



Welcome to AMBUCS, where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

Pledge: Patty Clutter, Prayer: Marsha Downing

Guests: No Guests

Announcements:

Jason and Melissa Rome welcomed William Joseph Rome to this world June 10 at 6:32 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz and was 20 ½ inches long with a full head of dark hair. They plan to call him Liam. Euan likes Willie Rome better.

Judy Lewis is home after being diagnosed with bleeding ulcers. She plans to be back to work in a couple of weeks but is still trying to get things under control.

Sarah Rife sent a thank you note for her Lori Lyons Scholarship to study Special Education.

Calendar Items:

June 25: Meeting, Program, TBA

June 27: Summer Sounds, The Dirty Rooks, classic rock and blues)

Committee Reports:

Bill Fulton, Challenger League:

Challenger League will play its June 21 games at Danville Stadium. What a thrill that should be for the kids. Buddies are in high need for the third game, which begins around 11:15 a.m. At the June 14 games, parents and grandparents had to help because there weren't enough buddies.

Bob Richard, Lose the Training Wheels:

27 kids started the camp June 9, 25 finished and 22 rode on two regular wheels

Patty Clutter, Summer Sounds:

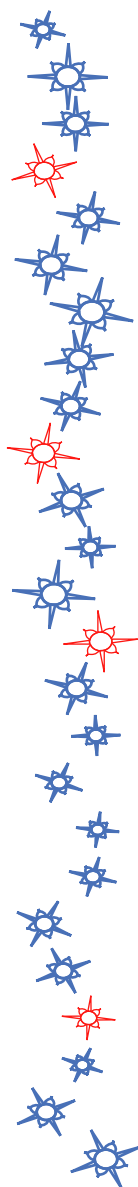
Elisnor was a hit. The weather cooperated and we sold a lot of "beverages." Our bartenders even took in \$60 in tips.

Bob Richard, HALO Paint Blitz:

Bob and Tom Gleichmann were the clean up committee.

Bob Richard, Sprayground:

Aqua Illinois is working on the waterlines and other infrastructure work continues.



Program:

Marsha Downing of the Family Life Skills Center, 1101 E. Winter Ave.

The agency rents space from the Rock Church, which was responsible for bringing the program to Danville. It runs a program "Learning to Live, Learning to Love" which addresses building relationships. People come on their own, are sent by social service agencies or are mandated by probation or court orders to attend the 25 week program that helps with anger management, resolving domestic violence, conflict resolution. Men's and women's groups are held separately.

Downing said domestic violence is high. She has seen a huge increase since starting in 2002, but said the clients are 50% Danville and 50% coming from other places. They do get substance abuse people from other agencies but it's usually to work on the anger aspect that results from the bad habits. Abuse, she said, can be anything from the tone of voice used to a gun shot.

They also have a youth program. 3 out of 5 students in a classroom have witnessed abuse of some kind. Other adult sessions deal with father/daughter and mother/son relationships. Low self esteem and fear of abandonment are prime causes of being a victim. The sessions teach what to look for in an unhealthy relationship.

Problems arise when we date the person we want them to be and then discover the real person who can not be changed after they are married. 20% to 30% of clients repeat the program, 5% are seen a third time. The problem is that at the end of the 25 weeks, some people are just starting to get what is really happening in their lives.

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