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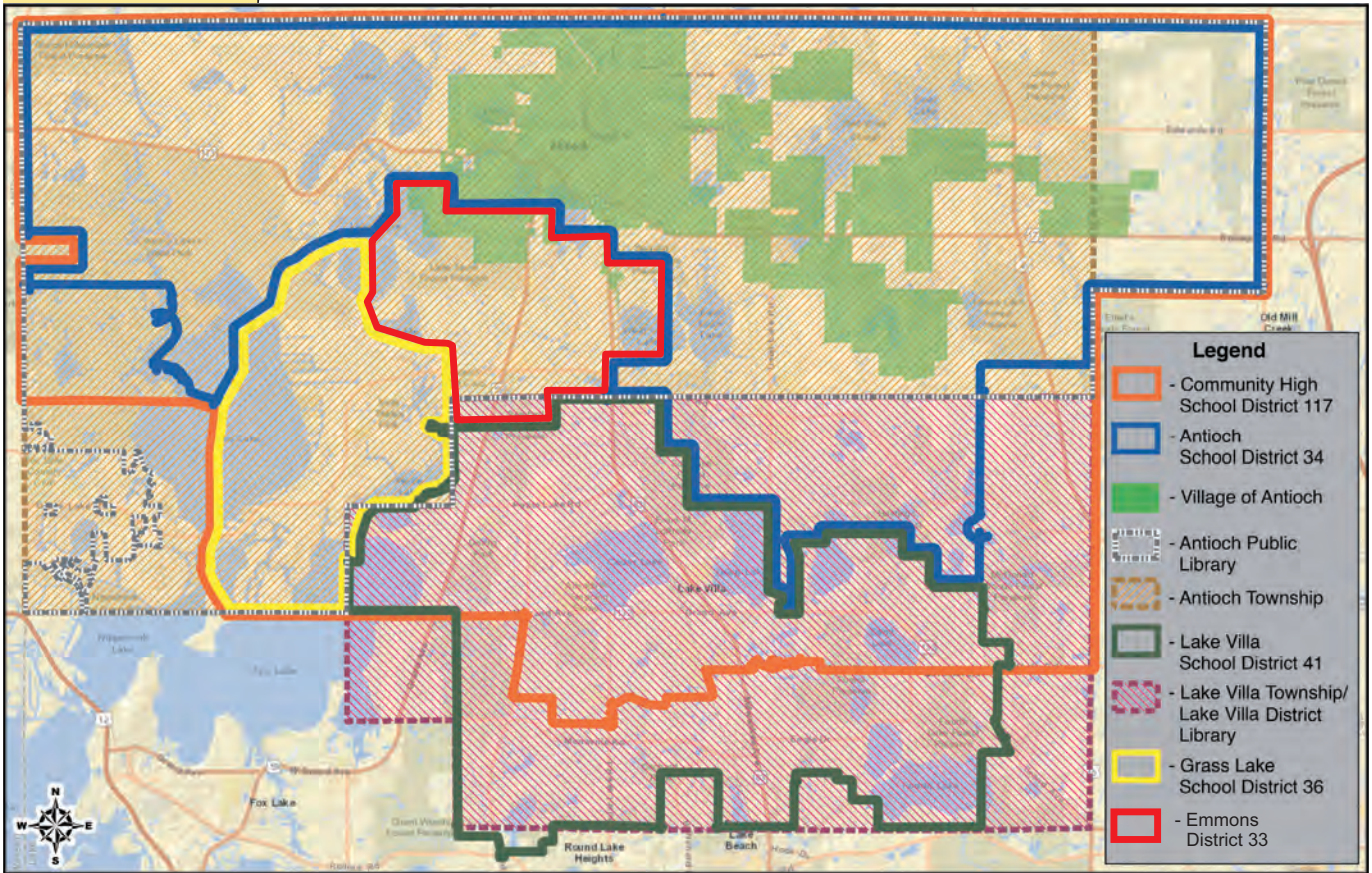
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### Christmas Musical Light Shows

December 1st thru  
December 25th  
4 pm till 9 pm  
Antioch Bandshell on  
Skidmore Drive  
Park and enjoy the holiday  
music and lights from the  
comfort of your car. Free  
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November 15th thru  
January 15th  
Make your shopping easy by  
sending an eGift Card to your  
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Redeemable at many fine busi-  
nesses in the Village of Antioch.

### Comedy Night

Join us for a night of Comedy  
and Dinner for this annual  
fundraiser that benefits many  
Antioch non profits. Saturday,  
February 4th. Tickets must be  
purchased in advance online.  
Limited capacity, must be 21+.

**Check [AntiochChamber.org](http://AntiochChamber.org) for more information**





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*From the desk of Superintendent Borowiak*

# Empowering Our Staff and Students to Be Proactive in School Safety

Antioch CCSD 34 values the safety and security of all staff and students, therefore our district utilizes the principles of ALICE methodologies to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from a violent critical incident. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate - the ALICE approach is an alternative approach to a passive lockdown method. It empowers individuals to make critical decisions during a crisis.

Over the past four years, Antioch District 34 employees have taken the ALICE Basic Certification eLearning course and completed hands-on ALICE training. We are proud to have fourteen certified ALICE Trainers across the D34 district (Tammy Johnson, Holly Kaprosy, Brad Rudd, Tina Bryk, Amy Pieniazkiewicz-Grude, Mary Marturano, Vasiliki Frake, Susan Harkins, Maria Treto-French, Andrea Meyer, Stephanie Siemens, Melissa Orozco, Ginny Smith, Mary Holsinger.)

This school year, we introduced each strategy to students using developmentally appropriate resources. Additionally, all drills are communicated ahead of time and NEVER include any sort of look-alike weapon or active simulation. Instead, training consists of scenario-based practice and age-appropriate discussion regarding how to respond during a critical event.

We also hosted our first Community Safety Information Night on October 3rd at Antioch Upper Grade School! At our safety night, we presented the District's Safety Plan, ALICE Training information, and offered breakout sessions on the following topics: Trauma, Bullying, Safety in Our Community, Cybersecurity, and Vaping.

Presenters included our local emergency response teams

including Officer Garcia from the Antioch Police Department, Detective Gomez from the Lake Villa Police Department, and Antioch Fire Department Fire Marshall Gibson who all took time out of their day to meet with our parents and talk about important safety issues in our community, in the homes of our students and their families, and

answer questions about how they work with the schools. The Lake County Community Youth Network presented useful data and strategies for families who have children who have experienced trauma or bullying. Carol Gudbrandson from the Cyber Crimes department of the Lake County State's Attorney Office talked to families about cybercrime, cyberbullying, cyber predators, and what families can do to help protect their children. Andy Duran from Linking Efforts Against Drugs (LEAD) addressed the major concern of vaping in schools and warning signs for parents and tips for handling children who are vaping.

Working to make our schools safe is an ongoing process that we continue to prioritize.

*Sincerely,*

**Aron Borowiak**

*Superintendent*



## Oakland Students Host Special Guests

Oakland has so much to be thankful for in this season! Our classrooms are full of stellar students that are learning and growing each day! We want to highlight just a few of the amazing things that have been happening so far this year. Students have been broadening their learning horizons with some special guests! Some of our 2nd graders dove into learning about nutrition with help from our head cook. They learned about food groups, nutritional values, and making sure to have a good color variety in their foods! Students are also learning to work as a team and be collaborative in their learning. 3rd graders learned more about metamorphosis with our very own beekeeper, Mrs. Miller! Kindergarten and 1st grade students also learned more about fire safety with our Lake Villa Fire Department.

We are also thankful for staff and students that have a heart for others! Ms. Campbell's 5th graders organized their annual

Socktober giving event! They collected socks, mittens, hats, and toiletries that were donated to Open Arms Mission and the Antioch Traveling Closet.

Our Oakland Boosters continue to provide much support and a side of fun to our students and staff.

They provided our school with an excellent assembly by BMX champion Matt Wilhelm. Our students learned the importance of perseverance when things get hard, kindness in the face of adversity, and having a dream and following it! They bring many smiles to our staff with monthly appreciation events that help our staff feel the love!

Our staff is a great daily reminder for us every day of all that we are grateful for! We team up regularly for Eagle Olympics with get to know you events and even have some friendly competition with themed literacy lanterns, raffles, and scavenger hunts. Oakland is definitely a great place to be!





# AUGS Off to a Busy Start to the School Year

Antioch Upper Grade School is having a great start to the school year. The students and staff are doing great things in the classrooms, at performances, athletics and other school related events.

## Lost Boys Visit AUGS!

Students at AUGS read the book *A Long Walk To Water* by Linda Sue Park and were visited by actual Sudanese Lost Boys.

## Music Tech and Acoustics and American Music History

On Thursday October 13th, **Joe George**, a songwriter, EMMY nominated film composer and video host of YouTube channel, REVERB, performed for classes at AUGS. He played guitar and showed off his many guitar effects for Mr. Frank's Music Technology class and Mr. Ness' American Music History class and Acoustics class. The students learned what the different effects sounded like and how they changed the timbre of the guitar and what moods the different sounds created.

## Sheep Brains!

Students in Mrs. Guanci's Medical Detective class dissected sheep brains to learn about their functions and structure.

## Math Class

Mrs. Stone is using real life applications in her class to help her students understand how to apply math concepts. Students burned some energy by running set distances and tracking time to find rate of speed. Students practiced ratios and proportions with different lemonade recipes.

## Broadway Showcase

The 6th-8th grade choir students performed over 30 songs this week at the annual AUGS Broadway Showcase. The students and Mrs. Blachowski prepared for the showcase by working on accuracy (pitches and rhythms), practiced with an accompaniment, adding emotion/character to their performances, learned how to use feedback to make improvements, and how to connect with the audience.

## Future Quest

AUGS had about fifty 7th and 8th grade students attend Future Quest at the CLC Tech Campus. The students were able to get hands-on experience with **Cosmetology**, BIO Med, Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement, Computer Support Services, Game Programming, Culinary Arts, Lasers, Auto Service, Welding, Construction Skills and Man-



agement, Cybersecurity, EMS, Multimedia, Early Childhood, Firefighting, and Medical Assisting.

## Softball - Green

The AUGS Green Softball Team garnered a 4-5 regular season record and a 1-1 post season record. Multiple home runs in games, including 2 grand slams in one game.

## Softball - Gold

The AUGS Gold Softball Team had a great season, taking 3rd place in conference. The team had a conference record of 7-2 and won the 3rd place game in the conference tournament. The team was led by five 8th graders and showed tremendous improvement throughout the season.

## Boys Soccer

The boys showed a tremendous amount of progress throughout the season. While it may have been tough going 0-8.

## Girls Soccer

The girls went 7-1 during the season with 2 shutouts! The girls worked very hard this season and took 3rd place in the conference tournament.

## Girls Cross Country

The Girls Cross Country Team showed tremendous improvement from August to October. The 1st place finish in the 7th grade race at the Hawthorn Invitational was certainly a highlight. They finished 2nd in the conference meet and 4th at the Sectional meet. Lelaina Mateja and Timyra Caces qualified as individuals for the State meet. Both girls represented their team and school wonderfully at the state meet.

## Boys Cross Country

The Boys Cross Country Team had great showings at all meets this year, culminating with becoming conference champions. The team's third place finish at the Sectional meet qualified the whole boys team for the State Cross Country meet.



Photographs  
from Oct. 21st  
Turtle University  
Play, Learning  
and Preschoolers  
Workshop



## TURTLE UNIVERSITY PRESENTS:

# Play, Learning and Preschoolers

This school year, the Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center is offering parents and families of preschoolers learning opportunities through our Turtle University. Throughout the school year, parents and families will have the opportunity to participate in workshops where they will learn strategies for engaging with their child as well as strategies to support their child's development.

On October 21st, the Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center hosted our first Turtle University workshop titled Play, Learning and Preschoolers. This interactive workshop included discussion on the different types and styles of play children engage in and the kinds of skills play helps to develop. Par-

ticipants learned strategies to support their child's cognitive, physical, social emotional and language development.

Future Turtle University workshops include Self-Care for Parents and Teaching Skills for Early Independence. Self-Care for Parents will focus on the ways that parents/guardians can help themselves maintain balance and energy while continuing to facilitate their child's growth and development. Teaching Skills for Early Independence will focus on the importance of starting early with all children, to promote self-esteem and motivation for independence. Tips and strategies for developing skills for independence in young children will be provided.





## Hillcrest Expands Structured Learning Program

Hillcrest Hurricanes are going places this school year, and our Structured Learning Program is an integral part of our journey. Currently we have fourteen students in our program, and this year we added a third Structured Learning classroom. Jessica Retzke, our kindergarten SLP teacher, focuses on developing her students' language skills and providing structure throughout their school day. The students in her classroom use no tech, low tech, and assistive technology devices to communicate their wants and needs. She is working with Eleanor Murphy, one of our speech pathologists, to help our littlest students learn symbolic communication so they may be able to communicate not only with behavior and gestures, but with language. Each week students learn new words to expand their communication. One of the favorite core words of the week was "go." Students in the classroom experienced hands-on activities that involve the use of the word, such as watching balloon rockets launch in the classroom. This motivated the students to use the core word by rewarding usage with preferred sensory stimuli.

Kimberly Singh, the SLP first grade classroom teacher, loves bringing her students together every morning for morning meeting time (called "Hurricane Huddle" at Hillcrest). There they talk about the weather, sing and dance about the days of the week and months of the year, and count to 100 while exercising in fun and silly ways. Throughout the day, students work on playing together, taking turns, communicating, and regulating their emotions, in addition to learning reading and math. Students loved studying the life cycle of the apple, which was their fall social- science focus.

Rebecca Reidenga-Talbot, our 2nd-5th grade SLP teacher, is proud of the places her students are going and the gains they are making. Throughout her four years teaching the program, she reflects on how special it is to grow alongside her students since she has been able to spend multiple years with them. Looking back on pictures and memories with the kids from her first year reminds her how far they have come. "Another great thing about the program," she remarks, "is being able to work with so many different types of staff members, from related service providers to paraprofessionals." Mrs. Reidenga-Talbot understands that collaboration is essential to

meet our students' needs and appreciates the team's ability to think outside the box to support each student.

The related service providers include three speech language pathologists (Eleanor Murphy, Gail Lindstrom, and Colleen Green), two social workers (Tina Bryk and Kara Leitza), one occupational therapist (Malissa Roberts), and one physical therapist (Amanda Nauman). These women work diligently and creatively to foster student's skill development, and consider it a "gift" and a "privilege" to work with our kids and with each other, and to see the transformation the kids have made from the first day of school and over the years.

Malissa Roberts, occupational therapist, remarks on her work in the SLP program:

"My favorite part about working in SLP is learning to see the world through eyes and perspectives other than my own. Students have taught me so much more about empathy, creativity, compassion, acceptance, resilience and self-expression. I especially enjoy the moments general educational and adaptive education collide—the 'aha' moments when students realize we are really not all that different after all and the differences we do have are what make us unique and strong."

The SLP team would not be complete—and would not be able to function, without the tireless efforts of our special education assistants. These women—Erin, Shanda, Bobbie, Amber, Cathy, Gaby, and Kristina, in addition to the other paraprofessionals who help assist the students at specials and lunch/recess - Julie, Liz, and Denise, support the functional and behavioral needs of the students, assisting them in the classroom, bathroom, and all throughout the building. These women keep our students clean, safe, happy, and get them ready to learn. As special education assistant Bobbie Moore stated, "it's heartwarming and encouraging to see the dedication and love of the teachers, assistants, and paraprofessionals towards our kids with special needs at Hillcrest." As our Structured Learning Program continues to grow and to thrive, it is clear that all of our Hurricanes are going places. With love and with inclusion, we recognize that it's our differences that make us great. We are all part of the Hillcrest Elementary School family. We all matter.



W.C. Petty's Student Council



W.C. Petty Morning Show

# W.C. Petty Offers Clubs, Clubs and More Clubs!

W.C. Petty students love to have fun during and after school! With the help of adult sponsors, we currently are able to provide Diversity Club, Intramural Soccer, Intramural Yoga, Ukulele Club, Announcements Club, and Student Council.

With the leadership of Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Jordan, our Diversity Club works together to explore student interests and understand how we can coexist in the world. The club began with the exploration of student similarities. Soon they will complete projects and create opportunities to learn about themselves and others. Petty Bobcats are proud of who they are and where they come from. Our Diversity Club also enjoys getting to know others!

Petty's Intramural Soccer program serves fourth and fifth graders. They work on passing and shooting skills. They are also learning the different positions of a soccer team. Our soccer team splits their time in half. During the first half, they practice their skills and the second half is reserved for a game. Intramural Yoga has also been a blast. Last week a yoga instructor from Antioch's Trillium Yoga studio came out to do a class with the students. They are learning poses while exercising. Our yoga intramural students are gaining strength and flexibility. Props to Ms. Bender and Mr. Bieniek for making intramurals a success.

One of our newest clubs is the Ukulele Club and it has been running since September! Mrs. Schaibly shares her skills with the students in various ways. Last year the students enjoyed bucket drumming. This year, students have learned the basics of how to play the ukulele. They have learned the name of strings and strumming patterns for songs. In early November, the Ukulele Club proudly performed at the 5th grade music concert. It was awesome to see the musical growth of the students since September.

Another popular extracurricular activity at W.C. Petty is our W.C. Petty Morning Show. This club has 19 fifth graders involved in it and is run by two phenomenal fifth grade teachers. Students fill out an application to be a part of our morning show. The students meet once a week to record our morning announcements. Our announcements include: the date, the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence, birthdays, what's for lunch, the weather, and student shout-outs from teachers. In addition, our Morning Show crew members try to inspire the rest of the students by offering motivational quotes, tips on how to follow our PBIS expectations, and new vocabulary. We are currently working with students on how to read the news fluently and using animated expressions.

Finally, our Student Council does so much for W.C. Petty. They help, encourage, and celebrate students and staff. Mrs. Jasinski and Miss Rieb focus on developing leadership skills for the 4th and 5th grade students. Student Council makes connections with and supports organizations in our community. So far this school year, they have organized a school-wide collection for the Antioch Traveling Closet, put together a school-wide Boo Gram event where students and staff can send a message to anyone in our school along with a sweet treat to be delivered on Halloween, helped make posters for the Boosters' Boo Bash, and organized a Red Ribbon week spirit week and door decorating contest to encourage students and staff to be drug free and celebrate life. Students create flyers, video announcements, and poster communications to share with students, staff, and families to advertise the events that they put together. Students often work in sub-committees and make decisions collaboratively about ideas they have shared, how they want to create something to be shared with our school and discuss solutions.





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*Highway Commissioner*

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**Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 12:00 Noon**

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

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, gambling (play money), food and prizes. Formal Attire. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Lake Villa Township Food Pantry. Please RSVP.

***This Money is Play but the Fun is Real!***

For more information contact Lake Villa Township at 847-356-2116

## Toys for Township Tots

The Lake Villa Township Food Pantry will be hosting our annual Toys for Township Tots program. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 12 and under. Drop off bins will be placed at the State Bank of the Lakes in Lake Villa and Lindenhurst, First American Bank in Lake Villa and Lindenhurst, the Lake Villa Library and the Lake Villa Township Office through December 14th.

**TOYS FOR  
TOWNSHIP  
TOTS**





# Live, Learn and Lead

So much has happened since we celebrated the first day of school with an assembly at Polley Field that resulted in the junior class taking possession of the Spirit Trophy! The senior class then claimed the Spirit Trophy at the October Homecoming Assembly. Can't wait to see who gets it next! Students are leaning into the many opportunities at Lakes to Live, Learn and Lead. The fall season was buzzing with classroom learning, field trips, clubs, sports, and productions - several of which you will see highlighted in the following pages. I am bursting with pride every day celebrating the wins with our students; follow me on Twitter @JoriBowen, LCHS on Facebook @LakesEagles, or check out our Lakes Live Feed on the website to get a glimpse of the action!

Lakes is a special place because of the people. Our students are supported by a full staff of teachers, counselors, social workers, school psychologists, paraprofessionals, deans, technology experts, professional support personnel,

custodians, security guards, bus drivers, grounds keepers, and cafeteria staff. Did you know that we have 15 staff members at Lakes that are graduates of District 117? There are also 14 staff members with their own children currently attending Lakes. I am honored to serve in a school that draws in people embracing The Eagle Way. That personal commitment and deep sense of community is what provides the foundation for our Eagles to soar!



*In the Eagle Spirit,*

**Jori Bowen**

*Principal*

Lakes Community High School



## STUDENT COUNCIL | LCHS

### Student Council Gives Back

At the beginning of the year, the LCHS Student Council embraced one initiative: Give back.

Senior Class President Samantha Skula and Student Council Head Sponsor Melissa Cross have a lot of experience in community service, and they are in it for the right reasons.

"They are really off to a great start this year," Lakes Activities Director Mark Ring said. "When they do these kinds of projects, they aren't out for themselves. This group, and in particular, Ms. Cross and Samantha are really out to help others."

In October, the student council banded together to make blankets for cancer patients. After seeing a friend and a family member undergo chemotherapy, Ms. Cross felt inspired to help. Then she saw her son's school was doing a drive to make baskets for chemotherapy patients, so she brought the idea to her own students.

"I approached our student council group, and they jumped on it. I mean, I was so impressed by how much they wanted to do. And no one batted an eye. Nobody said, 'No thank you. And we ended up putting together twelve different blankets in two weeks,'" Cross said.

Likewise, senior Samantha Skula is also no stranger to community service.

"For student council, we really wanted to focus on giving back, so we've been doing a lot of service-oriented proj-



ects, so when Ms. Cross came to us with this, we thought it would be fun and something that could really help out the community," Skula said. Because she is so humble, one might not necessarily know this about her. Skula is a member of five different clubs, each of which is geared toward community service in some capacity. As part of FCCLA, for example, she participated in partnering with Feed My Starving Children. She has made gift bags for custodians, helped out animal shelters as part of 'PAWS for Change,' and she sold trees alongside the Evergreen Club to offset the school's carbon footprint.



## BOARD OF EDUCATION | CHSD117

## CHSD117 Grateful for Distinguished School Board

November 15 marked the official statewide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. Each year, this season provides an opportunity to acknowledge the Board's role in creating educational opportunities that meet the goals set forth by the community and recognize our Board Members who serve as unpaid volunteers for the benefit of our students.

We are grateful to have such a distinguished School Board in Community High School District #117. Our Board was honored last year by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB)'s School Board Governance Recognition program for their understanding of and commitment to IASB's Foundational Principles of Effective Governance. Our district has benefited from the diverse experience, expertise, and prior public service each member brings to our governance team. The next time you meet one of our seven School Board Members in the community, please take the time to thank them for serving in this important governance role to bring more opportunities to our students. The list of Board Members is as follows:

- Wayne Sobczak - President
- Bruce Pagni - Vice President
- Sandy Jacobs - Secretary
- Bart Winkler - Board Member
- Ellen Ipsen - Board Member
- Ronald Vickers - Board Member
- Cynthia Collins - Board Member

Our Board President, Wayne Sobczak, was recently recognized by The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) on October 12, 2022 with their highest "Legacy Board Leader" award for his many years of professional development through IASB's Board Leader Recognition Program. Wayne's tenure as Board President has brought a continuity and vision to the district that has empowered our schools to continuously improve their programs year over year, while embracing accountability for ways in which we can always work to get better.

School Boards represent one of the most direct ways community members can lead, support, and be stewards of the tremendous assets public schools provide. Our community has benefitted from the clear and consistent leadership and support our Board has provided us as we seek to fulfill our mission to Ignite Passion and Discovery in Every Student. We extend our thanks to these dedicated community leaders and encourage you to join us in sharing your appreciation during this season of gratitude!



*D117 Board President Wayne Sobczak*



## MATH FAIR | CHSD117

## McKay Center Hosts 1st Annual D117 Math Fair

Historically the schools in District 117 have worked with math teachers, student leaders, administrators, and feeder schools, to engage future District 117 students in a math fair. The fairs themselves were traditionally held at each school at different times during the year. For the first time ever, both D117 schools worked together to produce a District wide experience for 3rd-5th grade students in our community. Students, and staff from Antioch and Lakes High School developed math games, challenging problems to solve, and good old fashion math fun! Students earned points throughout the fair that they could redeem for donated prizes. The event showcases another great use of the McKay Center for the students in District 117.



# A Time of Reflection

As fall activities and sports give way to winter, it is important to provide pause and reflect on the year to this point. By many means measured, the students at ACHS shine in the spotlight. Later in this issue you can see the many accomplishments of our students and their subsequent accolades. It has been a phenomenal experience to sit in the front row and bear witness to the success of our students in the classroom, on the stage, in the stadium, or in the gymnasiums.

At ACHS, we hope to offer experiences that extend learning beyond the four walls of the classroom. For instance, on Thursday, October 20th, the ACHS German Club went to House of Gerhard in Kenosha, WI, to celebrate Oktoberfest. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and warm ambiance! Students got to try German specialties including Wienerschnitzel, Sauerbraten, and Rouladen, along with Spätzle and Rotkohl.

Also, on December 9, the English Department will be hosting a professional theater company to perform Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet for all students in English 1 or

English 1 Honors. With many thanks to ACHS booster club, Sequoit Pride, we are able to bring in an acting troupe that specializes in Shakespeare to entertain and enlighten students on what live drama is all about.

These are but 2 examples of many in which students have the chance to ignite their passion and discovery. As we get set to flip the calendar year soon, we look forward to many more opportunities to see our students excel during their time at ACHS.

Sincerely,

**Mike Berrie**

Principal

Antioch Community High School



## MOCK INTERVIEWS | ACHS

### Career and Tech Education Department Brings Back Mock Interview to D117

Mock Interviews returned to ACHS for the first time since March 12, 2020! Students in Personal Finance and Life Resource Management were interviewed by a volunteer from the community. Individual feedback was provided, as well as tips for the whole group. The next round will be in the Spring. Parents - watch your email for this wonderful opportunity to share your experience with our students. Community members can also contact Donna Corcoran, CTE Department Chairperson, if interested in participating!

93 Students enrolled in Life Resource Management (LRM) and Personal Finance at Lakes Community High School participated in the Mock Interview Project on Thursday, November 3. Volunteers from the community reviewed students resumes, noted if students were dressed for success, and asked them a series of questions. They used a basic scoring rubric and provided feedback to students on how they did. The experience of a "real" interview was extremely valuable to our students as we often don't receive feedback on interviews. After the interviews concluded, volunteers participated in a brief open forum with students.







THEATER | LCHS

## Lakes Fall Play Creates One of a Kind Experience for Audience

For the first time in recent Lakes history, the theater department brought the audience onto the stage with our actors. Eagle Theatre presented William Shakespeare's *As You Like It* as the play for this past fall season. Instead of sitting in the normal auditorium seats, the audience sat surrounding  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the stage and were able to see the action closer than ever before. Audience members were fully immersed in the enchanted Forest of Arden thanks to the live music, audience participation, and haikus written by audience members themselves being read in the show. A group of over 60 students came together to perform, build, and design this production. Rehearsals involved translating Shakespeare's original writing, cast bonding, and collaborative effort between the actors, directing, and management teams. Technical builds consisted of hanging lights, putting costumes together, and constructing the risers for the audience to sit. All together, we are so proud of the work we've done and look forward to our next production: our musical Spelling Bee presented in early March.

THEATER | LCHS

## Sequoit Theater Plays to Sold Out Audiences

The Sequoit Theatre produced the production *Puffs* by Matt Cox. *Puffs* looks at the life of Wayne, Megan, Oliver, and other fellow *Puffs* as they go through seven years of Wizarding School. The company had over 50 students some of whom helped design and direct the production. Their performance was responded to by a panel from the ITF, in hopes that they will be able to perform at this year's Theatre Festival.



SOCIAL STUDIES | ACHS

## Antioch Social Studies Prepares Students for Civic Engagement

On Wednesday, November 2, all Government students at ACHS had the opportunity to participate in a mock election that was sponsored by the Illinois Democracy Schools Network. Students in Ms. Whitney Walsh's classes, Ms. Meghan McDonnell's classes, Mr. Scott Magnuson's classes, Ms. Jamie Atkinson's class, and Ms. Leona Swieton's class prepared to vote by researching candidates in state and national elections to determine whose positions they most identified with and then cast their ballots electronically. Official results will be tabulated by the Illinois Democracy School organization and will then be shared with the school following Election Day on Tuesday, November 8.

ACHS recently renewed its status as an Illinois Democracy School and works to infuse civic education and strong civic engagement into its curriculum across the disciplines. Illinois Democracy Schools are committed to developing strong civic awareness and to providing opportunities for students to engage in activities such as democratic simulations, service learning, and conversations about current and controversial issues in a balanced and informed manner.

HALLOWEEN | CHSD117

# Little Sequoits and Eagles Bring Halloween Energy to D117

Little Sequoits celebrated the season with an epic Trick-or-Treat through the halls of ACHS! The costumes were adorable but the expressions of wonder on their little faces was the biggest treat for the staff! We're grateful to Ms. Tielke for all she does to make this program so successful. Many of the high school students in the class started out as Little Sequoits - quite a compliment to Ms. Tielke and the program she created over the years!

On October 27, the Little Eagles and their high school friends trick-or-treated around LCHS. They made their way to 22 different classrooms collecting loads of candy from teachers and students. This is one of the highlights of the fall semester and the whole building looks forward to seeing the little ones make their way around the school.



DEMOCRACY | LCHS

## Lakes Recognized for Commitment to Illinois Democracy Schools Network

Last week, Lakes Community High School was recognized for renewing its commitment to Illinois Democracy Schools, a growing network of schools across the state which shares resources and collaborates on professional development opportunities.

LCHS initially joined this consortium in 2012 and renewed its commitment in 2020. After a hiatus, the annual conference was able to resume in person this September, where our school was formally recognized for this commitment.

Social studies teacher Randie Reynolds and department chair Grant Murray attended to receive this award on behalf of Lakes. "We're really proud of our partnership. Honestly, it's great for the whole school. Civics isn't just important in social studies classes. It's really something we teach in all of our classes," Reynolds said. In addition to sharing lesson ideas, classroom simulations, extracurricular ideas, or opportunities for community service, this network also supports schools in establishing and building upon a positive school culture.

Throughout the year, Mr. Murray will host professional development sessions for Lakes staff to incorporate principles of civics into their classroom activities. "Our department and school have really embraced this idea of civic learning across disciplines. I am excited for what the future holds." To learn more about this initiative, check out [IllinoisCivics.org](https://IllinoisCivics.org).







Homecoming | CHSD117

## Antioch and Lakes Enjoy Homecoming Traditions

During the week of September 12th, Lakes Community High School held their Homecoming festivities with the theme of Candyland that surely was a sweet time for all. The fun actually started the Friday prior with an outdoor pep assembly that had great weather as the Eagles showed off their terrific spirit throughout the event.

On Monday, Lakes held their own drive-in movie with the movie being projected onto the building as students sat on the lawn or in their cars to enjoy the evening event. Wednesday was a busy day with our parade that ended at the stadium for our Senior Night celebrating our fall athletics and marching band program. The flag football game took place immediately after where our Freshmen and Juniors were victorious over the Sophomores and Seniors. The BonFire completed Wednesday's events with help from our Lake Villa Fire Department. On Thursday, our club sponsors held an Activities Fair for our students to gain interest in the variety of clubs and activities and on Friday, our football team was victorious playing their big game against the Round Lake Panthers.

The Homecoming Dance was a huge celebration on the front lawn with a festival atmosphere as it was held outside with tents, food trucks, and great music that was danced to by the 1000 students who were in attendance. The students

had a wonderful evening and a great week of festivities that surely left many memories for the students and staff.

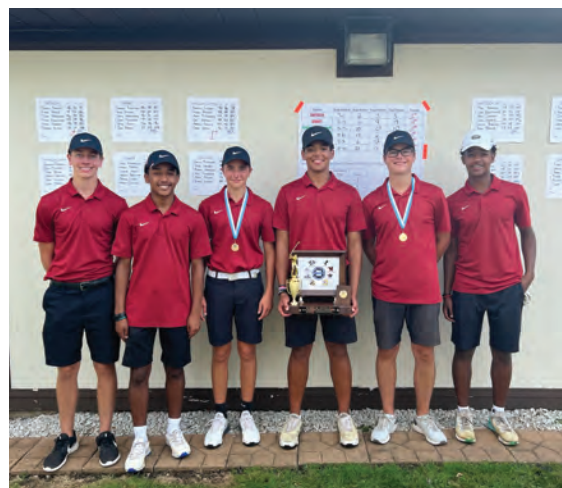
Antioch Community High School kicked off Homecoming on September 19th with a spirit week of dress up days, decorations and signs hung throughout the school as they celebrated Candyland 2022. The stands were packed on Wednesday, September 21 as the sophomore powderpuff team was victorious over the freshman. The senior powderpuff team showed their experience that they received their championship medals after their win over the juniors. The community of Antioch came together on Thursday, September 22nd as the Grand Marshall, Steve "Candyman" Young led the sports teams, bands, clubs, community members and organizations in the parade through downtown. Everyone reunited in the Stadium for a Pep Rally to showcase the fall sports teams. With help from the Antioch Fire Department, the Homecoming Royalty made their way to the South end of the Stadium to light the Bonfire as the Fireworks lit up the sky. The stands were packed as they watched the Football team become victorious over Grayslake North 45 - 6. Over 1,000 students enjoyed the culminating event of the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 24 with dancing and food in a great atmosphere.

Athletics | LCHS

## Lakes Athletics Enjoys Fall Success

Lakes Community High School enjoyed numerous noteworthy accomplishments during the 2022 fall athletic season. Senior Josh Anderson concluded a very successful high school career when he qualified for the state championships in boys golf and finished 21st place in the state. For the first time in school history the Cross Country program qualified both the girls and boys teams to the state finals in back to back years. Junior Paige Caruth was the NLCC individual girls champion, joining an impressive list of past winners from Lakes. The Lakes Girls Cross Country Team place second in the state, earning the second state trophy in school history.





## ATHLETICS | ACHS

# Antioch Concludes Successful Fall Athletic Season

The Antioch athletic department concluded an incredibly successful 2022 fall season. The football program won their 6th NLCC title in 7 years and qualified for the state playoffs in class 6A. The boys golf program won the NLCC conference championship and Donald Barnett qualified for the state championship for the second year in a row. Mia Kaiser and Elle Ipsen qualified

for the state tennis finals as a doubles pair. For the first time since 1979, the Girls Cross Country team qualified for the state finals. They will be joined by Junior Carter Webb representing the boys team. Joining Webb in the championship race will be Carson Lanners, the freshman is the first ever freshman boy to qualify for the state finals.



**COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 117**

**Antioch Events**

Dec. 1 - Bowling vs. Lakes  
 Dec. 2 - Girls Basketball vs. LCHS  
 Dec. 9 - Boys Basketball vs LCHS  
 Dec. 10 - Wrestling Quad  
 Dec. 17 - Ben Jansky Wrestling Inv  
 Dec. 23 - Holiday Wrestling Duals  
 Jan. 12 - 2027 Open House  
 Jan. 16 - Girls Basketball Round Robin  
 Jan. 26-29 - Comedy Night  
 Feb. 14-17 - Story Tellers Series  
 Feb. 15 - Boys JV Basketball vs. LCHS  
 Mar. 1 - Jazz Concert  
 Mar. 16 - Blood Drive  
 Mar. 17 - Indoor Track Meet  
 Mar. 18 - Indoor Track Meet

**Lakes Events**

Dec. 6 - Middle School Leadership Conference  
 Dec. 9 - 24-Hour Play Festival  
 Dec. 27 - Wrestling Quad  
 Jan. 12 - 2027 Open House  
 Jan. 13 - NLCC Cheer Invite  
 Jan. 14-16 - MLK Boys Basketball Tournament  
 Jan. 17 - Girls Basketball vs ACHS  
 Jan. 24 - Boys Basketball vs ACHS  
 Feb. 11 - ACT Testing  
 Feb. 16 - Indoor Track Meet  
 Feb. 17 - Blood Drive  
 Feb. 22 - NHS Dodgeball  
 Feb. 25 - Indoor Track Meet  
 Mar. 2-4 - Hello Dolly the Musical  
 Mar. 11 - Easter Bunny Breakfast

**Tickets for Events**

Purchase your tickets ahead of time!  
<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/eventlist/chsd117>

**District Events**

Dec. 16 - Winer Art and Music Showcase  
 Jan. 7 - Cheer/Dance Invite  
 Feb. 11 - Winterfest  
 Mar. 22 - Jazz Night



## HOCKEY | LCHS

# Eagle Pals Floor Hockey Game

On Wednesday, October 26th, our Eagle Pals participated in a floor hockey game in the James McKay Center against our high flying faculty. This evening event was set up by the Eagle Pals sponsor Michelle Curtis and assisted by Brian Kelly. The students won the game against the faculty with a high intensity offense and defense that left the faculty with an understanding of their needs for further practice. Our students who participated were: Elena Arnholt, Eddie Helrigel, Tomaz Glab, Jazzy Velaquez, Camdan Taylor, Isahia Lulias, Syd Jones, Stephen Fettenger, Trisha Singh. Congratulations to our students!





# Emmons Earns Exemplary Designation

The Illinois State Board of Education released its 2022 Illinois Report Card. The report card provides a detailed look at each school's progress on academics, student success, school culture and climate, and financial affairs. One component of the School Report Card is an overall designation based on overall performance. Emmons was designated with the highest rating: exemplary. Exemplary means that Emmons School's students are performing in the top 10 percent of schools statewide with no underperforming student groups. This is the first time in the history of the designations that Emmons has reached the highest level.



Emmons's success is a reflection of the innovative structure used during remote learning and the return to full-time in-person learning during the latter part of the 2020-2021 school year. It also is a result of an investment in increasing time during the school day for students to receive additional support in both math and ELA. The largest contributing factor to the students' success is the hard work of the teachers, staff, and families as they supported students through the pandemic and persisted when the students returned after remote learning. Teachers were able to build on the skills acquired during remote learning to advance the students at an accelerated rate.

Even though the Emmons community has faced serious challenges over the past few years and has made significant progress, there is still work to do. The administration, teachers, and staff continue to work hard toward helping all students reach their full potential.

## Food Drive For Open Arms Mission

Emmons School in partnership with Emmons PTO held a food drive the week of October 17th with a culminating event day at Piggly Wiggly on Sunday, October 23rd. Many stakeholders of the Emmons community helped plan and execute the campaign. The PTO parents planned and participated on the Piggly Wiggly day and the 8th Grade House Leadership Student Team, led by Ms. Wickham, created signage and a video message to advertise for the drive. The students, staff, and parents helped pack up the food and deliver it to Open Arms Mission. Emmons collected 863 lbs. of food and over \$1000 in donations to benefit the community! Thank you Antioch community for your support!



## Emmons Continues to Expand Opportunities for Students

During the 2019-2020 school year, the Emmons School community engaged in a year-long strategic planning process that resulted in 3 areas of focus: curriculum, character education, and program expansion. While all goals within the areas of focus are advancing, the program expansion initiative has been particularly successful. During the second half of last year, students were offered a variety of after school clubs sponsored by teachers and paraprofessionals. Students chose clubs covering a wide range of topics: drama, Legos, escape rooms, games, choir, community service, chess, cooking, and money management. The clubs went on outings, invited community members in, and held Lego build design competitions. The drama club concluded with a wonderful performance of the Wizard of Oz. These clubs are offered again this year. Students have the opportunity to participate in clubs during fall and spring sessions. This program continues to be expanded upon and allows students, staff, and parents to have a voice in which clubs are offered.

Another way that Emmons has expanded their programming is through diversifying electives during the school day. The students now have the opportunity to learn Spanish from 2nd-8th grade. A STEM class is arranged for 2nd, 3rd, and 7th graders. The 7th grade students are learning robotics by participating in the First Lego League and will compete in a competition in December. Students start band lessons in 4th grade from the beginning of the school year, much earlier than in the past.

Emmons School continues to find ways to create more opportunities for students. Whether it is events such as middle school dances and Parent Night Out events, or bringing speakers during the school day, students experience a well rounded learning environment at Emmons.

# Hand-Painted Historic Ghost Signs in Downtown Antioch

The charm and history of Antioch have brought visitors to the downtown shopping district for over a century. This fall, the Village of Antioch unveil the Ghosted ghost sign project that celebrates the community's history while spurring economic activity for the local business community.

With an eye on giving visitors one more reason to visit downtown Antioch, the GHOSTED signs are a hit! Earlier in October, Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner lead a ribbon-cutting ceremony to "unveil" the newest additions to downtown.

"In addition to educating our residents and visitors about Antioch's history, these signs also provide one more reason

for people to visit our downtown business district," said Gartner. "This was a project we started to work on about a year ago. I'm grateful for the hard work of the many members of the village board, staff, and outside organizations that worked together to make this project a success." The mayor says he hopes to see more signs added in the coming years.

The Village of Antioch has partnered with the Lakes Region Historical Society to tell the story of historic downtown businesses. The Ghosted initiative includes preserving one existing ghost sign and creating a handful of new signs inspired by Antioch's past.

This information and more pictures are available online at [www.enjoyantioch.com/ghosted](http://www.enjoyantioch.com/ghosted)

## Downtown Antioch

### 882 Main Street

This location has long been one of the first views of Downtown Antioch for people headed South on Route 83.

On September 15, 1969, the Village Board voted in favor of the addition of a new police department onto Village Hall on the west side of Main Street. Benes Construction of Antioch won the bid and the total cost for the development was \$47,500, which also included new sidewalks and landscaping.

The Antioch Police Department quickly outgrew this location, requiring a new station to be built at 433 Orchard Street. The new PD was dedicated in 1999. Soon after, the Antioch Chamber of Commerce moved into the 874 location and remains here today.

An ice cream parlor named Snow White's was once located where the Village Hall is today. Back then people could sit on a swivel stool and take in the sights of Main Street while enjoying a frozen treat.

## Williams Brothers Department Store

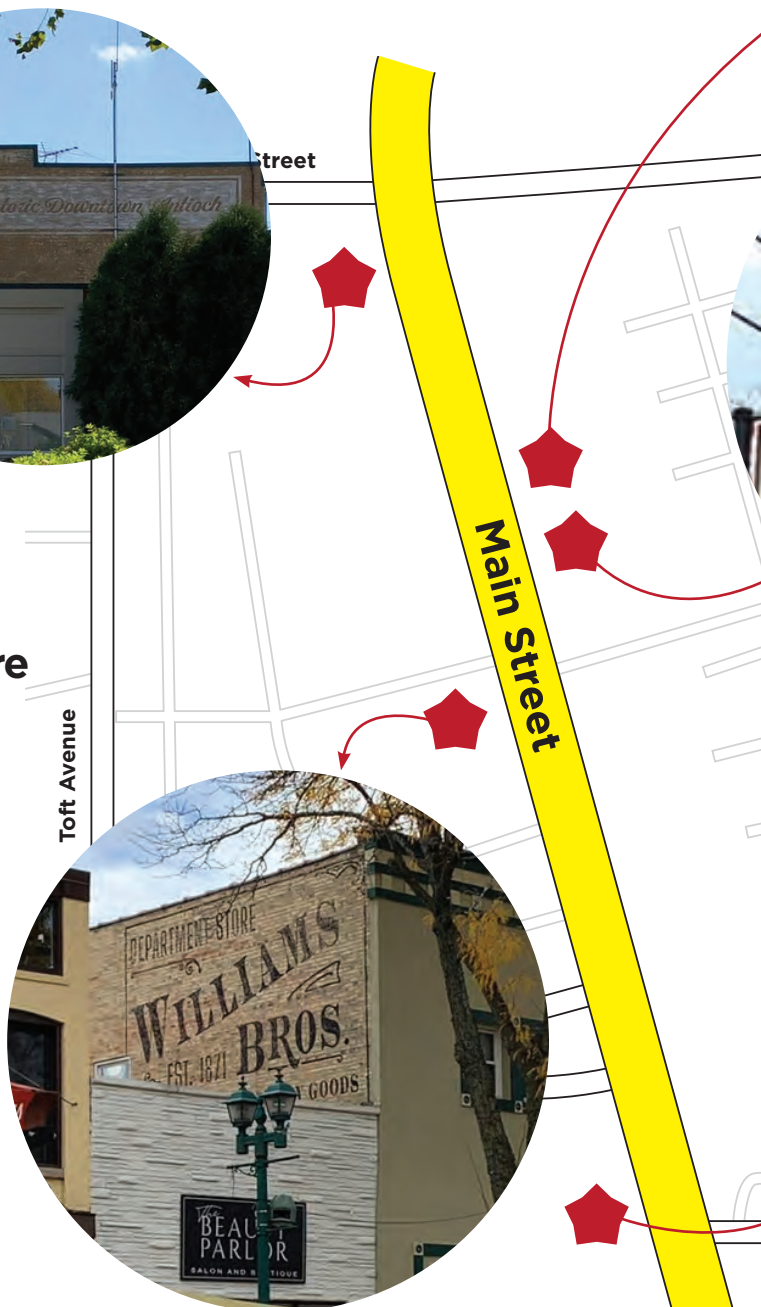
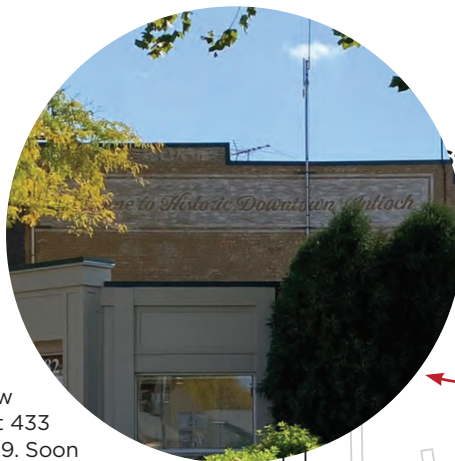
### 910 Main Street

In 1917, the Williams brothers, Daniel and Edgar, ran their store out of the King building at 904 Main Street.

In March 1891, the brothers opened a large, modern department store built immediately to the south at 910 Main Street. Together they operated Williams Brothers until 1921 when Daniel transitioned his share of the business to his stepson, Wilbur Reese Williams. The name changed to Williams Department Store after 54 years. Wilbur managed the business and after a time, his son, Harold Edgar, became a partner. Unfortunately, Harold was only with the company for under two years, dying at the age of 30.

Harold's sons, Dean and Roger, were next to manage the store. Again disaster struck, Dean died in an automobile accident in August 1959 while driving his new Jaguar, leaving Roger to run the store.

Many other businesses operated at this location including Williams Hardware Store, True Value Hardware, and The Emporium Antiques. For more than 130 years, this location has offered Village residents and visitors the same staple items.







## Reeves Drug Store

### 901 Main Street

After the massive fire of November 1903 destroyed much of the east side of Main Street, Gideon Thayer constructed a sturdy brick building at 901 Main Street.

By 1905, William and Alexander Gauger ran the Gauger Brothers store on the first floor, along with the Lux sisters, Ada and Minnie, who ran a photography business on the second floor. The Gauger brothers operated their business at this location until they left for California in 1913.

Sidney Reeves moved to Antioch from Chicago in 1919 for a pharmacist position at W.J. Richards Drug Store located at 928 Main Street. By 1921, Mr. Reeves had purchased the business. He moved the renamed Reeves Drug Store to the newly remodeled Thayer Building at 901 Main Street in April 1926. Mr. Reeves gifted free ice cream cones to 1st through 3rd grader students every Monday afternoon.

In 1941, the pharmacists, George and Helen Cribb Borovicka, purchased the business from 83-year-old Mr. Reeves. George and Helen hired another local female pharmacist, Edna Drom, to help run the store and it soon became affiliated with the Walgreens Agency. After George's death, Helen and Edna operated the business until the eighties with Helen's sister, Ruth Cribb Elliott. After the closing of Reeves Drugs in 1983, many other businesses have occupied this structure located in the center of town.



## Gambles Hardware & Appliances

### 954 Main Street

954 Main Street was originally part of the Chinn and Rogers Block, which was destroyed in the 1891 fire.

In 1926, Walter Chinn built this modern building to house his confectionary store and newsstand, as well as the office of the North Shore Line which provided bus services to the Chicago, North Shore, and Milwaukee Railroad stations.

In 1934, Rudy Eckert opened his franchise hardware business, Gamble's Store, in this location which he ran for over thirty-eight years. It was known as "The Friendly Store."

The upstairs hall once housed the Old Fellows Lodge and Christian Science worship services were held on the second floor.

The Chinn Block has also been home to Foth Confectionary, Metropolitan Motor Coach offices, the Antioch News, Sonshine Books, and the Humidor among others.

This was the only ghost sign that was still visible at the start of this process. The goal of this sign repair was to make the painting more visible at street level so that it can remain for another 90 years.



## Scott's Dairy

### 891 Main

891 Main Street currently houses Something Sweet, which inspired the connection to the historic Antioch business, Scott's Dairy.

Walter Scott owned and operated Scott's Dairy in Antioch for many years before working as the Superintendent of Public Works and a trustee for the Village. In 1951, he became Chief of Police of Antioch, where he remained until his retirement in 1963.

The first building at 891 Main Street was lost in the 1903 fire and contained a restaurant and bakery. The new brick building housed shoe sales for the first fifty years of its existence—Chicago Footwear Company, Rhodes' Shoes, Antioch Shoe Shop, and Darnaby's Shoes to name a few. The store once had a fluoroscopic x-ray machine that showed people the bones of their feet while wearing shoes to check the fit. It was later removed after the dangers of radiation were realized.

Other businesses that were housed here include a fine gift shop called The General Store, a children's clothing store named Choosey Child, Village Stitchery, and now Something Sweet. In 1997, it was the building awarded with the "Chicago's Finest Painted Lady Competition" for the commercial buildings category for the Northwest suburbs.



from the mayor's office



Antioch Ghosted ribbon cutting, October 21, 2022. Left to right: Kyran McCabe (Right Way Signs), Barbara Porch (Antioch Chamber of Commerce), Ainsley Wonderling (Lakes Area Historical Society), Abigail Rose (All Together), Mayor Scott Gartner (Village of Antioch), Laura Foster (Ms. Peddler's Boutique), Jim Keim (Antioch Village Administrator)

## Downtown Antioch Gets Ghosted

The village's feedback about the new downtown "ghost signs" has been phenomenal! In October, the village held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of our GHOSTED ghost sign project in downtown Antioch. The signs look more beautiful than we could have imagined.

The Ghosted initiative was designed to refresh Antioch's existing ghost signs in our downtown area, and design new signs inspired by our community's rich past. A ghost sign is an old hand-painted advertising sign that has been preserved on a building for an extended period. This beautiful artwork will make our downtown even more stunning and more of a destination for visitors.

When you're downtown shopping this holiday season, take some time to enjoy the Ghosted signs!

Speaking of holiday shopping, as we're heading into the holidays, I encourage you to take advantage of everything that Antioch has to offer! I can't stress enough the importance of shopping locally. Did you know that for every dollar spent at a local business, two-thirds stay here in Antioch? The more we spend locally, the stronger our local economy.

Antioch is the place to be during the holiday season. I can't imagine a town with more of a small-town American feel, than Antioch. Make sure you join us for the annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting on the evening of November 25th. Then, join the many local shops for Small Business Saturday on November 26th.

In addition to the Christmas Parade, our Parks Department is busy helping Santa make appearances across town with Santa Visits and Santa at the Sawmill events. New this season, our Parks Department is also hosting a Festival of Trees at the Buttrick Sawmill from December 3rd through the 18th!

Finally, I hope you're able to take some time this holiday season to reflect on all of the positives we've seen in our local community during 2022, and how great 2023 will be! I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and holiday season.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Scott Gartner**

847-395-1000

[antioch.il.gov](http://antioch.il.gov)



# American Legion Restores Tank

For former Antioch Village Board member Jay Jozwiak, restoration of the veteran's memorial at Toft and Orchard has been on his mind for years. Earlier this year, Jozwiak, who serves as the Commander of the Antioch American Legion Post 748, brought a group of volunteers together to make the restoration a reality.

The tank memorial has been in place since 1994 when the United States government donated a Vietnam-era M551 Sheridan Tank to the Antioch VFW. Local, state, and federal officials worked together to secure the tank, including former State Senator Adeline Geo-Karis, State Representative Robert Churchill, and Congressman Phil Crane.

The tank was delivered and placed on the concrete slab in December 1994. The memorial was dedicated the following spring, on Memorial Day. Dignitaries attending the spring dedication included then Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka.

This past summer, Jozwiak enlisted the help of other local veterans, veteran groups, and local businesses to help with a restoration project of the tank. The group of volunteers spent about 300 hours working to power wash the tank, sand it, prime and paint the exterior, and repaint the



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tank's tracks and rims (a very tedious job!). The group finished the first phase of the restoration of the tank shortly before Halloween. The group is already planning Phase II of the project, which they expect to begin in Spring 2023. The next phase will involve making improvements to the area surrounding the concrete base and adding memorials to honor veterans from the Antioch area who gave their lives in combat. The current memorial honors those who died during World War II.

The restoration of the tank was made possible through the efforts of members of the Antioch American Legion 748, Jay Jozwiak, Bill Lindemann, Jim Hovel, Daniel Jedynak, Tim Knutson, Jr., Antioch VFW Commander Paul Swan-

son, and donations from the American Legion Post 748, VFW Post 4551, VFW Auxiliary, Antioch Ace Hardware, Impressions Count, Troop Contracting, and Bruce from Stateline Sign.

Donations are being accepted for the next phase of the renovation of the memorial. Donations can be made to the Antioch American Legion Post 748, 75 West North Ave, Antioch, IL, 60002.

Donation checks can be sent to American Legion Post 748, PO Box 465, Antioch IL. 60002.



## WINTER EVENTS

**Santa Visits at the Sawmill**

DECEMBER  
**2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17**

**Festival of Trees**

DECEMBER  
**3-18**

**Winter Wine Walk**

JANUARY  
**21**

**Daddy/Daughter Date Night**

FEBRUARY  
**11**

**Mother/Son Date Night**

MARCH  
**11**

*At the Hiram Buttrick Sawmill*



## Aqua Center Passes Make for the Perfect Holiday Gift!

The Antioch Parks and Recreation Department offers the perfect stocking stuffer gift idea! The Antioch Parks and Recreation Department is offering 2023 Aqua Center passes. The passes are available at the Parks office or on the Parks Department website.

For specific questions, call the Parks and Recreation office at 847-395-2160 or email, [parks@antioch.il.gov](mailto:parks@antioch.il.gov).

## Camp Crayon 2023-2024 Registration

Registration for the Camp Crayon School Year of 2023-2024 starts in February. The Antioch Parks and Recreation Department provides an abundance of activities, events, and classes throughout the year. All information is available online at [Antioch.il.gov](http://Antioch.il.gov). For specific questions, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Mary Quilty at 847-395- 2160 or [parks@antioch.il.gov](mailto:parks@antioch.il.gov).



## Winter Weather Notice

Wintertime can bring along heavy snowfall and difficulty navigating the roadways or sidewalks. Heavy snowfall can also be an issue with mailboxes and snow at the end of driveways.

While mailboxes need to be far enough off the road that they won't be hit by cars, they need to be close enough so mail carriers can reach them without leaving their trucks. Most often, it's not the mailbox placement or the snowplow that causes havoc, it's the snow itself.

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

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

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

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

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

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



VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH



# FESTIVAL OF *Trees*

- BRING YOUR TREE
- DECORATE IT
- WIN THE CONTEST !

Join the Village of Antioch in celebrating this holiday season  
and decorating the Antioch Sawmill walkways!

PROVIDE YOUR OWN 5-8' TALL TREE -  
FAKE, REAL OR ORIGINAL DESIGN

(Tree should be on a stand sturdy enough for the outdoors)

BRING YOUR OWN POWER CORD AND STAKING EQUIPMENT  
ELECTRICITY WILL BE PROVIDED

DECORATE YOUR TREE WITH TRADITIONAL,  
CUSTOM OR THEMED ORNAMENTS

(Secure your ornaments to resist winter weather)

USE ONLY OUTDOOR LED LIGHTS

**CONTEST TREE ENTRY: \$50 PER TREE**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE 11/28**

**CASH PRIZE FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE**

**TREES DISPLAYED**  
**DEC 3-DEC 18**

SETUP: Friday and Saturday,  
December 2-3 from 10am-4pm

TEARDOWN: Sunday, December 18th  
from 4-8pm or Monday, December 19th

**CHRISTMAS  
MARKET AND  
TREE JUDGING**

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 18th  
12PM - 4PM



TO SIGN UP OF FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 847-395-2160  
OR EMAIL [MBLUMA@ANTIOCH.IL.GOV](mailto:MBLUMA@ANTIOCH.IL.GOV)







# Author Jim May Ignites Creativity

Storytelling is the interactive art of using words and actions to reveal the elements and images of a story while encouraging the listener's imagination. That's exactly what storyteller Jim May did when he visited Grass Lake School in Antioch. Jim, an Emmy award-winning storyteller, teacher, and author, spent the day at Grass Lake School sharing his stories through interaction and creative use of words for grades PreK-8th. Each group he met experienced the joy of hearing stories, learning what good stories sound like as well as having their own creativity ignited and encouraged

to share their story. Mr. May shared his gift with the kids through surprise, twisted story lines, and laughter. Jim will be returning to the school to work in classrooms with teachers and students to employ the craft of storytelling in their oral presentations as well as trying out some storytelling of their own. On the heels of being isolated, this is an incredible opportunity we are affording the children to reawaken their tales and imagination in a way that supports being engaged, listening, creative thinking, story development, and communication. A true win for all at Grass Lake School!

## Eighth Grade Students Visit Civil War Museum

Finishing their unit on the Civil War, Ms. Boliaux's eighth grade American History class went on a field trip to the Kenosha Civil War Museum. The students were able to break into smaller groups and take guided tours, exploring different areas of the museum. Students were engaged in interactive activities that involved developing an understanding of soldier uniforms, recruitment, ancient weaponry, and the medical procedures used throughout that time period. Students had an immersive experience by being surrounded with a 360° movie theater, capturing the mindset of the soldiers that served. It was an eventful trip, as students were able to apply what they've learned to a new experience outside of the classroom!







## Makerspace Now Open

At the ribbon cutting ceremony for Grass Lake School's new Makerspace, from left, LC Director Kathy McIlhany, Superintendent Dr. William Newby, Board President Deb Fogel, Board Member Denise Quezada, and Principal Donna Plath.

Grass Lake School held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Makerspace on September 1. This event was a yearlong culmination of repurposing of the original 1900 schoolhouse into a collaborative workspace for making, learning, exploring, and sharing high tech to no tech tools for prekindergarten through eighth-grade students.

The festivities in the afternoon included unveiling the Makerspace to the families and students for the 2022-23 school year. Students had a chance to tour the space. The evening was a kick off for curriculum night as teachers, parents and board members gathered to celebrate the finished product with a tour and donated treats from community supporter Lovin Oven Cakery.

## Seventh Grade's 'Realm of Terror'

Students in Ms. Lubar's seventh ELA class experienced a unique opportunity to visit the Realm of Terror Haunted House. The field trip coincided with the current Gothic Horror unit. Seventh grade just finished reading the short story 'Click Clack the Rattle Bag'. This story demonstrates a limited



point of view, imagery, and foreshadow to create suspense. Stephen Kristof of Kristof's (Realm of Terror) did an excellent job relating how developing a haunted house correlates to the elements of developing a plot, noting the climax is the most exciting part of the haunted house, just as it is with a story. He explained how the elements that create suspense in reading and writing are also used in hosting a successful haunted house. Interestingly, an upcoming movie just completed filming at this location! Students were extremely engaged and excited by the interactive immersive tour they received.



## Teachers & Staff Enjoy Bond Fire

On Thursday, October 6, Grass Lake School Teachers and Staff were invited to Susanna Farms in Lake Villa. Susanna Farms showcased their farm and shared possible ideas to connect curricular topics to hands-on activities that could be replicated on field trips with grade level students at the farm. In addition, staff enjoyed a special opportunity to "bond" with each other and listen to Jim May as he entertained all in attendance with his amazing storytelling abilities! A wonderful evening was had by all. Special thanks to Mrs. Ann Livermore for coordinating this special event!





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# The Holidays are Here!

It's the Holiday season and a lot is happening at the Antioch Township. As our senior programs and events continue to grow, we have hired **Renee Mehring** as the Director of Community Senior Services. We are excited to bring Renee onboard, she comes to us with 20 yrs. experience in Senior Service industry; hear from her below regarding her background:

I am thrilled to join the Township Team as the new Director of Community Senior Services.

I received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse with a major in Recreation and a minor in Sociology. Since then, I have worked with senior citizens in multiple capacities throughout Lake County for over 30 years. Some of my previous experience includes planning programs and events, fundraising, sales in senior living and hospice care.

I have lived in Antioch for 20 years. I'm married to my husband, Keith, and we have two kids: Erika who is a sophomore in college studying Music Education and Max who is a freshman at ACHS.

I look forward to meeting new people in our community while providing educational programs, fun events, excursions and more for our seniors!

You will see Renee at all the events and programs for Antioch Seniors. You can connect with Renee at [rmehring@antiochtownshipil.gov](mailto:rmehring@antiochtownshipil.gov) or call 847.395.3378. Please visit our website to join our e-newsletter or stop by the office at 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd to pick up information, join our mailing list and welcome Renee to the team!



**Kluber**  
Architects + Engineers

## Progress for Antioch

We have several projects and initiatives that are happening throughout Antioch. Our work updating and adding to Osmond Park was recognized by the Lake County Audubon Society. Our Township team along with The Antioch Garden Club were honored for creating an interpretive trail and habitats for various wildlife and fauna throughout the park.

## Community Center Referendum

Although the referendum did not pass, it is encouraging that more than one-third of voters are in favor of the Antioch Township Community Center. While the outcome isn't what we hoped for, we will evaluate and move forward. We are grateful to our community leaders who worked as Antioch Ambassadors to represent this project. Unfortunately, timing may be a factor in the outcome of the election. We are inspired by the number of yes votes and are driven to continue pursuing the Antioch Township Community Center. Antioch residents of all ages deserve the quality amenities offered in other communities. We will consider





our options, we will regroup, and assess the next steps in our continuing efforts to make this happen.

### Thelen Park

We are excited to share our plans for development of Thelen Park. This 30-acre property has belonged to the Township for 20 years.

Our team has worked with Pamela Self Landscaping & Park Design & EVA Engineering to create a recreational outdoor area for all to enjoy. Amenities include ample parking, basketball courts, birdwatching area, disc golf course, naturalized plantings, obstacle course, overlook to rookery, pavilion overlooking water, pickleball courts, play area,



slope/sledding hill, sports shelter, volleyball court & walking/hiking trail.

### Stay Connected!

As we plan our activities and events for 2023, we will send a mailing along with a sign-up sheet. If you have suggestions for outings or programs, please connect with Renee Mehring.

We hope you have a warm and wonderful Holiday Season.

*All the best,*

**Tom Shaughnessy**

*Antioch Township Supervisor*



## Daily Senior Events at Township Center & Village Center

### TOWNSHIP CENTER

1625 N. Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa, IL 60046  
Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm Mon-Fri.

### VILLAGE CENTER

817 Holbek Dr., Antioch, IL 60002  
Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm.  
Tues 9am-1pm. Closed Fridays

### MONDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

**Games/Cards/Social**  
8:30am-4:30pm

**Spa Toe Clinic**  
9am-2pm

Every six weeks/sign-up  
Call Terri 262.914.2776

**Lunch**  
11:30am-12:30pm  
Sign-up required

**Bingo**  
1pm-3pm

**Events & Guest Speakers**  
Specific dates TBD  
Sign-up required

### TUESDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

**Card Tables**  
9:30am-12:30pm

**Stitch Club**  
9am-1pm

**Events & Guest Speakers**  
Specific dates TBD  
Sign-up required

#### TOWNSHIP CENTER

**LINE DANCING**  
9am-10:30am  
Norm Rennert

**TAI CHI**  
1pm-2pm  
Judy Reinholdt

### WEDNESDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

**Games/Cards/Social**  
8:30am-4:30pm

**Silver & Gold Singers**  
10:30am-12pm

**Lunch**  
12pm-1:30pm

**Card Tables**  
1pm-4pm

**Events & Guest Speakers**  
Specific dates TBD  
Sign-up required

### THURSDAYS

#### VILLAGE CENTER

**Games/Cards/Social**  
8:30am-4:30pm

**Card Tables**  
12:30pm-4pm

#### TOWNSHIP CENTER

**Bingo**  
9:30am-11am  
1/12, 2/16, 3/16  
Call to register

### FRIDAYS

#### TOWNSHIP CENTER

**Card Tables**  
9am-3:30pm

We also have local events, bus trips and other outings for seniors. Please call the office at 847-395-3378 or join our mailing list for a registration packet!

Senior Services: 847.395.3378 | [rmehring@antiochtownshipil.gov](mailto:rmehring@antiochtownshipil.gov)



# ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS

January 2023 - March 2023

## Free Monthly Monday Movies Series For Seniors

**Jan. 9: Mystery Alaska**

**Jan. 23: Goodfellas**

**Feb. 13: An Affair to Remember**

**Feb. 27: Rooster Cogburn**

**Mar. 6: Baby Boom**

**Mar. 20: An Officer and a Gentleman**

Location: Antioch Movie Theatre, 378 Lake Street

Time: All movies start at 10am. Theatre opens at 9:30am.

## Badda Boom Badda BINGO!

**Thursdays once a month, Antioch Township**

Jan. 12, Feb. 16 & Mar. 16

Time: 9:30am-11am

Location: Antioch Township 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd. Lake Villa, IL

Cost: First BINGO card is FREE any additional is \$1.00 that goes to grand prize/final game

Please call Antioch Township to register at 847.395.3378. Please do not arrive earlier than 9am. The doors will not be open. We also have BINGO at the Village Center (817 Holbek Dr. Antioch) every Monday from 1-3pm. (Walk-ins welcome)

## The Music Man

Date: Feb. 24

Location: Fireside Theatre

Cost: \$85/PERSON (Limited Capacity)

Strike up the band for Broadway's brassiest musical comedy. Winner of eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, THE MUSIC MAN has delighted audiences the world over with its rollicking tale of the fast-talking, charming conman, the prim but passionate librarian, the bumbling mayor, and all the colorful characters that make this show a classic. Bus departs Antioch Township at 9am (1625 N. Deep Lake Rd.). Show: 1pm Return: 5pm. Seated lunch

**Call 847-395-3378 for information regarding senior events & programs.**

*Cut out below & sign up now!*

### Antioch Township Event Registration

Mark your selections



**The Music Man**

**February 24, 2023**

\$85/person

#### Registrant Details

#### Total amount of payment

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*All payments must be received 10 days before event*

#### Please make checks payable to:

Antioch Township

1625 Deep Lake Road

Lake Villa, IL 60046

Attn: Courtney Kotloski

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**For information and to check availability contact Renee Mehring at 847-395-3378.**



# Board of Education Receives Recognition

School board members serve as unpaid volunteers for the benefit of the students and the community. They act as the front-line education advocates providing a local voice and vision for the district by putting in place the educational priorities of area residents.

This year all seven Lake Villa 41 board members received individual recognition at the Lake County annual Fall Division Meeting. Congratulations to:

- Mark Aleckson - Board Leader
- Ed Liberman - Board Leader
- Michael Conway - Distinguished Board Leader
- Joe Dunne - Distinguished Board Leader
- Kurt Hansen - Distinguished Board Leader
- Debbie Walsh - Distinguished Board Leader
- Joanne Osmond - Legacy Board Leader

In addition to individual recognition, the entire Lake Villa 41 School Board also received the School Board Governance Recognition Award for their ongoing practice of effective governance behaviors. This was the fourth School Board Governance Recognition received by the board since 2016.



Joanne Osmond receiving the Legacy Board Leader recognition.

## Lake Villa 41 Schools are Commendable

The Illinois Report Card is an annual report released by the Illinois State Board of Education that shows how the state, and each school and district, are progressing on a wide range of educational goals. The Report Card offers a complete picture of student and school performance to inform and empower families and communities as they support their local schools.

Schools receive an annual summative designation on the Illinois Report Card. The designation is based on the school's overall data for all of the accountability indicators, as well as the data for individual student groups. We are pleased this year that all four Lake Villa 41 schools maintained their summative ranking of Commendable.

Lake Villa 41 prides itself on routinely evaluating curriculum resources. Staff review effective interventions for individual students. District data has shown positive shifts in student achievement from a 'large gap' per the kindergarten entry assessment, KIDS Assessment, to a range of 'small to moderate gap' per the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. Learning measures were enhanced, and strategic measures took place to respond to learning gaps.







our community

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# Running Strong

The ACHS Cross Country team gets ready for their meet at Grayslake.

**Have a great photo from our community?**

Send us your high-res image to [connections@chsd117.org](mailto:connections@chsd117.org) and we will select the best image to be featured here on *Community Capture*!





# LOVE the LIBRARY

## Today's Library is Not Just About the Books

In the Spring of 2023 the Antioch Public Library District  
will open its doors to a fully expanded and renovated building.

A bright new space for the entire Antioch Community to enjoy and gather.

Whether you want to read quietly, have a space to play & learn with your children,  
to study or chat with friends, utilize a meeting area or to access open WiFi and computer,  
there are now places, spaces and amenities to suit your needs.

Open WiFi | Copy-Fax-San Station | Public Computers | Meeting & Study Rooms

Large Event Space for Meetings & Trainings | Media Room | Workshop

Programs for All Ages | Community Spaces | Teen Study, Gathering & Gaming Room

Library Friends Used Book Shop | Reading Room | Neighborhood Play Area

Follow APLD social media and Spring newsletter for dates on upcoming open house events.



**Antioch Public Library District**  
Providing For & Serving the Community for Over 100 Years