

Community Circle

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Keeping the Lodi
Community in the Loop

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

Quote of the Month

"Some old fashioned things
like fresh air and sunshine
are hard to beat."

—Laura Ingalls Wilder



Community Center and
Community Store

601 Clark Street
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Find us on 

Community Store Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:30am-3:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-11am
By appointment

Community Center Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:30am-3:30pm

Saturday 8:30am-11am

Reach Out Lodi Community
Store is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit
agency supported by donations
and some grants. We charge no
fees for our customers.

CHALK THE WALK



Reach Out Lodi's 2nd Annual Chalk the Walk event will be held on Friday, August 12th from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm in beautiful Goeres Park. There will be lots of family-friendly activities to do, starting with observing Chalk Artist Peter Davidson as he creates a masterpiece with chalk at the entrance to the park. Peter told us the duckling he drew for last year's event was his favorite chalk art of 2021 and he would like to top that! Families and/or individuals can purchase a sidewalk square for \$5.00 (includes chalk) and create their own chalk art. Anyone can participate, whether you are artistic or just want to join in the fun.

Dawn Ferengo "Pop Art" will be making her very imaginative balloons again this year. These are a "must have!" There will be food, music and activities to enjoy. Once Peter has completed his chalk art he will judge the art on the sidewalk squares with 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons awarded for family and individual categories.

This year is a very special year: It is Lodi's 150th Birthday! Therefore, there will be much to celebrate with extra activities as part of Susie The Duck Day. The Lodi & Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a movie in the park after the Chalk the Walk event. Mark the weekend on your calendar and celebrate Lodi's 150th with others in our community.

What's Happening at Reach Out Lodi

May/June/July 2022 Calendar of Events

Dinner with... **The Trippers Lite Band**

Tuesday, May 10th, 5:30 pm

The band offers a large variety of music including gospel, old country, bluegrass and folk.

Come and enjoy an evening picnic on our patio. Dinner will continue indoors if weather is an issue.

Please make reservations by **May 9th**.

Call: 608-592-4592 to make reservations.

Cost: \$10



Dinner with... **The Radiant Beings**

Tuesday, June 14th, 5:30 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.

Come and enjoy an evening picnic on our patio. Dinner will continue indoors if weather is an issue.

Please make reservations by **June 13th**.

Call: 608-592-4592 to make reservations.

Cost: \$10

Dinner with... **Dangerous Folk**

Tuesday, July 12th, 5:30pm

Julie Thompson and David HB Drake present "Blowing in the Wind."

These anthems from the days of "make love, not war" still resonate today. "Blowing in the Wind" is a "mighty wind" of classic folk music memories. Music that affirms the positive message that shaped our lives.

Come and enjoy an evening picnic on our patio. Dinner will continue indoors if weather is an issue.

Please make reservations by **July 11th**.

Call: 608-592-4592 to make reservations.

Cost: \$10



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DEMENTIA JOURNEY SUPPORT GROUP

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

May 19th, June 16th, and July 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: Janet Wiegel, 608-697-2838, for more information.



Memory Café

Friday, May 27th 1:00 - 2:30 pm

History of Lodi

Join us and our friends from the Lodi Historical Society to learn more about Lodi's history.

Featuring Monty & Mary Thompson.

Contact: Rose Kearney, 608-232-3400 ext. 115, for more info.

June is World Elder Abuse Awareness month!

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Columbia Co. will be partnering with other agencies to bring awareness to Elder Abuse Cases in our County with local events featuring a Legal and Financial Seminar facilitated by Elder Law Attorney John Haslam! Please keep your eyes open for more information in the month of June!



May 14th, June 11th, & July 16th

5:00-7:00 pm

May 14th

Dinner followed by board games and cards.

June 11th, BINGO Party!

Dinner followed by
Bingo with prizes.

July 16th

Dinner followed by board games and cards.

Call: 608-592-4592 to make reservations.



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Memory Café

Friday, June 24th
1:00 - 2:30 pm

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

Contact: Rose Kearney,
608-232-3400 ext. 115,
for more info.

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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.

MAY SESSION:

Tuesdays May 3-24th

2:00-2:45 pm

Cost: \$10 for 4 weeks.

JUNE SESSION: Tuesdays June 14-28th

2:00-2:45 pm

Cost: \$5 for 3 weeks

NO CLASS ON JUNE 7th.

JULY SESSION: Tuesdays July 12-26th

2:00-2:45 pm

Cost: \$5 for 3 weeks

NO CLASS ON JULY 5th.



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. Exercises are completed in standing and/or seated position.

MAY SESSION: Wednesdays May 4-25th

2:00-2:45 pm

Cost: \$10 for 4 weeks.

JUNE & JULY:

June and July, dates and times have not been determined at this time.

Please call Reach Out Lodi at 608-592-4592 to register and we will contact you as soon as the summer schedule is determined.



Summer Artist

Gladys Grieger has always known that creating art and teaching art are a very important part of her life. But she did not realize how important the teaching aspect had become until Covid 19 struck and the Painting for Pleasure classes she had been teaching at the ROL Community Center had to be cancelled. While she could still paint and create artwork in the solitude of her home it was the sharing of her love of painting and "talking" art with others and then seeing their enthusiasm develop into wonderful paintings of their own that she missed most. Thankfully, classes are back!

Gladys has assembled some of her artwork and will be displaying them at the ROL Center in the months of June, July and August. She hopes you enjoy viewing her work. She tries to tell a "little story" in each piece...some easily seen, others for the viewer to figure out.



Painting for Pleasure — with Gladys Grieger

Gladys will teach the wonderful art of painting with acrylics.

MAY SCHEDULE:

Monday, May 2nd-23rd

12:30-3:00 pm

Friday, April 15th-May 6th

10:00 am-12:30 pm

MAY/JUNE SCHEDULE:

Mondays, June 6th-27th

12:30-3:00 pm

Fridays, May 27th-June 17th

10:00 am-12:30 pm

FOR INFORMATION:

Call Gladys at 608-445-0589

Cost: \$45.00 for 4 weeks.

Gladys is also our featured summer artist. You can see her artwork in the ROL Community Center.



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.



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.

Getting To Know Louise

Louise was born 94 years ago in Oak Park, Illinois. She grew up in Bensenville, Illinois where she met her husband, Al, when she was 14 and Al was 17. He was her only boyfriend and they married shortly after she graduated.

Even though she was an Illinois girl she had a love for Wisconsin and dreamed of living here throughout her whole life. Her parents had a cottage in Wautoma and she has wonderful childhood memories of spending weeks in the cottage and on the water. It was on their way to the cottage for their honeymoon that Louise feared she would become a widow on her wedding day. Al fell asleep while driving and lost control of the car. As the car rolled over in a field Louise was thrown to the right and Al to the left. She tried calling his name but no one answered. Finally a truck driver stopped and took care of them while another driver drove to the next town and sent an ambulance for them. Louise broke her collar bone and they never had their honeymoon in the cabin.

Al and Louise continued living in Bensenville where Al was a trucking mechanic and Louise was a stay-at-home mother of 11 children, 8 boys and 3 girls. Al never wanted his wife to have a job. "No wife of mine will ever work outside the home," was the way he put it. Perhaps he thought taking care of 11 children was enough work for anyone. After many years of this arrangement Louise told him she had to get out of the house and he finally agreed. Louise became a teacher's aide for 19 years, teaching special education students. She loved her job and her students. She certainly had lots of experience for the job. Al worked nights so he prepared a dinner at noon for Louise and the children; they would all come home and have dinner together every day before returning back to school in the afternoon. Having a meal together as a family was very important to them.

When it was time to retire it was also time to revisit that old dream of living in Wisconsin. After Louise and Al attended a log cabin show they designed their own log home and it was "Lodi, here we come." Wanting to make new friends in the community they both became very active in golf, bowling, church and card games. They also became volunteers in the community and Al was named Volunteer of the Year for the state of Wisconsin for his work in the nursing home and as a driver for St. Vincent de Paul.

Louise attends Senior Yoga, Senior Movement, Dinner with..., Tasty Tuesdays and anything else that is happening at ROL. She loves ROL because that's where all her friends are.

—By Penny Schmiedlin

Getting To Know You is a new feature of our newsletter where we hope to introduce one or two of our friends in each issue.



Community Center Room Rentals

Our Community Center space is used by many civic groups and is also available for rent by the public. Some examples of how it might be used include family events such as birthday parties, holiday parties, baby showers, baptisms, graduations, celebrations of life or other occasions. There are two rooms available; the Lodi Room which holds up to 30 people with tables and the Welcome Room which holds up to 60 people with tables. The Community Center is a smoke, alcohol, weapon and drug free environment.

To see what is going on in the Community Center check out our "month at a glance" calendars on the next few pages. Activities of civic groups, organizations and private parties are all listed in colored text.

For more information about use and rental rates, please call us at 608-592-4592, visit our website or stop by during office hours. We hope you'll consider us for your next event.

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Our Transportation Services Are Really Going Places



Reach Out Lodi's Transportation Service for people that have no other means of getting to essential appointments has been quite busy. We began this service in mid-July of 2021 and as of February of 2022 we have provided 113 rides, primarily for medically-related appointments in Lodi, Portage, Baraboo and Madison. Distance travelled to these appointments totaled 4,230 miles. The need for this type of support has gone well beyond our initial expectations. The vehicle that is used for transport was purchased from funds from the Dolly Grant we received from the Lodi United Methodist Church this past year and is driven by reliable and safety-conscious volunteers. This is just one of several auxiliary services that Reach Out Lodi provides for residents throughout the School District of Lodi. If you are in need of a lift give us a call at 608-592-4592.

Transport Van Driver,
Jack Stendebroek

Reach Out Lodi



Saturday, May 7th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

at Reach Out Lodi

608-592-4592

Treat Mom to Something Sweet This Mother's Day!

Come to the ROL Bake Sale to support vital programs & services at Reach Out Lodi. Purchase homemade baked goods to share with Mom or get something for yourself.

Cake Walk

Stick around for a Cake Walk where winners walk away with a cake or pie of their choosing.

Bike Check-Up

Get ready for the summer! Bring your bike & helmet to the bake sale and get a bicycle "check-up" while you're here.

ROL Offering Four Scholarships to Graduating Lodi High School Seniors



Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating Lodi High School seniors at the Senior Class Awards Night in May. To be eligible a graduating student must be entering a trades apprenticeship program, a technical college or a four-year college. They must have a good work ethic and an interest in bettering themselves and their community.

Applications have been available at the Lodi High School.

COMMUNITY STORE TOP 10 WISH LISTS

Top 10 Food

1. Fresh Fruits & Vegetables
2. Protein (beef, pork, chicken)
3. Cereal
4. Cooking Oil
5. Sugar
6. Maseca
7. Black Beans (dry)
8. Juice (large bottle)
9. Miscellaneous Snacks
10. Baby Food

Top 10 Personal Essentials

1. Kleenex
2. Paper Towels
3. Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets
4. Household Cleaning Products
5. Dental Hygiene Products
6. Baby Care Products
7. Feminine Hygiene Products
8. Personal Care Products
9. Kitchen Storage Bags (Gal., Qt.)
10. Garbage Bags (Size 13 & 30)

Top Clothing Items

1. Spring/Summer Clothes (adult/child all sizes)
2. Socks (adult/child all sizes)
3. Underwear (adult/child all sizes)
4. Lightweight jackets (adult/child all sizes)
5. Sheet Sets (all sizes)
6. Bath Towels/Washcloths
7. Kitchen Towels/Dishcloths



Volunteer Corner

The Ness family has been involved with Reach Out Lodi from its infancy. Heidi was a participant on the development team that envisioned and created the Reach Out Lodi we know today. Mai Ling also participated on the development team, representing the FFA Community Closet which is now part of ROL's services. Heidi has helped locate and write grants, created marketing plans, and is currently on the Board of Directors, serving as secretary.

Scott, Heidi, Mai Ling, Zhu Lan, and Levi have enjoyed stocking shelves and helping serve food during Tasty Tuesday, Soupr' Supper, and Dinner with...events. They were also the smiles behind the masks helping with food distributions during the pandemic. Volunteerism has been important to the Ness family and they encourage others to give back to their community.

—Scott & Heidi Ness

Customer Comments

I have lived in Lodi for the past year and a half. I broke my femur in two places and, after surgery, I had two heart attacks. I could not drive afterwards. Jim Schmiedlin of ROL was very happy to tell me of their services.

I was three months in rehab at Sauk Hospital. Jim arranged for me to have a ride each time I went. Sometimes he even drove me.

I also get household items and groceries delivered for free. The wonderful receptionists that take my orders are always pleasant and helpful.

I think the name is perfect for

Thank
You!

Gracias,
Merci!

Grateful

the organization—"Reach Out Lodi"—since they definitely do just that. I appreciate them very much and am happy to recommend them to anyone that needs help.

—Bernadine M. Cook



July 7th & 8th

6 pm start

BINGO

at Lodi Agriculture 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 7th and Friday, July 8th starting at 6:00 pm each night. It will be located under the big tent, near gate #2 and across from the concessions.


Raffle tickets (50/50) 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. Mark your calendars: We look forward to seeing you at the Lodi Agricultural Fair.



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

May

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1 Common Ground Church 9:00-11:00 am Baby Shower 10:00 am Boy & Girl Scouts 5:00-8:00 pm	2 † Painting for Pleasure 12:30-3:00 pm	3 † Senior Yoga 2:00-2:45 pm	4 Optimists 12:00 pm † Senior Movement 2:00-2:45 pm	5 Transition Program Mah Jongg 9:30 am-12:00 pm CARDS — Euchre 1:00-3:00 pm Judy Ghastin, Baker	6 Painting for Pleasure 10:00 am-12:30 pm	7  Bake Sale & Bike Check-Up 11:00 am-2:00 pm
8 Common Ground Church 9:00-11:00 am	9 Painting for Pleasure 12:30-3:00 pm	10 Senior Yoga 2:00-2:45 pm Dinner With... Trippers Lite Band 5:30 pm	11 Senior Movement 2:00-2:45 pm Lodi Art Club 7:00 pm	12 Transition Program Mah Jongg 9:30 am-12:00 pm CARDS — Euchre 1:00-3:00 pm Judy Ghastin, Baker	13	14 Lift Lodi Day of Service Registration 8:00 am-4:00 pm Game Night 5:00-7:00 pm
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Free School Supplies For Those in Need

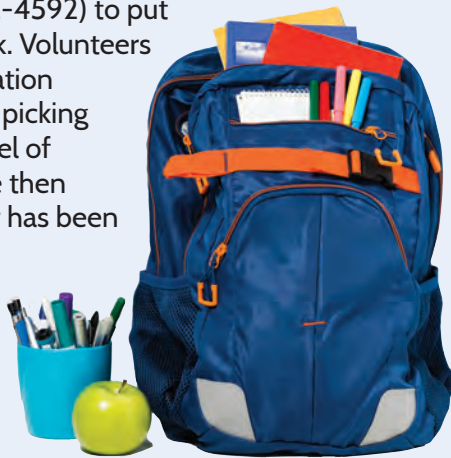
"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."

—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 needy families 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



first week of August and fill orders before school starts but will provide supplies throughout the year as needs arise. Just let us know!

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 experience 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 Mary Wilkes or Jim Schmiedlin at 608-592-4592, or stop at the Community Center and discuss how you would like to help support Reach Out Lodi.

