Gateway Services in Princeton to celebrate 55 years

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Gateway Services in Princeton will celebrate 55 years of service with a community open house from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at its main office, 406 S. Gosse Blvd.

The event is open to the public, with additional parking available in the gravel lot at Beck's.

Guests are invited to tour the facility, explore the newly remodeled Ollila Learning Center, meet members of the Gateway team and enjoy light refreshments.

The celebration will begin at 3 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting hosted by the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce, honoring the Ollila Learning Center. The space is named in memory of Bill and Barb Ollila, longtime Gateway supporters. Bill served as a vocational coordinator, while Barb was involved with the Faith-in-Action grant and later served on the Gateway to the Future Foundation board.

"The Ollilas were dedicated to a lifetime of learning and overcoming obstacles," CEO Tracy Wright said in a news release. "It seems fitting that we remember them and their final gift with our newly remodeled classroom area. They were truly a remarkable couple and will never be forgotten."

The event also serves as an opportunity to thank the community for more than five decades of support.

RSVPs are appreciated by Aug. 25 by contacting Cari at 815-875-4548 ext. 221 or emailing twright@gateway-services.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Hennepin Park District to offer Red Cross swim lessons this fall

The Hennepin Park District will offer Red Cross swim lessons this fall for a range of age groups, beginning in September.

A Parent-Child class for children ages 0-2 will be held on Sundays in September from 12 to 12:30 p.m. An adult must accompany each child in the water. The four-session class costs $30 and serves as an introduction to the pool for babies and toddlers.

In October and on the first Sunday in November, lessons for preschool and school-age children will be offered. Preschool classes will run from 11 to 11:40 a.m., while school-age classes – including Red Cross Levels 1-4 – will take place from 12 to 12:40 p.m. Additional levels may be offered based on interest. The cost for the five-session course is $35.

For information or to register, call the Hennepin Pool at 815-925-7319.

Free documentary screening on Frances Perkins set for Aug. 26 at Granville Library

The Granville Branch of the Putnam County Public Library District will host a free screening of the documentary "Summoned: Frances Perkins and the General Welfare" at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Serving as Secretary of Labor under President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression, Perkins played a key role in shaping modern America. She helped create landmark worker protections, including Social Security, minimum wage, the 40-hour workweek and the ban on child labor.

Through interviews with leaders such as Nancy Pelosi, George Mitchell, David Brooks, Lawrence O'Donnell and Amy Klobuchar, viewers will discover how Perkins' bold vision transformed the American workplace and advanced the cause of social justice.

The screening is free and open to the public, made possible through public performance rights granted by Kanopy.

For more information, call the Library at 815-339-2038. The Granville Branch is located at 214 S. McCoy St., Granville.

McNabb library to host free hands-on art workshop Aug. 27

The McNabb Branch of the Putnam County Public Library District will host "Picture This: Art Rocks," a free hands-on art workshop for all ages, at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Participants will have the opportunity to get creative by painting their very own one-of-a-kind rock, choosing from geometric patterns, kind words, favorite characters or colorful scenes.

Once the paint is dry, each rock will be transformed into a unique photo holder using wire and beads.

For information, please call the Library at 815-339-2038. The McNabb Branch is located at 322 W. Main Street, McNabb.

Explore the Mediterranean diet at upcoming workshop in Walnut

A free workshop on the Mediterranean diet will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Walnut Public Library.

The Mediterranean diet, widely regarded as one of the healthiest overall eating patterns, emphasizes a variety of nutrient-rich foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans and nuts. It also encourages limiting processed foods and added sugars to support better overall health.

Susan Glassman, a nutrition and wellness educator with the University of Illinois Extension, will lead the session. Participants will learn how to incorporate Mediterranean-style foods into daily meals, explore the health benefits of olive oil, sample a Mediterranean-style snack and take home recipes and resources to support a healthier lifestyle.

To register, visit go.illinois.edu/cook-mediterranean, call 815-224-0894.

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CORRECTIONS

Linda Wargo and Julie Ramza, who participated in the Illinois Valley Women's Golf Invitational on Sunday, Aug. 10, are from Eastwood Golf Course in Streator, rather than Edgewood Park. Also, Jane Noard's name was misspelled in photo captions.

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