



VILLAGE OF PROGRESS

The Village View

Spring 2017



Director's Notes: Baking a Difference

It's three in the afternoon and I'm sitting in a soft chair beside a fireplace, listening to jazz and drinking a mocha frappe. I'm at The Village Bakery. It's a Thursday afternoon – the first week of our opening. And I couldn't be more grateful.

As many of you know from my earlier Director's Notes, the idea of the Bakery was a seed that was planted nearly two years ago. It arose from a conversation with a job coach. We were talking about how hard it is to find internships, let alone jobs, for people with developmental disabilities. From there, the seed germinated into a plan for the Village of Progress to launch some kind of business that would fill that role in some way. Last summer, the seed grew into a young stalk that was "The Village Bakery." And in the fall we purchased the old Max Media building on Third and Washington.

After months of watering, pruning, and cultivating (meaning: tearing down, building up, hiring, and purchasing equipment), The Village Bakery bloomed on May 1 when it opened its doors.

The Bakery was planted with three goals in mind. First, to give people with disabilities a place to learn how to work in a busy, highly visible place. A setting where folks would gain the skills needed to work in the community. The second goal was to assure other employers that hiring people with disabilities isn't just charity work – it can also be a wise business decision. Folks who work at The Village Bakery will have a resume and a reference. And prospective employers will have the confidence in knowing that the man or woman applying for work is both motivated and capable.

The third goal was to introduce the public to those with disabilities (and vice versa). We want The Village Bakery to be a place where the community can see those with disabilities for who they are instead of simply by their diagnosis. I believe, with all my being, that a community's spiritual health is measured by its ability to accept those who may, at first blush, seem different than them. Welcoming others is the hallmark of a thriving community.

Like a gardener, I'm anxiously anticipating what harvest this small plant will produce. Even at this early stage, I can see small fruit forming. Individuals who, for the first time in their lives, hold a job application in their hands and begin to dream of what working in the public eye might look like. Men and women who show eagerness and passion about their work. Co-workers who



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appreciate a job well done. A staff – both abled and disabled – who realize they're working together as a team. And customers who know the staff by their names and could care less about their labels.



I mentioned at the outset that I'm grateful. Let me elaborate. I'm so grateful to a board of directors who were willing to take this risk. I'm grateful to a staff who have supported the endeavor however they could. I'm grateful to the Bakery workers and managers who have dedicated so many hours of hard work to pull this thing together.

Below is a list of the many, many people and businesses and groups that cultivated the soil, planted, watered, and tended The Village Bakery over the past eight months. They all worked with their whole heart.

And I'm grateful to you. Truly, this would not have been possible without your generous support in so many ways.

Brion Brooks

Thank You!

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Village All Stars Compete in Track & Field



Nineteen athletes from the Village of Progress All Stars competed in this year's North West Area Track and Field Special Olympics on Saturday, May 6 at Harlem High School in Rockford.

Helping the athletes to their starting locations were Village staff members Amber Wright, Den-

ny Mumford, Dawn Todd, Deb Mumford and Angie Martin-Bakener. Village volunteers included Hannah Hensley, Jon Bakener, and Dave Gesin.

By the end of the day, the All Star Medal count stood at 29 which included: eight bronze, three silver, and five gold. The five first place medals were awarded to Renee Short—50M Run, Cloceal Holman—Softball Throw, Jacob Werner—200M Run, Hope Huffstatler—Shot Put, and Jason Roines—Shot Put.



These folks now qualify to compete in the State Special Olympics the weekend of June 9th - 11th at Illinois State University in Bloomington.

Coach Dawn Todd commented, "The sun was shining, hot dogs were cooking on the grill, and everyone was cheering on friends, while competing and showing great sportsmanship. It was an overall great day!"



IMPORTANT DATES

AT

THE VILLAGE OF PROGRESS

JOHN HERRMANN MEMORIAL GOLF PLAY DAY

JULY 10, 2017

*SILVER RIDGE GOLF
COURSE IN OREGON, IL*

SPECIAL OLYMPIC POOL PARTY

JULY 15, 2017

COMMUNITY POOL IN POLO, IL

SPECIAL OLYMPIC'S PARENT'S CLUB CAR WASH

AUGUST 12, 2017

*FIRE STATION
IN OREGON, IL*

TOSOC

TOUR OF SCENIC OGLE COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

CYCLING EVENT STARTS AND ENDS AT THE VILLAGE

ANNUAL BANQUET

OCTOBER 18, 2017

SAINT MARY'S LEARNING CENTER IN OREGON, IL

Village Hires Sales Manager



On March 20th, Tim Taylor joined the Village of Progress as Sales Manager. He will be overseeing the management of the Village Cleaning Service and promoting sales for the workshop, The Village Bakery, and The John Herrmann Complex.

A native of Ogle County, Tim was at one time an assistant manager at Super Value. Since then, he left the area, earned his bachelor's degree and worked for a number of large manufacturing companies. Tim desired to return to his roots, so five years ago, he moved back to Oregon area and bought a bar – Empty Pockets Ale House – which ironically, sits across the street from The Village Bakery. Tim sold the bar in December.

The Village of Progress is thrilled to have Tim as a part of their administrative team. Brion Brooks, Executive Director explained, “We were impressed with Tim’s personable nature, his breadth and depth of experience along with his desire to help make a difference in the community and the folks who attend the Village.”

Flame of Hope passing through downtown Oregon



Law Enforcement from Ogle County will be running through downtown Oregon around 10:30 am on Wednesday June 7th with the Flame of Hope to raise awareness for Special Olympics.

Dan Daub and Evan Ruggeberg, court security for Ogle County Sheriff’s Department are organizing the run. Their team name is Law Enforcement of Ogle County. Ruggeberg explained,

“Everyone will carry the torch during the run.”

Earlier this month, 19 athletes from the Village of Progress (VOP) competed in 27 events. Five athletes from the Village of Progress won gold medals qualifying for the summer games on June 9 and 10 in Bloomington.

“We are hoping the public will join our folks again this year in downtown Oregon to show support for a great cause and a great group of public servants,” said Brion Brooks Executive Director for the Village of Progress.



The Flame of Hope is handed from community to community until it reaches Bloomington for the opening ceremony.

**Join us on June 7th at
10:30 in downtown Oregon!**

25TH ANNUAL JOHN HERRMANN MEMORIAL GOLF PLAY DAY

Village of Progress
Foundation, Inc.

Larry Young
& Friends Charities

Monday, July 10, 2017
At the Silver Ridge Golf Course
12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

REGISTRATION FORM

Organization: _____
Contact: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ email: _____

I want to sponsor a hole or tee

Numbers of holes and tees: _____

Name of Business: _____

Our check for \$ _____ (\$150 per hole/tee) is enclosed.
_____ Please bill us.

Please mail this form to:
Village of Progress Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 418
Oregon IL 61061
Or fax to 815-732-3228
Checks payable to
Village of Progress Foundation

**18 holes of golf, cart, goodie bag,
4 drink tickets, steak dinner,
raffles, and a silent auction.**

**Join us for a great day of golf,
food, and prizes. And help the
Village of Progress continue to serve
Ogle County adults with
developmental disabilities.**

I want to sign up a Foursome

Golfer #1: _____

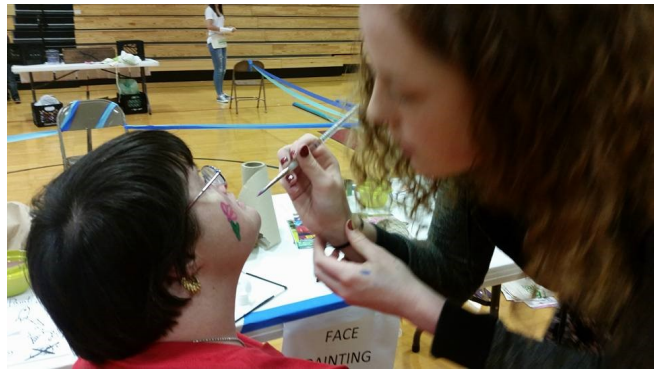
Golfer #2: _____

Golfer #3: _____

Golfer #4: _____

____ Our check for \$400 is enclosed.
____ We'll pay at the event.





Thank You OHS Student Council

Dear OHS Student Council,

The carnival you invited us to was great fun for everyone. When asked for favorite games, the following were mentioned:

- ~Nerf gun knocking down cups
- ~Frog throw to a lily pod in pond
- ~Treasure chest and picking out a key to open it. ~ Face painting and tattoos ~Tennis ball throw

I am sure it wasn't easy to find games to appeal to Jefferson students as well as the adults we provide services too, but you did it! Thank you for involving us and for your support of the Village of Progress.

Sincerely,
Donna Mattison, Village of Progress Program Manager



Our ability to maintain meaningful and effective programs for Ogle County adults with disabilities is augmented by donations.

Thank you for your generosity.

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IN-KIND GIFTS: Joyce Reynolds • VFW • Oregon High School Softball Team • Oregon High School Student Council •

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12:30 Shotgun Start
4 Man Scramble
Steak Dinner

Village of Progress Foundation & Larry Young and Friends Charities
Present the 25th Annual John Herrmann Memorial
Golf Play Day
Monday, July 10, 2017
Silver Ridge Golf Course



Annual Fall Banquet
Saint Mary's Learning Center
Oregon, IL

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2017
6:30pm

Same Place... *New Date*



TOSOC
tour of scenic ogle county

September 23, 2017

- Beautiful Scenery
- Wildlife Sightings
- Historic Sites




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