

## City Of Toluca & Rotary Purchase And Plant Fifty-Four Trees



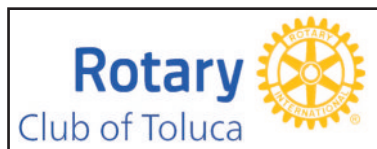
The City of Toluca and the Toluca Rotary worked together to purchase and plant 54 trees all around Toluca. Several trees re-

placed those that were cut down lately due to age or disease. Others were planted in areas lacking biodiversity to help improve air/water quality, support wildlife habitats, and reduce the amount of water runoff which decreases soil erosion.

Of course, we can't wait to take advantage of the wonderful benefit of shade these trees will provide once they get larger.

This project would not have been successful without the trees and guidance from Kurt Gerdes of Gerdes Landscaping.

## Toluca Rotary Hosts Open House Sunday, May 3rd At The American Legion Hall



The Rotary Club of Toluca is excited to host an Open House on Sunday, May 3, 2026. The Toluca Rotary will be celebrating 75 Years of Service to the community and local area. The Open House will take place at the American Legion Hall located at 115 West Santa Fe Avenue in Toluca. Everyone is welcome to come between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. to help celebrate this milestone event. There will be refreshments, as well as photo displays of various Rotary events and activities. Cheers to 75 years!

## Despite Many Challenges, Toluca's Labor Day Will Continue As It Has

Toluca Labor Day this year has many new challenges and the committee would like to express that Labor Day 2026 will continue as it has for many years.

Toluca Labor Day for 2026 is not going away. There is a mixture of new and seasoned volunteers. The Labor Day Committee has partnered with the city of Toluca.

**The officers for the Labor Day committee for 2026 is as follows:**

Toni Marie (Rolinski) Wudtke, ..... President  
 Tim O'Connor ..... Vice President  
 Brett Henry ..... 2nd Vice President  
 Roanna Richard ..... Treasurer  
 MaryKay Ghigilieri ..... Secretary.

**The different Committees are:**  
 Ad Booklets ..... Roanna Richard & Dwight Aussieker

Beer Tent ..... Brett Henry, Tyler Schoon, Nicole Schoon  
 Bingo ..... American Legion Hall  
 Budget/Finance ..... Dan Wudtke, Roanna Richard, Toni Wudtke  
 Chuck Rolinski Memorial Bocce Tournament ..... Toni Rolinski-Wudtke & Dan Wudtke  
 Kay Pitt's Memorial Cake Decorating ..... Paula Nenne  
 Chalk Drawing ..... Rotary Drawdown ..... Committee & John Ehrnthaller  
 Euchre Night ..... Rotary Food Tent & Sud's ..... Scott Gates  
 Golf Outing ..... Greg Peterson  
 Kiddie Games ..... Milissa Haugens  
 Parade ..... Carla & Tim O'Connor  
 Parade Line Up ..... Cassandra Overrocker

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## Fieldcrest Intermediate Announces Students & Staff Of The Month & Perfect Attendance

Below is a list of the Fieldcrest Intermediate School -March: Student/Staff of the Month & Perfect Attendance. Congratulations to last month's winners!



**March Perfect Attendance:** From left to right: 5th Grade - Elin Harezlak; 4th Grade - Jaylen Gaspardo; 3rd Grade - Chance Glass



**March Students of the Month,** nominated by their teachers: Pictured left to right: 5th Grade - Jaxon Bowling; 4th Grade Shelby Cooksey; and 3rd Grade - Brooklyn Janssen.



**March Staff of the Month,** nominated by their coworkers: (left to right): Nate Lorton - Principal; Sarah Klendworth - 4th Grade Teacher; Not Pictured: Larry Fortner - District Maintenance

## Fieldcrest Staff Recognized By State Board Of Education At Annual Banquet



The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) celebrated excellence in education at the 52nd Annual "Those Who Excel" and "Teacher of the Year" Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 18 in Normal. The event honored the 2026 Illinois Teacher of the Year Cohort and nearly 450 exceptional educators, administrators, school staff, and volunteers for the impact they make in classrooms and communities throughout Illinois.

Pictured above are Eric Hall, Principal of Fieldcrest Middle School and Carolyn Wargo, K-5 STEAM Teacher, who were able to attend the banquet to be recognized for their outstanding work. Ethan Robson, High School Social Studies Teacher, was also recognized, but could not attend the event.

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 Ace Ventura (Jim Carrey)

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