



County Services Committee Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Tuesday, June 11, 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

Jack Skrogstad, Dean Freil, and Reed Akre attended in person. Keane Hudson was appointed to the committee by the Chair to satisfy quorum. Katie White, Ron Gascoigne, and Ali Huss were absent.

Also present: Tom Kitson, Mike Koppien, 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), Greg Gates (LOTS), Alice Henkel (Zoning Administrator), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

III. Public Attendees

Loret Newlin from the Illinois Separation Referendum Group attended the meeting via Zoom to encourage Lee County to put a referendum on the ballot to explore the idea of separating the State of Illinois from Cook County.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (May 14, 2024)

Minutes from the May 14, 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 June County Board agenda packet. Dave mentioned the following two (2) items during the meeting that were not included in the report:

- He had looked through the budget mid-year to assess where his department was financially and found that everything was tracking according to budget.
- On May 1st the Maintenance Crew had started working four ten-hour days, Monday through Thursday. This will run through September 30th. This concept was agreed upon during the union negotiations.

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 June County Board agenda packet. As a follow up to her report, Jennifer reported that the individual offered the job in her office had accepted the position and was scheduled to start August 5th.

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 June County Board agenda packet.

VII. County Board

Jeremy Englund reported that the Broadband Breakthrough project was beginning to wrap up. The surveys were in, and the results were back. Next the group will be setting up their action plan to move forward. He also reported that the transition of LOTS and the RMTD from the County would be official on July 28, 2024.

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 June County Board agenda packet.

IX. IT Department (Information Technology)

A. *Monthly Report*

Paul Gorski was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report from the IT Department. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the June 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 June County Board agenda packet.

XI. 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 June 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 will be attached to the minutes and included in the June County Board agenda packet.

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

1. Petition No. 24-P-1627 by Ag View FS, Inc.

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

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

1. Petition No. 24-P-1626, by Michael Doughty and Tammy Doughty.

Motion to move Petition 24-P-1626 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the June County Board Agenda. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Reed Akre. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

E. *Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission - 1 Petition*

1. Petition No. 24-PC-76 by Lee County Zoning Office.

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

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 9:41 a.m. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Keane Hudson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

Lee County Highway Department
Report to the County Services Committee – JUNE 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 – *Not started*
- Chicago Road from Village of Paw Paw East to Dekalb County Line HMA – *Not Started*
- Pipeline Road Bridge (Bradford Twp.) – *Waiting on Contract*
- 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.

Board Action Items:

- None

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
June 11, 2024 – County Services Committee

- ❖ As everyone is aware, tax bills were mailed out earlier this month. That has consumed most of our time this month.
- ❖ We have conducted interviews and have identify qualified candidates for our open full-time clerical position. We have made an offer to a candidate and, at the time of this submission, the candidate is reviewing the offer and plans on responding on Monday, June 10th.
- ❖ Board of Review is scheduled to convene this Thursday June 13, 2024 and Farmland Assessment Review Committee will also have their annual meeting on June 13th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Boyd, CIAO
Chief County Assessment Officer/GIS Supervisor



Monthly GIS Department Report
June 7, 2024

The GIS Department continued to work on:

- Processing parcel splits and combination requests for April 2024.
- Maintaining and updating land use, zoning, and other GIS layers.
- Updating the 911 and NG911 GIS layers and uploading the data to public safety mapping platforms.
- Attending the broadband breakthrough meetings and examining the project data.
- Creating web applications for field inspection photos.
- Deploying a data collection solution to improve accuracy and increase productivity in the field.
- Deploying a parcel drafter solution to increase efficiency in parcel creation and editing.

The GIS/assessment office met with Esri to discuss possible future collaboration opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sami Elarifi
GIS Coordinator



COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
REPORT FOR JUNE COMMITTEE MEETING

Economic Interest Forms went in the mail on Tuesday February the 6th.

The deadline is May 1st to have them filed.

My office mailed out 624 forms and have approximately 3 left outstanding.

Have one new hire in my Vital Records Department, my employee of 6 months took a better paying job with the State. I still have one open position and have not been able to hire anyone because of the scale of pay the county pays.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Petersen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nancy Petersen
Lee County Clerk & Recorder



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

June 10, 2024

IT Board Report – June 2024

1. I will be submitting a capital request as part of the upcoming budget cycle for additional file storage for the SAO. I've mentioned this possibility in my recent reports. We're likely opting for an on premise solution, rather than cloud solution for this storage.

2. I am preparing my budget for the upcoming year. I expect increases for Microsoft licensing, server expansion and battery backup systems.

3. Current IT projects include:

- Old Courts/New Courts – Migrating data to newer servers. Ongoing.
- LEC – Deploying some laptops, installing FAX line, miscellaneous software upgrades
- New Courts – Continuing to deploy new computers
- New Courts - Coordinating IT upgrades to 4th floor court room build out with Courts staff, SAO and Maintenance.

4. Upcoming projects include:

- New Courts – Probation department getting new computers late July, early August
- LEC – Troubleshoot and Install 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
IT Director
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Report to County Services Committee of Lee County Board
June 11, 2024 | 9:00 AM

1) ROLLING THREE MONTHS OF RIDERSHIP DATA (March 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024)

	March, 2024	April, 2024	May, 2024	Total for Period
RIDES	7,149	9,063	8,443	24,655
SERVICE HOURS	2,276	2,866	2,591	7,733
MILES OF SERVICE	63,307	78,669	71,533	213,509
FUEL COST	\$23,799.59	\$21,256.77	\$22,266.51	\$67,322.87

2) DEVELOPMENTS

a) Reagan Mass Transit District

- i) Closing on the transfer of assets between Lee County and Reagan Mass Transit District (RMTD) will take place on Friday, June 28, 2024. RMTD will be live as of July 1, 2024.
- ii) LOTS/RMTD Staff are currently working through existing agreements with vendors and completing paperwork to establish RMTD as a new local government entity.
- 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) Bidding Opportunities

- i) A bidding opportunity, Request for Proposals (RFP), for Information Technology Services (IT) has been released to the public, with the due date for submission being June 17, 2024 by 4:00PM Central Time.
 - (1) The IT firm chosen will have a three (3) year contract with two (2) additional one-year options.
- ii) Final draft of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Auditing Services is being finalized by LOTS administration and will be published within the next week. The intent is to receive responses to the RFP back within 15 days of the published date.
 - (1) This will be a three (3) year contract with two (2) additional one-year options for the awarded Auditing Firm.
- iii) In the drafting stages is a Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure Marketing Services for Reagan Mass Transit District. Similarly, this will be a contract opportunity for up to five (5) years.
- 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 public transportation services in rural (western side) Winnebago County.
- ii) The contractual budget proposed by IDOT for this new 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) 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.
 - ii) LOTS is awaiting word back from IDOT/State Planning and Research on whether its hydrogen proposal will be awarded funding.
- g) **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 publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a university partner to assist with SPR grant activities.
- h) **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.
- 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 LOTS 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 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

June 2024

School Construction Season

As you drive around the counties this summer, I am sure you will see several construction projects happening with our school districts. Summer is the ideal time for schools to get needed repairs taken care of when students and staff are not in the building as much. Whenever a district plans a project that will cost more than \$50,000 dollars or involves moving walls, new electrical or plumbing work, then the district has to submit a building permit with our office. Josh and I then go over the permit and plans and if everything is in order, we issue a building permit to the district. We then stay in touch with the district while the work is being completed. At the end of the job, the district submits an occupancy permit with us and we go out and inspect the job to make sure it is complete. If everything is complete then we issue an occupancy permit so students and staff can return to the area that was worked on. It is amazing to see all the work that gets accomplished every summer and Josh and I really enjoy getting to be a part of it.

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

- June 1 begins summer professional learning! A full schedule of Professional Learning is available on our website: www.roe47.org
- Congratulations to our 2024 Marigold Ward winner, Mrs. Stacy Germann from Fulton Elementary School. Stacy received a basket of marigolds, a book, a certificate and copy of their nomination letter, and a \$100 Amazon gift card to build her classroom library. 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. **This year, we recognize 39 nominees in our Whiteside county schools.**
- ROE 47, Whiteside Area Career Center, Rock Falls High School, and the Sauk Valley Chamber partnered to host a Manufacturing Signing Day at RFHS and WACC on Friday, May 17th
- The Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services has submitted 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.
- 13 trauma/social emotional learning trainings have been hosted for educators and front line staff workers from community organizations and agencies.
- A student summit was hosted with over 127 participants from Lee, Ogle & Whiteside counties.
- 22 schools have completed the TRS-IA.
- 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.

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

- To date, ROE 47 has 138 partners on its IRIS referral platform. There have been 2578 referrals and 1459 families served.
- Over 5,000 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.
- Educator and families needs assessment surveys were conducted with results analyzed by the Community Partnership Advisory group.
- 5,000 trauma awareness and resource directory fliers have been disseminated to areas schools, businesses, and agencies.
- 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
- Parent Cafes 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.
 - 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>
 - EC staff hosted their first monthly developmental screening May 2nd.

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!

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Upcoming Events

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.

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #47
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A Project of the Sauk Valley STARS Early Childhood Coalition.

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


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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
1512 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

Scan to Register 

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Trauma Training

The Knowledge Center at Chadlock

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REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION 47 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.

SCAN TO REGISTER



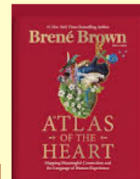
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Atlas of the Heart by Brene Brown

ROE 47
SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Book can be purchased on [Amazon](#)



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.

Registration from 8:00-8:30

**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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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 *RI 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

ILLINOIS ELEVATING SPECIAL EDUCATORS NETWORK PRESENTS:



Lani Lawson's

Teach - Train - Thrive

Questions? Please contact:
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 maspengren@iesenetwork.org

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 Treat
 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
 Big Deeper
 Ditch and Switch
 Build Better Gifs
 Supporting Students

 6 JUNE In Macomb Spoon River College Outreach Center 2500 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 7601 N. Orange Prairie Road, Peoria 8:30AM - 3:30PM *REGISTRATION @ 8:00AM 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



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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

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

Register Online



ROE47.org



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

ROE #47

2214 E. 4th St. | Suite B | Sterling, IL

\$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.

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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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 | \$80 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 SONDGEROTH
ltc.site/bans




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

SCAN ME! 

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](#)

JUNE		
6/3/2024 - 6/28/2024	Summer Book Study - Atlas Of The Heart By Brene Brown	Online (Google Classroom & Zoom)
6/3/2024 - 6/28/2024	Summer Book Study - Engage Every Family	Online (Google Classroom & Zoom)
6/5/2024	Supporting New Teachers Through High Quality Induction & Mentoring Programs	ROE #47 (In-person)
6/6/2024	Bring 3D Printing Into Your Classrooms!	ROE #47 (In-person)
6/6/2024	Youth Mental Health First Aid	SVCC (In-person)
6/11/2024	Lani Lawson's Teach, Train, Thrive - Part 1	SVCC (In-person)
6/12, 6/19 & 6/26/2024	Induction And Mentor Training For Teachers	ROE #47 (In-person)
6/12 & 6/13/2024	Universal Design For Learning (UDL) Series	SVCC (In-person)
6/17 - 6/20/2024	Trauma Training	SVCC (In-person)
6/25/2024	Lani Lawson's Teach, Train, Thrive - Part 2	Peoria, IL
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 Pathways</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/23/2024	<u>Developing A School Wide Trauma Responsive Action Plan</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/23/2024	<u>Career Exploration At All Levels - Pathways</u>	SVCC (In-person)
7/25/2024	<u>Youth Mental Health First Aid</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/29/2024	<u>New Administrator Orientation</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/30/2024	<u>Xello Training #1 - Training Beyond The Basics</u>	Online (Zoom)
7/30/2024	<u>Reading Interventions</u>	SVCC (In-person)
7/31/2024	<u>Workplace Wednesday Supersize</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
7/31/2024	<u>Math Interventions</u>	SVCC (In-person)
AUGUST		
8/1/2024	<u>Xello Training #2</u>	Online (Zoom)

8/6/2024	<u>New Teacher Orientation</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
8/7/2024	<u>EdTech Summit</u>	SVCC (In-person)

May 2024 Participants - 144

Wednesday, May 1
 Illinois Performance Evaluation Retraining: Student Growth @ 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 2
 Superintendents Networking Session @ ROE #47

Friday, May 3
 Trauma-Informed Community Planning Networking Session @ SVCC

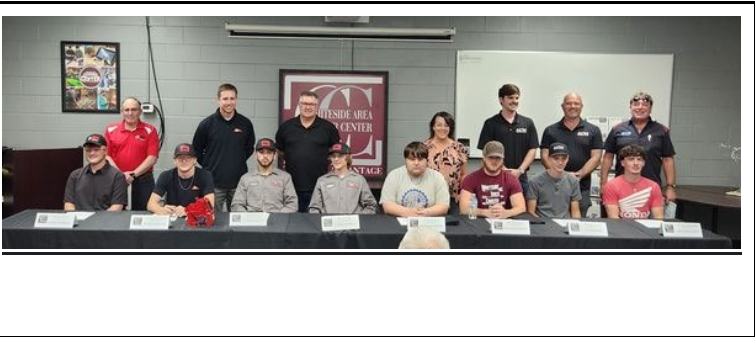
Tuesday, May 7
 Developing Leadership in Special Education (Year One) @ SVCC
 LETRS Cohort @ ROE #47
 LETRS Training @ 3:30 p.m.
 New Teacher Cadre @ 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8
 Teacher Evaluation Recertification @ ROE #47

Wednesday, May 15
 Principal Evaluator Competency Skill Building for Pre-Qualified Principal Evaluators @ 8:30 a.m.
 Empowered Educators Series @ 3:30 pm

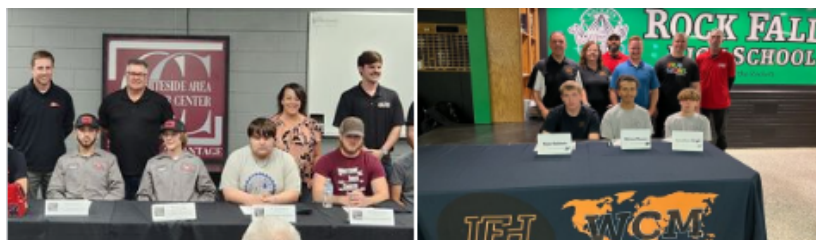
Tuesday, May 28
 DIAL 4 Training @ Stepping Stones Preschool, Rochelle

May 2024 in Photos:





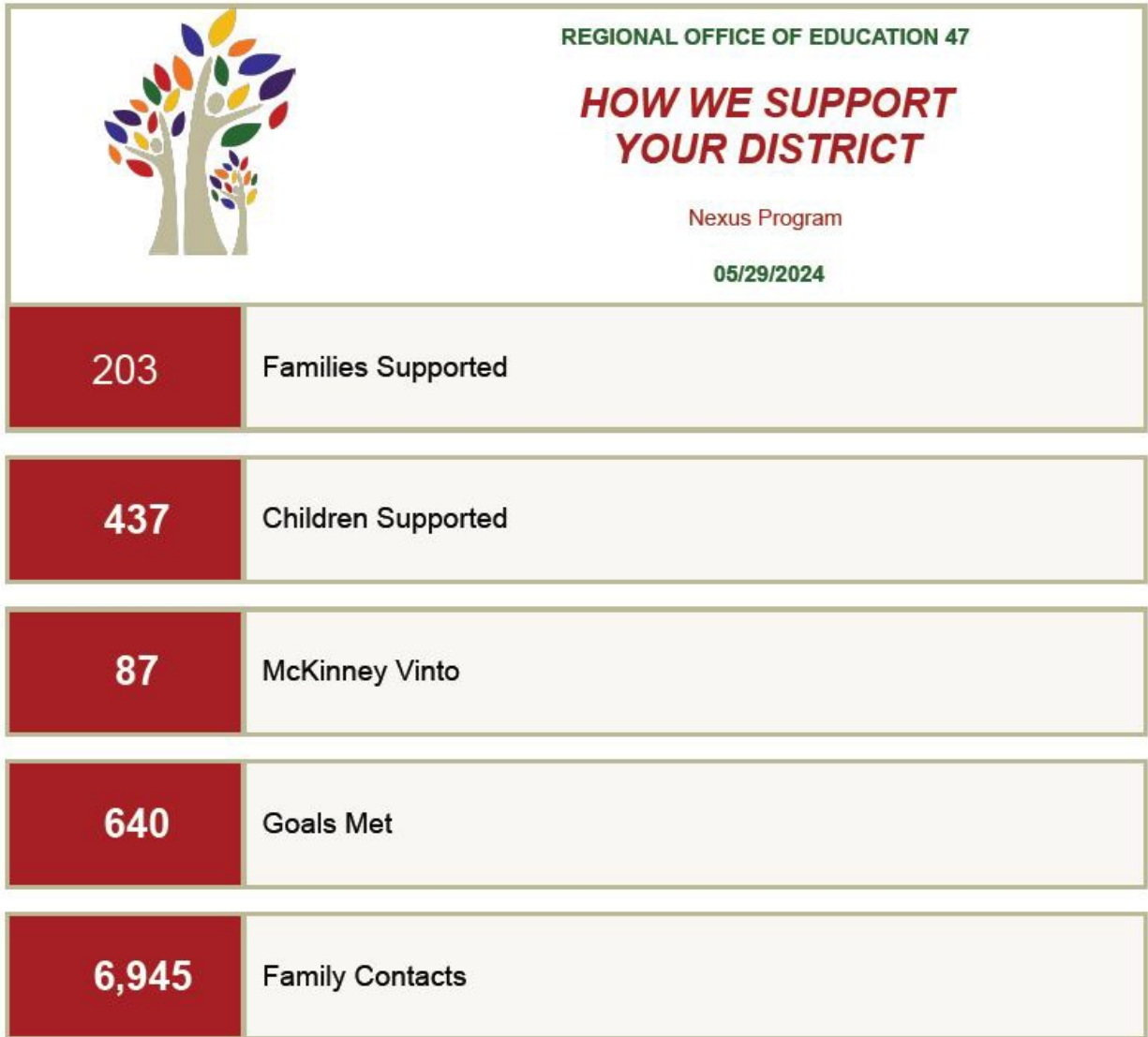
In the News...



Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

May 20 at 6:01 PM · 🌐

Signing Day 2024! Friday May 17th was an incredible example of Community Collaboration; bringing education and business together to celebrate local students entering the local workforce after graduation. These students have all chosen the manufacturing career pathway and we are so proud of them for their incredible work ethic. Thank you to Whiteside Area Career Center, [Regional Office of Education #47](#), Rock Falls High School, and our local employers who are investing students locally! Workforce development and continuing to bridge education and students with business and employers is a key priority for the SVACC as we are committed to supporting our local students and employers!





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HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR DISTRICT

Attendance Program

05/29/2024

364

Families Supported

414

Children Supported

27

McKinney Vinto

211

Goals Met

4,471

Family Contacts

Parents as Teachers First Years

On May 7th, Lois Meisenheimer, the program coordinator, presented at the Partner Plan Act Conference. This year's virtual conference had over 600 attendees. The theme of the conference was EQUITY FROM THE START: STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE. This conference was put on by Illinois Action for Children and focused on community systems building. The presentation was on *Collaborative Excellence - Statewide Partnerships* and was a panel presentation with Lois Meisenheimer representing the regional early childhood coalition (Sauk Valley STARS) and Abby Hoskins, the Region 47 Birth to Five Illinois Regional Manager. Also on the panel were Birth to Five Illinois Regional Managers from DeKalb and Rock Island regions and the Early Childhood collaboration president from Rock Island. We had around 180 attendees at our session. It was a great opportunity to represent the excellent collaboration work that is happening in the northwest region of our state – the only areas to have these types of partnerships with Birth to Five Illinois!

Education Outreach Program

The Education Outreach Program is busy preparing for our Graduation Ceremony and presenting our 13-15 students with their Illinois High School Diploma. Many of our students have experienced struggles in their youth and into adulthood. This milestone is a win that could carry them to a new chapter that is very much needed in order to truly feel success.

EOP would like to recognize **3 new graduates** for earning their Illinois High School Diploma in May! Congratulations Haleigh, Jaydn and Adrian in completing your testing and State Requirements. We have 2 more students working hard to earn their diploma to make our Graduation ceremony on June 7th!

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.

Regional Center for Change

We have wrapped up another great year at C4C. Our graduation ceremony was held on May 28th. This year, 11 students successfully completed the 8th-grade requirements, and 16 students graduated from high school, tying our record from last year!

Way to go, students. You did it!!! The Center for Change is not just a school; we are a family. Many of our students are not just surviving; they are thriving. That said, our top priority is to offer hope to our students. Hope for a future, hope that they can change! We try to show them that whatever brought them to our school is not a chain holding them down but fuel to fire a change! In recovery, we often say, "How do I know if I hit bottom?" well, "You put the shovel down." Our graduates are a clear example of how they put the shovel down and climbed into a bright future. Our school is a lighthouse for all of our students.

One of the number one characteristics future employers look for is attendance and showing up. We believe in the importance of attendance at C4C. Yes, unlike other schools, we make a personal phone call each and every day when a student is not present. Aubrey Schaeffer was our Perfect Attendance certificate recipient at Graduation.

We are the Center for Change, Not the Center for Staying the Same! Four students were nominated this year for Student of the Year! The Student of the Year award is dedicated to acknowledging students who exemplify the three core tenets of our mission statement: hope for a future, self-confidence now, and resiliency. We believe that these qualities are not only essential for personal growth but also crucial for creating a positive impact on our community.

Student of the Year recipients

Matthew Comito - Eastland High School

Gabby Gonzalez - Rock Falls High School

8th Grade Graduates

Emily Brown - Reagan Middle School

Jazmyn Dawson - Oregon Junior Senior High School

Giselle Heggelund - Oregon Junior Senior High School

Zaiden Johnson - Rock Falls Middle School

Raven Kramer - Morrison Junior High School

Ginger Lahey - Rock Falls Middle School

Alejandro Lopez - Challand Middle School
Diontae McCall - Challand Middle School
Mateo McNiece - Challand Middle School
Garrett O'Rourke - Reagan Middle School
Devin Peppers - Rock Falls Middle School

12th Grade Graduates

Brayden Booker - Byron High School
McKenley Lawler - Dixon High School
Emily McClain - Amboy High School
Jenna Bridgeman - Fulton High School
Matthew Comito - Eastland High School
Caydence Ross - Ashton Franklin Center High School
Owen Stephenson - Morrison High School
Savannah Karrow - Rock Falls High School
Griffin McAlister - Dixon High School
Madie Penaflor - Sterling High School
Madison Rockwood - Dixon High School
Kiara Storball - Dixon High School
Rylee Ware - Oregon Junior Senior High School
Madison Wittenauer - Amboy High School
Carter Fagan - Dixon High School
Adrienne Rigger - Dixon High School









MONTHLY ZONING AND PLANNING REPORT

June 11, 2024 – County Services Committee

ACTIONS COMING FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. 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 GOING TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Petition No. 24-P-1627 by Ag View FS, Inc., regarding PIN 03-04-24-300-006. The parcel is zoned Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District and is located in Ashton Township. Petitioner is seeking a Map Amendment to the I-2 District for the purpose of warehousing, cold storage and equipment maintenance.

ACTIONS COMING FROM 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.

ACTIONS GOING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION - None

OTHER ACTIONS FROM THE ZONING OFFICE

Last month, the Zoning Office issued building permits for the Crawford Solar 1, LLC project and the Crawford Solar 1A, LLC project. These projects will be co-located and will each generate two (2) megawatts, for a total of four (4) megawatts. These projects will be constructed on Red Brick Road, adjacent to the existing Duke Energy Station. Building permits fees in the amount of \$40,157.60 were collected for these projects.

The Zoning Office continues to work to educate the public on the existing Flood Plain Ordinance. Deputy Zoning Administrator and Certified Floodplain Manager Laura Mangrum provided an educational presentation to the Dixon Rotary Club and a local real estate office. This month she will be presenting to Nelson Township and another local real estate office.

During the last week of June, Laura and I will be attending separate conferences to further our education. I will be attending the ACP Recharge Energy Storage Summit in Portland, Oregon to learn more about Battery



Energy Storage Systems. Laura will be at the Association of State Floodplain Management National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Laura earned a full scholarship to cover all expenses related to this conference. She will be learning about mitigation grants, how to empower communities and will be taking miscellaneous classes related to floodplain management. The Zoning Office will remain open during this time with the assistance of County Administrator Jeremy Englund. Laura and I will also be checking emails and assisting with processes remotely.

During the month of May 2024, the Zoning Office processed forty-three (43) building permits. Permit fees in the amount of \$50,772.00 were collected.