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The Apple Newsletter

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From Bonnie's Messy Desk

"Summer time . . . and the livin' is easy." (G. Gershwin)

Well, not for everyone. If you are one of the working poor, summer time is expensive. Added childcare costs due to no school, increase in utility bills with excessive heat, and more.

Not to mention, there you are, a parent with kids home from school and you cannot afford to take them on vacation. You cannot afford to take them to the zoo, an amusement park . . .

Can you imagine that? I can. I remember one and only one "family vacation" my family ever took. Of course, this was after the three oldest of the six had moved out. That helped to make it affordable. (Sorry Peg, Dan and Becky).

Can you imagine how those kids are going to feel if they have to tell what they did over summer break? What can you do? Can we make a difference?

Yes! June 7th is our annual **Buddy Bags Family Fun Fair** at the Lake County Fairgrounds and we need volunteers to help with cooking, serving, games, prizes and clean up. Email us if you can help. communityhelpnetwork2020@gmail.com

We need help for our **Summer Buddy Bags Program** which runs June 18th through August 10th. We need volunteers to help shop with families. We need donations of food; canned fruit, canned meat, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, rice and cereals are needed most at this time. Email us if you can help or stop in to see the warehouse and what we do.

We need help with our **garden** that will provide fresh produce to our clients this summer and in the fall. Email Bob Votaw if you can help. cpvotaw@gmail.com



Save the Date

Saturday, September 7th

Community Help Network will be holding a Provider Fair.

Agencies & Organizations within the south Lake County community will be on hand to provide valuable information about their services to our clients and anyone else within the area looking for assistance. Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, if you would like to participate, Please email us.

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Thank you, Freeman Family for your donation of a previously-loved red buggy. It will come in very handy for our various off-site events.



Last deliveries of Buddy Bags for the 2023-2024 school year, were made Wednesday May 29th. We are so grateful for all of the volunteers who give their time to making sure the Buddy Bags get to the 13 elementary schools and 2 preschools we serve in four school districts.



John Harris, pastor of Lowell's Church of Christ, and his team come to the warehouse every week to pick up and deliver to the three Lowell schools. Ken Kramer has led a team from Crown Point's First Christian Reformed Church since 2017, delivering to MacArthur and Timothy Ball. We hold all our delivery volunteers close in our hearts. They are all very special and dedicated people.

47th annual

Rod & Custom Car, Truck & Bike Show

Saturday July 20, 2024

Registration 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Awards at 2:00 pm
Entry \$20.00 (Participant Judging)
Proceeds for Community Help Network, Inc.

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Regional Streeters

Thank you Regional Streeters for your continued support! We invite everyone to come to the car show on July 20th. See some totally awesome cars and help support Community Help Network.

We are blessed with some pretty amazing supporters!! Please show them some love!

<https://www.facebook.com/RegionalStreeters>

Thank you, Hometown Happenings, for your continued support. Tim Fealy and his band of sturdy striders have been supporting Buddy Bags from the beginning (2017!) Their recent donation of \$300 from May's Run Like a Mother Race/Walk is in addition to many others and very much appreciated.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=hometown%20happenings>





Wow! The announcement of our *Amazon Household Pantry Wish List* has been a huge success, and quick! Thank you to everyone who has responded so generously. Even folks from far away!
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/34UKLZO74ZXXQ?leftNavSection=Reorder&ref=abls_inv_rl



Thank you, Retired Air Force Sargent Cathy Miller for hoisting a new flag at 550 East Burrell Drive.

Way to go students at Timothy Ball Elementary!!!! They collected a ton of food for the Buddy Bags Summer Program!



Thank you, Jay & Carrie Mayden for always thinking about those less fortunate and helping supply the Household Pantry!



Thank you, Centier's Mortgage Department for volunteers helping us prepare for the Family Fun Fair!!!



Apple Century Club

The Apple Century Club has been a huge success in helping us meet the CHN goals of helping families in our service area. With donations from our charter members, we have added over 130 names to our Apple and raised over \$65,000! We invite you to become an Apple member in one of three categories – Red (\$100-\$499 donation), Silver (\$500-\$999 donation) or Gold (\$1,000 and up)!!



Full Plate Catering



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Tavern on Main, Full Plate Catering and Great Harvest Bread Co. join forces for Ladle of Love on Saturdays May 4th and 18th. Chef Honey from Tavern on Main and CHN cooks will be working together to present some delicious food. Great Harvest Bread Co. will provide the best bread this side of the Atlantic. AND, Welcome back Kristi from Full Plate Catering!!!

June 1st will feature pasta salad and taco salad. June 15th will be the final Ladle of Love until September 7th.



Ladies . . . Don't you think that using the sidewalk would have been easier?



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