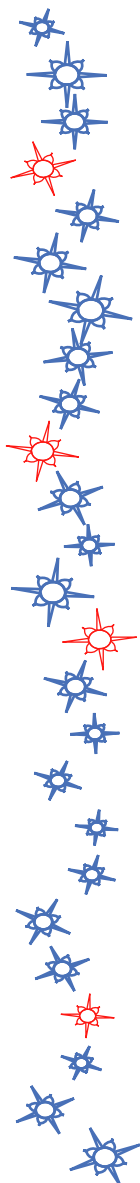




Welcome to AMBUCS, where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

*Pledge: Richard Woodard Prayer: Larry Owen
Guests: John Halloran, Bill Sohn, Chuck Mockabee with Mike Clary.*



Announcements:

The Vermilion County Handicapped Association again sponsored a Challenger League team with its \$400 Donation. The VCHA builds wheel chair ramps for people in need in Vermilion County as of June 2008, they had constructed 182 ramps. They contribute several other charities and sponsor a scholarship as well.

Calendar Items:

Upcoming Program: July 2, Pete Smith of the Vermilion County Animal Shelter

Committee Reports:

Bill Fulton, Challenger League:

Challenger League held its game at Danville Stadium. Next week is the last week of the season and the annual cookout and awards ceremonies will take place after each game. Dean Carlton will head up the meal cooking hot dogs and adding chips and ice cream. Kids will receive their yearbooks, pictures and a CD of the season done by Mike Clary.

Bill Fulton, Lose the Training Wheels:

Camps was completed with about a 95% success rate.

Euan Fernsler, Summer Sounds:

The Dirty Rooks will play Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Temple Plaza.

Bob Richard, Sprayground:

Concrete footings are in, some equipment is in, hope to pour the concrete pad by mid-July. The pad is done last.

Program:

Gladys Davis, Educational and Cultural coordinator at Laura Lee Fellowship House.

Davis has volunteered at LL for a long time before being asked to lead programs. LL employees 5 part time workers. Davis grew up in Beeler Terrace, which is at the corner of Washington and Seminary streets. Her mother used to have to remind her that she was to come home before heading to Laura Lee when she was a child. Back then there was a dance studio and athletes from the high school volunteered. They went to the Y to swim because African Americans weren't allowed in the pool at Danville High School.

Davis' title is so she can be a catch-all for various programs serving various ages. There are three senior groups that meet regularly at Laura Lee. They like being separate, she said. One came from Neighborhood House when it closed many years ago. Then there are the Jolly Seniors and the Golden Seniors.

Once a month, a Lunch and Learn is held with guest speakers. Recent topics have included Wounded Knee, the Andriadoria, health and finance. One a month a birthday party is also held and the ladies do activities like work on a quilt to raffle to pay for its Christmas Party. Senior Americans Day is always complete homework assignments and made to read or write. They have to complete this work before they can use the computers for anything other than schoolwork. Tutors check with the schools on student progress and homework assignments.

The Laura Lee season begins with a cookout in the fall and ends the first semester with a Christmas party where students showcase their accomplishments.

A summer program, All Around Town, takes kids on walking tours to visit businesses, historical sites and community service assignments such as cleaning the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. Students did rubbings at Springhill Cemetery when they visited Laura Lee's grave.

Laura Lee's claim to fame was as a teacher she like going to court to see what was going on. One day, she attended the sentencing of 4 or 5 children for delinquency. They had no home because the parents had died and there was no place locally for black children in such a situation to go. She tried to find a home and when she couldn't , she took them in herself. She had 32 at one time.

She eventually received help from the city and the county as well as the neighborhood. It is said that her home stood on the site were the fellowship house was built. When it was built, it was a place for low income children to socialize.

Membership in Laura Lee is \$10 for children and \$25 for adults. It is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and caters to an average of 40 to 45 people each day. It also houses a Head Start class for 3-year olds.

50/50 Raffle: \$7 went to Lisa Monson.



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