



County Services Committee Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Old Lee County Courthouse, Third Floor Boardroom, 112 E 2nd St, Dixon, IL 61021

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Chair Jack Skrogstad.

II. Committee Member Roll Call: Chair Jack Skrogstad, Vice Chair Dean Freil, Katie White, Ron Gascoigne, Reed Akre, Ali Huss, Jennifer Dallas

Jack Skrogstad, Dean Freil, Katie White, Reed Akre, Ali Huss (9:03-10:08), and Jennifer Dallas all attended in person. Ron Gascoigne was absent.

Also present: Keane Hudson, Tom Kitson, Mike Koppien, Bob Olson, and Angie Shippert (Board Members), Dave Anderson (County Engineer/Highway Department), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jennifer Boyd (Assessor), Sami Elarifi (GIS Coordinator), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Paul Gorski (IT Director), Alice Henkel (Zoning Administrator), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

III. Public Attendees

G.H. Merritt attended the meeting via Zoom from New Illinois, a 501C nonprofit organization.

Discussion during attendance:

- Jack Skrogstad took a moment to welcome Jennifer Dallas to the committee. Jennifer was sworn in during the June County Board Meeting and was appointed to the County Services Committee.
- Jack also explained that even though the County had officially transferred ownership of LOTS to the Reagan Mass Transit District, Greg Gates (Director), had expressed his desire to continue sending a monthly report to the committee and occasionally attend the meetings to keep the County updated on what was going on in the organization. A report was submitted and will be attached to the minutes and included in the July County Board agenda packet.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (June 11, 2024)

Minutes from the June 11, 2024, County Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

V. Transportation/Solid Waste

A. *Monthly Report*

Dave Anderson walked the committee through the report that he submitted from the Highway Department. This report will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included in the July County Board agenda packet.

B. *Highway Department*

Dave also took the time to talk to the committee and explain how a IPWMAN Mutual Aid Agreement could benefit the County and encouraged the committee to research the information from the IPWMAN website. IPWMAN stands for Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network and is a statewide mutual aid network that is available to all public works agencies. The system allows for mutual aid and support from Illinois agencies during natural or man-made disasters and operates by coordinating personnel and resources. The agreement is completely voluntary and provides a level of protection from third party claims while assisting. Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside, Winnebago, and LaSalle Counties along with the Village of Franklin Grove are all members of the network.

The committee expressed interest in joining the program and asked Dave to present a resolution for consideration during the August meeting.

C. *Solid Waste Management*

There were no items on the agenda for Solid Waste Management.

VI. Assessor's Office - GIS Department

A. *Assessor's Office*

1. Monthly Report

Jennifer Boyd walked the committee through the detailed report that she submitted. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the July County Board agenda packet.

B. *GIS Department (Geographic Information System)*

1. Monthly Report

Sami Elarifi walked the committee through the detailed report that he submitted. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the July County Board agenda packet.

VII. County Board

Jeremy Englund reported the following information from County Board:

- A testing and artifact agreement has been submitted to the State of Illinois for a phase 1 archaeological survey and environmental testing on the site of the newly proposed Highway Facility. A preliminary plat for the site has been completed.
- The Broadband Breakthrough initiative with the cohorts is officially over. Several RFI's (Requests for Information) were received during the initiative from internet providers. These providers will be contacted by the County group regarding their expansion plans and the County will work with them on their BEAD (Broadband Equity Access) Funding Applications.
- The Abandoned/Nuisance Properties Focus Group met on July 2nd. Several County departments are involved with a handful of properties throughout the County that are either a nuisance because of the blight that has taken over or

they have been abandoned. This includes residential and commercial properties.

- All departments are gearing up for budget season and hearings that will begin in August.

VIII. County Clerk and Recorder's Office

A. *Monthly Report*

Nancy Peterson walked the committee through the report that she submitted. The report will be attached to the minutes and included in the July County Board agenda packet.

IX. IT Department (Information Technology)

A. *Monthly Report*

Paul Gorski submitted a report from the IT Department. He spent a fair amount of time, aside from his report, explaining his role with the county in connection with cyber and power security issues. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the July County Board agenda packet.

X. ROE (Regional Office of Education #47)

A. *Monthly Report*

Chris Tennyson was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report that will be attached to the minutes and included in the July County Board agenda packet.

XI. Veterans Assistance

There was no report from Veterans Assistance.

XII. Zoning / Planning

A. *Monthly Report*

Alice Henkel walked the committee through the revised report that she submitted from the Zoning Office. The revised report included two petitions that will be included on the Executive Committee agenda to be motioned to the July County Board Meeting. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the July County Board agenda packet.

Alice also reported that the Zoning Office will be hosting an evening seminar on Floodplain matters at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, July 29th, at the Old Courthouse in the third-floor courtroom. Aaron Conley from IDNR has been invited to answer questions specific to state requirements.

B. *Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 Petition*

1. Petition No. 24-P-1628 by Jacob Lytle and Emma Lytle, as owners of certain real property known as PIN 14-09-05-300-012, located along Illinois Route 38, approximately one-quarter (¼) mile west of Robbins Road, in Nachusa Township, Lee County, Illinois, filed a Petition for Map Amendment with the Lee County Zoning Office requesting that the zoning map for the Property be amended from R-2, Single Family Residential

District, to Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District for the purpose of raising and keeping livestock and/or farm animals. The parcel is currently zoned R-2, Single Family Residential District and is approximately 1.41 acres in size.

Motion to move Petition 24-P-1628 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the July County Board Agenda? **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Ali Huss. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. *Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 Petition*

1. Petition No. 24-P-1627, by Ag View FS, Inc., as owner of certain real property known as PIN 03-04-24-300-006, located along Quarry Road, approximately 1.5 miles east of Cartwright Avenue and 1 mile west of S. Meridian Road, in Ashton Township, Lee County, Illinois, filed a Petition for Map Amendment with the Lee County Zoning Office requesting that the zoning map for the Property be amended from Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District, to I-2, General Industrial District for the purpose of warehousing, cold storage, and equipment maintenance. The parcel is currently zoned Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District and is approximately 3.32 acres in size.

Motion to move Petition 24-P-1627 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the July County Board Agenda? **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Reed Akre. **Motion** Moved unanimously by voice vote.

D. *Petitions Going To the Planning Commission - None*

E. *Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission - None*

XIII. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

XIV. New Business

- A. *Resolution to Submit an Advisory Referendum to the Voters of Lee County Regarding the Possibility of Separating from Cook County to Form a New State*

The committee engaged in conversation with G.H. Merritt regarding a request to submit an advisory referendum to the voters of Lee County regarding the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state. G.H. spoke on behalf of New Illinois, a 501C4 nonprofit organization. The organization's mission is to educate Illinoisans about their right under the US Constitution to pursue the formation of a new state separate from the state of Illinois. This item died in committee for lack of a motion. Anyone wishing to see the presentation can view it on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=9960q-bbHRY

XV. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:08 a.m. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next County Services Committee Meeting is scheduled for
9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

Lee County Highway Department
Report to the County Services Committee – JULY 2024

The following represents a report of notable Highway Department activities and explanations of requested board actions:

Status of Current Projects

- Township and County Seal Coat – *Not started*
- Township and County Crack Filling – *Not started*
- Alto Twp. HMA Wedging. - *Completed*
- Bradford Twp. HMA Wedging - *Completed*
- Lee Center Twp. HMA Wedging - *Completed*
- Sublette Twp. HMA Wedging - *Completed*
- Township Aggregate - *Ongoing*
- County Aggregate - *Ongoing*
- Dust Palliative – *Not started*
- County Shoulder Stone (Furnish and Place, Various Locations) - *Completed*
- May Twp. HMA – *Completed*
- East Grove Twp. HMA – *Completed*
- Wyoming Twp. HMA – *Completed*
- Hamilton Twp. HMA – *Completed*
- Dixon Twp. HMA Patching – *Not started*
- Marion Twp. HMA Patching – *Complete*
- Chicago Road from Village of Paw Paw East to Dekalb County Line HMA – *Not Started*
- Pipeline Road Bridge (Bradford Twp.) – *Mid-July Planned Start*
- Indian Head/Van Petten Road HMA – *Waiting on Contract*

Other:

- Maintenance crews are mowing, spraying, cutting brush/trees, installing culverts and roadway striping.
- Contact work has begun. We will be managing numerous construction projects totaling approximately \$5.4M, see listing above.
- Phase I engineering has begun on the recent property under option for a new Highway Department facility. The County has engaged Willett Hoffmann and Associates to assist as necessary. Also working on the Road Use Agreement with Ameresco Pipeline that is expected to come to the Board in August.

Board Action Items:

- Discussion Only - Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN)

Solid Waste

Electronics collection is now open on weekdays (excluding County holidays) from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The collection program will continue until November 1.



MONTHLY ASSESSMENT OFFICE REPORT
July 9, 2024 – County Services Committee

- ❖ Board of Review convened, Thursday June 13, 2024, with their annual opening meeting. This year the meeting was conducted with just two BOR members which does represent a quorum for the BOR.
 - 2024 Board of Review Rules and Assessment Appeal form was reviewed and approved.
 - An update on the vacant BOR member was had. The consensus was to follow up with Gary Gehlbach for the position. Gary has accepted. BAR, Request for Appointment and Appointment Resolution will be on the Executive Committee agenda.

- ❖ The Farmland Assessment Review Committee also held their annual meeting on June 13th, 2024, where the 2025 Certified Farmland Values were presented and approved. Farmland is assessed based on their productivity using the Productivity Index compiled by the State of Illinois. Certified Values continue to increase by the annual change limit of 10% of the median PI Certified Value from the preceding year.

- ❖ Annual Task Lists from the townships was due to be turned into our office on June 15th. We have received all tasks lists with the exception of Dixon which has been in communication with us and expected to have theirs turned in approximately July 15th.

- ❖ Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) Updates:
 - 2024 PTAB had 3 appeals. BOR has 90 days from the date we are informed of the appeals to provide our response and evidence. Due dates are as follows:
 - Z Best 02-15-23-300-007 (new construction mini-storage): July 3, 2024
 - Orvall Gearhart 07-02-30-403-023 (vacant land): July 10, 2024
 - Stephen Dempsey 01-06-14-377-005 (improved residential): July 31, 2024
 - PTAB Hearings are scheduled for July 16, 2024 for 3 parcels owned by Richard Humphrey, Jr. The PTAB judge will come to the Old Courthouse to administer these hearings.
 - 18-08-14-200-010, Improved Farm, 1556 US Rt 52, Tax Year 2018
 - 07-02-35-300-002 Improved Farm, 1843 Mt. Union Rd, Tax Year 2019
 - 18-08-13-100-006 Improved Farm, 1556 Red Brick Rd, Tax Year 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Boyd, CIAO
Chief County Assessment Officer/GIS Supervisor



Monthly GIS Department Report
July 3, 2024

Accomplishments:

- Responded to a GIS data request from a planning company hired by the City of Dixon.
- Responded to a census data request from the West Brooklyn Fire District.
- Processed and joined the assessment inspection photos to their parcels.
- Attended the final meeting of the Illinois Broadband Breakthrough project.
- Attended the 911 center's RapidSOS Premium enablement meeting.

The GIS Department continued to work on:

- Processing parcel splits and combination requests for May 2024.
- Maintaining and updating land use, zoning, and other GIS layers.
- Updating the 911 and NG911 GIS layers with the recent information provided by the 911 Center.
- Assigning new addresses to properties with the zoning department and 911 center.
- Testing data collection and parcel drafter solutions to improve their efficiency and reliability.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sami Elarifi
GIS Coordinator



COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
REPORT FOR JULY COMMITTEE MEETING

Election Department Updates:

- **GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024**
- August 7th begins the process for applying for Vote by Mail Ballots. The first day to mail out Ballots is September 26th and last day is October 31st.
- Early Voting starts Thursday September 26th here in the courthouse on the first floor from 8:15 to 4:15 p.m.
- In August my office will be mailing out post cards to any voter that has not opted in or out for permanent vote by mail. County Website has all the information and the forms needed to opt out or sign up for permanent vote by mail. Voters can also mail back the post card with the appropriate box checked. County presently has approximately 2000 voters that have opted in for permanent vote by mail.
- There is always a need for Election Judges – please see the election office on the first floor!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Petersen
Lee County Clerk & Recorder





IT Department
Paul Gorski, IT Director
www.leecountyil.com

July 9, 2024

IT Board Report – July 2024

1. I am preparing my budget for the upcoming year. I expect increases for Microsoft licensing, server expansion, and battery backup systems.
2. I am working with Eric Englund to monitor and investigate a few power hiccups at the LEC.
3. Current IT projects include:
 - New Courts – Continuing to deploy new computers in New Courts.
 - New Courts – Coordinating IT upgrades to 4th floor court room build out with New Courts staff.
 - New Courts – Backing up and decommissioning two older data servers, migrating to newer servers.
 - LEC – Wrapping up a variety of smaller, miscellaneous projects, computer and software upgrades.
 - LEC – As I mentioned in 2) above, reviewing some persistent power hiccups at the LEC.
 - County-wide – Recent Windows OS updates are slowing some older computers; we're responding by making sure all needed updates are applied and upgrading systems that are adversely affected.
5. Upcoming projects include:
 - New Courts – Probation is getting new computers later this month, early August.
 - LEC – Deploy and troubleshoot cellular signal boosters.
 - County-wide – reorganize, consolidate on-site login, domain servers
 - Organize Cybersecurity response team and response team plan.

Contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

Paul Gorski
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Report to County Services of Lee County Board
July 09, 2024 | 9:00 AM

1) ROLLING THREE MONTHS OF RIDERSHIP DATA (April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024)

	April, 2024	May, 2024	June, 2024	Total for Period	FY TOTAL
RIDES	9,063	8,443	6,961	24,467	93,342
SERVICE HOURS	2,866	2,591	1,954	7,411	28,422
MILES OF SERVICE	78,669	71,533	54,979	205,181	773,681
FUEL COST	\$21,256.77	\$22,266.51	\$20,368.11	\$63,891.39	\$244,756.75

2) DEVELOPMENTS

a) Reagan Mass Transit District

- i) It's official! RMTD has transitioned into Reagan Mass Transit District!
- ii) Closing with Lee County took place on Friday, June 28, 2024.

b) Bidding Opportunities

- i) A Request for Proposals (RFP), for Information Technology Services (IT) was released in early June, with a total of three (3) response submissions received by the 4:00 PM Central Time deadline on June 17, 2024.
 - (1) Review process of the submissions has been completed. Paperwork submitted to IDOT for pre-award concurrence.
 - (2) The IT firm chosen will have a three-year contract with two (2) additional one-year options.
- ii) A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Auditing Services was released in June as well, with submissions due in by 4:00 PM Central Time on Monday, July 1, 2024.
 - (1) Two (2) submissions were received from Auditing Firms.
 - (2) Internal review process has been initiated.
 - (3) This will be a three (3) year contract with two (2) additional one-year options for the awarded Auditing Firm.
- iii) In the draft stage is a Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure Marketing Services for Reagan Mass Transit District. Similarly, this will be a three year / two option year contract opportunity.
- iv) RMTD will also be publishing, in the coming weeks, an RFP for a Data Analysis Partner for the Transportation Desert Grant project (see 2nd page of this report, section g), awarded funding to RMTD by the State Planning and Research arm of IDOT.

c) Budget/Contracts for FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

- (1) IDOT starting to issue FY 2025 Contracts Applications have been submitted to IDOT.
- (2) Contractual amounts for State Fiscal Year 2025 are as follows:
 - (a) 5311 Contract: \$283,450
 - (b) 5311F Contract (I-88): \$1,100,000
 - (c) 5311F Contract (I-39): \$929,606
 - (d) DOAP Contract: \$1,867,008

d) Rural Winnebago County Transit Services

- i) Work continues on arrangements for RMTD to be the operator of transit services in rural (western side) Winnebago County.
- ii) Representatives from Winnebago County, IDOT and RTAC are scheduled to visit RMTD on July 17th at 10:00 AM.
- iii) The contractual budget proposed by IDOT for this new rural service is as follows:
 - (i) 5311 Contract: \$207,864
 - (ii) DOAP Contract: \$798,728

e) Feasibility Studies: Dixon and Rochelle

- i) RLS and Associates is continuing work on Feasibility Studies for Dixon and Rochelle. The two (2) studies are in the current phase of developing potential fixed routes for consideration.

- ii) Additionally, initial budgets are being refined for the potential routes.
- iii) Another round of public meetings will be forthcoming during the last week of June
- iv) The two (2) studies are running concurrently with completion expected by end of August, 2024.

f) Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study

- i) RMTD submitted an application on the feasibility of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in rural public transportation system. Proposal was submitted is to the State Planning and Research of IDOT.
- ii) RMTD is awaiting word back from IDOT/State Planning and Research on whether its hydrogen proposal will be awarded funding.

g) RMTD Awarded Funding to Complete SPR Funding on Transportation Needs

- i) A two-year contract with the State Planning and Research Division of IDOT has been executed with a budget of \$243,594.
- ii) This project will look at the general “transportation needs” of residents in Lee and Ogle Counties.
- iii) RMTD will publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a university partner to assist with SPR grant activities.

h) Vehicle Procurement

- (1) RMTD received word from IDOT that its 2022 CVP Application was awarded 6 of the 10 proposed vehicles.
 - (a) Delivery of these vehicles will likely take place in 2025 and include two (2) minivans and four (4) light duty buses.
 - (2) RMTD collaboration with IDOT on a federal proposal to the Low/No Emission Grants.
 - (a) RMTD will procure two (2) electric buses via this proposal
 - (3) RMTD has submitted the order for two (2) electric vehicles to the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- i) Architectural/Engineering Firm / Oregon facility construction**
- i) Pre-award concurrence has been received from IDOT. Larson and Darby, an architectural firm out of Rockford, has been secured for the A&E process.
 - ii) Architectural and Engineering firm has provided us with a 95% complete design of the Oregon facility. This project is part of RMTD application under REBUILD Round 1

3) OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

a) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 1

- i) Application includes Construction of new Oregon location
- ii) Furnishings and equipment for Oregon facility
- iii) Implementation of video surveillance cameras in 17 of RMTD’s buses and minivans (completed)
- iv) Three (3) new buses (Ford transit type vehicles)

b) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 2

- (1) Notice of State Award being processed by IDOT
- (2) RMTD Proposal will allow for the following:
 - (a) Two electric vehicles for use in the RMTD system
 - (b) Three (3) new offices at Reagan Transit Center and secured file room/storage room
 - (c) Develop new Conference Room between Reagan Transit Center and Mechanical Bay
 - (d) Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex

c) Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 3

- i) IDOT announced that RMTD will receive \$62,500 for the purchase of 2 service vehicles
- ii) The original proposal included the following:
 - (1) Add 72-feet onto the existing bus barn at Reagan Transit Center,
 - (a) This will provide for an additional twelve (12) spaces for buses
 - (2) Add another bay onto the existing mechanical building
 - (3) Purchase service vehicles including one for maintenance



Regional Office of Education Report

July 2024

New Student Mentor Pilot Program

As we have worked with our school districts we have found that the more direct student service and support we have provided to students and families in advocating for student success within schools has resulted in the most positive student outcomes. By providing at risk students with a personal advocate or mentor, we will meet individual education goals in the areas of academics, SEL, attendance, and/or behavior.

Our new student mentor pilot program will provide support services to students in grades 4-12 that have poor academic performance, SEL concerns, low attendance, and/or behavior issues. We will provide students a positive learning environment, innovative instructional strategies, student centered approach, supplemental social, health, and support services and social programs to improve the educational achievement of students at risk of academic failure.

Our student mentors will work directly with students to meet the students needs; student caseloads will be between 25-32 students per mentor. Mentors will work with students within their school and will be available outside of the school day when necessary. Student support will consist of monitoring students' grades, attendance, and behavior, provide goal setting, SEL learning, credit recovery through an online learning platform, facilitating/coordinating student groups, college/career readiness program, connecting families with community resources, and provide opportunities to increase family engagement through parent/guardian outreach, family celebration, student progress updates, learning nights, and parent groups. The student mentors will collaborate with school administration, school staff, including social workers and counselors, teachers, and principal, to ensure that wrap-around services are being provided to ensure student success. The student mentors will work during the school day to be able to work directly with students. We will be piloting this program with the Amboy School District since they are located in close proximity to Mendota Jr high school who piloted a similar program this past school year. We are excited to partner with Amboy on this new program and hope to expand the program to our other 23 school districts in the coming school years.

Professional Learning & Educational Services

Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services
Induction & Mentoring
Community Partnership Grant/IDPH Trauma Grant
Education Pathway Endorsement

Manufacturing, Health Science & Agriculture Endorsement Programs
Elevating Special Educators
School Improvement & Strategic Planning
School Improvement Cooperative (instructional coaching, training, networking)
Social Emotional Learning/Trauma/Youth Mental Health First Aid/TRS I-A
Early Childhood Professional Learning
Family Education & Engagement
NEXUS Family Support Services
Student Attendance

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning & School Improvement

- Summer learning continues! A full schedule of Professional Learning is available on our website: www.roe47.org
- The Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services has been awarded an afterschool program grant and a computer science grant from ISBE.

The Office is waiting to hear on competitive proposals that were submitted for R3 grant, Early Childhood PFAE grant, Education Pathways Round 5 grant, and the Truancy and Alternative Learning Opportunities grant.

- 22 schools have completed the TRS-IA.
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Training is available for registration on our website. This training is available to ALL - educators, community members, agencies, and businesses.
- Professional Learning is excited to share that we are launching a third Science of Reading cohort and a new Science of Math cohort for the fall of 2024. Science of Math training is provided through a subgrant from Math for ALL with funding from the US Department of Education.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Parent Engagement & Community Outreach

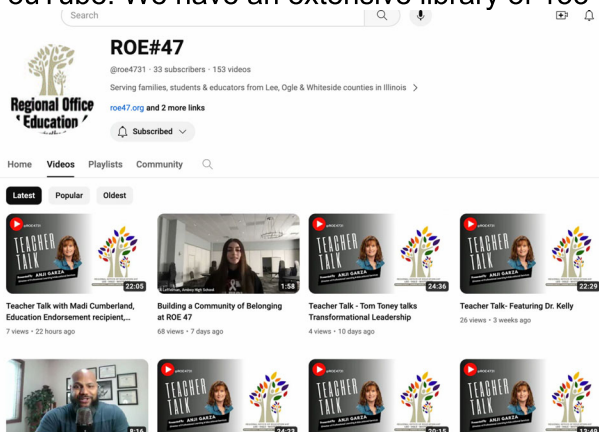
- To date, ROE 47 has 138 partners on its IRIS referral platform. There have been 2578 referrals and 1459 families served.

- Over 7,000 outreach bags with a parent-child engagement activity and information on trauma have been disseminated to local schools, shelters, and food banks.
- ROE 47 has been present at 36 community events, reaching over 10,000 families.
- Seven family education and engagement sessions were conducted.
- Family Educators and the Coordinated Intake Specialist have attended over 36 community events and reached over 10,000 families with parent-child activities, educational materials, and links to EC programs and community services through our IRIS referral platform. In FY24, from July 1 - May 30, 2024 the office has hosted or participated in community events that facilitated parent-child interaction and heightened awareness of EC opportunities, including:
 - Lee County Baby Shower (8 families)
 - Sterling Hot Dog Days (400 participants)
 - Back to School Bash (125 participants)
 - Paw Paw Back to School Bash (100 participants)
 - Taste of Fiesta (Sterling) (500 participants)
 - Prophetstown BlockFest (11 children)
 - Polo Library - October 3 (12 families)
 - Ogle County Baby Shower (75 families)
 - Polo Library - October 24: (12 families)
 - Trunk or Treat - Sterling (October 25): 500 children
 - Trunk or Treat - Dixon (October 25): 475 children
 - Build A Pet Clubhouse - November 4: 31 children
 - PLT Preschool Parent Education Event - November 6: 27 parents
 - Polo Christmas - December 2: 190 children
 - Sterling Sites & Sounds - December 1: 450 children
 - Blockfest (Sterling Public Schools Early Childhood): 18 families
 - Blockfest (Oregon) - January 20: 12 families, 25 children
 - Empowered Parents Session 1 - January 22: 15 caregivers
 - Virtual Baby Shower - January 24: 8 new & expectant mothers; 9 community organizations
 - Build A Pet Clubhouse - February 10: 33 children
 - Empowered Parents Session 2 - February 12: 12 caregivers
 - Rochelle Hub Family Engagement Night - February 15: 75 children and caregivers
 - Blockfest Amboy - March 1: 22 children
 - Amboy PFA & Kindergarten Family Night: 50 caregivers and children
 - Byron for Parent University - March 12: 11 caregivers
 - Empowered Parents Session 3 - March 18: 14 caregivers
 - Blockfest Riverdale Preschool - March 18-21: 60 caregivers
 - AFC Family Connections Night: 15 caregivers and children
 - Building Brains (Sterling): 9 participants
 - Building Brains (Byron): 30 participants
 - Building Brains (Dixon): 14 participants
 - YMCA Outdoor Adventure Fest
 - Sauk Valley Child Fair

- Summer Splash (Rock Falls)
- ROE 47 recently donated 500 outreach bags to the Let's Feed Our Children program sponsored by Whiteside County United Way. Bags contain a book, a personal care item, math games, summer fun events for families, information about trauma and mental health, and other helpful resources - all at no cost to families. This outreach is sponsored by the ISBE community partnership grant and a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Parent Cafes and virtual Parent Education seminars have been scheduled for summer 2024.
- A social emotional lending library has been established that contains Blockfest, Mindful Trails, family engagement activities and Slumberkins resources. These items are available for check out to schools and agencies. We have 10 Mindful Trails, 15 Slumberkins StoryWalks, 15 Slumberkins Big Books, and Slumberkins books with stuffed animals, as well as a number of games and activities. To date, materials have been used for school wide student learning opportunities, staff professional development, community/school events, and school/community family engagement events.
- A monthly digital family newsletter has been developed and deployed through Mail Chimp on a monthly basis. Newsletters include parenting information, community family events, early childhood programming and service information, and other important links. Parents/caregivers can subscribe to the ROE Family Newsletter at <https://mailchi.mp/2cde621b466f/family-sign-up>

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Social Media

The department's social media presence continues to grow. Like our page on Facebook (Regional Office of Education #47) and download our ROE47 App for weekly teacher talks, instructional tips, news, giveaways, updates & more! Follow us on Twitter @RegionalOffice47 Want to hear from educators & students in the classroom? Check out our Teacher Talks on YouTube! We have an extensive library of 153 videos (and growing) in our collection!



Upcoming Events

FAMILY EVENTS HAPPENING THIS
SUMMER 

JUNE 1 * CHILD FAIR
SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

JUNE 21 * ROCK FALLS SUMMER SPLASH
ROCK FALLS | 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

JULY 5 * PETUNIA FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT
DIXON | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

JULY 13 * BUMPS, BABIES, & TODDLERS RESOURCE FAIR
DIXON PARK DISTRICT FACILITY, DIXON | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

JULY 26 * PTOWN PROUD BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
PROPHETSTOWN | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

AUGUST 2 * HOT DOG DAYS
STERLING | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

AUGUST 2 * FORRESTON SAUKERKRAUT DAYS
FORRESTON | 6:00 - 9:00 PM

AUGUST 10 * BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (PREK - THIRD GRADE)
WOODEN WONDERLAND PARK, DIXON | 9:00-11:00 AM


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BUMPS, BABIES & TODDLERS
RESOURCE FAIR

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AT EVERY BOOTH


INTERACTIVE INFORMATION ON:

- Childcare
- Early Education
- Health & Nutrition
- Local Resources

Do you have burning questions about tiny humans? Swing by our Bumps, Babies, & Toddlers Resource Fair for all the answers! A diverse array of organizations will be present, offering resources for both growing families and expectant parents. Visitors will have a chance to enter a giveaway featuring items generously contributed by local businesses. Feel free to drop in anytime during the three-hour event.

SAT, JULY 13TH
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
DIXON PARK DISTRICT FACILITY
1312 WASHINGTON AVE, DIXON IL
Email gheimerdingerbaake@roe47.org or Text 815.764.1194 with questions.


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A training for all individuals who work or engage with children

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

"Just one person can make in a young person's life by simply asking, 'Are you OK?'"

March 21 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Virtual	April 10 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sterling Township	May 2 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Ogle County TBD
June 6 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. SVCC	July 25 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. ROE 47	<i>Scan to Register</i> 

To request a training for your organization, email agarza@roe47.org

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ROE 47 EXPLORING EdTech Summit

Calling ALL educators! Join the LTC and ROE team for a fun, fast-paced exploration of cutting-edge tools, product updates, and emergent edtech trends!

Where: Sauk Valley Community College
When: August 7, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

- Ed Tech Share!**
Learn about the newest tech tools that you can use to start your school year off right!
- Perfect for All Educators**
The summit will offer something for everyone... elementary, secondary, media specialists, administrators...all are welcome!
- Register Here:** 



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ILLINOIS ELEVATING SPECIAL EDUCATORS NETWORK PRESENTS:



Lani Lawson's

Teach - Train - Thrive

Questions? Please contact:
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 swoodley@iesenetwork.org
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 maspengren@iesenetwork.org



6 JUNE

In Macomb
Spoon River College
Outreach Center
2500 E. Jackson Street, Macomb
8:30AM - 3:30PM
*REGISTRATION @ 8:50AM
Part 1 Presentation



11 JUNE

In Dixon
Sauk Valley Community College
173 Illinois Rt.2, Dixon
8:30AM - 3:30PM
*REGISTRATION @ 8:50AM
Part 1 Presentation

25 JUNE

In Peoria
Holiday Inn & Suites Grand Prairie
7801 N. Orange Prairie Road, Peoria
8:30AM - 3:30PM
*REGISTRATION @ 8:50AM
Part 2 Presentation

COMING SOON!

14 AUGUST

In Sterling
TIME & LOCATION
TBA
Part 1 Presentation

More Information:
Earn 6.0 PD Hours
FREE events with lunch provided




Part One Presentation
There are certain topics that must be mastered for teachers to feel confident and happy in their classrooms. Educators have an incredible knowledge in the content they'd like to convey, and an incredible passion for working with students. What might be missing is the study of how to cultivate ideal classroom behavior from their students to be able to effectively teach.

Teach...Train...Thrive Curriculum
 Master Mindset
 Motivation-Movement
 Teaching Trust
 Data Worth Doing
 Put it in Play

Part Two Presentation
For certain school district educators, a deeper understanding of behavior is necessary to be able to lead the change in the district. There are many situations in which a more practiced craft is needed to be able to provide students with appropriate support. An added challenge is the vast research to practice gap, meaning that many strategies being used in schools are not the most recent or research based. In this workshop, educators will learn research based techniques that have not yet made their way to schools. They will also learn more about the causes of common classroom behavior.


Teach...Train...Thrive Curriculum
 Dig Deeper
 Ditch and Switch
 Build Better SIPs
 Supporting Students



FREE SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Brought to you by Illinois Elevating Special Educators IESE

These sessions will be at Sauk Valley Community College



Visit ROE47.org to register today!
 Register for each session by July 26th to receive your free books!

Registration 8:45-9:00
 Presentation 9:00-12:00
 Earn 3 PDHs for each session

JULY 30, 2024 READING INTERVENTIONS

Participants will discuss the current status of foundational reading instruction. The book, *Shifting the Balance*, will be highlighted as a model on how to shift your instructional practices in reading, incorporating strategies for improving reading fluency for all students. Participants will explore informational text instruction and how to increase vocabulary acquisition and retention.

We will provide a copy of *Shifting the Balance* to you if you register by the registration deadline. You will have the opportunity to choose which edition you would prefer.

Presented by: Kelly Marcum

Register today! 

JULY 31, 2024 MATH INTERVENTIONS

Math can be a difficult subject for students. In this PD, participants will learn about ways to help struggling math learners build their conceptual understanding. Participants will gain an understanding of how to use math assessments to address student learning gaps. Educators will learn how to improve math instruction at the Tier 1 level along with strategies to provide evidence-based interventions at Tier 2 and 3. Ready to use resources will be provided.

We will provide a copy of *80 in Math: Evidence-Based Interventions* to you if you register by the registration deadline.

Presented by: Shauna Dinges

Register today! 


FOR MORE INFORMATION kmarcum@iesenetwork.org sdinges@iesenetwork.org

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES: HARNESSING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY CIRCLES TO BUILD A STRONGER SCHOOL COMMUNITY

PRESENTER: MICHAEL BAROLAK, MSW


JULY 9, 2024 -8:30AM-2:30PM @ SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In order to intentionally establish safe, healthy, inclusive and supportive teaching and learning environments for all, there must be a focus on developing the ABC's: Autonomy, Belonging and Competence. The ABC's represent the core pillars the support what is necessary in any inclusive school community. Autonomy is the need to have a voice and some input or choice over decisions in our lives. Belonging is the need to have meaningful relationships and interactions with others. While competence represents the need to know what is expected of us, and that we have value and worth. One approach to engage all stakeholders in creating a school community that exemplifies the ABC's is through the use of restorative practices. This session will introduce the philosophy behind the use of circles as a tool to build community and a sense of safe space in classrooms and schools. In addition, participants will leave with the skills necessary to lead and facilitate various types of circles, starting with proactive community circles, to those centered on addressing harm.



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Developing a Schoolwide Trauma-Responsive Action Plan

Tuesday, July 23rd 2024 | **ROE 47 2214 E 4th St Sterling, IL 61081** | **8:30am-2:30pm**

This workday is intended for SEL teams, building leadership, and SIP teams in Area 2. When you click on the register button, you will be directed to a Google Form application. Please fill out one application for yourself and your team that will be in attendance (note that an administrator must be part of the team for decision making purposes. Teams should also consist of at least 3 members). Once we have reviewed the application, your team will be sent an official registration link for each member to sign up.

Participants will

-  Evaluate school-wide Trauma Responsiveness in 8 domains.
-  Identify areas of priority by guided consensus for each domain.
-  Create an SEL action plan of identified areas of need.
-  Identify resources and training opportunities for each domain.



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Pathway Summer Training 2024

Register Online



ROE47.org



Date	Session
Tuesday, July 9th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Mentor Teacher Training Training at ROE 47
Thursday, July 11th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Round Table Discussion Training at ROE 47
Tuesday, July 16th 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Team-Based Challenge Training Training at ROE 47
Tuesday, July 23rd 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Career Exploration at All Levels Training at Sauk Valley Community College
Tuesday, July 30th 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Xello Training #1
Thursday, August 1st 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Xello Training #2
Wednesdays in July: July 10th, 17th & 24th	Workplace Wednesday



May 29- August 8th: [CTE Summer Learning Calendar](#)



WORKPLACE WEDNESDAY

JULY 10, 17, & 24

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

WPW allows teachers to visit various businesses in different Career Pathways across the three-county area. These visits enable the development of real-world lessons for classrooms, aiding in preparing students for their future careers. Additionally, visiting businesses helps teachers communicate the purpose of learning to students and identify potential fits for jobs observed during the tours.



SUPERSIZE EDITION

JULY 31, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Offers educators the opportunity to learn about local training opportunities (internships, apprenticeships, post-secondary trade schools, and high school) for students to prepare or explore the careers they are interested in for their future, post-secondary and Pathway opportunities in Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties.



\$0 for All Pathway Partner Schools, \$60 per day for Co-op Members, & \$120 per day for Non-Co-op Members.



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COMMUNITY PARENT Cafés CONNECTION

Sharing our stories to help take care of ourselves and our families!

FUN IN THE SUN!

School is coming to an end. Flowers are blooming. What are you looking forward to?



MAY 14 @ 7PM

WHAT'S ON THE GRILL?

Similar to what's on your plate. Let's chat talk the joys and challenges of the summer so far.



JUNE 4 @ 7PM

MAKING LEMONADE WITH ONLY LEMONS!

A focus on families with members who have diverse abilities and special needs.



JULY 9 @ 7PM

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Get ready to start the new school year off strong!



AUGUST 13 @ 7PM



Register by scanning the QR code or text 815.764.1194

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NEW STAFF ORIENTATION



Discover the array of services and resources offered by the Regional Office of Education #47 through engaging interactive activities.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR

July 29, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM

- Introduction to mentoring opportunities for administrators
- Developing effective communication strategies with stakeholder groups
- Understanding teacher evaluation processes
- Networking opportunities for new administrators

\$30 for SIP Co-op / \$40 for Non-SIP Co-op Members



NEW TEACHER

August 6, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Licensure process
- Mentoring expectations
- Effective communication with parents and colleagues
- Professional teaching standards
- Planning for the initial critical days of school
- Networking opportunities for new teachers

\$30 for SIP Co-op / \$40 for Non-SIP Co-op Members



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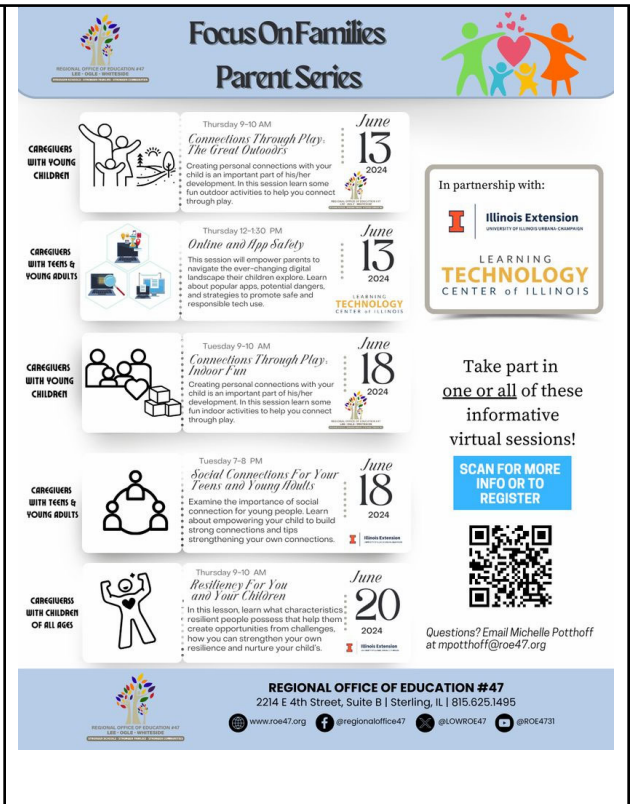
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

WE ARE LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FUN ON AUGUST 10TH FROM 9-11

**LOCATION: DIXON WOODEN WONDERLAND/SPLASH PAD
1298 WASHINGTON AVE #1200,
DIXON IL**

Please contact Ashley Teel
ateel@roe47.org
if you are interested in
signing your agency up for
our event!

Regional Office of Education 47



Focus On Families Parent Series

June 13, 2024
Thursday 9-10 AM
Connections Through Play: The Great Outdoors
Creating personal connections with your child is an important part of his/her development. In this session learn some fun outdoor activities to help you connect through play.

June 13, 2024
Thursday 12-1:30 PM
Online and App Safety
This session will empower parents to navigate the ever-changing digital landscape their children explore. Learn about popular apps, potential dangers, and strategies to promote safe and responsible tech use.

June 18, 2024
Tuesday 9-10 AM
Connections Through Play: Indoor Fun
Creating personal connections with your child is an important part of his/her development. In this session learn some fun indoor activities to help you connect through play.

June 18, 2024
Tuesday 7-8 PM
Special Connections For Your Teens and Young Adults
Examine the importance of social connection for young people. Learn about empowering your child to build strong connections and tips strengthening your own connections.

June 20, 2024
Thursday 9-10 AM
Resilience For You and Your Children
In this lesson, learn what characteristics resilient people possess that help them create opportunities from challenges, how you can strengthen your own resilience and nurture your child's.

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LEARNING TECHNOLOGY CENTER OF ILLINOIS

Take part in **one or all** of these informative virtual sessions!
SCAN FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER

Questions? Email Michelle Potthoff at mpotthoff@roe47.org

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Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

Check out ALL of our opportunities [HERE](#)

JULY		
7/9/2024	<u>Restorative Practices: Harnessing The Power Of Community Circles To Build A Stronger School Community</u>	SVCC (In-person)
7/9/2024	<u>Mentor Teacher Training for Pathways</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/10, 7/17, 7/24/2024	<u>Workplace Wednesdays</u>	ROE #47 & Various Locations
7/11/2024	<u>Pathways Networking Session</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/16/2024	<u>Team-Based Challenge Training for</u>	ROE #47 (In-

	Pathways	person)
7/23/2024	Developing A School Wide Trauma Responsive Action Plan	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/23/2024	Career Exploration At All Levels - Pathways	SVCC (In-person)
7/25/2024	Youth Mental Health First Aid	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/29/2024	New Administrator Orientation	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/30/2024	Xello Training #1 - Training Beyond The Basics	Online (Zoom)
7/30/2024	Reading Interventions	SVCC (In-person)
7/31/2024	Workplace Wednesday Supersize	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/31/2024	Math Interventions	SVCC (In-person)
AUGUST		
8/1/2024	Xello Training #2	Online (Zoom)
8/6/2024	New Teacher Orientation	ROE #47 (In-person)
8/7/2024	EdTech Summit	SVCC (In-person)

June 2024 Participants - 313

Tuesday, June 4

Summer Book Study – Atlas of the Heart @ 9:00 am

Wednesday, June 5

Induction & Mentor Training (Admin Acad) @ ROE #47

Thursday, June 6

Bring 3D Printing Into Your Classroom @ ROE #47

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training @ SVCC

Tuesday, June 11

**Summer Book Study – Engage Every Family @ 9:00 am
Teach, Train, Thrive Part 1 with Lani Lawson @ SVCC**

Wednesday, June 12

**Induction and Mentor Training for Teachers @ ROE #47
Universal Design for Learning Series @ SVCC**

Thursday, June 13

Universal Design for Learning Series @ SVCC

Monday, June 17

Trauma Basics Training @ SVCC

Tuesday, June 18

**Trauma Strategies Training @ SVCC
Transformational Leadership Academy Series @ SVCC**

Wednesday, June 19

**Creating Trauma Informed Schools Training @ SVCC
Induction and Mentor Training for Teachers @ ROE #47**

Thursday, June 20

**Self Awareness Training @ SVCC
Developing Leadership in Special Education (Year One & Two) @ ROE #47**

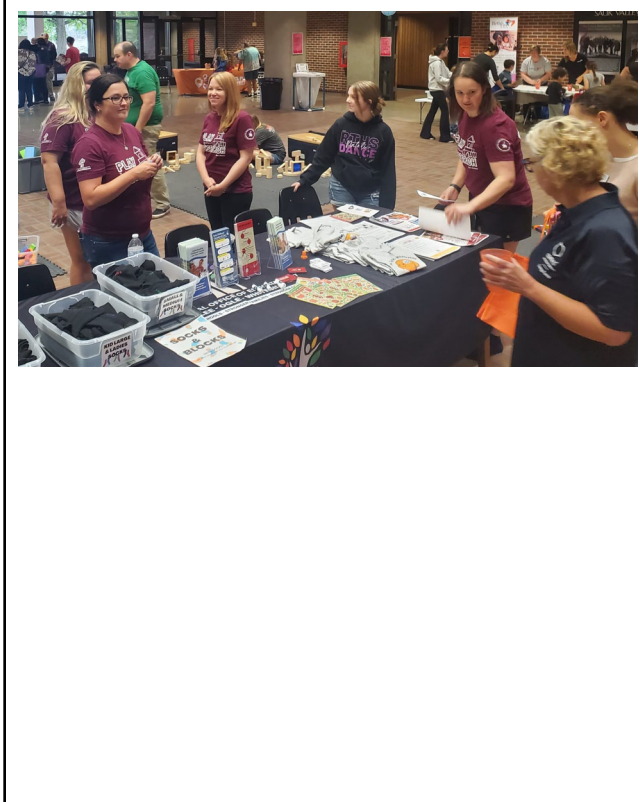
Tuesday, June 25

**Summer Book Study – Atlas of the Heart @ 9:00 am
Summer Book Study – Engage Every Family @ 9:00 am
Teach, Train, Thrive Part 2 with Lani Lawson @ Holiday Inn; Peoria, IL**

Wednesday, June 26

Induction and Mentor Training for Teachers @ ROE #47

June 2024 in Photos:





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**HOW WE SUPPORT
YOUR DISTRICT**

Nexus Program

06/25/2024

207

Families Supported

449

Children Supported

91

McKinney Vinto

650

Goals Met

7,401

Family Contacts



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION 47

**HOW WE SUPPORT
YOUR DISTRICT**

Attendance Program

06/25/2024

364

Families Supported

414

Children Supported

27

McKinney Vinto

229

Goals Met

4,581

Family Contacts

Parents as Teachers First Years

June is always a sad month as we say goodbye to our 3-year-olds who are transitioning into preschool programs. This year, several of these exiting families have been with us through multiple children and many years, yet have been faithful participants and really grown as parents and strengthened their families. It's exciting to think back over their time with us and see all they have accomplished and anticipate how they will continue to make a difference in the lives of their children during their upcoming school years.

We also want to celebrate one of our parents who has volunteered to serve on Region 47's Family Council for the last two years. Sharing her experiences with early childhood programs in our region, she has helped to shape and guide what early childhood services will look like in our region and state as the new Department of Early Childhood is being formed.

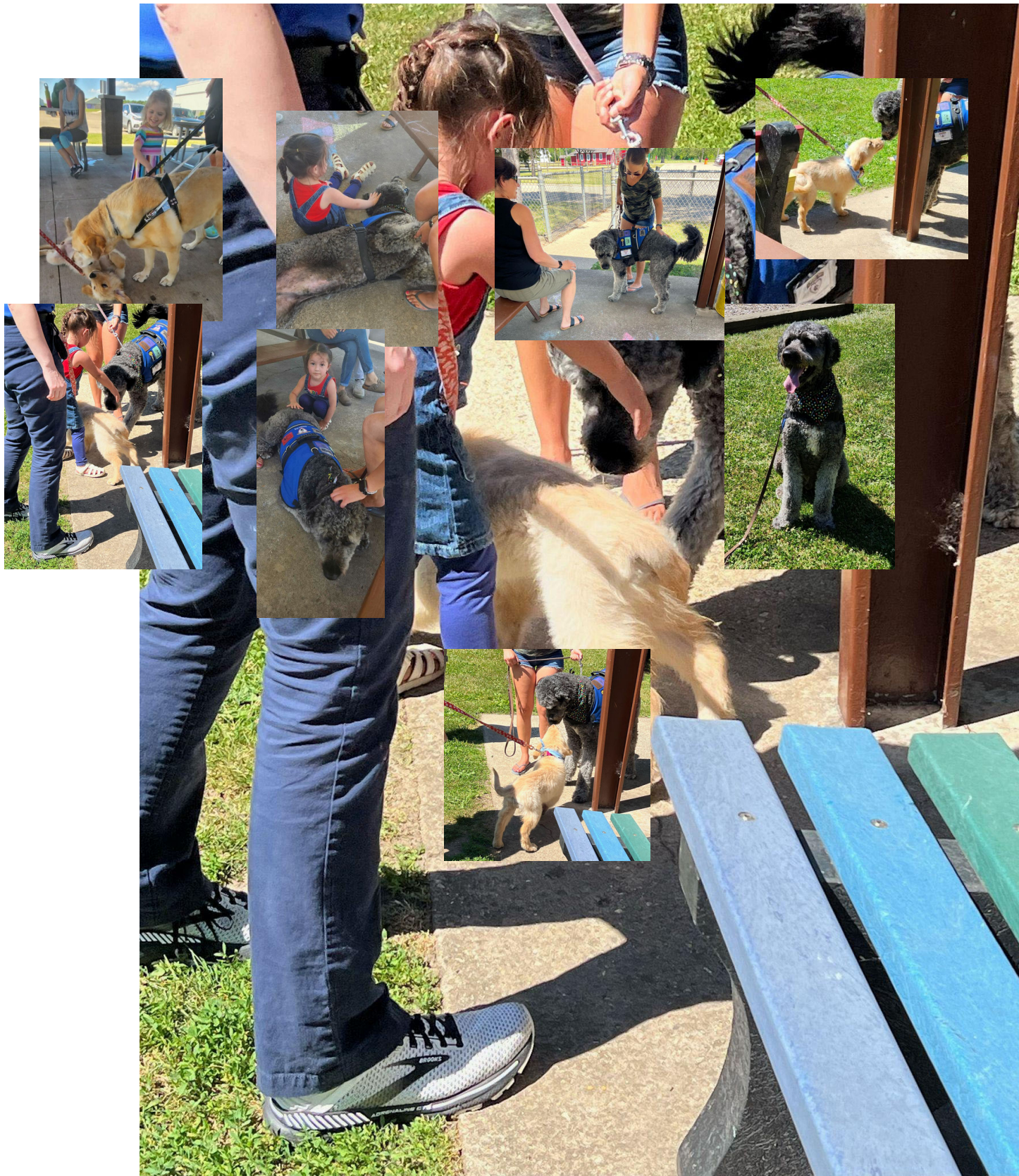
In early June, our program coordinator, representing the Sauk Valley STARS Early Childhood Education Coalition, attended a shared learning session for regional early childhood collaboration leaders in Naperville. Collaboration leaders and Birth to Five Action Council Managers from across northern Illinois were in attendance. The day was a great opportunity for networking and learning from each other. Participants shared their collaboration's cheers and challenges, with time to support each other and help brainstorm ways to support each other's work.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Sterling Police Department and East Coloma-Nelson school district for sharing their comfort dogs with us at the park for our June group meetings. The topic was pet safety and these doggies brought all the cuteness! We also had another working dog join in - a participant's seeing-eye dog joined in the fun too!







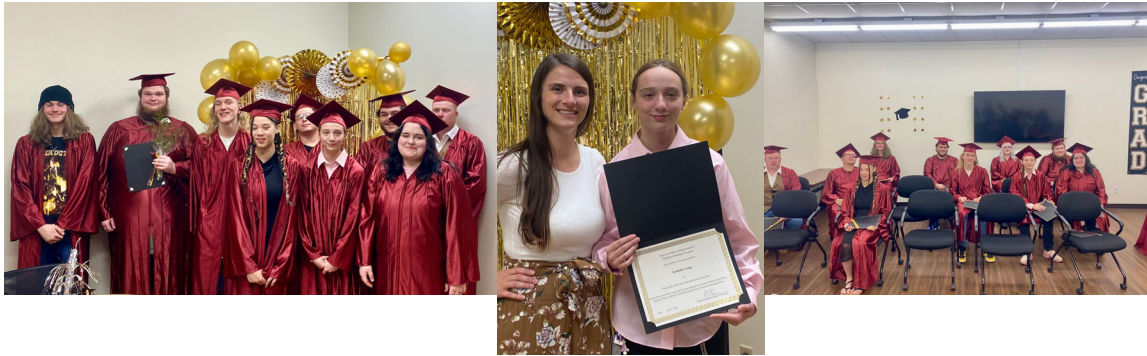


Education Outreach Program

The Education Outreach Program has concluded our school year with our first Graduation at our new location for the Regional Office of Education #47. Graduation was held on June 7th and we hosted around 40 guests who came to commemorate their friend or family member who earned their Illinois High School Diploma. EOP was also able to recognize a number of our former Graduates for furthering their education and earning Certification or Licensure!

For June we have a number of students to recognize for earning their diploma: Congratulations to **Adrian, Emily, Ethan, Kailee, Preston** and **Elliana**! Our students have done nothing but amaze us with their dedication and grit and we look forward to seeing further progress as they navigate their adult lives.

Now we refocus on our goals. We aim to fulfill specific measures such as “skill gains” and “follow-up” services. Our students can meet their skill gains in a number of ways; passing a GED practice test, increasing their GED scores, increasing their Math/Reading skills, or earning a diploma. Finally, students enter follow-up upon completion and EOP helps with finding the best post-secondary options or assists with employment opportunities and skill building.



Outcomes for the 2023-2024 School Year

New Enrollments: 26

Skill Gains: 51/77 = 66%

Graduates: 19

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

With the school year coming to a close, School Districts have been working a great deal with our students and helping to secure summer opportunities and activities. Our students often viewed school as their place of stability and therefore, the summer months can be more challenging. Community involvement and their programs help greatly during these next months.



MONTHLY ZONING AND PLANNING REPORT
July 9, 2024 – County Services Committee

ACTIONS COMING FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Petition No. 24-P-1627, by Ag View FS, Inc., as owner of certain real property known as PIN 03-04-24-300-006, located along Quarry Road, approximately 1.5 miles east of Cartwright Avenue and 1 mile west of S. Meridian Road, in Ashton Township, Lee County, Illinois, filed a Petition for Map Amendment with the Lee County Zoning Office requesting that the zoning map for the Property be amended from Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District, to I-2, General Industrial District for the purpose of warehousing, cold storage, and equipment maintenance. The parcel is currently zoned Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District and is approximately 3.32 acres in size.

(SEE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S AGENDA)

2. Petition No. 24-P-1625, by Ameresco Lee County RNG, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as developer of certain real property located in Marion and South Dixon Townships, Lee County, Illinois, filed an Amended Petition for Special Use Permit with the Lee County Zoning and Planning Office requesting it be granted a special use permit for the parcels cited in the Amended Petition, which are zoned Ag-1 Rural/Agricultural District, to allow for the construction and operation of Private Pipeline in accordance with Lee County Ordinance No. 10.22.03.

ACTIONS GOING TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Petition No. 24-P-1628 by Jacob Lytle and Emma Lytle, as owners of certain real property known as PIN 14-09-05-300-012, located along Illinois Route 38, approximately one-quarter (¼) mile west of Robbins Road, in Nachusa Township, Lee County, Illinois, filed a Petition for Map Amendment with the Lee County Zoning Office requesting that the zoning map for the Property be amended from R-2, Single Family Residential District, to Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District for the purpose of raising and keeping livestock and/or farm animals. The parcel is currently zoned R-2, Single Family Residential District and is approximately 1.41 acres in size.

(SEE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S AGENDA)

2. Petition No. 24-P-1629 by Richard A. Humphrey, Jr. and Brenda D. Humphrey, regarding part of PIN 18-08-13-100-006, located in South Dixon Township. The parcel is currently zoned Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District. Petitioner is requesting a Special Use Permit for the purpose of Inventory or Materials Storage, Outdoor for the purpose of storing of inventory or materials in relation to the operation of a Skilled Trades Special Use Permit for Midwest Disposal.

ACTIONS COMING FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - None

ACTIONS GOING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION - None

OTHER ACTIONS FROM THE ZONING OFFICE



The State of Illinois has recently passed legislation changing the Capital Development Board Act to require statewide building codes, effective January 1, 2025. As you may know, Lee County applied for a grant that would assist in the adoption and implementation of building codes; however, our application is still being considered at this time. My office will be working to establish a plan that will keep Lee County compliant with the State regulations while the County works to adopt building codes.

Last month, County Board Member Ali Huss and I traveled to Portland, Oregon to attend a conference on Battery Energy Storage Systems (“BESS”). This conference was hosted by the American Clean Power Association (“ACP”). As part of the conference, we attended numerous panel discussions that covered topics that are currently impacting BESS such as tax credits, state policy/politics, reforming market rules, cybersecurity, end-of-life management of lithium-ion batteries, national safety standards, emergency response, and federal permitting. The ACP has also published a model ordinance for BESS which can assist the County in establishing an ordinance.

During the month of June 2024, the Zoning Office processed forty-eight (48) building permits. Permit fees in the amount of \$8,227.56 were collected.