

Ledges Summer Party

August 5th the Ledges Property Owner's Association held it's Summer Party at the Ledges Golf Course and Pool complex. This year Gateway Community Bank co-sponsored the event with the LPOA.

Gateway Community Bank's financial and staff support helped enhance the day's activities. Many persons expressed how they enjoyed the festivities. Special thanks go to President Allen Brewer and Operations Specialist Amy Maavich for all their help during the many weeks of planning and for gathering gift bags and prizes. Many of the banks employees helped during the day at the golf outing. Thanks to Danielle Noble, Jerry & Patti Lecklicker, Rick Nelson, Rob Gillette, Jenny Accardi for their help.

We had to start golf earlier this year to accommodate the 128 golf participants. The weather couldn't have been better. Prizes were awarded for closest to the pin, long drive, long putt and for low scores in both the men's & couples divisions. The following local businesses provided prizes: The Golf Shack, Gateway Community Bank, Wine Styles, Sabrosa Mexican Restaurant, American Family Insurance- Melodi Broege Agency, Clarks Fine Art, Main Street Meats, Illinois Material Handling Services, Marquis Wireless, Zazu Gift Company, The Clubhouse Mini-Putt, and Mary Kay Representative Dana Smitley.

The party at the Ledges Pool started at 5pm. We had record attendance of 335 people. The kids were entertained with a magic show and games by Pickles the Clown. Kudos go to Tracey Matson, Tara Hamblin, and Travis Greenlee for helping with the activities for the 100 plus kids that attended. While the kids enjoyed the games, the adults enjoyed snacks and drinks before dinner. Thanks to Darryl McCabe for his help in getting the snacks provided by Frito-Lay.

At 6pm a good old-fashioned pig roast with all the trimmings was prepared by the Hoffman House Restaurant. Bob Prosser, Rich Johnson and the staff provided an excellent meal as usual.

Entertainment for this year's event was Juelane and Gid-e-yup. They provided some great country music. If you get the chance to hear them, don't miss the opportunity. Thanks go to the Ledges Pool Group for their co-operation and to the following people from the Pool Association that helped with this years party: Janita Harner, Bob Young, Travis Greenlee, Christy Simms, Monica Fehler, and Jessica Fiege.

Our gratitude goes to the Winnebago County Forest Preserve and their employees Mike Durand, John Denbow, Evelyn Winckler, Russ Johnson, Gary Jarvis, Jim Kuse, and Steve Hare for their help with the golf outing.

Putting together an event of this size each year requires a huge effort by LPOA board members and ledges residents that volunteer their time to help with numerous things from set-up to clean up. Many thanks go to the following people that made it happen this year: Rich & Kathy Weber, Larry & Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, Dave & Tracey Matson, Mike & Laurie Nelson, George & Linda Hamblin, Fern Nelson, Carol Norregaard, Paul Swanberg, Chuck & Connie Christiansen, Mike Ilseman, Kathy & Reid Anderson, Vince Bowers, Don Blecker, Russ Johnson, Randy Olson, Mike Wilson, Darryl McCabe, Jim Benkovich, Kathy Zant, and Jackie O'Brien.

Thank you residents and friends for attending. We hope to see you at our Ledges Property Owner's Association Christmas Parties. *Mark Anderson*

Featured Business

Gateway Community Bank - A smaller bank with bigger service, that's what makes Gateway Community Bank a premiere community bank for residents and businesses in Roscoe. "We are much different than the larger, more corporate and regional banks that have branches in Roscoe", said Gateway's Chief Operating Officer Allen Brewer. "Our goal is to know our customers on a much deeper level than larger banks are able to. They provide an excellent environment for customers to complete their financial transactions and have a wide range of services including online banking, debit cards and free personal checking accounts. GCB invites everyone in the LPOA to stop in and meet them in Main Street Square."

You can also view the bank's website at www.gatewaycb.com.

The Second Annual Fall festival of cars is scheduled for Saturday Oct.7th. at Roscoe United Methodist Church. There will be numerous craft booths, an Elvis impersonator, awards for various cars, and lots of good food to eat. The event begins at 9 am



Art Fair at Cross & Crown - On Saturday October 14th from 10am to 5 PM, and Sunday October 15th noon to 5 PM Cross and Crown Lutheran Church (7404 Elevator Rd.) is hosting a fun event for the whole family. All types of artwork will be on sale as well as great food, and fellowship. For more information call 623-2212 or www.crosscrown.org.

Congratulations to Christian O'Brien who recently won the United States Tumbling Championship for kids 9 years of age. Keep up the good work.

Congratulations - The dance team of Katie Kemp & Tara Hamblin from Studio 11 won a Mid-West Dance Competition in July. Tara also won the jazz competition and received a scholarship. Both Katie & Tara are also members of the Hononegah High School Dance Team.

Congratulations to Reid Anderson who finished 3rd in the 8 to 10 age group in Rockford area golf series championship in which over 20 kids participated. Reid's low round of the year was a 41 at the Ledges good for a 2nd place finish, 39 was the winning score. Not bad for kids 8 to 10. These kids are good!

Congratulations to Will Ilseman who finished 5th in the 15&16 age group in the Rockford area golf series championship in which over 40 kids participated. Will shot 71 at Atwood winning not only his age group, but winning the overall tournament.

Home Sales - Many homes in the ledges have changed owners in 2006. If you have recently moved to the ledges, it would be helpful if you would share some information with us to keep our mailing list up to date. This enables us to have an accurate 2007 directory. Give Chuck Christiansen a call at 623-2813 or email him at cchristi@charter.net

Have any tidbits you would like to share. Call Mark Anderson at 623-6391 or email (m.andy@charter.net)

Chronic Wasting Disease & West Nile Virus

Chronic Wasting Disease continues to be a cause for concern in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Recently in the Ledges a deer was found that looked quite ill. The Dept. of Natural Resources was contacted, and the deer was put down. Testing confirmed that the deer had CWD. So far in 2006 over 50 deer have tested positive for CWD in 5 northern Illinois counties including Winnebago. For further information visit <http://dnr.state.il.us/cwd/>

West Nile Virus also continues to be a public safety concern. During the last week of August the Winnebago Health Department visited homes in close proximity to the Ledges golf course and handed out information packets on West Nile Virus. The virus was discovered in the Ledges and Spring Lake Estates in Rockford. The LPOA is making this information available to all homes in the Ledges via this newsletter.

Here are a few things you need to know

1. Make sure your yard is free of standing water to where mosquitoes can breed.
2. Be doubly sure your family uses personal protection when outdoors.

3. If you want a Heath Department staff member to visit and assess your yard or would like assistance in larvaciding (using pesticides to kill mosquito larvae before they hatch into adults)

PLEASE CALL WEST NILE VIRUS INFORMATION LINE at 720-4240

Garden Walk



Harold Bates surveys his handy work

The LPOA hosted their first garden walk on Saturday, July 15, 2006. Although it was a very hot day, everyone enjoyed it! We had approximately 50 people who went through the 5 gardens. Thank you to those who opened up their gardens for people to browse and ask questions. Harold & Lavina Bates, Gary Neu, Bruce & Susan Peterson, Gene & Muriel Boyd and Mike & Laurie Nelson. We are planning to do this again next summer and look forward to having more gardens included. So get busy and start planting your flower bulbs! Please call Laurie Nelson at 623-2003 if you would be interested in participating in this exciting event in 2007! Again, thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success!