

### COURT and EVENT SCHEDULE



05/01/14	9:00 AM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	11JA189 03JA51 13JA343-344	CASA: Woodman CASA: Stone CASA: Sidener	TPR/Fitness Status Disposition cont.
05/02/14	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 1:30 PM	11JA381, 384 13JA408 12JA257	CASA: Lund/Griswold CASA: Baker CASA: L. Johnson	Status on Appeal TPR TPR/Fitness
05/05/14	9:00 AM 1:30 PM	13JA422 08JA290-294	CASA: Royal CASA: Wing	Status on School Permanency Review
05/06/14	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	13JA100-101 13JA505 13JA409 10JA19-23	CASA: Rutz CASA: Lorenz CASA: Clark CASA: Reed	Status on School Status on School Status on School Permanency Review
05/07/14	11:00 AM	10JA357-358	CASA: Schneider	Status on Summons
05/08/14	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1:30 PM	10JA32-33, 10JA391, 12JA279 09JA236, 11JA150, 12JA99 11JA15-16 14JA41 10JA64-65, 11JA433, 13JA5	CASA: Lamb CASA: Dominiquez CASA: Perrin CASA: Barrett CASA: Sigener	Hearing on Best Interest Hearing on Best Interest Arraignment/PTC Disposition TPR
05/09/14	3:30 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	13J15 14J3 11J21	CASA: Morrow CASA: Fierz CASA Fierz	Status on School Review Status
05/12/14	3:00 PM	11JA205, 12JA134	CASA: Vining	TPR
05/13/14	9:00 AM 1:30 PM 2:30 PM 3:00 PM	12JA299-302 12JA205-206 11JA299 13JA400-401	CASA: Perrin CASA: Collins CASA: Lonii Schindler CASA: Vacant	Permanency Review Permanency Review Review Status on Family case
05/14/14	8:30 PM 9:00 AM	10JA149 13JA102	CASA: Ingle CASA: Vacant	Status on Adoption Status on School
05/15/14	9:00 AM	14JA83-85	CASA: Malachowski	PTC/Status
05/16/14	3:30 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	13JA343-344 11J9 12J5	CASA: Sidener CASA: Sargent CASA: Vacant	Disposition Cont. Review/Hearing Status on School
05/19/14	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 3:00 PM	14JA106-109 13JA406 13JA343-344	CASA: Schwenk CASA: Vera CASA: Sidener	Pre-trial Conf. Status on School Disposition Cont.
05/20/14	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	12JA60 13JA456-458	CASA: Perrin CASA: Donnelly/Hobbs	Permanency Review Permanency Review
05/21/14	1:30 PM 4:30 PM	13JA65 13J3	CASA: Harms/Shreve CASA: Stern	Review on CUS Status on School
05/22/14	10:30 AM 1:30 PM	11JA189, 14JA130 12JA383	CASA: Woodman CASA: A. Williams	Decision/BI/PTC TPR
05/23/14	1:30 PM 3:30 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM 4:00 PM	11JA219, 12JA92 12JA53, 12JA280-281 13JA547-548 10JA86, 12J43 12J37	CASA: Schiller CASA: Kickertz CASA: Erickson CASA: CASA Staff CASA: Turner	Arraign/PTC on TPR Status on School Disposition Review Status on School
05/27/14	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 3:30 PM	13JA337 12JA369 12JA371-373 13JA559 12JA258-262	CASA: Teske CASA: Williams CASA: M. Harvey CASA: Clark CASA: M. Johnson	Status on School Permanency Review Permanency Review Permanency Review Review/Possible Closure
05/28/14	11:00 AM 11:30 AM 3:30 PM	12JA230 12JA343 13JA557, 14JA136-137	CASA: Condon/Geddes CASA: M. Johnson CASA: Webster/Ralston	Final Pre-trial Arraign/PTC/Status Adjudication
05/29/14	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 1:30 PM 2:30 PM	13JA566 12JA257 13JA408 12JA272 11JA205, 12JA134	CASA: Vayr CASA: L. Johnson CASA: Baker CASA: Holmes CASA: Vining	Status on Placement Decision on Unfit/BI Decision and possible BI Review Decision on Fit/Poss. BI
05/30/14	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 3:00 PM	13JA431-435 13JA557, 14JA136-137 10JA357-358	CASA: Lund/Griswold CASA: Ralston/Webster CASA: Schneider	Status on Transfer Adjudication TPR

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**From your Advocate Rep**

Hello again.

Spring is definitely finally here, although looking outside might not confirm that fact. At least it's not snowing and 33 degrees. So we're thankful for that.

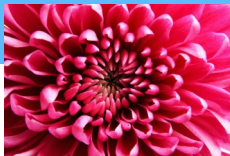
April was indeed a very busy month for us: 'Wine tasting at Artale's, 'Dodgeball' at Jefferson. I'm sure a good time was had by all. A special "**THANK YOU**" to all who cheered for our **CASA Crushers**. Also, our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Hands around the Courthouse'. The rain kept us inside, but we were there. The children are worth all of our efforts. The work is never done. We just finished our Spring Training and are looking forward to another 'swearing in' ceremony.

We can't forget our Auction dinner at Forest Hills. Wall to wall people was great to see. The food was wonderful! Then we had something very new. One of our newly sworn CASAs, Jocelyn spoke to us from 'a victim's perspective'. We applaud her courage and strength. Just seeing her there let all of us know that our efforts, time, and miles are not wasted. Then there was the auction. That was one for the books. Things were 'going like hot cakes'. It was a great night!

If you attended the auction, you heard this. It's worth repeating. Thank you, Karen.

*"One hundred years from now it will not matter the kind of car you drove or the sort of house you lived in. But the world may be different because you were important in the life of a child."*

Let's make a difference!  
Shivers

**Tuesday May 13th from 6-9 PM**

Join us for an evening of delicious food, relaxing drinks, and smooth Jazz at Abreo.  
**515 E. State Street**

All bar tips will go towards our Winnebago County CASA program.

Jazz music provided by Harlan Jefferson and Amanee Avery

We want to **thank** and **recognize** the CASAs who closed a case during the month of April:

A CASA's dedication to the children they represent is greatly appreciated, and we are confident that efforts on behalf of these children will reap many benefits for them in the future. Thank you:

**Brandi McKinney**  
**Jean Nelson**  
**Joan Young**  
**Debi Hopper**  
**Carole Perrin**

**THANKS !!!**

We also want to thank and recognize the following CASAs and Board members who turned in a timesheet last month. We appreciate your extra effort!

Faye Marcus	Audrey Engelbrecht
Jo Marie Montalbano	Marilyn Kloefer
Fran Rossate	Melissa Clements
Barbara Havens-Shirk	Sue Gorski
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**May is Foster Care Awareness Month!**

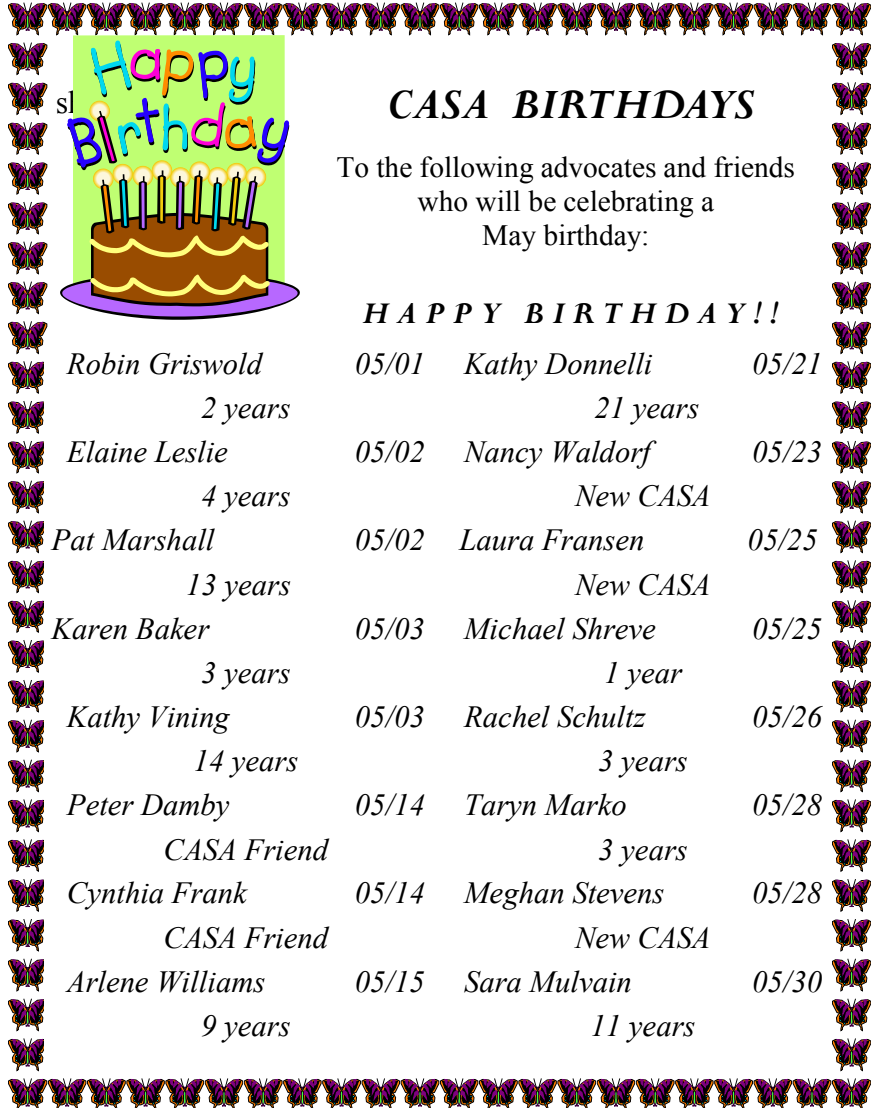
Please stop into the CASA office to pick up your foster care awareness pin/ribbon.

**STATISTICS**

A sincere THANK YOU to all of our CASA advocates who continue to serve their children and the CASA program. Your contribution in hours and miles for April 2014 total:

216 hours and 1138 miles

*Great Work CASAs!*



**CASA BIRTHDAYS**

To the following advocates and friends who will be celebrating a May birthday:

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Robin Griswold	05/01	Kathy Donnelly	05/21
2 years		21 years	
Elaine Leslie	05/02	Nancy Waldorf	05/23
4 years		New CASA	
Pat Marshall	05/02	Laura Fransen	05/25
13 years		New CASA	
Karen Baker	05/03	Michael Shreve	05/25
3 years		1 year	
Kathy Vining	05/03	Rachel Schultz	05/26
14 years		3 years	
Peter Damby	05/14	Taryn Marko	05/28
CASA Friend		3 years	
Cynthia Frank	05/14	Meghan Stevens	05/28
CASA Friend		New CASA	
Arlene Williams	05/15	Sara Mulvain	05/30
9 years		11 years	

**ITEMS FROM THE CASA OFFICE**

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Happy May everyone! Let's cheer to the beginning of nice weather, walks around our neighborhoods, and good conversations with our CASA kids! This is a great time to get outside on your visits with your kids. Bring a ball and glove, basketball, or a jug of bubbles to entertain the kids in the yard. Don't forget to stay in touch with the parents, foster parents, AND case workers on your cases. A challenging part of your job is to verify the information you find with the professionals in the case.

BIG news: CASA is a beneficiary for this year's Rockford ProAm!! If you haven't already signed up for a volunteer spot at this FUN and EXCITING event, please call the office ASAP. Shifts are filling fast. The ProAm will take place on July 14th at Forest Hills Country Club.

Come on out to the Swearing In Ceremony on Monday, May 5th, 5:30 PM at the Juvenile Justice Center. Meet with the 11 new advocates and welcome them to the CASA Family.

Thank you, everyone, who helped support our fundraiser last week. Those of you who helped decorate, donated items, and attended, we could not have done it without you. THANK YOU!

**Blueberry Delight:**

Provided by Debbie Vettore from the CASA Cookbook

- 1 stick of butter
- 1 cup of flour
- 1 cup of pecans, chopped
- 1 (16 oz.) cream cheese, Softened
- 1 (16 oz.) ctn. of Cool Whip
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 can blueberry pie filling

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Melt butter in a 9 x 13 dish. Once butter is melted, allow it to cool. Add flour and pecans in the baking dish to form dough. Pat out to make a crust. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Allow to cool completely. Cream together cream cheese, vanilla, and sugar. Gently fold in Cool Whip until combined. Pour over crust. Place in refrigerator until firm. Top with blueberry pie filling.

Prep Time: 30 minutes  
 Cook Time: 20 minutes plus refrigerate



Occasionally we will have CASA advocates who recommend books for staff and other CASAs to check out. Below is one recommendation that we recently received.

**The Language of Flowers**  
 By  
 Vanessa Diffenbaugh



## Director's Report: April 10, 2014

New Cases	CURRENT MONTH	YTD			
<b>CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY/NEED</b>	March, 2014	2014			
• Abuse & Neglect	47	1455			
• Truancy	5	44			
	CURRENT MONTH	2014 YTD	2014 GOAL		2020 GOAL
<b>CASES</b>					
• Open	8	22			
• Closed	4	19			
• Children Served	285	303	450		1075
<b>% Served:</b>	<b>26%</b>	27%			100%
<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>					
• Active Advocates	109		150		450
• Affiliate Advocates	27		31		
• Resignations (Advocates)	0	YTD: 8	15		
• Friends of CASA	0	YTD: 8	50		
• Available	0				
• Total Volunteers	144		231		
• Spring Training					
• Fall Training					
<b>Total New:</b>					
	CURRENT MONTH March, 2014	Total: 2014			
<b>Reported Hours</b>	243	677			
<b>Reported Miles</b>	2,030	5,788			

CASA TIME SHEET

ADVOCATE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TIME PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY CASA IN-SERVICE MEETING, PLEASE MAIL OR DELIVER YOUR TIME SHEET TO THE CASA OFFICE (211 S. COURT ST. SUITE 258, ROCKFORD, IL, 61101) BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

TIME INTERVALS

<u>MIN</u>		<u>TIME</u>
1-15	=	.25
16-30	=	.50
31-45	=	.75
46-60	=	1.00

SUGGESTED JOB DESCRIPTIONS

- |                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| -File review at DCFS  | -Other interviewing time     |
| -Review of case at FA | -Phone calls                 |
| -Court observation    | -Conference with coordinator |
| -In-Service           | -Court report preparation    |
| -Observing visit      | -School meeting              |
| -Time with CASA child | -Other (specify)             |

DATE	JOB DESCRIPTION	TIME	EST. MILES
TOTAL TIME AND MILES REPORTED FOR THIS TIME PERIOD			



# Tuesday Night Nightcap



## for CASA

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### **Live Jazz Music from 7 PM to 9 PM**

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815-968-9463

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**Featuring:**

**Harlan  
Jefferson**

**Live from 7 to 8 PM**

**and**

**Amanee Avery  
Live from 8-9pm**

