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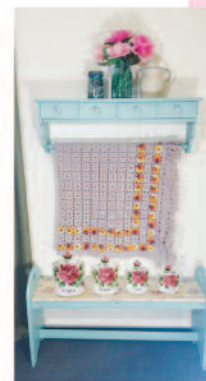
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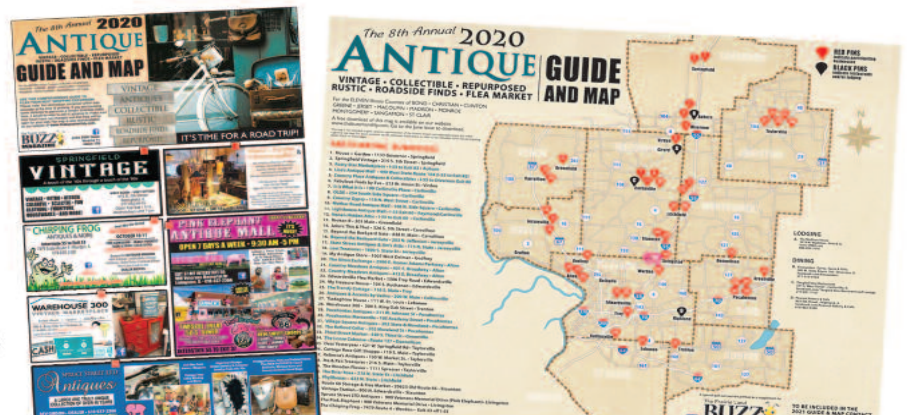
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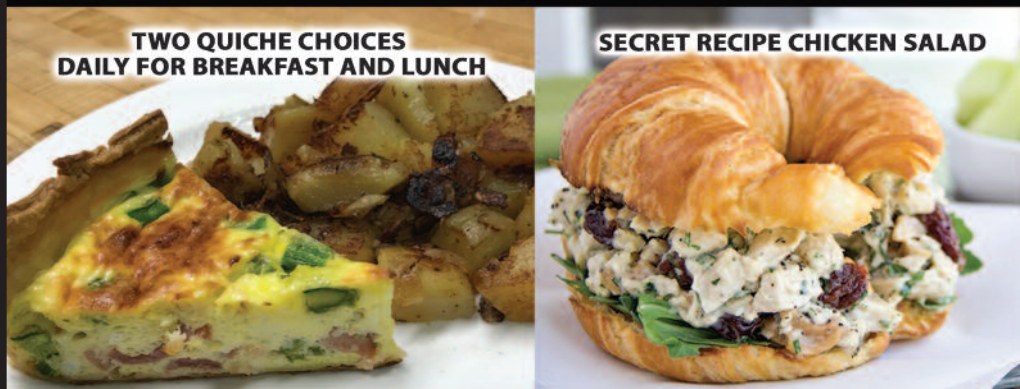
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SEPT 10-13	TACO SOUP	MEXICAN CORN BREAD
SEPT 17-20	CREAMY CHICKEN & MUSHROOM	TO BE ANNOUNCED
SEPT 24-28	LEAK AND POTATO	IRISH SODA BREAD

IN THE BAKERY...

You never know what we will be baking up from week to week but normally we always have a variety of ooey gooey cookies and cakes, cupcakes, scones and turnovers. We also make brownies, blueberry whipped cream pound cake, cinnamon rolls, salted caramel bread pudding, pineapple upside-down-cake, custard tarts, savory pastries, cheesecakes and much more. The selection changes daily, so if you're looking for something specific, call ahead to see if we have it, or better yet...place a special order. Follow us on Facebook for updates.



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EDITOR'S NOTES

HELLO SEPTEMBER I am so glad you are here!

August was a tough month for me. It was a short month so there was little time for a break after August delivery before I had to get started on the September issue. As soon as I finish writing this column and send the pages to Breese Publishing I have to get invoicing done. Normally I have the weekend to complete that but this Saturday we will be traveling to Missouri for my dad's 80th birthday party. The day after we will be helping Tony's daughter, **Kiara Simmons**, move from Macomb to Litchfield. Then it's Monday ... delivery of *The Buzz* begins! No rest for the weary they say.

Speaking of all that family, I have to give a shout out to the birthday people. We don't have as many in September as we did in August, but still a few. My grandson, **Kaiden Cale**, will be 13 years old on September 1. How did that happen? September 6 is my daughter's birthday (**Brittany Cale** is Kaiden's mom, she will be 36). On September 29 my little brother, **Britt Hooton** will celebrate his 52nd birthday. We might just celebrate everyone's birthday at my dad's party!

There is one more birthday I want to mention, but she is not family. Although

since I have gotten to know her, she feels like family. **Leona Hacker** of Girard will be celebrating her 100th birthday on September 28.

I met Leona several months ago when she called looking for a back issue of *The Buzz* that had a story that included her former college room mate. Leona has an incredible memory because that story was in our January 2018 issue. I don't keep back issues anymore (after almost 12 years that was a bit too much paper laying around), but I did still have the files on my computer so I sent them to **George Press** in Litchfield and had some copies of the story printed for her.

The story she was looking for was in the *Along Route 66* column, written by Cheryl Eichar-Jett. It was entitled *Darlene Dorgan and the Gypsy Co-eds*. A story of friendship, coming of age, and life in the 1930s and early 40s in small town America as a group of young women venture out into the world in a series of summer vacations by automobile. In addition to the story in *The Buzz*, it was also documented in the book, *Darlene's Silver Streak and The Bradford Model T Girls*, available on line at Amazon.com. **Regina Fennell**, one of the coeds, was Leona's college room mate.

I delivered the copies to Leona in person and during our conversation discovered she had a milestone birthday this year. I told her I wanted to write a story about her. She may not have thought I was serious but you will see that I was. And oh my, what a story it is! And after hearing her life's story, and referencing the co-eds story, I guess that era was quite adventurous for young ladies. Some amazing women came from that time period. Leona Hacker is one of them. Read her story on pages 12-13.

If you want to read the original *Darlene Dorgan and the Gypsy Coeds*, go to www.thebuzzmonthly.com, archives, January 2018 issue. More information about the coeds is at www.gypsycoeds.com.

Now... **Cheryl Eichar-Jett**. She is celebrating the beginning of her ninth year writing *Along Route 66* for *The Buzz Magazine*! Cheryl is the author of numerous books and articles about Route 66. Find out more about her at www.route66chick.com and www.cheryleicharjett.com.

I am sad to announce that **Barbara Adams**, who has been writing our *Book Buzz* for years, has closed the business and will no longer be writing for us. She will be missed. But it is evident that **George**

Rischel, owner of **Sly Fox Bookstore** in Girard, who will be taking over the column, couldn't be a better replacement! Welcome aboard George. We will miss your Barbara!

Last but not least, we will be starting a few new things soon. *Buzzin' Down the Road* will be a new feature - maybe not monthly. Tony and I are going to randomly take a drive and just see what we can find that would make an interesting story. We had intended to start it this month with *The Naked Gardener*, but the man to be interviewed had some health setbacks so it has been postponed.

We also intend to start doing Facebook Live videos, again, randomly, at our advertiser locations. They will be short, but just a little added "extra" for those businesses that support us, as we are a small business too.


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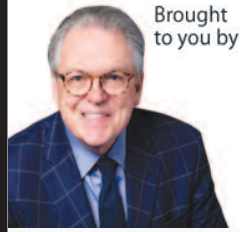


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A Strategy to Potentially Reduce Market Risk to Your Retirement Savings

If you are approaching retirement or are already retired, you may be wondering about what the best plan of action is for your savings. With interest rates at such an historically low level and the Covid-19 crisis still with us, it's natural to look for methods to reduce the risk of market losses and low rates of interest. One solution is to look for products where your principal is protected against market losses and at the same time provided with the opportunity to achieve rates of return that are historically higher than the rate of inflation.

One such product that is worthy of your consideration is a fixed indexed annuity or FIA. Fixed indexed annuities are written by many insurance companies and provide investors with the above-mentioned opportunities. Fixed indexed annuities set sales records in 2019 with overall sales at \$73.2 billion according to Winks Sales and Market Report.

So what is a fixed indexed annuity and what are the advantages and disadvantages to purchasing such a product? An overview of fixed indexed annuity features that are common to most fixed indexed annuities are secure principal, option for lifetime income, penalty-free withdrawal provisions, bailout provisions in the event of a terminal illness or confinement in a long-term care facility, and tax deferral. One disadvantage is that your money would not be as liquid as compared to a brokerage account due to surrender charges for money taken out during the surrender period in excess of the penalty-free amount. For most annuities the penalty-free amount available is 10% per year until the annuity has

reached the end of its term. It is not uncommon to see most annuity surrender charge periods vary anywhere from seven to 15 years. At the close of the surrender charge you are free to withdraw all of the money in your account.

A fixed indexed annuity seeks to protect your money from market declines and ties the return to various market indices. When the market has a positive return you can participate in those increases and at the same time be protected against negative returns when the market declines. Not all fixed indexed annuities are created equal and many have caps that restrict how much you can earn per year. So a word of advice would be to look for a fixed indexed annuity that has uncapped strategies and does not limit the amount of gains made in a year of positive market returns.

My conclusion is that with respect to retirement planning, indexed annuities offer greater overall benefits than directly investing in stocks or even in a market index. Debt instruments like bonds and CDs are guaranteed but those guarantees limit upside potential. Fixed indexed annuities offer advantages such as tax deferral, death benefits, lifetime income options, and probate avoidance which makes indexed annuities a great candidate for a portion of your retirement plan.

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A Letter from Aunt Lea

So there was this one time. I was young and knew a lot about a lot of things. I knew God and He knew me. I had known Him all my life. There was never a time I was without Him. My life clicked along fairly smoothly, with only the occasional hiccup, and prayer was offered up either as a way to make requests or to thank Him when things went the way they were supposed to. He seemed far away, aloof and terribly serious. I simply had no idea He had a great sense of humor.

But then I came to a winter time in my life. A Bad Thing was to befall me. I prayed for God to keep the Bad Thing away from me. By the way, "Bad Thing" as a description of this time in my life is perfectly adequate, as the actual "thing" that happened is irrelevant to the story. If we live long enough, we all have a Bad Thing or two or three befall us, don't you agree?

The Bad Thing was with me always. My prayers weren't being answered in the timely manner to which I had become accustomed. Color me confused. Years passed with no good result. I focused on the technique of my prayer. Perhaps I wasn't using the correct words. Perhaps I was not in a sufficiently prayerful mood. Perhaps I wasn't praying often enough. I went to a prayer workshop in hopes of taking my prayer game to the next level. Pray as I might, the Bad Thing kept coming closer and looming larger all the time.

Finally, I became angry with God. Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, you know. I began waging battle with the Man Upstairs. I would go for my morning walks, but my prayer time was no longer prayerful. It was a rant, an argument. "Why are You letting this happen? Haven't I done the right things? Haven't I always known You? Haven't I sent up prayer after prayer? Let's see some action!"

It came to be Christmas. However, I had no Christmas spirit that year. I was depressed and struggling. My nephew and his wife had just had their first child and they were looking forward to celebrating his first Christmas. I was pleased with my gift for him — a tiny sled with safety rails for a small wee one. In my gloominess however, I had neglected to get the sled mailed off to Denver in good time. I started out on a gray, cold, wildly windy December day, with a mood to match, in search of a box sturdy enough to pack and mail the sled. Our money being ever so tight, I had gone from store to store in search of a free box. There were many free boxes available, but none the right size to fit the oddly shaped gift. I became panicked. This was the last day to get something in the mail for Denver that would make it in time for a Christmas delivery.

Going from store to store, I became angrier and angrier with You Know Who. I had reached the boiling point. This was war. I remember my thoughts: "A box, God. All I want is a lousy box. Is it too much to ask for a stinkin' box?" I remember looking out on the bleak day with a bleak mind. This was to be the day I learned God actually has a wicked sense of humor.

I was driving down a busy street, tears rolling down my cheeks, when I saw it. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw it. A box. It was blowing across a parking lot toward the street. It was tumbling end over end, over and over, closer and closer. It moved steadily along and finally stopped directly in front of my car. I was astonished to note that there were no cars anywhere near me on this usually busy street. I got out and walked around to the front of my car and stared at the box. My box from God. For a split second I wondered if it was the correct size. Of course it was the correct size! And the sled went on its way to Denver. That day began a new chapter in God's and my relationship.

And, of course, the Bad Thing still happened. Sure it did. I was never able to pray my way out of it; never able to string together the correct combination of words or concentrate prayerfully enough to keep it from happening. Instead, I learned to pray my way *through it*, and that has made all the difference.

The box was my first God sighting and since then I have gotten better at finding Him. I have seen Him in my garden, felt Him in a breeze. He once was an owl and that was very cool, and I have seen him a couple times in dogs. I think this is one of His happiest things to be, and if you have a hard time imagining God as a dog, I would submit that you don't know dogs very well.

The little boy for whom the tiny sled was purchased all those years ago is headed off for his first year of college. A big hulk of a guy now, I saw him this past weekend to wish him well and help send him off. Seeing him brought back the memory of the box. I considered that maybe I had been too hasty to send the box. Maybe I should have kept it because I figure getting something from God so directly like that was probably a one-time thing. I am older now and know very little about most things. God works in mysterious ways. I am grateful to be a part of the mystery.

Your Aunt Lea is thinking of you and singing "God and Dog" to Keely ([youtube.com/watch?v=H17edn_RZoY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H17edn_RZoY)). Reach me at auntielea19@gmail.com. 🐾

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If I Live to Be 100...

Leona Hacker Celebrates 100th Birthday on September 28

BY TARA L. CALE

Leona Hacker, a Girard resident, grew up on a farm outside of Harvel, Illinois. The last of six children (4 boys and 2 girls), she was born on September 28, 1920. She will be celebrating her 100th birthday this month. Her start in life was not an indicator of the long, blessed life she has come to know. Leona was born prematurely, and with whooping cough. Babies with whooping cough sometimes had a symptom known as “apnea” - a pause in the child’s breathing pattern. Leona had this. If she was laid down, she would stop breathing.

“My maternal grandmother basically held me over her shoulder day and night, for months, to keep me alive,” Leona explained.

Even at such a young age the tenacity of her personality was evident.

Leona explained that her first true memory is from when she was around three years old.

“My father was one of the first to have the new Ford sedan that year,” she said. “It had running boards on the side and when Father was coming home, my brothers would run out and jump on the running boards and ride on them, up the lane.”

One day, all of the children were outside and her next older sibling, brother Edward, who was then eight years old, ran out to jump on the running boards. But, another car was driving down the road, at a high rate of speed, and hit Edward. The impact was such that it threw the small boy into the family’s grape arbor.

“I was very young. I tried to run to him, but two of my older brothers held me back,” she said. “If I could draw, and I can’t, I could sketch out a picture of exactly what that scene looked like. Because it is embedded so profoundly in my memory, even to this day, that I remember every detail.”

Leona’s next memory is when she was around five years old. It’s 1925. There was no Kindergarten. Children did not start school until the first grade, when they were

six years old. But the teacher at their one room country school where her brothers and sister attended would often mention to Leona’s mother that she should send her with to school with her older siblings. He wanted another student in first grade as he only had one. (For those of you unfamiliar, in country schools it was a one room school house and all grades were taught in the same room.)

“Mother finally agreed to let me go, assuming I would grow tired of it in a few days and not want to go back, but she was wrong,” Leona said. “I stayed. I loved it. I loved reading, writing and spelling - and education would ultimately become my profession.”

Leona was very smart. Teachers and other educators recognized this. They took her to the country spelling bees every spring, and even though Leona was competing against students in much higher grades, she always brought the banner back to school. And at her eighth grade graduation, she was presented with a four-year scholarship to teacher’s college.

She graduated high school when she was just 15 years old.

Leona’s parents were against her enrolling in college. Her father did not feel it was fair that she should get to go to college when her brothers had not.

Leona craved a higher education. She had the brains, but she needed a little more brawn.

Many people in the community were aware of the situation and thought it would be a crime if this bright, young woman was not given the opportunity to use her scholarship, her intelligence and the tenacity she was born with, to further her education, her career, and her life.

The principal, his wife, another teacher and a few others in the community began helping Leona plan, and execute, her mission for her future.



Leona Hacker, soon to be 100 years old, shows off a quilt she is embroidering by hand for one of her granddaughters. This woman is never idle. But it is one of her secrets for a long life - keep moving!

The principal enrolled her in college without her parents knowledge. The tuition was paid for by the scholarship. Two separate neighbors donated \$7 each for the \$14/year she would need for her books.

In preparation for leaving for college, Leona would go out on a “date” with a co-operating teacher. She would wear two sets of clothing on this date, one over top of the other. When they were far enough from Leona’s home, she would remove one layer of clothing, and take to the principal’s home for safe keeping.

Time was of the essence, and with only a few days remaining until Leona had to be at college, she made her escape.

“I crawled through a ditch, and didn’t get up until I got to the edge of the cornfield, so there was no chance of my brothers seeing me leaving,” she explained. “One of the neighbors drove me into Harvel where I caught a bus to Normal, IL.”

Her principal had contacts in the area and helped her secure a room for \$2/week - just four blocks from school - so she could walk to classes. He also knew other families with students at Eureka college who donated more clothing for Leona, as she had only had time to stow away three days worth of daily wear.

She was now in Normal, ready to begin her higher education. She got a job at a local cafeteria and worked two different shifts, one-and-a-half hours each, in exchange for two meals a day. The owners, fondly referred to as Mama and Papa Sims,

also let her work extra hours on Saturdays and Sundays to make money for her incidentals.

“Earlier, in discussions that my parents had with the high school teacher and counselor, I had listened through the door and heard them say that I had a high IQ,” Leona laughed. “I found out that didn’t mean much when it came to college, and you still had to study to make it.”

Leona didn’t do well on the finals at the end of her first year. But the Dean was lenient, because although Leona did not know this, her mother had been writing to her. After discovering what her daughter had done, and where she had gone, she was checking up on her “baby” and keeping tabs on her to make sure she was okay. Understanding the circumstances that had brought Leona to the campus, the Dean was compassionate.

“Then one day when I went to work, I saw one of my older brothers outside of the cafe, pacing back and forth,” she said. “He had found out where I worked and had made an arrangement with Mama and Papa Sims to give me a Sunday off so I could go home to visit. He arranged for a taxi to take me to his truck, outside of Normal, and I rode home with him.”

“I was just 16 years old, riding for the first time in a taxi in a big city and I was terrified,” she said. “And the taxi kept stalling out, but I finally made it.”

It worked out well, in the end. Leona apologized to her mother for going behind



Leona Hacker surrounded by her family on her 99th birthday last year. This year they are planning a “drive-by” party that is so popular during the pandemic.

her back and filling her with worry and the two made up.

Leona went back to Normal to complete her degree, but a freak accident delayed that progress.

“My room mate, Regina Fennell, loved to embroidery,” Leona said. “I came back to our room after class one day and threw myself down on the bed. Her scissors were laying there and punctured my leg.”

The injury was attended to by the House Mother, but when Leona got to work later that day, Papa Sims thought it needed more doctoring. He added a thick layer of iodine. Unfortunately, and what was unknown at the time, Leona was allergic to iodine. The treatment made the wound worse and complications from the reaction forced Leona to take the next year off from classes.

“I fully intended to go back to classes but the injury just wouldn’t heal,” Leona explained. “And, before you know it, I was in love, married and pregnant.”

When Leona’s first child, a daughter, was two years old, she got pregnant with her second child, a son. And then, World War II had begun. Leona’s husband had been in the Navy previously, and was called back to serve again.

“They really needed teachers bad at this time and they said if I came back, I could complete my degree in just one year,” she said. “But I just couldn’t leave my kids in the care of someone else when they were so young.”

Her husband returned from the war and they had three more children. But he just

wasn’t the same after the war. He didn’t want to do anything and would take no responsibility. Today, it may be recognized as PTSD, but then there wasn’t a term, a diagnosis, or a treatment. Leona didn’t want to talk much about this time in her life, because it was not so good. Leona took in ironing jobs, cleaned businesses, and did what she could to support the family.

“After my last son was born, several people encouraged me to go back to school,” she said. “They were impressed with the behavior of my children, and thought I had something to offer to others. And it was discovered that my scholarship could be reinstated!”

Leona Hacker started working towards her degree in 1937, and finished it in 1960. But the point is, she finished. She was a teacher in Morrisonville for two years, then in Girard for 32 years. During that time she decided she wanted to get her Masters Degree, and SIUE was offering that option. After obtaining her Masters from SIUE, she went on to get yet another degree in Creative Writing from Sangamon State University.

Leona officially “retired” in 1986. Retired from teaching after 37 years. But she did not retire from life.

“After retiring from teaching I wanted to work in the travel industry, but that didn’t work out,” she laughed. “But I don’t let small set backs hold me back.”

She worked as a substitute teacher for 15 years, and worked as a volunteer usher at Sangamon Auditorium.

“That was amazing. I got to see so many shows for free,” she said. “My all time favorite is CATS.”

Leona Hacker is not one to let time just slip on by. Since retiring she did ballroom dancing and line dancing. For years she walked several miles a week and even worked out at local gyms, but says she just doesn’t have time for that anymore. I asked her what helped her attain the age of 100 and be in the amazing health that she is.

“Good genes help. My mother lived to 94 and my father was 99 before he passed,” she said. “Good doctors help too!”

She also said it is very important to practice faith, not fear in your life, specifically referring to the current pandemic.

“This is just another period of our lives,” she said.

She should know. She lived through the Great Depression (1929-1939), the Great Recession (2007-2008), the 1957 flu pandemic, the 1968 flu pandemic, the 2002-2003 SARS outbreak, the 2009 flu pandemic, the 2012 MERS outbreak, the 2014 Ebola epidemic, shall I go on? A polio vaccine wasn’t licensed until 1955, at which time Leona already had children. How scary was that? By the time a vaccine for measles (1963), mumps (1967) and rubella (1969) were developed, her children, and even some of her grandchildren, probably had all already had these viruses.

Good and bad, rough waters and smooth sailing, Leona is grateful for the life she has lived, and its many blessings.

“Some of my former students are now

grandparents and still live in Girard so I still enjoy visits with them,” she smiled. “But at my age, yes, people I know have passed on and that touches my heart with sadness.”

She is especially thankful to have her five children and their spouses, 16 grandchildren, over 30 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. She appreciates that fact that she can still live on her own and take care of herself, with a little help now and then from friends and family. She even still drives, though admits “not very far.”

Another thing I found quite impressive is that not only does Leona get up every day, she gets up and gives it her all. This woman is always dressed to the nines, hair done, make up on and all. What a gem!

Now, Leona Hacker may have had a rough start at life. She may have had some rough years. But life is what you make it, and Leona made it good.

Of course I cannot do justice to 100 years of memories, accomplishments, mountains and milestones in just a couple pages of writing, but after meeting this amazing woman, and getting to know her better, there is one thing I know for sure ... if I live to be 100, I hope I am half the woman - half the person - that Leona Hacker is.

Leona is an inspiration to us all - to work hard, follow your dreams and never give up!

Happy 100th Birthday Leona! 🐝

Fall Offers a Cornucopia of Books

BY GEORGE RISCHEL

August kicked off with Stephenie Meyer's newest book in the Twilight Series, *Midnight Sun*. The publisher immediately sold out the entire one million copy first printing. The postponed Jeff Kinney's *Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure* also made the top 10 in overall sales. Editors, publicists, and customer service people at most publishers, especially in New York, are still working from home. Distribution centers and warehouses are social distancing, slowing down the book supply chain. Nevertheless, this fall offers a cornucopia of new books. Let's look at some top fiction selections.

Billed at the literary event of the year by the publisher, Europa Editions, Elena Ferrante's *The Lying Life of Adults*, has generated considerable buzz. Ferrante writes in Italian with most of her stories centered around Naples. Europa has enlisted top-notch translators to capture Ferrante's unique literary style and the nuances of Italian. She has gained a reputation as one of the world's premier writers. In *The Lying Life of Adults*, Giovanna's father says she's turning ugly and more like her Aunt Victoria, whom her parents despise. Trying to see herself as she truly is, Giovanna bounces between the Naples of refinement and the Naples of vulgarity. It's not just the story but the quality of the writing that sets this book apart and makes its publication a literary event.

Mysteries, and other genres, such as Romance and Fantasy, gained even more popularity during the pandemic. They offer a welcome escape from everyday reality, and usually end with things being put right or happily ever after. English author Elly Griffiths newest Ruth Galloway crime novel, *Lantern Men*, is already out. In the previous book, Ruth, a forensic archaeologist, took a new job and moved away from her home in The Fens, a marshy area north of Ely and London. But a discovery brings her back.

Canadian author Louise Penny relocates her 16th book in the Armand Gamache series from Montreal and the village of

Three Pines to Paris, where *All The Devils Are Here*. One night Armand's godfather is knocked down and critically injured, sending Armand and his faithful crew into a search of his godfather's deepest secrets. Penny writes a wonderful series with some truly interesting characters, but I don't want to spoil it for you. And the venerable British author Ann Cleeves gives us the newest book in the Vera Stanhope series, *The Darkest Evening*. Stanhope is a British Detective Inspector whose realm is the bleak coast north of Newcastle. She epitomizes the characteristics of the fictional British character John Bull: plain-spoken, kind-hearted, and bull-headed. If you haven't read any of the Vera Stanhope books, start by renting the British TV series *Vera*. Then, read the books. They're better.

Back in the USA, two premier mystery writers, Archer Mayor and Craig Johnson, present us with their newest crime novels. Archer Mayor's newest crime novel featuring Joe Gunther, head of the Vermont Bureau of Investigation, is *The Orphan's Guilt*. A routine drunk driving traffic stop leads his lawyer hiring an investigator to look into the recent death of the driver's younger brother. And that spawns a murder investigation bringing in Joe and his crew. If you've read any of Mayor's previous Joe Gunther books, you know that they are true police procedurals—painstaking, step-by-step investigations that in the end get their culprit. In *Next to Last Stand* by Craig Johnson, Walt Longmire is asked to look into piece of a painting and \$1,000,000 found among the effects of a man who died at the Wyoming Home for Soldiers & Sailors. That puts Walt on the trail of an art heist and raising questions whether the original Custer's Last Fight painting was destroyed in a fire at Ft. Bliss in 1946. You just knew Walt wouldn't stay retired for long.

And for Agatha Christie fans, her little Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot, reappears on Sophie Hannah's fourth resurrection of the famed detective and "his little grey cells", *The Killings at Kingfisher Hill*. Poirot journeys to Kingfisher Hill at the

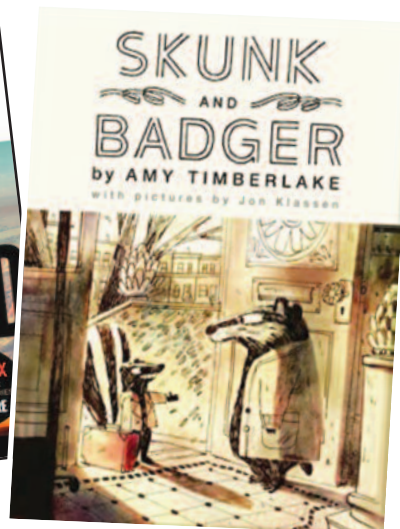
request of its owner to help prove the owner's fiancé did not kill his brother. On the railway there, a distressed woman leaps up and claims she will be murdered if she stays in that seat. A seat swap is arranged. Later, a body turns up at Kingfisher Hill with a note saying "the seat that you shouldn't have sat in." A real puzzler, but Poirot tackles it with expertise.

Two children's books going on sale in September merit attention. Illinois author Amy Timberlake, who made the final five for the Newbery award and won an Edgar for best juvenile novel for her previous book, teams up with Caldecott-winning illustrator Jon Klassen (*I Want My Hat Back*) in *Skunk and Badger*. Badger is quite content living alone in his hedgehog aunt's house pursuing his "important rock work." Then Skunk show up, says he was sent by Badger's aunt, to share the house. Badger doesn't like the idea one bit, though admits Skunk can really cook. Through hijinks and chaos, the two learn about friendship, roommates, and getting along with someone different. This is a good choice for a child moving from chapter books to regular middle grade novels.

Twenty-five years ago, author Sam McBratney and illustrator Anita Jeram blended their talents to produce an all-time favorite, *Guess How Much I Love You*. That book has sold more than 47 million copies in 57 languages worldwide. It's been a favorite for baby showers and newborns. Now, in its first sequel, McBratney and Jeram have created *Will You Be My Friend*, in which the Nutbrown Hare meets another nutbrown hare in an enchanting tale about friendship. Both books fall right on the mark for these times.

Reading a good book is still something you can do without a mask and leads you to naturally socially distance. 🐾

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A Voice for Rose

A story of one woman's dream to find her way back home

BY TARA L. CALE



When Anna (Pianfetti) Eccher was just eight years old, her grandmother asked her, "Do you know where my daughter Rose is? Do you know if she is okay?"

But Anna was not aware that she had an Aunt Rose. And besides, Anna's grandmother had a history of mental issues, so for her to say something odd was not out of the question.

However, over the next several years, Anna would hear Rose's name mentioned in conversations among adults.

Whisperings of "You know, Rose was never right,"

"Rose was always getting in trouble,"

"Well after that thing happened, you know they just had to send her away."

Such conversations would end abruptly when Anna walked into the room. Because families didn't talk out loud about people like Rose. They whispered. And they keep their existence a secret.

Anna's family had a secret that they protected because it was shameful to them. The power of that secret, that her Aunt Rose had been committed to a state mental hospital when she was just 17 years old, and the events leading up to that day, grew stronger as the years unfolded.

Anna could see the great sadness in her grandmother's eyes when she asked about her daughter. Anna decided she had to find Rose, and bring her home.

"Do you know where my daughter Rose is?"

A Voice for Rose is that story. The story of Anna's Aunt Rose, who at the age of seventeen was sent away in 1953 to the Alton State Mental Institution. She spent the rest of her life in various mental institutions, with nary one visitor, and died just wishing she could go home.

Anna was able to find her Aunt Rose in 2009, just months after she died, buried in a Potter's Field. *A Voice for Rose* follows Anna's journey to find her and bring her home to Mount Olive to be buried. In her efforts to find Rose, Anna was able to obtain her records and learn the story of how she came to be committed and spend her life in institutions. The book also shows how different things were for families in the 1950's if they had a loved one with any behavioral issues.



Left: *A Voice for Rose* was written by Rose's niece, Anna Eccher.

Above: Rose Pianfetti is finally home, in a marked grave, no longer in a Potter's Field.

Right: A photo of Rose before she was committed to Alton State Mental Institution in 1953.

A Voice for Rose celebrates the courage of the human spirit in the face of great sorrow while showing how decisions made in the past, in a different era, can ripple through future generations for decades to come. Above all, it's the story of how one woman's dream to find her way back home and have her voice be heard was stronger than the sadness she endured.

A Voice for Rose is available on Amazon.com. 🐝



Anna (Pianfetti) Eccher lives in Mt. Olive, IL, her family's hometown, and where Rose grew up. She is married and has three grown children and three grandchildren. She is a beekeeper and lives on Grace Homestead with chickens, goats and a menagerie of other animals. Eccher is a member of the Carlinville Writer's Guild and has published in their anthology, *Pretty Good Stuff*. *A Voice for Rose* is her first novel. The goal always was for Rose to have a chance to have her voice be heard. Eccher is grateful that her aunt's story is finally able to be told. You can reach her at anna.pianfettieccher@gmail.com.

The Potter's Field

A potter's field, paupers' grave or common grave is a place for the burial of unknown, unclaimed or indigent people.

"Potter's field" is of Biblical origin, referring to Akeldama (meaning field of blood in Aramaic), stated to have been purchased, with the coins that had been paid to Judas Iscariot for his identification of Jesus, after Judas' suicide, by the high priests of Jerusalem. The priests are stated to have acquired it for the burial of strangers, criminals, and the poor, the coins paid to Judas being considered blood money.

Prior to Akeldama's use as a burial ground, it had been a site where potters collected high-quality, deeply red clay for the production of ceramics, thus the name potters' field. After the clay was removed, such a site would be left unusable for agriculture, being full of trenches and holes, thus becoming a graveyard for those who could not be buried in an orthodox cemetery.

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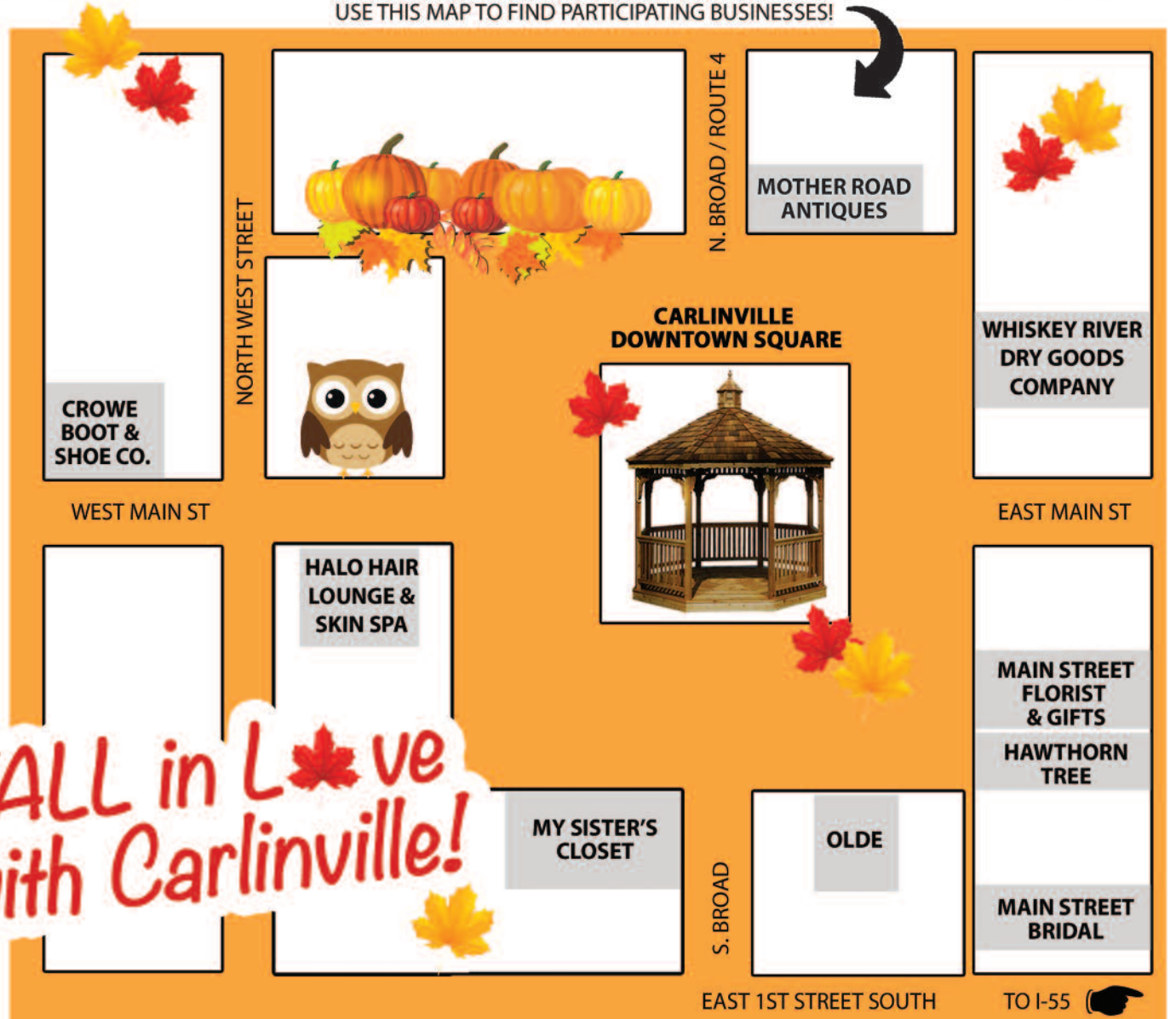
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Medal of Honor Recipient from Civil War Buried Near Medora

Ulric Crocker Served in Michigan Calvary Regiment

BY TOM EMERY

Macoupin County produced four Medal of Honor winners in the Civil War. A fifth is buried near Medora, though little is known of him today.

Ulric Lyona Crocker, a Michigan cavalryman who earned his Medal for valor in the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, rests in Medora Cemetery. The graveyard is just across the county line from Macoupin, in Jersey County, west of town.

Details on Crocker's life, and his ties to Medora, are sketchy. Born in Ohio on Sept. 5, 1842, Crocker enlisted in Company M of the 6th Michigan Cavalry, which was

stationed in the eastern theater of the war. Organized at Grand Rapids, the unit was mustered on Oct. 13, 1862 and saw action in some of the war's most significant battles, including the Wilderness, and Five Forks.

While most of the 6th was at the epic battle of Gettysburg, Company M was not there, as it was one of two companies detached from the rest of the regiment from February 1863 through May 1864. During that time, the detachment patrolled the Potomac River and fought a string of skirmishes.

In one instance at Falling Waters, Va.,

some 140 men of the detachment disrupted a much larger force that was guarding a major pontoon bridge under the command of Robert E. Lee during his retreat from Gettysburg. In the clash, the detachment captured men and ammunition while destroying pontoons.

The detachment joined the rest of the regiment in time for the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, which made a star of its commanding general, Philip Sheridan. The largest and most decisive battle of the campaign was at Cedar Creek, near Middletown, Va., on Oct. 19, 1864, where twenty-one Union soldiers earned the Medal of Honor – an unusually high number for a battle of its size.

Crocker was one of the recipients, as he captured the battle flag of the 18th Georgia. Unlike many Medal winners, who sometimes were not awarded their honors until the 1890s, Crocker did not have to wait long. His citation was issued on October 26, just seven days later, and lauded his “extraordinary heroism.”

On Nov. 24, 1865, Crocker was honorably discharged from the 6th as a corporal. Four years later, he settled on a farm near Manchester, Kan., in the east-central part of the state. On June 1, 1875, he returned to Illinois to marry Sarah Heffron in a ceremony near Jacksonville. Sarah is believed to be his tie to Medora, as her sister was

a resident of the village.

The Crockers remained on the farm until 1906, when they moved into town at Manchester. Ulric died at his home there after a short illness on the evening of Feb. 2, 1913 at age 69. The *Manchester Motor*, the local newspaper, reported that he “dropped dead” and listed the cause of death as “heart disease.”

Four days after his death, an Abilene newspaper reported that “the body will be shipped to Medora, Ill. for burial.” Whether Ulric had made the plans himself is unknown. His young niece by marriage, Sadie Hubbard, came to Manchester to help in the funeral arrangements.

Following Ulric's death, his widow returned to Medora to live with Sadie. Sarah endured a lengthy illness in her last weeks, and the *Motor* reported that Sadie was “most devoted and faithful in her care.” Sarah finally passed away on Dec. 26, 1915 at age 73 and was buried next to her husband.

Of the 2.1 million men who served the Union in the Civil War, only 1,522 earned the Medal of Honor. Ulric Crocker, a footnote in the history of Medora and Macoupin County, is one of the honored few. 🐾

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Along Route 66

J.F. Boente and Sons: Driving Close to a Century of Business

BY CHERYL EICHAR JETT

Route 66, as well as other numbered routes established in 1926 as part of the federal numbered highway system, spawned multitudes of “mom and pops,” particularly gasoline, lodging, and restaurant enterprises to serve both the traveler and the local motorist. But the iconic family businesses that are still open close to a century later are few indeed, and the J.F. Boente and Sons company in Carlinville is one of those few.

ESTABLISHED IN 1929

In Carlinville, Illinois, brothers Joseph, Hugo, and John Boente opened a service station in 1929 on the north side of W. Main Street near its intersection with the Shipman Blacktop/Alton Road and the railroad tracks. That site is now occupied by Kahl's Greenhouse and Landscaping, but back in '29, the Boente brothers enjoyed good business with two gas pumps, and also ran a general hauling business with a team of mules.

EXPANSION IN CARLINVILLE

As the years ticked by, other family members began to work in the business. In 1942, first-generation station owner John Boente died. By the late '40s, the family had expanded just across the street to 543 W. Main Street (the present site of their “Grandpa Joe's” convenience store and gas station). As they developed the 543 W. Main location, they still operated the original site just to the north across the street for about another 15 years. “Don't you guys get along?” they were asked.

In the mid-1950s, the Boentes expanded their Carlinville operation with the purchase of Charlie Bates' Shell Station at 830 E. 1st South Street. Bates had operated his station for a number of years at this location, which was on the original alignment of Illinois Route 66, at the corner where modern-day State Routes 4 and 108 intersect. By 1959, the Boentes were also in the propane business, serving over 2,000 customers within

50 miles of Carlinville.

CHANGES

Hugo Boente left the Carlinville operation in 1950 and opened his own station in Springfield, Illinois, at the intersection of Ninth Street/Route 66 and North Grand Avenue near the Sangamo Electric complex. In the same year, two of Joseph Boente's sons, Joe and Stephen, joined the family business, with another son, Larry, coming on board a few years later.

Joseph Boente, one of the business's founding brothers, passed away in 1960, sadly followed by his son, Joe Boente, at age 36, just two years later. Joe's widow, Doris, and other family members continued the business, but in 1963 consolidated the two locations across the street from each other on W. Main into the present site.

MORE LOCATIONS

Beginning in the mid-60s, J.F. Boente and Sons began a long era of expansion,

mainly into Route 66 communities, beginning with the purchase of the Carrollton Shell station. Next came the construction of the Boente Shell station in 1971 at Farmersville, just off I-55. Over the next decade, they acquired the 108 (off I-55 near Raymond), Litchfield, Hillsboro, and Raymond Shell stations.

The Girard and Greenfield stations were added in 1988, and in 1990, the Boentes purchased the Gillespie, Staunton (since closed), and Brighton stations from Fassero Oil Company.

APPROACHING 100 YEARS

In 1991, the family began drawing up plans for better utilization of the space on their Carlinville W. Main Street properties. But finally, in 2017, the business managers had “agreed it was time for a change.” The CVS drugstore chain owned property adjacent to Boente's Jerseyville Shell station, and approached them with an interest in



Above: This classic 1960s-style gas station stood across the street from the original station and served customers for many years until the "Grandpa Joe's" store was built on this corner.
 Below: Fourth generation Boente and daughter of General Manager Dave, Melissa Boente put her artistic and graphic design skills to work to create the "Grandpa Joe" logo.
 Photos courtesy of J.F. Boente and Sons.

Opposite page: A contemporary photo shows off the new "Grandpa Joe's" convenience store and gas station on W. Main Street in Carlinville.
 Photo by the author.

buying it. The Boentes finally "threw out a figure" and CVS accepted it. This money was used to demolish the old service station on the W. Main corner, build a new building – "Grandpa Joe's," and generally expand their business. This move made sense to the family because they could take money that was tied up in a business in another town and "invest in their hometown." In addition, they could provide more and better services in a more convenient arrangement for customers. In a nod to their hometown, a Carlinville High School theme and mural was featured inside the new building. And to honor founder, grandfather and great-grandfather, and WWI veteran Joseph Boente, the "Grandpa Joe" logo and merchandise was born.

"Every descendant of the three brothers has worked in the business for a period of

time, most at a young age," General Manager Dave Boente was quoted in an article about the business in October 16, 2008 issue "Quite often, the third generation is the demise of a family business, but we've got the fourth generation coming on and we're very proud of that."

The company is recognized as the longest continuously-running Shell jobber in the U.S. Those are quite the accomplishments for a family business in our era of mega-businesses and huge corporations. All bets are on for J.F. Boente and Sons to reach its centennial business year in 2029. 🐛

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Trenton Couple's Retirement Plan Becomes Popular Shopping Destination

BY TARA L. CALE

If you are one of the numerous people that love shopping the many area retailers that feature rustic, shabby chic, upcycled or repurposed items and trendy home decor and gifts, there is a fairly new business in the area that you may not be aware of - Warehouse 300.

Brenda and Kurt Kohlbrecher own the store, which opened in November of 2018.

The business is their "retirement plan." Brenda was a school teacher until the couple's daughter arrived, at which point she took a little time off to stay home. When

their daughter started school, Brenda began working in the retail world and enjoyed it immensely.

With a little less than two years under their belts, they have already outgrown their current space and were working on construction of an expansion while I was there. When completed the expansion will take the store's shopping area to around 4,000 square feet.

A large part of the store is staged with items created or discovered by the Kohlbrechers, but there are over 20 artisans that contribute to the eclectic inventory

available.

"Our artisans are very creative and talented," Brenda said. "They keep us stocked with a great supply of unique, one-of-a-kind creations."

One of those talented artisans is Kurt Kohlbrecher himself. After running his own lawn care business (Perm-A-Green) for 42 years, he began creating items to sell at Warehouse 300. Originally he had a space in the store called Kurt's Corner. But because of his love for the creative process, and how quickly his items sell, he will have a major presence in the expanded area and

Kurt's Corner will become Kurt's Garage! Many of Kurt's items are made from reclaimed wood and sell very quickly.

Another category that sells quickly is distressed furniture. The store also has stained glass, quilts, hand made purses and totes, home decor and unique gifts for any occasion. In addition they have a great selection of trendy signs and even boutique clothing.

"Warehouse 300 is our retirement plan and the first year we did very, very well," Brenda commented. "We had high anticipation for 2020, but it has certainly affected



The retro mixer made into a lamp pictured above is a great example of the unique and creative items available at Warehouse 300. Custom lighted bottles below display the skills of the artisans who contribute to the inventory at Warehouse 300.



They say a picture is worth a thousand words so we thought we would let these photos do the talking for Warehouse 300. As you can see, the store is packed with a wide variety of rustic, shabby chic, upcycled or repurposed items and trendy home decor and gifts,



Here's your sign! Many vendors have rustic and primitive signs for sale but one booth at Warehouse 300 is nothing but signs! If you can't find one you like, they take custom orders.



us. It's kind of scary, but we are thinking outside the box and hanging in there!"

The Kohlbrechers are all about community and having fun. Normally they have events scheduled every eight weeks, but with the current pandemic, it has put a damper on the fun. However, they have made some changes, adjusted as needed, and will be able to bring you some really neat events yet this year!

The closest upcoming event will be their Autumn Fest, held on Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20. Their expansion will be complete and unveiled at this

time. In addition to the multitude of vendors with merchandise inside the store, there will also be vendors outside around the parking area. There will be music and food trucks, including D&T's Concessions, famous for their old fashioned Kettle Corn, on Saturday, and Big Jake's Barbecue out of Effingham on Sunday.

"We are fully CDC compliant and will be during this event as well," Brenda explained. "We have a separate entrance and exit and only a certain number of people will be allowed in the store at one time. While they wait for their turn to enter they

can browse the vendors outside (also spaced according to CDC guidelines) listen to good music and get some great food. It will be a fun time, in a safe environment."

Warehouse 300 will host their holiday event this year, Mistletoe Market Days, on Wednesday, November 18-Sunday, November 22.

"It's been a great event for us the previous two times, but this year will be the best ever, because we have added evening shopping hours, as requested by our customers," Brenda excitedly explained.

Mistletoe Market will be open that

Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and again from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Sunday they will be open 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. It will be the perfect place to start - or finish - your holiday shopping. One lucky attendee will win a gift basket valued at \$100.00.

Warehouse 300 is located at 300 South King Oak Street in Trenton, IL - just south of the water tower. They are open Wednesday through Saturday from 10-4 and Sunday from 1-4. For more information call 618-806-7118. For updates on new merchandise and events follow them on Facebook. 🐾

Shipman Native was One of Smithsonian's First Female Managers

Helped Acquire Wright Flyer and Hope Diamond

BY TOM EMERY

Many museum professionals will tell you that their work never ceases to be interesting. Helena Weiss would have said the same thing.

Weiss was one of the first female managers at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, the nation's foremost museum, where she worked for forty years until her retirement in 1971. She handled much of the Smithsonian's correspondence, which was a mammoth task.

She was also part of the acquisition of the Wright Flyer and the Hope Diamond, two of the many famous artifacts held by the Smithsonian.

Born in Shipman on Feb. 6, 1909, Weiss' parents were German-American, while her Irish-born grandfather had been a veteran of the 27th Illinois Infantry in the Civil War. Her mother died when Helena was six.

Young Helena graduated from Butler Business College in Pennsylvania as well as Wheeler Business College in Alabama. Armed with this training, she held a job in the Veterans Administration stenography pool in 1930 before hearing of an opening at the Smithsonian. Though she knew little about the museum, she applied and was hired as a junior clerk-stenographer in the Office of Correspondence and Documents on May 22, 1931.

Thus began a career that lasted for the next four decades. In 1935, she transferred to the Geology Department before returning to her old office as an administrative assistant in 1948. That December, she became Chief of the division, now known as the Office of Correspondence and Records.

The promotion made her one of the first women to hold a managerial position at the Smithsonian. In 1956, her title was changed to Registrar, which she held until her retirement. By then, she was in charge of a staff of thirty-one.

Among her duties, Weiss oversaw the central filing system at the museum, as well

as public inquiry mail, mail service, accession reports, and shipping. In addition, she had to ensure that every artifact was properly recorded and, if required, completely document their shipping, loans, and exchange.

She also handled the planning of field trips for curators, which included journeys to archeological sites in Iraq, geological expeditions to Canada, and trips to remote islands in the South Pacific.

She was especially interested in one field trip – to Paricutin, a newly formed volcano in Mexico. Weiss actually made a trip to Mexico herself, to view this unusual phenomenon.

During the 1950s and 1960s, she took notes during meetings with astrophysicists as they discussed space exploration and lunar landings. Weiss later laughed that she felt like part of a science fiction novel.

Handling the mail was a huge task, as Weiss dealt with over 250,000 letters a year. As one Smithsonian source notes, she “had the extraordinary responsibility of recording and facilitating everything that came into and out of” the museum.

Sometimes, she handled tricky situations. In an oral history interview, Weiss recalled the arrival of poisonous snakes from the Middle East. She received a call from the airline when the shipment arrived, stored in a marked crate. No one at the airport wanted anything to do with the shipment, telling Weiss to “come out and get them right away...they're over in the farthest corner of the hangar, and no one is going near the place!”

Among the many highlights of her career was her involvement in the acquisition of the Wright Flyer, which went on display in her first days as division chief to huge crowds. She also handled the arrival of the Hope Diamond, which came through the regular mail. In 1956, she assisted in the acquisition of one of the first X-ray tubes



Photograph of Helena M. Weiss at work, from her personal scrapbook, c. 1930s. Smithsonian Institution Archives, Acc. 12-184, Image no. SIA2018-109866E.

used by its creator, Nobel Prize winner Wilhelm Roentgen.

Throughout her career, Weiss became an indispensable part of day-to-day operations at the Smithsonian. Her presence has been called “vital to the growth” of the Institution, where a common phrase was “just ask Miss Weiss.” She referred to her beloved Institution as “one big family” and reportedly “loved the diversity of her work,” which she performed “quietly, efficiently, and effectively.”

A woman of remarkable modesty, Weiss said that she “had not contributed much,” but when she retired, she was replaced by

seven different management positions. Her departure was marked by a well-attended celebration in her honor, though she said she “wanted to slip out of the Smithsonian with no (fanfare). I didn't even want any retirement party.”

Outside of her work, Weiss was highly active in her church. She died in Washington on Jan. 21, 2004, just days shy of her 95th birthday. 🐛

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From sorting through silver dollars in a bank vault as a child, to traveling along the trade show circuit with his family as an adult, Strumpher's love affair with coins helped guide his life.

In 2007 he found a place for that love to take root when he bought Decatur Coin and Jewelry, a business that has been located at 104 N. Main Street in downtown Decatur since 1972.

But Bennie Strumpher isn't the only Strumpher with an affinity for coins. His daughter, Samantha, happily followed in his footsteps.

"I went to a lot of coin shows with my dad," she said. "I'd take coins around to dealers and sell them for him. I'd leave with a box full of coins and I'd come back with a hand full of checks or cash."

"She was really little, probably 10 or 12 then," Bennie added.

And she's been by her father's side at Decatur Coin and Jewelry since the very beginning, mostly handling the vintage costume jewelry that customers bring in.

"I love being with my dad and experiencing with him daily the passion he has for this place, and that's helped me create as well," she said.

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Bennie and Samantha are staying busy, enjoying their customers, and enjoying their work.

"I don't have to work. I do this because I enjoy it," Bennie said. "I could have retired a long time ago, but I've been doing this for 40 years and I hope to keep doing it as long as my eyes and health are good."

"I love what I do," Samantha agreed. "I love all the jewelry, and the coins too."

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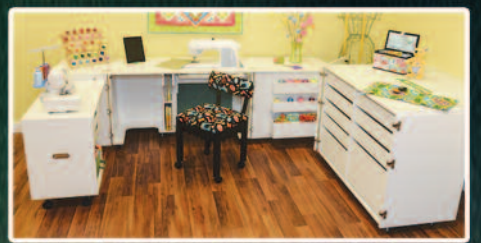
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Why You Should Grow a Garden

BY KRIS HART

Growing a garden has a lot more to offer to your health than just good quality food! Tending a garden allows you to connect with the earth, alleviates stress, anxiety and depression, provides you with an avenue to be a forever student, stewards diversity and exercises your ability to share!

Raising a garden for most people includes the production of food. Growing food at home offers you so much more nutrition than picking your produce up at the grocery store. Store bought food is harvested before the food is ripe, and the production of many enzymes has commenced. The early picking also adds to nutrient loss. As your tomatoes sit in boxes on a truck and on a shelf in a warehouse or store, they are losing their nutrient density. Consuming naturally ripe food provides your body with the most nutrition the plant can offer!

Whether you are growing food or flow-

ers, spending time in the garden, connected to the earth, is still bringing you bountiful health benefits. Physically touching the earth itself with your bare skin actually grounds you as an electrical being. The term “ground” in electrical verbiage means “to return to normal.”

As a species we used to be connected to the earth in many ways. But in the age of technology, we have become accidentally disconnected. Finding ways, and making time, to reconnect with the earth will reduce inflammation, relieve pain, enhance senses, promote inner peace, reduce stress and depression, and enhance gratitude and joy.

Also adding to your gratitude and joy is the act of learning.

Gardening provides you with many opportunities to try, fail, and succeed. I hope the failures never discourage you from trying again. One of the best teachers is experience. You will learn so much from



A view of a bee visiting the author's garden. Hint: Kris is also a photographer!

watching a new plant grow and you will still harvest from it. Even if all you get from that plant is experience, the experiment was not a loss.

Knowledge is an exceptional crop to harvest! Use that failure as a springboard for the next garden. Experts say that one of the greatest characteristics that successful people share, is their ability to fail. **KEEP TRYING! KEEP LEARNING!** The act of learning does so much for long-term cognitive retention and neural pathway development.

While you spend time in your garden and learn how it works, you will notice incredible diversity among it all. The myriad of beneficial bugs, fungi and wildlife only add to the garden. They keep the pests in check and the soil healthy, which helps prevent plant illness. Finding a way to co-exist with nature in this manner has brought me so much joy and insight! Diversity is what

makes it all work so well and it's exciting to witness.

As your garden flourishes, as you get healthier, as you learn more and experience the diverse nature of the garden, you have a wealth that you may not have expected! You may not have as much food or as many flowers as you expected, or you may have a bounty that you don't know what to do with. You also have a new bounty of knowledge.

At the end of a garden season, we have a great opportunity to share our food, flowers, seeds, experience and knowledge with those around us. It truly is a fulfilling cycle and I hope you find it encouraging and enriching! 🌱

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Elsah Museum Opens 2020 Photography Exhibit

The Village of Elsie Museum recently announced the opening of the Village of Elsie Museum for the 2020 season with the opening of the annual photography exhibit.

The purpose of the exhibit is to celebrate and foster an appreciation of the beauty and unique qualities of The Village. This year's theme is *My Favorite Window*. The opening of the Museum and exhibit was delayed by Covid 19 restrictions on group gatherings. This exhibit will be open through next year.

This year's judge is Erica Popp, an artist and college instructor. She commented on the high quality of the submitted images. In addition to purchase prizes, there were eight special recognition photographs. Historic Elsie Foundation will also feature six historic window photographs from the exhibit on their webpage.

The 2020 Village of Elsie Purchase Prize (for a photograph taken in the valley area) was awarded for *Barbara's View*, taken by the photographer, Barbara L. Clark of Elsie.

The purchase prize photograph will be part of the Village of Elsie Museum's collection. As the winner of the Village of Elsie Purchase Prize, Ms. Clark also received the Green Tree Inn award of an overnight stay for two.

The photograph is an image of a boat on the Mississippi framed by an interior window of Ms. Clark's home. The judge said that "the image was chosen for its beauty, window to the Mississippi, and the sense of calm."

In addition, the judge felt that the image was appropriate for this time-period when

we are inside our homes and looking outside.

The GreatRiverRoad.com prize recognizes a photograph that shows the beauty and significance of Elsie's surrounding area including Chautauqua, the River Road, the nearby bluffs, and the Principia College campus. This year's prize was awarded to *Foggy Illuminations* by Kim Howland of Godfrey. The image stood out for being the only photograph taken at night. The quality of the reproduction and beauty of the image showed an important Bernard Maybeck designed building and the unique use of windows.

The judge said of this photograph, "How poetic that the fog, something thought to obscure, gives focus to the light. This photograph is a perfect expression of this year's theme. Like the Village of Elsie Purchase Prize, this photography will also become part of the Museum collection."

This is the second year for a Youth Award for a photograph submitted by a person between the age of 12-18 years old. This year's winning photograph title was *Window Waves of Elsie* by Jonah Hosmer of Godfrey. The judge said this image made "full use of the opportunity to use the reflection in the old glass to create a whimsical double exposure effect and yet seeing through to the inside of the building."

There are eight special recognition photographs this year:

- *River Road Daisies* by Jerry Benner
- *The Melting Window* by Karen King
- *Weather Perspective* by Kim Howland



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- *Windows of the Past* by Rosa Renner
- *Window to the Mississippi* by Chuck Parr
- *Windows of Elsie* by Patricia Ott
- *The Yellow House* by Hope Mader
- *Windows of 8 LaSalle* by Joan Baker

Historic Window Awards showing the unique qualities of historic or "old" windows:

- *Basking in Spring Sun* by Karen King
- *Keeping Watch* by Ray Watsek
- *Looking In & Out* by Yvonne Mossman
- *Past & Present* by Carolyn Schlueter
- *Touch of Green* by Jim Noening
- *Window Shopping* by Robert Erxleben

The following photographers are represented in the exhibit: Joan Baker, Jerry Benner, Barbara L. Clark, Linda Davis-Swink, Julie Elmendorf, Gayle Erxleben, Robert Erxleben, Jonah Hosmer, Kim Howland, Karen King, Hope Mader, Marty McKay, Yvonne Mossman, Bonnie Noening, Jim Noening, Patricia Ott, Chuck Parr, Rosa Renner, Carolyn Schlueter, John Tomlinson, Ray Watsek, and Susan Young.

The Museum exhibit will be open every

Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 pm during 2020 season and again next spring and early summer 2021. Visitors are required to wear masks, no more than 5 visitors are to be inside the building at any time. Hand sanitizer is available at the door. A celebration of the winners and participants will be held when Illinois rules determine a safe way to have an indoor reception.

All the photographs are for sale and proceeds are retained by the photographer. Additional copies or sizes of the purchase prize winning photographs and other photographs in this and previous exhibits can generally be purchased from the photographer.

Thanks go to all who make this exhibit possible with their funding and time: The Village of Elsie Board of Trustees and Mayor Pitchford, Historic Elsie Foundation, Greatriverroad.com, Green Tree Inn, Burton Art Services, Abigail DeWeese, the Village of Elsie Museum Advisory Committee and Museum attendants, Mary Lu Peters and Donna DeWeese. 🌿

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Turn the Bounty of Sweet Corn into the Perfect Relish

BY CHEF JACK WUNSCH

Corn relish is a traditional Southern United States family recipe for cooked whole corn kernels, spiced with red and green bell peppers, peppercorns, and equal parts sugar and cider vinegar.

The mixture is placed in glass canning jars and steamed for about 45 minutes in a pressure cooker. During the winter months, canned corn relish is taken from the pantry and opened at the table, given as a garnish or side dish to the typically meat-and-potatoes dinner fare, which in the South, was usually ham and boiled potatoes.

Today, corn relish is often simply cooked on the stove, and placed in sterile covered containers and stored in the refrigerator or freezer.

Variations on the recipe include the addition of chopped tomatoes, sliced cucumbers, dill seed, or mustard seed.

Serve classic corn relish with tacos, chili, beans and rice, pot roast, grilled or broiled chicken, pork, or fish, sausage, stir it into jarred salsa for extra texture or serve it alone with tortilla chips as a stand alone salsa. You can even chill a jar and serve it as a side salad!

Sweet corn is available everywhere right now, so here is my Homegrown Corn Relish recipe. I have never shared this recipe before, and you'll notice that there are several ingredients, but try it. You will fall in love with this recipe, and your friends and family will compliment you with "OOHS and AHHS!" They will want the recipe, too.

BONUS: KITCHEN HACKS

Normally my "bonus" is a second recipe, but Tara decided to use that for this month's *Follow My Fitness*. It's okay, it was fitting. So as a bonus this month, here is my favorite kitchen hack for cutting corn off the cob.

I use my largest stainless-steel bowl. Inside this large bowl, I turn my smallest stainless-steel bowl upside down and place it inside the large bowl. I put my corn cob on top of the bottom of the small bowl and cut the corn off the cob. It is quick and easy and all of the corn lands into the large bowl. 🍌

Is there a recipe you would like to see? Drop me an email @ BuzzinAroundtheKitchen@thebuzzmonthly.com.

Homegrown Corn Relish



INGREDIENTS

- 5-6 ears homegrown sweet corn
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 medium red bell pepper
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/2 cup green onion, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup celery, thinly sliced
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 2 tsp. fresh basil, minced
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 6 Tbs. tarragon vinegar
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/4 cup olive oil

DIRECTIONS: Shuck the corn, remove the silks and cook in boiling water for 6-8 minutes. Remove the ears to cool. Submerge the cooked corn in ice water to stop the cooking process for a minute. Remove corn and allow to cool enough to handle. Cut the whole kernels off the cob to measure 2-1/2 cups of kernels. Chop the green onion, red bell pepper, celery, and fresh basil. Add the cut corn to the chopped vegetables in a mixing bowl that is plenty large enough to toss the ingredients. Sprinkle the cayenne, cumin, nutmeg, mustard, salt and pepper over the corn mixture. In a small saucepan bring the vinegar just to a simmer. Add the sugar, stirring to dissolve. Pour the vinegar-sugar mix directly over the corn mixture and toss well. (You may want to allow the vinegar to cool before adding to the corn mixture.) Next, add the oil to the corn mixture and toss again. Refrigerate uncovered for at least an hour prior to serving to allow the flavors to marry.

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7 Surprising Health Benefits of Eggplant

BY CHEF JACK WUNSCH

I am constantly amazed at how many people say they have never eaten eggplant! Eggplant has a similar texture to tomatoes, making them perfect for soups, stews, casseroles and even barbecuing. With a wide range of eggplant varieties to choose from, it is no secret that they are the perfect addition to just about any meal.

This delicious fruit is not only full of flavor, but it also packs a punch when it comes to health benefits. Here are seven surprising benefits you will experience if you include eggplant in your regular diet.

A great source of vitamins and minerals

The vitamin and mineral content of eggplants is quite extensive. They are a great source of vitamins C, K, B6, thiamine, niacin, magnesium, manganese, phosphorous, copper, fiber, folic acid, potassium, and more!

Helps with digestion

The high fiber content in eggplants, which is a crucial element to maintaining a balanced diet, is a great way to improve your gastrointestinal health. Incorporating eggplant in your diet will help keep you regular.

Improves health

Again, the fiber in eggplants does more than just aid digestion, it also helps your heart. Fiber reduces the amount of cholesterol that your body absorbs.

Prevents cancer

Antioxidants are one of the body's best defenses against diseases like cancer, as well as many other potential infections. Eggplant contains the natural antioxidant, manganese. It helps ensure your organs are protected.

Improves bone health

The unique color of an eggplant is more useful than simply being pretty to look at.

The natural plant compounds that create this color have been linked to reduced osteoporosis, stronger bones, and increased bone density. The iron and calcium in eggplants are crucial to improving and preserving overall bone health.

Prevents anemia

Not getting enough iron in your diet can be dangerous to your health. Iron deficiency can lead to anemia, which is characterized by a general weakness and tiredness feeling caused by not having enough healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen.

Increases brain function

Eggplants are rich in natural chemicals which have been known to improve mental health. By delivering more blood to the brain, phytonutrients help boost memory by stimulating your neural pathways to develop.

Whew! Now, on to my favorite eggplant recipes. The one most people know is the classic Eggplant Parmesan. You can find a recipe just about anywhere for this dish.

In the restaurant we either make these in "stacks of three" on a sheet pan for an appetizer, or they are made in individual casserole dishes.

My featured recipe is healthier because there is no breading and frying, and it incorporates fresh spinach.

My recipe, **INVOLTINI ALA CHEF JACK**, can help you make a dramatic entrance to the dinner table. As you serve it, loudly and proudly announce the arrival of dinner with, "Here is my famous Involtini Ala Chef (your name here)."

Fun Fact: Involtini is an Italian word for various small bites of food consisting of some sort of outer layer wrapped around a filling. 🍴

Involtini ala Chef Jack



INGREDIENTS

2 medium eggplants
1 lb. fresh or 10 oz. frozen spinach
1 cup whole milk ricotta cheese
1/2 cup grated parmesan or Romano cheese
2 cups tomato sauce or 1 large jar
1 cup grated Fontina or mozzarella cheese
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/4 tsp. nutmeg

DIRECTIONS

Step 1: There are several ways you can prepare the eggplant for this dish. My recommended method for this dish is to peel the eggplant, remove top and "square-off" bottom. Next, cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch thin strips. Lay eggplant strips on two sheet pans and sprinkle evenly with salt. Let sit for 15 to 30 minutes. The eggplant will "sweat." This removes most of the bitter taste. Rinse well and pat dry before the next step.

Step 2: I prefer to sauté the eggplant in olive oil for a couple of minutes until soft and pliable, and slightly browned. Watch your heat. You are sautéing, not frying. Next, I transfer the sautéed slices onto dry towels to drain excess oil, also cooling to room temperature.

You also can line parchment-covered baking sheets with the eggplant, lightly drizzle with olive oil and bake at 400° for

20 minutes. Or you can prepare much like you would for Eggplant Parmesan, which is to flour, dip in egg wash, the coat with Italian bread crumb. Fry in olive oil until slightly browned. Sautéing in olive oil works best for this dish and is the recommended method.

Step 3: If using frozen spinach, thaw, rinse and drain very well. If using fresh spinach, put into boiling, salted water and cook for three to five minutes. Drain and press out as much water as possible.

Combine spinach with ricotta cheese. Add 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. fresh ground black pepper, and 1/4 tsp. of nutmeg.

Step 4: Once the eggplant has reached room temperature, scoop about 2 ounces of the cheese and spinach mixture onto the eggplant and roll it. Layer the rolls in a lightly sauced casserole dish. One layer is enough for this dish.

Top (not cover) with tomato sauce, then top with either shredded fontina or mozzarella cheese. Next, evenly sprinkle a layer of grated parmesan cheese or Romano cheese and bake for approximately 15 to 20 minutes at 400°. (I prefer to drizzle a small amount of olive oil over the grated Parmesan cheese before baking to help the cheese brown, without burning.) Serve with good crusty bread and a fresh tossed salad. Unless you're eating low carb, then skip the bread.

TIP: Do not cut eggplant with a carbon steel knife. It will turn the eggplant brown. Use a stainless-steel knife.



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Family Traditions, Small Towns, and Sports

BY ROGER KRATOCHVIL

When Hank Williams Jr. wrote and recorded the song, *Family Tradition* in May of 1959, he, without a doubt, was writing the song about his own dysfunctional family. The song peaked at number four on the national country music charts and sold over 900,000 digital copies, a huge number for the times.

After all, his father was one of the greatest hillbilly singers and song writers in history. Hank was the father of not only Hank Jr., but a daughter named Jett. Unfortunately, Hank Sr. died in the back seat of a limousine on January 1, 1953 at the young age of 29. He was traveling on a snow covered road in West Virginia on the way to an engagement in Canton, Ohio, and he died from a drug-alcohol related heart attack. He was being chauffeured by a college student he had hired to get him there.

I think that same family tradition plays a big part in whether a small community can succeed not only in sports on a high school level, but just life alone. Think about that.

Many families follow their family traditions in what their futures hold for them. Farm families are a good example of the farm being handed down from one generation to another. Usually, it was the father to the son, but that is changing. RFD -tv has a weekly show called *Farm-her* which highlights stories of wives and daughters continuing the family tradition of operating farms that have been in a family in many instances for over a century.

Former Mt. Olive doctor Frank Warner had a family tradition of a family raising show horses, Warner, had his horses corralled east of Mt. Olive across the road from Vi Marburger Kruse's farm. His wife Betty, and later his daughter Barbara, would perform at horse shows. I remember them at the Coliseum in Springfield performing.

It is also true with the John and Joann Gay family with their daughter Justine and her son Josh following the family tradition of performing on horseback.

I am sure most of you have heard of the well known Harmon family entertainment shows at the Shipman Auction House. The father is the well known Mike Harmon who performed with the well known Alison Krauss and Union Station bluegrass band from 1986-1990. With that background, Mike and his wife Stacy created their own band with the birth of their children, Mark, Jeff and John. The three boys are all married and have their own children now. They still perform as they are all extremely tal-

ented. Mike and his family perform at the Shipman Auction House on the first Saturday of November, December, February, March and April starting at 7 p.m. For over 40 years they have also performed at their traditional Lewis and Clark College winter show in January. The four perform on several instruments and the show is primarily geared to bluegrass and gospel music. Wife and mother Stacy also sings several songs with the family. They, like all the others, have followed the family tradition.

What this is all leading up to is when family tradition breaks down or changes, families go in different directions and the tradition ends. There are many small towns in our area that at one time had their own high schools, and in turn, had many families of traditional athletes. Towns like Witt, Medora, Benld, Coffeen, Farmersville, Livingston, Shipman, Brighton, Chesterfield, etc all had high schools at one time, and had a glorious sports history. That was until the proverbial "well ran dry" statement on family athletes came true. The one small school that still comes close to have family sports tradition is Nokomis. My opinion is that you still see names that have been heard of for many years.

But, there is another small town and high school in the area that has had a wonderful family tradition that has extended from September of 1946 and still continues - a period of 74 years. That would be Mt. Olive and that would be the Jerome and Dorothy Osmoe family and all of it's descendants who still live here. Jerome, or Oz as he was called, is actually from White City, a small village a little over a mile from Mt. Olive. "Big OZ" as I will refer to him, was raised by the Bellovich family with 18 family members and cousins under the same roof. Needless to say they had to learn to coexist with causing a sense of competitiveness with each other.

Big Oz set a high standard bar for sports performance. He played several sports, but football was his best. In the history of Mt. Olive High School and it's 90 years of football, he is arguably one of the two best running backs in history. Some people think Egan Yurkovich was better than Big Oz. It just depends on who you talk to. best running back.

How good was Big Oz? Lifelong friend and teammate, Larry Vuckelich, now living in Benld said, "He was fast, he was durable and he was shifty as a running back, and he had me blocking for him."



Big Oz in action!

Joe "Baby Joe" Kratochvil of Mt. Olive and Myron "Red" Donna of Spartanburg, South Carolina, were both teammates and lifelong friends of Oz, and both agreed that he was the real deal, an outstanding football player and a once in a lifetime athlete. Ironically, Joe and Myron are brothers-in-law today. Myron is 88 and Joe is approaching 90 years old.

Keep in mind that little Mt. Olive, on a regular basis, played Edwardsville High School, who they beat 26 to 0, and East St. Louis Lincoln that year, and tied 0 to 0. Some of those metro St. Louis schools referred to the players from Mt. Olive as a "bunch of tough coalminers." Big Oz suffered a knee injury in that game which hindered him somewhat for the rest of the year, but that did not stop him from numerous outstanding performances. There were numerous players injured in that game from both teams. Years later I was working in the Laclede Steel plant in Madison during the summer and I met a man named Gus Doss who played for East St. Louis in that game. He said that was the toughest game he

played that year. He also said he was 20 years old and still playing high school football. The Wildcats still won the tough South Central Conference that year.

Big Oz was good enough to win an athletic scholarship to play football at Eastern IL University and did very well, not only running, but kicking field goals too. At Eastern he teamed up with former Wildcat football Coach Maynard Pat. Ironically, O'Brien had coached Yurkovich in the late 1930s to two undefeated seasons before moving on to Carlinville High School, and eventually Eastern Illinois University where the football stadium is named after him.

Big Oz also was able to reunite at Eastern with a number of Wildcat teammates like Arnold Red Franke, Don Calvin, Bob Calvin, and Leitz Viehweg. Martin Chilovich also went to Eastern, but could only play basketball where he earned national honors.

After a year, the Korean War was in full mode and Big Oz, along with several buddies, joined the army. The military has also been part of the Osmoe family tradition as



Big Oz and his wife Dorothy raised 10 children.

there have been two in the Marines, two in the Navy and four in the Army.

After Big Oz married Dorothy they raised 10 kids and started the family traditions. You can see the high standard set by the father with support from the mother, for not only his kids, but his grand and great grand kids. Since Big Oz started this tradition there have been 34 of his descendants involved with Mt. Olive High School sports Mt. Olive High School as athletes. They were never asked to play, but it was the family tradition that moved them to participate.

It is sad to say that today Mt. Olive cannot get enough kids to field a football team. Hopefully, that will change in the future.

With that large of a family Big Oz and wife Dorothy had to work together to make it succeed. Gardens and farm animals being raised at times allowed them to get through the lean years. Togetherness is obviously a big part of a tradition. The family mulligans and barbecuing a pig or lamb on an open fire were a big part of this togetherness, and is fondly remembered by all who remember attending them.

This is just a story of one family in one small town providing a long time connection to its small high school. You think about the many small towns I mentioned earlier, that struggled in its remaining years, but they had at one time enjoyed a glorious history involving families like the Osmoes. We are fortunate here that their tradition is continuing, and we all are the better for it. Big Ozzie, who ran "like the wind" had a leg removed later in his life because of cancer, and died in March of 2011 of a heart attack. His beloved Dorothy passed away in 2013.

I want to thank their oldest child, Linda Osmoe Cruthis, and good friend and fellow 1950 graduate, Myron "Red" Donna, for their assistance in putting together this story. I could not have done it without them.

By the way, most of the Osmoe boys have also been nicknamed Oz. Nicknames were very common while growing up in White City. In another prospective, I served either as a history teacher, coach, or high



Jerome "Oz" Osmoe ..
the father of a 74 year tradition.

school principal for all 10 of the Osmoe kids. In fact, Bobby Jr. was my son's best friend in high school, and still is to this day. The names of the second generation Osmoes are: Linda, Carol, Janet, Nadine, Theresa, Tammy, Kenny, Bobby, Donnie, and Jerry.

Being a rather nostalgic person, I can remember little of this information as in 1946 I was only eight years old. Big Oz was a local hero that young boys like me looked up to. While as a young boy, Big Oz was one of the toughest kids in town and we respected him. We did not have a lot of heroes other than our sports heroes. Baseball and football were very successful sports in our small village, and we needed our heroes. I think we still need our heroes today. 🐷

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One of Carol Fleming's site-specific installations, a private sculpture garden in Portola Valley, California, completed in 2014.



This stoneware glazed tile, entitled "Rose Tile" was recently donated to Lake Lou Yaeger Recreational Area in Litchfield by artist Carol Fleming.

Artist Donates Piece to Lake Lou Yaeger Recreational Area in Litchfield

The Earth laughs in flowers, and so does artist Carol Fleming as she steps back to enjoy her recent installation at Lake Lou Yaeger Recreational Area in Litchfield. Fleming has donated two beautiful pieces of wall art to Lake Lou Yaeger Recreational Area. Her latest work is entitled *Rose Tile*. Fleming and her husband, Larry Marks, installed this stoneware glazed clay tile piece on the wall of Picnic Area Three's Comfort Station along Park Road. This piece is complimentary to the woodlands that surround the area.

Fleming believes that art brings people together and encourages dialogue within

a community. She has been creating art in her studio since 1988 and specializes in designing site-specific and one-of-a-kind artwork in clay. She has placed artwork in residential, educational and corporate landscapes. In addition to her *Rose Tile*, Fleming previously donated a piece titled *Sun Rays* to the recreational area. The public can find this piece on the exterior of the Milnot Beach House. Fleming has informed Litchfield's lake department and the tourism office that she will be donating one other piece to the recreational area.

The City of Litchfield is very grateful for her generosity and her willingness to use her

talent to beautify the city and share artwork with the public. If you are an artist who is interested in incorporating public art in the city of Litchfield, contact the tourism office at tourism@cityoflitchfieldil.com or call 217-324-8147.

Carol Fleming was born deaf. Her family moved from Shreveport, Louisiana to Clayton, Missouri so she could attend Central Institute for the Deaf.

In a previous interview, posted on her website, she said, "Creating is the best and

deepest part of me, the true voice of my inner, God-given, personality. I opened my studio after completing graduate school at Ohio University. For a quarter of a century, I have fashioned columns with pliable clay, upwards of 250 pounds per column. The stoneware body is formulated for me according to my own recipe. I also mix all my own glazes. To date, I have done 335 firings in my gas kiln, a New York-made Bailey.

I gain great delight in shouldering my way through the clay with a heavy wood roller. The blank "canvas" will begin to speak for me as I muscle the primary slab



Artist Carol Fleming in her studio with husband Larry and Boxer, Caramella.



Artist Carol Fleming outside of her studio with Caramella.

forms, building and coiling the clay by hand. For final shaping, I pound the clay with a simple paddle; each column hums its own songs.

The columns rise from my own story. Losing my father while I was in high school made me comprehend how truly precious life is. I realized it was important to make each day count. To that end, I aim to live fully, savoring individual moments, to trust in God, and to forgive completely. Living this way yields positive images and uplifting messages of beauty, which I aim

by my art to create and share.

When all is said and done, at the end of my days, I want the clay work to point to our Maker, the original Artist.”

Fleming’s studio, Studio Terra Nova, is a Cathedral-like 800 square foot studio next to her home in St. Louis, MO. They travel to the lakehouse at Lake Lou Yaeger in Litchfield most weekends.

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Lincoln Presidential Library Reaches Milestone In Releasing Lincoln Documents

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum has finished publishing every known Lincoln document from his birth to the end of his single term in Congress, an important milestone on the way to making all Lincoln documents available online.

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln project had previously released all Lincoln documents through the end of his Illinois legislative career in 1841. Now the project has added 509 documents that extend through March 3, 1849, when Lincoln left Congress.

"These eight years were pivotal in the personal life and career of Lincoln," said Dr. Daniel Worthington, director of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln. "Personally, he married, welcomed his first two sons and purchased the land on which he would build his only home. Professionally, he saw his law practice flourish. Politically, he rose from a little-known state politician to a U.S. congressman and a rising star in the Whig Party."

Documents from this period include:

The letter in which Lincoln first uses the "house divided" metaphor that would later be the theme of one of his most famous

speeches

The marriage certificate for Lincoln and Mary Todd

A satirical newspaper column that almost led to Lincoln fighting a duel

A brief message that is Lincoln's first known use of the telegraph

The "spot resolutions" Lincoln introduced in Congress to demand an accounting for what he considered an illegal war against Mexico.

The documents are available at www.PapersOfAbrahamLincoln.org along with extensive annotations explaining the people and events mentioned. Thousands of additional documents that provide context to Lincoln's life are also available.

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln not only makes Lincoln documents available online but has discovered lost documents and digitally reunited documents that have been separated over time.

On July 6, 1847, Lincoln delivered a speech in Chicago on a hot topic of the day: infrastructure improvements and President Polk blocking projects on the Great Lakes. Yet this speech was somehow forgotten. Lincoln biographies and collections of his



The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum documents the life of the 16th U.S. President, Abraham Lincoln, and the course of the American Civil War. Combining traditional scholarship with 21st-century showmanship techniques, the museum ranks as one of the most visited presidential libraries. The library and museum is located in the state capital of Springfield, Illinois, and is overseen as an agency of state government.

speeches said nothing about it.

But the Papers staff came across a mention of it in an obscure book about internal improvements. They were then able to track down an account of the speech in a St. Louis newspaper. Now anyone in the world with internet access can read Lincoln's words.

"We meet here to promote and advance the cause of internal improvement. Parties have differed on that subject, but we meet here to break down that difference — to unite, like a band of brothers, for the welfare

of the common country," Lincoln told the conference.

As a digital project, the Papers of Abraham Lincoln can update information and create new connections. One example involves two future presidents.

In 1848, Lincoln wrote to Secretary of State James Buchanan and requested a copy of an 1836 treaty between Mexico and what had been the independent nation of Texas. The text of that letter has been available for decades, but there was no known response



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from Buchanan, who would become the 15th president. Then a researcher pointed the ALPLM team to a 1909 collection of Buchanan's papers. It contained his response (which was basically, sorry, I don't have a copy).

Today, anyone researching Lincoln's criticism of the Mexican War can read his letter and Buchanan's reply together, along with the copy of the treaty that Lincoln eventually tracked down on his own.

In all, the Papers of Abraham Lincoln has now published 930 documents by or to Lincoln, all of which have been edited, transcribed and annotated. They are accompanied by 8,095 background documents, such as copies of legislation.

The project is now publishing documents from the next phase of Lincoln's life – the period from leaving Congress to winning the presidential election in 1860, involving some 3,800 documents.

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BY COLIN FEENEY AND CHARLES THOMAS

A new music shop, the Alton Music Exchange, recently opened in Downtown Alton. It is designed to help musicians find the right equipment at a reasonable cost. Their main purpose to buy, trade and sell music equipment but they also offer rentals and music lessons.

On its surface, the Exchange is the kind of business that's designed to assist musicians by just about any means necessary.

"The Alton Music Exchange is, on the surface, a buy, trade and sell consignment music shop," said owner Jared Unfried. "Long title for we carry music gear for the gigging musician."

Unfried is a person who can identify with musicians who go from gig to gig, playing their music before audiences all over the area.

"For a year or so, I just did professional performing," Unfried said. "Super difficult,

hard to do, very exhausting," he said with a laugh. "This store was kind of an in-between, the middle of that life and family life too. And I still get to do that kind of stuff, but all this fun stuff, too."

The Exchange couldn't have come at a better time, as the music scene in our very vibrant area is considered an up-and-coming.

"The Alton music scene itself is just super forthcoming," Unfried said, "and super helpful in every way. Lots of love. The river doesn't hurt, the views don't hurt. Honestly, when we moved up here, driving up the River Road, it just felt like home. Really, I think it was home for about a decade before we actually moved here."

The Exchange has attracted fans and musicians of all ages, who often talk to Unfried about concerts and artists both past and present. He can identify with genres of all kinds,



The main purpose of Alton Music Exchange is to buy, trade and sell music equipment but they also offer rentals and music lessons.


no matter the era.

"I love talking to people about the music they make," Unfried said, "about gigs they have worked or performed. Older people come in and tell me about how things used to be, young kids, come in and tell me about how things are, and because I'm old enough but still young I like the different perspectives from everybody. I get a kick out of it."

Unfried is also getting assistance from other area music shops, such as Mojo's and Swing City Music. He sees them not as competition, but as fellow musicians and

owners willing to help out when possible.

"The guys from Mojo's and Swing City, super nice guys, just very helpful every step of the way," Unfried said. "If there's a small amount of competitiveness, it doesn't show. We're all friends, we're all in this together. If they don't have something, I'll send it to them, and if I don't have something, they'll send it here."

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An increased demand brings new hours, new services, and a new employee - Lloyd Maulden - to the RiverBender Tech Center.

"The demand for our services continues to grow," said RiverBender Tech Center owner John Hentrich. "As people rely more and more on their smartphones, tablets, and computers, their need for services also increases. Everything we do these days relies on our ability to get online, so our devices are becoming more critically important every day."

"If you have dropped your cell phone and cracked the screen or your computer has slowed down to a crawl, you know how frustrating it can be to get even the simple things done in our busy everyday lives," Hentrich said. "Online banking, online shopping, email, and so many other tasks, become a real challenge when we can't use our digital devices."

"Even when things aren't broken, there is a need for upgrades and routine maintenance to keep things running smoothly. As an example, Microsoft is no longer supporting Windows 7, which creates significant security risks, especially for those with sensitive, important data or for those who use their computers for business."

Dan Gonzales, who has been with the Tech Center for a number of years, said "To meet demand and to improve our level of service, we are making a lot of changes in 2020. We are extending our hours now until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and we are opening on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are also now offering some additional on-site services which include computer pickup and installation, training, and on-site business support. We can even offer remote dial-in support for customers, with

malware, viruses, or a general tuneup."

If you are not good with preventative maintenance and data backup, they can help with those things as well.

"All too often people make the mistake of waiting until disaster strikes before they think about how they would recover from a mechanical failure or a completely destructive virus," Hentrich said.

"Regardless of whether your data is on your phone or on your computer, do yourself a huge favor and make sure you are prepared for the worst," said Cody Dover, the Smartphone and Game Console Repair Specialist at RB Tech Center.

"I've fixed hundreds and hundreds of phones during my five years here and although I can often recover data from broken cell phones, there are many situations where people have lost everything."

New to the staff is Lloyd Maulden.

"With more than 25 years of computer repair experience and a strong desire to provide top-level customer service, he is sure to be an asset to our customers and to our team," Hentrich said. "I'm incredibly excited to have the opportunity to work with Lloyd and to be able to provide the additional services. 2020 is sure to be another great year!"

RiverBender Tech Center also sells inexpensive, refurbished computers, and they have the parts in stock to upgrade and speed up your existing computers. The phone repair business includes cracked screens, battery replacements, charging port problems and more.

The Riverbender Tech Center is located at 200 W. 3rd St. in Downtown Alton right across from Mac's Timeout. They can also be found online at www.RBTechCenter.com or by calling 618-465-9850.



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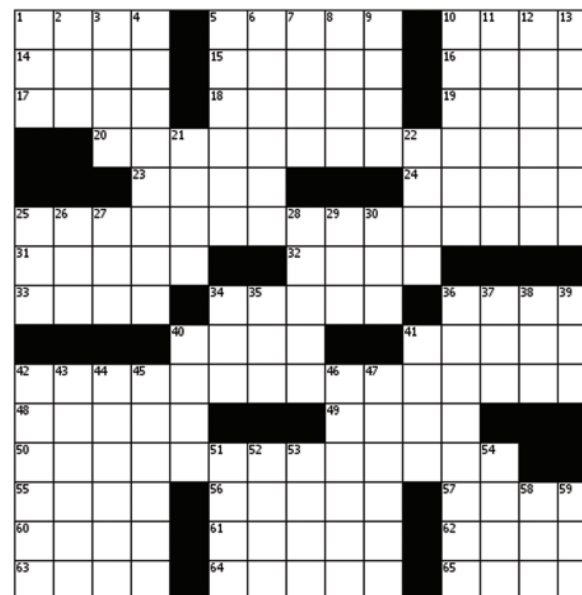


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22. Abound
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45. Brief thief
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32. Central Utah city
33. Bud or Sam
34. Variety show
36. Take a piece out of
40. Simple
41. Jacket text
42. Handy sort
48. Throat projection
49. "... what the meaning of ___": Clinton
50. This puzzle's theme
55. Clouseau's title: Abbr.
56. "The Piano" extra
57. Top-notch
60. Fighting
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62. Rocky projection
63. Barcelona boy
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Pittsfield Native Was Inspiration in Steinbeck's Career

BY TOM EMERY

Novelist John Steinbeck won a Pulitzer Prize in 1940 for *The Grapes of Wrath*, and is also known for *Of Mice and Men* and *The Winter of Our Discontent*. A Pike County native helped shape his remarkable talents.

Edith Mirrieles taught Steinbeck in creative writing at Stanford University, and remained a cherished mentor to the author for decades to come.

One Stanford source notes that Mirrieles had "a formative impact" on Steinbeck's brilliance, while another university researcher declared she "was the first to spot Steinbeck's talent. She restored his ego, and gently and quietly would fire him with hope."

Born on Sept. 10, 1878 in Pittsfield, Mirrieles spent most of her childhood in the village of Big Timber in southern Montana, not far from Yellowstone National Park. At age eighteen, she began teaching in

the public schools of Montana, continuing for six years.

At age 25 in 1903, Mirrieles enrolled in Stanford University, then a school in its infancy. Located south of San Francisco in Palo Alto, the institution was founded by railroad baron Leland Stanford in 1891.

Though she originally planned to study history, Mirrieles moved into English and became the editor of the university's literary magazine, *Sequoia*. She also helped found a women's honorary society, *Cap and Gown*.

Mirrieles graduated in 1907 and, two years later, joined the Stanford faculty in English literature. She remained with the faculty until 1944, becoming a well-respected professor while developing cutting-edge teaching methods, particularly in creative writing. In addition, she wrote an acclaimed reference, *Story Writing*, which remains a standard in its field.

Among her students was Steinbeck, who showed little inclination for study and left Stanford without graduating. Mirrieles, however, left a decided imprint on him.

One Steinbeck biographer noted that Mirrieles spent much time reading Steinbeck's work, suggesting improvements. However, she never graded him with an "A."

Steinbeck kept in touch with Mirrieles for decades. In a celebrated March 1962 letter, Steinbeck wrote Mirrieles that "although it must be a thousand years ago that I sat in your class in story writing at Stanford, I remember the experience very clearly.

"I was bright-eyed and bushy-brained and prepared to absorb from you the secret formula for writing good short stories, even great short stories. You canceled this illusion very quickly."

Mirrieles had advised Steinbeck that careers in writing are difficult. Steinbeck conceded that "you set us on the desolate lonely path of the writer...surely you were right about one thing, Edith. It took a long time - a very long time. And it is still going on and it has never got easier."

He was one of many accomplished writers that studied under Mirrieles. Among them was Allen Drury, who won a Pulitzer of his own in 1960. Another of her star alumni, Irma Hannibal, recalled that "Miss Mirrieles was brilliant, but most of all she was so kind to her students. We all loved her."

Mirrieles, who counted literary giant Robert Frost among her friends, devoted her life to the university in many other ways. She served with the Stanford Red Cross unit in France during World War I and periodically worked as an advisor to the Bureau of Indian Affairs over a quarter-century.

Following her retirement from the faculty, she established and edited a magazine, *Pacific Spectator*, from 1947-51. After turning eighty in 1960, she published *Stanford: The Story of a University* in 1960, and edited *Stanford Mosaic*, a collection of alumni references, at age 83.

The corrected proofs for *Mosaic* were sent back to the university press less than two weeks before her death from a cerebral hemorrhage on June 3, 1962.

Her love of Stanford was reflected in later years when she said, "I came here as an utter and complete stranger. I knew nothing about California, nothing about Stanford University, nor did I know a single person... I feel sorry for the student who doesn't come here as a stranger."

A memorial resolution after her death aptly stated that Mirrieles "was a great teacher of writing, as Steinbeck...and other distinguished students attest." The resolution added that "she was very rare...in her delicacy and tact, in her generosity and kindness, and capacity to take delight from life. It was a very old lady who died...but it was as young a spirit as ever inhabited flesh." 🐾

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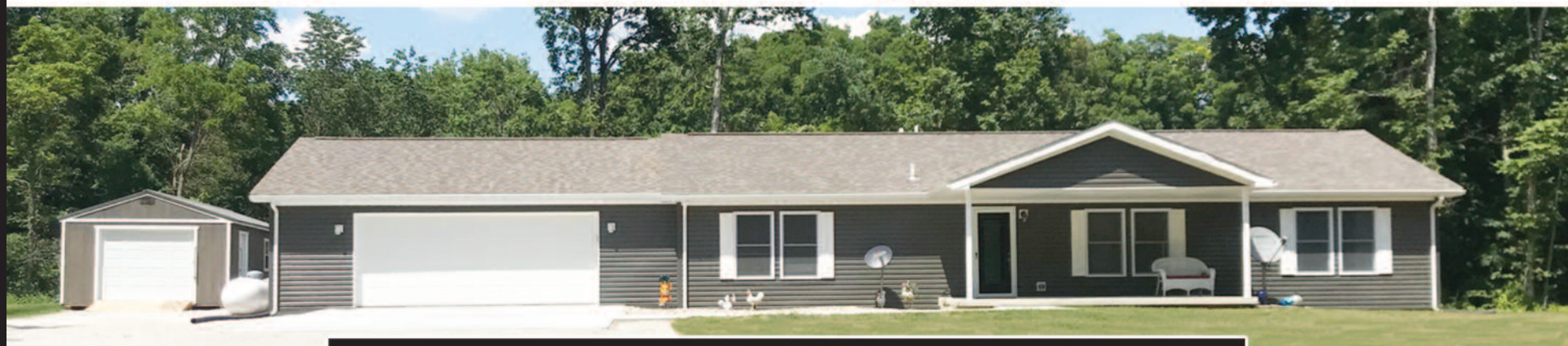
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Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club Members Lay Disc Tees at LaVista Park

BY DAN BRANNAN

The Rotary Club motto developed in 1911 is still fitting today in 2020: "One Prof- its Most Who Serves Best," and the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club has always fulfilled that mission.

Once again on a recent Tuesday, the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club members completed a project that added beautification to the area.

Temperatures in the 90s did not deter Alton Godfrey Rotary members who gathered at LaVista Park at 2421 W. Delmar Avenue in Godfrey to lay disc golf tees.

Club members Bill Moyer, Dennis Wilson, Tim Hinrichs and Jim White scraped, dug, leveled and packed the tee areas in preparation for the laying of concrete. Jason Enos of Smart Choice Auto joined club members to work on the project.

Village of Godfrey's Doug Schnur manned the front loader. Along with their labor, Alton-Godfrey Rotary and local businesses are contributing funds and materials.

If you have a Difference Makers idea, someone or a group that is making a positive impact on the area during the COVID-19

Pandemic, text 618-623-5930 or e-mail dbrannan@riverbender.com. Include a photograph and contact information.

The Village of Godfrey La Vista Park Disc Golf Course is a unique attraction and is the brainchild of Jason Enos, owner of Smart Choice Auto Sales. In an interview,



Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club Members make a difference. Temperatures in the 90s did not deter members who gathered at LaVista Park in Godfrey to install new disc golf tees at the park.

Enos said the idea for the disc golf course came when his brother in law took him to another course to play and he fell in love with the game.

Enos approached the Village of Godfrey Board about it and the project moved into motion. Enos assisted the designer - Gateway Disc Sports - with the design and worked with the Godfrey Park and Recreation Department on the project.

The course was launched in the spring of 2019. The disc golf course is located throughout the heart of La Vista Park and a portion of the woods. The leisure-like shady trail connecting the holes is a relaxing way to play. The wooded course can be challenging but has good distances for beginners. Scorecards are available at the kiosk near hole No. 1.

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The disc golf course is located throughout the heart of La Vista Park and a portion of the woods. The leisure-like shady trail connecting the holes is a relaxing way to play.

Course could potentially be one of best in the Metro area with the hills and the woods and the layout and I am very excited to have one here in town so we don't have to drive half hour to play a really nice course. I enjoy going out there and taking new players and telling them I helped out with the building of the course."

Godfrey Park and Recreation Director

Todd Strubhart said he sees nothing but a positive future for the course, which is gaining in popularity. The hope is the course will catch on and attract players from even outside the region because there aren't that many disc golf courses around.

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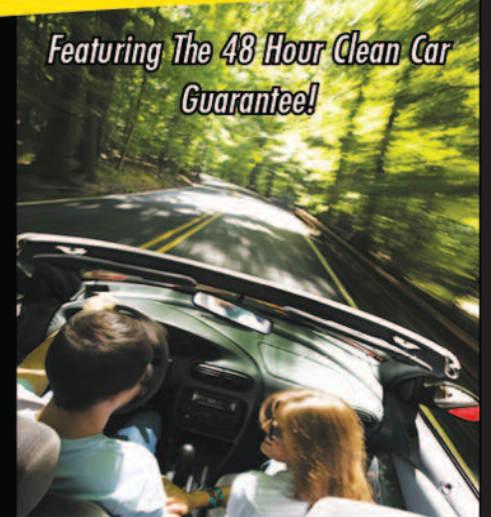
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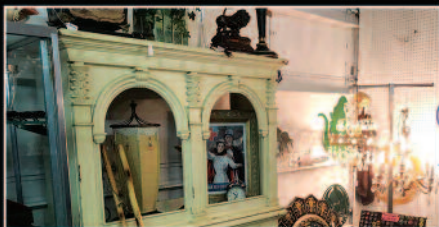
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In order to be included the event must be free, offer a service to the community/attendees or be for a charity or non-profit. Special retail sales, open houses, etc are only promoted in the calendar if the business/organization is running a paid ad for that event.

TUESDAY, SEPT 1

Storytime on the Skeet Range at the Nature Institute 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey. Join us every Tuesday, 9:30-10 am, for a small group, outdoor, read aloud experience! Each week has a different nature theme including ponds, mammals, bird, and amphibians. Afterwards, visit our website to download instructions for a fun craft to go along with the story. This is a FAMILY BASED activity recommended for ages 2-7, NO advanced registration required, www.thenatureinstitute.org.

Natural History Investigations at The Nature Institute 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey from 2-3pm. Guided, hands-on investigation into life at The Nature Institute. Ideal for 1st through 5th graders, and is designed to complement their science education. Children must be accompanied by an adult and not be afraid to get a little messy! This program is completely hands-on and outdoors, rain or shine, www.thenatureinstitute.org.

TUESDAY, SEPT 1-MONDAY, SEPT 7

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT 2

Baby Boogie, 9:30-10am, Collinsville Library, 408 W. Main St, Collinsville. Bring your babies with their dancing feet! Listen to music and dance along. Suitable for all babies/toddlers accompanied by a guardian, www.discover-collinsville.com.

Moonlight Hike, 8 pm, The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey at 8pm. Hike through the woodland trails of the Mississippi Sanctuary and/or Olin Nature Preserve. Terrain is light to moderate (may include some elevation change) and is appropriate for families. The hike is approximately 2 miles, but includes stops along the way – please wear appropriate shoes. Guides choose routes based on the number of people and do not pick the route until the night of the hike. \$5 per adult, children 15 and under are free. Advanced registration required, www.thenatureinstitute.org.

THURSDAY, SEPT 3

Explore The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, 9:30-11am. Venture out into every corner of the preserve with our intrepid educators. You will get a chance to explore our forests, prairies, ponds, and streams and investigate the wild things that live in each habitat. Plan on hiking 1.5 miles. Please bring a water bottle and wear closed-toed shoes. Family friendly/all ages welcome, www.thenatureinstitute.org.

Field Guides at The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey from 1-3pm. Does your student love to be outdoors? Would they like to learn how to identify plants and animals in our region? Sign them up for our new fall program, Field Guides, a drop off program for middle and high school students. They will hike the nature preserve with our environmental educators, and learn how to identify local flora and fauna, through sight and sound. This program is completely hands-on and outdoors, rain or shine! Students need to dress appropriately for the weather and for exploring the woods, wear closed-toed shoes, and bring a reusable water bottle. \$10/session, www.thenatureinstitute.org.

FRIDAY, SEPT 4-SUNDAY, SEPT 5

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Alton Farmers' and Artisans' Market, 8am-Noon, Landmarks Blvd and Henry St., Alton. www.visitilton.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT 6

Labor Day Fireworks Celebration, 2-9pm, 10 Gateway Dr, Collinsville. Featuring food, drinks, live music, children's activities, and more! Fireworks start at 8:30 pm, www.discover-collinsville.com

LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12th Annual Motorcycle Show, Swap Meet and Family Fun Day, Cages Bar & Grill, 215 S. 3rd Street, Vandalia. Family activities, attendance prizes, burn out competition and much more. Follow Cages on FB for updates or contact Dave Pauling @ 618-267-0393 for more information. Proceeds go to Shriner's Hospital.

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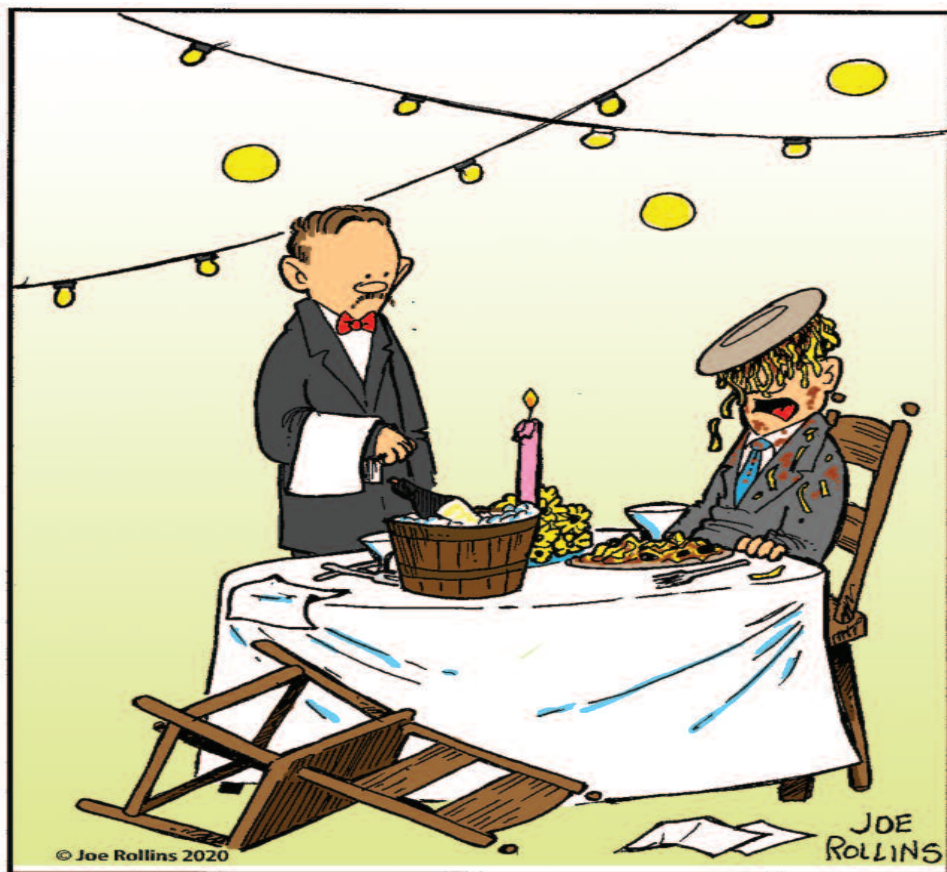
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Knee-High Naturalists, 10-11 am and 1-2 pm, The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey. You and your 3-5 year old can come learn about nature together. This year we will use some of our favorite kids movies to learn more about nature. Join us on the lodge porch to learn about bugs, forests, animals and stars. Go on a short hike, and take home a new book! Groups limited to 10 children per time slot, www.thenatureinstitute.org.

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“Have you ever had one of those moments when your mind said ‘shut up’ but your mouth kept right on talking?”

Discovery Nature Club, 2-4 PM, The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey. Have you ever wondered how a bird knows when to fly south, or why one tree loses its leaves before another? Come along and find out! This season, we will be exploring phenology, the study of when things happen in the natural world. Through games, hikes, and observation, we will try to unravel the secrets of the forest, and have a lot of fun too, www.thenatureinstitute.org.

FRIDAY, SEPT 11-SUNDAY, SEPT 13

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Walk to End Alzheimer's, 8-11:30 am, SIUE Vadalabene Center Parking Lot A, 35 Circle Dr. Edwardsville, www.alz.org/walk.

Alton Farmers' and Artisans' Market, 8am-Noon, Landmarks Blvd and Henry St., Alton. www.visitalton.com.

Restoration Days, 8am-Noon, Watershed Nature Center, 1591 Tower Ave, Edwardsville. A free, monthly event to establish, maintain, and invest in the health of our three unique habitats. Volunteers help remove invasive species, establish native biodiversity, tend to wooden structures, maintain the trails, and more, www.watershednaturecenter.org.

JEEP SCAVENGER HUNT to benefit Shriner's Hospital, starts and ends @ Nuby's Steakhouse, 679 Old National Trail, Pocahtontas. Premapped, no off-road, all vehicles welcome. \$10/person in advance, \$12/person day of event. Registration 9:30-11:30 am, Hunt from 12-4 pm. For advance tickets or more information call 618-531-1433.

Saturday Science Lab at Home: Walking Water. For Grades 2-6. Pick up an experiment kit with instructions, available beginning the Thursday before at Six Mile Regional Library, 2145 Johnson Road, Granite City or Six Mile Regional Library, 2001 Delmar Avenue, Granite City. We

will post a demonstration video to the library's social media that Saturday if you want to follow along with us. Questions? Email ys@smrld.org, www.smrld.org.

Christian County Historical Museum Prairie Festival, 9 am-3 pm, on the grounds at 325 Abe's Way, Taylorville. Compliant with COVID guidelines. Currently the schedule consists of Heartland Mini-Hooves, Twinkles the Clown, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Collector Vehicle Show with 4 vehicles that will offer rides, Send Someone to Jail in the old cells from the 1902 CC Courthouse that are displayed in the Woodall Building, from the old CC Courthouse, Games, Food, Crafts for youth, Pork on a Fork, Mike Anderson - The Dulcimer Guy, and more. For more information, call The Christian County Historical Museum (Thurs- Sat, 10-3) @ 217-824-6922 or email: cchs254@gmail.com, www.christian-countyhistorical.com.

Free Comic Book Day! Pick up a mystery bundle of four comics at either of our locations: Six Mile Regional Library, 2145 Johnson Road, Granite City: 10 am-2 pm or Six Mile Regional Library, 2001 Delmar Avenue, Granite City: 9 am-6 pm. Comics available in labelled packets for youth, teens, and adults. Supplies are limited and are available on a first come - first serve basis. Call 618-452-6238 ext 755 or email teenservices@smrld.org with any questions, www.smrld.org.

Alton Hauntings History Walking Tour, 7-10 pm., 110 E. 3rd St, Alton, www.altonhauntings.com

SATURDAY, SEPT 12-SUNDAY, SEPT 13

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL at Hilda's Antique Mall and Nickorbobs, Interstate 55 to Exit 82 Auburn/Pawnee Exit. 10% off storewide at both stores, outside vendors, food concessions, petting zoo and more, www.Nickerbobs.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT 13

Farmers and Artisans Market, Central Park, Bethalto, 9 am-1 pm. September is Health Awareness Month. Come talk to our experts about the benefits of home-grown vegetables, aroma therapies and exercise. Pick up some wonderful home-grown produce and locally raised meat and poultry items. Unique, one of a kind gifts. Great food and entertainment. It is also the time to start brainstorming and pick up an entry form for our annual scarecrow contest to be held at our closing market in October. Check out our website for updated information. www.bethaltomarketinthepark.org.

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TUESDAY, SEPT 15

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Just Unwind Yarn Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6-8 pm, to knit, socialize, and share techniques with fellow yarn crafters. Online via Zoom. Questions? Email research@smrld.org with your name, telephone number, and question, www.smrld.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 16

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Alton Farmers' and Artisans' Market, 8am-Noon, Landmarks Blvd and Henry St., Alton. www.visit-alton.com.

14th Annual Mississippi Earthtones Festival, noon-10 pm, Broadway Street between Easton and Langdon, Alton. A celebration of our river through art, music, and conservation, www.visit-alton.com.

Alton Hauntings History Walking Tour, 7-10 pm, 110 E. 3rd St, Alton, www.altonhauntings.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT 20

Fall Equinox Sunrise Observance, 6:30 am, Cahokia Mounds, 0 Ramey St, Collinsville. Meet at the Woodhenge reconstruction. A talk will be given about the significance of Woodhenge. Woodhenge is located about 1/2 mile west of the Cahokia Mounds Interpretive Center on Collinsville Rd. Reservations Required. Call 618-346-5161 or visit www.cahokiamounds.org.

Farmers and Flea Market, Central Park, Bethalto, 9 am-1 pm. September in Health Awareness Month and it is time to get your health in check, before the winter months set in. Come out and talk to our experts about the benefits of home-grown vegetables, aroma therapies and exercise. Pick up some wonderful home-grown fruits and vegetables not to mention some great locally raised meat and poultry items for your grill. We have unique, one of a kind gifts for you and your loved ones. Enjoy some great food and entertainment and pick up some tips on staying healthy. It is also the time to start brainstorming and pick up an entry form for our annual scarecrow contest to be held at our closing market in October. Check out our website for updated information. www.bethaltomarketinthepark.org.

THURSDAY, SEPT 24

Explore The Nature Institute, 2213 S. Levis Lane, Godfrey, 9:30-11am. Venture out into every corner of the preserve with our intrepid educators. You will get a chance to explore our forests, prairies, ponds, and streams and investigate the wild things that live in each habitat. Plan on hiking 1.5 miles. Please bring a water bottle and wear closed-toed shoes. Family friendly/all ages welcome, www.thenatureinstitute.org.

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Simply The Best - A Tribute to the Music of Tina Turner, 8 pm, Wildey Theatre, 252 N. Main, Edwardsville, www.wildeytheatre.com.

FRIDAY, SEPT 25-SATURDAY, SEPT 26


FALL OPEN HOUSE, Farmstead Primitive Co, 420 N. Main, Chatham, www.farmsteadprimitives.com.

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Auditions for Sister Act (Musical), 10am, Alton Little Theater, 2450 N. Henry St, Alton. Kevin Frakes will hold auditions for the December Musical SISTER ACT. Those auditioning are asked to bring a prepared song (their own accompaniment) and be ready to learn an easy dance routine, www.altonlittletheater.org.



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Welcoming Halloween Season Tour at McPike Mansion, 2018 Alby St, Alton, 7 pm-midnight. Evening of tours and a dark room session complete with dowsing rods and a medium. What better way to start off the Fall haunted season in "One of the Most Haunted Small Towns in America"! All proceeds go toward the restoration of the mansion. For more information, contact Sharyn at (618) 830-2179.

SUNDAY, SEPT 27

The Gillespie United Methodist Women were not able to have our spring and fall rummage sales this year because of the COVID 19 Pandemic. To be able to pay our monetary commitments, we have decided to have a "Rummage Lunch" on Sunday, September 27. The menu consists of a sloppy joe or chicken salad sandwich, potato salad, chips and dessert for \$10. You will be able to eat in the fellowship hall, outside - weather permitting, or carry-out. Social distancing recommended. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We would love to see all our "rummage friends."

Artifact Identification Day, noon-4:30 pm, Cahokia Mounds, 30 Ramey St, Collinsville. Archaeologists and museum professionals will identify artifacts as to culture, time period, material, and function. No monetary appraisals will be given. Free. Reservations needed 618-345-5161

TUESDAY, SEPT 29

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Six Mile Regional Library Book Club meets @ 6:30 PM on the last Tuesday of each month for an online discussion of the selected book for the month. Tuesday, September 29: The Shell Seekers by Rosamunde Pilcher. Tuesday, October 27: The Ghost Bride by Yangsze Choo. Tuesday, November 24: Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel. Copies of the book are available at Six Mile Regional Library, 2145 Johnson Road, Granite City and Six Mile Regional Library, 2001 Delmar Avenue, Granite City. Questions? Email research@smrld.org or Call 618-452-6238 ext 755, www.smrld.org.

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SAVE THE DATE:

FRIDAY, OCT 2

The Artimus Pyle Band - A Night of Lynyrd Skynyrd, 8 pm, The Wildey Theatre, 252 N. Main, Edwardsville, www.wildeytheatre.com.

Evening with the Bell Witch, 7-10 pm, 301 E. Broadway, Alton. Join Troy and Lisa from American Hauntings at the haunted Mineral Springs Hotel for another night of our "An Evening with..." series of events! This eerie night will include a catered dinner, served at the hotel, just as they did back in 1914 when the hotel opened. After dinner, author Troy Taylor will be presenting "An Evening with Bell Witch," the true story of one of the most frightening tales from American history - the infamous Bell Witch of Tennessee, www.americanhauntingsink.com.

**FRIDAY, OCT 2-SATURDAY, OCT 3
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The Riverbend's Got Talent, 7:30 pm, Alton Little Theater, 2450 N. Henry, Alton. Audience and Celebrity Judges will VOTE for Favorite Entertainers! CASH prizes! Preliminaries and Finals both at 7:30 pm (Each Night Tickets only \$10), altonlittletheater.org.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

Alton Farmers' and Artisans' Market, 8am-Noon, Landmarks Blvd and Henry St., Alton. www.visitilton.com.

Carlinville Market Days is held the first Saturday of every month April-November, on the town's downtown square. An open air market with vendors featuring antiques, primitives, vintage, collectibles, jewelry and more. Food vendors on site. Held rain or shine. COVID-19 guidelines. For more information follow Carlinville Market Days on Facebook.

Harvest Hootenanny 5k & Biathlon in Litchfield from 9am-Noon. USAT sanctioned BIATHLON. First-time athletes are welcome and we expect some serious racing as well. Run 5K and bike 15 miles. 5K is the same route as past years, bike route is the same as last year, www.visitlitchfield.com.

LITCHFIELD FALL FESTIVAL, 9-2, The Briar Rose, 216 N. State Street, in conjunction with other Litchfield businesses will have special sales, food trucks, outside vendors and more.

Hob-Knobbing with the Spirits, 7 pm-midnight, 2018 Alby St, Alton. Learn the history of the McPike Mansion and take a look at the documented photos of the mansion and paranormal activity. Then, take a tour of the surrounding grounds and the crypt. Tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. All proceeds go toward the restoration of the mansion. For more information, contact Sharyn at -618-830-2179.

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MONICA BRISTOW IS WORKING FOR RELIEF BY:

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Late Night Alton Hauntings History Walking Tour, 8-11 pm, 110 E. 3rd St, Alton. Discover the history and hauntings of "one of the most haunted small towns in America" with our award-winning walking tours of Alton's mysterious downtown. www.altonhauntings.com.

A Bicentennial Heritage Workshop: Braided Rug at the Stephenson House, 409 S. Buchanan, Edwardsville, 12-2pm. Learn the traditional art

of braiding a rug. Instructor Ashley Pennington will teach basic techniques needed to create a small braided rug, a trivet, or a placemat. The fee includes all kit supplies, sewing needles, and instructions necessary to complete the project. Participants are welcome to bring their own sewing kit if they prefer. Fee: \$40 per person, Limited to six participants, www.stephenhouse.org.

SATURDAY, OCT 3-SUNDAY, OCT 4
35TH ANNUAL TAYLORVILLE CHILLIFEST, Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-5, on Taylorville's downtown square. Cornhole tournament, pedal tractor pull, beer garden, live music, crafts, vendors, food, kidzone, pageants and more. www.chillifest.info.

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FRIDAY, OCT 9
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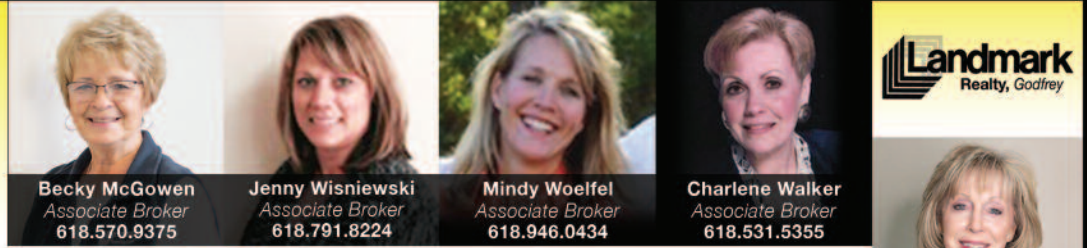
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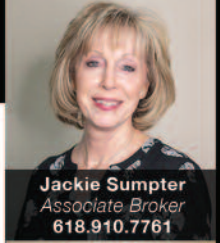


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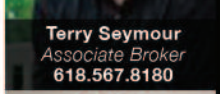
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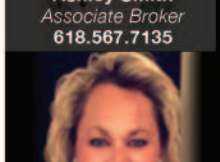
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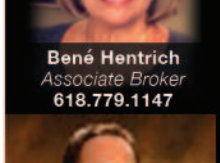
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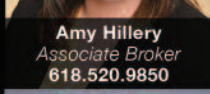
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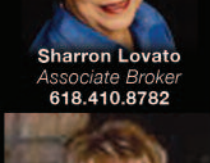
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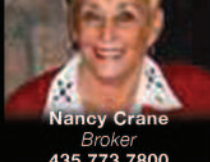
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