

Crisis Nursery to host Touch a Truck Event alongside Duce Construction

Crisis Nursery and Duce Construction are excited to invite you to, Paving Pathways: A Touch a Truck event. Families with children of all ages are welcome to join us at Carle at the Fields, Saturday, August 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Like the programs and services at Crisis Nursery, Touch-a-Truck will

be available for the entire community to access, completely free of charge. As the presenting sponsor, we asked Duce Construction why they chose to support this event.

"We are proud to partner with Crisis Nursery for the Paving Pathways: Touch a Truck event. The Nursery is doing tremen-

dous things in our community by supporting families in crisis and helping to build a strong foundation for children."

From construction to public transportation, emergency services to utility vehicles, your whole family will have a blast exploring, climbing, seeing, and touching all the trucks. Stop by

Crisis Nursery's Donation Station to learn more about the programs and services available to the community and/or drop off a donation from our Wish List. With food trucks and additional activities on-site, there is sure to be something for everyone. The first hour of this event (9am-10am) will be dedicated to our friends

who are sensitive to sound and light. During this sensory friendly hour, there will not be any sirens, flashing lights, or horns.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (sensory friendly hour starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 10:00 a.m.). Location: Carle at the Fields, 3310 Fields S Dr, Champaign IL 61822, in the North & East

parking lots. Cost: Free! \$15 suggested donation to support one hour of crisis care at Crisis Nursery.

To learn more about sponsoring or participating as a business, contact Jenna Phillips at jphillips@crisis-nursery.net or by calling the Nursery's administrative line at 217.337.2731.

Prairie Crossroads Blues Society announces third annual Blues Fest

The Prairie Crossroads Blues Society announces their third annual Blues Fest will take place Saturday, Aug. 14 from 1:30 to 10 p.m. CDT at the Champaign County Fairgrounds, Urbana, IL. Gates open at 1 p.m. CDT. The event will be held rain or shine.

Kilborn Alley Blues Band, a homegrown legend

of the Champaign, IL area, will headline the show. Other bands include Johnny Rawls, Ivy Ford, Smiley Tillmon featuring Kate Moss and William Marsala. Gerry Hundt's Legendary One Man Band and Jesse Cotton Stone will dominate the solo/duo stage. Music will alternate between two stages for nearly continuous

blues music.

Johnny Rawls has won two Blues Music Awards for Soul Blues Album, 2010 for Ace of Spades and 2019 for I'm Still Around. Ivy Ford made the finals of the 2019 International Blues Challenge, one of the top eight bands out of more than 150 competing in Memphis, TN. Performers

will be coming from Mississippi, Central Illinois, Chicago and Northern Illinois to present a variety of blues styles

Tickets are \$15 in advance through Aug. 12 at bluesfest.prairiecrossroads-blues.org or \$20 at the gate. Food trucks and beer are available at the fest site (no coolers please). Fest at-

tendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair. Rooms are blocked at Eastland Suites, Urbana, IL.

Check out the website for pre and post fest activities including a pre-fest party Friday, Aug. 13 from 4:30 to 11 p.m. at Bunny's Tavern, Urbana, IL featuring The Painkillers Blues Band and Cobalt Blues

Band. Fest sponsors are Urbana Park District, Eastland Suites and Bunny's Tavern

Prairie Crossroads Blues Society, Champaign, IL, formed in 2010 – their mission is to preserve, promote and educate about the blues They host two monthly jam sessions at Pipa's Pub, Champaign, IL.

LLC receives Compeer Financial grant

The Lake Land College Foundation and Ag Division recently received a \$75,000 grant from Compeer Financial. Lake Land College is one of six community colleges in Illinois receiving these grant dollars, and one of 14 community colleges overall.

"We are very excited for this opportunity and thankful for the support from Compeer Financial," said Division Chair of Agriculture/Agriculture Instructor Ryan Orrick. "We are really looking forward to seeing how this will impact our students, division and the college."

The Agriculture and Rural Initiative, Compeer Financial's donor advised fund, has granted \$825,000 to community and technical colleges across the cooperative's 144-county territory.

The colleges were selected as partners based on their agricultural education offerings, agriculture workforce

development and geographic impact.

"The opportunities Lake Land College offers to ag students are priceless," Karen Schieler, Senior Corporate Giving Specialist for Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America, said. "Getting students and youth interested in agriculture careers and helping to develop that workforce is what we strive to do, and Lake Land provides valuable, hands-on experience in many of those areas."

The Agriculture and Rural Initiative was created by the Compeer Financial Board of Directors in 2019 to make signature investments in programs and projects that directly address the needs of farmers and others who work in agriculture.

"Community and Technical colleges provide one-of-a-kind educational opportunities, which are focused on the needs and careers in

those communities," said Greg Nelsona Compeer Financial Director. "These grants are part of Compeer's commitment to champion rural, by supporting our clients and communities, creating sustainable and long-term success in the industry."

Based in the Upper Midwest, Compeer Financial is a member-owned Farm Credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural communities. The \$25.4 billion organization provides loans, leases, risk management and other financial services throughout 144 counties in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Lake Land College extends gratitude to Compeer Financial for providing this grant and will continue to explore the opportunities it provides to help students succeed.

Atwood Community to host Community Blood Drive Sat., Aug. 21

Atwood Community will host a Community Blood Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 21st at 108 S. Main St., inside Donor Bus

What: Atwood Community Blood Drive

When: Saturday, August 21st, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Donor Bus, 108 S. Main St., Atwood, IL

Appointments: To donate, please contact ImpactLife Urbana at (800) 747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 71038 to locate the drive. Masks and appointments are required.

Donor Eligibility Criteria: Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. is required to donate. For questions about eligibility, please call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before 6/26/21 are eligible to give at this drive.

About Blood Donation: Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors.

About ImpactLife: ImpactLife is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 100 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. In your area, ImpactLife is the exclusive provider to Carle Foundation Hospital, OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

All donors will receive a voucher for either a lightweight long sleeve quarter zip pullover shirt or a \$10 gift card redeemable at Amazon, Target, Starbucks, Lowe's, Dunkin', or Walmart. All donors will also be entered into a drawing to win \$500.

Masks Temporarily Required For IHSA Indoor Sports

On August 4, 2021, Governor Pritzker announced an update to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) All-Sports Policy that will require masks to be worn for all indoor IHSA athletic events regardless of an individual's vaccination status. This mask directive for indoor athletic events applies to student-athletes, coaches, officials, game personnel, and fans.

This masking mandate applies to all IHSA fall sport practices and contests that are conducted indoors. Swimmers and divers do not have to wear masks while competing, but must adhere at all other times. The masking directive also applies to any winter or spring IHSA sports that may be conducting open gyms, general conditioning, or weightlifting in-

doors.

There are no restrictions to scheduling or spectator limitations as a result of today's announcement, nor are there any changes to the IHSA calendar for any sports.

"Today's announcement will not deter us from our mission of safely offering high school student-athletes in Illinois the opportunity to participate in sports and activities," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "Illinois high school student-athletes and coaches have been resilient in dealing with myriad mitigations and unexpected changes over the past year. We hope all Illinoisans do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 so we can quickly move beyond this and remove masks from indoor athletic events."

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