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FINISHING TOUCHES

Shown above are Avery Dodds, Alex Pichaske, Addison Pichaske, Andree Ambrosius, and Audrie Dodds helping to paint benches with the P. L. A. Y. (People Loving Active Youth) Group's efforts to get Scripps Park back in shape for summer. Thus far, P. L. A. Y. has painted the pool house with fresh colors, installed signs, a volleyball net and basketball hoop, necessary touches to the pool area, and many other improvements. P. L. A. Y. is still raising funds for several long-term goals for the Scripps Park Pool. For information regarding P. L. A. Y. or how to make a contribution, contact Amy Ambrosius at 217-491-4877.



Browning

by Paula Scego 323-3013

Slow Your Rumbling Motor Down

When we're always abuzz and in a flutter
And life weaves one tangled mess,
Slow your motor down a bit,
For God created rest.

Breathe the sweet, tantalizing aromas
Of flowering, springtime dogwood trees
While listening to a chirping martin -
Oh, life can be filled with grace and ease!

Slow down, what's your hurry?
Why, there's always much ado.
Halt the fuming and the fussing
And pause to read His word so true.

If your heartbeat picks up pace and races
As you scurry to meet each daily test -
Remember too much work and lack of ample play
Makes us fail to achieve our best.

So, enjoy the rippling reflection in the water
On an autumn - painted day;
Slow your rumbling motor down a decibel
As you calmly praise and pray.

Linda C. Grazulis

F.A.C.T. (Family And Communities Together) will have a fundraiser to help cover the cost of July 4 and other future events on Saturday, May 26 at the Browning Senior Center parking lot. They will be selling pork chop sandwiches. There will be more information on this at a later date.

Sheila Krider visited this past week with Lois and Pete Hamm.

David and Zack Severns visited Sunday with Linda and Dave Severns.

Junior and Elsie Winston attended Megan Winston's double-header ball games on Saturday in Mt. Sterling. Later, they visited with Marty, Bonnie, Megan and Morgan. That evening, Junior and Elsie attended Morgan Winston's Promenade.

Larry and Norma Cooksey spent the weekend with Jim and Ruby Weishaar. On Saturday, Jim, Ruby, Larry and Norma and Lindsey McNeely enjoyed dining at the Garden Restaurant in Lewistown.

Saturday, a wiener roast was held in honor of Bob Hamm's birthday. Others helping Bob celebrate were Rosemary Hamm, Tracy Hamm, Jordan Treadway, John and Drake Matthews, Ashley Hamm, Jack and Mason Geary, Doug Hamm, Judy and Keith Hamm, Davene and Wayne Miller of Decatur, Diane and Gary Barber of Chapin, Ellen Anderson and Denny Anderson of Arenzville.

Donny and Audrey Rining were in Jacksonville Thursday on business. Later they attended Macken-

zie Curry's track meet in Beardstown. Visitors with Donny and Audrey were Marilyn and Terry McCoy and Rick Rining.

Diane Ashbaker, Carla Miller Vaughn, Jazman and Andrew, Alden Nero, Maggie and Mary Elaine Bader, along with Elsie and Virgil Gobel participated in a Modern Woodman community project at the Browning Park. Five clematis and three honeysuckle vines were planted along the fence and marked by white fence. After that project, several children, including Ivy Lane and friends Mallory and Makenzie Hankins helped Elsie and Virgil Gobel with flowers at the Senior Center.

Debbie Coufal, Orvall and Shirley Unger enjoyed dining at the Rushville Dairy Queen on Thursday. Cali Jade Coufal spent Sunday with Grandma Debbie and painted birdhouses. Erica Fisher visited with Debbie on Sunday.

Hazel and Charlie Geer are here for the month of May to visit with Verna Mathis and family. They live in Tucson, Ariz.

Paula Scego visited this past week with Marty Cook, Tammy Sipes and Mariah DeFord.

Browning United Methodist Church

Rev. Bob Einhouse, Pastor
Lay Speakers:
Barbara Wooldrige
David Little
Barry Scego
Jeff Ervin

Sunday, May 13

8:30 a.m. Sunday School

9 a.m. Worship

Accompanist: Lori Hulvey

Come and worship with us.

Central Christian Church

Corner of 6th & Massachusetts St.

Minister: Matt Welch

Sunday -

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Browning Assembly Church

7th & Vermont St.

Browning, IL 62624

Sunday -

9:30 a.m. Sunday Services

Second Sunday of every month:

6 p.m. Paul and Martha Layne will sing.

Browning Church of Christ

John Ruppel and

Pat Clements, Speakers

Sunday -

9:30 a.m. Communion and

Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

3:30 p.m. Services at Snyder's

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Monday, May 14	The Journey of Life
Tuesday, May 15	Journey in Bingo
Wednesday, May 16	Journey of the Monarch Butterfly
Thursday, May 17	Ice Cream Social and Live Music
Friday, May 18	SVH Pet Parade

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Tuesday, May 22nd
Schuyler Industry Middle School
750 North Congress Street
Rushville, Illinois

Stop by anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

At this Open House, we will explain why this new transmission line is needed and what it will look like. We will answer your questions.

By sharing your thoughts and concerns with us on May 22nd, you will help us determine the best possible routes for this new transmission line.

For more information, please visit our Web site at ilriverstransmission.com or call us at (800) 229-9280.

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by Paula Scego
323-3013

Lord, Touch Us

O' Lord, teach us to be gentle,
Guide us with your love.
When we feel like being harsh,
Send your spirit from above.

Help us to be more caring,
Keep angry thoughts away.
Keep us humble and more patient,
More careful what we say.

We need you, heavenly Father,
To be our guide and friend.
We pray that you will lead us
In everything til our end.

Kathleen Boehm

A good group of youth and adults from Browning and surrounding areas attended the third annual F.A.C.T. (Families And Communities Together) Mother's Day Flower event. Eighty-seven petunias were repotted and delivered to women throughout our area.

The F.A.C.T. group will have a meeting on Wednesday, May 16 at 9 a.m. at the Browning Senior Center. Plans for our May 26 fundraiser, Father's Day and July 4 are being made. All are welcome to come and help us organize events. F.A.C.T. has the following May activities planned: Wednesday May 16 - 9 a.m. meeting open to all; Wednesday, May 23 - Meeting; Saturday, May 26 - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Grilled pork chop sandwiches sale at Browning Senior Center Parking Lot, sandwiches will be \$3 each or two for \$5; hot dogs \$2; tea, lemonade or water \$1. Proceeds will go to buy meat and for the rent of water inflatables for the July 4 event, and other events. Money donations and hamburger buns are welcome. Contact Mary E. Bader at 217-323-4556, Diane Ashbaker at 217-323-5403 or Sandy Stone 217-323-1776. Look for our monthly calendars in the Browning news items or flyers.

Avery and Brittany Westlake, Maggie and Mary Elaine Bader went to St. Louis, Mo., on Saturday to the American Girl Doll Store and the Cardinal/Atlanta Brave baseball game. Maggie and Avery were excited to have their picture taken with the 2011 World Series Trophy.

Ronald and Glenna Cox attended the RIHS Prom Promenade Saturday evening at Central Park. Their grandson, Kyle Hulvey, was a junior participant.

All Verna Mathis' children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren helped her celebrate Mother's Day with a Sunday brunch. Verna, Edie Buckalew, Stephanie Murrell and Hazel Geer were in Rushville on Saturday afternoon at a baby shower for Lacey Meyer and new baby, Layton Ray Ewing, born April 27. Congratulations to Lacey and Mike, Ashtyn and Austin.

Rosalee Stambaugh celebrated in Rushville with a host of family meeting at the cemetery at Judith Ann Smith's grave. Family visited, sang hymns of praise and prayer. Later all went to a restaurant and had dinner. Those attending were Michael Smith, Amanda Romine, Isabella and Colton, Diane and Bill Schultz, Christina and Seth, Tim and Allie Smith, Hayden Noal, and Mrs. Tammy Flynn. Later, Shaunea Miller and son Tracy visited with Rosalee.

Mickey and Jim Reed, Natalee and Gage Logsdon hosted a Mother's Day dinner. Guests were Lois and Pete Hamm, Virgil and Marsha Hamm, Richard and Sheila Krider, Petie and Emily Hamm and children, Jeff and Connie Jackson, Betty Creasy, Fischer Reed, Karen Ross, grandsons Eddie and Ross, and Patty Reed.

David and Jenny Severns hosted a Mother's Day cookout. Guests were Dave and Linda Severns, Marcie Brunswig, Callie, Mallory and Amber, Jenny's mother, Marsha, and grandmother, Shirley, and Justin Bair.

Elsie and Junior Winston, Marty, Bonnie, Morgan and Megan Winston, and Mike and Lou Ann Winston enjoyed dinner at the Cooperstown Cafe.

Jim and Ruby Weishaar, Gene Burton and Lois Henninger enjoyed dinner Wednesday at Bluffs. Jim and Ruby and Lindsey McNeely camped at Crazy Horse Campgrounds over the weekend. Later, on their way home, they stopped by and visited with their son, Jimmy. Sunday afternoon, Chip Miller treated Jim and Ruby with a lovely dinner.

Audrey and Donny Rining were in Springfield Thursday on business. Rick Rining visited on Wednesday. Marilyn and Terry McCoy visited on Friday along with J.C. Reller and Mackenzie Curry. Mackenzie was all dressed up for the Spring Fling. On Sunday, Donny and Audrey, Marilyn McCoy and Rick Rining dined at The Elks in Beardstown for Mother's Day.

Barry Scego attended the graduation of his niece, Ashlee Hawk at Blackburn College on Saturday. On Sunday, Barry attended Ashlee's graduation party.

Paula Scego, Marty Cook and Genie Fritschle treated Sandra Stower to a birthday lunch at Special Touch Cafe in Rushville on Wednesday.

Paula Scego, Patty Murphy and Tammy Sipes took Ethan Murphy to Wal-Mart in Jerseyville to pick out his first bicycle for his birthday. Ethan spent Saturday night with Paula and Barry. On Sunday morning, after church, Paula and Ethan went to Jacksonville for Ethan's fourth birthday party. Tammy Sipes, Mariah DeFord and Josh Stambaugh also attended.

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Brooklyn
by Peggy Lickey
257-2320

Historic Date: May 16, 1770:
Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louie XVI of France who was 15 years old.

Those celebrating birthdays are Ella Agans, May 18; Wanda Licksey, May 19; Kerry Hoover, May 20; and Kermit Derry, May 21.

Clair and Mildred Brough will celebrate their anniversary on May 17 and Don and Cathy Garlick on May 22.

Patsy Lantz, D.K. and Fran Hamilton, and Chuck and Alvin Hamilton went to Calhoun County on Wednesday and visited with a friend.

Kay Smith visited Rose Blackburn on Thursday and they did some scrapbooking.

The Larry Eddington family went to watch Montana in the fifth grade chorus on Thursday.

Dave and Denise Blackburn and Jim and Sally Blackburn attended the 7th and 8th grade band and chorus Thursday. Jaynie played in the band.

Visitors of Patsy Lantz on Friday were Joy Sowers, Frances Smith, Marilyn Swanger, and Carolyn Hamilton. Joy showed some quilts she had done.

Denise and Sally Blackburn attended Jaynie's Little League ball game on Friday.

Saturday evening, Dave and Denise Blackburn and Jaynie and Jim and Sally Blackburn went to Rushville to see Shelby in the Prom Preview.

Janis Finley came Sunday for lunch with her mother, Peggy Lickey. They went to LaGrange, Mo., then shopping in Quincy.

They had supper at Ruby Tuesdays. Janis returned home Monday morning.

Everett and Paula Dunlap were in Peoria Sunday. The children took them out for Mother's Day dinner.

Bob and Patsy Lantz met Demir and Vicky Saka in Meredosia on Sunday for lunch at The Approach. Dave and Denise Blackburn hosted a Mother's Day dinner Sunday for Jim and Sally Blackburn, Larry and Judy Armstrong and Reatha and Rose Blackburn.

United Methodist Church - Brooklyn
Pastor Dixie Croxton
Thursday, May 17
Pastor Dixie out of town Sunday, May 20
8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday, May 22
Newsletter items due to Pastor Charla
Pastor Dixie will be out of town Tuesday evening May 22 through Thursday, May 24. In case of an emergency, please call Pastor Charla.

Wednesday, May 23
7 p.m. Brooklyn, Houston and Littleton planning meeting for June 24-28 VBS

Collection for IGRC Conference - for Midwest Mission Distribution Center - School Bags - Bring to the Church by June 3: 24 count Crayola Crayons, 70-80 count spiral bound notebooks - college or wide-ruled, loose-leaf notebook paper in packages up to 150 sheets, #2 soft lead pencils.



Littleton
by Peggy Lickey
257-2320

Ronnie Greer will celebrate his birthday on May 19.

Mike and Rhonda Grafton will celebrate their anniversary on May 21.

Please keep Margaret Neeley in your prayers. She has returned home from the hospital.

Joy Sowers, Frances Smith, Marilyn Swanger and Carolyn Hamilton visited Patsy Lantz on Friday.

Elsie Archer met Jill Lynn in

Pekin, then went to Manito to watch Jarad play ball. They then went to the LaMarsh Baptist Church where they joined their family for the open house for Evan Archer, who will graduate on Friday.

Roger and Melody Marvel and Joy Sowers attended Danyelle Marvel's graduation from Spoon River College at the Cuba High School. They had a late lunch in Macomb, then went to Rushville to attend the Prom Preview to see Dalton Marvel.

Stan and Teresa Rebman attended the Sugar Grove United Methodist Church dedication services on Sunday afternoon. Michelle, Steve, Paige, Tessa and Leah Sargeant were dinner guests of Stan and Teresa's on Sunday.

United Methodist Church Doddsville
Speaker - David Haney
Sunday, May 20
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
10:40 - 11:10 a.m. Sunday School
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9 a.m. Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
"Romans: The Gospel Transformation"
6 p.m. First Family Hour - "Stranger on the Road to Emmaus"
Wednesday -
6:30 p.m. AWANA
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study - "R12 Living"
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229 W. Washington, Rushville
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THE DAILY LEDGER

By Lisa Bybee

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY, May 1

- Fulton County Board Zoning Committee will meet at 5 p.m. in room 103 at the Fulton County Health Department, 700 E. Oak St., Canton.
- Ellisville Village Board meets at 6 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting.
- Lewistown Fire Protection District Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. at the fire station, 305 N. Main St., Lewistown.
- Fulton County Board Geographical Information System (GIS) Committee meets at 6 p.m. at the Fulton County Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) Office, 132 N. Adams St., Lewistown.
- Canton City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Historic Depot, 50 N. Fourth Ave./Donald E. Edwards Way.
- Table Grove Village Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the village hall.

WEDNESDAY, May 2

- Fulton County Board Personnel and Legislative Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the lower level of the Canton City Building, 2 N. Main St.
- Putman Township Board meets at 5 p.m. at the township building in Cuba.
- Fulton County Board Finance/Insurance Committee will meet at 5 p.m. in room 103 at the Fulton County Health Department, 700 E. Oak St., Canton.
- Fulton County Board Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in room 103 at the Fulton County Health Department, 700 E. Oak St., Canton.
- Orion Township Cemetery Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. at the Orion Township Building.
- Orion Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. at the township hall.
- Liverpool Village Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

THURSDAY, May 3

- Greenwood Cemetery Board meets at 7:30 a.m. at the cemetery office in Canton.
- A special joint Business After Hours, sponsored by both Canton Area Chamber of Commerce and Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Canton Elks Lodge. Those planning to attend are asked to respond by contacting Dana Smith by Thursday, April 26, by email at dsmith@cantonillinois.org or by calling 309-647-2677.
- Fulton County Fireworks Committee will meet at 7 p.m. at the Lewistown VFW. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend.
- The Church of the Brethren, 269 E. Chestnut St., Canton, will host Alanon at 7 p.m. The program, for those affected by others who drink alcohol, is free and anonymous. Use the east-entrance door.
- Fulton County Tourism Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Fulton County Health Department, 700 E. Oak St., Canton.
- London Mills Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. at the village hall.
- The Surgical Weight Loss Support Group meets from 7 to 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 275 Linden St., Canton.

FRIDAY, May 4

- The Ruth Circle of the Lewistown United Methodist Church will hold a baked potato bar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

COMING UP...

- Canton Park District will host a free Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run Competition for area youth ages 7 to 14 years old at 9 a.m. May 5 at Diamond No. 1 at Athletic Park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Auditions for the Fulton County Playhouse production of "Harvey" will be held Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Rehearsal Hall at the Barn Theater near Bryant.
- Cuba American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 533 will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast at the Legion from 7 a.m. 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Legion.
- The 5-5-5K and Superhero Dash to raise funds for the track at Lincoln Elementary School will be held Saturday, May 5, starting at Wallace Park, 250 S. Avenue D. The five-kilometer walk or run will begin at 9 a.m. followed by the Family Superhero dash at 10 a.m.
- Planting Day at Jones Park will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 5. Volunteers are invited and encouraged to bring their own rakes and other landscaping tools. To participate or for more information, call Jones Park Custodian Carol Kohler at the mayor's office at 647-0065.
- The 5th Annual American Grille Chicken for Charity event will be held from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the American Grille restaurant, 525 S. Fifth Ave., Canton.
- The Spoon River China Art Guild will hold its Annual China Art Show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Donaldson Center, Wallace Park, 250 South Ave. D, Canton.
- A special pet blessing event will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at The Paw Spaw, 46 W. Chestnut St., Canton. Cats must be in carriers and all dogs must be leashed to participate.
- The annual Senior Honors Assembly will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the Canton High School auditorium.
- The annual Ice Cream Social at Lincoln Elementary School in Canton will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 8.
- The Fulton County Arts Council will hold its Fine Art Show beginning Tuesday, May 8, at the Graham Hospital Atrium Gallery.
- The 56th Annual Altruistic Coffee will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at First Christian Church, 215 W. Elm St., Canton. Proceeds go to helping Fulton County residents with needs.
- Kiwanis Club of Canton will conduct its 33rd annual Fishing Derby for area youths from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at McCamey Lake in Lakeland Park, Canton. The event is free of charge for children ages 13 and under accompanied by an adult. If the weather is questionable, a "go" or "no go" announcement will be made after 7 a.m. on WBYS-AM 1560.

SRC named one of top 120 in country

Spoon River College Eligible for \$1 Million Aspen Institute Prize Fund; Nation's Signature Recognition of Excellence in More Than 1,000 Community Colleges, Which Serve Nearly Half of All Undergraduates in U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program today named Spoon River College as one of the nation's 120 top community colleges, challenging it to compete for the \$1 million fund for the 2013 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The Aspen Institute identified the 120 community colleges -- 10 percent of all institutions --

using a quantitative formula that assesses performance and improvement in four areas: graduation rates, degrees awarded, student retention rates, and equity in student outcomes. These colleges will now compete for the prestigious honor following a year-long research process into how well their students learn, complete degrees, and get jobs with competitive wages after graduating.

Some seven million students -- youth and adult learners -- enroll in America's nearly 1,200 public and private community colleges every year.

"The success of our nation's community colleges is more important than ever before,"

said Aspen Institute College Excellence Program Executive Director Josh Wyner. "At a time when a college degree is essential to entering the middle class,

community colleges like Spoon River College offer the most promising path to education and employment for literally millions of Americans."

Spoon River College and 119 other community colleges will be winnowed to eight-to-ten finalists in September based on how much students learn, how many complete their programs on time, and how well students do in the job market after graduating.

Spoon River College is now eligible to submit an application containing detailed data on these criteria. It must demonstrate that it delivers exceptional student results, uses data to drive decisions, and continually improves over time.

The Aspen Institute will conduct site visits to each of the finalists in the fall. A distinguished Prize Jury co-chaired by John Engler, president of Business Roundtable, former Michigan Governor,

and former president of the National Association of Manufacturers and Richard Riley, former South Carolina Governor and U.S. Secretary of Education, will select a grand prize winner and four runners-up, to be announced in March 2013.

"American employers have jobs open right now but lack enough skilled, educated workers to fill them," Engler said. "The job training programs at community colleges must play a central role in filling those gaps and preparing the American workforce. Community colleges' success will help determine whether and in what sectors America will continue to lead in the global economy."

A full list of the 120 community colleges is available at:

www.AspenCCPrize.org
Prize winners will be announced in March 2013.

World Trade Center is back on top in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — One World Trade Center, the monolith being built to replace the twin towers destroyed in the Sept. 11 attacks, claimed the title of New York City's tallest skyscraper on Monday, as workers erected steel columns that made its unfinished skeleton a little over 1,250 feet high, just enough to peek over the roof of the observation deck on the Empire State Building.

City officials and iron workers applauded as the first 12-ton column was hoisted onto the tower's top deck.

Clear skies afforded an immaculate 360-degree view from the top, although it wasn't easy getting up there. After riding an elevator to the 90th floor, a small group of officials and journalists had to climb three steep ladders to reach the top platform, which was encircled by

blue netting along the perimeter.

The milestone is a preliminary one. Workers are still adding floors to the building once called the Freedom Tower. It isn't expected to reach its full height for at least another year, at which point it is likely to be declared the tallest building in the U.S., and third tallest in the world.

Those bragging rights, though, will carry an asterisk.

Crowning the world's

tallest buildings is a little like picking the heavyweight champion in boxing. There is often disagreement about who deserves the belt.

In this case, the issue involves the 408-foot-tall needle that will sit on the tower's roof.

Count it, and the World Trade Center is back on top. Otherwise, it will have to settle for No. 2, after the Willis Tower in Chicago.

As for the Council on Tall Buildings, it is lean-

ing toward giving One World Trade the benefit of the doubt.

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