

# OUTREACH COMMUNITY TIMES

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## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN FARMER CITY?

### READING BUDDIES

June 13 – July 21: Reading buddies are in full swing at Outreach. Reading Buddies is a program where volunteers meet with students in the Blue Ridge School District that need extra help with reading skills to keep them at the level they are or sometimes even advance them a level. We have been doing this since 2009 and it is very rewarding for both student and volunteer. We have had some wonderful volunteers over the years with much positive feedback from parents and teachers.

### RACEWAY/ FIREWORKS

**June 23:** Farmer City Raceway is having Vintage Racing of Illinois. Not sure what that is but if you once were or are currently a race fan it definitely sounds interesting and something to investigate. On **June 30** will be Fan Appreciation night with a \$5 admission fee to the races with a fireworks display to end the evening.

Farmer City/DeWitt County Fair;  
3rd week in July

Outreach and the City of Farmer City have teamed together to bring you a monthly newsletter that will be included with your utility bills and put on the City's and Outreach's website and Facebook pages. Please send any news you would like to have included in the newsletter to [sstiger544@gmail.com](mailto:ssstiger544@gmail.com) or [news@farmercityil.org](mailto:news@farmercityil.org). The deadline for each newsletter will be the weekend before the 18th of the month, so we can layout the newsletter over the weekend for printing the next week.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and find it helpful in keeping you informed of what is going on in Farmer City so you can mark your calendar for things that interest you. We also will be letting you know of opportunities to volunteer so you can help out your friends and neighbors. Volunteers are very important to every organization to keep them running smoothly. If you are asked to volunteer please consider saying yes when asked to help someone, some day you may be the one needing help.

### FOOD SCIENCE FOR KIDS

The Farmer City Public Library will be hosting three University of Illinois Cooperative Extension programs this summer. 'Food Science for Kids', **June 28**, 1:30 to 2:30, 'Salsa Making', **July 12**, 1:30 to 2:30, and 'Oatmeal Jars', **July 26**, 1:30 to 2:30. Recommended age is 7 to 13. Adults are welcome to attend with a child. Please contact the library at 309-928-9532 or [farmercitypubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:farmercitypubliclibrary@gmail.com) to sign up.

### POSTER CONTEST WORKSHOP

**Saturday June 24**  
9AM- 12PM

**Sunday- July 9**  
2PM – 4PM

FREE workshop for

Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Poster board & art supplies will be provided. Poster contest entry fee will be paid for all participants. Come make your poster to enter in the fair poster contest.

### FARMER CITY OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES:

**July 8** is the second FREE Outdoor Movie to be held at the Farmer City Fairgrounds starting at dusk. Free hot dogs and popcorn. Come on out and join your friends and neighbors for some good fun FREE entertainment.

#### Brush Clean Up:

Brush pick up will be the last Wednesday of the month. Call City Hall at 928-3412 to arrange pick up. Yard waste needs to be in biodegradable paper bags NO plastic. Piles larger than 6'x6'x8' will have a fee for pick up.

## City News BURNING

NO Burning during July and August

**POSITION AVAILABLE**  
Water/Sewer Operator position available  
Pick up application and job description  
City Hall; 105 S Main  
Farmer City  
Hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAYS

Saturday, July 15, 2017  
Behind the Power Plant; 401 E. Allen along R.R. Tracks. Enter from Allen St. ONLY; Starting at 8 a.m. until Containers are full

Any Metal and Appliances, Refrigerators and Window A/C must have doors and Freon Removed

Waste Oil & Automotive Batteries: Must be in a spill proof container

Will take some electronics

We Will NOT take any of the following:  
TVs or Monitors  
Garbage (of any kind)  
Tires, Paint  
Antifreeze  
or any other liquids

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next Council Meetings  
July 3, 17, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m.

## HARNESS RACING RETURNS

July 19, Horse racing returns to the Equestrian Track at the Farmer City Fairgrounds. The evening includes special guests Kurt Becker, track announcer for Keeneland in Lexington, KY. and NASCAR races for Motor Racing Network Terry Luttrell, original lead singer for REO Speedwagon he will sing the National Anthem.

The night will feature a full evening of horse racing along with a Salute to Volunteers, giveaways, drawings, and will include a chance of one individual to draw for a prize up to \$7500 for themselves and \$7500 to be shared between some volunteer organizations.

Show off your best/prettiest/most outlandish, hat. Derby Hat contest we will pick one men's and one women's hat as the "Best Derby Hat".

For more information, contact Curt Homann at 217-377-3174 or look for the event on Facebook.

## CLEAN UP DAYS

**July 15:** Farmer City Clean up days info elsewhere in this newsletter.

## July

### BMX RACING

**July 22 & 23** BMX Regional and State Championship Qualifier races. In the past Farmer City has hosted more than

700 people come to town to sleep, eat, buy gas, and businesses.

## AARP DRIVING COURSE

### July 25 & 26

at Outreach  
8:30 -12:30 (refreshments served)

To receive a discount on your vehicle insurance. No testing, just facts on safe driving and new rules of the road. Must pre-register: 309-928-9400

DO NOT NEED TO BE AARP MEMBER

## END OF SUMMER PARTY

**Sun., Aug. 20 from 12 – 2 pm.**

The Farmer City End of Summer Party is back for its second year. Last year we had more than 200 people come out for this FREE community picnic hosted by local churches. We will once again have games, giant bubbles, and a water balloon launch among other activities. FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and more will be served.

This event takes place at Weedman Park (by the pool) on N. John St. The End of Summer Party is a celebration for everyone in our community. It's an opportunity for us to get to know each other better.

More details will be posted on facebook.com/farmercyparty.

## EXERCISE

We have several opportunities to exercise

at Outreach for you to consider. One group is called FC Group Fitness. On Mon. evenings at 5pm is Strength and Cardio with Danielle Harden, instructor; Tue. at 7:30 pm is Circuit Training with Annie Bowns ; and Wed. at 7 (sometimes 7:20) is Beach Body Insanity live with Veronica Daughtery.

For more information on these you may contact Andrea Weedman on Facebook.

## GENTLE STRETCHING

Seniors we have a low impact Gentle Stretching on Wed. at 12:30 pm. And another group on Thur. evenings at 5:30pm doing Tai Chi.

## OUTREACH EVENTS

Of course we still have Bingo each Mon. afternoon at 2 pm exercise your brain and socialize.

We offer bus trips on the second and fourth Tue. of the month going various places around the area. For information on these or to sign up stop by or call 309-928-9400.

On the first and third Thur. evening we do quilting/knitting/crocheting/crafts at 6:30. Whatever you are working on or need help with just come join us for a social evening of crafting.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY SEWING

Do you like to sew? Can't sew but could cut out a pattern? We will be making Angel Gowns

At Outreach in the near future (date to be decided) and welcome anyone interested in helping to give me a call at 309-928-9400. Angel Gowns provide comfort to bereaved families through the gift of a beautiful custom made gown for final photos and burial services. There is no greater gift that can be given to a grieving family than affirming the importance of the life of their child by offering the simple gift of an Angel Gown.

Angel Gowns are made from donated wedding gowns so if you or someone you know would like to donate a gown please have them contact Outreach at 309-928-9400.

## SCHOOL EVENTS

**June 21, 7 p.m.** – Board of Education Meeting

**July 19, 7 p.m.** – Board of Education Meeting, BRHS Library

**July 24** – Online Registration Begins – returning students only

**August 2, 3** – Pre-school Screenings – call 309-928-9141 for an appointment

**August 10, 10 a.m.** – 2 p.m. & 3 -7:30 p.m. – Walk-in Registration for PreK-12th grades, BRHS

**August 23** – 1st Day of School

**September 6** – Picture Day