



The New Lenox Patriot™

TM

NEW LENOX'S AWARD-WINNING HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER newlenoxpatriot.com • May 16, 2019 • Vol. 13 No. 9 • \$1

A **22ND** CENTURY MEDIA LLC PUBLICATION



RANKING THE RIBS Sons of American Legion set for second annual rib cook-off to raise money for vets, Page 4

PUPS IN THE PARK Dog walking fundraiser set to raise money for shelter, Page 12



DIVING INTO A GOOD TIME Summer Fun Guide offers readers plenty of activities while the weather's just right, Inside

Inspiring inclusivity

Families explore area resources at LWSRA Disability Fair, Page 3



Lemont resident Isabell Merrion looks at the display at the Holistic Riding Equestrian Therapy booth on Saturday, May 11, at the Lincolnway Special Recreation Association's second annual Disability Fair. LAURIE FANELLI/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

HIGHER
Savings & Money Market
RATES

LINCOLNWAY
Community Bank™

See Our Ad Inside For Details!

www.LWCBank.com

Member FDIC

News COVER STORY

LWSRA Disability Fair shows off its inclusive services for everyone

LAURIE FANELLI
Freelance Reporter

Everything from equestrian therapy to financial advice to camp options for individuals with special needs was found at the Lincolnway Special Recreation Association's 2019 Disability Fair.

The May 11 expo – held onsite at LWSRA – featured vendors sharing information about services available to parents, teachers and individuals with disabilities. Four presentations further educated attendees on disability services available in the Lincoln-Way area.

Karyn Reczek, LWSRA marketing, outreach and fundraising coordinator, explained that the 2019 fair was building on the success of last year's inaugural event.

"This year, we have 34 vendors sharing everything and anything that a family with a disability might need some guidance on," she said. "They can come here, check it out, talk to people, get some information and take it from there."

The idea for the Disability Fair originated from a conversation between Reczek, Helping Hands Children's Therapy parent liaison Tessa Quinlan and Renewal Disability Services founder Gina Smith.

"We wanted to have all of the disability services under one roof so that not only can the community know that all of us exist to help, but also as business owners we can help one another to refer out clients in case they need



Tennis player Jenna Dobson (left) and her coach Cindy Heidkamp share information about the Lincoln-Way Area Tennis Association on Saturday, May 11, at the Lincolnway Special Recreation Association's Disability Fair. PHOTOS BY LAURIE FANELLI/22ND CENTURY MEDIA



Chicago Blackhawks Special Hockey players (left to right) John Pellegrini, Mandy Mackowiak and Christopher Donisch play a game at the fair.

something that we don't offer," Smith said. "This is a dream come true. It was really successful for its first year, so I'm excited to see what this year's going to hold. I'm sure it's going to be even bigger."

Smith had a booth at the fair right next to Help-

ing Hands Children's Therapy, where physical therapist Rhonda Kleber shared information about the organization's many programs.

"We offer speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and we

Please see **LWSRA, 10**

Memorial Day Sale!

Closed Monday, 5/27
in honor of Memorial Day

MEMORIAL DAY MONEY!

NOW

\$10 OFF

any material purchase
\$150 or more, exp 5/25/19

PLUS

GET A
\$10 COUPON

to use on a future purchase of
\$50 or more between 6/3-6/22/19

CODE: MEMORIALDAYMONEY

Not valid on previous orders, delivery, deposits, or taxes. Can't combine offers. One coupon per household per week.

SAME DAY DELIVERY! • Ask about our financing options

UNILOCK
DESIGNED TO CONNECT

AREA
LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, INC.

Visit our website for current store hours,
products, specials & more!

708.479.8400

18851 S. Wolf Rd. • Mokena
www.AreaLandscapeSupply.com

Follow us on: [f](#) [t](#) [p](#)

Need an estimate? Contractor Referrals available

Considering a move?
Call JESS GIROUX
your neighborhood Realtor!

Whether buying or selling,
my goal is to help you
achieve yours!

New Lenox resident serving the Lincoln-Way
community...and beyond!

Call Today!

Jess Giroux, REALTOR

708.305.7430

jessica.giroux@bairdwarner.com

21130 S. LaGrange Rd. | Frankfort, IL 60423

