



County Services Committee Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

May 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM CDT

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Vice Chair Dean Freil.

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

Dean Freil, Katie White, Ron Gascoigne, and Reed Akre all attended in person. Ali Huss attended via Zoom. Jack Skrogstad was absent.

Also present: Keane Hudson, Tom Kitson, and Mike Koppien (Board Members), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jennifer Boyd (Assessor), Sami Elarifi (GIS Coordinator), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Greg Gates (LOTS), Paul Gorski (IT Director), Alice Henkel (Zoning Administrator), Laura Mangrum (Deputy Zoning Administrator), Chris Tennyson (Regional Office of Education Superintendent), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

III. Public Attendees

No members of the public were in attendance.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (April 9, 2024)

Minutes from the April 9, 2024, County Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

V. Transportation/Solid Waste

A. *Monthly Report*

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

B. *Highway Department*

1. Awarding of Bids from the May 13, 2024, Bid Letting for the Bradford Township Bridge Project

Motion to award the bids received on May 13, 2024, which were presented to the committee, subject to the Highway Commissioner concurrence, as applicable, and IDOT review. **Moved** by Katie White.

Second by Reed Akre. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. *Solid Waste Management*

There were no action items under 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. In the report, she covered in full the four (4) action items listed below. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

2. Updated Intergovernmental Agreement Between Lee County and the City of Dixon

Motion to move the updated Intergovernmental Agreement Between Lee County and the City of Dixon to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the May County Board agenda. **Moved** by Reed Akre. **Second** by Ron Gascoigne. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Resolution in Support of House Bill 4512

Motion to move the Resolution in support of House Bill 4512 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the May County Board Agenda. **Moved** by Reed Akre. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Resolution to Reappointment Judy Truckenbrod to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee

Motion to move the Resolution to Reappoint Judy Truckenbrod to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the May County Board agenda. **Moved** by Reed Akre. **Second** by Ron Gascoigne. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Resolution to Reappointment James D. Schielein to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee

Motion to move the Resolution to Reappoint James D. Schielein to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the May County Board agenda. **Moved** by Ron Gascoigne. **Second** by Reed Akre. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

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 May County Board agenda packet.

VII. County Board

Jeremy Englund reported the following information regarding the Broadband Breakthrough updates:

- Surveys are being collected through May 20th.

- On May 20th, U of I Extension will be tabulating all the data that will be used for any funding moving into the future.
- Surveys will still be accepted after the deadline. These can be used for another round of funding that the County will be looking to access during the Fall.
- 479 survey results were received, which exceeded the goal of 400, but Jeremy is hoping the total will be over 500 by May 20th.
- Paul Gorski, IT Administrator, will be contacting different internet service providers that work in or around the County to inquire about any expansion proposal plans they may have and whether they will be trying to access some of the public funding. The County may look to partner with these providers.

VIII. County Clerk and Recorder's Office

A. *Monthly Report*

Nancy Peterson was not able to attend the meeting, but submitted a detailed report that will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

IX. IT Department (Information Technology)

A. *Monthly Report*

Paul Gorski walked the committee through the detailed report submitted from the IT Department. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

X. LOTS (Lee-Ogle Transportation System)

A. *Monthly Report*

Greg Gates walked the committee through the detailed report that he submitted from LOTS. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

XI. ROE (Regional Office of Education #47)

A. *Monthly Report*

Chris Tennyson walked the committee through the detailed report that he submitted from ROE. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

XII. Veterans Assistance

There was no report from Veterans Assistance.

XIII. Zoning / Planning

A. *Monthly Report*

Alice Henkel walked the committee through the detailed report that she submitted from the Zoning Office. This report included examples of violation notice letters that are being sent out by the office throughout the county along with an explanation for each type of notice. The full report with examples of the notices will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

Following the report from the Zoning Administrator, Laura Mangrum, gave the following floodplain updates:

- Five (5) state floodplain violations have been cleared
- An additional five (5) are awaiting state review
- Entry into the CRS Program is going to be largely based on violation resolution
- She has started doing community outreach for floodplain education
- She applied for and won a full scholarship for the ASFPM National Conference in Salt Lake City from June 24 - June 28

B. *Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals - 2 Petitions*

1. Petition No. 24-P-1625 by Ameresco Lee County RNG, LLC. - See attached Zoning report for specific details and pin numbers.

Motion to move Petition 24-P-1625 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the May County Board Agenda. **Moved** by Katie White. **Second** by Ron Gascoigne. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Petition No. 24-P-1626 by Michael Doughty and Tammy Doughty - See attached Zoning report for specific details and pin numbers.

Motion to move Petition 24-P-1626 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the May County Board Agenda? **Moved** By Ron Gascoigne. **Second** by Reed Akre. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. *Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals - 2 Petitions*

1. Petition No. 24-P-1623 by Petitioner Irish Eyes Farms, LLC. See attached Zoning report for specific details and pin numbers.

- a. Resolution for Petition 24-P-1623 was presented to the committee at the time of the meeting. The full resolution will be included in the May County Board agenda packet.

Motion to move the resolution for Petition 24-P-1623 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the May County Board Agenda? **Moved** by Reed Akre. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Petition No. 24-P-1624 by Richard Humphrey Jr. and Brenda Humphrey. See attached Zoning report for specific details and pin numbers.

- a. Resolution for Petition 24-P-1624 was presented to the committee at the time of the meeting. The full resolution will be included in the May County Board agenda packet.

Motion to move the resolution for Petition 24-P-1624 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the May County Board Agenda? **Moved** by Ron Gascoigne. **Second** by Reed Akre. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission - 1 Petition

1. Petition No. 24-PC-76 by Lee County Zoning Office. See attached Zoning report for specific details and pin numbers.

Motion to move Petition 24-PC-76 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the May County Board Agenda? **Moved** by Reed Akre. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission – None

XIV. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

XV. New Business

There were no items under New Business.

XVI. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:51 a.m. **Moved** by Reed Akre. **Second** by Ron Gascoigne. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next County Services Committee Meeting is scheduled for
9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

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

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

Status of Current Projects

- Bid Letting on 5/13/2024, bid tabulations are on the County Website.

Other:

- Normal springtime maintenance activities are ongoing (ditch cleanup, shoulder disking, repairing equipment from winter use, preparing equipment for summer maintenance, planning maintenance projects, etc.).
- Preparing bid proposals and contracts for summer construction. Layout for summer construction. Planning for 2025-2030 projects.
- Contact work has begun. We will be managing numerous construction projects totaling approximately \$5.4M.
- Phase I engineering has begun on the recent property under option for a new Highway Department facility.

Board Action Items:

- Award Bid for Bradford Township Bridge Project let on May 13, 2024.

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
May 14, 2024 – County Services Committee

- ❖ April 12th homestead exemption forms were mailed out to property owners for renewal of their exemptions. Those exemptions have been coming back to our office steadily by mail and in person. Homestead exemption applications for the 2024 tax year are due by December 31st except for the Leasehold Application which has a deadline of July 1st.
- ❖ Assessment Office recently posted a job listing for a full-time clerical position.
 - This position was formerly a 32 hour per week part-time position left unfilled while our office built back from two full-time vacancies. The 2024 budget was approved for this position to increase from 32 hours per week to full-time (37.5 hours per week).
 - Applications are being reviewed and interviews will be scheduled in the next coming weeks.
- ❖ Board of Review opening meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2024. Member Jim Smith's term ends May 31, 2024. After 27 years on the Board of Review, Jim is retiring from his position. We are exploring options for his replacement.
- ❖ Farmland Assessment Review Committee will also have their annual meeting on June 13th, 2024. Judy Truckenbrod and Jim Schielein's terms are due for reappointment this year. Resolutions for their reappointments are attached.
- ❖ Intergovernmental Agreement between Lee County and City of Dixon for GIS hosting services has been updated. The new Agreement has been reviewed and approved by our State's Attorney and the City of Dixon's legal counsel.
 - Board Action Request with updated Intergovernmental Agreement is attached.
 - Original Agreement was signed in 2018.
 - Due to the increase in costs since 2018, the 2024 Agreement reflects an increase in fees from \$25,000 annually to \$28,000 annually.
 - For consistency the new agreement will automatically be renewed on an annual basis with a 3% increase in fees each year. This is a model we use for the townships that contract with us for assessment work also has worked well in that scenario.
- ❖ Resolution Supporting Illinois House Bill 4512 (HB4512).
 - IL State Representative, Cyril Nichols has proposed HB4512 and it was passed to the Rules Committee on January 1, 2024.
 - I am asking the County Board to pass a Resolution in support of this bill. (Board Action Request with Resolution Attached).
 - If passed, HB4512 would allow counties to fulfill property assessment publication mandate by posting the information on their website.
 - With newspaper subscriptions declining, website publication would reach more taxpayers.
 - Parcels are cumbersome to locate in a newspaper listing, often being misinterpreted by the reader.
 - Information published in the newspaper listing is limited to parcel number, assessed value and owner name.



- Change of Assessment Notices are mailed mandated publication parcels.
 - Notices are mailed to the mailing address of the property directly.
 - There is more complete information in the Notices including Property Type, Prior Year and Current Year Assessment, Reason for Change, Total assessed and Fair Market Value, Homestead Exemptions available and applied, township assessor contact information and Deadline to File an Appeal of the assessment
 - Lee County Website has up to date tax record information available currently that can be searched for by name, address, or parcel number.
- Illinois State Association of Counties has issued a Position Statement in support of HB4512. ISACo defines the current law and proposed change in their Position Statement in the excerpt below. Full Position Statement attached.

Current Law:

In general assessment years, counties must post a list of all property assessments in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. In the years between general assessments, counties are mandated to publish in a newspaper a list of only those real property assessments that have been changed.

Proposed Change:

The General Assembly and Governor should amend the law to allow county governments to meet property assessment publication mandate by either publishing the information on a county website or in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Allowing counties to fulfill the publication mandate on their website would save taxpayers thousands of dollars annually.

- For the above listed reasons, I am asking this Resolution to be passed for the benefit of our taxpayers and Lee County. If passed an average of \$9,000 per year would go back into the County Funds to be used for something of more value to the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Boyd, CIAO
Chief County Assessment Officer/GIS Supervisor



Monthly GIS Department Report
May 9, 2024

The GIS Department has been working on:

- Processing parcel splits and combination requests for March 2024.
- Conducting site visits and virtual meetings for the broadband breakthrough project.
- Maintaining and updating land use, zoning, and other GIS layers.
- Updating 911 and NG911 address points, road centerlines, and responders' zone layers.
- Mapping field inspection photos and creating web apps for quadrennial reassessment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sami Elarifi
GIS Coordinator



*Lee County Clerk & Recorder's Office
Nancy Petersen, Clerk & Recorder*

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COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
Report for May Committee Meeting

Economic Interest Forms are now past due, if anyone has not received one, please contact my Election Department. The due date was May 1st.

Going forward to the Executive Committee and then to County Board is a Resolution for the Certified List of Candidates for Judge of Election for the Republican and Democratic Parties. This is a resolution that is created every 2 years per Statute from the State Board of Elections.

If all goes well, I will have a new hire in my Vital Department Office on May 28th. I have lost 2 girls in that office in the last 3 months.

The Tax Extension was rolled to the Treasurer's Office on Monday May 6th.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Petersen
Lee County Clerk & Recorder



May 13, 2024

IT Board Report – May 2024

1. Please welcome Travis Null to the Lee County IT department. Travis fills a recent vacancy in the department and comes to us after a short BEST Inc. internship. Travis, Jonathan and I now make up the IT department.
2. Please congratulate Jonathan Henrikson on his three-year anniversary with the county. Jonathan has worked for the county more than three years, but his first six months was a BEST Inc. intern. Jonathan is a real asset to the IT department and Lee County.
3. A reminder to board members, the Lee County IT department is comprised of Jonathan, Travis and myself. We also have a server service and support agreement with our valued business partner Syndeo, Inc, and we have a partnership with CrowdStrike, Inc. and the State of Illinois in assisting with valuable cybersecurity protection. In addition, Mike McBride of 911 assists us with support and maintenance of computer hardware and software that is deployed to Lee County staff that is integrated with computer systems he maintains at 911.
4. Current IT projects include:
 - Old Courts – Backing up and decommissioning older servers, migrating data to newer servers. Yes, Still. This will take a little while.
 - LEC – Wrapping up a variety of smaller, miscellaneous projects
 - New Courts – Starting to deploy grant-funded computers for New Courts
 - New Courts – Investigating evidence storage needs for SAO. **A heads up to the board:** this may involve a special capital request this year or a budgeted capital request for next year.
5. Upcoming projects include:
 - New Courts - Coordinate IT upgrades to 4th floor court room build out with Courts staff, SAO and Maintenance. I understand this work could start any day now.
 - LEC – Deploy New laptops/Toughbooks and Microsoft Word on tablets.
 - Organize Cybersecurity response team and response team plan.

Contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

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Report to County Services Committee of Lee County Board

May 14, 2024 | 9:00 AM

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

	February, 2024	March, 2024	April, 2024	Total for Period
RIDES	8,118	7,149	9,063	24,330
SERVICE HOURS	2,481	2,276	2,866	7,623
MILES OF SERVICE	69,573	63,307	78,669	211,549
FUEL COST	\$28,426.43	\$23,799.59	\$21,256.77	\$73,482.79

2) DEVELOPMENTS

a) Reagan Mass Transit District

- i) Finalizing arrangements for the LOTS transition to Reagan Mass Transit District, which will be official with the closing with Lee County on June 28, 2024.
- ii) RMTD will be live as of July 1, 2024.
- iii) The Definitive Agreement, outlining the transition of assets to RMTD, has been approved by the Lee County Board and the Ogle County Board.

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

- (1) FY 2025 Contract 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

c) Rural Winnebago County Transit Services

- i) Work continues on arrangements for RMTD to be the operator of the public transportation services in rural (western side) Winnebago County.
- ii) Launch of the new service area is anticipated for July 1, 2024.
- iii) An Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County is being completed to formalize the provision of transportation services.
 - (a) Winnebago County has formally requested three (3) vehicles from IDOT to be used in that county.
 - (b) The contractual budget proposed by IDOT for this new service is as follows:
 - (i) 5311 Contract: \$207,864
 - (ii) DOAP Contract: \$798,728

d) Feasibility Studies: Dixon and Rochelle

- i) RLS and Associates is continuing work on Feasibility Studies for Dixon and Rochelle.
- ii) The Feasibility Studies' Public Survey has closed. Awaiting tabulation of results.
- iii) Next Technical Assistance Committee Meetings are scheduled for this month
 - (1) TAC Committees will begin consideration of potential fixed routes for the cities.
 - (2) The studies are running concurrently with completion expected by end of August, 2024.

e) Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study

- i) LOTS submitted an application on the feasibility of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in rural public transportation system. Proposal was submitted to the State Planning and Research division of IDOT.

- f) **LOTS Awarded Funding to Complete SPR Funding on Transportation Needs**
 - i) A contract between Lee County and State Planning and Research of IDOT has been executed for this two-year project with a budget of \$243,594.
 - ii) This project will look at the general “transportation needs” of residents in Lee and Ogle Counties.
 - iii) LOTS will partner a Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for a university partner to assist with SPR grant activities.
- g) **Vehicle Procurement**
 - (1) Lee County / LOTS received word from IDOT that its 2022 CVP Application was awarded 6 of the 10 proposed vehicles.
 - (a) The vehicles, which will likely come in 2025, include two (2) minivans and four (4) light duty buses. Total value of these vehicles is more than \$600,000.
 - (2) LOTS collaboration with IDOT on a federal proposal to the Low/No Emission Grants.
 - (a) LOTS will procure two (2) electric buses via this proposal
 - (3) LOTS has submitted the order for two (2) electric vehicles to the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- h) **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 LOTS application under REBUILD Round 1
- i) **Architectural/Engineering Firm / Addition to Dixon Facility**
 - i) An architectural and engineering firm – Willett Hoffman – was selected for the addition project on to the Reagan Transit Center.
 - ii) Project includes development of new offices at Reagan Transit Center and secured file room/storage room. Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex
 - iii) This project is part of LOTS application under REBUILD Round 2

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 into 17 of LOTS’ 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) LOTS Proposal will allow for the following:
 - (a) Two electric vehicles for use in the LOTS 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 Lee County/LOTS 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) slots for buses
 - (2) Add another bay onto the existing mechanical building
 - (3) Purchase service vehicles including one for maintenance



Regional Office of Education Report

May 2024

Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers are entrusted with assessing compliance of local school districts and recognized non-public schools in the state of Illinois. This process consists of a systematic review of district documentation and recording compliance with state and federal laws and Illinois School Code. The resulting designation is reported on the state website and as part of the Illinois Report Card. The compliance process is seen as an opportunity to improve operations and support the programs that deliver quality educational experiences to students. We rotate which school districts go through the full compliance audit on a 4 year cycle. This year so far we have completed the full compliance audit for Sterling School District, Saint Annes in Dixon, and Kings School District. We have yet to complete Eswood and Crestons compliance audits.

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
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- Our summer learning schedule has launched!
- May 1-May 10th is our Marigold week! The Marigold Award is an annual award in honor of our friend, Jen Banks, a beloved teacher and ROE 47 school improvement coach who passed away as the result of a tragic automobile accident in December 2015. Her love for learning and the students that she worked with was an inspiration to many. Jen's positive, supportive, and energetic attitude nurtured those around her and helped them to grow. In celebration of Jen's life and dedication to learning, ROE 47 has created an award in her honor. As Jen worked with many elementary and middle schools in the Sauk Valley area, this award is open to PK-8 Whiteside County teachers, para-educators & administrators. Marigolds exist in our schools - encouraging, supporting and nurturing teachers. They are leaders in their community, classrooms, and families. They have a love of learning and sharing that learning with others. **This year, we recognize 39 nominees in our Whiteside county schools.** Each nominee will receive a certificate, a copy of their nomination letter and a marigold. The overall winner will receive a basket of marigolds, a book, a certificate and copy of their nomination letter, and a \$100 Amazon gift card to build their classroom library.
- 8 students earned their Education Pathway endorsement and were recognized at our annual Education Symposium at Sauk Valley College. The day featured a scavenger hunt, educational breakout sessions for students, visits with college departments of education, a keynote by Pathway alum Madison Cumberland, and endorsement recognition.
- The Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services has or will submit the following competitive grant applications to meet the needs of students, educators, families, and communities: ISBE Computer Science grant, R3 grant, Early Childhood PFAE grant, Education Pathways Round 5 grant, and the Truancy and Alternative Learning Opportunities grant.
- Our Community Partnership Advisory groups will meet May 3rd to engage in strategic planning to support trauma informed communities and social emotional learning in Lee, Ogle & Whiteside counties. The Knowledge Center at Chaddock will facilitate these community conversations.
- A full schedule of Professional Learning is available on our website: www.roe47.org
- ROE 47 School Improvement team staff members are working intensively with six districts on continuous school improvement.

- Trauma 101 and 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.
- One session remains in our Empowered Educators Series
 - May 15: Classroom Wrap Up: 10 Things to Take with You

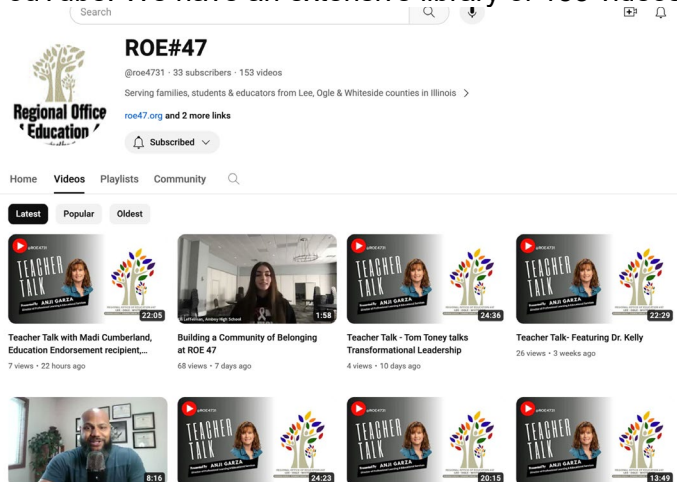
<p>Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Parent Engagement & Community Outreach</p>

- To date, ROE 47 has 136 partners on its IRIS referral platform. There have been 2550 referrals and 1440 families served.
- 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 - April 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
- Our family educators hosted their first Parent Cafe in April. Additional sessions and topics will continue throughout the summer (see flier below).
 - 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.
 - Family educators have consulted with school staff to help design engagement events, provide support before events, and supply materials to be used at 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>
 - Over 2,000 community outreach bags have been distributed to area schools, preschools, food banks, and shelters. Outreach bags include a personal care item, information on family events and community resources, community agencies, a parent-child activity card, and an activity for parents and children to do together that is focused on social emotional learning, self-care, math, and/or literacy. Parent/child conversation starters, learning activities, and other materials are compiled covering a variety of age ranges and needs.
 - Early Childhood and Family Education team members have assisted with spring early childhood screenings in partnership with our ROE 47 school districts.
 - EC staff hosted their first monthly developmental screening May 2nd.

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



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?'"

<p>March 21 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Virtual</p>	<p>April 10 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sterling Township</p>	<p>May 2 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Ogle County TBD</p>
<p>June 6 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. SVCC</p>	<p>July 25 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. ROE 47</p>	<p><i>Scan to Register</i></p>  <p>To request a training for your organization, email agarza@roe47.org</p>


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A series designed for ALL EDUCATORS!


Empowered Educators

<p>WORKSHOP 1 1/17/24 What you need to know about supporting children of trauma!</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 2 2/21/24 Educating children with a trauma-focused lens. Part 1</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 3 3/20/24 Educating children with a trauma-focused lens. Part 2</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 4 4/17/24 Educating children with a trauma-focused lens and the impact of YOU.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 5 5/15/24 Classroom Wrap Up: The 10 things to take with you.</p>	

ALL WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM FROM 3:30-4:30 PM



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Preschool make n takes!

Upcoming Events

FEB 6 3:30-4:30 Valentines Day!	MARCH 4 3:30-4:30 Healthy foods!	APR 15 3:30-4:30 Spring!
MAY 6 3:30-4:30 Building!	JUNE 3 3:30-4:30 Summer!	

The Regional Office of Education is going to be hosting "make n take" zooms once a month. The purpose of these are to give our educators ideas that they can bring into the classroom! From different crafts to activities, our Early Childhood Coach will cover many different options! Each month will be a different theme. Please reach out to Ashley Teel if you have questions! ateel@roe47.org

Free Birth to Five Developmental Screening

1st Thursday of each month!



What is a developmental screening?
A developmental screening is a tool that takes a closer look at how your child is developing.

Why is it important?

- Screenings help families understand their child's development.
- Screenings show important milestones and identify possible concerns as early as possible. Research tells us that the sooner a developmental concern is identified, the better. Early identification leads to early support and services that can improve a child's development and help them be their best.
- It's recommended! The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all children be screened at least once a year.
 - Screenings are a great way to make sure that your child is developing on track for their age. You can learn about your child's strengths and ways to support their healthy development.
 - Screenings can also help determine if your child needs extra help or further evaluation. Our staff specializes in helping families who have concerns about their child's development. They can answer your questions and connect you to local resources.

SCAN ME!



Schedule a developmental screening
Scan the QR code and complete the registration form or call (815) 625-1495 and ask for Aimee.

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A Project of the Sauk Valley STARS Early Childhood Coalition.

Trauma Basics

The Knowledge Center at Chadlock

DESCRIPTION


Attendees will learn about Trauma, Developmental Trauma, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how they impact social, emotional, and behavioral functioning. The training will cover differences and similarities between trauma categories, attachment disruptions, and the effects on the developing brain leading to problematic behaviors in children, adolescents, and adults. This foundational session aims to raise community awareness and create a common understanding of trauma.

Register for a Session Today!

DATES

- April 16 - ROE 47 from 8:30-2:30 PM
- April 30 - Dixon from 8:30-2:30 PM
- April 30 - Virtual Administrator Academy
- May 3 - Community Planning at SVCC from 8:30-2:30 PM

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Summer Learning & Family Engagement

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



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION & EVENTS
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BABIES &
TODDLERS
RESOURCE FAIR**

**ACTIVITIES
FOR KIDS
AT EVERY
BOOTH**

**INTERACTIVE
INFORMATION ON:**

Childcare

Early Education

Health & Nutrition

Local Resources

 **SAT. JULY 13TH**

 **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

 **DIXON PARK DISTRICT
FACILITY**
1312 WASHINGTON AVE, DIXON IL

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SUMMER BOOK STUDY**

ENGAGE EVERY FAMILY
Five Simple Principles; 2nd Edition



Steven M. Constantino

JUNE 2024

**BLENDED COURSE
SYNCHRONOUS/ASYNCHRONOUS**

Starting June 3rd ✓
4 Weeks ✓
Google Classroom ✓
2 Virtual Zoom meetings ✓
10 PD Hours ✓

Engage Every Family: Five Simple Principles, Second Edition, outlines a pathway for educators to engaging families in student learning. Use the 5 principles to increase the likelihood of engaging every family, including those families that have been traditionally disengaged or disenfranchised from schools.

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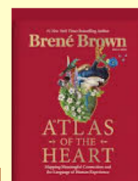
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Atlas of the Heart
by Brene Brown

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SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Book can be purchased on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com)



Virtual
Google Classroom
4 weeks, 2 zooms
10 PD Hours
Starting June 3rd

The book provides a comprehensive map of human emotions, enhancing self-awareness and empathy. It offers practical tools to navigate complex feelings and build stronger connections with others. The author's research-based approach makes the content accessible and applicable to real-life situations.

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Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Series

As teachers, we understand that our students have diverse needs and each has their own unique mix of strengths and areas for growth. Join us as we dig deeper to explore and discuss how to identify and predict barriers to engagement, representation, action & expression through the Universal Design for Learning (UDL). This training will be provided by Novak Education and is targeted to help all teachers meet the needs of all students in the general education classroom.

12
JUNE

Diving Deeper into UDL 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Examine the UDL guidelines in more depth & experiment with what they look like in practice.

13
JUNE

Putting UDL into Practice 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Learn how to proactively incorporate voice, choice, & scaffolds into goals, methods, materials & assessments to help learners overcome barriers.

Bring your technology device to get access to the shared resources

SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ROOM 1H16/18
173 IL Rte. 2
Dixon, IL 61021

Earn 5.5 PD Hours each day!
Lunch is included
These events are FREE

REGISTER BY JUNE 7, 2024 AT ROE47.ORG
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH OUT TO SHAUNA DINGES AT SDINGES@IESENETWORK.ORG

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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 *8th 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

Lani Lawson's Teach - Train - Thrive

Questions? Please contact:
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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 passion for working with students. What might be missing is the study of how to cultivate local 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 SPS
- Supporting Students

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

6 JUNE

In Macomb
Spoon River College
Outreach Center
3500 E. Jackson Street, Macomb
8:30AM - 3:30PM
*REGISTRATION @ 8:00AM
Part 1 Presentation

11 JUNE

In Dixon
Sauk Valley Community College
173 Illinois Rt. 2, Dixon
8:30AM - 3:30PM
*REGISTRATION @ 8:00AM
Part 1 Presentation

25 JUNE

In Peoria
Holiday Inn & Suites Grand Prairie
7011 N. Orange Park Road, Peoria
8:30AM - 3:30PM
*REGISTRATION @ 8:00AM
Part 2 Presentation

14 AUGUST

In Sterling
TIME & LOCATION
TBA
Part 1 Presentation

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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



ROE 47.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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Training for New Mentors

INDUCTION & MENTORING

Administrator Academy #1573
Supporting New Teachers Through High-Quality Induction & Mentoring Programs

This Administrator Academy is provided to educate and empower districts, school administrators, and the mentoring site Mentor Administrator/Coordinator. This academy explores the role of administrators, especially principals, in high-quality induction and mentoring programs. Topics will include the legal/ethical issues of mentoring, expectations for the mentors and new teachers, mentor selection, and administrative strategies.

If you have an Induction and Mentoring program and want to update the program to meet new laws and School Codes and train new Administrators on induction and mentoring, please join us.

June 5, 2024
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
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\$200



Induction & Mentoring Training for Teachers
JUNE 12, 19, & 26

This training is designed to equip mentors working with beginning teachers (in year 1 or year 2, or in a new teaching area or district). Topics covered include school code for mentoring, understanding generational differences, adult learning principles, coaching techniques, fostering supportive communication, creating and assessing observation tools, aligning evaluation methods with mentoring, and self-evaluation. Participants will practice observation using Danielson and district evaluation tools to support new teacher development. The training also addresses problem-solving in mentoring situations, aiming to enhance mentors' ability to engage in meaningful discussions about teaching practices with their mentees. Ultimately, mentors will gain the knowledge, confidence, and skills to effectively support their mentees' professional growth through coaching and guidance.

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Co-op \$150
Non Co-op \$300



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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

\$20 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 | \$60 for Non SIP Co-op Members




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Bring 3D PRINTING into your Classroom




Whether you're brand new to 3D printing or you have one that's gathering dust, this workshop will give you the foundation you need to utilize 3D printing in an educational setting.

We'll start at square one by learning:

- How 3D printers work
- How to create and prepare models for printing
- How to operate your printer
- How to troubleshoot your printer when issues arise

From there, we'll discuss lesson ideas, ways to manage projects effectively, and how to design your space to maximize learning. You'll even build your own project in Tinkercad that you can take back to your students.

Don't have a 3D printer for your classroom yet? No problem. Attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase and take one home through this workshop.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- K-12 Teachers
- Instructional Technology Coaches
- Curriculum Leaders
- Library Media Specialists
- Any educator interested in 3D printing

June 6, 2024
ROE 47 | Sterling, IL

REGISTER
LTCIllinois.org/events

Presented by
BEN SONDEROTH
lrc.site/bens



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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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

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Register by scanning the QR code or text 815.764.1194
More Info: gheimerdingerbaake@roe47.org



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Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

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

MAY 2024 Events		
5/1/2024	<u>Illinois Performance Evaluation Retraining: Student Growth (Admin Acad #3000)</u>	Online (Zoom)
5/3/2024	<u>Trauma-Informed Community Planning</u>	SVCC (In-person)
5/7/2024	<u>Developing Leadership in Special Education (Year One)</u>	SVCC (In-person)
5/8/2024	<u>Teacher Evaluation Recertification - Gathering Evidence During Observations</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)

	<u>and Conferencing Using the Danielson Model (Admin Acad #1801)</u>	
5/15/2024	<u>Principal Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified Principal Evaluators (Admin Acad #1865)</u>	Online (Zoom)
5/15/2024	<u>Empowered Educator Series</u>	Online (Zoom)

April 2024 Participants - 241

Tuesday, April 2

Ed Pathways Cohort 4 @ 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

Targeted Improvement to Meet the Need of Diverse Learners @ ROE #47

Ed Pathways Cohort 2 & 3 @ 3:15 p.m.

LETRS Training @ 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10

Whole Child, Whole Life (Spring Book Study) @ 3:30 p.m.

Special Educators Cohort @ 3:30 pm

Thursday, April 11

Administrator Networking Session @ SVCC

Tuesday, April 16

Trauma Basics @ ROE #47

Wednesday, April 17

School Counselors & Social Workers Networking Session @ ROE 47

Deanery School Improvement Networking Session @ Newman Catholic High School

Empowered Educators Series @ 3:30 pm

Thursday, April 18

Librarians & School Library Media Specialist Networking Session @ 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

Instructional Support Educators Networking @ ROE #47

Wednesday, April 24

Preschool Family Support Specialist Networking Session @ 9:00 am

New Teacher Cadre @ 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Social Science Quarterly Networking Session @ ROE #47

Friday, April 26

Transitional Math Spring Networking Session @ SVCC

Tuesday, April 30

Developing Leadership in Special Education (Year Two) @ SVCC

Trauma Basics @ Lee County Courts Building

Creating a Trauma-Informed School Culture (Admin Acad) @ 8:30 am

April 2024 in Photos:





In the News...

Elizabeth Clarida earns Education endorsement



Posted Wednesday, April 24, 2024 3:41 pm

By Brandon LaChance, Editor

Amboy senior Elizabeth Clarida walked across the Sauk Valley Community Stage Friday, April 19 to accept her certificate for her Pathways Education endorsement.

“Receiving my Education Pathways endorsement was an incredibly rewarding experience. Through this journey, I created a science club, worked with my classmates, and was able to student teach in a classroom, solidifying my path towards becoming a teacher. I’m very proud of this achievement and highly recommend the program to any aspiring educators.”



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HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR DISTRICT

Nexus Program

04/29/2024

174

Families Supported

412

Children Supported

83

McKinney Vinto

591

Goals Met

6,082

Family Contacts



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HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR DISTRICT

Attendance Program

04/29/2024

364

Families Supported

414

Children Supported

27

McKinney Vinto

205

Goals Met

Parents as Teachers First Years

A monthly feature of our PAT program are group connection activities. These activities provide an opportunity for families to meet and connect with each other and with other service providers in their communities. In March, we took field trips to the Oregon and Rochelle fire stations. The children had fun visiting with the firemen and checking out the equipment. Thank you so much to these community service providers for hosting our families!





Education Outreach Program

As we approach the end of the school year, the Education Outreach Program is preparing students for what is to come. Our classes are held two days per week from August to June 30th. Our program will take July to organize and restructure to better serve individuals. EOP staff will work hard over the summer months to coordinate with individuals on their needs, whether that be studying, job search assistance, community referrals or post-secondary enrollment.

Intake meetings for new student enrollment will come to a close in April and will reestablish again in July. EOP has been actively meeting with new potential students throughout the month of April and will host Orientation and Enrollment for 3 new students bringing our new student enrollment total to 24 for the 23-24 school year.

EOP also would like to recognize **Rian** for earning their Illinois High School Diploma! Congratulations Graduate in completing your testing and State Requirements.

The Education Outreach Program will be holding our own Graduation Ceremony on Friday, June 7th at the Regional Office of Education #47. Students will not only receive recognition and praise for earning their Illinois High School Diploma but will also have the opportunity to invite family and friends to experience this with. They will be formally recognized and presented with their caps and gowns as they receive their honors.

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

School Districts have been working a great deal with our students that are seniors and their next steps following graduation. College, trade schools, the workforce are just some of the topics and areas they are helping their students make forward progress in. School on a daily basis is the stable place for some of our M/V students, therefore, work is being done to create the best possible summer arrangements for our students. The district staff are working hard as always to support our M/V students.

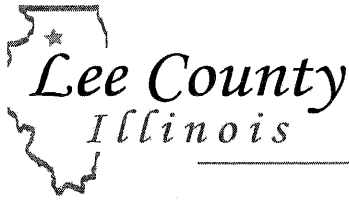
Regional Center for Change

Pictures are worth a thousand words! See below for some of the amazing, inspiring, and exciting times at C4C throughout the school year!









MONTHLY ZONING AND PLANNING REPORT
May 14, 2024 – County Services Committee

ACTIONS COMING FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Petition No. 24-P-1623 by Petitioner Irish Eyes Farms, LLC, regarding PINs 16-01-13-100-001 and 16-01-14-200-003, located in Palmyra Township. The parcel is currently zoned Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District. Petitioner is requesting a Special Use Permit for the purpose of a 5 MW Commercial Solar Energy Facility (community solar).
2. Petition No. 24-P-1624 by Richard Humphrey, Jr. and Brenda 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 an Accessory Special Use Permit for the purpose of Skilled Trades (Offsite Services Only)/parking of refuse trucks and equipment.

ACTIONS GOING TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Petition No. 24-P-1625 by Ameresco Lee County RNG, LLC, regarding PINS: 12-14-12-200-007, 12-14-01-200-005, 12-14-01-100-003, 12-14-01-100-002, 12-14-01-100-005, 18-08-35-400-002, 18-08-35-300-001, 18-08-34-400-002, 18-08-33-400-001, 18-08-34-300-006, 18-08-34-300-008, 18-08-34-300-014, 18-08-33-400-005, and 18-08-33-300-001. The parcels are zoned Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District and are located in Marion and South Dixon Townships. Petitioner is seeking a Special Use Permit for the purpose of constructing and operating a private pipeline.
2. Petition No. 24-P-1626, by Michael Doughty and Tammy Doughty, regarding PIN 16-07-06-200-012, commonly known as 88 Palmyra Road, Sterling, Illinois, located in Palmyra Township. The parcel is zoned Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District. Petitioners are seeking a variance from Title 10, Chapter 9, Section 3: Bulk Regulations, specifically side/rear yard setback, for the purpose of constructing an accessory structure.

ACTIONS COMING FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION – None

ACTIONS GOING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Petition No. 24-PC-76 by Lee County Zoning Office, a petition to amend the text of Title 11: SUBDIVISION, FLOOD CONTROL AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, Chapter 3: FLOOD CONTROL, of the Lee County Code of Ordinances. The proposed text amendment, if approved, will update the existing code so that is compatible with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

OTHER ACTIONS FROM THE ZONING OFFICE

Enforcement of the Lee County Revised Zoning Ordinance is a major function of the Zoning Department. We have spent the last several months developing processes for addressing potential violations. When the Zoning Department is made aware of a possible zoning violation, we investigate by driving by the property



and/or sending out a generic letter to the property owner of record, informing them of a possible zoning violation, and requesting they contact the Zoning Department within seven (7) days of the date of the initial letter. A sample letter has been attached as Attachment A.

If the property owner of record does not contact the Zoning Department, then a determination of violation will be made without a statement from the owner. If the owner does respond, the Zoning Department will ask them questions to determine if the possible violation is in fact a violation.

If no violation is determined, then the process ends. If a violation is determined to be present, then a Notice of Violation will issue to the property owner of record, with instructions for remediating the violation, any fines being applied as a result of the violation and instructions on how to appeal the determination. A sample Notice of Zoning Violation has been attached as Attachment B.

The process is similar for the Junk & Abandoned Vehicle Program. This program is a joint effort between the Zoning Department and the Sheriff's Department. This process is initiated by the Zoning Department. Jared Yater, who is subcontractor for the Zoning Department and the Assessment Office, is deployed to the location of possible junk/abandoned vehicles where he takes photographs from the roadway, that are provided to the Zoning Department. The Zoning Department then sends a letter to the property owner of record, asking them to remove the junk/abandoned vehicles from the property within seven (7) days of the date of the initial letter or to contact Jared to establish a plan for removing the vehicles. The property owner of record may also contact the Zoning Administrator to dispute and/or discuss the allegations. A sample Junk & Abandoned Vehicle letter has been attached as Attachment C.

If you, as a County Board Member, receive calls from constituents that are upset about receiving a letter, please reach out to the Zoning Department to discuss why a letter was sent and what action we are seeking from the property owner. You may be able to assist in working with the property owner to remediate the violation(s).

I would also like to address the issue of shipping containers in Lee County. Under the current Revised Zoning Ordinance, a shipping container would fall under the category of "Inventory and Materials Storage, Outdoors," which is an accessory use that requires a Special Use Permit in the Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Districts. This means that in order to place a shipping container on a property in any of these districts, there must be an established Principal Use existing on the property and the owner must petition the County for a Special Use Permit. "Inventory and Material Storage, Outdoors" is not allowed in any Residential District.

Shipping Containers can also be a temporary use in Lee County, which would require a Temporary Use Permit. This would allow the container to stay on the property for 90 days, without having to obtain a Special Use Permit. Conditions for the container can be included in the Temporary Use Permit.

More often than not, the County is seeing that shipping containers are being used as accessory structures (storage). Many people believe this is a zoning and tax loophole because the container is not a building and not affixed to the property. This is a misconception because the term "Development," does not require that a structure be affixed to the property, nor do the tax laws. Therefore, it is my position that if a property owner wishes to use a shipping container as an accessory structure, then they will need to obtain a building permit, comply with bulk regulations for the district and be subject to taxation should the Chief County Assessment Officer choose to do so.

The Zoning Department is contemplating further regulations regarding shipping containers including setbacks to neighboring residences and a limitation on the number allowed per parcel.



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During the month of April 2024, the Zoning Office processed fifty-eight (58) building permits. Permit fees in the amount of \$6,904.15 were collected.



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May 1, 2024

Attachment A

Lee County Property Owner
1234 Abe Lincoln Way
Anytown, IL 00000

Re: Possible Zoning Violation(s) at 1234 Abe Lincoln Way, Anytown, Illinois
PIN: 00-00-00-000-000

Mr. Property Owner,

This office is investigating whether a zoning violation has occurred at the above-referenced parcel. Please contact this office no later than **May 8, 2024**, to discuss the complaint received by this office. If I do not hear from you, I will have no choice but to make a determination of compliance without your statement.

Thank you,

Alice Henkel
Zoning Administrator



Attachment B

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NOTICE OF ZONING VIOLATION

Notice Date: May 10, 2024

Parcel Identification No. (PIN): 00-00-00-000-000

Common Address: 1234 Abe Lincoln Way, Anytown, IL 00000

Current Zoning District: Ag-1 Rural/Agricultural District

Owner(s) of Record: Lee County Property Owner

Current Tenant(s): (if applicable)

Violation(s): **1. Operation of an Automobile Graveyard in the Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District.**

Pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 9, Section 1 (Principal, Special, Temporary, Restricted Uses) of the Lee County Code:

An Automobile Graveyard is only allowed as a Restricted, Special Use in the I-3, Heavy Industrial District.

Pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 4 (Rules and Definitions) of the Lee County Code:

AUTOMOBILE GRAVEYARD: Any lot or building which is maintained, used, or operated for storing, keeping, buying or selling wrecked, scrapped, ruined or dismantled motor vehicles or trailers, not in running condition, or parts thereof, and not being restored to operation, excluding storage of scrap for subsequent manufacturing process on the same lot, providing such use is permitted in the zoning district in which the facility is located as a principal or special use.

Pursuant to the Lee County Code, the term "Vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled or propelled by electric power, not operated on rails, which is defined



as a "motor vehicle" under the Illinois vehicle code (625 ILCS 5/1-100 et seq.). The term shall include anything that possesses a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and shall include but not be limited to cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, all-terrain vehicles (ATV), utility task vehicles (UTV), and snowmobiles.

2. Operation of a Junkyard in the Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District.

Pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 9, Section 1 (Principal, Special, Temporary, Restricted Uses) of the Lee County Code:

A Junkyard is only allowed as a Restricted, Special Use in the I-3, Heavy Industrial District.

Pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 4 (Rules and Definitions) of the Lee County Code:

JUNKYARD: A lot and any buildings thereon which are maintained, operated, or used for storing, keeping, buying or selling junk, or for the maintenance or operation of an automobile graveyard, and the term shall include garbage dumps and sanitary fills, unless authorized pursuant to the county solid waste management plan as amended from time to time. A junkyard does not include a scrap processing facility located within a district permitting its operation as a principal or special use.

JUNK: Any old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, debris, waste, or junked, dismantled or wrecked motor vehicles, trailers or parts thereof, iron, steel, and other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material, whether or not stored or used in conjunction with dismantling, processing, salvage, storage, baling, disposal or other use or disposition. Junk also includes, but is not limited to, motor vehicles, tires, vehicle parts, equipment, glass, bottles, plastics, building materials, household appliances, brush, and wood or lumber when not covered or stacked and stored off of the ground.



3. Operation of Tire Disposal and Recycling in the Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District.

Pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 9, Section 1 (Principal, Special, Temporary, Restricted Uses) of the Lee County Code:

Tire Disposal and Recycling is only allowed as a Restricted, Special Use in the I-3, Heavy Industrial District.

4. Conducting Inventory or Materials Storage (Outdoors) in the Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District without a Special Use Permit.

Pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 9, Section 2 (Accessory Uses) of the Lee County Code:

Inventory or Material Storage (Outdoors) is only allowed in the Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District with a Special Use Permit.

VIOLATION SUMMARY

The Lee County Zoning Office has received numerous complaints regarding the use of 1234 Abe Lincoln Way, Anytown, Illinois, PIN 00-00-00-000-000, since April 2020. This office has been provided photographic evidence of the accumulation of junk, automobiles, scrap and tires being stored outdoors on the property. This office also has photographic evidence of junk, automobiles, scrap and tires being hauled onto the property by the truckload.

CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIREMENT(S)

1. Contact the Lee County Zoning Administrator within 14 days of the date of this letter to establish a Corrective Action Plan.
2. The operation of an Automobile Graveyard shall cease immediately. No additional Vehicles shall be brought onto the property.
3. The operation of a Junkyard shall cease immediately. No additional Junk shall be brought onto the property.



4. The operation of Tire Disposal and Recycling shall cease immediately. No additional tires shall be brought onto the property.
5. The operation of Inventory or Materials Storage (Outdoors) shall cease immediately. No additional inventory or materials shall be stored outdoors on the property.
6. If you fail to establish a Corrective Action Plan pursuant to Corrective Action Requirement No. 1, the following shall apply:
 - a. All inoperable and/or abandoned vehicles currently on the property shall be removed from the property within 45 days of the date of this Notice.
 - b. All Junk, as defined by the Lee County Revised Zoning Ordinance, shall be removed from the property within 90 days of the date of this Notice.
 - c. All tires shall be removed from the property within 30 days of the date of this Notice.
 - d. All materials currently being stored outdoors on the property will either need to be removed or placed in a legally permitted structure that is in compliance with the Lee County Revised Zoning Ordinance within 90 days of the date of this Notice.

PENALTY

Pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 2A, Section 5 of the Lee County Code:

- A. The county, or any person or entity particularly aggrieved, may enforce the rules and regulations set forth in this title, or imposed as a condition to the grant of any variation, special use permit, or any other permit provided for in this title in any court of law or administrative tribunal having jurisdiction over the matter or the violation.
- B. The zoning enforcement officer may levy a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) a day against any person, firm or corporation, their agents, employees, or contractors who violate, disobey, omit, neglect, or refuse to comply with, or who resist enforcement of this title, and each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. The zoning enforcement officer may also elect to refer any such violations to the state's attorney for prosecution as a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, the imposition of fines, or both. (Ord. 06-05-002, 6-21-2005)



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Failure to comply with the Corrective Action Requirements stated above will result in a fine of **\$100.00 per day** until all violations have been remediated. Any fines collected will be used to offset the cost of any County-driven efforts to remediate the zoning violations.

APPEAL

If you would like to appeal this Determination, you may file a Petition for Appeal with the Lee County Zoning Office, to be heard and decided by the Lee County Zoning Board of Appeals. The Petition for Appeal must be placed on file within 30 days of the date of this Notice and shall be heard within 45 days of its filing.

Signed,

Alice Henkel
Zoning Administrator

c: Charley Boonstra, Lee County State's Attorney (via email)



Attachment C

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May 9, 2024

VIA CERTIFIED & REGULAR, FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Lee County Property Owner
1234 Abe Lincoln Way
Anytown, IL 00000

NOTICE TO OWNER OF ORDINANCE VIOLATION

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 00-00-00-000-000
Common Address: 1234 Abe Lincoln Way, Anytown, IL 00000
Zoning District: AG-1/ Rural Residential

Pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 5, Article A, Section 2 (Vehicles and Nuisances/Inoperable Vehicles) of the Lee County Code, any inoperable motor vehicle, whether on public or private property, in view of the general public is hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall not remain in view of the general public for more than seven (7) days from the time at which it first became inoperable.

It has come to our attention that there are several vehicles* on your property identified as PIN 00-00-00-000-000, commonly known as 1234 Abe Lincoln Way, Anytown, Illinois, that appear to be abandoned and/or inoperative and in view of the general public. The Lee County Sheriff's Office and Lee County Zoning Office have successfully enforced this ordinance across the entire county without fines, court appearances, or an expense to the property owner.

Pursuant to the Lee County Code, you will need to remove the vehicles from the view of the general public by **May 16, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**, by either placing the vehicles in an existing structure on your property or by removing them from the parcel.

If you would like to dispute this notice or have general questions about this notice, please contact Zoning Administrator Alice Henkel, at (815) 288-3643.

If you need assistance removing the vehicles from your property, please contact Jared Yater, at (815) 440-6539, prior to May 16, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., as he has been authorized by Lee County to complete the salvage certificate forms and/or provide you the paperwork that would allow a legally operating salvage facility to remove the vehicles for you. There is typically little to no cost to you as the property owner for this process.

If you fail to contact the myself or Mr. Yater and do not correct the violation by the above-referenced date, your case will be turned over to the Lee County Sheriff's Department for further enforcement and it shall result in the following penalties and may ultimately require your appearance in the court of law:



A. General Penalty: Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense in a calendar year, and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each subsequent offense in a calendar year. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable hereunder as such.

B. Failure To Pay Fines, Charges And Costs: Whenever any resident of the state fails to pay any fine, charge, or cost imposed for a violation of this chapter, the circuit clerk may notify the secretary of state, on a report prescribed by the secretary, and the secretary shall prohibit the renewal, reissue, or reinstatement of the resident's driving privileges until the fine, charge, or cost has been paid in full. The circuit clerk shall provide notice to the driver, at the driver's last known address as shown on the court's records, stating that the action will be effective on the forty-sixth (46th) day following the date of the above notice if payment is not received in full by the court of venue.

Notice by: _____
Alice Henkel, Zoning Administrator

Date of Notice: _____

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