

CONNECTION

WOODSTOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and INDUSTRY

ESC! TECHNOLOGIES EMBRACES WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY

ESC! Technologies Group recently opened their new office at 138 Cass Street on the Historic Woodstock Square.



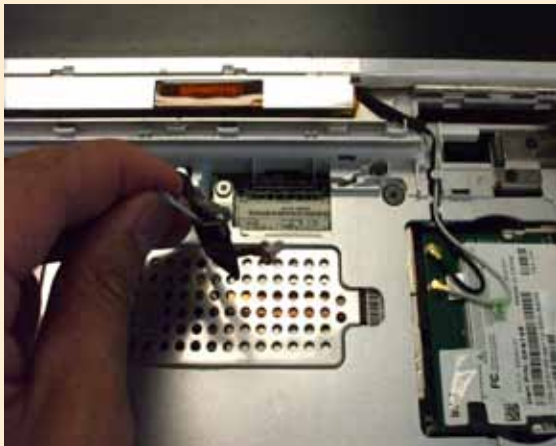
Established in January 2010, ESC! Technologies Group was founded upon owner Mike Potter's 20 years professional experience providing computer support services to small offices. And with business growing in recent months, Mike found himself looking for a location where he could better host client meetings, provide a small conference and training room, offer a secured area dedicated to hardware repairs, as well as room to grow as the company prepares to launch several exciting new projects and services Mike has planned for the coming year.



"After searching the surrounding areas, I'm thrilled to have found our new home in Woodstock," Mike says. "I've always loved the Square, so it's incredible to now find myself part of this historic community."

Along with their move, ESC! Technologies Group is also a proud new member of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"With many of my clients located in the Woodstock area – and now as a member of the local business community myself," Mike adds, "I felt it important to show a commitment to both my customers and to the community of Woodstock by joining the Woodstock Chamber."



Some of ESC! Technologies Group's services include: desktop and notebook repairs; new office setup and re-location; Windows, Mac and Linux solutions; networking; backup strategies; and website development.

Priding himself on bringing fast, friendly, computer service and support to his clients, Mike says: "If you're a small business and would like to discuss your technology needs – whether it's your computers, networking, software, or even a website – give me a call and let me know how I can help."

For more information, call Mike Potter of ESC! Technologies Group at (847) 802-9372 or visit www.esctechnologiesgroup.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY '11

- 7/13 Lunch & Learn
"Retirement Plans for Small Business: Which Option is Right for Me?"
Golden Eagle Community Bank. Lunch Provided
- 7/17 Gary Lang Classic Car Show
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 7/17 26th Annual Woodstock Folk Festival
On the Square
12:30 - 6:00 pm
- 7/25 Adult & Child Therapy Services Annual Golf Outing and Dinner - Bull Valley Golf Club

AUGUST '11

- 8/3 - 8/7 McHenry County Fair
Woodstock Fairgrounds
- 8/3 McHenry County Children's Health & Safety Fair - McHenry County College
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 8/3 - 8/18 Woodstock Mozart Festival - To be three consecutive weekends beginning 8/3
- 8/10 Hearthstone-Centegra Senior Fair
McHenry County College
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 8/20 Kroozers Cars for Kids
On the Square
5:00 - 9:00 pm
- 8/29 Home of the Sparrow Annual Homeless Women and Children Charity Golf Outing - Bull Valley Golf Club

THE STATE OF THE CITY

by Shari Gray, Executive Director

On Thursday, June 23rd, the Woodstock Chamber hosted the annual State of the City luncheon held at Bull Valley Golf Club. This annual event typically attracts a lot of attention from our members and this year was no different as was evident from the 80+ attendees.

Mayor Brian Sager and City Manager Tim Clifton echoed the importance of partnerships and the continued focus of working together as a community. Mayor Sager indicated that in these challenging economic times, the City was doing its part in being fiscally responsible and has been able to present a balanced budget for 2011-2012. No small feat when you consider that the City receives revenue from the State which has been pretty much non-existent and the City was able to pare down its operating budget by about \$11 million from where it was in 2008. The City should be commended for their efforts and diligence in presenting a balanced budget.

City Manager Clifton compared the city to a major league baseball team, with multiple components working together to deliver an overall championship-contending product. In that metaphor, Clifton referred to the upcoming opening of the Kohl's store in Woodstock as a "homerun" for the city. The proposed store is estimated to be 64,000-square-feet and will employ 110 to 130 full- and part-time employees.

There is a great deal of effort that goes into securing a business of this size and the City should be commended on bringing this vital business to Woodstock. With the addition of Kohl's to our City it solidifies the need to keep our tax dollars here instead of adding to the coffers of the surrounding towns and opens up new employment opportunities for residents as well. It seems logical that other businesses will follow and that will only strengthen the commerce for Woodstock.

The Woodstock Chamber recognizes the need to partner and solidify its standing within the business community. We are pleased to recognize the renewal of our Chairman's Club members, Claussen Pickle/Kraft Foods, Mercy Health System and Centegra Health System. Their support and continued partnership with the Chamber is something which we are extremely proud of and speaks volumes of where we are as an organization and where we are headed. With the support of these three major businesses we are able to continue to focus on improving and adding to the programs and resources available to our members.

Congratulations to the City of Woodstock and to the Woodstock Chamber for a job well done!



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Woodstock Chamber of Commerce Names Shari Gray Executive Director

The Board of Directors of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry has unanimously approved the title of Executive Director for Shari Gray.

Gray had been serving as Interim Executive Director for the past 16 months. The Board strongly believed that her excellent performance during that time period warranted the removal of the word 'interim' from her title.

"This is all part of our continued progress as an organization and ongoing commitment to our members. We would like to recognize and commend Shari for the leadership skills displayed in working with the Board of Directors to enhance the opportunities available to our membership. Our focus continues to be on providing activities not only to promote your business, but to grow relationships and strengthen the Woodstock business community" stated Todd Kinker, Board President.

Gray has been with the Chamber for the past eight years; she was originally hired as the Assistant Executive Director in January, 2003.

MISS WOODSTOCK IS CROWNED!

by Rikki Lee Travolta, Communications Coordinator

At a ceremony held at Woodstock North High School on Wednesday, June 1, the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Industry crowned the 2011 Miss Woodstock: Olivia Morrissey.



Morrissey is the oldest of two children, a graduate of Marian Central High School, and is a journalism major at Marquette University.

Morrissey's school activities include serving as a reporter for the campus newspaper, the Marquette Tribune, her residence hall's hall council, and as a student ambassador for Marquette basketball games. At Halloween, she took underprivileged kids trick-or-treating at the college's residence halls.

Clare Dhom won the titles of Miss Congeniality and Second Runner-up, and also won the pageant's talent competition.

Katelyn Frisby won the distinction of First Runner-up.

Emily Polster won the title of Miss Photogenic.

Morrissey and her court emerged victorious from a field of 13 beautiful contestants that also included Michelle Aggacid, Kayla Alegre, Kelly Berger, Angelina Coronado, Kassie Fortin, Jessica Jandernoa, Jenna Redemske, Bethany Rosner, and Kylie Tennessen-Porter.

Each contestant was sponsored by a member business of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors included: Mercy Health System, Prudential First Realty, Offsides Sports Bar & Grill, Apple Creek Flowers, Woodstock Recreation Center, Lionheart Engineering, Nierman Landscape & Design, Woodstock Public House, Golden Eagle Community Bank, Interiors Anew, Studio 2015 Jewelers, Back On Track Chiropractic, and Land Keepers.



CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber Offers Social Networking Links

The Woodstock Chamber recognizes that there are many opportunities available to you through Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn or Blogger, to name a few. Our members now have the opportunity for their businesses to be linked directly to these social media networks which means a significant increase in exposure for your business. Send us your URL link to each of these accounts and we will get the link posted to your online business information through the Chamber's website. You can email them to chamber@woodstockilchamber.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PATRIOTIC PUB CRAWL IS GOOD FOR ALL

Adult & Child Therapy Services of Woodstock is ready to celebrate America in style! And what better way to ring in the country's birthday than a Patriotic Pub Crawl?

Saturday July 9th, ACTS will be hosting their first annual Patriotic Pub Crawl in downtown Crystal Lake. "Crawlers" will receive a t-shirt and five drink tickets good for a drink special at any of the participating bars. The McHenry-native band Heart of The Fox will be providing live music throughout the evening.

Participating bars include The Cottage, Finn McCool's Irish Pub, The Public House, Georgio's Pizza & Pub and Brink St. Bar & Grill. Registration is from 7 pm until 9 pm at The Cottage. Registration is \$25 and forms are available at Adult & Child Therapy Services, located at 708 Washington St., on the organization's Facebook event page or on their website at adultchildtherapy.org.

All of the proceeds go to Adult & Child Therapy Services which has been providing physical, occupational and speech therapy to the physically challenged and developmentally delayed of McHenry County since 1949.

You can find the Patriotic Pub Crawl registration form on Adult & Child Therapy Services' event page on Facebook at facebook.com/adultchildtherapy or at the organization's website adultchildtherapy.org. For questions or more information please call (815) 338-1707.

GARY LANG'S CLASSIC CAR SHOW – JULY 17, 2011

Gary Lang Auto Group is holding their 14th annual Classic Car Show on Sunday, July 17th. The Show will go on rain or shine from 9 am – 3 pm. Registration for entries is from 9 am – 12 pm. Star 105.5 D.J. Jeff James will be on site to provide music and entertainment all day.

All makes and models are welcome and entry into the competition is free. Dash plaques will be handed out for the first 100 cars to arrive at the event. The awards ceremony begins at 3 pm and trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the 26 categories. The categories encompass 110 years of

automotive history and include classes such as "1900-1942 Street Rods" and "MOPAR 1955-1980." The judges of



the contest will be the owners of the classic cars themselves.

Admission to the public is free and everyone is welcome. Gary Lang stated, "We want to make sure the Classic Car Show is a fantastic experience for all our customers; there will be a D.J. playing music and food vendors will be on hand. The car selection should be incredibly diverse as we have classes for everyone, starting all the way back in 1900 and moving through the present. There are classes for stock, modified, street rods, MOPAR, Corvette and many others. We hope that this will be the best Classic Car Show yet."

Gary Lang Auto Group is on Highway 31, between Crystal Lake and McHenry and has been serving McHenry County for over 28 years. <http://www.GaryLangAuto.com>.

6TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING FOR HOMELESS WOMEN & CHILDREN

On Monday August 29, 2011, Home of the Sparrow will be hosting its 6th Annual Homeless Women and Children Charity Golf Outing. The outing will be held at the exclusive Bull Valley Golf Club in Woodstock. Check-in begins at 10 am with a scramble format and a shotgun start at noon, with cocktails, silent auction and dinner to start at 5 pm. Individual Golf Package \$175, Foursome Golf Package \$660 (save \$40), Dinner Only \$40.

The golf benefit features: golf cart, box lunch, awards buffet dinner, use of driving range, contest hole prizes and an exciting auction featuring many great items such as: an autographed Fukudome Cubs jersey; Gale Sayers autographed football; newspaper press plates featuring the Chicago Bears Hester Record in Returns, Sox World Se-

ries, Blackhawks Stanley Cup and Cubs Clinching the Central Title, and much, much more!

Proceeds will benefit Home of the Sparrow, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization which provides safe and stable transitional housing and supportive services in a stimulating environment to homeless women and children. Home of the Sparrow operates shelters in McHenry and Crystal Lake along with scattered transitional apartments.

Thank you to our Sponsors (as of May 20, 2011) Premier Sponsor: Sage Products; Support Sponsors: Centegra Health System, Harris Bank ; Eagle Sponsor: Trinity Holdings; Birdie Sponsors: Intren, Inc., Crystal Lake Bank and Trust, Fuhler Properties; Sponsor: Home State Bank; Hole in One Car Sponsor: Wickstrom Ford; Media Sponsor: Northwest Herald.

Event Location Bull Valley Golf Club, 1311 Club Road, Woodstock IL

Date/Time Information Monday, August 29th 2011. Check-in starts at 10:00am, shotgun start at 12:00 pm, cocktails, silent auction and dinner at 5:00 pm

Contact Information Please contact Tammy at (815) 271-5444 x40 for registration, sponsorship information or to donate an auction item.

GOLF AND SUMMER ARE CALLING

It's that time of year again. The grass is green and freshly cut and the birds chirp a friendly invitation to come visit them on the golf course.

Adult & Child Therapy Services is hosting their Annual Golf Outing & Dinner Auction on July 25th at Bull Valley Golf Club in Woodstock. Men and women will enjoy 18 holes of golf on this award winning course, a plated dinner and a silent and live auction. Several different sponsorship opportunities are available and auction item donations are greatly appreciated.

To become a sponsor or for more information about the Annual Golf Outing & Dinner Auction please call Adult & Child Therapy Services at (815) 338-1707 or visit them online at adultchildtherapy.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN'S HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

McHenry County Children's Fair Coalition will present "Makin' a Splash" – the 21st annual Children's Health & Safety Fair on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at McHenry County College from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.



The festivities will include interactive health and safety events, door prizes, entertainment, school physicals (by appointment only – call 815-334-8987), reduced cost immunizations (Medicaid accepted), and dental exams (Medicaid accepted).

Children receiving immunizations must bring an updated shot record. For more information call (815) 334-4500.



ANNUAL DUCK RACES RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR PEDIATRIC HOSPICE PROGRAM

Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois (HPNI) will host its annual Duck Races and Pool Parties again this summer as a fun and casual way to raise awareness and funds! Members of the community of all ages are invited to join in the fun and fundraising, which will benefit the agency's pediatric hospice and palliative care program.

The free events are set for:

July 30, at Woodstock Water Works, in Woodstock, and Aug. 13, at Langendorf Park, in Barrington.

Both events take place from 4-7 p.m. and have free admission. Swimming, carnival games, DJ music, contests, and duck races down the water slides are featured. Refreshments are available from food vendors.

What is a duck race?

The HPNI duck races do not involve live ducks running down a track. At these duck races, hundreds of little plastic ducks careen down the pool's big water slides to the waiting arms of race officials who pluck the winning quacker out of the water. As a fund-raising event, participants have a chance to win prizes by "adopting" (purchasing) ducks with the hope that they win in any of the several races. The ducks are numbered and winners announced after the races.

But there's much more! Before and after the races, families of all shapes and sizes have fun swimming, playing old-fashioned carnival games, dancing to DJ music and enjoying yummy food that's available for purchase. This is a great way to enjoy summer's end while supporting a worthy cause!

Ducks are available for the following prices: One Duck is \$5; Family of six is \$25; Flock of 25 is \$100. Purchases can be made online after May 15, at www.HospiceDuckRace.com. To purchase ducks or for more information, please visit our website at www.HospiceAnswers.org.

About Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois' Pediatric Program

HPNI's children's program is the largest provider of pediatric hospice and palliative care in the State of Illinois. The program cares for medically fragile children with chronic, serious or terminal conditions. The clinical teams—physician, nurses, nursing assistants, social workers, chaplains and volunteers—are specially trained in caring for the medical, emotional and spiritual needs for the young patients and their families. Although hospice services are covered by Medicare and most insurance plans,

many of these families have maxed out on their insurance coverage by the time they need hospice care, and are unable to pay for services. Never turning a patient away for inability to pay, HPNI often provides the care for children at no cost. Last year, HPNI provided \$750,000 in care for children to families with no means to pay.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois is a not-for-profit organization serving families throughout McHenry, Lake, Northwest Cook, Kane, Boone and DuPage counties. Celebrating its 29th year of service, the agency provides comprehensive end-of-life care to nearly 1,400 patient families each year. HPNI is Medicare certified and accredited by the Joint Commission. For information, visit its web site at www.HospiceAnswers.org.

HEARTHSTONE & CENTEGRA TO CO-HOST SENIOR FAIR

Hearthstone Communities is pleased to announce that Hearthstone and Centegra Health System will co-host the Hearthstone Senior Fair. Going forward, the fair will be called the Hearthstone-Centegra Senior Fair. The fair, a McHenry County tradition, will be held on Wednesday, August 10 from 10am to 2 pm at McHenry County College. The fair is an expo of services, products, information and wellness geared toward those ages 50 and older, as well as a day of fun and entertainment. Centegra Health System, Mercy Health System, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital and other medical professionals will provide wellness information and no-cost or low-cost screenings. Additional fair activities include music by the Vito Buffalo Orchestra, free lunch (while supplies last), bingo and an expo of more than 70 businesses, government and non-profit organizations with information for seniors and their loved ones. After paying the \$1 admission, all fair activities are free. Watch for more information and discount coupons as the date gets closer.

The fair creates an opportunity for exhibitors who provide products and services for the senior population to meet face-to-face with more than 1,500 targeted consumers in one day. Booth space starts at \$275. For more details, contact Deb Rabine at 815-321-4039.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT SEMINAR

- * McHenry County Assessor, Bob Ross, will give an overview of the assessment process.
- * Trained REALTORS will be on hand to give an “approximate value range” of your home, including comparable properties
- * Hear about the assessment appeal process and the “Board of Review”
- * Find out the best approach for a discussion about your property assessment

Three dates to choose from:

Aug. 29, Sept. 15, or Sept. 29

5:15 pm – Registration begins

6:00 - 6:30 pm – Presentations

6:30 - 8:00 pm – Property evaluations

(20 minute appointments at 6:30, 6:50, 7:10 & 7:30 for the first 25 attendees on a first-come first-served basis. Attendees MUST bring their property tax ID cards)

Reserve your seat today by calling (815) 459-0600

Seating is limited to the first 60 RSVPs to arrive before 5:45 PM. At 5:45 the remaining seating will be opened to walk-ins on a first-come first-served basis

McHenry County Association of REALTORS

405 E. Congress Parkway, Suite B
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

WOODSTOCK GRADS AWARDED AP DIPLOMAS

Seventeen members of the Class of 2011 from Woodstock High School and Woodstock North earned special recognition at their schools' graduation ceremonies for their outstanding achievement in the Advanced Placement (AP) program. AP Diplomas were awarded to ten WHS seniors and seven WNHS seniors for taking five or more AP tests and for earning a B- or above in five or more AP classes.

The Woodstock High School students who earned AP Diplomas were Kayla Beattie, Elvira Botello, Rebecca Clow, Forrest Harvey, Jessica Janderoa, Jon-

athan Larson, Benjamin Lopatin, Grace Papadopoulos, Grant Schleich and John Sullivan.

Ashley Albertz, Christina Bravos, Bincy Varghese, Mary Kelley, Alex Petersen, Alyssa Smith and Lauren Thompson earned AP Diplomas from Woodstock North.

This year Woodstock North will offer 14 different AP classes for students to take, and Woodstock High School will offer 15. The college-level courses prepare students for the AP tests on which students may earn college credit if their scores are high enough.

Last May, a total of 204 students from WHS and WNHS took at least one AP test. The total number of tests taken was 337.

At a cost of \$87 per test, taking multiple tests can be a financial challenge for some students' families. Woodstock High School would like to thank two local businesses - Centegra Health System and Other World Computing - for helping to sponsor four of the exams. Their combined contribution of \$4,884 helped to offset the cost of 66 tests.

A NEW WEBSITE FOR A NEW NAME

Adult & Child Therapy Services has a new website to match their new name.

Adult & Child Therapy Services, formerly Adult & Child Rehab Center, officially changed their name in October of this year. The new website features information on the name change and facility history, their staff, their services and events. Including multiple videos, Pay Pal and credit card options for

making donations directly online, this website is ready to serve the needs of McHenry County residents.

Whether clients and community members are interested in volunteering for Adult & Child Therapy's upcoming events, would like to make a donation, or would just like to know more about who ACTS is and what they do, log onto adultchildtherapy.org.

Cindi Carrigan of Carrigan Design created and designed the center's colorful, new online look. Adult & Child Therapy would like to thank her for her creativity, craftsmanship and design.

For more information or to make a contribution, call Adult & Child Therapy Services at (815) 338-1707 or visit adultchildtherapy.org.

2011 TAX STIMULUS HELPS BUSINESS OWNERS

The 2011 Tax Stimulus Package provides significant tax benefits to business owners. New for 2011, if you purchase an eligible vehicle, the available benefits in the first year may include:

Up to a 100% Purchase Price Deduction, or Partial Purchase Price Deduction, followed by a 100% Depreciation Deduction.

Right now, Gary Lang Auto Group can offer business owners a \$500 Lowes gift card with their purchase, as well as current factory incentives.

“We have a huge selection of commercial and fleet vehicles for customers to choose from to take advantage of these offers,” stated Jeff Lang, Commercial Truck Sales Manager, “Of course, you will need to check with your tax advisor to make sure you qualify.”

Gary Lang Auto Group is on Highway 31, between Crystal Lake and McHenry and has been serving McHenry County for over 28 years. The dealership group carries several makes, including Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Cadillac, Kia, Mitsubishi and Subaru. Website: <http://www.GaryLangAuto.com>.



MERCY NOW OFFERS WOMEN STATE-OF-THE-ART BREAST CANCER DETECTION TECHNOLOGY

Early detection is the single most effective way to beat breast cancer

When breast cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is an amazing 96%! To give patients every possible advantage in early detection, Mercy Health System now offers advanced full-field digital mammography (FFDM) with computer-aided detection (CAD) software.

This new technology is offered at Mercy Harvard Hospital, Mercy McHenry Medical Center, Mercy Walworth Hospital and Medical Center in Lake Geneva, and Mercy Woodstock Medical Center.

Compared to traditional film mammography, FFDM with CAD offers many advantages:

It improves detection of breast cancer in women under 50, pre- and peri-menopausal women, and those with dense breasts.

Radiologists can easily manipulate the high-resolution images to adjust brightness and contrast or zoom in on areas of concern.

Digital images are stored, retrieved and sent electronically, making it faster to facilitate consultations with other mammography specialists for prompt diagnosis and the best possible treatment for our patients.

CAD acts like a second set of eyes, directing the radiologist to take a closer look at specific areas of interest in the mammogram.

Studies have shown that 23% of women diagnosed with breast cancer could have had their cancers discovered earlier with CAD.

Early detection is the single most effective way to beat breast cancer—the earlier the better! Mercy Health System is pleased to offer full-field digital mammography to its patients.

C.ROMANO PHOTOGRAPHY WINS BIG AT INTERNATIONAL JUDGING

Cindy Romano of C. Romano Photography finished her Master Artist Degree earlier this year, in part as a result of high placement in the 2011 International Judging.

Photographers from around the world, including Romano, entered their images through the Professional Photographer of America Association for June judging in Atlanta, GA.

Romano's award-winning images include: "Twilight" in the Electronic Image category (Merit & Loan awards), "Wild Thing" in the Electronic Image category (Merit award), "My Little Milk Weed" in the Electronic Print category (Merit award), "Sittin Pretty" in the Open Portrait category (Merit award), and "Rose Marie" in the Open Portrait category (Merit award).



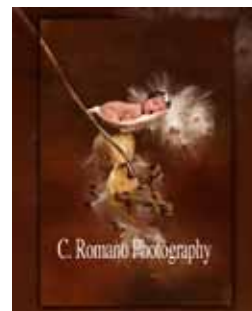
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Wild Thing



Rose Marie



My Little Milk Weed

Visit www.cromanophotography.com

ATTENDEES GET COZY TO SUPPORT PIONEER CENTER, RAISE OVER \$114,000!

Moonlight & Music, Pioneer Center for Human Services premier social event of the season, moved their festivities indoors at Bull Valley Golf Club as the threat of rain persisted through the evening on Friday, June 10. Originally intended as an outdoor concert on the

beautiful grounds of the golf club, over 220 event-goers graciously traded their lawn chairs for banquet chairs as they got cozy with one another for an event that was destined to leave an imprint on the attendees.

The band, Incendio, received rave reviews by all. A Latin guitar world fusion group, Incendio traveled from California to make their only Chicagoland appearance this season in support of the human services agency.

The highlight of the event came mid-way through the evening during the mission-moment video presentation created by RFP Photography, Inc. This powerful video captured the essence of what Pioneer Center does and the impact the organization has on the community. Following came a gift box raffle for a Hearts on Fire diamond pendant donated by Steffan's Jewelers of McHenry with Rosemary Blazier becoming the lucky winner. The evening continued on with a short live auction and fund in need appeal. The fund in need alone raised over \$20,000. The icing on the cake, though, came when a check was presented to Lorraine Kopczynski, President/CEO of Pioneer Center and the Women's Auxiliary, for \$50,000 from Kym Foglia.

"As a member of this community, I feel everyone needs to do their part to care for our vulnerable citizens. Lorraine and her team, the staff at Pioneer Center, and the volunteers continue to sustain the Pioneer Center programs. It gives me great pleasure to give to this mission," said Kym Foglia.



Members of the Pioneer Center Women's Auxiliary and Leadership Team pose for a photograph during the event.

Back row: Jeff Kurth, Sandra Salgado, Christin Kruse, Lorraine Kopczynski, Ruth Drye, Siobhan Cottone, Barb Swanson, Lynn Kasicki and Vinnie Foglia. Front row: Suzanne Cannon, Ellen Ebann, Erin Kelly, Lisa Menner, Karen Wallen, Joy Little, Joy Prisching, Laurie Bivona, Rosi Allan and Barb Gilleland

Photo by RFP Photography, Inc.

All in all, the event was an amazing success, raising over \$114,000 for the programs and services of Pioneer Center—a record amount for the organization. The credit for the amazing evening lies with the organization's newly established Women's Auxiliary. The auxiliary began in January with the sole purpose of helping to raise awareness and funds for the human services agency which features several distinct programs including McHenry County PADS, Youth Service Bureau, Autism Services, Developmental Disabilities, Mental Illness, Traumatic Brain Injury and VOICE Sexual Assault.

"This event would not have been possible had these dedicated women not come together and worked as hard as they did for the clients of Pioneer Center," said Christin Kruse, Vice President of Funding Development for Pioneer Center.

"Our success is a testimony to the care, compassion and support of our supporters... they love our clients and believe in our programs".

Pioneer Center, a non-profit organization located in McHenry, is dedicated to providing services to over 2,500 individuals annually and educating an additional 10,000 individuals. To learn more about Pioneer Center, visit pioneercenter.org or call 815.344.1230.

This event was graciously brought to you by Sage Products, Inc. and Mid-American Group, Inc. with additional sponsorship provided by Bulk Lift International, Inc.; Steffan's Jewelers; McHenry County Living; RFP Photography, Inc.; CL Graphics; MISL Transport, Inc.; Donald E. Lewis Family Fund; First Midwest Bank; Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital; Mercy Health System; Stan's Office Technologies; Chas. Herdrich & Son, Inc.; Wells Fargo; Huemann Water Conditioning; Metroplex, Inc.; Home State Bank; Buss Lincoln Mercury Ford Sales; McHenry County Orthopaedics; Stassen Insurance Agency, Inc.; Militello & Associates; Dura Wax Co.; KRW Insurance Agency, Inc.; Bjorkman's Ace Hardware Inc. and Peter Baker & Son Co.

CLINIC CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

In 2011, the Family Health Partnership Clinic will be celebrating its 15th year of serving the uninsured and underinsured residents of McHenry County. The Clinic opened in 1996 in Harvard with the mission of providing healthcare to those in the community who had no access to health care. Early partners in this collaboration were Community Health Partnership of Illinois, the McHenry County Mental Health Board, and the McHenry County Department of Health. That first year with just three volunteer physicians – Dr. Ruth McHugh, Dr. Ed Wilt and Dr. Santo Ruggero, and one nurse practitioner, Jeanne Chupich, the Clinic saw 1557 patient visits. The next year, the patient visits more than doubled to 3494.

In early 1998, a satellite clinic was opened in Woodstock at the Turning Point building and a merger with the McHenry Free Clinic, founded by Dr. Jim Mowery, was announced. Dr. Mowery became the Medical Director of the Family Health Partnership Clinic and remains so today.

In 2003, the Clinic moved its entire operation to its current address on Jackson Street in Woodstock in the old Centegra Primary Care building, also known as the Kishwaukee Medical Clinic. With the larger space, the Clinic was able to add more programs and more physicians.

In 2009, thanks to a grant from the Blowitz Ridgeway Foundation, the Clinic realized its long time goal of opening a clinic in McHenry at the Centegra Medical Office Building next to Centegra-McHenry Hospital. The satellite clinic operates 2 mornings each week.

In 2010, the Clinic saw 8200 patient visits. The Clinic has over 25 volunteer providers from Centegra Health System and Mercy Health System and several independent physicians. There are specialized programs in diabetes, epilepsy and patient navigation. Additionally, volunteers juggle a multitude of roles in the Clinic including clerical work, phone assistance, nursing, fundraising, and quality assurance. Services are made possible through the generous support of the community – the Clinic receives no state or federal dollars and remains

the medical home for the uninsured of McHenry County. The Clinic operates on a sliding fee scale based on income and family size, but no one is turned away due to inability to pay. For more information on the Clinic, check out the website at www.hpclinic.org. To find out how you can get involved with or how to support the Clinic, please call Cathy Patenaude, Development Coordinator at 815 334-8987 ext 24.

HARMONY FALLS EXPANDS HOURS AND TREATMENT OPTIONS

Harmony Falls, A Therapeutic Oasis in Woodstock, is pleased to announce that Jane Dintzner, BA, LMT, NCTMB, CKTP, has expanded her therapy schedule. Jane now has appointments available on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Additionally Stacy Barden, BS, LMT, NCTMB, CKTP, and Jane Dintzner, BA, LMT, NCTMB, CKTP, have completed the necessary education, training and examinations to become Certified Kinesio Tape Practitioners.



Kinesio tape is the world's foremost elastic latex-free therapeutic tape. By mimicking the qualities of human skin, Kinesio tape can provide proven, comfortable treatment to patients of any age or condition. Kinesio tape is ideal for treatment during any stage of injury, chronic pain, reduction of swelling, injury prevention and Lymphedema.

Since 1996, Harmony Falls has been providing therapeutic massage to Woodstock and the surrounding area. The licensed massage therapists at Harmony Falls have advanced education, training and certification in the therapies of Kinesio Taping, Oncology Massage, Manual Lymphatic Drainage, myofas-

cial therapy, clinical, relaxation, Shiat-su, pregnancy, geriatric, sports and hot/cold stone massage.

At Harmony Falls, "We specialize in the care of you."

Please visit www.harmonyfalls.net to learn more about Harmony Falls.

Please call Harmony Falls, 815-334-0842, if you have any questions or would like more information.

ILLINOIS ALLIANCE INSURANCE NAMED TOP 10 GROWTH AGENCY

Auto-Owners Insurance is pleased to announce Illinois Alliance Insurance Agency, Inc., of Marengo, Illinois, has been named one of the Top 10 growth agencies for the company in the state of Illinois for 2010.

Illinois Alliance Insurance, a member of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Industry, was recognized at a luncheon meeting in Peoria, and at a reception with all regional associates, where they and other recipients were presented with a plaque commemorating their accomplishment.

Illinois Alliance Insurance Agency, Inc. has represented Auto-Owners since 2009.

Jeff Tagsold, president of Auto-Owners, thanked the agency for its support and its business, stating, "Their growth and support only help to make the entire community stronger and more secure. We are grateful they choose to do business with us."

INSPIRATIONAL ARTWORK WINS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS

The 3rd Annual Adolescent Allies Art Show celebrated the thought-provoking artwork of local high school students at their awards ceremony in early May. The art pieces all reflected this year's theme of Self Esteem: Body, Mind or Soul. First place and a \$1,000 scholarship were awarded to Grace Baker from Prairie Ridge High School. Second place and a \$500 scholarship were awarded to Emily Riechers from Johnsbury High School. Third place and a \$250 scholarship were awarded to Anna Fredrick of Cary Grove High School and fourth

place and a \$250 scholarship was awarded to Porschye Martyne also from Cary Grove High School.

The Adolescent Allies Art Show is a great way to get teens involved in the fight to end sexual violence. There were a lot of really good pieces this year and it was difficult to pick the winners. Everyone that entered a piece did a really good job and should be proud, said Erin Williams, Psy.D., LPC, Director of VOICE.

The 3rd Annual Adolescent Allies Art Show was sponsored by the Donna L. Vestal Fund.

VOICE Sexual Assault Services is a division of Pioneer Center for Human Services, the largest social service agency in McHenry County providing services to the most at-risk youth and the most vulnerable community members. As a result of the challenging economy, VOICE continues to see a rise in the number of victims and families it serves. Last year, VOICE provided counseling and advocacy services to 146 victims and their significant others; and provided education and training to over 6,000 individuals. All services are free and confidential and are available to all residents of McHenry County. To learn more, visit pioneercenter.org or call 815.344.1230.

MARIAN CENTRAL ANNOUNCES SPRING ATHLETE HONORS

Marian Central Catholic recently completed their Spring Sports Season. Soccer finished 2nd in state, Baseball won Regionals, Tennis had a doubles team compete in state. The following students were selected All Conference by the Suburban Christian Conference. In addition, athletes earned Academic All Conference for keeping their grades at 3.7 or higher while competing on a varsity team.

All-Conference

Soccer- Tess Bottorff, Village of Lakewood, Laura Le Fevour, Woodstock, Megan Graf, Woodstock, Susan Thomas, Algonquin, Robin Wenzel, Woodstock

Baseball- Riley Balduf, Algonquin, Mitch Ennis, Cary, Steven Zubrzycki, Mc Henry

Softball- Kelsey Harding, Woodstock, Kathleen Landers, Woodstock

Tennis- Will Kaufmann, Crystal Lake, Riley Waters, Village of Lakewood, Andrew Yuk, Crystal Lake

Academic All Conference

Boys Track

Ty Balduf, Algonquin, John George Bauer-Buis, Woodstock, Danny Edwards, Cary, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Lakewood, Tom Frederick, Woodstock, Zach Hellman, Island Lake, Ryan Radecki, Cary, Eric Skaleski, Algonquin

Girls Track

Brie Baumert, Lake In the Hills, Stephanie Carran, Wonder Lake, Anne Marie Elsinger, Woodstock, Caroline Hellman, Island Lake, Helen Holyoak, Crystal Lake, Justine Ignacio, Algonquin, Allie Luczak, Village of Lakewood, Christina Mosnick, Crystal Lake, Meagan Murphy, Johnsbury, Margaret Van Der Bosch, Algonquin

Tennis

Christian Hughes, Algonquin, Brandt Johnson, Williams Bay, WI, Andrew Yuk, Crystal Lake

Softball

Christiana Carroll, Harvard, Emily Conkling, Mc Henry, Courtney Einecker, Algonquin, Alexandra Kacena, Algonquin, Kathleen Landers, Woodstock, Melissa Melendez, Algonquin, Dianna Ricotta, Algonquin, Elizabeth Wachholder, Algonquin

Baseball

Matt Allare, Lake In The Hills, Riley Balduf, Algonquin, Andrew Bobek, Algonquin, Jim Catarello, Mc Henry, Mitch Ennis, Cary, Gerry Mc Master, Island Lake, Steve Zubrzycki, Mc Henry

Soccer

Katie Anderson, Village of Lakewood, Tess Bottorff, Village of Lakewood, Megan Graf, Woodstock, Rachael Guerin, Spring Grove, Samantha Koffler, Mc Henry, Kaitlyn Logan, Crystal Lake, Caitlin Mc Kenna, Marengo, Susan Piggot, Spring Grove, Amy Rechenberg, Hebron, Susan Thomas, Algonquin, Rebecca Turski, Algonquin, Robin Wenzel, Woodstock, Rita Wiszowaty, Harvard.

NEW BUSINESS “MIXIN MINGLE” OPENS ON SQUARE

A new business has opened on the square in Woodstock near the Metra stop. It's called Mixin Mingle, and it's a multi-use space that offers unique classes with on-site babysitting, professional meeting room rentals, free Wi-Fi, marketing/graphics design assistance and document services (e.g. printing, scanning, shredding, etc.).

Customers buy points which pay for services and members who commit to three months receive bonus points.

Upcoming classes include yoga, meditation, art journaling, hula hoop dancing and there will be more to come including cooking demos, mosaics, laughter, and countless other fun topics.

The street address is 231 Main St in Woodstock, IL. For more information and to sign up for classes and memberships, visit www.mixinmingle.com, or call 1-815-308-5170, or send an e-mail to info@mixinmingle.com

NOËL THELANDER TAKES OVER LOCAL EDWARD JONES BRANCH OFFICE

Noël Thelander has been named to take over the local Edward Jones office located at 211 Dean Street, Woodstock.

“We are excited to have someone with Noël's experience taking over our downtown Woodstock office,” said Edward Jones Managing Partner Jim Weddle. “We've been serving the investment needs of people in the area for the past several years, and we believe that Noël will excel at continuing that tradition.”

Mary Page is serving the branch office as branch office administrator. “I am very excited about working with Noël,” said Page. “Together we will provide investors with unparalleled personal service.”

Thelander said she is enthusiastic about taking over the office. “I joined this firm because I was impressed with its commitment to individual investors,” she said. “Now I'm looking forward to meeting with the individuals here to help them meet their financial goals.”

Edward Jones provides financial servic-

es for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 12,000-plus financial advisors work directly with nearly 7 million clients to understand their personal goals – from college savings to retirement – and create long-term investment solutions that emphasize a well-balanced portfolio and a buy-and-hold strategy. Edward Jones embraces the importance of building long-term, face-to-face relationships with clients, helping them to understand and make sense of the investment options available today.

Edward Jones, which ranked No. 11 on FORTUNE magazine's “100 Best Companies to Work For” in 2011, is headquartered in St. Louis. The Edward Jones website is located at www.edwardjones.com, and its recruiting website is www.careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.



PIONEER CENTER ACKNOWLEDGES AWARD RECIPIENTS

Pioneer Center for Human Services hosted its annual awards presentation ceremony on Thursday, June 23. The event recognized the service, dedication and commitment of employees, board members and members of the community.

The Employee of the Year Award was presented to Lynn Kuranz, a registered nurse in the developmental disability services division. In addition, staff service awards were presented to 24 employees for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service to Pioneer Center.

Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Jeanne Thomson who four years ago was challenged by a leadership class to create a charity event for a local organization. From her hard work, Pedal for PADS, an annual bike-a-thon fundraiser to benefit McHenry County

PADS came to be. She coordinated every aspect of the event from securing a bike trail, marketing, securing volunteers and entertainment and more. This event continues to be a generous source of funding for the organization.

Wizard Awards are given each year to employees or community members that have supported Pioneer Center in an exemplary way. This year, Wizard Awards were presented to:

Dominick's Pharmacy of Fox Lake – Dominick's Pharmacy of Fox Lake supplies thousands of medications monthly for Pioneer Center clients both on time and correctly, package in bubble packs that are color coded for our client's convenience. They have even delivered medications that are needed right away. Pharmacists Russ Anderson and Don VanLier are speedy, accurate and friendly. When a medication is not covered by a client's insurance they find one that is and contact the doctor for us, they let us know immediately if a medication is contra-indicated for a client or if allergies exist. They have even waived co-pays for our clients who didn't have the funds to pay for the medications.

Buddyz Pizza – Joe Scarnata, owner of Buddyz Pizza in McHenry, was approached by Pioneer Center to determine if positions might be available for Pioneer Center clients, his response—“Absolutely.” After interviews with five potential candidates, Joe was asked if any of the clients might be a good fit. Joe responded that he thought they were all impressive and he could not pick one over another, so he hired all five. Since that day, Joe has hired two additional clients. Those individuals have been with Joe since Buddyz inception and have learned the business from him, the various jobs available in the restaurant field and most importantly they learned independence, self-worth and compassion.

First Presbyterian Church of Woodstock – The First Presbyterian Church has donated space for the TAMI (Teen Age Mother's Initiative) group to meet each week since TAMI's inception. The entire congregation is always supportive of the young parents and even donates the proceeds from collections to the program. Their confirmation class has

collected baby items, as well as money, and donated them to the TAMI group. They also have a wonderful outside area with play equipment for children and babies and always encourage TAMI members to use the space.

Kroozers Car Club of Northern Illinois – The Kroozers have volunteered their time to host the annual Kroozers Cars for Kids fundraising event to benefit Youth Service Bureau for over 14 years. They advertise the event and have helped to secure sponsors and door prizes. The members of the club even take care of all the event day set-up. Through their dedicated service, Youth Service Bureau has received over \$17,000 in revenue from this event and each year it keeps growing.

Tracy Champion – Tracy Champion is not only executive assistant to Lorraine Kopczynski, President/CEO of Pioneer Center; she is also a dedicated volunteer and advocate for the organization. Over the years she has been instrumental in the development of the Human Service Advocates (HSA). She has willingly taken on added responsibility to help this organization grow and have a positive impact on human services in McHenry County. She also breathed new life into the annual motorcycle run to benefit for Pioneer Center. Originally starting with only 8 participants it has now grown to over 50 motorcyclists and a valuable source of funding for Pioneer Center.

Erin Kelly – Over the years, Erin Kelly has sat on the Pioneer Center Foundation Board, was a member of the Gold-rush committee and acted as chair of that committee for five years. As a young mother of six children and a partner in her husband's growing business, Erin makes time to serve Pioneer Center. It's said that Erin often brings up Pioneer Center in social settings and that she is truly an advocate for the clients we serve. Her passion and dedication is contagious and there is most definitely a direct correlation to her involvement and the birth of the new Women's Auxiliary. Erin was the chair of this year's main fundraising event, Moonlight & Music, and it is clear that Erin truly cares about the future of Pioneer.

Two special awards were made to members of the community that have made

a difference to McHenry County Public Action to Deliver Shelter or PADS, a program of Pioneer Center for Human Services. The Donald and Barbara Brodie Community Service Award was established to honor the tradition of outstanding community service of two major benefactors of McHenry County PADS that are now deceased. This award was presented to Larry Holbein, owner of Luster Leaf Products, Inc. Luster Leaf Products has been a generous supporter of McHenry County PADS for over 10 years. Their support has helped improve the quality of life for many individuals and families throughout McHenry County.

The Lloyd Mueller Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Jane Keller. The Lloyd Mueller Volunteer of the Year Award was named in honor of a former member of the McHenry County PADS Board of Trustees who was extremely committed and passionate about the PADS program and its clients. Since its creation, the award has been presented on a yearly basis to a volunteer who shows this same level of commitment.

The Emeritus Award was presented to Lenard Duncan, outgoing Chairman of the Board, for over 25 years of dedicated service on the Pioneer Center Board of Directors.

At the end of the evening a surprise proclamation was presented to Lorraine Kopczynski, President/CEO of Pioneer Center, in celebration of her 25 years of dedicated service to the organization. The proclamation made by Sue Low, Mayor of McHenry, named Friday, June 24 as official "Lorraine Kopczynski Day."

Pioneer Center, a non-profit organization located in McHenry, is dedicated to providing services to over 2,500 individuals annually and educating an additional 10,000 individuals. To learn more about Pioneer Center, visit pioneercenter.org or call 815.344.1230.



Len Duncan, outgoing Chairman of the Board; Lorraine Kopczynski, President/CEO; Michael Moushey, incoming Chairman of the Board



Staff and board members pose with Lorraine as she holds the proclamation delivered to her by the City of McHenry.



SLEEPOUT FOR SHELTER RAISES OVER \$60,000

High winds and the threat of rain didn't dampen the spirits of more than 350 people who gathered together at two rally sites for the 2nd Annual SleepOut for Shelter on April 30. The event benefited McHenry County PADS a division of Pioneer Center for Human Services. Supporters gathered at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake and Petersen Park in McHenry for a one hour rally in an effort to educate the public on homelessness in McHenry County and to raise funds. Many participants pitched their tents or built a cardboard box shelter at the rally sites and spent the entire night outside braving the 2:00 am downpour. By morning more than \$60,000 had been raised to help end homelessness in McHenry County.



"It was a humbling experience," said Christin Kruse, Vice President of Fund Development for Pioneer Center. "I look forward to growing the event next year as it is the perfect opportunity to teach kids to live in gratitude and give back to their community."

The event included an Ultimate Team Challenge that pitted businesses and organizations throughout the county against each other to try and raise the most money for McHenry County PADS. Team FATS, made up of eight friends and colleagues including Bob Smith, Alto Laroussi, Dave Butler, David Poole, Jeff Weck, Liam Weck, Joshua Smith and Matthew Pool, won the challenge raising over \$3,500. They will proudly display the event's traveling trophy for the next year.

To learn more about McHenry County PADS visit www.mchenrycountypads.com or call 815-338-5231. To learn more about Pioneer Center visit www.pioneercenter.org or call 815-344-1230.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MOVIE SERIES

Classic Cinemas continues its Wednesday Morning Movie Series throughout the Summer! Each Wednesday morning through August 10, 2011, the Woodstock Theatre (209 Main Street) presents family-friendly films for only \$1 per person. The theatre will begin the show each Wednesday at 10 a.m., with doors open at 9 a.m. Movie-goers are encouraged to come early to meet some of your favorite characters and join in fun and games before the movie begins. It's practically magical!

Classic Cinemas takes reservations for groups of 15 or more for the Wednesday Morning Movie Series. The special group rate is just \$4.50 per person (adults and children) and includes admission, Kiddie Combo (a child sized popcorn, soft drink, and fruit snack) and reserved seating. This special package offers a \$1.00 discount on each Kid-die Combo and allows your group to sit together. For more information on group reservations, please visit <http://www.classiccinemas.com/Content.aspx?page=156>.

The Wednesday Morning Movie Series line-up at the Woodstock Theatre consists of:

- July 6: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
- July 13: Yogi Bear
- July 20: Megamind
- July 27: Alpha & Omega
- August 3: Shrek Forever After
- August 10: Surprise Movie

About Classic Cinemas

Classic Cinemas, based in Downers Grove, Illinois, is a family-owned company operated by Willis, Shirley and Chris Johnson. Established in 1978, Classic Cinemas operates 13 theatres with 99 screens in the northern Illinois area. For more information on Classic Cinemas, please visit www.classiccinemas.com.

WOODSTOCK SQUARE NAMED FAVORITE SHOPPING DISTRICT

The Historic Woodstock Square has been voted 2011 One of the Best Downtown Shopping Districts in McHenry County as a part of the Best of the Fox Northwest Herald Readers' Choice Awards. Congratulations to the local Woodstock Chamber members who helped make this award possible.

TOOTSIE ROLL SALES PROCEEDS BENEFIT PIONEER CENTER

The Woodstock Knights of Columbus Council 776 presented a check for \$1,357.66 to Craig Adams, Director of Business Development for Pioneer Center for Services.

The check was a portion of the proceeds from the groups annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

Annually, Pioneer Center delivers direct services to more than 2,500 individuals in McHenry County. The organization also provides education and outreach to schools and community organizations reaching over 10,000 additional individuals.

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based services in the areas of: McHenry County PADS, Youth Service Bureau, Autism Services, Developmental Disabilities, Mental Illness, Traumatic Brain Injury and VOICE Sexual Assault. To learn more about Pioneer Center, visit pioneercenter.org or call (815) 344-1230.



(Pictured: Robert Salgado, Chairman of the Woodstock Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, Craig Adams, Director of Business Development for Pioneer Center and Greg Rokus, Grand Knight)



THE ALL-NEW GARY LANG KIA, MITSUBISHI AND SUBARU IS OPEN

Gary Lang's all new import facility, featuring Kia, Mitsubishi and Subaru, is now open and located just next door to the auto group's existing facility.

The auto group now features three showrooms:

Buick, GMC showroom

the Chevy, Cadillac showroom

the new import facility for Kia, Mitsubishi and Subaru

"This state-of-the-art facility was built

for you, our customers,” stated Dixie Gilmore, VP/GM, “We have very comfortable, upscale waiting areas for you, with gourmet coffees and hot chocolate, as well as brand new flat screen TV’s. You’ll get all the amenities you expect from Gary Lang, and more.”

Gary Lang has more of the vehicles customers are looking for, including 21 models that get 30 miles per gallon or better. The selection includes certified pre-owned vehicle, to cars, to trucks, to cross-overs and SUV’s.

Gary Lang Auto Group is on Highway 31, between Crystal Lake and McHenry and has been serving McHenry County for over 28 years. The dealership group carries several makes, including Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Cadillac, Kia, Mitsubishi and Subaru. Website: <http://www.GaryLangAuto.com>.



From left to right: Jenny Serritella, Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board Member; Erica Tucker, Gary Lang; Tony Feucht, Gary Lang; Dixie Gilmore, Gary Lang; Shari Gray, Woodstock Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Jim Campion, Woodstock Chamber of Commerce Board Member

CLINIC HOSTS MEXICAN PHYSICIANS AS PART OF SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

The Family Health Partnership Clinic hosted two physicians from Zacatecas, Mexico on May 24, 2011, as part of their visit coordinated by Centegra Health System. Dr. Dagoberto Guerrero and Dr. Marco Hernandez spent the day at the Clinic shadowing physicians and nurse practitioners, talking with program managers, and learning about another aspect of medical care in the United States. “This was a wonderful opportunity to meet with medical pro-

viders from a different type of a health care system. It was interesting to compare and contrast the approach to care in the United States and Mexico,” noted Diane Fuller, Clinical Manager. “They must have enjoyed their visit,” said Suzanne Hoban, Executive Director. “Both offered to come back and work as volunteers for us!”

The Family Health Partnership Clinic provides healthcare to the uninsured population of the McHenry County area, and utilizes volunteer physicians to help care for its patients. Fees are on a sliding fee scale, but no one is turned away due to inability to pay. The Clinic is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year and sees about 8200 patient visits annually.

The visit was especially exciting for Dr. Kathy Lechner, the Family Health Partnership Clinic’s nurse practitioner. Dr. Lechner will be traveling to Zacatecas in June as a board representative of the Woodstock School District 200 as part of the Woodstock High School’s Madrigals Choir trip there. Dr. Lechner will connect with the visiting physicians again when she is there.

For more information about the Family Health Partnership Clinic, visit the website at www.hpclinic.org or call 815 334-8987 ext. 15.



From left to right:

Pictured: Diane Fuller (FHPC), Suzanne Hoban (FHPC), Dr. Dagoberto Guerrero, Dr. Nathan Kakish, Dr. Marco Hernandez, Dr. Kathy Lechner during the clinic tour.

FAITH IN ACTION GRADUATES NEW CLASS OF LEGACY CORPS MEMBERS

In April 2011, Faith in Action of McHenry County (FIAMC), a senior service organization located in Crystal Lake, graduated a new class of Legacy Corps members after 20 hours of training. The Legacy Corps is a group of volunteers that are committed to providing 450 hours of service to FIAMC per year. Legacy Corps members provide an array of services to sustain and enhance the quality of life of senior care receivers. These services can include respite care designed to relieve caregivers, friendly visits for seniors living alone and transportation services.

While serving 450 hours per year, these members receive a stipend of \$2,000 to defray expenses and earn a \$1,250 educational award for lifelong learning opportunities.

Faith in Action has partnered with Legacy Corps of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) since 2005. Legacy is one of the first AmeriCorps programs that specifically utilizes the skills, experiences and talents of adults 50 years and older. Approximately 37 Legacy Corps members have served seniors and caregivers in McHenry County through FIAMC.



Congratulations to the graduates who will be completing their 450 hours of service with Faith in Action of McHenry County over the next year:

Ron Babula, Crystal Lake; Dorothy Broznowski, Cary; Colleen Corbin, Marenngo; Sue Garcia, Woodstock; Angenita Grecco, Crystal Lake; Sally Harris, Crystal Lake; Ron Kane, Woodstock; Geisla Krummel, Huntley; Joy Martin, McHenry; and Terry Speciale, Crystal Lake.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LUSTER LEAF RECEIVES TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Luster Leaf Products, Inc. received Pioneer Center for Human Services highest donor honor as Larry Holbein, owner, was presented with the organization's Trailblazer Award.



(Pictured: Lorraine Lopczynski, CEO/President of Pioneer Center and Larry Holbein, Owner of Luster Leaf Products, Inc.)

Luster Leaf Products was originally established in 1957 in Atlanta, Georgia, and it has since grown to be North America's leader in electronic and chemical soil testers for the home gardener. The organization maintains two manufacturing and warehousing facilities. Woodstock houses all test kit production and is the company's headquarters.

Ft. Lauderdale is the exclusive site for its Environmental Concepts products.

The Trailblazer Award is presented to donors that have cumulatively contributed \$10,000 or more to Pioneer Center and its divisions. These generous donors are true partners with Pioneer Center in fulfilling its vision of "empowering individuals to achieve their full potential." The Trailblazer Award is a symbol of Pioneer Center, which prides itself on being a trailblazer in seeking out cutting-edge breakthroughs in human services for its clients.

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD GIVEN TO TWO PIONEER CENTER STAFF

Diana Christofalos and Nick White have been awarded one of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) highest awards—the Direct Support Professional Award. Both individuals are staff members of Pioneer Center for Human Services. Diana is a program technician at the Silver Creek Home, an adult group home for individuals with developmental disabilities and Nick is a program technician in Developmental Disability Residential.

AAIDD does not generally give this award to more than one staff member per agency but the impression left by the nominators was so heartfelt that both were deemed deserving of the prestigious honor.

"I am very proud of the dedication and enthusiasm both Diana and Nick have shown to Pioneer Center and our clients. It gives me great pleasure to ask the community to join us in congratulating them on this big accomplishment," said Lorraine Kopczynski, President/CEO of Pioneer Center.

Criteria for the award requires the nominee to work in a direct support role with over 50% of their time spent working directly with individuals with developmental disabilities.

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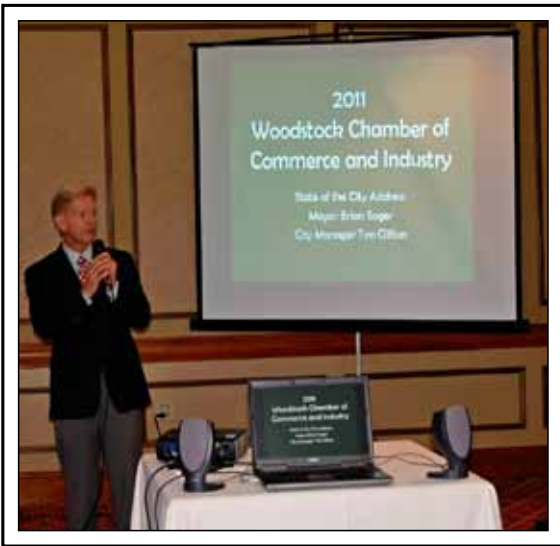
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State of the City Luncheon

June 23, 2011
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Press Release

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26th Annual Woodstock Folk Festival Sunday, July 17, 2011

The **26th Annual Woodstock Folk Festival** will be held on **Sunday, July 17, 2011 from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** on the historic Woodstock Square in Woodstock, Illinois. Admission to the all-day Sunday Festival is a suggested donation of \$15 for adults, \$25 for a family and \$10 for students and seniors.

With a diverse musical line-up and a variety of activities for people of all ages, this long-running Festival offers something for everyone. Award-winning radio host Rich Warren ("The Midnight Special", "Folkstage", "Sweet Folk Chicago") joins long-time Festival MC Chuck VanderVennet (President of the Lake County Folk Club) in co-hosting the Woodstock Folk Festival for the third year in a row.

While most of the Festival takes place outdoors in Woodstock Square, the Open Mike Stage will be at the *air-conditioned* Stage Left Café (next to the Woodstock Opera House on the Square). In case of rain, the Festival will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, which is located 2 blocks South of the Square, at the corner of Dean and South Streets.

Main Stage (Woodstock Square Bandstand) performers include:

Albert and Gage – Presenting a wide variety of musical styles from country to rock to boogie to sophisticated French chansons as part of a synergistic musical whole with an incomparable global class, musicality, and charm.

Old Sledge – A traditional old time band that combines the do-it-yourself work ethic of American punk and the sounds of traditional music with saw-the-strings-off your fiddle hillbilly dance music, Old Sledge represents the best and brightest of the new generation of traditional musicians from the South.

Claudia Schmidt – Serving up a self-described "quirky hodge-podge of music, poetry, story, laughter, drama, and celebrating the moment," Claudia's vast repertoire includes original songs as well as very personal versions of the work of others – exploring the genres of folk, blues and jazz and featuring her acclaimed 12-string guitar and mountain dulcimer playing.

Tangleweed – A band of four forward-looking musical reactionaries from Chicago, Tangleweed plays acoustic Americana music in styles spanning bluegrass, country, jazz, Irish, and mountain music. Their instrumentation is standard bluegrass, but their music is anything but.

Pat Victor – Steeped in American "roots" music, Pat Victor is a contemporary songwriter and interpreter who draws on the rural country, gospel, and blues traditions of our nation. His performances include his original compositions as well as fresh interpretations of traditional songs and he takes delight in introducing his audience to innovative material.

Doug and Telisha Williams – This duo gives a voice to the struggles of everyday people, as well as ghosts from the past, with the perspective not of people who imagine what it's like "out there," but from stories told across the kitchen table, or between friends after a couple of pitchers of beer at the local bowling alley.

During the Festival, the Woodstock Folk Festival Board will present the **10th Annual Woodstock Folk Festival Lifetime Achievement Award to Joann and Lee Murdock**, in recognition of their many contributions to folk music and the folk community. On a foundation of trial and error, hard work, networking and sharing throughout the arts and folk music communities, Joann has built Artists of Note, an agency based on strong partnerships with artists as well as organizations which support the arts. She continues to give back to the community by sharing what she has learned via workshops and networking. Lee Murdock combines ragtime, Irish, blues, and folk music styles with his flair for storytelling to create a seamless blend of old work songs and his own originals. Murdock began his career in the Chicago area in the mid-1970's and his musical influences span 15 generations.

WOODSTOCK FOLK FESTIVAL

In addition to all of the above performances on the Main Stage are popular features such as a Foot Percussion workshop, the Children's area, Stage Left Café Open Mike Stage, and Open Mike Featured Performer.

This year's workshop is a Foot Percussion workshop presented by **Colin O'Brien**, titled "Featuring Feet" which is rooted in John Hartford's dancing foot percussion. This dancing connects the pathway between one's mind, heart and feet and adds a musically engaging and highly entertaining dynamic to the musical experience, for musician and audience alike. In this highly participative session, participants will first learn the fundamentals of John's basic "Home" step, and from there it's but a small leap (or step?) to the Waltz step John also used. Workshop presenter Colin O'Brien is an award-winning multi-instrumentalist and author. He enjoys an active solo career in which he takes this dancing to stages across the USA. See live footage (no pun intended) of the dancing for yourself at www.colingobrien.com. The workshop takes place at 2:15 pm at the Stage Left Café Open Mike Stage.

The Children's area comes complete with arts and crafts activities, music, sing-alongs, and more. This year will feature kids' music concerts with **Amy Beth & Gary Plazyk** at 1:15 pm and **Lia McCoo** at 3:30 pm.

The Stage Left Café Open Mike Stage, located next to the Woodstock Opera House, provides an opportunity to perform in a more intimate area. Performers wanting to try their hand at the open mike should bring their instruments and singing voices and sign up the day of the Festival. Sign-up starts at 12:35 pm and spots tend to fill up quickly for this popular area of the Festival. **Mark Lyons** is hosting the stage which gives established performers another place to perform and aspiring performers an opportunity to build audiences.

Macyn Taylor joins the festival line-up as Featured Performer on the Stage Left Café Open Mike Stage at 1:45 pm. Performing since she was just 7 years old, Macyn is an accomplished guitar player and singer. She is 16 years old now and is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, majoring in finger-style guitar performance. She plays a large variety of music styles and is the 2009 East Troy Bluegrass Festival guitar-playing champion. Macyn was recently named "Most Promising New Talent" by Acoustic Guitar Magazine.

Admission to the all-day Sunday Festival is a suggested donation of \$15 for adults, \$25 for families and \$10 for students and seniors. For more information, call 815-479-9WFF (9933) or e-mail woodstockfolkfestival@gmail.com. Or, visit us on the web at www.woodstockfolkfestival.org. Volunteer opportunities are available!

The Woodstock Square is located a few blocks West of Illinois Route 47, and is easily accessible from Routes I-90, 14 and 120. There is parking around the perimeter of the Square. Handicapped accessible facilities are available. Guests should bring chairs or blankets upon which to sit. Pets are not allowed on the Square, only on the perimeter. Woodstock is also accessible via the Union Pacific/Northwest Metra Line which runs from Chicago to Harvard. The Woodstock train station is located only 1 block from the Woodstock Square.

Woodstock Folk Festival, Inc. is a non-profit organization based in Woodstock, Illinois, about 65 miles northwest of Chicago. Its purpose is to bring quality folk music – both local and national – to the McHenry County area. The Woodstock Folk Festival began as a one-time event in 1986 and quickly became an annual event featuring folk artists – musicians, storytellers, and folk dancing – and held on the third Sunday in July on the historic square in Woodstock, Illinois. In addition to the annual Festival, the group presents seasonal concerts featuring artists such as Tricia Alexander, Andrew Calhoun, Antje Duvokot, Congress of Starlings, Eric Hanke, Tom & Chris Kastle, Erika Lockett, David Massengill, Sarah McQuaid, Dean Milano, Lee Murdock, Claudia Nygaard, Patricia Pettinga, Rick Pickren, Justin Roberts, Lil' Rev, The Santa Cruz River Band, Danny Santos, Michael Smith, Russ & Diane Ward, and Dan Zahn & Kate Moretti. The Woodstock Folk Festival is sponsored by the City of Woodstock, and a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.



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