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William Hewes: A Revolutionary Soldier in Crete's History



As our nation begins celebrating its 250th birthday, it is fitting to remember one of the patriots who became part of Crete's story. William Hewes was born in 1761 in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and grew up in New Hampshire. At just 19 years old, he answered the call to serve his new country, enlisting as a volunteer in the Second New Hampshire Regiment under Colonel George Reed. During his six months of service in 1780, Hewes trained at West Point, traveled throughout the Hudson River region, and served in the dangerous area known as the "English Neighborhood" of New Jersey a

contested borderland between British and Continental forces during the Revolutionary War. He also witnessed one of the war's most famous events: the execution of British Major John André, whose capture exposed Benedict Arnold's treason.

After the war, Hewes lived a long life before moving to Crete in 1847 at the age of 86 to live with his son Lumen, whose farm was located on land that would later become the site of Balmoral Park. Hewes passed away in 1855 and is buried in Crete Cemetery. He remains one of only six known Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Will County.

William Hewes was not a famous general or statesman. He was a citizen soldier—one of thousands of ordinary Americans who stepped forward in the hope of securing a nation governed by the consent of its people. It is an honor that his legacy remains a part of Crete's history today. - Excerpt from Tim DeMuth of the Crete Area Historical Society.

**Join us at the "Crete Township USA Fest" on
Saturday, July 18, from 11 AM to 4 PM
at the Crete Township Community Center! Don't miss out!**

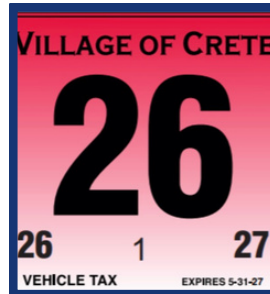
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USA Fest

Join us on Saturday, July 18, from 11 AM to 4 PM for this free community event featuring live music, colonial reenactments, a historic pioneer campsite, antique cars, games, food and refreshments, pony

rides, a petting zoo, and activities for all ages. Come celebrate America's 250th anniversary with a day of history, entertainment, and community fun! This patriotic day is brought to you by Crete Township and will be held at the Crete Township Community Center: 25930 S Cottage Grove Ave, Crete, IL 60417



2026 Vehicle Sticker on Sale Now!

Vehicle stickers are required for most vehicles registered, housed, or parked within the Village of Crete. The annual cost is \$50, with a \$25 discount available for the first vehicle per household, registered to residents age 65 and older.

Stickers go on sale May 1 and should be purchased before June 1 to avoid delinquency. Penalties begin July 1 for non-compliance. Revenue from vehicle sticker sales supports local street improvement projects throughout the community. Vehicle stickers may be purchased in person at Village Hall, by mail, or by using the Village Hall drop box.



Dr. Eric Melnyczenko, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Culture Crete-Monee SD 201-U

Eric's career in education spans more than two decades, with all of his service dedicated to students, families, and educators throughout South Cook and Will

counties. Guided by the belief that "people may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel," he strives to build relationships grounded in trust, respect, and service. Eric leads HR, culture, labor relations, and talent development, believing that investing in people drives a strong school community and that every employee plays a vital role in student success.



Dan Witvoet Programming Coordinator Crete Public Library

Dan has been a resident of Crete for 38 years and has worked at the Crete Public Library for the past 18 years. He currently serves as

Programming Coordinator,

where he brings unique presenters and performers to the community for educational and entertaining events. Outside of work, Dan enjoys reading and collecting vintage science fiction books and spending time with his wife and daughter.



William (Bill) Smigel Park Commissioner Crete Park District

After getting married, Bill moved to Crete and has been a resident for 34 years. He is on his first term as a Park Commissioner, being sworn in on May 21, 2025.

Bill finds it easy to be excited

about being part of an organization with a solid mission and realistic strategies for success. He is honored to be a part of the process of a well-designed and managed park district that inspires and connects the community it serves. He wants to help our community realize the potential of park districts and thanks you for putting your trust in him and the rest of the board!



Ebenezer Gideon Chamber Member

Eb Gideon is the owner and operating partner of Fitness Premier Crete. His passion is helping people improve their health, build confidence, and create lasting habits through fitness, coaching,

accountability, and strong relationships. He believes real results come from having the right support system and a community that genuinely cares about your success. Eb and Fitness Premier Crete are valued Chamber members that are actively involved in and committed to enhancing the business climate in Crete.

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Crete Township USA Fest

Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our nation with live entertainment, activities, reenactments, refreshments, and more!

**Saturday, July 18
11 AM to 4 PM**

Rock Revolution Open House Information Gathering

Discover the Rock Revolution music program for ages 11-18! Students will learn and perform on guitar, drums, keyboard, bass, and vocals.

**Saturday, July 18
11:30 AM to 2 PM**

Annual Seniors Beach-Themed Picnic

Sun, sand, and surf vibes await at the Annual Seniors Beach-themed Picnic! Dive into delicious food and toe-tapping tunes!

**August 6
11:30 AM**

Clubs, Camps & Classes

- **Walking Club:** A program for men & women! Walk indoors in our 10,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose room.
- **Crete Kids Care:** A before & after school program operated by Crete Kids Care, LLC. 6 AM to 6 PM; enroll now for fall by calling 708-847-1039. CM201U bus services are available to Balmoral Elementary & Coretta Scott King Magnet School.
- **Kids Summer Camp:** Hosted by Crete Kids Club; 8 AM to 5 PM for arts & crafts, field trips, and more. Breakfast & lunch are provided; transportation is available. Call 708-847-1039 to register.
- **Creative Cure Studios:** Weekly art therapy workshops - check out creativecurestudio.com for more information on classes! Unlock your creative spirit.
- **Compassionate Energy Healing:** Restore balance & ease stress with a calming, hands-on, Reiki session. Immersive & virtual Reiki sessions with Diane Wentzel, R.N. Hours by appointment at compassionateenergyhealing.com or call/text 708-625-4936.
- **The Senior Fun Timers:** Every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 9 AM for games, fellowship, snacks, & fun! BINGO at 10 AM on Fridays. Pinochle Club every 2nd & 4th Thursday at 10:30 AM.
- **Severe Weather Preparedness:** On Saturday, July 25, at 10 AM at the Crete Township Community Center, learn from Will Co. Emergency Management about severe weather preparedness, sheltering best practices, alerts & warnings, and general disaster readiness in this one-hour class.

**COMING
SOON**

Memorial Bricks Fundraiser

Community Garden

Youth Fishing Program



4 Village of Crete



Stay Informed with Rave Mobile Alerts
&
Smart911 app.

Community Alerts from the Village of Crete

The Village of Crete uses Rave Mobile Alerts to send important notifications by text, phone call, or email. Alerts may include:

- Road closures
- Water main breaks
- Boil orders
- Community events
- Emergency notifications
- Other important community updates

When you sign up, you'll automatically receive both Village alerts and Smart911 notifications.

What is Smart911?

Smart911 is a free service that helps first responders provide faster, more informed emergency assistance. By creating a secure Safety Profile, you can share important information such as:

- Medical conditions and allergies
- Medications
- Emergency contacts
- Home details
- Photos of family members, children, seniors, or pets

If you call 9-1-1 from a registered phone number, this information can be made available to dispatchers and first responders during an emergency.



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SIGN UP



Keep your loved ones safe with the Smart911® app.

Smart911 is a free service that allows you to share valuable information with 9-1-1 during an emergency. You can also receive important alerts from your community so you can prepare for any situation. Your free profile can include:



Protect and prepare your family. Download the app or sign up online today.



The Will County 9-1-1 contract with Everbridge is ending, so residents must register for Rave Mobile Alerts and Smart911 to continue receiving Village and emergency notifications.

Why Sign Up?

Smart911 helps emergency personnel respond more effectively by providing critical information before they arrive. This can be especially valuable for households with children, seniors, medical conditions, disabilities, or pets.

How to Register

Signing up is quick and easy. Create your free profile and verify at least one phone number to begin receiving alerts and ensure your information is available when needed.

Download the App

The Smart911 mobile app gives you access to your profile and emergency resources anytime, anywhere. Take a few minutes today to register and help Crete's first responders better serve you and your family.



KIDS Networking Event Hosted to Strengthen Kindergarten Practices Through Play

On May 11, the district, in collaboration with four representatives from the Illinois State Board of Education's Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) team, hosted a statewide networking event for educators. The event welcomed participants from 18 school districts across Illinois for a day of learning, collaboration, and classroom connection.

Attendees explored the concept of "play with purpose," focusing on the high-quality elements of guided play and its role in early childhood education. The experience extended beyond discussion, as participants visited classrooms at Balmoral Elementary to get a firsthand look at how guided play is implemented in real classroom settings. The day was highly interactive, allowing kindergarten teachers to share their experiences, learn from one another, and gather practical strategies to bring back to their own districts.

This work comes at a critical time for early childhood education in Illinois. In August 2023, state legislation was passed requiring all school districts to provide full-day, developmentally appropriate kindergarten programs by the 2027-28 school year. A key component of this mandate is the integration of play-based learning into the curriculum. This is structured time that is an essential part of how young students learn.

As districts across the state work to meet these expectations, Crete-Monee has emphasized aligning prekindergarten and kindergarten instructional practices. This alignment supports smoother transitions into kindergarten, consistent developmental expectations, increased collaboration among educators, and stronger early learning foundations for students.

Crete-Monee is proud to be recognized as a state leader in early childhood education—thanks to our dedicated Office of Teaching & Learning team and educators.

"I am so proud of our team and how quickly our educators have embraced and adjusted the curriculum. These efforts position Crete-Monee as a district leading early learning implementation in Illinois."

~ Dr. Ghantel Perkins,
Assistant Superintendent
of Teaching & Learning



Support Day Happening August 8!

Join us for our Annual Support Day! We will be giving away school supplies and hygiene kits while families enjoy raffles, games, and great food. Plus, connect with local wellness and health vendors at our community fair.

The event will take place Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 9 AM - 12 PM at the Crete-Monee High School Fieldhouse (1515 W. Exchange St., Crete).



Stories of Success Podcast Episode #4: Development of the Chrome Depot Program

Our latest district podcast is now live, highlighting the CMHS Chrome Depot Program! Students gain hands-on experience repairing devices, navigating Google Admin, earning certifications, and accessing paid opportunities through this program that builds real-world tech skills and prepares them for future careers.

Check out the full episode!



Scan the QR Code or visit
youtube.com/@technicalsupport9678

Expanding Elementary School Standards-Based Learning Effort

CM 201-U will expand standards-based report cards to grades 3-5 in the beginning of the 2026-27 school year, building on the current grading in K-2 to create a more consistent elementary grading system. The district remains committed to helping families understand student expectations and progress toward grade-level goals. **Please visit cm201u.org for more information.**



New Logo and Website

The Library is having a very exciting summer. We have officially launched our new website and unveiled our new logo, which better reflects who we are and what we strive to provide to the Crete community.

We designed our new website to better assist patrons by making it more user-friendly and accessible, with improved navigation and helpful features that make it easier to find the information and resources you need. Our new logo has subtle but impactful meaning. The tulip represents our natural surroundings and fresh beginnings, the book symbolizes new chapters, and elements of the design reflect the architecture of our building.

The Library is excited about these new additions, and we look forward to continuing to grow and improve! You can visit the website by going to www.cretelibrary.org.



Scan the QR code to view our website

Strategic Plan

We are pleased to share that we have developed a Strategic Plan for 2026–2028.

Created through community surveys, focus groups, interviews, and feedback from staff and the Board, the plan reflects the evolving needs of the Crete community and the Library's commitment to providing a welcoming space for exploration, growth, and creativity. The Strategic Plan is available to view on our website.

Scan the QR code view the Strategic Plan



Summer Concert Series

This summer, we are excited to host a Summer Concert Series in our outdoor pavilion! Relax under the open sky and enjoy live music from a variety of talented performers from 6 PM to 7 PM. Spend your summer evenings with great music, good company, and a little seasonal magic. All ages are welcome!

Concert Schedule:

- Monday, July 13: Big Dog Mercer
- Thursday, July 30: Dave Rudolf
- Wednesday, August 19: Swing 33



Summer Reading

Summer Reading is in full swing! We took a spooky turn for this year's theme: *A Strange & Unusual Summer Reading: Uncover the Uncanny*. We kicked the summer off with a very successful Kickoff Party! Over 450 people attended the event, and we had 320 individuals sign up for Summer Reading!

Don't be spooked; it's not too late to sign up! Summer Reading is taking place from now until August 1, with the last day to sign up for Summer Reading on July 25. Summer Reading is open to everyone, with separate reading challenges for youth (birth–12), teens (13–17), and adults (18+). Join the Strange & Unusual fun for a chance to win various prizes and have a summer filled with fa-boo-lous reads!



Summer Reading Sign-up





Enjoy our parks,
trail and courts
this summer!



Upcoming Programs

- **Summer Camp & Park Play Session 2**
Session 2 (July 13-August 7)
Register by July 6 for both camps
 - **Summer Camp**, Ages 5-12
 - Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM
 - **Park Play**, Ages 3-5
 - Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM
- **A Cup of Love: Grandparent/Grandchild Luncheon**
 - Thursday, July 23
 - 12 to 2 PM
 - **Register by July 16**
- **Gentle Yoga with Chris**
 - July 21-August 25
 - 7 to 8 PM

Coming this Fall

- **Fall Micro Soccer**
 - September 5-October 17
 - Teams for ages 3-12
 - **Register by August 2**
- **Fall Pickleball Leagues**
 - **Competitive League**
 - August 8-October 12, 6:30 to 8 PM
 - Register by August 19
 - **Just Getting Started - Singles**
 - September 3-October 15, 5:30 to 7 PM
 - Register by August 25
 - **Singles Recreational Scramble**
 - September 3-October 15, 5:30 to 7 PM
 - Register by August 25
 - **Social Recreational Leagues**
 - Tuesday or Thursday Nights
 - 9/1 (9/3)-10/13 (10/15), 7 to 8:30 PM

JOIN US!

Unplug Crete Play Day

July 11, 12 to 3 PM
Lincolnshire Park

Acorn Fest

September 18 & 19
Crete Park

EVENT

Coffee with the Director



Join the Park District Director for coffee on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-10 AM to learn more about the Park District's strategic plan, the properties it manages, and its programs, and ask any questions you might have. The Board of Commissioners would like to hear your perspective.



July 15
August 19
September 16
9 AM



Administrative
Center
737 W. Exchange St.

We have many other
events and programs this
summer. Check out our
website at cretepark.com





Cruise Night

Every Monday
Downtown Crete
June 1-September 28
5 to 7 PM



My Plans

Fall Garage Sale Days

October 9 & 10

SAVE THE DATE



Farmer's Market

Mondays
Corner of Main & Exchange
June 15-August 3
4 to 8 PM



Business Highlight

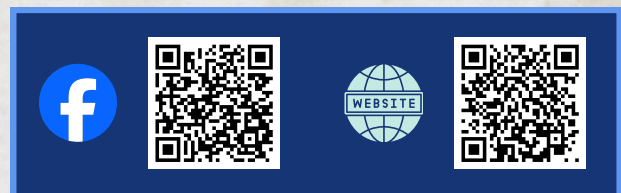


Fitness Premier is a community-driven fitness organization focused on helping people build stronger, healthier, and more confident lives through coaching, accountability, and connection. More than just a gym, Fitness Premier Crete creates an environment where members receive support through personalized coaching, group training, recovery services, and a

culture built around consistency, energy, and personal growth.

Fitness Premier Crete is your local 24/7 fitness home, offering a clean, friendly, energizing place for every level of fitness, conveniently located in the heart of Crete at 1379 Main St. Stop by to visit or give them a call at 708-367-0707!

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Crete Area Chamber of Commerce
 1911-1912

10 July

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			Insect Taxidermy Village Sticker Fines Start Today	District Offices Closed	District Offices Closed Library Closed Village Hall Closed	4TH OF JULY							
5		6		7		8		9		10		11	
	District Offices Closed Scary-Ka-Dabra Cruise Night Farmer's Market		UFO Disclosure: Social Dilemmas & More	Teen Volunteer Thursday	District Offices Closed	Monster Mystery Unplug Crete Play Day							
12		13		14		15		16		17		18	
	Park Play/ Summer Camp Session 2 Begins Cruise Night Farmer's Market	Summer Fire Camp Firefly Family Theatre	DIY Dog Toys	←—————→				District Offices Closed Friday Night at the Movies: The Cat from Outerspace	K-Pop Pop-Up Party 2 USA Fest Rock Revolution Open House				
19		20		21		22		23		24		25	
	The George Burns & Gracie Allen Radio & TV Show Cruise Night Farmer's Market	Lore and Legends Gentle Yoga Begins	CMHS Summer School Session #2 Ends Bigfoot Hunt	CMMS & Elementary Summer School Ends A Cup of Love Luncheon	District Offices Closed		Jigsaw Puzzle Competition						
26		27		28		29		30		31			
	Cruise Night Farmers Market	DIY Pet Treats	Fleece Blankets for Pets	Summer Concert Series-Dave Rudolf	District Offices Closed Paint the Parking Lot: Glow Edition								

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● School District

● Park District

● Village

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● Chamber

Events

Crete Township

Crete Township Community Center, 25930 S. Cottage Grove Ave.

- Funtimers Senior Club and Coffee Time:
Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays: starting at 9 AM
- Bingo: Fridays, 10 AM
- USA Fest, July 18, 11 AM to 4 PM. This is a free, community, and family-friendly event. For more details, see page 2 of the newsletter.
- Open house for Rock Revolution, a music program for ages 11-18. Same-day sign-ups receive a free gift.
- Creative Cure Studios – weekly art therapy workshops. Check out www.creativecurestudio.com for more information.
- Follow Crete Township on Facebook or check out our website at <https://cretetownship.com/> for more information.

Village of Crete

- July 1st marks the start of fines for not having a vehicle sticker. For details, see page 2 of the newsletter.
- For more events, please visit us at www.villageofcrete.org

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- Visit cm201u.org or school websites for more events.

Crete Public Library

- Knot Just for Knitters (Teens & Adults)
First Thursday of the month from 1 PM to 4 PM
Third Thursday of the month from 6 PM to 7:30 PM
- Retro Movie Friday (All ages)
Every Friday at 2:30 PM
- Stories & Snacks in the Park (Families)
Every Tuesday in July from 3 PM to 3:30 PM
located at the Crete Park District Gazebo

Crete Park District

- Unplug Crete Play Day: July 11, 12 to 3 PM
- Park Play/Day Camp Session 2 begins July 13
- Kids First Sports Class begins July 13
- Summer Fire Camp: July 14-16
- Line Dancing classes begin July 15
- A Cup of Love Grandparent/Grandchild Luncheon: July 23, 12 to 2 PM

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

- Cruise Night
 - Every Monday, 5 to 7 PM
- Farmer's Market
 - Every Monday, 4 to 8 PM

Meetings

- Crete Township Board of Trustees meeting:
2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at Town Hall.
- Village of Crete municipal board meeting, 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7 PM.
- Crete-Monee SD 201-U: Committee of the Whole meeting, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 PM; Board of Education meeting, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 to 9 PM at 1500 Sangamon St. in Crete.
- The Board of Library Trustees meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Library.
- Crete Park District General Meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 PM at the Administrative Center.
- Crete Area Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 PM, held at Crete Public Library.
- Crete Country Christmas monthly meeting: 3rd Monday of the month at 6 PM, held at Crete Public Library

12 August

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						Remember Bedazzle? Meet Diamond Art Painting!
Fall Micro Soccer Registration Closes	Desk Pet Habitats Cruise Night Final Farmer's Market	Tai Chi Begins National Night Out	19 Flag Football Skills & Drills	Toddler Vet Clinic Annual Seniors Picnic	Last day of Summer Camp	Support Day Loom Knitting
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Cruise Night	We Love Our Pets Storytime	Sew for Charity	Institute Day - No School Teen Volunteer Thursday	Institute Day - No School	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	First Day of School (Grades 1-9) Sound Bath Wellness Cruise Night		First Day of School (K, Grades 10-12) Summer Concert Series: Swing 33		Friday Night at the Movies: The Secret Life of Pets	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Cruise Night				Early Dismissal	
30	31					
	Cruise Night					

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Village of Crete

- Crete Police will host a National Night Out on August 4 starting at 4:30 PM; Free admission.

Crete-Monee School District 201-U

- Annual Support Day
Saturday, August 8, 9 AM - 12 PM,
Crete-Monee High School Fieldhouse;
School supply and hygiene kit giveaway,
games, prizes, mental health and wellness
fair, food, and much more.
- Visit cm201u.org or school websites for more events.

Crete Public Library

- Adult Writing Group (Adults)
First Monday of the month from 6 PM to 7:30 PM
- Sci-Fi Book Club (Adults)
First Wednesday of the month from 6 PM to 7:30 PM
- Silent Book Club (Adults)
First Wednesday of the month from 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Crete Park District

- National Night Out @ Monee Reservoir
- Tai Chi classes begin August 4
- I9 Flag Football Skills & Drills: August 5
- Fall Pickleball Competitive League begins August 31

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

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 - Every Monday, 5 to 7 PM
- Farmer's Market
 - August 3, 4 to 8 PM

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14 September

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				Fall Pickleball Leagues Begin		Fall Micro Soccer Begins Muffins with a Mystery Reader
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Schools & Offices Closed Library Closed LABOR DAY					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Cruise Night		Early Dismissal		Acorn Fest	Acorn Fest
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Cruise Night		Author Talk - "In the Belly of the Blues" with Terry Abrahamson Special Olympics Event			Crafting Herbal Mocktails
27	28	29	30			
	Final Cruise Night		Early Dismissal			

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Crete Public Library

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Crete Park District

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- Fall Pickleball Leagues Begin!
 - Tues. Social Rec. League - September 1
 - Thurs. Social Rec. League - September 3
 - Singles Rec. Scramble - September 3
 - Just Getting Started Singles - September 3

Crete Area Chamber of Commerce

- Cruise Night
 - September 14, 21, & 28; 5 to 7 PM
 - No Cruise Night on Sept. 7

Meetings

- Crete Township Board of Trustees meeting: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at Town Hall.
- Village of Crete municipal board meeting, 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7 PM.
- Crete-Monee SD 201-U: Committee of the Whole meeting, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 PM; Board of Education meeting, 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 to 9 PM at 1500 Sangamon St. in Crete.
- The Board of Library Trustees meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Library.
- Crete Park District General Meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 PM at the Administrative Center.
- Crete Area Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 PM, held at Crete Public Library.
- Crete Country Christmas monthly meeting: 3rd Monday of the month at 6 PM, held at Crete Public Library

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Sue Giannantonio, former CMHS teacher, coach, and dedicated volunteer



On May 8, Crete-Monee School District 201-U honored longtime Crete resident, coach, educator, and alumna Sue “Coach G” Giannantonio during a dedication ceremony for the new Crete-Monee High School softball field, now officially named Coach G Field.

The dedication recognized Coach G’s 31 years as head softball coach at CMHS and her lasting impact on generations of students and athletes. A 1975 CMHS graduate, she led the softball program from 1986 to 2017, earning 530 victories while building a culture focused on teamwork, perseverance, and student success. Under her leadership, 52 student-athletes went on to play collegiate softball. Since her retirement, she has been heavily involved with the Athletic Boosters.

Coach G’s accomplishments include being named the 2013 Coach of the Year by the Northwest Indiana Times, induction into the Illinois Coaches Association Softball Hall of Fame in 2011, and membership in the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association’s 500 Win Club.

During the ceremony, Athletic Director John Konecki and Superintendent Dr. Kara Coglianese reflected on Coach G’s influence on the district and community. Coach G reflected on her career, the people she impacted—including coaching her daughter Melissa—and the opportunities the new field will create for future student-athletes.

Coach G threw out the ceremonial first pitch, with her daughter serving as catcher. Her grandsons presented her with a Crete-Monee letterman jacket featuring patches representing her many accomplishments. The event brought together family members, former students and athletes, community members, and district supporters to celebrate Coach G’s legacy and contributions to CMHS and the entire community.

