



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

*Pledge: Gary Dyar, Prayer: Richard Woodard
Guests: Linda and Steve Luke.*

Announcements:

Tom Jones who helped start the Champaign Kiwanis Challenger League where our program got its start died early this week of cancer. He did great think for people with disabilities having been in a wheelchair himself since age 5, he went on to be a radio and TV sports announcer and is in the University of Illinois Wheelchair Basketball Hall of Fame.

Don Vish had an angiogram Tuesday after suffering several pain attacks over the few days preceding the test. It was clear, so further tests will look for other causes.

District 118 will sponsor its first Danville Rib Fest July 5 and 6 at Ellsworth Park. Lots of rib cooking and various school groups will have food and other items to sell. Several bands are scheduled to entertain.

Calendar Items:

July 9: Meeting Allison Enslein, executive director of the Masonic Learning Center that helps children with dyslexia with reading and math, noon Days Inn.

July 11: Summer Sounds: Mike Ingram and Kayla Brown, 6 p.m. Temple Plaza.

Committee Reports:

Bill Fulton, Challenger League and Sprayground:

Challenger League finished up June 28 with a great cookout thanks to Dean Carlton and crew.

Plumbing is just about finished for the Sprayground and they are looking to pour concrete the week of June 7.

Euan Fernsler, Summer Sounds

The rain hit hard but it was only drizzling when the concert started a little late June 27. The band The Dirty Rook with two Danville natives and a stage full of performers started late but played until 8:30 p.m. So, we still made money

Program:

Pete Smith of the Vermilion County Animal Shelter

Once again, our primo video story teller Judge Michael Clary set the mood with fun photos of cats and dogs as well as new owners from the shelter.

In 2007, the shelter took in 3,500 animals and 2,000 had to be euthanized. Smith said we are still below the national level for having to destroy animals. The shelter is working hard to find homes for its wards. Personnel work with the animals to make them presentable and to socialize them so they will be acceptable for adoption. There are currently 186 animals in the shelter and 85 more with foster homes who care for them until they can be put up for adoptions.

A program that makes sure that 100% of the adopted animals have already been spayed or neutered has been under way for several months. The animals are taken to Indianapolis or Chicago where teams of veterinarians volunteer their services. It only costs the shelter \$20 to have the procedures. Volunteer drivers take the animals over and back in the same day. When adopted animals leave the shelter they will not be reproducing, have had their vaccines and have been microchipped.

Lost or stray animals are held for 7 days before going through the processes of being adoptable. Smith said animals are given every chance to be adopted, but the shelter uses the guideline of the longest at the shelter is the first to be euthanized figuring if they haven't been adopted in the allotted length of time, they probably won't be adopted. They also work with rescue organizations over the Internet for certain breeds that people find homes for and have shipped dogs all over the US to new owners. Even a group of feral cats were spayed or neutered and will go to home where they can be barn cats.

50/50 Raffle

Undisclosed amount (because Euan can't count that high) went to Frank Young.

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