

Community Circle

Keeping the Lodi
Community in the Loop

July/August/September 2023

Reach Out Lodi, Inc. is committed to being diverse, equitable and inclusive.

Quote of the Month

“Love has no age,
no limit;
and no death.”

—John Galsworthy



Community Center and Community Store

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Community Store Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:30am-3:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am-11:00 am
By appointment

Community Center Hours:

Monday - Thursday
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charge no fees to our
Community Store customers.

CHALK THE WALK



Calling all Sidewalk Artists!

Reach Out Lodi's Chalk the Walk event is back! We were all disappointed when last year's event was rained out. We are hoping for sunnier and dryer weather this year. Chalk the Walk will be held on Friday, August 11th from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm in beautiful Goeres Park. Chalk Artist, Peter Davidson, will be on hand at the entrance to the park creating another masterpiece that is sure to amaze.

Families and individuals can purchase a sidewalk square for \$5.00 (includes chalk) and create their own chalk art. Anyone, any age, can participate, whether you are artistic or just want to join in the fun. Once Peter has completed his own artwork he will judge the art on the sidewalk squares with 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons awarded for family and individual categories.

There will be other family-friendly activities going on during the event. Dawn Ferengo from *Pop Art* will be making imaginative balloon figures, and there will be other games and activities. New this year, the FFA will be selling their famous grilled sandwiches. And, be sure to check out the Duck The Wall With Art event going on at Habermann park.

Sign up on our website: reachoutlodi.org or register at the event.

What's Happening at Reach Out Lodi

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Dinner with... THE RADIANT BEINGS

Tuesday, July 11th, 5:00 pm

This trio plays Americana, classic rock, country-blues, pop, and folk. They offer a warm, joyful sound that makes listeners feel like they are in their own living room with friends.

Please make reservations by July 10th.

Call: 608-592-4592 to make reservations.
Cost: \$10

Dinner With... entertainment is funded with a grant from the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin.



Dinner with... Tom Waselchuk

Tuesday, August 8th, 5:00 pm

Tom's songs range from sing-a-longs and standards to humorous and off-beat numbers, all of which he delivers with a strong voice and guitar virtuosity.

Please make reservations by August 7th.
Call: 608-592-4592 to make reservations.
Cost: \$10

Dinner With... entertainment is funded with a grant from the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin.

Dinner with... Casey Olson

September 12th
5:00 pm

Casey currently lives and works in Lodi and performs regularly as a solo musician or in groups around the Madison area. Casey will take us through familiar songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's. You will be tapping your toes as these tunes bring back memories.

Please make reservations by September 11th.
Call: 608-592-4592 to make reservations.
Cost: \$10

Dinner With... entertainment is funded with a grant from the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin.



Wellness on Wednesday (WOW)

Wednesday July 26th
12:30-1:30 pm

"Have you Been Here?" Join a Naturalist from the DNR to learn about all the wonderful wild places Sauk County has to offer. She'll take you on a photographic journey to parks, bike trails and state natural areas.

Presented by: Susan Johansen Mayolet, Naturalist, DNR



Wednesday August 23rd
12:30-1:30 pm
Functional Fitness.

Functional fitness is your ability to easily perform activities of daily living such as bending, twisting and squatting. In this presentation you will learn exercises that can be done anywhere to assist with strength and balance.

Presented by: Sandra Drury, Wellness Supervisor, Sauk Prairie Healthcare.



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DEMENTIA JOURNEY SUPPORT GROUP

3rd Thursday of each month 1:00 - 2:30 pm

July 20th, August 17th, and September 21st

This is a support group for caregivers of people with dementia. Participants learn new information, share their experience and support each other. We learn from each other while caring for our loved one and taking care of ourselves to stay healthy through the journey.

Contact: Nellie Mueller, 608-742-9726, for more information.



Memory Café

Friday, July 28th

1:00-2:30 pm

Gifts of the Garden

with Master Gardener,

Bill Welch

Memory Cafés are a safe and comfortable space where someone living with memory loss and their care partner can socialize, listen to music, play games, and enjoy other activities.



Memory Café

Friday, August 25th

1:00-2:30 pm

Sing-Along

with

Shelly Pare

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Memory Café

Friday,

September 29th

1:00-2:30 pm

Back to School

1940's style

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While we strive to include all events in our newsletter, we constantly add new ones to better serve you. To access our calendar and explore the latest happenings, visit <https://reachoutlodi.org/events> or simply scan the QR code.

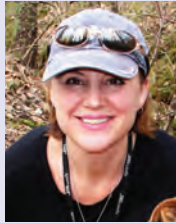


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Senior Yoga — with Tess Carr

Tess has a gentle, peaceful nature as she helps you with range of motion, balance and strength. This class is for EVERYONE. We invite you to come and give it a try.



FREE

JULY SESSION:

Tuesdays July 11th-25th
2:00-2:45 pm

AUGUST SESSION:

Tuesdays August 15th-29th
2:00-2:45 pm

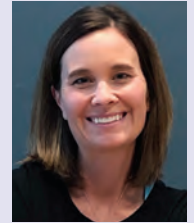
SEPTEMBER SESSION:

Tuesdays September 12th-26th
2:00-2:45 pm

Senior Yoga is funded with a grant from the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin and Sauk Prairie Healthcare Foundation.

Senior Movement — with Stephanie Caves

Stephanie will guide you through movement, strength, balance and posture exercises. She provides individualized modifications as needed and ensures success for EVERYONE.



FREE

JULY SESSION: Wednesday July 19th

2:00-2:45 pm
NO CLASS ON July 5th, 12th, and 26th

AUGUST SESSION: Wednesdays August 9th, 16th & 30th
2:00-2:45 pm

NO CLASS ON August 2nd and 23rd

SEPTEMBER SESSION:

Wednesdays September 6th-27th
2:00-2:45 pm

Senior Movement is funded with a grant from the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin and Sauk Prairie Healthcare Foundation.

GAME NIGHT

For people with special needs 14 & older

July 1st & 15th,
September 9th & 23rd

Saturday July 1st, 5:00-7:00pm

Tie Dye T-shirts.
Dinner at 5:00 followed by board games.

Saturday July 15th, 5:00-7:00pm

Dinner at 5:00 followed by board games.

No Game Night in August
Enjoy!!

Saturday September 9th, 5:00-7:00pm

Stone painting.
Dinner at 5:00 followed by board games.

Saturday September 23rd,

5:00-7:00 pm
Dinner at 5:00 followed by board games.

Call: 608-592-4592 to make reservations.



Painting for Pleasure — with Gladys Grieger

Gladys will teach the wonderful art of painting with acrylics.

JULY SCHEDULE:

Mondays July 17th-August 7th
12:30 am-3:00 pm

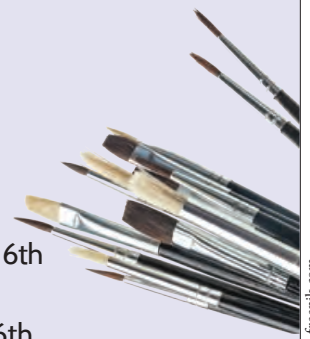
Fridays July 21st-August 11th
10:00 am-12:30 pm

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

Mondays September 11th-October 6th
12:30-3:00 pm

Fridays September 15th-October 6th
10:00 am-12:30 pm

FOR INFORMATION: Call Gladys at 608-445-0589
Cost: \$45.00 for 4 weeks.

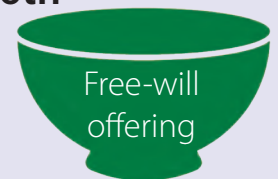


Soup'r Supper

Community Meal

Tuesday, September 26th
5:00-6:30 pm

This is the first meal of the season. Come for dinner. Stay to get to know your neighbors, play cards, or just relax.



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Sing-Along & Ice Cream Social

Sunday July 16th, 1:00-3:00 pm
with Casey Olson

Sunday Aug. 13th, 1:00-3:00 pm
with Shekinah King

Mind Over Matter (MOM)

A 3 week class.

Wednesdays Sept. 6th & 20th, and Oct. 4th
10:00-12:00 pm

Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder.

MOM is a program designed to help older women build the skills and confidence they need to prevent or improve incontinence symptoms. These workshops are short, comfortable, interactive, fun and effective!

Presented by: ADRC of Columbia County.

Call to register,
space is limited.
ADRC of Columbia
County.
608-742-9233
or 888-742-9233



Mah Jongg

Every Thursday throughout the year.
9:30-12:00 pm

This interesting and challenging game is played with small tiles. Don't know how to play? We will teach you!
No reservation needed.

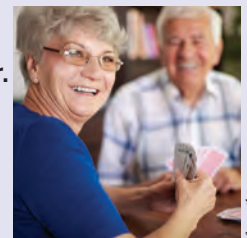
NO games on September 7th

Cards — Euchre

Every Thursday throughout the year.
1:00-3:00 pm

Make new friends, have fun and share a snack before you leave.
No reservation needed.

NO games on September 7th



Artist of the season

Deloris Madigan will share her watercolor, acrylics and poured paint art.



Rise Up for Recovery Harbor Recovery Center

August 20th, 1:00-4:00 pm

A celebration with picnic and games for those who are recovering from alcohol, substance use and/or mental health and their families.

Making Good Impressions

ROL would like to thank 4Imprint for the generous grant that allowed us to get these great shirts printed for our volunteers. They are bright, comfortable and very stylish. Now it is easy for people to recognize our volunteers at an event or in our Community Store and Center. Our volunteers love them!



Garage



SALE

THURSDAY
& FRIDAY
Sept. 7th & 8th
8 am - 3 pm

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2023 ROL Scholarship Winners



Congratulations to our scholarship recipients Owen Breunig, Emma Cahalane, Colton Mefford, and Brody Roessler! The Reach Out Lodi scholarship is available to youth entering a vocational apprenticeship program, technical college, or a four-year college. The recipients must have a good work ethic and an interest in continued education and serving their community. This year's scholarship recipients each received \$1,000. Best wishes to Owen, Emma, Colton and Brody!

Owen Breunig:

Owen has been active by both playing sports and helping with youth sports. He plans to continue his education by attending MATC and UW-Madison.



Emma Cahalane:

Emma plans to study music at Point Park University with a concentration on modern and jazz music.



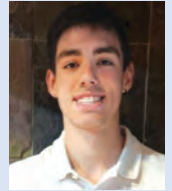
Colton Mefford:

Colton will attend Business School at UW-Madison. He has been active in creating artwork, supporting his church and working.



Brody Roessler:

Brody plans to study mathematics at Marquette University. He has been active in sports, music, math, choir and band.



Many Thanks!

We do our best to thank everyone that donates to ROL by recognizing them in our newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Please join ROL in recognizing the businesses and individuals below for their big hearts and selfless charitable giving.

- Lodi High School Rotary Interact Club held a week-long food drive for ROL. Thank you!
- Vollrath Company in Dane held a sock drive, collecting 887 pairs of new socks for men, women and children. Thank you!
- Thank you Torn Ministries Parish in Portage for donating 40 lbs. of chicken when our freezers were empty!
- 4H Challengers held a food and personal essentials drive in April at Piggly Wiggly. Along with the items collected, they also raised and donated \$385. Thank you!
- Thank you Nick and Mary Cable of Vern's Appliance, who donated urgently needed food items by ordering from Amazon!
- We are blessed to announce our new partnership with the Village Diaper Bank where we can order diapers and wipes monthly. Thank you!
- Thanks to all who patronized our garage sale and bake sale this past spring. It was a huge success!

Steering Into The Skid

by Arnie Johnston & Deborah Ann Percy,
The MemoryCare Plays Anthology



Through 12 short scenes, this short play takes you on a one-year journey with Tim and Amanda in their car, bearing witness to the early progression of dementia. This event includes the performance and facilitated conversation to help you learn more and increase awareness, as well as provide valuable resources for you, your family or friends who are experiencing the effects of memory loss.

JOIN US! FREE LIVE EVENT!

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

**Lodi Area Middle School
900 Sauk St, Lodi**

Doors Open & Dinner at 5:00 pm
Play & Community Conversation 6-7:30 pm

Reserve tickets and get additional details,
call ADRC of Columbia County (608) 742-9726
online <https://Columbia-Skid2023.eventbrite.com>
Reservations required, attendance is limited



COMMUNITY STORE TOP 10 WISH LISTS

Top 10 Food

1. Sugar; regular, brown and powdered
2. Flour
3. Cooking Oil
4. Salt & Pepper
5. Mayonnaise
6. Mustard
7. Peas (canned)
8. Large juice
9. Black beans (canned)
10. Spaghetti Pasta

Top 10 Personal Essentials

1. Laundry Detergent
2. Facial Tissue
3. Shampoo/Conditioner
4. Deodorant (M & W)
5. Toilet Bowl Cleaner
6. Dish Soap
7. Paper Towels
8. Dryer Sheets
9. Body Wash
10. Toothpaste (large)

Top 5 Clothing Items

1. New Socks (adult & children)
2. New Underwear
Girls' 2, 12, 14, 16
Boys' 2, 14, 16, 18
Women's S, M, Lg
Men's S, M, Lg
3. Shoes, all sizes Girls & Boys
4. Shorts, Boys' & Men's
5. Sheets and Towels

Volunteer Corner

I am a new resident of Lodi. I moved from Sussex a little over two years ago, a small town of approximately 10,000. After I retired (my husband passed earlier) I wanted to be closer to relatives and friends. I was raised on a farm near Poynette and was active in church and 4-H. After college I was involved in my neighborhood organization and volunteered for the Art Fair on the Square.

In Sussex my late husband took over the Hunters Safety program and we both dedicated our time to the Boy Scouts. In summary, volunteering and being part of a community has been and is an important part of my life. In my opinion, having a sense of community enriches

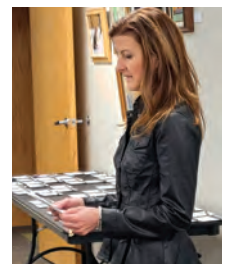


the soul and Reach Out Lodi provides numerous opportunities for just that. The monthly dinners, game night, mental health as well as exercise programs and so much more bring our citizens here to "belong." If anyone feels our world is not kind or respectful, they have not spent any time at ROL. Activities include the free Thanksgiving meals and the giving tree at Christmas. Or just come in and be greeted by any one of our volunteers, they are the best. It is like a warm hug surrounds you. I am involved in the Community Center, answering phones, and doing whatever needs arise. I am honored to be included in this group.

—Shirley Smith-Tighe

What a Fine Group we Have

Volunteer Appreciation Day was a success! ROL volunteers gathered on April 26th for food, conversation and, of course, appreciation for all they do. Volunteers help ROL support our community members experiencing financial or food insecurities, as well as provide an array of programming for people of all ages and abilities. Thank you to the best volunteers on Earth!



July 6th & 7th

6 pm start

BINGO

at Lodi Agricultural Fair

Spread the word! Gather up your family and friends, bring your spending money and get ready for a fun night! Reach Out Lodi is providing BINGO at the Lodi Agricultural Fair on Thursday, July 6th and Friday, July 7th starting at 6:00 pm each night. You can find us under the big tent, near gate #2 and across from the concessions.

50/50 Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the evening and a drawing will take place after the 14th Bingo game. There will be monetary prizes at the end of each Bingo game with a grand prize awarded to the winner(s) of the 15th game.

This is a family-friendly event and a great way to enjoy a summer night. We look forward to seeing you at the Lodi Agricultural Fair!



Don't miss out on the fun of Bingo at the Fair!

July

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| | <p>+ = NEW SESSION</p> <p>● = ROL Event</p> <p>● = Other</p> | | | | | 1 |
| Common Ground Church 9:00-11:00 am | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | CLOSED in observance of the Fourth of July | <p>Optimists 12:00 pm</p> <p>No Senior Movement</p> | <p>Mah Jongg 9:30-12:00 pm</p> <p>Euclre 1:00-3:00 pm</p> <p>Kitchen Rented 5 pm</p> <p>Girl Scouts 5:00-6:30 pm</p> | <p>BINGO at Lodi Fair 6:00 pm start</p> | |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Common Ground Church 9:00-11:00 am | | <p>+ Senior Yoga 2:00-2:45 pm</p> <p>Dinner With... Radiant Beings 5:00 pm</p> | | <p>Mah Jongg 9:30-12:00 pm</p> <p>Euclre 1:00-3:00 pm</p> <p>Kitchen Rented 5 pm</p> | | <p>Game Night 5:00-7:00 pm</p> |
| C.G. Church 9:00-11:00 am | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Sing Along & Ice Cream Social Casey Olson 1:00-3:00 pm | | <p>Senior Yoga 2:00-2:45 pm</p> | <p>No Senior Movement</p> | <p>Mah Jongg/Euclre Regular times</p> <p>Dementia Journey Support Group 1:00-2:30 pm</p> <p>Kitchen Rented 5 pm</p> <p>Girl Scouts 5:00-6:30 pm</p> <p>Ice Age Trail 7:00 pm</p> | | |
| Boy & Girl Scouts 5:00-8:00 pm | Painting for Pleasure 12:30-3:00 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | | <p>+ Painting for Pleasure 12:30-3:00 pm</p> | <p>St. Olaf's Youth Service Day 1:00-3:30 pm</p> <p>Senior Yoga 2:00-2:45 pm</p> | <p>WOW 12:30-1:30 pm</p> <p>No Senior Movement</p> | <p>Mah Jongg 9:30-12:00 pm</p> <p>Euclre 1:00-3:00 pm</p> <p>Kitchen Rented 5 pm</p> | <p>Painting for Pleasure 10:00 am-12:30 pm</p> <p>Memory Cafe 1:00-2:30 pm</p> |
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| <p>Common Ground Church 9:00-11:00 am</p> | <p>Painting for Pleasure 12:30-3:00 pm</p> | <p>Dinner With... Tom Waselchuk 5:00 pm</p> <p>No Senior Yoga</p> | <p>♣ Senior Movement 2:00-2:45 pm</p> | <p>Mah Jongg 9:30-12:00 pm</p> <p>Euchre 1:00-3:00 pm</p> <p>Girl Scouts 5:00-6:30 pm</p> <p>Kitchen Rented 5 pm</p> | <p>CHALK WITH THE WALK 4-7 pm Goeres Park</p> <p>Painting for Pleasure 10:00 am-12:30 pm</p> | |
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| <p>C. G. Church 9:00-11:00 am</p> <p>Sing Along & Ice Cream Social Shekinah King 1:00-3:00 pm</p> <p>Boy & Girl Scouts 5:00-8:00 pm</p> | | <p>♣ Senior Yoga 2:00-2:45 pm</p> | <p>Optimists 12:00 pm</p> <p>Senior Movement 2:00-2:45 pm</p> <p>ADRC Memory Play Lodi Middle School 5:00 pm</p> | <p>Mah Jongg 9:30-12:00 pm</p> <p>Euchre 1:00-3:00 pm</p> <p>Dementia Journey 1:00-2:30 pm</p> <p>Kitchen Rented 5 pm</p> <p>Ice Age Trail 7:00 pm</p> | | |
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September

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Free School Supplies For Those in Need

“Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.”

—John F. Kennedy

As such, parents and community have the sacred responsibility to provide the best opportunities for our children to grow and thrive. When parents struggle to be able to meet all the needs of their children the community is called on to help. At Reach Out Lodi we take that responsibility very seriously. One way we have tried to come alongside families in need is by establishing a School Supplies program to provide items that children need to succeed in school.

Using the grade level supply lists provided by classroom teachers, volunteers purchase items to fill brand new backpacks. All families need to do is call Reach Out Lodi (608-592-4592) to put in a request for a backpack. Volunteers take basic contact information such as gender (to help in picking a backpack) and grade level of the child(ren). Families are then contacted when the order has been fulfilled.

The program provides an average of 100-105 filled backpacks per school year. We begin taking requests during

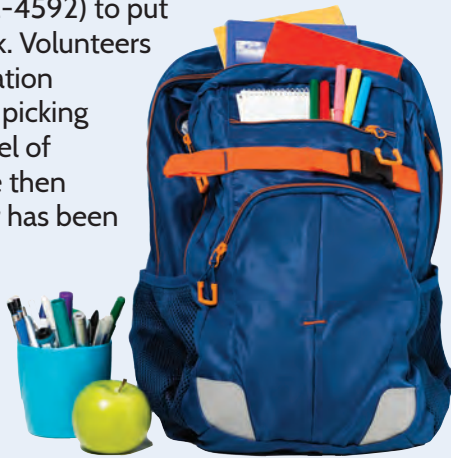
the week of July 15th and filling orders before school starts. We will provide supplies throughout the year as needs arise.

The response of families who have participated in the program has been very positive. Parents are grateful and children have been delighted with having new backpacks and supplies to begin the school year.

Interested in donating to the program? There are a couple of ways you can help:

- **Monetary donations** (preferred). Volunteers shop the summer sales and end-of-summer sales to make the best use of funds so we can keep shelves stocked with high-quality required items.
- **Supplies donations**. If you would like to donate actual school supply items please use classroom lists to pick out your purchases. Teachers often request specific brands so we try to provide what they ask for whenever possible. Some families have bought duplicates of what they have purchased for their own children to help teach them about generosity and giving.

Many thanks to all who have helped in the past or will help in the future!
—Terry Myers
School Supplies Program Coordinator



Supporting Your Community

Reach Out Lodi (ROL) has been blessed with generous support from all corners of our community. Gifts from people like you allow us to provide a safe and welcoming Community Center where youth and adults gather for a variety of special events and activities. The Community Store helps families and individuals who are experiencing difficulties provide for their basic living needs. What we do collectively is very important in sustaining our overall community “quality of life.”

There are several ways that you can help sustain programs and services at ROL, including:

- Consider giving on a consistent, ongoing basis, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually
- Purchase an 8”x 8” or 4” x 8” engraved tile to be placed on our Wall of Honor with your name, name of a loved one, family or business
- Include ROL in your estate planning
- Donate stocks or bonds
- Utilize ROL website for credit card donations, reachoutlodi.org
- Apply to become a volunteer

For more information contact Jim Schmiedlin at 608-592-4592, or stop in at the Community Center to discuss how you can help support Reach Out Lodi.



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