

CANDLEWICK LEISURE

None of Your Beeswax!

Photos & article by Dale Miedema, Communications

Our Candlewick Garden Club had an interesting speaker this past October 12. Candlewick resident and local bee keeper, Mike Hruby, spoke about all the interesting facts concerning the world of bees. I was surprised to learn that bees are technically part of the termite family, but since there are over 20,000 species of bees, it must be a very distant part of the family.

Mike went on to describe all the jobs various bees assume in the colony, with the three main players being the queen, the worker bees, and finally the drone. The queen's main duty is to lay eggs, while her comfort and food needs are handled by the worker bees, while the drone's main duty is to protect the hive, and if he's lucky, to mate with the queens of many different hives. Since the drones are the only bees that are male and capable of mating, the downside for them is that after mating, they die.

The bee has an amazing optical capability, being able to see colors that are invisible to humans. They can see a spectrum of color ranging from infrared up to and including ultraviolet. They use this capability to be able to navigate an area up to five miles around the colony searching for pollen from flowers and plants that invite the bee with different colors, and return to the colony by memory.

Although the main product of bees is honey, Mike went on to explain that at this time of year, the beekeeper has to be careful not to harvest too much honey, which the colony will use to survive the winter. The structure of the enclosure which houses the bees has the honey storage above the area where the bees will cluster in the winter. As they cluster together, the bees will "vibrate" their wings to produce enough body heat to shelter the colony, and the body heat will rise to keep the honey pliable enough for the colony's food needs over the winter. Mike passed around some of the creations that bees store honey in for all to inspect.

Mike brought some supplies where the ladies of the club could make their own beehive enclosures from old paper towel tubes and such, but from what I could tell, I think most of the ladies figured they'd leave the beekeeping to the pros. Mike was a wealth of information about bees, having done it over 20 years, so I'd say he is one of the pros!



All about honey bees



Mike's video presentation



Material to construct your own beehive

Farm Stroll 2024 at Alpaca Pines

Photos & article by Dale Miedema, Communications



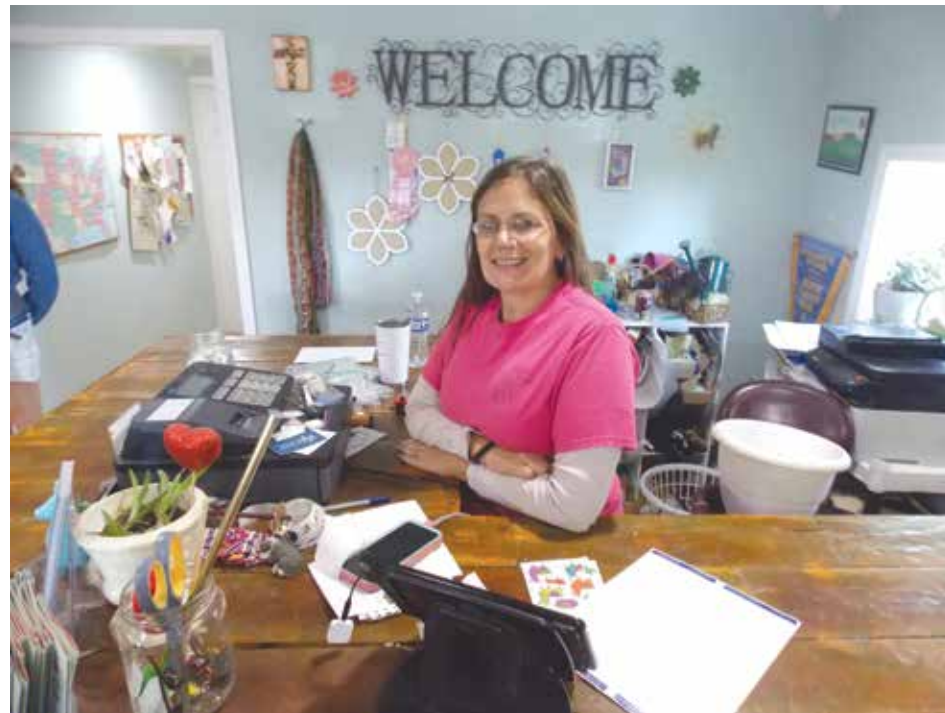
Say CHEESE...

We couldn't have asked for a better day for the 2024 Farm Stroll. There were no shortages of farms to visit with at least 10 to choose from, with farming specialties from honey to milk to how most of our food is grown. Farming is a great way of life, but there sure is a lot of work involved from making sure cows are milked on time along with an amazing list of chores to be tended to.

I ended up at Alpaca Pines, which is owned and operated by Candlewick residents Bob and Vicki Donley. They have had the farm for many years and have quite an assortment of animals on the farm including geese,

chickens, and ducks, but the main animal is alpacas, although I saw a llama or two. The main product from the animals is their fiber, which is much sought after for high end sweaters and other quality wear.

I never knew much about these animals, but there was abundant information about their history available. The Donley family currently has 35 Alpacas on their farm. They are part of the camel family which has its roots in the high countries of Peru, Bolivia, and Chile. Their fiber is hypoallergenic and contains no lanolin, which causes itching in other fibers such as wool. Since they are only



Vicki Donley, owner/operator of Alpaca Pines.

shorn once a year around Mother's day, it's a short "harvest season," if you can call it that. The gestation time for these animals is 11.5 months, and they generally live around 17-19 years. The farm also has a spinning mill on site to offer the finished product.

The animals appeared to be quite calm, although I'm told that they "spit" at one another when they become annoyed. They also said that they rarely spit at humans, but when I took a picture of one guy who I had been petting, he sure appeared to be thinkin' bout it!! Lotsa Fun!!

Amenities

2024/2025 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 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

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

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.

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)

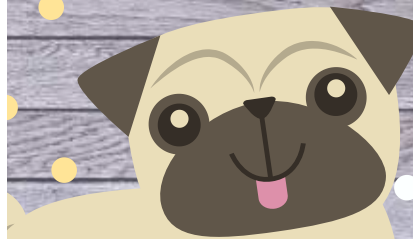
Your member ID is also available on the Candlewick app.

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 November



Euchre Night 8th 7pm

Karaoke 14th 7pm

Pub Trivia 16th 8pm

Bears VS Packers 17th 12pm

Bingo 22nd 7:30pm

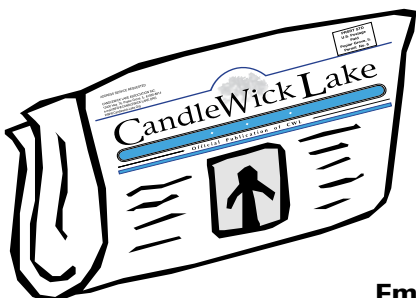
Drinksgiving 27th 4pm

Black Friday Party 29th 4pm

Bags League Sundays 3pm

Thirsty Thursdays 4pm

Advertise in Candlewick Lake



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



Email: rbmadvertising@gmail.com

For Classified Line Ads call...
the CWL Office @ 815-339-0500
or visit us online @ www.candlewicklake.org

Savannah Oaks

Savannah Oaks News

by Lynn Pehanich, Golf Commission

NEW GOLF EVENT – NIGHT GOLF BIG SUCCESS!!

Some may say golf is tough enough during the day. However, our 50 participants were up for the challenge of playing at night. Consensus was everyone had a blast!! Lori Hintt and the event volunteers worked hard to provide enough light in the right places to keep it safe but fun.



WINNERS:

- Bob, Tom, Paul, Gonzo 1st Place
- Phil, Jessie, John, Carla 2nd Place
- Sue, Susan, Mel, Chris 3rd Place
- Macek family Most Fun

2ND ANNUAL PINK PARTY

Savannah Oaks turned pink on Saturday, October 12th. Great turnout to celebrate our cancer survivors and donate to this worthy cause! Since the weather was so nice, why not play golf too? So, a lively group played a 2-person scramble before the party. And, we even had a hole-in-one by Bob McHoes!! CONGRATS BOB MCHOES!



WINNERS:

- 1st Place: Open Jeff Knox and Jon Knox
- 1st Place: Ladies /Senior Bob McHoes and Tom Pinkowski
- Men's Longest Drive: John Melton
- Women's Longest Drive: Jamie Ross
- Closest to Pin: Ryan Schaefer
- Longest Putt: Joseph Yario



The Pink celebration was a touching tribute to cancer patients and survivors. In addition, the goal was to raise money to donate to the Cancer Society by selling specialty "pink" items and raffles tickets for prizes and a 50/50 cash raffle. We thank all that participated and enabled us to donate \$771 to the Cancer Society.

MEMORIAL BENCH HONORS CWL RESIDENT

Candlewick Lake recently lost one of its most active and well-liked residents. Jeff Heinrich was an avid golfer and a welcome fixture at Savannah Oaks. He loved to golf, participated in all the tournament events, and was always volunteering to help. Jeff was very proud to be a Marine and serve his country, and was instrumental in working with Friends of Savannah Oaks to install the flag pole in front of the clubhouse.



Friends of Savannah Oaks founder, Don Trippichio was Jeff's frequent golf partner. Don coordinated the creation of the Memorial Bench on Hole #5 as a tribute to his good buddy. He assembled a team that included Russ Crowell, Art Fong, Jay Hartzel, Tom Gray, Bob McHoes and Tom Pinkowski to build and install the memorial. Don's brother, Frank, poured the concrete to finish the installation of the bench. All the funds for the bench came from Jeff's friends and family. The group would like to thank groundskeeper, Shawn for the use of equipment.

So, when you drive up to the tee at the Par 3 Hole #5, be sure and look for the bench to remember Jeff. You may see Don and/or his other friends sitting on the bench, quietly asking their old friend for help with their golf game.

There will be a dedication ceremony for the bench soon – stay tuned for more details. November Savannah Oaks Events:

NEW EVENT: EUCHRE NIGHT on Friday, Nov 8th

PUB TRIVIA: Saturday Nov 16th

BEARS v PACKERS GAME: Sunday, Nov 17th. Jersey Raffle, 50/50 Cash Raffle and Specialty Food Items

BINGO: Friday, Nov 22nd

NOTE: BINGO will only be played one time at Savannah Oaks in November on Friday, Nov. 22th. **TURKEY BINGO** will take place at the Rec Center on Nov. 15th at 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Kick off the holiday season on **Wednesday, Nov 27th – the day before Thanksgiving – at Savannah Oaks Drinksgiving.** Lots of drink and food specials!!

Black Friday, Friday, Nov 29th: Lots of activities including tree trimming.

**SAVANNAH OAKS
WINTER HOURS**
Starting mid November

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday - 4pm-10pm

Friday - 2pm-10pm

Saturday - 2pm-10pm

Sunday - 11:30am-10pm

Golf cart availability will be weather permitting

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.



LENDING LIBRARY

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.



New & Used Gun Sales
F.F.L. Gun Transfer Service



Helsell Gun Shop
815-389-3692

Hours: M-W-F, 12:00 - 3:00 Saturday, 10:00 - 3:00
1288 Rockton Road, Caledonia, IL 61011



CARDIO DRUMMING

Thursdays at 4:30pm through November 14th

Join us for a fun full-body workout that combines drumming with cardio to the beat of music. A low-impact exercise that can be done by people of all ages and fitness levels. Drop-ins \$5 per class

PICKLEBALL

Wednesdays at 6pm - 8pm

Thursdays at 1pm - 3pm

Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm

Join the Pickleball League every week in the gymnasium! Rackets and balls are available at the Rec Center. Players must be 18 years or older. Residents may bring a guest for a \$3 fee per visit. Remember to bring a change of shoes to keep the floor clean!

BUNCO

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

Anyone 18+ is welcome to join us in the Water's Edge Room the 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.

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

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	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 - 5:00pm
Open Gym 12:00pm - 4:00pm	Open Gym 10:30am - 6:00pm	Kids Gym 10:30am - 12:00pm	Open Gym 10:30am - 5:30pm	Open Gym 10:30am - 1:00pm	Open Gym 10:30am - 6:00pm	
		Pickleball 1:00pm - 3:00pm 18 years +		Pickleball 1:00pm - 3:00pm 18 years +		
				Open Gym 3:00pm - 8:00pm		
GYM CLOSED 4:00pm	Full Court B-Ball 6:00pm - 8:00pm 16 years +		Pickleball 6:00pm - 8:00pm 18 years +		Full Court B-Ball 6:00pm - 8:00pm 16 years +	GYM CLOSED 5:00pm
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GYM RULES:

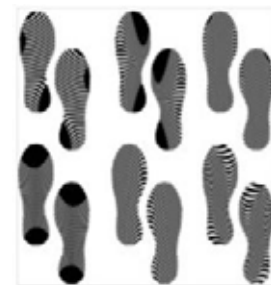
- CWL Member ID must be presented to front desk staff to use the Gym.
- No one under the age of 14 is allowed in the Gym at any time without someone 14 years or older to supervise them
- \$4 Guest Day Passes are available for non-residents and may only be sold to someone who is with a CWL resident with 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.



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

BREAKFAST With Santa

Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder. Join us at the Rec Center for Breakfast with Santa Claus, where children can share their holiday wishes, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and revel in the magic of the season

Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 10:00am

Tickets are \$10 per person.

Tickets sales start Monday, November 4th through Sunday, December 1st or until tickets are sold out.

Tickets are not available at the door. No entry without ticket



Glo-Go Time!

Photo by Kathi Smith, Events



Thank you to everyone who came out and walked/ran with us at this year's Glo-Go Fun Walk/Run/Roll! CWL families and friends traveled an approximately two-mile distance and they seriously glowed!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

DECEMBER
16TH

6:30PM - 9:00PM

**NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBOR
OR YOURSELF!**
Please email nominations to:
ksmith@candlewicklake.org

DON'T FORGET TO LEAVE YOUR
LIGHTS ON BY 6:30 ON THE 16TH.
IF LIGHTS ARE NOT ON, THEY
CANNOT BE JUDGED.

Candlewick Garden Club

Invites the Community to a presentation on

Tree Health Assessment

Saturday | November 9 | 10 a.m.
Rec Center | Water's Edge Room

Presented by:

Jennifer Crider,
U of I Extension
Master Gardener

The presentation will be
followed by a

**Soup luncheon and
recipe exchange**

RSVP with soup type to
candlewickgardeners@gmail.com

Community Events

TURKEY BINGO



NOVEMBER 15TH, 2024
6:30PM – 8:00PM

in the Rec Center
Gymnasium



Please bring a non-perishable item (toiletries, toys, scarf, hat or mittens) for the less fortunate

Around the Lake

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.

SHRINK WRAP YOUR BOAT!

Protect your valuable boat from critters and the elements during the storage months.

We come to you! We can wrap your boat at your home/storage lot or wherever you store it in the off season.

Call or text for an estimate and to get on the schedule:



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Professional & Experienced with all types of boats. *Candlewick resident for 25+ years*

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Community Events
Fall - Winter 2024

EUCHRE NIGHT

Friday, November 8th, 7:00pm - 10:00pm at Savannah Oaks

TURKEY BINGO

Friday, November 15th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm am at the Rec Center

PUB TRIVIA

Saturday, November 16th, 8:00pm at Savannah Oaks

BINGO

Friday, November 22nd, 7:30pm at Savannah Oaks

BLACK FRIDAY FUN

Wednesday, November 29th, 7:00pm at Savannah Oaks

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 7th, 10:00am at the Rec Center

BINGO

Friday, December 13th, 7:30pm at Savanah Oaks

PUB TRIVIA

Saturday, December 14th, 8:00pm at Savannah Oaks

HOLIDAY LIGHTS JUDGING

Monday, December 16th, have your lights on by 6:00pm!

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Tuesday, December 31st, 7:00pm - Midnight at Savannah Oaks

Serving McHenry County & Surrounding Area
Licensed & Insured
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Mulching - Gutter Cleaning
Snow Plowing - Power Washing
Bobcat Services - & Much more.

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Email: loyaltreeserviceharvard@gmail.com

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Information

Thank You to All Who Came Out for Our Fall Vendor Fair!

Photos by Dale Miedema, Communications



Information

Beyond the Gates - November

S. Bartels Drew Ct., Communications Commission

Carlson Ice Arena, 4150 N. Perryville Rd, Loves Park, 815-969-4069, <https://www.icerockford.com>. Check on line for details and cost.

NOV 1-Boo Bash- Family Spectacular Event- come in costume and ice skate to themed music.

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

NOV 1- Kansas

NOV 10-Nurse Blake: Shock Advised Tour- comedy event

NOV 16-RSO- Performs Symphonic Classics

NOV 17-State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine Presents Swan Lake

NOV 19- A Charlie Brown Christmas, Live on Stage

NOV 21-Maria Bamford Live, comedy

NOV 22- Gregorian Pure Chants, Ancient & Modern music.

First Lutheran Church, 225 South 3rd. St. Rockford, info@rockfordsymphony.com Check on line for cost & details

NOV 1- Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra- Fall Chamber Concert, Introduce younger family members to an orchestral concert experience.

Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens, 1354 N. 2nd St., Rockford, 815-987-8858, <https://nicholasconservatory.com>

NOV 1- Noche' de las Calaveras- (Adult 21+ only) Music, food vendors & more in a magical setting.

NOV 2-Nicholas at Night: Dia De Los Muertos, pre-registration encouraged.

NOV 3 to Jan 6, 2025- All Aglow- Holiday Event- Lights are on dusk till dawn.

NOV 8- Family Garden Hikes

West Side Show Room, 1414 N. Main St., Rockford, 815-708-8411, <https://wssr.org>

(NOV 1 to NOV 3), (NOV 8 to NOV 10), (NOV 15 to NOV 17) - POTUS- Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying To Keep Him Alive- a play. Tickets Free, Donations at will.

Tebala Event Center-102 18th St #2, Rockford, 815-494-1365, <https://rock-con.com>

NOV 1 to NOV 3- Rock-Con-Game- Convention BMO Center, 300 Elm St., Rockford, 815-986-6465, <https://bmocenter.asmrockford.com>. Check on line for details and cost.

NOV 2-Rockford Ice Hogs: Days of the Dead Night- NOV 9- **Rockford Ice Hogs: Taylor Swift**

Tribute Night & Pizza

NOV 10- Nitro Circus

NOV 15-Ice Hogs Fight Cancer Night

NOV 22- REO Speedwagon

NOV 29- Ice Hogs –Local Artist Hat Give Away & Screw City Night

Severson Dells Nature Center- 8786 Montague Rd. Rockford, 815-335-2915, info@seversondells.org

NOV 2-Nature's Mysteries- Uncover Nature's wonders and take home a prize for solving nature's mysteries. Free family friendly event.

Edgebrook, 1639 N Alpine Rd, Rockford, 815-398-8957,

<https://edgebrookshops.com/events/farmers-market/>

NOV 2- Sips & Stems, Friendsgiving at the market.

Floral arrangement lesson and High Tea with pastries. Check on line for details, times and cost. Space is limited for this event.

NOV 6 to DEC 11- Indoor Farmers Market, recurring weekly -Wednesdays

NOV 22- Holiday Tree Lighting

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

NOV 3-Smashing Pumpkins- Send your old pumpkins flying through the air, enjoy lawn games, face painting, food trucks and more. Check on line for details and cost.

The Office Nightclub, 513 E. State St., Rockford, 815-965-0344, <https://theofficenightclub.com>

NOV 5 to DEC 3- Boulet Brothers' Dragula- recurring weekly on Tuesdays

NOV 14- Drag Queen Bingo

NOV 15- La Jaula (Noche Latina) with DJ Acid & Tacos N Madres Food Truck.

Prairie Street Brewing Co. - 200 Prairie St., Rockford, 815-277-9427, <https://psbrewingco.com>

NOV 15- Vince Acevedo & Kevin Kellam

Artists Ensemble- Cheek Theatre, Rockford University, 5050 E. State St., Rockford, 815-394-5004, artistsensemble.org

NOV 7 to NOV 24- No Wake- a play

Mercy Health Indoor Sports Center- 8800 E. Riverside Blvd., 815-987-8890, <https://mercyhealthsportscore.com>

NOV 9 to NOV 10- Annual Rockford Arts & Crafts Holiday Spectacular Handcraft Show

Ida Public Library, 320 N. State St., Belvidere, 815-

544-3838, Idapubliclibrary.org Please contact the library for details and age appropriate for events

ALL of NOVEMBER- Dinovember- Different Dinosaur related activities- Inquire at the Youth department.

NOV 4-Jurassic World Interactive Movie

Experience Take Home Kit to watch at home- while supplies last. (Movie is not included).

NOV 6 to NOV 9- Fall Book Sale

NOV 14- Houseplants with the U of I Extension Office

NOV 16- Local Author EXPO. Connect with local authors- books for sale.

NOV 19- Fall Movie Night

NOV 20- Thanksgiving Craft

NOV 26- Bedazzle a Book

NOV 27- Dogs & De-stress- Join us for coloring, reading and puppies to de-stress.

NOV 30- Family Board Game Night

The Music Box, 218 E. state St, Rockford, 815-986-7396, info@themusicboxrockford.com

NOV 20-Americana Evening with Beth Bombara & Grace Pettis (This a 21+ event)

NOV 21- An Evening With Terra Lightfoot

The Landscape Connection, 4472 S. Mulford rd., Rockford, 815-639-0903,

<https://www.thelandscapeconnection.net>

NOV 22 to DEC 28-10th Annual Walk of Light- Call or check on line for more details

Nature at the Confluence, 306 Dickop St., South Beloit, 815-200-6910, <https://natureattheconfluence.com>

NOV 27- Family Fort Making- All supplies & tools will be provided plus snacks. \$10/ family. Advanced registration is required, space is limited.

Sinnissippi Park, 1401 N. 2nd St., Rockford, <https://rockfordparkdistrict.org>,

815-979-2977 or 815-209-8734

NOV 29 and into DEC- Festival of Lights – A Drive Thru Event.

Rockford City Market, 116 N. Madison St., Rockford 815-977-5124, <https://www.rockfordcitymarket.com>

NOV 30-Holiday Merry Market (During Stroll on State St.)

NOV 30- Stroll on State Street. - Community Event in Downtown Rockford. Features a parade, fireworks, tree lighting, music & more. Check on line for details.

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From the Table - Just a Bite

By S.L. Bartels, Drew Ct.

Do you remember the movie "Mommie Dearest", in which Faye Dunaway portrays actress Joan Crawford? There is a scene in which, looking into the closet, a totally out of control Joan is yelling at her young daughter, "NO MORE WIRE HANGERS!"

Well, over the years I have amassed quite a collection of cookbooks; so many so that my sister refers to them as "wire hangers"- with the suggestion that I may want to thin out my collection...just a bit.

Periodically, I have taken her suggestion to purge some of my cookbook library and steeled my resolve to avoid buying more "wire hangers" by limiting my search in bookstores to any genre EXCEPT cookbooks- murder mysteries, biographies, romance, history, anything...

You'd be amazed how many non-cookbooks include recipes. So, in the words of Michael Corleone (Godfather III) "Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in."

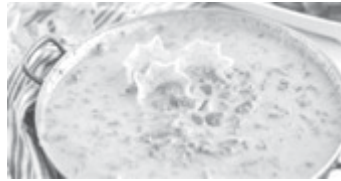
The culprit? The book, **The Sweet Potato Queen's Book of Love, (A fallen Southern Belle's look at Love, Life, Men, Marriage and Being Prepared** by Jill Conner Browne.

In this book (one of several she has written), she offers up her funny, irreverent perspective along with several interesting sounding recipes written in her own unique style. This month, I share two of these from the chapter titled, "What to Eat When Tragedy Strikes..."

In her view, "Sometimes a life event is just too catastrophic for quick effortless remedies. You need something like..."

Armadillo Dip

"You brown about a pound or so of ground chuck. Pour off the grease; this is purely for the consistency of the dip, and in no way should be construed as a fat saving measure. Dump in a bunch of taco seasoning, hot picante sauce and hot Cheese Whiz. It's like a fancy Rotel- tomato- cheese dip- a staple at all Southern gatherings only hotter and more fattening.



Armadillo Dip is great on Fritos and Tostitos as long as they aren't the baked kind, which we're against."

Coming up next, a recipe under the heading "Funeral Food- The Brighter Side of Death,"-

"This is truly one of Nature's perfect foods; not just combining as it does sweet and salty, which would be enough of an accomplishment right there, but also having cheese in it... This is a very special dish! We stood around the table like vultures... and ate it straight out of the casserole dish until it was gone... and whisked away the empty dish, out of sight, before the other mourners arrived..."

Miss Leslie's Pineapple Casserole

"You want to drain a 20 ounce can of pineapple (In its own juice.) chunks or tidbits. Save 3 tablespoons of the juice, and mix it with 1/2 cup of sugar and 3 tablespoons of flour. Stir that mixture in with the pineapple and 1 cup of sharp grated cheese. (I've never tried making it with fat free cheese and consider it blasphemous, but have used some reduced fat cheese when it was all I had, and it came out okay.) Dump all that into a greased casserole. Melt a stick of butter and stir into 1/2 cup of Ritz cracker crumbs; put that on top of the pineapple mixture. Bake it at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes and prepare to be comforted."



Truth be told, I have not yet made this Casserole, but it's on my list to try along with several others in this book- like: Fat Mama's Knock You Naked Margaritas, Oh God Chocolate Caramel Pie, Come Back Sauce, Mimi's Butterfinger Cookies and more. However, I have tried her recipe called Chocolate Stuff and all I have to say about that is **mmmmm!!!**

The Florida Transplant

by Whitney Johnson

Hello! My name is Whitney Johnson and my lovely wife and I recently moved to Candlewick Lake after living in Saint Petersburg, Florida, for the last 45 years. The good people at the Candlewick Communications Commission have agreed to publish The Florida Transplant, which will be a column based on the differences between living among the beautiful farmlands and lakes of Illinois, after decades of living in the city and beside the Gulf of Mexico in Florida. The question we got asked hundreds of times when we told anyone about the move was, "Don't you know they have winter up there? Why on earth are you doing this?" The answer was simple; to be closer to the grandkids. But I have to admit, after changing a few diapers, I am looking for property back in old St Pete! And I could probably get it cheap now after two hurricanes slammed through the area. Our old house stood strong, but the fence that surrounded it, well you can kiss it goodbye. Friends have been asking us, "Aren't you glad you moved when you did?" And I answer, "They test the tornado sirens once a month up here!" Mother Nature is the boss wherever you go. But this column is designed to be lighthearted, so I just want to say how nice it is to go fishing by a lake and not have to worry about something killing you! No alligator sneaking up on you, no water moccasin coiled up in the bushes, no rattlesnake slithering in the grass. The only thing to be concerned about is that diaper when you get home.



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3 3:00 PM Bags League Savannah Oaks	4 Breakfast with Santa Tickets on Sale 6:30 PM Events Commission Rec Center	5	6 1:00-4:00 PM Pony Canasta Rec Center 6:00 PM Golf Commission Meeting Rec Center 6:30 PM ECC Meeting Admin Office 6:30 PM Public Safety Rec Center	7	8 7:00 PM Euchre Night Savannah Oaks	9 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost 9:00 AM Citation Review Rec Center 10:00 AM CWL Garden Club Rec Center
10 Last Day for Halloween Lights & Decorations 3:00 PM Bags League Savannah Oaks	11 Golf Course Closes Weather Permitting 1:00-4:00 PM CWL Crafters Rec Center	12 6:30 PM Lake Management Rec Center	13 1:00-4:00 PM Pony Canasta Rec Center 7:00 PM AA Meeting Outpost	14 7:00 PM Karaoke Savannah Oaks	15 6:30-8:00 PM Turkey Bingo Rec Center	16 8:00 PM Pub Trivia Savannah Oaks 8:00 AM AA Meeting Outpost
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