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WEDNESDAY
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Mass marked 30 years since Adoration was established at the HSHS St. Joseph Hospital. See Page 3.



The Highland Square is alive with family, friends and fun on Fridays during the PB&J on the downtown Square. See Page 8.



Highland Community Church L.U.N.C.H. Bunch. gather for a photo after preparing the food for delivery. See Page 9.



HHS Head Football Coach Jimmy Warnecke works with future football players at HHS Football Camp. See page 10.



The 8U Lady Roughnecks traveled to Des Moines, IA for the USSSA Midwest Nationals Tournament. See page 16.

Peppermint Preschool Program Immerses Children in Fun, Enriching Learning Environment

HIGHLAND - Peppermint Preschool, located at EvUCC Church at 2520 Poplar Street is

security system and cameras.

All of the staff are CRP and First Aid trained and professionally background checked.

Please call Elaine Fenton at 618-654-7600 for registration and tuition information or to schedule a time to visit.

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currently accepting registration information for families seeking learning opportunities for their pre-K children.

The Peppermint Preschool program immerses children in a fun and enriching learning environment.

The students' daily/weekly schedule is tailored according to their age.

Classes are held Monday through Friday during the regular calendar school year.

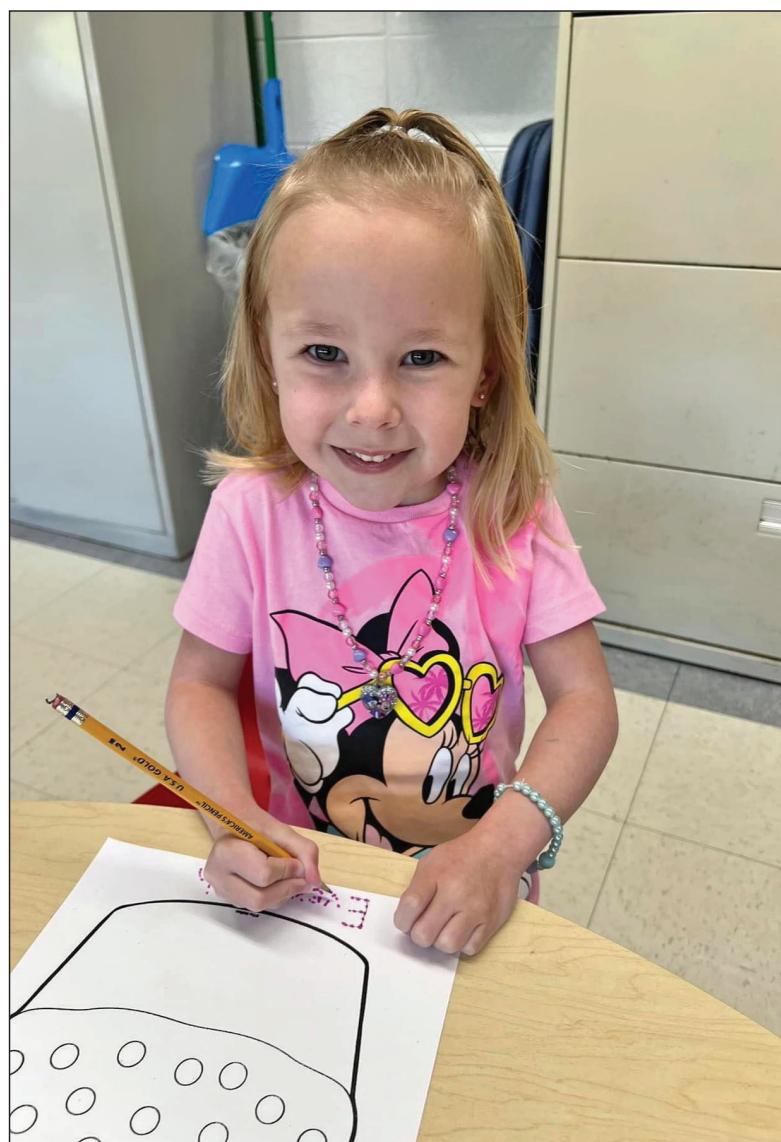
All classes begin at 8:30 and end between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.

The goal is to provide a loving learning environment for three- and four-year-old children.

The program focuses on social and emotional development, gross and fine motor development, visual and auditory perceptual development, and cognitive development.

The Peppermint Preschool program is licensed by the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services.

The facility is equipped with a



Peppermint Preschool

Children of all faiths are welcome and will find their beliefs respected. Peppermint Preschool prepares children to have a positive attitude toward themselves and others. Lessons that meet the Illinois Learning Standards are planned to enrich and support each child's growth.



Promotions

Pioneer Newspaper/ By Bill Napper
Mayor Kevin Hemann administers the oath July 15 at the Highland City Council meeting, as three Highland Fire Department firefighters are promoted to lieutenant! Congratulations to Lt. Logan VonHatten, Lt. Alyssa Seegers, and Lt. Ben Straub.

The Chocolate Affair Is The Place To Get Your 'Treat Fix'

The Pioneer Newspaper

HIGHLAND - The Chocolate Affair is in its 7th summer on the Square and in full swing for the summer ice cream season. The chocolate shop has made homemade ice cream for 15 of

the 17 years in business, but the move to its current larger space allowed for the ice cream to be made year round.

Chocolate Affair
..... Please see page 6



PB&J Fun

Jen Libbra of the Chocolate Affair takes a moment at a recent PB&J held on the Downtown Square along with her dad, Ted Flath. The Chocolate Affair is located at 1011 Broadway and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Who Do You Allow in Your Circle of Trust

My View

By Bill Napper

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I was thinking about the issue of trust.

Who do you trust and who do you allow within your circle of trust?

I remember watching the movie *Meet the Fockers* and the issue of being in the circle of trust was a big deal because it dealt with who do you allow within your inner circle?

I'm sure many of you had parents, much like mine, who cautioned you about hanging out with certain people and the company you kept, those whom you considered friends.

As they say "Birds of a feather flock together."

The people you surround yourself with can, and most likely impact your character, choices, and reputation.

People judge you by those whom you hang out in a social setting.

We should choose wisely those we allow into our circle.

People who cozy up to you may not be who you think they are. They may seem to be good people, but in reality, they may not be good for you! And when you aren't on your guard, they

do you harm. We should make friends with people who will empower us, lift us, and challenge us to always "do the right thing."

Many people get caught up in

the number of friends they have instead of having really good friends. We all stumble and a good friend will stand by you in good times as well as bad.

Rotary Club Reaches Out to Community

HIGHLAND - The Rotary Club of Highland is currently running its Cash Raffle.

The Cash Raffle is one of the Highland Rotary Club's largest fundraisers of the year, and it helps fund many projects in the community.

Some of the Highland Rotary dollars at work include: Highland High School Tennis Courts Project, St. Joseph's Hospital Friends Van, Rinderer Park Pavilion and Meals on Wheels Program, Playground, School Grant Program for Highland, St. Joseph's Hospital & St. Paul Schools, Highland Little Libraries, Highland High School Scholarships, Highland Summer Free Lunch Bunch Program, Respect for Law Program, Highland Area Food Pantry and many other donations throughout the community.

The letter along with a form asked those supporting the Highland Rotary Club, to fill out the form and mail it with a check for \$100 to Rotary Club of Highland, P.O. Box 203, Highland, IL 62249.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 21 at the Highland Street Art Festival.

There will be three prizes drawn that day: a grand prize of \$20,000, a second prize of \$1,000, and a third prize of \$500.

Also, if you get your ticket mailed in before August 13, you will be entered into the early bird drawings. For the early bird drawings, we will pull one ticket a week for six weeks prior to the main drawing at our weekly meeting. The ticket that is drawn will have the option to either get their \$100 back and keep their ticket in the main drawing or get an additional entry in the main drawing.

Any assistance you can provide us in purchasing or passing along this information would be greatly appreciated by the Highland Rotary Club.

Additionally, those interested in joining the Rotary Club of Highland and would like more information, feel free to join us for lunch at Michael's Restaurant in Highland. The Rotary Club meets every Tuesday from 12 to 1 p.m.

You may also reach out to one of our Membership Representatives, Keith Poss, for more information. Keith can be reached at (618) 792-8264.

Before you let someone into your circle you need to observe them and ask yourself, "Does this person treat others with respect?"

Are they kind, sympathetic or compassionate toward others?

Can I count on them in tough times?

We need to ask ourselves, will this person lead us toward negative places? If you have had an issue with abusing drugs or alcohol, will this person influence me to possibly fall back into a place that presented a huge problem to me before? We are all

human and sometimes weakness will allow us to fall. We must avoid that behavior at all costs!

Your circle of friends shapes your experiences and influences your path. So you must choose wisely whom you associate with in your life.

There is nothing wrong with being selective. It's better to fly alone than to fly with the wrong crowd.

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Petitions available for election To City of Highland Offices

HIGHLAND - Petitions for election to the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and two Councilmembers, each with four-year terms, will be available at City Hall beginning Tuesday, July 30, 2024, which is the first day such petitions may be circulated.

KC’s Holding Intellectual Disability Day, July 24

HIGHLAND - Intellectual Disability Day will be held at the KC Hall Wednesday, on July 24.

In previous years this event was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds. This year the Knights are expecting 400+ guests at the Highland KC Hall.

The Knights will provide the guests with lunch, live music, ice cream, dance contests, and even a chance to interact with therapy horses!

A Note From The Highland Police Department

We have recently been made aware of a solicitation request from an entity identifying themselves as the National Police Association, which gives the impression that the Highland City Council is involved in requesting signatures for a petition to return “Quality of Life Policing” to the City of Highland. This solicitation also requests donations be made to the National Police Association to ensure this style of policing is funded and continues to reduce crime.

The Highland City Council and the Highland Police Department are not affiliated with the National Police Association. Members of the Highland Police Department spotlight quality-of-life policing. As the Chief of Police, I aim to ensure community policing remains at the forefront of our enforcement.

If you receive this solicitation, please throw it away. If you are ever called by anyone identifying themselves as law enforcement who asks for money, please make sure to terminate the call. Members of the Highland Police Department will not call asking for money. Remember to research any organization before donating in any form.

Please call the Highland Police Department at 618-654-2131 ext. 1 if you have any questions or concerns.

*Respectfully,
Chief Carole Widman*

Rep. Mary Miller Calls On Secret Service Director To Resign After House Briefing

WASHINGTON - Congresswoman Mary Miller (R-IL) joined a House briefing on the status of the investigation into the assassination attempt on President Trump, on Wednesday.

Representative Miller released the following statement:

“I am gravely concerned that so many important questions remain unanswered, especially as reports suggest law enforcement and Secret Service were aware that this man posed a threat at multiple points during the day.

“I fully support the special House task force suggested by Speaker Johnson and Representative Cory Mills to investigate this matter, including the revelation that Secret Service diverted resources to a last-minute Jill Biden event in Pittsburgh despite threats from Iran against President Trump’s life.

“The American people deserve answers on how the leading candidate for President came within an inch of being assassinated, and Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle should resign for failing to adequately protect President Trump.”



Chapel Marks 30 Years Of Adoration

A special Mass was held at the HSHS St. Joseph Hospital chapel in Highland, recently.

The Mass was held in memory of deceased individuals who have devoted time in Eucharistic Adoration at the chapel. The May 11 Mass also marked 30 years since Adoration was established at the hospital.

In Eucharistic Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament (a large host that has been consecrated and transformed into Christ’s Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity), is displayed in a monstrance or tabernacle, and worshippers pray to Jesus, who is present in a powerful yet peaceful way.

Adoration at the chapel was started by Barbara Wick, Mae Frisse, Edith Scott and Willene Fehrman. From 1994 to 2020, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration was held at the chapel at St. Joseph’s Hospital, meaning someone was present at all times 24 hours a day.

Hundreds of Adorers have devoted their time to keeping the chapel perpetually filled.

With COVID, the chapel worship was temporarily closed and is now open for Adoration from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Anyone interested in signing up for Eucharistic Adoration at the hospital chapel can do so by reaching out to Lisa Engelke at lisaengelke25@gmail.com or by calling 618-218-2048.

Everyone is also welcome to drop in anytime.

Adoration is also held at St. Paul Catholic Church on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Drop in or sign up by contacting Rose Wascher at rwascher@att.net.

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Community News

Reunion: Calling all 1964 Grads of Highland, St. Paul High School

HIGHLAND - An announcement letter was recently sent electronically to everyone with email addresses of record, advising that the 60th year reunion will be held at the Highland Country Club at noon on Saturday, Sept 28.

No paper invitations were sent via USPS; the committee has done its best to contact those without email via phone. It will be a casual gathering with a limited, but varied lunch menu offered.

If you have questions or did not receive your electronic letter, please contact one of the following committee members to let them know:

Sharon Klostermann – 618-210-6739 (email theklostermanns@hotmail.com)

Sharon Timmermann – 314-203-7958 (email sharroy@att.net)

Suzie Wildhaber – 618-210-8341 (email sassygal46@gmail.com)

All the committee requires is your RSVP no later than September 1 so that the venue can prepare for our gathering.

You may email or phone in your response as you prefer.

HHS Class of '69 Holding reunion

HIGHLAND - On behalf of the Highland High School 55th Year Class Reunion Committee, classmates are invited to attend the reunion and enjoy the planned activities on Saturday, September 21 at Diamond Mineral Springs in Grantfork.

The 55th is a milestone and many of your classmates would enjoy seeing you and sharing memories.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the reunion, please feel free to contact Connie Carrillon Hug at delcon72@charter.net or 618-654-7018 or 618-654-3518.

Marine Historical Society Needs You To Sign Up

Marine Historical Society is asking for anyone who has a car or pick-up truck that was made between 1924 to 2024 to register for this FREE once in a hundred years, historic cruise on Saturday, October 12.

Signing up will help them stage the cars in numerical order at the Marine Village Park. Those signing up will be asked to give the year and make of the car and a phone number so you can be called the week before the cruise as a reminder.

There is no charge to participate.

This cruise will take place in just three months.

As of now, they have these years of vehicles signed up: 1931, 1939, 1940, 1948, 1951, 1953, 1956, 1962, 1965, 1967, 1970, 1972, 1981, 1994, 1996, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2017, 2019, and a 2022. If you have a car or pick-up built in a year not listed here, please contact the Society by either a phone call or e-mail and register.

Please call Dennis Weber at 618-491-4842 or e-mail: MHScruise@marinehistoricalsociety.org with the year of the car you want to drive on this historic cruise. MHS is looking to have at least one car or truck for each year from 1924 to 2024.

You will drive down the 100-year-old road into St. Jacob and circle around a block and head back.

This cruise will begin staging at the Marine Park at 11 a.m. and begin the drive to St. Jacob around 12-noon.

Please watch for updates as the event draws closer.

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Answers found on Page 14

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Madison County Fair Kicks Off July 23

See livestock shows, tractor pulls, demolition derbies (both automobile and combine), musicians, 4-H exhibits, pageants and stock car races, Miss Madison County Fair Queen Pageant and so much more!

By Bill Napper
The Pioneer Newspaper

HIGHLAND - The Madison County Fair is set for July 23 - 28. Families, friends and strangers from near and far will gather for wholesome fun here to see livestock shows, tractor pulls, demolition derbies (both automobile and combine), musicians, 4-H exhibits, pageants and stock car races draw more than 216,000 exhibitors, families, vendors and visitors from all over Madison County and the surrounding area. With everything from livestock to stock car races – there is something for everyone at the Madison County Fair! The fair opens on Tuesday, July 23 designated as senior citizens day.

Senior Citizens Day
Highlights include: Parking is only \$3 for seniors 65 and older until 5 p.m.
9 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies and 4-H Bottle Calf Show in the Show Barn.
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building.
10 a.m. - 4-H Dairy Show (Show Barn).
11 a.m. - 8 p.m. - 4-H & Exhibits Open.
5-11 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Armbands).
6:30 p.m. - ITPA Tractor-Truck Pull (Arena)
8 p.m. - Brother Jefferson Band (Main Pavilion).

WEDNESDAY JULY 24
Youth Day
On Wednesday July 24 (Youth Day) (Sponsored By Trouw Nutrition) the schedule is:
8 a.m. - Judging - Poultry (Poultry Barn)
9 a.m. - Judging - Dairy Cattle
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
11 a.m.- 8 p.m. - 4-H & Exhibits Open
12 p.m. - 3 p.m. - 1/2 Price Carnival Rides
12 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Youth Day Activities (Main Pavilion) See Page 84 in Fair book for details
5 -11 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Armbands)
6 p.m. - 4-H Rabbit Show (Show Barn)
6 p.m. - 4-H Fashion Revue (Main Pavilion)
6:30 p.m. - Challenge of Champions Race (Arena)

8 p.m. - Boom Box All 80s Band (Main Pavilion)

THURSDAY, JULY 25 IS
Public Safety Day.
Parking \$3.00 for Police, Firemen & EMT's until 5p.m., With Verification
9 a.m. - 4-H Poultry Show (Poultry Barn)
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
11 a.m.-8 p.m. - 4-H & Exhibits Open
11 a.m. - Pork Producer's BBQ
4 p.m. - 4-H Super Showmanship
5 -11 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Armbands)
5:30 p.m. - Goat Show (Sheep Barn)
6 p.m. - Judging - Rabbits (Upstairs of Expo)
7:30 p.m. - 4-H Goat Show (Sheep Barn)
7:30p.m. - Combine Demolition Derby (Arena)
8 p.m. - Benders & Backroads (Main Pavilion)

FRIDAY, JULY 26
Agriculture Day
Farmer, 4H & FFA Appreciation
8 a.m. - 4-H Swine Show (Swine Barn)
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
10 a.m. - 4-H Beef Show (Show Barn)
11 a.m.- 8 p.m. - 4-H & Exhibits Open
5-11 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Armbands)
7 p.m. - Demolition Derby (Arena)
7:30 p.m. - Madison Co. Youth Livestock Auction (Swine Barn)
8 p.m. - Beaucoup Bottom Road (Main Pavilion)

SAT. JULY 27
Military Appreciation
Parking \$3.00 until 5:00 pm for Veterans and Active Military with ID
9:30 a.m. - 4-H Sheep Show (Sheep Barn) followed by Open Show
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
10:00 a.m. - Open Beef Steer Show followed by Beef Breeding Stock (Show Barn) following the Beef Show Farm Follies (Show Barn)
1:30 p.m. - Queen Pageant (Dance Hall)
2:00-5:00 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Special Priced Armbands)
5:00-11:30 p.m. - Carnival

Rides (Armbands - Regular Price)
6:30 p.m. - Car Demo Derby (Arena)
8:00 p.m. - The Cheers Band (Main Pavilion)
SUN. JULY 28
Family Day
8:30 a.m. - Open Swine Show (Swine Barn)
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 4-H General Projects Released (Expo)

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
12:00 p.m. - Little Miss Pageant (Pavilion)
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Carnival Rides (Armbands) BOGO with 2 can goods to be donated to local pantries
1:00 p.m. - Miss Pigtail Contest (Registration 12:30-1:00)
1:30 p.m. - Pedal Tractor Pull (Registration 12:30-1:30)

(Pavilion)
2 p.m. - Youth Garden Tractor Driving Contest (Show Barn)
2 - 4 p.m. – Exhibits Released
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WEDNESDAY
JULY 24
YOUTH DAY

THURSDAY
JULY 25
PUBLIC SAFETY
DAY

FRIDAY
JULY 26
AGRICULTURE
DAY

SATURDAY
JULY 27
MILITARY
APPRECIATION
DAY

SUNDAY
JULY 28
FAMILY DAY

9:00 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies & 4-H Bottle Calf Show (Show Barn)
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
10:00 a.m. - 4-H Dairy Show (Show Barn)
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 4-H & Exhibits Open
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Armbands)
6:30 p.m. - ITPA Tractor-Truck Pull (Arena)
8:00 p.m. - Brother Jefferson Band (Main Pavilion)

8:00 a.m. - Judging - Poultry (Poultry Barn)
9:00 a.m. - Judging - Dairy Cattle
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 4-H & Exhibits Open
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 1/2 Price Carnival Rides
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Youth Day Activities (Main Pavilion)
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Armbands)
6:00 p.m. - 4-H Rabbit Show (Show Barn)
6:00 p.m. - 4-H Fashion Revue (Main Pavilion)
6:30 p.m. - Challenge of Champions Race (Arena)
8:00 p.m. - Boom Box All 80s Band (Main Pavilion)

9:00 a.m. - 4-H Poultry Show (Poultry Barn)
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 4-H & Exhibits Open
11:00 a.m. - Pork Producer's BBQ
4:00 p.m. - 4-H Super Showmanship
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Armbands)
5:30 p.m. - Open Goat Show (Sheep Barn)
6:00 p.m. - Judging - Rabbits (Upstairs of Expo)
7:30 p.m. - 4-H Goat Show (Sheep Barn)
7:30 p.m. - Combine Demolition Derby (Arena)
8:00 p.m. - Benders & Backroads (Main Pavilion)

8:00 a.m. - 4-H Swine Show (Swine Barn)
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
10:00 a.m. - 4-H Beef Show (Show Barn)
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 4-H & Exhibits Open
5:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Armbands)
7:00 p.m. - Car Demo Derby (Arena)
7:30 p.m. - Madison Co. Youth Livestock Auction (Swine Barn)
8:00 p.m. - Beaucoup Bottom Band (Main Pavilion)

9:30 a.m. - 4-H Sheep Show (Sheep Barn) followed by Open Show
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
10:00 a.m. - Open Beef Steer & Breeding Stock Show (Show Barn) following the beef show is Farm Follies (Show Barn)
1:30 p.m. - Queen Pageant (Dance Hall)
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (Special Priced Armbands)
5:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Carnival Rides (Armbands - Regular Price)
6:30 p.m. - Car Demo Derby (Arena)
8:00 p.m. - The Cheers Band (Main Pavilion)

8:30 a.m. - Open Swine Show (Swine Barn)
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. - 4-H General Projects Released (Expo)
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Vendors Open in Expo Building
12:00 p.m. - Little Miss Pageant (Pavilion)
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Carnival Rides (Armbands) BOGO with 2 can goods
1:00 p.m. - Miss Pigtail Contest (Registration 12:30 p.m. - 1:00p.m.)
1:30 p.m. - Petal Tractor Pull (Pavillion) (Registration 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
2:00 p.m. - Youth Garden Tractor Driving Contest (Show Barn)
2:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m.- Exhibits Released

Grantfork Homecoming Set For Friday, Aug. 16, Saturday, Aug. 17

The Pioneer Newspaper
By Bill Napper
GRANTFORK - The 75th annual Grantfork Homecoming will be held Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17.
The parade will be held both nights at 6:30 p.m and will be featuring the area's largest children's parade. The parade theme this year is "When I grow up."
There will be a free dance both nights, beginning at 8 p.m. The band featured on Friday night will be Money Shot, and on Saturday night, Benders and Backroads will take the stage, providing outstanding entertainment.
Visitors will have a fantastic choice of meals with chicken sandwiches, fish, homemade pies, cakes, and delicious ice cream.
Enjoy Bingo and other games.

This year bounce houses will be provided by Bouncy Happy Rentals of Bethalto. There will be a softball tournament Saturday and Sunday. The annual Grantfork homecoming is sponsored by the Grantfork Volunteer Firefighters and is held at the Farmers Park located at 109 Park Road. Everyone is invited to the parade each night and are invited to stay for food and fun!



A couple of photos from the 2023 children's parade are great examples why the annual parade is known as one of the best children's parades in the area. The

parade will be held both nights at 6:30 p.m and will be featuring the area's largest children's parade. The parade theme this year is "When I grow up."

Village of Alhambra's 175th Anniversary

ALHAMBRA - The Village of Alhambra's 175th Anniversary Celebration & Homecoming is set for August 2, 3 and 4.
Hear music from Jessie G, Exit 36, The Cheers Band & Travis Tracy!
A Church Service will be held by Restore Christian Church.

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HSHS Announces Southern Illinois Market Leaders



(HSHS) recently commissioned four leaders
Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) recently commissioned four leaders to new roles within their Southern Illinois Market (left to right): Michael Janis, Chief Operating Officer, Southern Illinois Market; Regina Peterson, Chief Nursing Officer, Southern Illinois Market; Teresa Cornelius, Chief Administrative Officer, HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville and HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital in Highland; and Amanda Ennen, Chief Administrative Officer, HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital in Breese, shown with Chris Klay (right), President and CEO of the HSHS Southern Illinois Market.

SPRINGFIELD — Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) recently conducted a blessing ceremony to commission four leaders to new roles within their organization.

These leaders serve in HSHS ministries in the Southern Illinois Market, which includes St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in O’Fallon, St. Joseph’s Hospital in Breese, Holy Family Hospital in Greenville, and St. Joseph’s Hospital in Highland.

The leaders include:

Michael Janis, who has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Southern Illinois Market. Janis most recently served as the HSHS System Director of Radiology, as well as serving in past executive leadership roles at HSHS St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital in Effingham.

Regina Peterson, who has been promoted to Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) of the Southern Illinois Market. Peterson expanded her role from CNO of St. Elizabeth’s Hospital to now leading and coordinating nursing operations across the Southern Illinois Market.

Teresa Cornelius, who has been promoted to the Chief Administrative Officer of HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville and HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital in Highland. Cornelius most recently served as CNO and COO of St. Joseph’s Hospital in Highland, and previously as the CNO at HSHS Holy Family Hospital.

Amanda Ennen, who has been named the Chief Administrative Officer of HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital in Breese. Ennen has been promoted from her role serving as CNO of St. Joseph’s Hospital Breese.

Chris Klay, President and CEO of the HSHS Southern Illinois Market, shared, “These and other leaders in the HSHS Southern Illinois Market will focus on our strategic and operational priorities to grow programs and services for our patients, and invest in our ministries. Their efforts along with those of all our colleagues and medical providers will position us for future growth and development, ensuring we carry our mission forward.”

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PB&J - It's a Family Affair

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The Highland Square is alive with family, friends and fun on Fridays during the Summer at the PB&J on the downtown Square. The menu consists of food, music, and entertainment and smiles are abundant everywhere. The experience is wonderful as the community comes together, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you're looking for a great place for the children, an opportunity to visit with friends, a tasty treat like ice cream, or simply enjoying the company of loved ones, the Highland Square on Fridays is the place to be. All of this is brought together courtesy of the Highland Parks & Recreation Department.



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Lunch Bunch Volunteers Continue To Feed Hungry Children Throughout Highland School District

HIGHLAND - The Community Church Lunch Bunch volunteers prepared more than 650 lunches this past Wednesday to provide three days of lunches for more than 215 children throughout the entire Highland school district.

On Mondays, two days of meals are served and on Wednesdays, three days.

This is the 11th week the ministry, supported by 16 area churches, have brought lunch meals to children during the summer who usually receive lunch during the school year.

So far, nearly 8,000 lunches have been provided this summer.

This is the Lunch Bunch's 8th year providing lunches.

During the first seven years 52,000 meals have been served.

The ministry runs through August 7 and the delivery routes can be found on Facebook.

Any student under 18 years of age or younger may receive a meal.

No names, no forms, no judgment.

The Lunch Bunch is funded entirely through donations, anyone wishing to donate can send to Highland Area Community Foundation, 1216 Main St., Highland, IL 62249 (with the notation that it's for the Lunch Bunch) or online at www.hacf.org.

For more information about this ministry email highlandlunchbunch@gmail.com



Highland Community Church L.U.N.C.H. Bunch. gather for a photo after preparing the food for delivery.



Tyson Kunz and Heather Kunz prepare sack lunches.



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Patrick B. Mathis

Planning Short Course 2024 Seminar held on June 6, 2024 in Champaign, Illinois.
The Outstanding Achievement in Estate Planning Award by IICLE® recognizes the distinguished contributions and achievements of an Illinois attorney who embodies professionalism, innovation, and commitment within estate planning.
This accolade symbolizes the significant influence Mathis has had in protecting and upholding the legacies of individuals, families, and communities for over four decades.
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annually upon an Illinois attorney who demonstrates exceptional proficiency in estate law, taxation, wealth preservation, and asset distribution.
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solutions to address various estate planning challenges, establishing him as a trusted attorney with clients.
The IICLE® Estate Planning Short Course 2024 seminar for Illinois attorneys convened on June 6-7 at the iHotel and Conference Center in Champaign, Illinois. Over the course of two days, legal professionals came together to delve into the complexities of estate planning, engaging in discussions surrounding the latest regulations, tax considerations, strategic approaches, and methodologies within estate planning.

Highland High School Head Football Coach Jimmy Warnecke Works With Future Football Players At HHS Football Camp



Football Camp
Highland High School Head Football Coach Jimmy Warnecke demonstrates to some of future football players at the HHS football camp this week. More than 150 kids from various ages participated. The camp has been held since 1990 and has been a juggernaut in helping students learn the basics of football.

Photos complements of Don Gunter

Highland Speedway Brings Community Together For Races, Fun-Filled Events



ProModified Feature Race
The winner in BEL-O Cooling, Heating, & Plumbing Inc ProModified Feature Race at World Famous Highland Speedway is the #52JR Cole Knebel of Pocahontas, Illinois on Saturday evening.



Modified Division Feature Race
The winner in Saturday night's O'Reilly Auto Parts Modified Division Feature Race at World Famous Highland Speedway is #95 the "Salty Dog" Rick Salter, who has won two in a row. The children were invited to join him for his victory photo!



Joshua Melton Memorial Race
The winner in the Joshua Melton Memorial 22-lap \$1722 to win Factory Stock Feature Race at World Famous Highland Speedway on Saturday evening is the #30 Gage Walker of Jerseyville, Illinois!

Speedway is an outstanding venue that brings race fans and the community together

The Highland Speedway is an outstanding venue that brings race fans and the community together for thrilling races and fun-filled events. This is a one-quarter mile, semi-banked clay oval track which hosts Late Models, Modifieds, SportMods, Street Stocks, Micros and Warriors. The Speedway is a "local legend" known for its 60 years of offering an exciting atmosphere with special events, such as demo derbies and memorial races such as the 2nd Annual Joshua Melton Memorial Race.

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HIGHLAND
Merna Joy Cawi

Merna Joy Cawi, 89, of Highland, IL, most recently of Glen Carbon, IL, passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at Mercy Hospital St. Louis.

She was born on December 27, 1934, in Valley Park, MO, to William & Elizabeth (nee Milton) Morris. On December 23, 1953, she married Thomas F. Cawi in Waterloo, IL.

To know Merna was to know of her world travels. Stories of adventures near and far told of a life well-traveled and full of memories. From Thailand to Egypt and from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Arc de Triomphe, working for TWA not only brought opportunities for such great travel but gave Merna the biggest sense of pride. To have a job you love is no simple feat. To have had a job that still brought the biggest smile to your face 34 years into retirement is astonishing. Merna attended Waterloo high school where she graduated early at 16 yrs. old in the class of 1951 and went on to attend SIUC. Bowling for Concord Bowl and Square Dancing were just some of her favorites throughout the years.

Merna retired early at 55 and spent her retirement years doing what she loved. You could find her most days in her garden and was known in Highland for her hybridized Irises (from Schreiner's Gardens in Salem, OR). She opened her garden up for viewing every Mother's Day and loved watching the joy it brought to others. An avid reader, you could also find her nestled into her big blue comfy reading chair most afternoons. A frequenter of Ponderosa and KFC, and then later Faith Countryside Homes and then Eden Village's Independent Living Center, there was never a salad bar that Merna didn't enjoy. Merna thoroughly enjoyed her STL Rams (until 2016...thank you very much Stan Kroenke) and her beloved STL Cardinals.

A life well-traveled, well read, and well lived is what some can only dream of, but Merna lived it with her every being.

Merna was preceded in death by her parents, William & Elizabeth Morris; sons, Michael Thomas Cawi, Mark Douglas Cawi; and brother and sister-in-law, Vernon (Shirley) Cawi.

She was survived by her husband, Thomas F. Cawi, Glen Carbon, IL; daughter, Sheri Lorz, Athol, ID; daughters-in-law, Barb Cawi, Highland, IL, Susanna Hughes, Bamberg, Germany; grandchildren, Eric (Hesper)



Cawi, Honolulu, HI, Cheryl (Joe) Kovarik, Glen Carbon, IL, Leslie Wilson Torres, Bamberg, Germany; great grandchildren, Aaliyah Wilson Torres, Bamberg, Germany, Adrien Wilson Torres, Bamberg, Germany, Caleb Kovarik, Glen Carbon, IL, Brianna Kovarik, Glen Carbon, IL; brother, Neil (Barbara) Morris, Apollo Beach, FL; and sister-in-law, Ann (Charles) Brickey, Nashville, IL

Memorial donations may be made to the Highland Lions Club Memorial Graveside Service: Friday, August 9, 2024, 11:00 am, at Highland City Cemetery

Clergy: Pastor Matt Embry, Mosaic Church, Highland, IL

Interment: Highland City Cemetery

Meridith Funeral Home, Highland, IL.

ST. ROSE
Bernell A. Wellen

Bernell A. Wellen, age 85, of St. Rose, passed away Thursday, July 18, 2024, at his home. He was born May 20, 1939, in Aviston, a son of the late Henry and Christine, nee Rolves, Wellen.

In addition to his parents, Bernell was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Steven Voss; siblings, Jane Alice Wellen, Julia "Dorothy" (Floyd Warmann) Von Wellen, Eunice Schiefer, and Gerald "Gerry" Wellen; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Erwin and Evelyn, nee Poettker, Kohlbrecher; and brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Clarence "Butch" (Joan) Kohlbrecher, Daniel Kohlbrecher, Herman "Pete" Kohlbrecher, and Mike Ribbing.

Bernell is survived by his wife Mary H., nee Kohlbrecher, Wellen of St. Rose, whom he married January 16, 1963 at St. Rose Catholic Church; children, Tina (special friend Mike "Stump" Dumstorff) Voss of St. Rose, Russel (Shelley) Wellen of Highland, and Dale (Stacey) Wellen of Highland; grandchildren, Ryan (Kara) Voss, Alicia (Craig) Petermeyer, and



Whitney (Travis) Koerkenmeier, Emily (Chad) Moss and Jake Wellen, Madison Wellen and Johnathon Wellen; great-grandchildren, Sophia, Farrah, and Naomi Voss, Landon and Isabella Petermeyer, Evelyn and Piper Koerkenmeier, and Levi Moss; siblings, Alfred (Sue) Wellen of Highland, Ron (Debi) Wellen of Aviston, and Ken (Peggy) Wellen of Breese; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Bob Schiefer of Aviston, Pat Wellen of St. Rose, Dennis "Buck" Kohlbrecher of Highland, John (Kate) Kohlbrecher of St. Rose, Judy Messer of Highland, Rose (Tony) Rensing of St. Rose, and Rick Kohlbrecher of Highland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bernell served his country in the United States Army from 1957 to 1960 and later retired from Basler Electric in Highland after 40 years of dedicated service in transportation and purchasing. He was a devoted member of St. Rose Catholic Church and actively participated in its Men's Sodality, as well as serving on the St. Rose School Board, St. Rose Sewer Board, and St. Rose Development Club. Bernell was also the President of the St. Rose Park Planning Committee.

In his leisure time, Bernell enjoyed golfing, gardening and yardwork, cooking, and entertaining friends and family. He had a fondness for Manhattan cocktails and cherished traveling and dining on the Hill. However, his greatest joy was spending time with his family, particularly his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought immense happiness to his life.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Rose Catholic Church in St. Rose with Fr. Edward Schaefer presiding. Interment will follow at St. Rose Cemetery, St. Rose.

Visitation will be Monday, July 22, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home in Breese and again on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at St. Rose Catholic Church in St. Rose.

In lieu of flowers, plants, and other gifts, memorials may be

made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or St. Rose Catholic Church and will be received at the visitation or by mail, Moss Funeral Home, 535 N 5th St. Breese, IL 62230, who is serving the family.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to the family at www.mossfuneralhome.com

HIGHLAND
Ellen C. Limestall

Ellen C. Limestall, 71, of Highland, IL, passed away peacefully, Friday, July 19, 2024, with her family by her side, at St. Joseph Hospital, Highland, IL. She was born July 6, 1953, to Homer and Cleda (Nee Hug) Saathoff, at St. Joseph Hospital, Highland, IL. On October 15, 1977, she married Kevin Limestall at Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL. Ellen was a member of Faith Community Church, Collinsville, IL, Highland Senior Citizens, and San Juan Garden RV Park, San Juan, TX.

She grew up on the family farm south of Pierron, IL, doing her share of the chores around the farm, milking cows, picking eggs, and chasing pigs. She helped her dad and brothers and later, her son, doing landscape work around town. Ellen loved camping with her family at Lake of the Ozarks, doing jigsaw puzzles, butterflies, playing darts, Bunko, and BINGO. She enjoyed driving around the country seeing different sites, cruises and collecting seashells. She loved flowers and made wedding flowers for several of her friends. Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Cleda Saathoff; daughter, Sarah Limestall; brother, Owen Saathoff.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 47 years, Kevin Limestall, Highland, IL; children, Matthew

(Andi) Limestall, Edwardsville, IL, Joy (Christopher) Krouper, Highland, IL; cousins and many friends.

Memorials may be made to Faith Community Church.

Visitation: Monday, July 29, 2024, from 9:00 to 11:00 am at Meridith Funeral Home, Highland, IL

Funeral: Monday, July 29, 2024, at 11:00 am at Meridith Funeral Home, Highland, IL.

Clergy: Pastor Brent Johnson.

Interment: Highland City Cemetery.

Meridith Funeral Home, Highland, IL.

Outdoor plants toxic to household pets

Pets bring many positive changes to households. Pets can make homes more lively, and the companionship of animals can reduce feelings of loneliness while offering additional health benefits to pet owners.

Those who suspect a pet has ingested a poisonous plant should contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435 or their local veterinarian to learn about how to respond to possible exposure.

Autumn crocus: There are various types of crocus plants, but the one most toxic to dogs is autumn crocus. The entire plant is toxic, but the highest concentration of toxic agent is found in the bulbs.

Sago palm: People in warm climates may enjoy the look of palm trees on their properties. Despite its tropical and relaxing appearance, the Sago palm is extremely poisonous if ingested by pets, with the seeds being the most toxic part.

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Sit n Get Fit class

Our Sit n Get Fit class meets every Wednesday at 10 AM at the house at 409 Collinsville Rd. in Troy. This is an easy seated class to improve strength and range of motion. Call 618.667.2022 for more information.

Drum Fun

Drum Fun is being held downstairs at the Wiesemeyer Building at 410 Wickcliffe in Tri-Township Park. We are meeting on Monday's at 2 PM. If you love music, and enjoy a fun seated exercise program, this class is for you! No RSVP required!

Pokeno on Wednesday

Pokeno will be Wednesday the 17th at 12:30 at Wiesemeyer. No cost to play! No RSVP required!

Bunco is held

Bunco is held the last Thursday of each month from 1 PM until about 3 PM. In July we'll play on Thursday the 25th at 1 PM. We play at the house at 409 Collinsville Rd. We are always looking for players and subs. \$5 to play, cash prizes! Please call the center at 618.667.2022 if you are interested in getting on the list.

Live and Learn

Our next Live and Learn is Wed. July 24th at 1 PM at Wiesemeyer. We have the Troy Police K-9 Officers coming. They will be demonstrating the many talents these dogs have been trained to perform. They are vital to the safety of the community. You won't want to miss this awesome demonstration! RSVP is appreciated. Please call the center. All are welcome!

Please call Wanda at the center 618.667.2022 with questions or to RSVP for an event.

Local Students Awarded Degrees at Graduation Missouri State University

SPRINGFIELD, MO - Missouri State University awarded 2,890 degrees to students in spring 2024.

The commencement ceremonies took place May 10, at Great Southern Bank Arena. The following local students earned degrees:

Stephanie Collins of Alton graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Physics.

Megan Croxford of Godfrey graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Special Education/Cross Categorical, Magna Cum Laude.

Kiera Doughty of Edwardsville graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Political Science, Cum Laude.

Margaret Grieve of Edwardsville graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Dietetics, Cum Laude.

Drew Henkhaus of Alton graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Political Science.

Eliza Keth of Edwardsville graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, Psychology.

Samuel Stutz of Godfrey graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Marketing.

Annaston Walker of Dorsey graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Merchandising and Fashion Design and Merchandising Fashion Design/Design.

Students who graduated with honors completed at least 30 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.

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University of Tampa Honors Dean's List Students For Spring Semester

TAMPA, FL - The University of Tampa has honored 2,221 students who were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2024 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

Tanner Garner of Edwardsville a Sophomore majoring in Psychology BA.

Cali Pananon of Edwardsville a Freshman majoring in Psychology BA.

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The Lunch Bunch Seeking Single-Serving Snacks

Donations of single-serving packages of snacks bought at the store may be placed in totes in the Parish Office and Church for the "Lunch Bunch" program, which begins in late May and lasts while the school children are on summer vacation.

Please feel free to drop off single-serving snacks throughout the summer. (NO HOME MADE PLEASE.) Monetary donations for the L.U.N.C.H. Bunch may be sent to Highland Area Community Foundation, 1216 Main St, Highland. Please write **LUNCH BUNCH** in the check memo line.

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People from a "bunch" of Highland area churches called the **L.U.N.C.H. BUNCH** will be giving out free sack lunches each **Monday (2 lunches)** and **Wednesday (3 lunches) May 29st - August 7th**

No names! No forms! No judgment!

There is nothing you need to do as far as signing up. Those needing a lunch just need to be 18 or younger and come to the nearest delivery site at the scheduled time to receive a sack lunch. We will not be delivering door to door or outside city limits. Although this program is not affiliated with the Highland School District, we are making this information available to you because we believe that this program would be beneficial to many in our community. The delivery schedule and any changes will be announced through the schools, the Pioneer Newspaper, and the L.U.N.C.H. Bunch Facebook page. **Lets Eat!** 😊

Delivery Site	Time	Delivery Site	Time
Highland			
El Kay Court	11:25-11:29	Hoffman Park (Washington & 2 nd Street)	11:25-11:29
Paradise Drive & North St. Michael Court	11:30-11:34	Augusta Drive & Winged Foot Drive	11:34-11:38
Sunflower Drive & Coventry Way	11:36-11:40	Valentine Lane & Noel Lane	11:41-11:45
Quail Drive & Meadowlark Lane	11:43-11:47	Hilltop Drive	11:46-11:48
Salmon Drive & Pike Drive East	11:49-11:53	Northwest Manor & Crest Drive	11:50-11:54
12 th Street & Lemon Street	11:55-11:59	Field Crossing & Chase Way	11:56-12:00
13 th Street & Zschokke Street (Tot Lot)	12:00-12:04	West Monroe Street & Cedar Street	12:03-12:07
Olive Street & 20 th Street	12:06-12:10	Spindler Park	12:09-12:13
Lindenthal Avenue at Upper Elementary	12:12-12:16	12 th Street & Laurel Street	12:15-12:19
VFW Road Entrance to Highland VFW	12:17-12:21	Masonic Lodge (9 th & Walnut Street)	12:21-12:25
24 th Street & Red Oak Drive	12:22-12:26	Latzer Library Parking Lot	12:27-12:32
28 th Street & Lemon Street Road	12:28-12:32	9 th Street & Olive Street (St Paul Church)	12:33-12:37
Delivery Site		Time	
Pierron	Country View Park Bus Stop -Highway 143 & Country Lane West		12:00-12:15
Alhambra	Stop 1 - Post Office -East Main Street		11:40-11:50
	Stop 2 - Fireman & Legion Park (ball fields across from playground)		11:55-12:05
New Douglas	Rec Plex		11:45-12:00
Grantfork	Stop 1 - Cedar Springs Drive & Pocahontas Road		11:30-11:40
	Stop 2 - Grantfork United Church of Christ -South Locust Street		11:45-11:55

*Lunches are handed out only to youth 18 and younger / One lunch bag per child

*No delivery in heavy rains or severe weather

*Only receive lunches from vehicles with the L.U.N.C.H. BUNCH logo on them!

*Visit the Facebook page: L.U.N.C.H Bunch for real time updates

*Questions? Missy 618-530-8410 or email highlandlunchbunch@gmail.com

Donations are much appreciated and can be made out to **Highland Area Community Foundation** with **L.U.N.C.H. Bunch** in the memo & mailed to 1216 Main St, Highland, IL 62249 or online at hacf.org. **Thank you for all your support!**



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Highland City Council Meetings

The regular meetings of the Highland City Council are held on the first and third Mondays of each month, except if the first or third Monday is a legal holiday. City Council meetings are currently being held at the Seniors Citizens Center at 6:30 p.m.

HIGHLAND VFW HALL RENTAL

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Veterans Gather at Highland Diner Every Wednesday

HIGHLAND - For a few years now, veterans have been gathering at the Highland Diner every Wednesday as a way to connect, share stories, and honor their service to the nation.

The veterans gather to enjoy breakfast as well as discuss what is happening at the local VFW, American Legion or at any number of the other service clubs such as the Lions.

The Highland Diner is located at 418 Walnut Street. It is known as a local gem known for its delicious food and friendly atmosphere.

Their hours are as follows:

Monday to Wednesday: 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.


Thursday: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. •

Friday: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. •

Saturday: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. •

Sunday: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. •

Visitors have praised the amazing food and service at the Highland Diner and the restaurant is considered an absolute jewel by many who visit Highland. The diner offers home-cooked style meals at affordable prices as well as delicious desserts and ice cream.



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214 Greg Campbell

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3rd annual Back-to-School event to give FREE school supplies to first 500 students

ALTON – Organizers for the 3rd annual OSF Saint Anthony’s Health Center Back-to-School Celebration on Saturday, August 3, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. are expecting a crowd of at least 700 for this year’s event at Alton Square Mall.

Why? Because that’s how many attended last year’s Back to School event which was also held at Alton Square Mall.

This year’s Back-to-School Celebration, sponsored exclusively by Dwight and Cheryl Werts, and Werts Welding & Tank Service, Inc., will distribute school supplies including (but not limited to) paper, pens, pencils, and crayons to the first 500 kids ages 4 to 12 – last year’s event provided school supplies for 500 students.

Admission is FREE and the event is open to the public. A hot dog lunch complete with chips, cookies, and bottled water will be available while supplies last.

“Moving the event to Alton Square Mall last year provided numerous opportunities for event growth, which it did. And because of that growth and success, it was an easy decision to hold the event in the same location this year,” says Jerry Rumph, president, OSF Saint Anthony’s. “We’ll continue to have a wide variety of vendors this year, along with prize and gift basket raffles, and fun games and interactive activities provided by OSF Mission Partners (employees) to educate attendees on a variety of health care topics and services.”

So far, a cumulative group totaling more than 22 that encompasses local dignitaries, businesses, service agencies and organizations have pledged their involvement.

Local dignitaries that are scheduled to attend include (schedules and availability may change):

- City of Alton Mayor David Goins
- Illinois State Representative Amy Elik (R), 111th District (Alton)
- Illinois State Senator Erica Harriss (R), 56th District (Edwardsville)
- The following entities are scheduled to be on-site (interactive activities, informational, etc.; subject to change):
- Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation will be conducting back-to-school physicals
- Madison County Sheriff Department
- Alton Fire Department
- UPS (delivery truck on display)
- Illinois Central School Bus (a school bus will be on display)
- OSF OnCall
- OSF Medical Group
- Lewis & Clark Community College Dental Hygiene program
- Hayner Library
- OSF Saint Anthony’s Health Center (various departments)
- OSF Innovation – STEAM (interactive display featuring Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
- Equip for Equality
- Alton School District
- Survival Flight
- 1st MidAmerica Credit Union
- Centerstone

The following businesses, agencies, and organizations have generously donated giveaways, materials and additional resources to make the event a success (subject to change):

- Santino’s Restaurant (gift card donation)

And just like the event’s first two years, the overall objective of OSF Saint Anthony’s Back-to-School Celebration is to bring community resources together to support Riverbend region students and families. “All of the benefactors and partners that have joined us in this event have a vested interest in the success of local students and schools,” says Rumph. “We want this event to be an annual occurrence that everyone looks forward to participating and attending.”

Questions and requests for additional information can be addressed via email at randy.t.schorfheide@osfhealthcare.org.

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CALENDAR

Highland Area Senior Center

Activity Schedule-July 2024



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21	22 Bunco 12:30-2:30pm	23 Euchre/Pinochle 12-2 Bingo hosted by Cedarhurst 2-3	24	25	26 Euchre/ Pinochle 12-2:30pm	27
28	29 Bunco 12:30-2:30pm	30 Euchre/ Pinochle 12-2:30pm	31 Ice Cream Social w/ Joyce Emig Insurance Agency 1-2pm		Senior Center is open to members Monday-Friday 9am-5pm	Must be a member of the facility w/ a membership card to enter facility. Register for a membership at the Korte Rec Center.

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