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Ouote of the Month

"The more we care for the happiness of others, the greater is our own sense of well-being." —Dalai Lama



Community Center and **Community Store**

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Find us on

Community Store Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm Saturday 8:30am-11am

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.



Community Garden Has a New Home

or those who enjoy fresh vegetables or raising flowers but don't have enough garden space you might be interested in reserving space, for a small fee, at the new Reach Out Lodi Community Garden location. The former location of the Lodi Community Garden on Prospect Street has been relocated to a new site at 601 Clark Street the home base of Reach Out Lodi, Inc. (ROL). This newly developed garden space is located on the north side of ROL and will be available this Spring, 2020. A 40'X80' area was rototilled last Fall and the construction of raised gardens is also being considered.

ROL will have gardening tools (shovels, rakes, hoes, hoses, etc.) on site for gardeners interested in raising their own produce in their very own designated garden area. This is a great opportunity for those of you who enjoy the art of gardening and adding home grown healthy fresh foods to your families diet.

For more information you may contact us at reachoutlodi@gmail.com, give us a call at 1-608-592-4592, or stop by to see us. For newcomers to gardening we also have volunteers who would be glad to get you started with the "adventures of gardening."

What's Happening at Reach Out Lodi Spring 2020 Calendar of Events

Wellness on Wednesday (WOW)



Massage: Relax the Mind, Renew the Body, Revive the Soul



April 22nd 1:00-2:00 pm Presented by Stephanie Manley, Licensed Massage Therapist.

Lunch With... David Drake Wed., March 11th 11:30 am

Wish I Had a Troubadour — A Concert for St. Patrick's Day. David will supply us with Irish songs and Irish instruments to go with them. **Cost:** \$10. RSVP required.

Call 592-4592



Jessica Michna as Eleanor Maher Wednesday, April 8th 11:30 am

Jessica Michna as Eleanor Maher "On Angels Wings". Eleanor, a World War I nurse, relates true tales of heroism and self-sacrifice during times of great conflict. Even in the horrors of war, the human spirit will rise above the destruction to find goodness. **Cost:** \$10. RSVP required. **Call** 592-4592



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Watercolor Workshop with Anne Urso

Try your hand at the timeless art of watercolor, a painting method in which the paints are made of pigments suspended in a water based solution. During this two hour introductory workshop, you'll explore the art under the guidance of local artist/ instructor, Anne Urso. The class will include demonstrations as well as one-on-one assistance and you'll leave with a 5x7 painting of a lovely spring scene.

All materials will be provided. **Cost:** \$20. Email Anne at *ursoa57@gmail.com* to register.



Blue Bird, Saturday March 21st 10:00 am-12:00 pm



Umbrella Girl, Sunday April 26th 1:00-3:00 pm

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Join Us! Super Supper Community Meal

Come for dinner. Stay to get to know your neighbors, play cards, or just relax.

4:30-6:00 pm Free-will offering March 10th, (March 24th at Fitz's) April 14th & 28th



Saturday, March 14th 6:00 pm

Calling all Bingo fans! Reach Out Lodi is hosting Bingo in our building. So, grab your friends and come on in to enjoy a fun evening of Bingo @ROL! Concessions offered by the Boy Scouts. Come early, seating is limited.

Spaghetti Dinner

Fundraiser At Fitz's on the Lake

March 24th 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Fitz's and Reach Out Lodi are partnering to provide a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Tuesday, March 24th from 4:30pm -7:30pm at Fitz's on the Lake. There will be



live music and raffle prizes, with a grand prize drawing for a 55" Smart TV. The drawing will be at 7:00pm. We encourage you to stay for the fun, however, you don't have to be present to win.

Tickets are available in advance at Reach Out Lodi, 601 Clark Street. Food tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 12 and under. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Stop by ROL to purchase during the Community Center hours 8:30am-3:30pm or you can pay at the door. Proceeds from the food and raffle tickets benefit Reach Out Lodi. Come for a fun evening, delicious food and to support your local Community Center and Community Store. You may even go home with some nice **raffle prizes**!





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Saturday, March 7, 21, and April 4, 18 5-7PM

Come for dinner, games and socializing designed for our special needs young people, high school through adult.

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Restorative Yoga with Tess Carr

Tuesdays starting March 3rd-April 28th (NO CLASS March 24) 2:00-2:50 pm

Tess moved to the Lodi/Okee area three years ago with her husband and

three children. Tess has taught Restorative Yoga for 15 years. We are enjoying sharing her gentle peaceful nature as she helps us with range of motion, balance and strength. This class is for EVERYONE, come and give it a try. Tess also teaches at Kingfisher Yoga Studio. Cost: \$20 for 8 weeks.

Tai Chi with Bill Welch

SCHEDULE: Tuesdays & Thursdays Starting March 3-31, and April 7-May 7 (NO CLASS April 23) 9:00-9:45 am Tai Chi is a slow flowing discipline that promotes

balance, stretching and strength. Cost: \$25.00 for each 5 week session.

Mah Jongg

Every Friday throughout the year (NO Game April 24) 10:00 am-12:30 pm

This interesting and challenging game is played with small tiles. Don't know how to play? We will teach you!

Artist of the Month: March-April

Maribeth Fleischmann, and her daughter, Casey Fleischmann, will display watercolor, acrylic and pastel paintings as well as some other media.

Room Rentals

The ROL Community Center has two rooms available for use. These can be reserved for families, special occasions, educational opportunities, celebration of life luncheons, community groups and meetings.

Call 592-4592 and ask for Mary or Jim to learn more.

- Welcome Room
- Lodi Room
- We provide tables and chairs, with other amenities available upon request.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Listen for Lodi school closings on inclement weather days. When the Lodi school district is closed, all classes at ROL are canceled too. For other activities or questions, just give us a call at (608) 592-4592. Your safety is our main concern. Please be careful out there.

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Men's Faith Group

Cost: \$45.00 for 4 weeks.

Painting for Pleasure —

SCHEDULE: Mondays starting April 6,

FOR INFO: Call Gladys at 445-0589

Gladys will teach the wonderful art of painting

with Gladys Grieger

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with acrylics.

12:30-3:00pm

Every Wednesday throughout the year. 7:00-8:00 am A Faith based bible study group. Light breakfast available.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday's starting March 18th 2:30 pm No class on April 8th.

Cards — Euchre

Every Thursday throughout the year. (NO Cards April 23) 1:00-3:00 pm Make new friends, have fun & share a snack before you leave.

Garage Sale Thursday, April 23 & Friday, April 24 8:00 am-3:00 pm



You Never Have Second Thoughts When You Give From The Heart

Giving to Reach Out Lodi was a donation we didn't have a second thought about. Both of us grew up in Lodi and Lodi has a special place in our hearts. We remember how our parents, George and Norma Maddrell always made a donation to the food pantry and that Simon (Bernadette) Miller helped with Meals on Wheels. We wanted to carry on their tradition in helping out in Lodi. No matter what the economy, a community has those with needs. Reach Out Lodi helps with the many needs of the community.

-Richard and Jean (Miller) Maddrell





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From our ROL Family to Yours

Being a member of a family genetics or a name. Our families are those that can be counted on to help their struggling neighbors in good and times of crisis. At Reach Out Lodi our families consist of individuals, civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools, youth groups, and other support groups that are passionate supporters of our mission. So, when food, personal essentials, clothing, school

supplies, and other support services are needed, the ROL family jumps into action to restore hope and trust. ROL is a place where hope and trust live, and you help make that possible. Thank you for being a member of the Reach Out Lodi family.

You can learn more about us by visiting our website at *reachoutlodi.org*, or follow us on facebook. We are open at 601 Clark Street,M-F 8:30 am-3:30 pm, and Saturday's 8:30-11:00am.

WALL OF HONOR

JUNE FISKE

FRIEND & ARTIST

ACTS: 9:36-39

Each year we add engraved tiles to the beautiful Wall of Honor in our front courtyard. It's that time of year again and we are looking for your tile order. Please consider adding a tile with your family name, or a tile as a lasting gift to remember someone special: Mother's/Father's Day, anniversaries, birthdays or to honor a life well lived.

- **4"X8" \$100.00** Tile containing up to 3 lines of text, 18 characters per line.
- **8"X8" \$200.00** Tile containing up to 6 lines of text, 18 characters per line.

Please stop in at Reach Out Lodi to pick up your order form.

—Penny Schmiedlin

ROL Offering Two Scholarships to Graduating Lodi High School Seniors

Two 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.

Advertise with us!

The Community Circle is now offering advertising space to local area businesses & churches. For more information contact us at *rolnewsletter@gmail.com*



CONGRATS PENNY!

The Lodi & Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce has chosen Penny Schmiedlin for Lodi Citizen of the Year. A banquet honoring Penny will be announced at a later date and everyone is welcome! Help us congratulate someone who has made a positive impact on so many lives.

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Ngo! The Word is Getting Out

"Bingo at Reach Out Lodi!" During our second Bingo event, held in January, our attendance more than doubled to 75 people. We anticipate this continuing to grow.

Invite your family & friends and come to ROL. Buy your Bingo cards and 50/50 raffle tickets, then be ready for a fun evening. Boy Scout Troop 113 is providing concessions (hot dogs, popcorn, refreshments and desserts).



No need to leave town for entertainment; it's right here in Lodi at your Community Center (601 Clark Street).

Great way to support Reach Out Lodi, the Boy Scouts AND have a chance to win cash prizes!

Our next Bingo: **Saturday, March 14, 6:00pm**. Only place in town to play Bingo and have this much fun!







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What's Happening in the Community Store

he Reach Out Lodi Community Store has been very busy serving individuals and families in our area with the greatest needs. There has been a notable increase in the number of families that shop the Community Store. In the last three months we have registered 21 new families and our weekly number of visits has averaged 26. So, we are so grateful for the food, personal essentials, and clothing donations we have received lately. Mary Wilkes has been posting food needs on our Facebook page and many of you have responded in kind for which we are most thankful. It is getting more and more difficult for us to meet demanding needs without sustainable support. Your



generosity and support means so much to the families we serve.

Fundraising for the new 28'X54' addition to the Community Store (including a basement) is doing pretty well. As of 02-19-20 we have raised \$62,000 for the estimated \$155,000 project. The actual build will start the last week of February 2020 which is a month and a half earlier than originally expected. This will add 1512 square feet of main floor space which will be used for much needed food and clothing display and storage. The 1512 square foot basement area will store garden tools, lawn care equipment, snow removal equipment, patio furniture and grills. If you are looking for a way to help your community you are welcome to join our Capital Fundraising Campaign. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us at 601 Clark Street, call 1-608-592-4592 for information, or visit our website, reachoutlodi.org. Be sure to ask about our Monthly Giving Program. If you would like to discuss other giving options please contact Jim Schmiedlin, or Mary Wilkes, Managing Director at 1(608)592-4592 or email us at reachoutlodi@ gmail.com. Helping us helps those in our community with the greatest needs.

—Jim Schmiedlin, ROL

An Interview with Thea Jesse

Where's Thea? In the kitchen, of course!

Thea moved to Lodi in 1964 when her husband Ralph Jesse bought a farm and began farming his own land. She loved her life on the farm raising six children, three girls followed by three boys. These were some of the best years of her life.

Thea worked at Central Wis. Center and the State of Wis. in unemployment and the job service dept.'s. She also worked at the old Bridge Supper Club on the lake in Okee. After 17 years as a waitress she became the restaurant's cook for 7 years. That's why she is ROL's wonderful cook.

Q: Why are you volunteering in ROL's kitchen for Lunch with Entertainment and Game Night?

A: "Though it is a lot of work, I love working with all the volunteers, they are the best and make the work fun. I love the feeling of working with a team that's working hard for the same purpose. The kitchen is filled with joy and laughter as the meal is prepared and during the clean up. The two events are so different. We serve around 50 people for Lunch with entertainment. I enjoy meeting new people as well as connecting with people I have known but have not seen in years. It's a wonderful feeling to see our seniors laughing and having so much fun. They have needed a Center for a very long time.

Game Night with 12-14 special needs teens and young adults is of course totally different. I enjoy getting to know them and seeing how comfortable they are at the Center, they have truly made it 'their place'. They look so forward to Game Night and they take responsibility for the night and their place. (ROL) I love hearing the



noise and laughter coming from the game room as cards and 2 or 3 other games are going on at the same time.

I love the programs and goals ROL has to find a need and fill it for the people of Lodi."

We love Thea and appreciate all the work she does for the Center. She truly has a servant's heart.

—Penny Schmiedlin

COMMUNITY STORE TOP 10 WISH LISTS

For the Food Aisle

- 1. Cereal
- 2. Peanut butter
- 3. Canned meat (chicken, tuna fish, beef stew, spam)
- 4. Canned fruit
- 5. Pancake Mix
- 6. Cooking oil
- 7. Granulated sugar
- 8. Macaroni & Cheese
- 9. Soup (any kind)
- 10. Pasta/Pasta sauce

Top 10 Personal Essentials

- 1. Household Cleaning products
- 2. Laundry detergent
- 3. Dish soap
- 4. Toilet bowl cleaner
- 5. Kleenex
- 6. Paper towels
- 7. Feminine Hygiene products
- 8. Diapers sizes 3, 4, & 5
- 9. Shampoo/Conditioner/Body wash
- 10. Garbage bags size 13 & 30

A standing request from the Community Store Clothing Department: New underwear all sizes, for boys and girls.

> Our email address has changed. Please contact us at: reachoutlodi@gmail.com

To Whom it may Concern,

have had to look for outside help for myself and my husband. I used a few places only to feel humiliated and embarrassed. When I called Reach Out Lodi I asked if I could please use their Community Store. My family's situation was getting dire, and all I did was cry myself to sleep at night, and was overcome by stress and worry.

We are both on disability, and have to deal with some pretty serious health problems on a daily basis.

Jim agreed to let me use the Community Store at Reach Out Lodi. We were met by Jim who was super amazing! He made us feel

Customer Comments

welcomed and made me feel whole again, like I was still worth something.



He supplied our needs. Reach Out Lodi supplied our needs when we needed it most.

I have since used the store a few times, and still greeted the same as my first...

Reach Out Lodi and its workers, volunteers, and staff have really changed my life and the life of my family.

I am truly, truly grateful to all who are a part of this great mission and ministry.

Thank you all for everything!!!!! Sincerely, -Ann & Billy Herring

A child's chance for a bright tomorrow starts with getting enough healthy food today!





In the United States, 1 in 6 children don't know where their next meal is coming from.

In southwestern Wisconsin, almost 44,000 children are food insecure.

Children facing hunger are more likely to:

- Repeat a grade in elementary school
- Experience developmental impairments in areas like language and motor skills
- Have more social and behavioral problems

Source: Second Harvest Food bank of Southern Wisconsin

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Volunteer Corner

y husband John and I have both lived in and around Lodi and Lake Wisconsin all our lives. I like to say we now live in the suburbs of Lodi, in Okee. I retired in the month of July several years ago after working for over 40 years as an account rep for several major transportation companies. I did not have a regular schedule and did have some overnight travel, making it hard to commit to volunteering. After several months of enjoying the summer off, I knew I needed to get busy doing something more productive. I worked in the fall for the Treinen Farm and Pumpkin Patch. When that season ended I also did some part time work for Bill's Towing & Auto repair. In working for both locally owned businesses, with families I grew up with, I was inspired by the many things they and their families do to support the Lodi school system and community, including Reach Out Lodi (ROL). I happened to see in Dec. 2018 an event for Christmas cupcake decorating at ROL that sounded fun for my granddaughter, Hannah. Turns out it was fun for me as well and I wanted to learn and do more. I was happy to know that there were many events to fit my skills and soon realized there was more to Reach Out than just the Community Store. So for well over a year now I have been on a ROL(L)! with various fun and rewarding duties. I enjoy serving at the Wednesday event luncheons and Super Suppers, as well as assisting with Game Night for the teens. I recently helped with BINGO and have done some fundraising for Super Hero Walk and Spaghetti Supper. It's rewarding in so many ways to me. I have met many new patrons and volunteers and have

reconnected with many familiar families and faces from Lodi. Everyone is always so appreciative, positive and fun. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful resource in Lodi and I am happy and proud to be a part of it and to spread the word on all that ROL has to offer.

—Patsy Davis



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, as ROL supporters, 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, they include:

- Consider giving on a consistent ongoing basis, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually.
- Purchase a (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.
- Apply to become a volunteer.

For more information contact Mary Wilkes, Managing Director, or Jim Schmiedlin, Board President at 592-4592, or stop at the Community Center and discuss how you would like to help support ROL.