on line for more details, cost, tickets, etc.**

**Discovery Center Museum**, 711 N. Main St., Rockford, 815-963-6769, <https://www.discoverycentermuseum.org>

**Mar 1. thru May 11-Impressionists Immersive**

**Exhibition-** Midwest Debut-Interactive learning panels, Visual Soundscapes in English & Spanish. \$ Severson Dells Nature Center, 8786 Montague Rd., Rockford, 815/335-9915, <https://seversondells.org>

**Mar. 1- Fungi Funday-** Learn about mushroom uses in food & medicine. View them under a microscope; go on a mushroom hunt and create mushroom spore art. Free fun, family event. No registration required.

**Mar. 8- Nature Clue-** A mystery has happened at the Dells and your help is needed to help solve it. Gather your team of detectives together (up to 5 members per team) to investigate and have fun. (\$20 per team)

**Mar. 9- Travelogue- The United Kingdom-** You will learn what it is like to climb rocky crags and walk in the footprints of dinosaurs & more. Free event.

**Mar. 13- Full Moon Hike-** Under the light of a full moon explore the woods and prairies in search of nocturnal mysteries. \$5 non members. Registration required.

**Nature at the Confluence**, 306 Dickop St., South Beloit, 815-200-6910, <https://natureattheconfluence.com> or [Julie@natureattheconfluence.com](mailto:Julie@natureattheconfluence.com)

**Mar. 1-Making Syrup from Box Elder Trees-** Sap collecting, cooking, tasting and more. Free event.

**Mar. 8- Peregrine Party-** Indoor lecture, Falconer to bring a live Peregrine Falcon, followed by a guided hike to Eagle Point to see an Eagles Nest. Please register in advance. \$5 per person \$10 per family.

**Atwood Center- Birds of Prey-** 2685 New Milford School Rd. Rockford, 815-966-8747, <https://atwoodpark.org>

**Mar.1 -Recurring every Saturday- Get a close up view of Raptors at the Bird House.** Take photos, ask questions. Birds are fed at 1 p.m. Free event

Mar. 15- In the Outdoors: 'Trekin & Trackin'- Guided

trek around the park while learning to identify tracks and signs of local wildlife. Free event. Preregistration recommended.

**Coronado Theatre**, 314 N. Main St., Rockford, 815-968-5222, <https://coronado.asrockford.com>

**Mar. 1-The Rock Orchestra** by Candlelight- infuses Iconic Rock & Metal.

**Mar. 6- Blackberry Smoker: Rattle, Ramble & Roll** Tour & Cole Chaney

**Mar. 8-Ellis Island: Dream of America-** Peter Boyers

**Mar. 13- Brett Young live-** Country Artist.

**Mar. 14- Let's Sing Taylor-** Live Band celebrating Taylor Swift.

**Mar. 21-The Princess Bride & An Inconceivable Evening** with Cary Elwes.

**Mar. 25- Shen Yun Live-** Classical Chinese dance & enchanting music.

**Mar. 29-The Fab 4 – USA Meets the Beatles!** Celebrates their 1st US visit.

**Mar. 30-Dirty Dancing Concert-** Complete screening of film while band & singers perform live on stage.

**BMO Center**, 300 Elm St., Rockford, 815-986-6465, <https://bmocenter.asrockford.com>

**Mar. 1-Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live Glow-N-Fire** Check on line for all Ice Hog Events

**Boone County Main Street Players-** <https://www.mainstreetplayersofboonecounty.com> Community Building, Belvidere, 111 W. 1st. St

**Mar. 2& 3-AUDITIONS: for the play- "An Evening of Carol Burnett"**

**Rockford Art Museum-** 711 N Main Street, Rockford, 815-9682787 <https://rockfordartmuseum.org>

**Mar. 2 thru Mar. 30- 84th Annual Young Artist Show:** High School Div. Free

**Mar. 20- 2 Part Post- Impressionism Lecture**

**Mar. 28- Movie Night: 'Kusama Infinity'-** THE top selling female artist in the world & her radical artistic vision. \$5 for non members

**Boone County Museum of History**, 314 S. State St.,

Belvidere, <https://www.bcmuseumofhistory.com>, 815-544-8391

**Mar. 8-Lynn Rymarz: The life of Colleen Moore** her life from silent film star, to talkies, as author, creator of the Fairy Doll House and more. - \$10

**Artist's Ensemble Theatre**, Cheek Theatre, Clark Arts Center, Rockford University, 5050 E. State Street, Rockford, 815-394-5004, <https://artistsensemble.com>

**Mar.20-Apr. 6- Alabama Story-** A play about book banning & bunnies that is based on a true story.

\*\*\*Also offered through The Artist's Ensemble-Theatre for the Mind- Pod Casts. Short (12-15 min.) audio plays performed by AET actors. The plays adapted from writers like Agatha Christie, Ray Bradbury, O'Henry and more.

**Haunted Rockford**, <https://hauntedrockford.com>

**Mar. 22-In The Shadows:** Hauntings at the Funderburg House. 605 N. State St., Belvidere, Assist paranormal researchers as they turn out the lights and see which spirits linger in this historic home. Learn how to use the equipment they will provide during this event. \$40- Must register online <https://hauntedrockford.com/event/in-the-shadows-haunting-at-the-funderburg-house-belvidere> or contact Kathi Kresol at 815-871-4239. Limit 30 participants. Registration for this event closes on Friday March 21 at 6 p.m.

**Wings and Wheels Museum**, 5151 Orth Rd., Poplar Grove, Waukesha Hangar

**Mar. 22-Spring Fling Disco Hangar Dance** featuring 'That 70's Band'- Dance the night away under the Disco Ball in your Grooviest outfit. Snacks and cash bar are available. Tickets \$ contact museum for questions.

**Beloit International Film Festival 2025**, <https://visitbeloit.com/biff/>, Downtown Beloit, Wi.

**Mar.28 thru April 6-This is an annual 10 day film festival** that celebrates the power of independent film from around the globe. Venues vary in size from 40-400 seats and showcase 100 films. For more details visit website above.

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# Information/Classifieds

## From the Table - Just a Bite

By S.L. Bartels, Drew Ct.

### The Magic of Mushrooms

Did you know there are more than 10,000 varieties of mushrooms? The most common varieties found in US grocery stores are (white) Button, Portabella and Baby Bella (Cremini), but in the last few years many other varieties have found their way into grocery stores and Farmer's Markets, such as: Shitake, Lions Mane, Morel, and Black Trumpet/Horn of Plenty, Chanterelles, Maitake/Hen in the Woods, King Trumpet and more.

In 2024, mushroom sales increased by 20% as they became showcased in restaurant dishes, drinks and snacks across the nation.

Mushrooms are hearty, full of nutrients, easy to cook and have a savory flavor and texture similar to meat, so they provide the same, what chefs call "mouth feel" as meat, and therefore they are a common substitute for meat in vegetarian friendly dishes.

Mushrooms can be used in an unlimited variety of ways: soups, sauces, roasted, grilled and baked. I personally think that mushrooms are often given a bad rap by consumers who have only experienced eating canned mushrooms. I'm not saying they are bad. I grew up eating canned mushrooms in homemade chop suey and on pizza, because fresh mushrooms were not widely available where we lived. But there is a world of difference between the flavor and texture of canned mushrooms and fresh.

However, it is important to know what to look for when purchasing fresh mushrooms, how to store them and how to prepare them for best results.

#### Button, Portabella and Baby Bella (Crimini) varieties.

**Buying:** Look for mushrooms that look smooth, fresh and dry. Avoid mushrooms that have dark spots or appear wet or slimy.

**Storing:** They can be stored in their original packaging and refrigerated for 5 days. It has been suggested that any unused mushrooms can be placed in a paper bag and returned to the refrigerator for later use.

**Preparation:** Mushrooms can be wiped clean with a damp paper towel or rinsed under running water and then **dried immediately** with paper towels. **DO NOT let mushrooms sit/soak in water!**

**Portabella** - Caps range in size from 4"-6". They have a dense flesh and a steak like texture. These are great for grilled mushroom burgers and also good sautéed or in baked dishes. Note: Portabella have black gills in the cap. To avoid muddy looking sauces, gently scrape out the gills with a spoon, before cooking.

**White Button** - Have a mild flavor that becomes meaty when cooked. These are also good grilled, sautéed and baked.

**Baby Bella (Cremini)** - These are basically baby Portabellas that have been harvested before maturity and are generally the same size as white button mushrooms but browner and firmer and with a more intense flavor than white button. They are also great for grilling, sautéing and baking.

**Cooking mushrooms in general:** mushrooms have very high moisture content so when cooking mushrooms, high heat is often important to remove excess liquid quickly so, they can brown and enhance their flavors.

\*\*\*There are exceptions to this guideline, as in the recipe I'm sharing with you today.

Years ago one of my favorite restaurants called The Village Squire served a dish made with onions, mushrooms, Swiss cheese and sautéed with what I thought was some kind of wine and served in a pita. Although the restaurant still exists, it stopped serving this version of the dish long ago.

Over the years, I played around with the ingredients and proportions and came up with what I think closely tastes like their dish. I have no recollection what The Village Squire called their dish back then, but when my family wants to have it, they say... Make that dish, you know, the one with the mushroom, onion and Swiss cheese stuff that that restaurant in Dundee made, you know, the one where they had all the peanut shells all over the floor... so here it is.

### You Know-That Mushroom, Onion, Swiss Cheese Thing



#### Ingredients:

16 oz. sliced mushrooms, your choice- cremini, white button or both

1 to 1 1/2 cups sliced onions

1/2 cup dry sherry or more to taste

8 oz. or more shredded Swiss cheese

Butter- 3-4 tbsp or more- varies

1 tsp. Canola oil

Naan bread (I use the smaller size but you can use the larger size for a really big "sandwich" or cut it in half for 2 servings)

#### Directions:

1. On low heat, slowly melt 3 tbsp butter and the canola oil in a very large frying pan.
2. Add the onions to the pan. Stir to coat all the onions with the melted butter/oil. Cover the pan and continue cooking onions on low heat until onions are translucent and tender.
3. Add another tablespoon of butter to the pan (or more if needed) allow to melt and then stir in the sliced mushrooms, coating the mushrooms with the melted butter. Cover the pan and continue cooking the mushrooms on low heat until tender, stirring occasionally.
4. Slowly pour in the sherry. (You are cooking on a low flame/heat, so adding the sherry should not flare up - but be cautious and have the pot lid ready to cover the flames if needed)
5. Stir to blend the sherry with the other ingredients.
6. Uncover the pan and continue cooking at low heat until most of the liquid evaporates.
7. Add shredded cheese, mix together, and allow cheese to melt. Turn off the heat and cover pan until ready to serve.
8. Warm naan bread. Spoon mixture down the center of the bread. And eat like a taco.

## The Florida Transplant

by Whitney Johnson

Believe it or not, there is one thing that I brought up from Florida that saved my life here in Poplar Grove. No, it wasn't how to swim out of a rip tide, that occasionally caused havoc on the beaches of St Pete. No, it wasn't the knowledge to drink plenty of water and get out of the sun and into the shade when the heat index reached 110 degrees. Nor was it the sense to just walk away when an inebriated Yankee or Red Sox fan would get in your face at a Rays game. It was the classic Stingray Shuffle. (Not to be confused of course with the iconic Chicago Bears Super Bowl Shuffle!)

The Stingray Shuffle is something you do every year whenever tens of thousands of stingrays would make their way to the shallows of the Gulf of Mexico to mate. One would shuffle their feet along the sand when entering the water in order not to scare the little buggers. The idea was they would feel the vibrations and scoot away without sinking their dreaded barb into your little tootsie. Now I know you are thinking, "There aren't THAT many sting rays in Candlewick Lake. How did mastering this water dance save your life?"

Remember the ice storm from a few weeks ago? I went out in the morning to start the car, and I swear my life flashed before my eyes as I slipped and began to fall in my driveway. You know that little jolt. Scary. Well, I caught myself and then said, "How the heck am I going to get in my truck without breaking my tailbone?" Then it hit me, The Stingray Shuffle!! Mission accomplished! You'll thank me this summer when the Stingrays start to gather in Fisherman's Cove.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Dues Reduction Raffle Begins 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Events Commission Rec Center	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1:00-4:00 PM Pony Canasta Rec Center  6:00 PM Golf Commission Meeting Rec Center  6:30 PM ECC Meeting Admin Office  7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	<b>6</b> Ballots Due by 4:30 PM  5:30 PM Special Board Meeting Budget Approval Rec Center	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Bunco Outpost  7:30 PM Bingo Savannah Oaks	<b>8</b> Ballot Counting 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost  9:00 AM Citation Review Rec Center  10:00 AM Garden Club Rec Center  2:00 PM St. Patty's Day Party Savannah Oaks  7:00 PM Karaoke Savannah Oaks
<b>9</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 AM	<b>10</b> 1:00-4:00 PM CWL Crafters Rec Center	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Lake Management Rec Center	<b>12</b> 1:00-4:00 PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center  6:30 PM Public Safety Rec Center  7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost
<b>16</b> 1:00 PM Annual Meeting Rec Center	<b>17</b> 5:30 PM Finance - Admin Office	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Board Meeting Rec Center	<b>19</b> 1:00-4:00 PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center  6:30 PM ECC Meeting Admin Office  7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:00 PM Euchre Night Savannah Oaks	<b>22</b> 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost  10:00 AM-3:00 PM Spring Craft & Vendor Fair Rec Center  7:00 PM Pub Trivia Savannah Oaks
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1:00-4:00 PM CWL Crafters Rec Center	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11:00 AM Communications Admin Office  1:00-4:00 PM Pony Canasta Rec Center  5:30 PM Book Club - Rec Center  7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM Bingo Savannah Oaks	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

# April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM Golf Commission Meeting Rec Center  6:30 PM ECC Meeting Admin Office	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Events Commission Rec Center	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM Lake Management Rec Center	<b>9</b> 1:00-4:00 PM Pony Canasta Rec Center  6:30 PM Public Safety Rec Center  7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30 PM Bingo Savannah Oaks	<b>12</b> 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost  10:00 AM Garden Club Rec Center  11:00 AM Lunch with the Easter Bunny Rec Center
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Last Day for Dues Raffle Tickets  5:30 PM Finance - Admin Office  1:00-4:00 PM CWL Crafters Rec Center	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Board Meeting Rec Center	<b>16</b> 1:00-4:00 PM Pony Canasta - Rec Center  6:30 PM ECC Meeting Admin Office  7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost  7:00 PM Pub Trivia Savannah Oaks
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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1:00-4:00 PM CWL Crafters Rec Center	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 11:00 AM Communications Admin Office  1:00-4:00 PM Pony Canasta Rec Center  5:30 PM Book Club - Rec Center  7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	

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