



# VILLAGE OF PROGRESS

The Village View

Spring 2018

## “Every cloud has a silver lining.”



**Director’s Notes:** “Every cloud has a silver lining.” I know. It can sound pretty trite. But within that worn-out expression lies a truth. Hardship is not an end in itself. Just like the phrase “and they all lived happily ever after” is seldom so neat and clean, so too, the phrase “and they were all miserable for the rest of their days” is seldom entirely true. Just about every cloud does have a silver lining – thin as that may be.

The Village of Progress found this to be true when it experienced a foot of floodwater back in July. Wading through the water and muck during the next couple days, it was easy to see the clouds and hard to see any sign of a silver lining. So much had been ruined. So much uncertainty lay ahead.

But it’s now seven months later and, looking back, the dark cloud looms smaller and the silver lining shines much brighter.

As a result of that flood, we’ve been privileged to see several things in a new light.

The depth and breadth of support from the community stands out the most. Scores of volunteers from around the county arrived to help with the cleanup and renovation.

The Village’s board of directors even gained a new board member as a result!

Several business partners came along beside us and offered assurances that they would support us in any way possible. And they did.



Between the flood insurance and donations from generous folks like you, the Village was able to renovate its interior – brightening up the walls and floors for both staff and the people it serves. It is amazing how many parents and guardians have come into the newly renovated building and remarked about how wonderful the place looks.

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The Village's staff showed dedication and tremendous grit in getting the Village re-opened less than two weeks after the flood. And the administrative team showed tremendous patience as they worked out of makeshift offices across the parking lot from the main building.

Would I wish another event like this flood? No, of course not. But there is no denying the good that arose from it.

In looking back over the last year, three other events stand out. First, the Village Bakery opened and is enjoying tremendous support. In the fall we began offering soups to our menu. Now in March we're excited to start adding a variety of sandwiches on our very own breads!

Second, this past fall the Oregon Chamber of Commerce awarded us "2017 Business of the Year." The Chamber cited our entrepreneurial spirit and our contribution to the good of the community.

Third, we were as surprised as anyone to learn that our fledgling Village Bakery was listed among "Ten Best Cake Shops in Illinois" by "Best Things Illinois" ([www.bestthingsil.com](http://www.bestthingsil.com)). We didn't see *that* coming!

As an expression of our thanks to all of you, we're holding an **Open House to celebrate all that we've come through in the last year and show off our newly remodeled facility.** Both the staff and the men and women we serve will be excited to see you. It'll be **on Friday, May 11th. Stop in between 1 and 3 p.m.** to say hi and take a look around.

You were with us when in our distress. Now please join us in our celebration.

I am constantly surprised at the depth and breadth of support that the Village enjoys in this community. We would never be who we are without you.

Brion

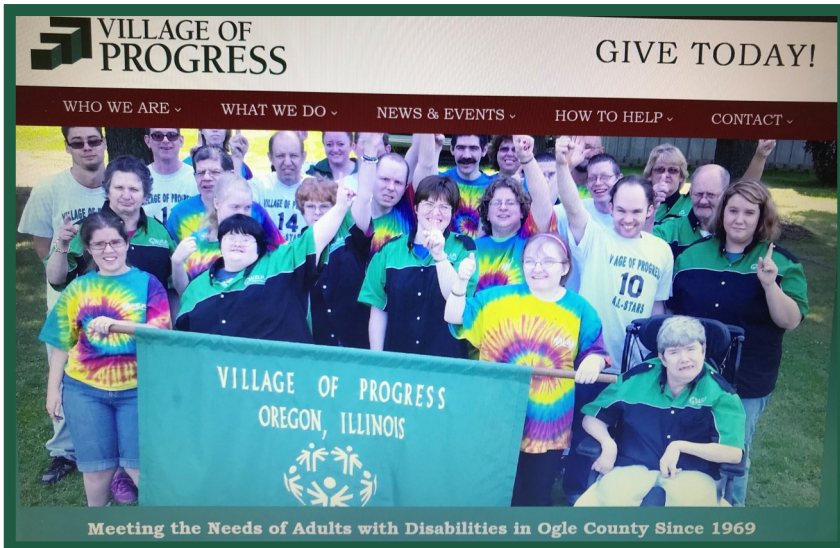




We have changed and updated our website.

Check it out!

[www.VILLAGEOFPROGRESS.org](http://www.VILLAGEOFPROGRESS.org)



## Facebook Friends — We need HELP!

The Village could win \$20,000 from Sterling Federal Bank's first annual employee charity challenge. The Charity that receives the most votes wins. You can vote everyday thru the end of March . See insert in Newsletter for instructions.

\$20,000 1st Place, \$10,000 2nd Place, \$5,000 3rd Place



## THE VILLAGE OF PROGRESS

### OPEN HOUSE

MAY 11TH

1PM-3PM

ENJOY SOME CAKE & CHECK OUT HOW WE  
RECOVERED FROM THE FLOOD

710 South 13th Street  
Oregon, IL 61061

## IMPORTANT DATES

### THE VILLAGE BAKERY CAKE OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 16—17 2018

10AM-2PM

SAMPLES OF SPRING FLAVORS

### THE VILLAGE BAKERY CAKE OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 20-21, 2018

10AM-2PM

SAMPLE & SEE CAKES  
FOR ANY CELEBRATION

### THE VILLAGE OF PROGRESS OPEN HOUSE

MAY 11, 2018

1PM-3PM

SEE OUR REMODELED SPACE

### JOHN HERRMANN MEMORIAL GOLF PLAY DAY

JULY 9, 2018

PRAIRIE VIEW GOLF COURSE  
IN BYRON, IL

### TOSOC TOUR OF SCENIC OGLE COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

CYCLING EVENT THAT STARTS  
AND ENDS AT THE VILLAGE

### ANNUAL BANQUET

OCTOBER 18, 2018

SAINT MARY'S LEARNING  
CENTER IN OREGON, IL  
6:30PM—8:30PM

# Looking ahead at Special Olympics

## UPCOMING ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS:

March 16 -18 — State Basketball in Normal, IL

May 5 — Spring Games held at Harlem H.S. in Rockford, IL

June 15 - 17 — State Summer Games in Bloomington, IL

August 18 - 19 — Regional Bowling in DeKalb, IL

September — Ramp Bowling



## Flame of Hope in Oregon



Law Enforcement from Ogle County will be running through downtown Oregon in the morning on Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> with the Flame of Hope to raise awareness for Special Olympics.

Dan Daub, court security for Ogle County Sheriff's Department, is organizing the run. Daub explains, "Everyone will carry the torch during the run."

"Mark your calendar. We are hoping the public will join us 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 of the summer Special Olympics.



## NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Special Olympic Coaches would like to extend an invitation to Special Olympic athlete parents, guardians, and family members to attend the next Special Olympics support group meeting on Saturday April 28th at 9:00am at The Village Bakery in downtown Oregon.

Our athlete numbers are averaging 35+ and we need help making sure each athlete has the support and encouragement needed to create a fun athletic experience. Please join us for our next meeting — bring ideas or energy and enjoy a baked treat and a cup of coffee.

**Special Olympic Support Group Meeting**  
**April 28, 2018 at 9:00am**  
**The Village Bakery in Downtown Oregon**





## The Village Bakery Offers Classes for Kids

The Village Bakery and their talented staff offer an exciting decorating experience for young children. Each child will take home a box of baked goods. Don't miss this amazing experience to make fun treats and take home some memories. Register through the Oregon Park District.

- 3/28 Easter Treats 3-5 year olds
- 5/11 Mother's Day Treats K-3rd grade
- 6/15 Father's Day Treats K-3rd grade
- 7/21 Summer Treats 3-5 year olds



## Soups & Sandwiches Expand the Menu at The Village Bakery

Soup was introduced in November of 2017 at The Village Bakery. The variety of flavors and the homemade baguettes were an immediate

hit. But it left you wanting more! So starting March 12th, The Village Bakery will be offering a full line of unique sandwiches. Whether you love veggies or meat, you'll find a sandwich that satisfies.



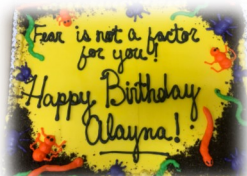
## Two Open Houses at The Village Bakery .....



**MARCH 16th & 17th from 10-2pm**  
**Try some new spring flavors.**



**APRIL 20th & 21st from 10-2pm**  
**Cakes.. Cakes.. & More Cakes**





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Present  
**The 26th Annual John Herrmann Memorial  
Golf Play Day**  
**Monday, July 9, 2018**  
**Prairie View Golf Course**  
**Byron, IL**

12:30 Shotgun Start  
4 Man Scramble  
Steak Dinner



**Annual Fall Banquet**  
**Saint Mary's Learning Center**  
**Oregon, IL**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2018**  
**6:30pm**

*Same Place... New Date*



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**September 22, 2018**



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