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CHAMBER NEWS

Golf Scramble Recap



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CHAMBER NEWS -4TH OF JULY RECAP



Welcome

June New Member



LEKAS ACCOUNTING, LLC

Constantine Lekas

708-256-9165

constantine@lekasaccounting.com

Flora, IL

Director News



Barbara Schaffer
Freedom Brokers



Jason Smith
The An-So Agency

In June, the Chamber welcomed Barbara Schaffer and Jason Smith to the Chamber Board of Directors. The Chamber also received the resignation of Luke Czyzewski from both the Treasurer and Director position. We thank Luke for his almost 10 years of dedication to the Chamber and we wish him all the best with his new job adventure! Chris Thompson will step into the role in July as the new Chamber Treasurer.

IMPORTANT CHAMBER MEMBER INFO



NEXT BOARD MEETING

August 13th, 2024 in the Depot Train Room

We value your input! Our meetings are open for any Chamber member to attend.

If you happen to notice that the chamber FB page isn't getting your business or organizations posts shared, just drop us an email or a phone call! Facebook uses complicated algorithms that can hide many of the posts from our members' pages that we have liked, and we don't want to miss you! Just give us a holler and we can reset that goofy algorithm so we see your posts! Thank you!!

Anna Rounds, Executive Director

Fur a Good Paws



Meet Grace

Grace needs a good country home where she can run and play. She likes attention and playing but especially treats. She is a big dog and really needs more room and freedom.



Meet the newest babies!



These adorable babies were recently dropped off at Fur-a good paws. They are 8 weeks old and as sweet as can be! They need a new loving home!!!

Meet Rainn

Rainn is a male shepard terrier mix and is 2 yrs old. He is in excellent health and is completely up to date on shots. Rainn has a wonderful personality and is good with other pets , kids, and people !



Meet Bingo

This handsome pup is 7 months old and needs a home where he can run. He is outside right now but smart and trainable. Owner says he's a mix of bulldog and retriever. He gets along with other animals but does think it's funny to chase cats.



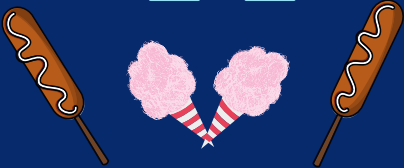
To adopt or inquire, please contact:



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We Need a New Home!



**SO
MUCH
FUN**



2024 CLAY COUNTY FAIR

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm: 4-H BBQ at the REA Building
- 7:00 pm: Crain-Scates bucking bulls rodeo

SATURDAY, JULY 20

- 8:30 am: 4-H General Project Show
- 4:00 pm: 4-H Poultry Show
- 5:00 pm: 4-H & Junior Rabbit Show
- 7:00 pm: Ag Olympics

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 12:00 pm: Livestock must be on the fairgrounds
- 12:00 pm: Livestock Weigh-in & Vet check
- 2:00 pm: Kids Petal Tractor Pull
- 4:00 pm: General Project Award Ceremony & Livestock Exhibitor Mandatory Meeting
- 5:30 pm: Open Sheep Show
- 8:00 pm: The Ministers of Comedy
- 7:00 pm: Greased pig contest

MONDAY, JULY 22

- 8:00 am: 4-H Beef Show
- Following: Jr. Beef Show
- 2:00 pm: 4-H Sheep Show
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Ag in the Classroom Activity
- 5:00 pm: Mini Livestock Show
- 8:00 pm Old Timers Livestock Show
- 7:00 pm: Little Miss Pageant

TUESDAY, JULY 23

- 8:00 am: 4-H Swine Show
- 8:00 am: Open Beef Show
- 1:00 pm: 4-H Goat Show
- 5:00 pm: Master Showmanship Contest
- 7:30 pm: Junior Miss Clay County Pageant & Pie Auction

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- 8:00 am: Junior Swine Show
- Following: Junior Goat Show
- Following: Junior Sheep Show
- Following: Open Goat Show
- 1:00 pm: Livestock are released
- 1:00 pm: 4-H Tractor Driving Contest
- 5:00 pm: DAS*zle Dance & Tumbling
- 8:30 pm: Clay County Livestock Auction

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- 9:00 am: Open Dairy Show
- 10:00 am: 4-H Dog Show
- 12:00 pm: 4-H Cat Show
- 5:00 pm: Joni's Power & Grace Tumbling
- 8:00 pm: 4-H & Junior Horse Show
- 7:00 pm: Talent Show

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- 7:00 pm: Miss Clay County Queen Pageant & Future Miss Pageant



Member News

The An-So Agency is proud to officially announce our partnership with The Youngblood Group! With this partnership we can assist our clients with having access to a top notch financial planner! As we continue to grow into this developing service we thank you for your continued support!



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Clay County 200th Year Celebration Planning

A meeting will be held on
Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at the
Clay County Courthouse at 6:00 p.m.
to discuss the celebration of
Clay County's 200th Year.

Everyone Welcome!



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Dairy Queen

SAVE THE DATE!

MIRACLE TREAT DAY

JULY 25TH, 2024

MIRACLE TREAT RECIPIENT:

CRUZ RAMIREZ

MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!



MIRACLE TREAT DAY



Meet Cruz! Cruz Ramirez is our 2024 Miracle Treat Day Recipient. Cruz is the son of Erik and Karina Ramirez. Earlier this year Cruz was flown to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital with suspected pneumonia. Upon arrival, it was discovered that Cruz had an infection in his abdominal cavity causing bacterial pneumonia. After 5 days in the hospital on antibiotics and no improvement, surgery was done to find the source of infection. It was then discovered that Cruz had a punctured appendix. Cruz underwent an appendectomy. After surgery, Cruz still did not improve. It was then discovered that Cruz had two large abscesses around his liver. After a blood transfusion, Cruz was able to receive further treatment. Due to the severity of his infection Cruz remained in the hospital for 3 weeks on IV medication. Cruz's parents are both self-employed and had to take time off to care for Cruz. All funds raised during Miracle Treat Day will go to medical bills, expenses, and any future medical treatment that will be needed for Cruz.

WHEN YOU BUY A BLIZZARD ON JULY 25TH, 2024

THE FLORA DAIRY QUEEN WILL DONATE \$1 TO THE CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK. AN ADDITIONAL \$1 FOR SMALL AND MINI BLIZZARDS AND \$2 FOR MEDIUM AND LARGE WILL BE DONATED TO CRUZ AND HIS FAMILY.



meet the Providers...

Join us at **Common Grounds Coffee Lounge** for an informal meet and greet with two of our newest providers!

Saturday, July 20th
7:30-9:30 am

Heather Zimmerman, FNP-C



The first 50 customers receive one FREE drink courtesy of Clay County Hospital Medical Clinics and Pharmacy!

Heather Irvin, FNP-C



Upcoming Ribbon Cutting



Join the Chamber in welcoming Freedom Brokers to the community!

We will be having a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 29th, at 1:00 PM at their location at 829 W. North Ave, in Flora.



Thank you Cat Osterholtz!!!



The microchip pet scanner is now available 24/7 at Wags and Wash - 421 W North Ave. There are directions on how to use it and if a number is found what website to go to. This is a free community service to help get lost pets home faster, to help the shelter and to anyone who would like to check their pets microchip and number information.

~Cat, your local certified pet groomer