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July 2022



at Historic Grove Pool

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COLUMBUS GROVE — Looking for a cool place to cool off this summer?

The Columbus Grove Municipal Pool, located at 17510 Road 8-P, has been in use since the late 1930's. It continues to provide enjoyment to the public through its amenities and services, and was the first and

only pool in Putnam County until 1958.

This pool was originally created in hopes of receiving federal funding and to provide employment to citizens in Putnam County during

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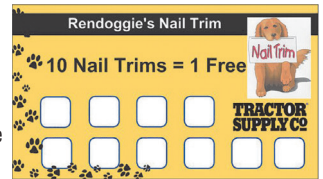
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surrounding it, including the pathways, were hand-built by local residents who were employed at the time.

A wall is shared between the pool area and the stone quarry that lies next to it. Village administrators at the time applied for a public works project, where an association was developed to raise funds to purchase the quarry. The project was then accepted and the pool officially marked its opening in 1936.

Columbus Grove Municipal Pool is known for its castle-like features, spacious swim areas and connection to the quarry. The pool boasts a water slide, splash pad for children, sun tanning chairs, seating areas, concession stands and more.

“I think the village takes a lot of

pride in it,” said pool manager Chloe Schnipke. She added that the community center is located near the pool, and like the other surrounding facilities, goes “hand-in-hand” with what the pool has to offer.

The pool is open from noon to 7

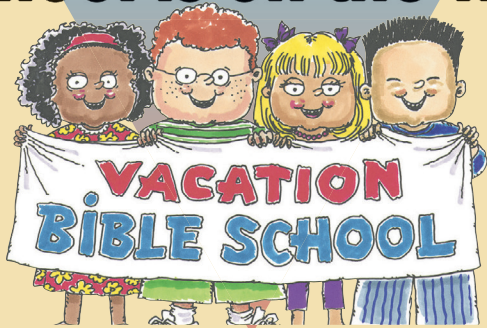
p.m. daily, with a \$4 admission fee. Admission drops to \$1 on Wednesdays, and children under age 3 are always admitted free.

For more information, visit the pool’s Facebook page at [ColumbusGrovePool](#)



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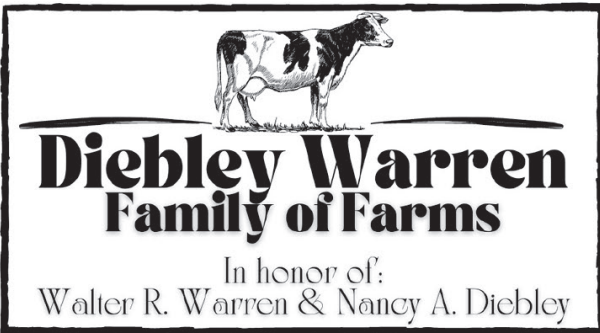
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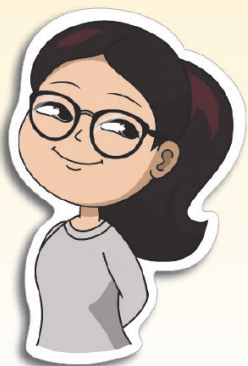
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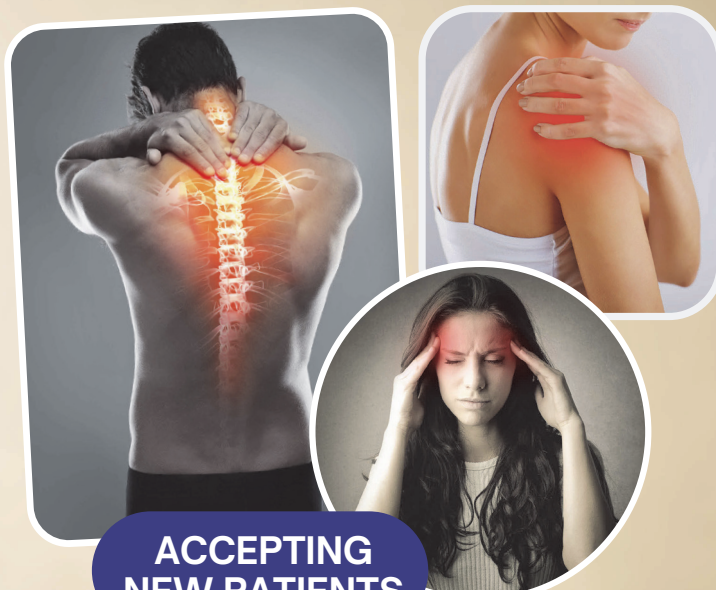
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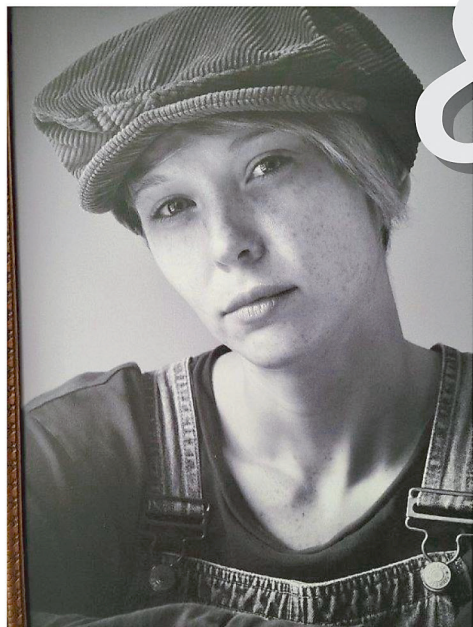
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FAIR at the FAIR

Smart ways to keep kids safe in crowded areas

Children need only a few seconds to wander away from their parents.

Amusement parks, beaches, tourist attractions, concerts, and local fairs attract families each year. Such outings can be exciting and enjoyable excursions, but panic sets in immediately when parents lose track of their children. It takes mere seconds for curious children to wander off, and as the minutes tick by and kids don't return, parents may be overcome with anxiety. Many parents have lost track of their children in crowded public places. Having a plan in place can save families anxiety when traveling through crowded locations.

- Take an up-to-date photo. Snap a digital head-to-toe picture the day of the trip. This can make it easier for authorities to identify lost children. In a stressful situation, parents may forget what their children were wearing when they went missing. A photo taken the day of the event can help authorities.
- Dress children in bright colors. Dressing children in very bright colors makes them more visible in a crowd. Lime green, yellow and red clothing can help make children more noticeable.

- Write down parental contact information. Some parents tuck a piece of paper with their cell phone numbers in their child's pocket, while others write the number directly on a kid's arm with a marker or pen. Some parents even apply temporary tattoos indicating their home and/or mobile numbers. Such efforts make it easy for authorities or other adults to contact parents if a child needs assistance.

- Establish an emergency plan. Families should come up with a plan for reuniting if they get separated. This may include children going up to an authority figure for help. Families also can choose a meetup location, such as a highly visible spot in a theme park (think roller coaster or Ferris wheel) or at the front gate. Upon arriving at your destination, go over the plan so it is fresh in everyone's mind.

- Identify people children can look to for help. Kids who were taught "stranger danger" may hesitate to go up to other people and ask for help. Parents can identify lifeguards or workers who can assist them should kids become separated from their parents.

- Assign an adult to each child. It's easy for one parent to think the other parent is watching.

In a family of four, Mom might be watching Joseph while Dad is watching Caitlin. A clear plan means parents can focus their attention accordingly to keep kids safe.

- Use a child safety harness. Safety harnesses can calm the nerves of parents worried about wandering toddlers. This device tethers a child to his or her parent or guardian, preventing kids from wandering off.

Parents never expect to lose their children, but losing kids in crowded public places is possible. Being prepared and acting calmly can help parents quickly find their lost children.

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