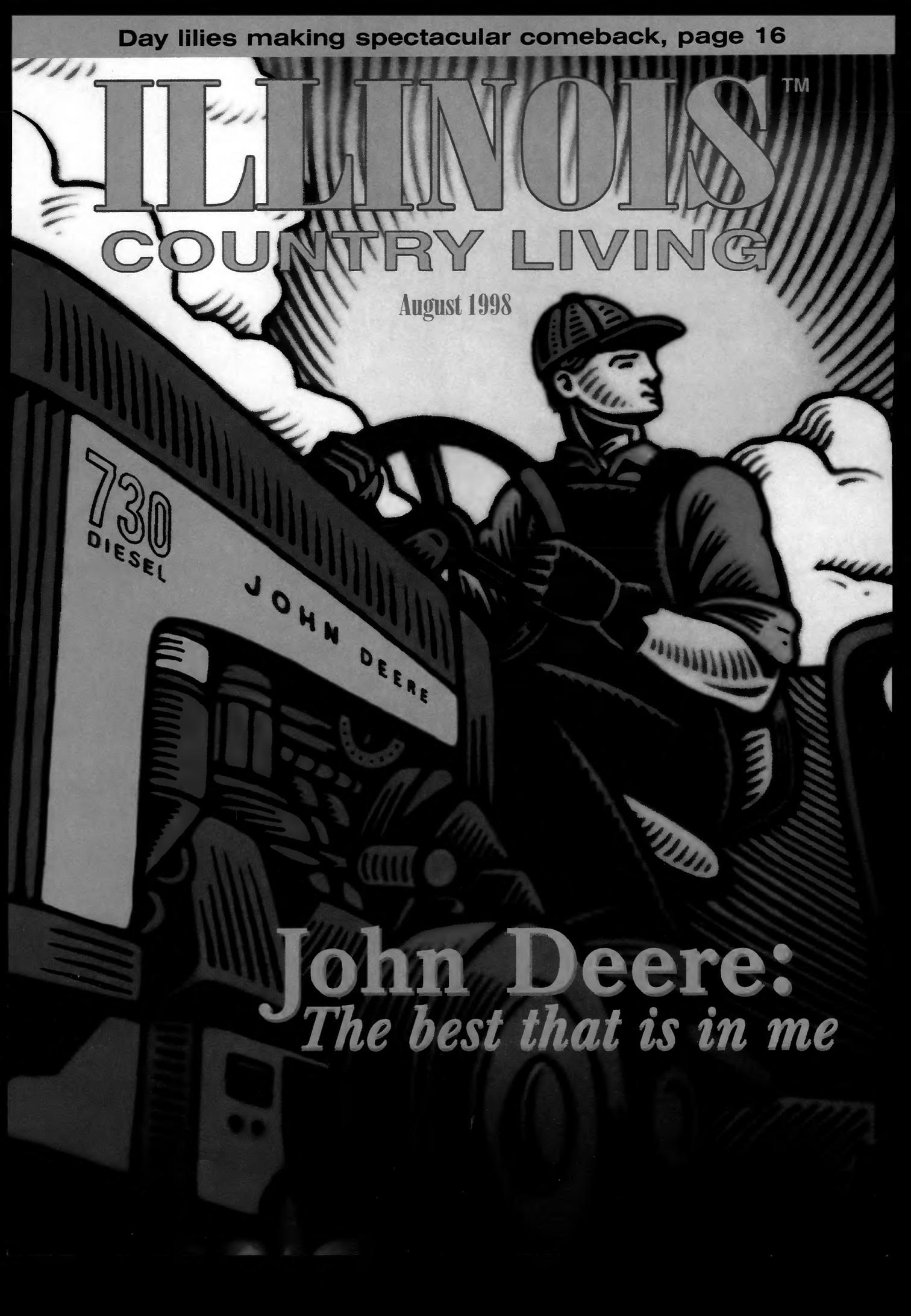


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# Illinois COMMENTARY

## Deadline nears for underground tank compliance

Fuels are essential to our lives. Without these fuels we cannot operate cars, trucks, and combines, many people cannot heat their homes and businesses, and emergency equipment cannot respond. Just as we take for granted that the lights come on when we flip a switch, we take for granted that gasoline is available from the local station



**Thomas L. Armstead**

and agricultural fuels are there when we need them. Much of this fuel is stored in underground storage tanks and these tanks are subject to regulation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

Underground storage tanks of more than 1,100 gallons on farms are regulated by federal and state regulations.

Underground storage tanks containing heating oil for farms and residences are not subject to state or federal regulation, but tanks containing motor fuels, hazardous substances and hazardous waste are regulated.

Federal law setting standards for these tanks were established fully a decade ago, yet many tanks still are not in compliance as a Dec. 22, 1998, deadline looms. Federal law requires state rules to be at least as stringent as federal rules. In Illinois, the state fire marshal has written rules to meet the various federal standards for these tanks. These standards include leak detection on all tanks and piping, spill, overfill and corrosion protection. It makes good business sense to follow these regulations; nobody wants to lose a costly product. Few of us would willingly lose a gallon or two of gasoline a day at the current cost.

Leaking underground storage tanks also pose a threat to safety and the environment. One gallon of gasoline can

contaminate thousands of gallons of water. In our rural areas, wells are the typical source of drinking water and petroleum contaminated ground water could easily destroy the water supply for an entire community. Leaking tanks have also caused fires and explosions when the product reaches sewer and septic lines and fumes reach basements.

All of us need to work together to prevent leaking tanks from disrupting our water supplies and yet we need to keep adequate supplies of fuel to allow us to drive to school and work, fuel tractors and keep us warm. Legislation now on Gov. Edgar's desk, would assist us in meeting these goals. If signed into law, suppliers could only fill tanks that have the appropriate tag indicating it passed inspection. Tanks not in compliance would no longer be able to obtain fuel.

Dec. 22, 1998, is the date U.S. EPA has set for all existing tanks to comply with the requirements for new underground storage tanks. We are prepared to meet the challenge of certifying tanks, issuing permits and inspecting facilities to meet this deadline.

To upgrade or remove a tank, a permit from our office must be obtained. Generally, if you have an underground storage tank, permits are required for *any* activity associated with that tank and its piping and only licensed contractors may perform the work. Unfortunately, it has been necessary for us to cite people for engaging in such activity and the attorney general's office has been filing suit.

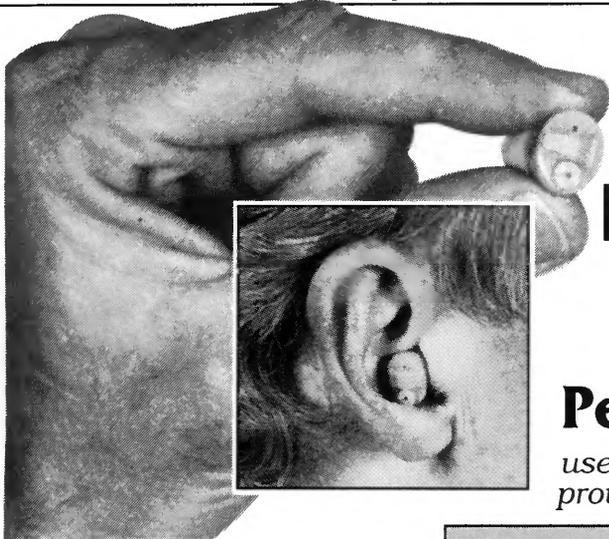
If you have an underground storage tank, you will have to upgrade it by Dec. 21. If you need some additional time to make that decision there is an option: You can temporarily remove it from service by filling out an amended notification form and mailing it to our office by Dec. 21, 1998. If the tank is pumped empty, leak detection will not be required. If there is any product remaining in the tank, the owner must maintain leak detection. A tank may be out of service for one year and may not receive any product until it is fully upgraded. If the tank is not in compliance by Dec. 22 and is not temporarily out of service, it must be removed within 24 months. Fines of up to \$10,000 a day may be imposed for every day a tank is not in compliance.

If you have any questions regarding underground storage tanks, licensed contractors, regulations or any underground storage tank activity, call us toll-free at (800) 851-2119. We are committed to working with our citizens to achieve compliance with the deadline and maintaining supplies of the fuels we need.

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*Thomas L. Armstead became state fire marshal in 1991 after serving three years as a fire safety coordinator for the Illinois Department of Corrections. Previously he served 28 years with the Springfield Fire Department, including as chief from 1985-1988.*

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Naturally, I've denied everything. I didn't want to admit I knew that I was having a slight hearing problem. I was hoping it would go away, all by itself, without doing anything about it! But, deep down inside, I knew I needed a little extra help in the hearing department, and lately, I needed this extra help more and more.

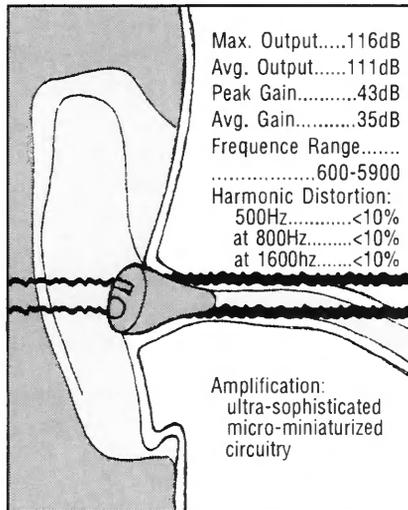
My wife was so tired of me asking her to either speak louder or repeat everything she said. We were having arguments over my hearing. Finally, she insisted that I get some help. She told me to buy a hearing aid.

Sure, just what I need. A bulky, ugly, ill-fitting and heavy hearing aid sitting behind my ear. And, the darn thing will probably rub the skin off my ear too!

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**MaxiSound** worked so well for me that I am now marketing them direct to the consumer. And, I know that they'll work for you too! *It's great to be able to hear the TV clearly again.*



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## Rolling blackouts still possible

Last year *Illinois Country Living* warned readers that power shortages were likely and rolling blackouts might be necessary. Fortunately, the summer of 1997 was relatively mild and demand for electricity lower than expected. We were concerned that we might be accused of alarming consumers unnecessarily.

But this summer Illinois faced the same conditions. Limited generating capacity plus inadequate transmission capacity needed to import electricity once again had power suppliers very concerned. Another warning was issued in the July issue of *Illinois Country Living*. Individual electric cooperatives once again prepared for the worst with practice drills for rolling blackouts. If voluntary power reductions and load management systems failed to reduce demand, these controlled blackouts would be necessary to prevent a regional outage and grid shutdown that could leave millions in the dark.

This year, on June 25 and 26, we came close to a real disaster. Utilities across the state issued peak warnings and media alerts. The state's cooperatives asked large power users with interruptible rates to shed their load between 1 and 7 p.m. Other load management systems also helped shed peak demand and rolling blackouts were prevented.

During this peak-demand situation we learned just how much electricity really is worth on the open market when demand is high. Would you believe that what ordinarily costs most consumers no more than a dime, suddenly was worth \$2 per kwh? Because the same weather conditions existed across the entire eastern half of the U.S., the spot market for electricity went crazy.

So what can you do to help divert another power shortage? Listen to weather reports. When heat advisories are issued utilities likely will have to issue peak alerts, too. Close your drapes during the hottest times of the day to block heat and save energy. Use ceiling fans and portable fans, which allow you to raise your thermostat and save energy without affecting your comfort. Turn off unnecessary incandescent lights during hot weather. They only add to the heat in your home. Postpone washing dishes or clothes to early morning or late evening. Keep the cook and the kitchen cool and prepare dinner outside on the grill.

For more information on load management programs and ways you can save energy, contact your local electric cooperative.

## Co-ops growing strong

Anyone doubting the viability of electric cooperatives as we hurtle into a deregulated market should consider the fact that new cooperatives continue to form.

In New York, 21 housing cooperatives formed New York City's first electric cooperative. First Rochdale Cooperative Group Inc. will buy power for nearly 50,000 apartment co-op members. Eventually, it could provide power for 600,000 New Yorkers living in co-op apartments, ranging from low-income flats to Park Avenue penthouses.

Also in the Northeast, seven new energy co-ops have incorporated and joined forces with existing utilities under a one-of-a-kind regional service co-op called Cooperative Pioneers. The alliance represents nearly one million consumers in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York. Through Cooperative Pioneers, the new energy co-ops are planning to offer a full menu of telecommunications and energy services by fall.

Meanwhile, California's first electric users' cooperative was formed by a dozen

agricultural cooperatives. California Electric Users Cooperative will provide power to members at the lowest possible cost in the direct-access market enabled by California's electric deregulation. Founders of the new cooperative all are cooperatives themselves.

"People organizing these co-ops are Republicans and Democrats, from the city and the country," Andy Ferguson of the Massachusetts-based Cooperative Development Institute, told *Electric Coop Today*. "When you really get down to it, we have people who built nuclear power plants and those who chained themselves to the fence to stop those plants working together.

"It's like when electric co-ops ran those poles and wires out to rural America 60 years ago. It's very clear at this point that nobody else has a solution for how residential and small business users are going to be a part of this global marketplace."



## Getting juveniles to cease fire

To reduce the number of fires set by youngsters, the State Fire Marshal is co-sponsoring a national conference in Springfield Sept. 29.

"Cease Fire! Fighting the Battle on Juvenile Firesetting," also is sponsored by the Illinois Youthful Firesetters Intervention Association and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

Juvenile fire setters start about 33,000 fires each year causing about 800 deaths and 4,500 injuries, reports the National Fire Protection Association. The conference is intended for professionals in fire service, mental health, law enforcement and juvenile justice. For details, call (217) 785-5406.

# Farm floods pose special problems

If your farming operation has been flooded, there are specific hazards you need to watch out for during cleanup, says the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

- **Confined Spaces** — Molding or fermenting agricultural materials in confined spaces may generate large amounts of toxic gases that could cause lung damage or death if inhaled. Turn on fans or blowers in silos and other storage areas at least 30 minutes before entering, and leave them on while working. Never open an oxygen-limiting silo if heating is suspected. Also, never enter these areas alone, and always use a full-body safety harness.
- **Respiratory Hazards** — Wet hay, grain, silage, compost and other organic/agricultural materials often grow large amounts of bacteria and mold during warm summer weather. Breathing these organisms and the organic dust produced may cause lung disease. Use proper engineering controls, including adequate fresh air ventilation. When exposure to organic dust cannot be avoided, use NIOSH-certified, air-purifying respirators with high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters to reduce the risk.
- **Stored Hay** — Wet hay will mold very quickly. The biological processes involved in the formation of bacteria and mold can cause the hay to undergo spontaneous combustion. Monitor wet hay for odors, hot and damp areas, and rising vapors. If you detect these hazards, remove the wet hay from the building.

For more information, call (800) 35-NIOSH, or visit the National Agricultural Safety Database at the NIOSH Internet website at [www.cdc.gov/niosh/nasd](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nasd).



## New quarterly reviews co-op solutions

The *Journal of Cooperative Development*, a quarterly review of food, housing and community co-op solutions, has premiered.

The first issue includes articles about the cooperative approach to a living wage, providing a living wage to child-care workers, how worker ownership strengthens communities, and micro-enterprise peer lending. In future issues, it promises articles on cooperative housing and services for an aging population and on value-added agriculture in low-income communities. The publication is made possible by a grant from the George & Gladys Dunlap Cooperative Leadership Award Program from the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise Foundation.

Send \$20 for a yearly subscription to the Cooperative Development Foundation; 1401 New York Ave., N.W; Suite 1100; Washington, D.C., 20077-1781, or send e-mail to: [dvaughan@ncba.org](mailto:dvaughan@ncba.org).

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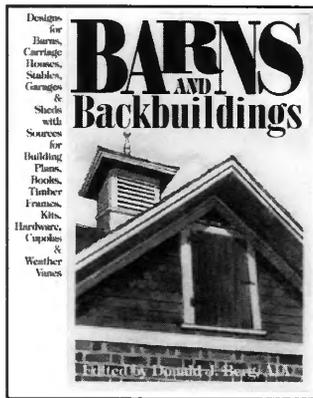
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## Barn remodeling made easy

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Berg, a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Society of Architectural Historians, has written several other books. They include *How to build in the Country*, *The Door Yard*, and *Country Patterns*, all from Ten Speed Press, and *American Country Building Design*, from Sterling Ideas.

He self-published *Barns and Backbuildings*, a 96-page paperback. He offers it with a guarantee "to help you build better, or your money (\$9.95, plus \$2 postage and handling) back." It's available from Berg at Box 698, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-0698.



## State network lists providers of childcare

Looking for quality child care? The Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies maintains a database of 13,600 child-care providers throughout Illinois. The agencies respond to some 38,000 families seeking assistance.

The state network also is involved in two major professional development initiatives. One, called the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Illinois Project, offers scholarships and enhanced compensation to child care professionals who are seeking an associate's degree in early care and education. The project is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services and the American Business Collaborative for Quality Dependent Care.

The network also is leading a statewide collaborative effort to design and develop an Illinois director credential. To become available in 2000, the credential is for directors of early childhood programs who have mastered specific defined skills, knowledge, and competencies. The project is funded by the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation.

## Rural Development helps pave way to home ownership

More than 1,400 Illinois families this year became first-time homeowners with \$71 million in assistance provided through Rural Development, an arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Most of this assistance was through a private lender and guaranteed by Rural Development.

"It's possible that more than 2,000 rural Illinois families will become homeowners this year with the help of Rural Development," said Wally Furrow, Rural Development director for Illinois.

Last year, Rural Development's rural housing program funding in Illinois amounted to \$84,551,940 through 2,296 loans, grants and guarantees.

"Home ownership has long been recognized as a key component of the American Dream," said Furrow. "It strengthens our economy, builds communities and, to the individual family, represents a powerful tool for building economic stability and self-esteem. In short, owning a home gives people a reason to care about what goes on around them. It gives them a stake in where they live and that makes all the difference."

For more information about Rural Development programs, contact its office in Champaign at (217) 398-5412.

## Nuclear waste legislation spent

It appears certain that Congress will not free up legislation this year that would force the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to begin managing used nuclear fuel, despite the fact that utility rate payers have contributed \$14 billion for a program.

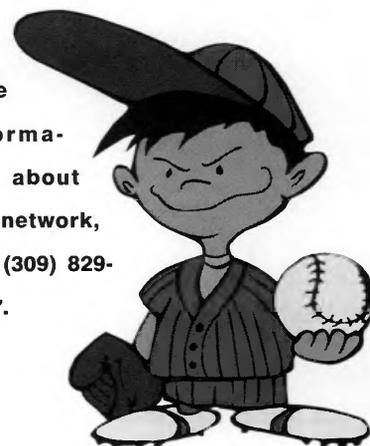
The legislation would create a temporary storage facility for nuclear waste. The Clinton administration opposes the bill and has threatened to veto it out of concern that the interim facility might become permanent.

A little history: The DOE missed a Jan. 31, 1998, deadline to begin moving used fuel from the nation's nuclear power plants. That deadline was contained in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

The DOE has studied Yucca Mountain in Nevada as a site. Meanwhile, the nuclear power industry estimates 36,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel piles up at more than 100 nuclear plants in 34 states.

Also, the Nuclear Waste Fund that was established to help pay for the program continues to swell. Electricity consumers in 41 states have contributed more than \$14.1 billion for nothing. Illinois' portion? \$1.81 billion — the most contributed by any state.

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# John Deere: The best that is in me

Story and photos  
by Janeen Keener

Gleaming and glistening under a summer sun, the one-year-old John Deere Pavilion draws throngs of admiring visitors, from school boys and girls to international business men and women. The story of John Deere is the story of the American entrepreneurial spirit, and what better place to look for that spirit, but on the banks of the Mighty Miss?

Every attentive Illinois youngster learns that the story of John Deere is the story of American ag-

riculture. Early settlers found Illinois' rich soil a formidable challenge to the cast iron plows used to farm the sandy loam of the East. The rich Midwest earth clung to the plow bottoms. Many settlers reported being so discouraged, they abandoned their hopes of farming in Illinois and moved on or returned home. In 1837, 151 years ago, 32-year-old John Deere, a blacksmith from Vermont who came to Illinois and settled in Grand Detour fashioned a new, "self-polishing" steel plow.

Deere also is credited with helping to revolutionize trade in America. Instead of taking orders for his new plows, he first manufactured them and then took them to the country to be sold. It was an entirely new way of doing business. About the same time, over in Chicago, Cyrus Hall McCormick was perfecting and mass producing the mechanical reaper. Within 10 years, Deere was producing 1,000 plows a year and farmers using McCormick's invention were harvesting five times as much wheat

in the same amount of time it took them to do it by hand.

Now, the John Deere Pavilion is part of a downtown renovation project helping to revitalize

Moline. It's also a typical example of a growing trend within corporations to create museums, notes Karen Axelrod, co-author of a guide to company-sponsored tourist spots called, "Watch It Made in the U.S.A." Sprouting up are museums like Spamtown, U.S.A., a product of

Hormel Foods Corp., which is preparing to expand from 800 feet to 12,000 feet in Austin, Minn., and which attracted 60,000 visitors last year. Or Binney & Smith Inc.'s Crayola Factory, which draws 300,000 visitors a year to its Easton, Pa., site.

Billed as "The world's most comprehensive agricultural exhibit," the John Deere Pavilion is a 14,400-square-foot, glass-enclosed structure (with an additional 12,000-square-foot front patio) paying homage to Deere's contribution to Illinois and the world. Since its opening, about 180,000 people have visited; it was originally estimated that the site would attract up to 250,000-300,000 annually. Tour guide Elizabeth Hunt said the pavilion attracts many school tours and lots of families.

"It's not just the brick and mortar that attracts our guests," said pavilion manager LuAnn Haydon. "Our guests know they



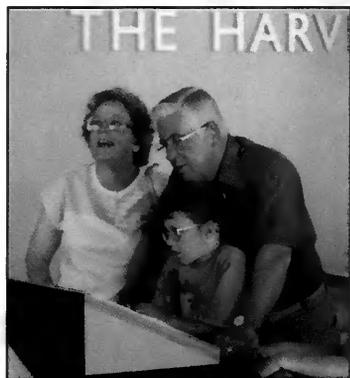
Photo courtesy John Deere Pavilion

*Murals depicting the four seasons by artist Robin Moline provide the backdrop for vintage John Deere equipment at the year-old pavilion. In the nearby John Deere store, visitors also will find a mural by artist Rob Case, depicted in part in the photo on our cover.*



*John Deere Pavilion is located at 1400 River Drive, Moline. Admission to the John Deere Pavilion is free and open to the public year-round. Hours are 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Visitors also may be interested in other Deere sites. They include the administrative center and two Deere-family homes in Moline, and the original home and blacksmith shop of John Deere in Grand Detour. For more information, call (309) 765-1000.*

will get a glimpse of the past. They are intrigued to learn how John Deere products will help feed the world 40 years from now." Parents and teachers, Hunt said, want to expose children to the world and what's in it for them, at the same time helping them to learn what they can do to help. It may seem ironic to some who view the plow as destroyer of prairie and who cast a skeptical eye toward modern agriculture as a major culprit in environmental pollution, but the pavilion pays particular attention to sustainability. Digital counters at "The Future" exhibit tick off an ominous reminder that Mother Earth's population grows about as steadily as arable farmland diminishes.



*The pavilion is part of a trend toward corporate museums that provide educational entertainment for children of all ages.*

One interactive display follows Deere & Company's rise from making horse-drawn plows to its current status as the world's leading producer of agricultural equipment. Others follow the "Food and Fiber" theme. A film called *The Bounty* depicts the lifestyle of a typical farm family as it adjusts to and meets the challenges of the four seasons.

Another feature of the pavil-

ion is the company's attention to art. Noteworthy by themselves are wrought-iron trusses by John Medeweff depicting the food and fiber theme, and murals in the pavilion by artist Robin Moline and in the gift shop by artist Rob Case.

But the single biggest lure here is the equipment — huge green planters, combines and cotton pickers that you can actually climb into, and vintage pieces that are more carefully guarded.

"A lot of folks have never seen big equipment like this," said tour guide Hunt. "They don't know really what it's used for. And when they sit down and watch the

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**"I will never put my name on a plow that does not have in it the best that is in me."**

— JOHN DEERE

# Green Magazine

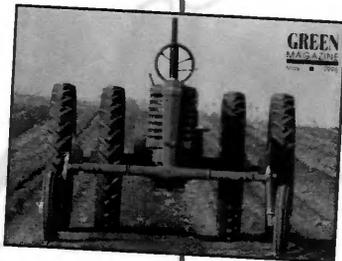
Aficionados may be interested in *Green Magazine*, a monthly devoted to everything Deere. The magazine, published by Richard and Carol Hain from a refurbished barn on family farmland near Bee, Neb., recently was featured in *Rural Electric Nebraskan*.

*Green Magazine*, says the *Nebraskan*, is a showcase for articles written by Deere aficionados around the country, including staff writer, J. R. Hobbs. Most popular, are the classified ads, sometimes reaching up to 18 of the magazine's 60 pages.

"Collectors always are interested in what's available, or they need a rare part and they hope they'll run across it in our magazine," said Carol Hain.

Some 25,000 people from every state in the nation and places throughout Europe and as far flung as Ethiopia, South Africa, Japan, Tasmania and Zimbabwe subscribe to *Green Magazine*. They also publish an annual calendar, which in 1999 will feature the 1937 model year. A catalog also is available, which includes how-to videos about some aspect of Deere restoration, replica Deere signs, and weather vanes and clocks.

One-year subscriptions at \$25 and two-year subscriptions at \$48 are available. The 1999 calendar will be available in September and is \$9.50. The catalog is free. All are available at *Green Magazine*, 2652 Davey Road, Bee, NE 68314, or call (402) 643-6269.



## The best that is in me

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film, It makes them aware of how it's used."

Sisters Chris and Alyse Stropes, of Orion, agreed they were attracted to the pavilion because of its educational significance, both worldwide and regionally. And, younger sister Alyse said the best part was being able to climb into the behemoths.

John Deere Commons opened last August on the 150th anniversary of the development of the "self-polishing" plow, adjacent to the site of the first John Deere factory, which was located across the street. It was paid for with about \$30 million in federal and state grants and another \$20 million in local government and private investment. It's the centerpiece of Moline's riverfront renewal project.

Next to the pavilion, accessible under a protective canopy, is the John Deere Store, offering

authentic and licensed merchandise. (The store also features Chad Little's 1996 race car, used during that year's Busch Series race circuit.) Nearby, is Moline's civic center,

The Mark (capacity: 12,000), a Radisson Hotel (160 rooms), a transportation center, John Deere Healthcare and a block of historic storefront spaces.

Also close by are miles of hiking and biking trails that run along the Mississippi River.

They all are testament that the beleaguered company and city have weathered the stormy 80s and 90s, and are poised to leap like the deer in the company's distinctive logo into a new decade and century with gusto. They send a message to the world that, in spite of widely circulated reports to the contrary, the Midwest did not rust and die; it's been retooled and is very much alive and kicking.



*It's okay to touch some of the displays. While vintage equipment is off-limits, modern equipment is open for closer inspection. What youngster could resist climbing into the cab of a giant combine or a cotton picker, or sitting inside a wheel as big as they are?*



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# AROUND YOUR HOME

## Safe web surfing



Rebecca Douglas

Keeping our kids safe is a full time job. We have car seats, seat belts, bike helmets and kneepads. We teach children to beware of strangers and how to handle matches safely. While we can't keep the world safe for children, we keep trying. One of the newest concerns for child safety is surfing on the Internet. The kids seem to know a lot more about the Internet than the grownups. What do we need to know?

There are many wonderful places on the net for children to explore. Children need good Internet skills to survive in their world, and they enjoy the experience of finding information, solving problems and discovering new ideas. But while at its best, the Internet is a good place for children, it can also be a dangerous and negative place.

Recently while searching the Internet for information on child safety, I found some wonderful sites for children and parents. Using web browsers can lead you to them. Some of my favorites were [www.larrysworld.com](http://www.larrysworld.com) and [www.safesurf.com](http://www.safesurf.com). However, I have to report at one website primarily for children, I also found profanity and violence. It was scary to see how easy it would be for children to visit the site and perhaps even interact with individuals most parents would clearly not approve of. On the positive side, this site did provide an option of parental control that would have limited children's access.

The problem is most parents or grandparents may not know how to take advantage of the parental control options, or may not know where the kids are surfing. Here are some general guidelines for adults to think about and simple rules to share with kids before getting on that information highway.

### For parents and adults

Use the parental controls available on your commercial online service. You can buy computer software that will fil-

ter out adult sites on the Web. Look for these parental controls on the Internet. There is a lot of information out there.

Place the computer in the family room where you will know what is going on. Check the screen periodically and let the kids know you are interested in what they are learning. Let the children teach you about the Internet. They will enjoy the time spent with you and you will both learn a lot.

Monitor online time. How many hours are the kids surfing? It can become addictive and not just for kids. Set limits on the number of hours spent online.

Check your phone bill. Check out any unfamiliar numbers on your bill. Adult bulletin boards are easy to access by phone.

Spend time with the kids. Ask where they like to go online and who their email friends are. Warn children that sometimes adults act like kids on the net and give false information about themselves.

Set rules for children to follow. When kids have clear rules they understand, they are more likely to follow them.

### Rules for kids online:

- Stay away from strangers, just like on the street.
- If anyone uses nasty language, or says anything that makes you uncomfortable, log off right away. Remember, if this happens, you didn't do anything wrong, just get out.
- *Never* give your real last name, phone number or address to anyone online. Log off if anyone asks for this.
- *Never* agree to meet with anyone you meet online. Tell your mom or dad if someone wants to meet with you in person.
- If you find yourself in a place for *adults only*, leave right away. There are lots of fun kid places to visit on the net.




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Five years ago, Ray and Becky had a contractor come and talk to them about a new addition. Becky remembered how excited she and Ray both were. They even paid to have the plans drawn up. But that was the year before Ray lost his job at the plant. She poured herself another cup of coffee and recalled how depressed they both were. It was over a year before he got another job. And during that time, they got behind on everything.

### No Summer Vacation

They were so strapped for money one summer, they couldn't even take Emily and Katie to the beach for a few days for their annual vacation. Sure they finally got all caught up when Ray went back to work, it took them two years and by that time it had ruined their previously perfect credit record, it was a vicious cycle. You know, getting paid on Friday, sitting down on Saturday to pay bills and running out of money before all the bills are paid.

### "I Hit A Brick Wall"

After they got caught up they tried again to borrow the money for the addition. First they got turned down by the local bank, then a mortgage company in town rejected them. They just kept hitting the same brick wall. Even though Ray had gone back to work in another carpet mill making MORE money, the late payments that showed up on his credit reports scared the local banks and mortgage companies away. Ray felt like he was working JUST to pay his monthly bills and doing nothing for himself, Becky or the kids. Then he ran into Harvest Mortgage Company. Harvest helped him get a loan to pay off all his bills and consolidate everything into one single payment that was \$358 lower than he had been making. That saved him a whopping \$4,296 per year, TAX FREE. In the first year, that was enough money to close in the back porch, AND enough left over for new bikes for the kids.

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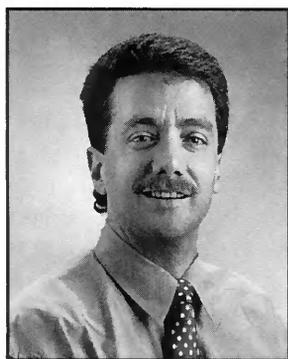
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*Dave Robson*

Of all the plants in the yard, probably the most carefree and dependable is the daylily.

Daylilies are definitely old fashioned. You can travel many country roads around the state and find plants growing in the ditches. I first knew them as Tiger Lilies, and only after going to school did I discover that Tiger Lilies are a completely different wildflower in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (DOT) is still planting them along overpasses and on embankments. Plants may be somewhat weedy, quickly spreading over an area. However, the roots form a nice dense mat that limits soil erosion.

It's only within the last 10 years that daylilies have received revitalization. Gardeners discovered the versatility of the plants. The breeding of new types and the release of the outstanding repeat bloomer, Stella d'Oro, has expanded the color palette and blooming times of plants.

There's even a light yellow, fragrant night-blooming daylily.

What the breeders haven't been able to do is get the flowers to bloom longer than the typical day, give or take a couple of hours.

On the other hand, the colors run the gamut from a pale cream/almost white to dark reds and purples that approach black. Blues and pure greens are still illusive.

Typical flowers have three petals and three sepals of the same color, though technically the sepals started out

green like tulips and changed colors. Most people just say the plants have six petals, which will suffice unless you're talking to a daylily aficionado.

Newer types may have 12 or 18 petals. Some forms are classified as spiders with long, thin, narrow petals and sepals.

The texture of the petals has gone from the papery of the wild orange ones to those that are thick and seem almost waxlike.

While one of the plant's drawback is its short period of bloom, by careful selection of cultivars, the gardener can extend the period of bloom from May until late October.

Daylilies range in height from less than a foot to over seven feet with individual flowers as little as an inch to 10 inches in diameter.

Daylilies seem to thrive on neglect, although providing optimum growing conditions results in healthier plants and more profuse blooming. Full sun is preferred, though daylilies will flower in light shade. When grown in heavy shade, plants produce abundant foliage but few flowers.

Soils should be well drained and rich in organic matter. Plants seem to grow in clay or sandy soils. However, plants grown in wet soils tend to suffer more winter injury.

At the end of the flowering season, cut the scapes or bloom stalks back to several inches above the crown. Established clumps can be kept from spreading by cutting around the crown or base with a sharp spade.

Old plants should be divided in the late summer to early fall when crowns become crowded and flowering sparse.

Plants seldom require fertilizing. However, the addition of a balanced fertilizer, such as a 10-10-10 at the rate of one pound per 100 square feet, can help increase the clump size for propagation purposes.

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## Keep cool affordably with a portable air conditioner

**Q:** I keep my central air-conditioning thermostat set higher to reduce my electric bills, but I would like extra cooling in some rooms at times. Are the new lightweight portable air conditioners effective? - B. G.

**A:** The new lightweight portable air conditioners on casters are effective in houses with or without central air-conditioning. If you cannot afford central air-conditioning, these units provide a lower-cost alternative. You can cool just the room or area that you are using at the time. All the portable models plug into standard 110-volt wall outlets.

Even with central air-conditioning, what house doesn't have a room or two that is always a little too warm or uncomfortably sticky. If you set the central thermostat lower to keep that problem room comfortable, the rest of the house is too cool. This is not only uncomfortable, but it pushes up your electric bills.

Using a portable air conditioner often allows you to set your central thermostat a few degrees higher. Keep in mind that each degree that you set your thermostat higher in the summer provides a much greater percentage energy savings than setting it back in the winter. You can save from 2 percent to 3 percent for each degree thermostat set-up and lower the peak electricity demand.

Some of the portable air conditioners weigh less than 40 pounds and have easy-to-carry handles. They are often used in the kitchen to offset the heat from cooking dinner. After dinner, you can roll it into your living room while you watch TV. When you go to bed, move it to the bedroom that is always a little too warm.

Rotary compressors are used in most small portable air conditioners. These are efficient and the most quiet compressor design. Portable air conditioners also act as efficient room dehumidifiers as they cool your room, drawing up to four gallons of humidity out of the air every day. This also helps to keep the rest of your house more comfortable.

There are many models and features to choose from. The best models have thermostats, three fan speeds and oscillating louvers. These are designed to distribute the cool air evenly throughout the room. If you have a problem with allergies, select a model with a built-in washable filter. The dehumidification also helps reduce mold and dust mite

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allergies. To remove odors, some models have charcoal filter elements.

If you plan to use one in a bedroom at night, select a model with a time-delay shut-off. You can set it to turn itself off an hour or so after you go to sleep. This allows you to go to bed while the bedroom is comfortably cool. After it stops, the room slowly warms up again while you sleep.

Most portable air conditioners operate somewhat like a dehumidifier except that the cold air is blown out the front. Instead of warm air blowing out into the room, it is ducted out a window or door through a small clothes dryer-type duct. All models include adjustable window and door adaptors that can be moved quickly from window to window.

On most models, you empty a small water condensation tray every several days, just like with a typical dehumidifier. One model series, the Pinguino, has a sophisticated design that does not require emptying a water tray. The water is used to help cool the condenser coils for higher efficiency and cooling output. The water vapor blows outdoors with the hot air.

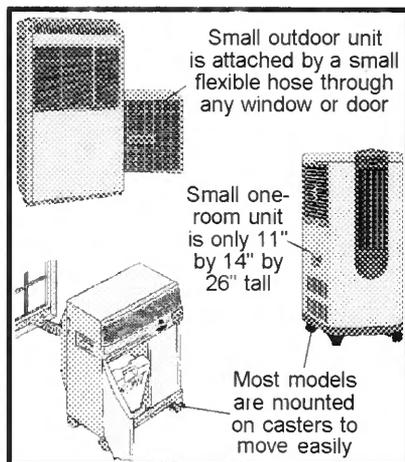
Another model uses two sets of condenser coils. With this unique, high-output design, you fill a water tank. It uses this water to super-cool one set of condenser coils. When it runs out of water, it self adjusts and cools using the

other air-only set of coils.

The most powerful and quiet portable design is a mini-split system. The quiet cooling coil and multi-speed fan unit sets indoors on the floor up to 10 feet from a window. A small separate compressor unit is placed outside the window and is attached with a small hose. It is easy to move the system from room to room.

In some houses, like mine, that are too humid, but stay cool from shade trees, using a dehumidifier can improve comfort, help allergy problems and improve overall cooling efficiency. Keep in mind that dehumidifiers by themselves do not produce any net cooling effect. Small room models help some, but whole-house and ducted models, like the Sahara brand, dehumidify many times more efficiently.

Write for Utility Bills Update No. 935 - a buyer's guide of 11 manufacturers of portable air conditioners, room and whole-house dehumidifiers, outputs, sizes, features, prices and a cost-to-use chart. Please include \$2 (with check payable to Jim Dulley) and a business-size SASE. Mail to: Jim Dulley, Illinois Country Living, P.O. Box 3787, Springfield, IL 62708. For instant download, go to <http://www.dulley.com>.



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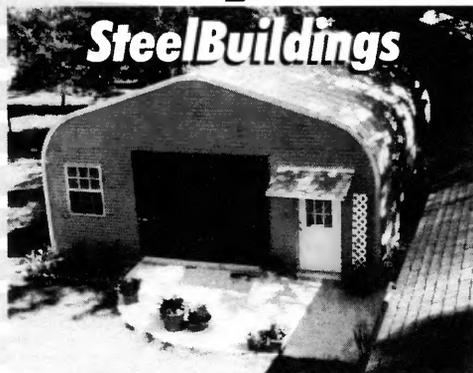
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A five-year-old boy was helping his grandpa dig potatoes on the farm. After 20 minutes of digging and picking up potatoes, the lad sighed and asked, "Grandpa, why did you bury so many?"

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A few days before my second wedding, I asked my six-year-old son if he would do me the honor of giving me away.

He got a very serious look on his face and replied, "No, Mommy, I think I'll keep you!"

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A mother and her young daughter were at church. A man in the seat behind them leaned forward and asked the little girl, "Where did you get that beautiful hair?"

The little girl replied, "From my daddy, because my mommy still has hers."

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Timmy didn't like the school lunches. One day the school served peanut butter sandwiches and Timmy said, "That's more like it. At last, a home-cooked meal."

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Teacher: "Johnny, you copied Joan's answers yesterday, didn't you?"

Johnny: "Yes, but how did you find out?"

Teacher: "Joan's answer to number 10 was, 'I don't know.' and yours said, 'I don't either.'"

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Pauline Thomason, Florida

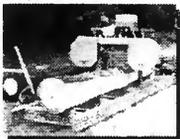
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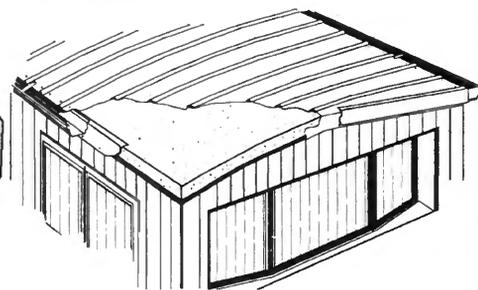
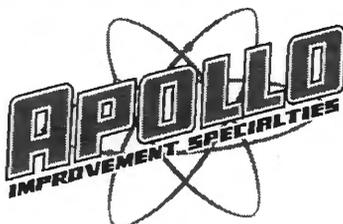
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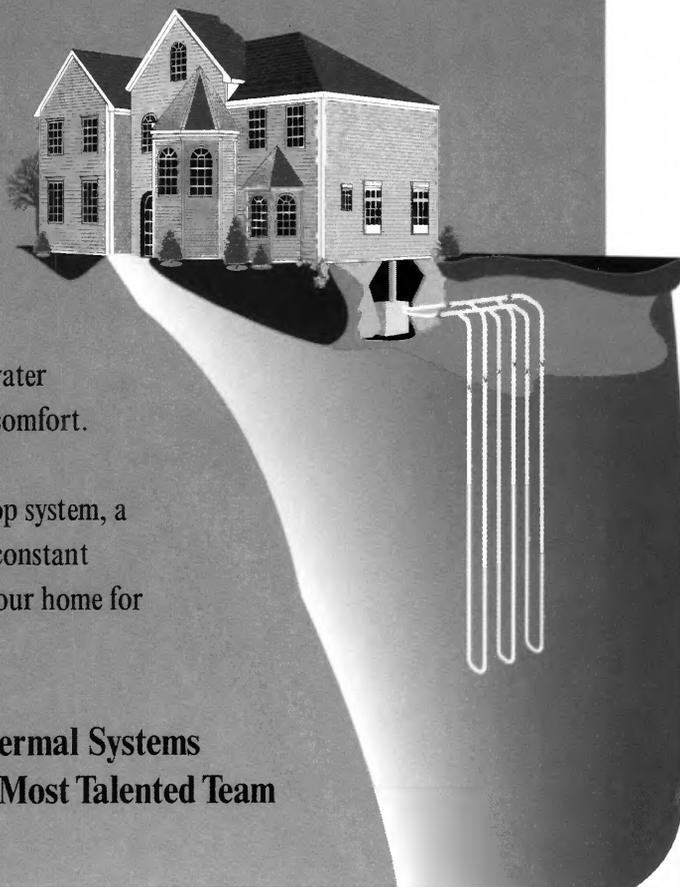
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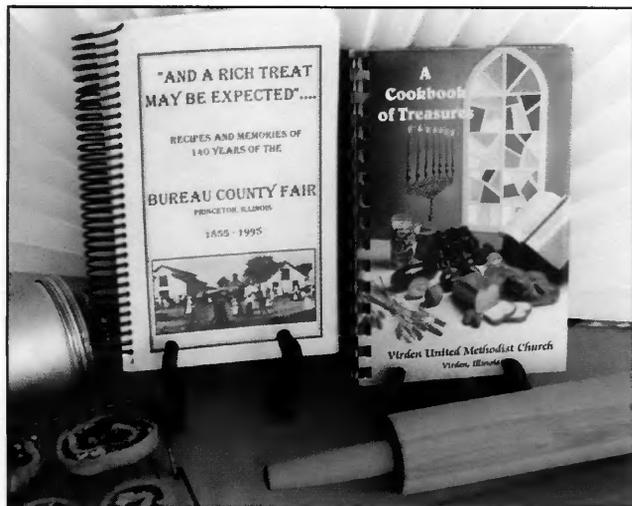
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## Bureau County Fair

### TUNA PUFFS

Lucille Faber

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| 1 can refrigerated, flaky<br>baking powder biscuits | 1 T. celery (chopped) |
| 2 egg whites  | 1/2 tsp. salt         |
| 1 (7 oz.) can tuna                                  | 1/2 C. mayonnaise     |
|   | 1 T. pickle relish    |

Pull apart each biscuit to make 3 thin biscuits and place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 8 to 10 minutes, until golden brown. Beat egg whites and salt until stiff, but not dry. Fold in remaining ingredients. Spread about a tablespoon of tuna mixture on each biscuit. (After spreading tuna on biscuits, refrigerate until ready to broil and serve). Broil 6 inches from heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden. Watch carefully.

### CREAMY BROCCOLI SOUP

Lorraine Bardell

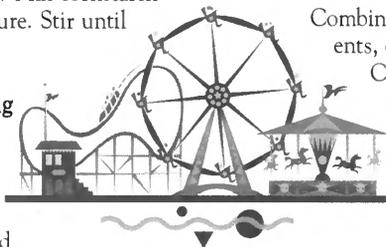
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| 2 C. water                    | 3/4 tsp. salt     |
| 1 1/2 lbs. broccoli, chopped  | 1/8 tsp. pepper   |
| 3/4 C. celery, sliced         | 3 C. Half & Half  |
| 1/2 C. onion, chopped         | 2 T. cornstarch   |
| 2 T. butter                   | 1/2 C. cold water |
| 1 T. instant chicken bouillon |                   |

Heat water to boiling. Add broccoli, celery and onion, cooking until tender, about 10 minutes. Place in blender and blend until of uniform consistency. Return to pan. Add butter, bouillon, salt, pepper and Half & Half. Heat but do not boil. Mix cornstarch and 1/2 C. cold water. Add slowly to hot mixture. Stir until thickened. (*Cream soup winner, 1984*).

### BUTTERSCOTCH ROLLS

Patt Fleming

Cut 1 loaf frozen bread into 8 equal pieces and place in Bundt pan. Sprinkle 1/2 C. firmly packed brown sugar and 1 pkg. regular butterscotch pudding evenly over bread. (Add



1/2 C. chopped nuts if desired). Pour 1 stick melted margarine over all. Let rise overnight. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

### OUTDOOR LAMB KABOBS

Brandon Carlson

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| 2 lbs. lamb leg, cubed  | 12 small onions      |
| 12 small potatoes       | Salt and pepper      |
| 6 cherry tomatoes       | 1/2 C. vinegar       |
| 12 large olives         | 1/2 tsp. soy sauce   |
| 12 mushrooms            | 1/4 tsp. dry mustard |
| 12 green pepper squares | 3 T. sugar           |

Alternate lamb cubes and vegetables on skewers. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Combine vinegar, soy sauce, mustard and sugar. Brush kabobs with half of vinegar mixture. Cook on outdoor grill for 5 to 7 minutes. Brush with remaining vinegar mixture. Turn kabobs often while cooking.

### CHICKEN-HAM SUPREME

Pat Rod

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| 2 C. cooked chicken, diced                 | 1/2 (20 oz.) can pineapple<br>chunks, drained |
| 1 C. cooked ham, cubed                     | 1/2 lb. Velveeta cheese, cubed                |
| 1 C. celery, diced                         | 1 can cream of mushroom soup                  |
| 1 small onion, diced                       | 2 C. chicken broth                            |
| 1 (4 oz.) can sliced<br>mushrooms, drained | 1 egg, beaten                                 |
| 1/2 can ripe olives, sliced                | 2 C. Ritz cracker crumbs                      |

Combine soup, broth, and egg. Mix remaining ingredients, except crumbs. Stir in broth mixture. Sprinkle 1 C. crumbs on bottom of 10-inch square or 9x12-inch baking dish. Add chicken mixture. Sprinkle remaining crumbs on top and bake at 350° for 1 hour. Take out of oven and let set for 10 minutes before serving. (*Casserole winner, 1984*).

**FROZEN CRANBERRY SALAD** Mildred Sidebottom

- 1 qt. raw cranberries
- 2 C. raw McIntosh apples,  
remove skins
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 (10 1/2 oz.) bag miniature  
marshmallows
- 1/2 C. nuts, chopped
- 1 pt. whipping cream

Grind cranberries and apples together. Add sugar and marshmallows; let stand for 15 minutes or overnight, then mix in whipping cream and nuts. Pour into a 8x12-inch, 2-inch deep pan. Put in freezer, then remove from freezer about 1 1/2 hours before serving.

*For extra juicy, extra nutritious hamburgers, add 1/4 cup evaporated milk per pound of meat before shaping.*

**FAIR WINNER BANANA BREAD** Patricia Wolfer

- 3 1/2 C. sifted flour
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 C. mashed bananas
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 3/4 C. shortening
- 1 1/2 C. sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 3/4 C. milk
- 1/2 C. chopped pecans

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda. Mash bananas. Add lemon juice and mix. Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and beat until light and fluffy (4 minutes in all). Add sifted dry ingredients alternating with milk, beating after each addition. Fold in bananas and nuts. Pour into 3 greased 7x3x2-1/2-inch loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pans for 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool on wire rack. Wrap in foil overnight. Freezes well.

**Virden United Methodist Church****PIZZA TREATS**

Shirley Emerson

- 2 lb. ground beef, browned  
and drained
- 1/2 C. catsup
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt or powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 T. oregano
- 1 lb. Velveta

Cook ingredients over low heat until cheese is melted. Spread mixture on cocktail rye bread and heat in oven at 400° for 10 minutes. (Add more cheese if desired).

**YOGURT HORSE RADISH SAUCE**

Pat Broadhead

- 4 containers plain yogurt
- 1 C. horseradish
- 1/4 C. lemon juice
- 1 T. parsley

Combine all ingredients and blend until smooth. Refrigerate until needed. Serve with beef brisket, corned beef or prime rib.

**FRUIT BALL/JELLO SALAD**

Henrietta Talkington

- 1 large box orange Jell-O
- 2 C. hot water
- 1 C. Orange Crush soda
- 1 C. pineapple juice
- 1 C. watermelon balls
- 1 C. cantaloupe balls
- 1 C. honeydew melon balls
- 1 C. strawberries
- 1 (No. 2) can chunk pineapple
- 1 banana, cut up

Stir orange Jell-O in hot water until no granules remain. Add Orange Crush soda and pineapple juice. After Jell-O cools, add remaining ingredients. Put in a large mold to set.

**Note:** Spray interior of mold with Pam lightly. Makes it easier to unmold. For Diabetics: Use sugar-free Jell-O and soda.

**CHINESE STYLE BEEF CASSEROLE** Caroline Davidson

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen peas
- 1 C. finely sliced celery
- 1 C. finely sliced water chestnuts
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 small, onion, diced
- 1 C. crushed potato chips

Cook ground beef until brown and crumbly. Let peas thaw. In a 1 1/2-quart casserole dish, place meat in the bottom and arrange thawed peas over it to make a layer. Then make a layer of celery and water chestnuts. Pour soup, salt and onion mixture over this. Put crushed potato chips on top. Bake at 375° for 30 minutes. Serves four.

**BUTTER DIPS**

Darlene Hochmuth

- 1/4 C. butter or margarine
- 1 1/4 C. flour
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2/3 C. milk

Heat oven to 450°. Melt butter in pan, stir in dry ingredients, then add milk. Stir 30 strokes until dough clings. Turn onto floured board. Knead lightly. Roll 1/2-inch thick and 8-inch square. With floured knife, cut into strips 4-inches wide. Cut crosswise to make 18 sticks. Dip in butter. Bake 15 to 20 minutes to lightly brown. Can double recipe. Good with soup, stew or even just as a snack.

**FILLED COFFEE CAKE**

Thelma Otten

- 1 1/2 C. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 C. sugar
- 1/2 C. shortening
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 C. milk
- 1/2 C. brown sugar
- 2 T. flour
- 1/2 C. nuts
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 T. melted butter

Mix flour, salt, baking powder, sugar and shortening together until it looks like cornmeal. Add egg, vanilla and milk. Pour half of this mixture into greased 8x8-inch pan. Blend brown sugar, flour, nuts, cinnamon and butter until crumbly. Sprinkle half of this over mixture in the pan. Cover with remaining dough. Sprinkle rest of crumbs on top. Bake at 375° for 25 to 30 minutes.

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- 3/4 lb. boneless beef  
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- hot, cooked noodles

Brown beef, garlic and onion in oil. Cook 5 minutes. Stir in soup and water per directions on soup can. Heat to boiling. Add broccoli. Decrease heat to low. Cover and simmer 5 minutes or until vegetable is tender. Serve over noodles.



*About Potato Salad – Potato salad is best made from potatoes cooked in their jackets and peeled and marinated while still warm. Small red waxy potatoes hold their shape when sliced or diced and do not absorb an excessive amount of dressing or become mushy.*

# The teen commandments

*(for parents)*

by Susan Wildemuth



**1** Thou must not acknowledge that you are the parent of thy teen, if you are chaperoning a school dance, by speaking to, waving at, standing near, or sitting at your teen's table without his or her written permission beforehand.



**2** Thou shall not run across an athletic field yelling "My baby! My baby!" after someone twice your teen's size has turned them into a hamburger patty in the middle of a game, unless their coach calleth you over or you want your teen to disown you, change their name, and move to another state.

**3** Thou shall refrain from calling your child pudding, pumpkin head, sugar, kitten, chubs, bunny, or any other cutesy nickname, they have gone by for the first twelve years of their life.

**4** Thou shall drive a cool car so it can be borrowed often.

**5** Thou shall not get angry at thy teen when the left side of the fender of thy cool car gets a dent in it to match the one on the right.

**6** Thou shall not kiss or hug thy teen in front of their friends unless you want to earn a one-way ticket to Shady Hills Nursing Home in your later years.

**7** Thou shall not mortify thy immaculate conception by kissing and hugging in front of them.

**8** Thou shall not show thy son's girlfriend a picture of him at three, decked out in his Fruit of the Looms or cut out two eyeholes in the newspaper and stare at thy daughter's boyfriend until beads of sweat break out on his forehead.



**9** Thou shall refrain from interrupting thy daughter's important four-hour phone conversations with your frivolous calls to the doctor's office or invade thy son's space by shoveling out his room with a bulldozer.

**10** Thou shall be patient and forgiving with thy child because you have been where they have been and realize that the teen years are a time when they are trying so hard to establish their own identity, searching for their spot among their peers, dealing with all kinds of emotional and physical changes in their minds and bodies. And they have inherited a world that is a little scarier than the one you and I grew up in.

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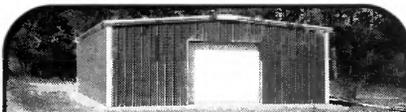
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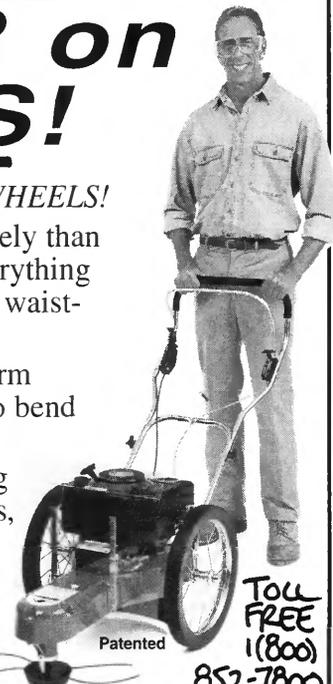
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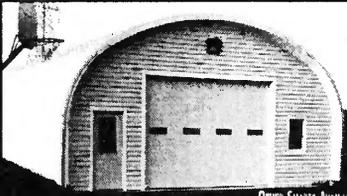
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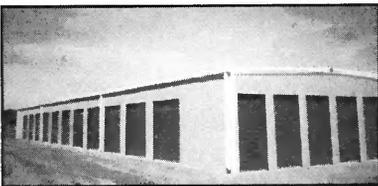
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**1-2, Grand Nationals Weekend (T.T. Races)**, Peoria Motorcycle Race Park and downtown Peoria area. Annual running of the national championship T.T. races, a motorcycle parade, entertainment and a hog roast. The Grand National Race takes place on the oldest sanctioned dirt track in the world. (309) 697-1285.

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## The Best of Illinois

### What's the best reason to live in Illinois?

Why do you love Illinois? Sometimes, in our day-to-day routine, we forget to appreciate what the Prairie State has to offer. We'd like to know what you like most. We invite you, whether you're a newcomer or a long-timer, to jot us a note, in 100 words or less, and tell us why you love Illinois.

We'll publish a selection of your comments in the October issue of *Illinois Country Living*, and if we use your points of pride, we'll send you a personal-size Mag-lite flashlight.

Your replies should be typewritten, e-mailed or in legible handwriting, and we reserve the right to edit. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and the name of your electric cooperative. Send your letters to: Illinois Datebook, *Illinois Country Living*, P.O. Box 3787, Springfield, IL 62708 or e-mail them to [aieinfo@fgi.net](mailto:aieinfo@fgi.net).



**6-8, Tutty Baker Days**, Freeport. Celebration of Freeport's founder, William "Tutty" Baker featuring national, regional and local talent, rides and games, 3-on-3 basketball, bingo, and a beer garden. Call the Tutty Hotline toll free: (888) 276-0243.

**6-9, Sweet Corn Festival**, Mendota. The 51st celebration of summer's golden delight. More than 40 tons of free, hot, buttered Del Monte sweet corn. (815) 539-6507.

**7-8, Ya Maka My Weekend Boonoonoonos!** Rock Island. Caribbean culture festival with reggae music. (309) 788-6311.

**7-8, Chautauqua Days**, Forest Park, Shelbyville. Parade, crafts and food, antiques, flea market. (217) 774-2221.

**7 & 8, The Inaugural Robert Schuman Memorial Jazz Festival**, downtown Rockford. 40 national, regional and local musicians on the Rock River. Schuman was a local media personality and jazz aficionado. (815) 968-5222 or [www.metrocentre.com](http://www.metrocentre.com).

**7-9, Oblong Antique Tractor & Engine Show**, Oblong. More than 800 antique tractors and engines on display, demonstrations, flea market, crafts, food and farm toy show. (618) 592-3282 or (618) 592-4139.

**7-9, Civil War Weekend**, Galena. At Eagle Ridge Inn and Resort. (815) 777-2444.

**7-16, U.S. National Hot Air Balloon Championships**, Rantoul. Air shows, amusements, children's fun land, headline entertainment and fireworks at Chanute Air Force Base. (217) 893-9955 or (217) 351-4133.

**7-16, World Free-Fall Convention**, Quincy Airport, Quincy. Skydivers from all over the world fill the skies over Baldwin Field. Spectators can participate in tandem skydives, helicopter rides, hot air balloon rides and other activities. (217) 222-5867.

**8, Car Enthusiasts Car Show**, Lake Mendota Park, Mendota. Classic antique and custom autos, trucks and cycles. (815) 539-5321.

**8, Blacksmiths Hammer-In**, Pana. Blacksmiths, tin smiths, metal makers, rope makers, flint nappers and other skilled craftsmen demonstrate their art in Kitchell Park. (217) 562-4240.

**8, Turtle Races**, Decatur. Fast-paced action at Scovill Zoo during the 15th annual Turtle 200. (217) 421-7435.

**8-9, Bluegrass Festival**, Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, Lerna. (217) 345-6489.

**9, Antique Car Exhibition**, David Davis Mansion, Bloomington. Early to mid-20th century autos, photos, related items, period costumes, entertainment, food and auto rides. (309) 828-1084.



**1-2, Wyatt Earp's Western Days**, Monmouth. Open house and outdoor drama at Wyatt Earp's birthplace continues the celebration of the U.S. Marshal's birth 150 years ago in March. (309) 734-3181 or (309) 734-3181.



**14-16, At-The-Woods Apple Dump-ling Festival & 125th Celebration,** Atwood. Crafts and flea markets, parade, entertainment, hot apple dump-lings, and homemade ice cream. Don't miss the contests that include apple peeling, apple dumpling eating and the famous (or infamous?) road apple toss. (217) 578-2734.

**9-15, Sweet Corn & Watermelon Fest,** Mt. Vernon. Nightly activities include bed races, an anything-goes contest, a teen dance and more. Free sweet corn and watermelon served on the 15th. (800) 252-5464.

**14-23, Illinois State Fair.** Springfield. (217) 782-6661.

**14-15, Cobden Peach Festival,** Cobden. Sponsored by the Cobden Lion's Club, featuring carnival rides, games, bingo, Peach Queen contest, homemade food and the best peach cobbler. (800) 248-4373.

**15-16, Thunder on the Bay,** Quincy. At Kesler Park on the Mississippi River, it's the mid-America championship series of drag boat racing. (217) 426-4191.

**15, Okaw Indian Festival,** Lake Shelbyville Dam East Area. Learn about the local native American lifestyle through demonstrations and displays. Hands-on activities, a bark hut and historical teepee on display. (217) 774-3951.

**15, River to River Trail Society Hike,** Southernmost Illinois. A guided and interpreted hike rain or shine. Pack a lunch and bring water. (618) 658-8409 or e-mail bridges@accessus.net.

**16, Illinois' Incredible Edibles,** Dickson Mounds Museum, Lewistown. Introduces the rich diversity of wild foods Native Americans found in Illinois, including roots, tubers, berries, nuts, prairie flowers and game. Demonstrations of prehistoric cooking methods including stone-boiling

in an animal stomach, pit-roasting a wild turkey, cooking on a spit and baking fish in clay. (309) 547-3721 or visit [www.museum.state.il.us/ismsites/dickson/](http://www.museum.state.il.us/ismsites/dickson/).

**19-22, Harvest Picnic,** Windsor. Popular country-western singers, carnival, crafts, food, parade and more. (217) 459-2291.

**21-22, Mennonite Relief Sale,** Arthur. Events begin with a hog roast and mini-auction Friday, with breakfast early Saturday followed by the auction. Amish-crafted furniture, quilts, crafts and baked goods. (800) 722-6474.

**21, Prairie Air Show,** Bloomington. The Russians are coming, and they're bringing their front line fighter jets, including a MiG-15, -17, -21 and -29. They will be piloted by "Hoot" Gibson, chief pilot for the NASA shuttle. The show begins with a night sky show. Aerial displays will feature flights of the Sukhoi 29, Antonov AN-2 and L-39 jet trainers. U.S. military fighter jets also are planned, with Bill Leff and his T-6 Texan jet. Diving teams, aerial exhibitions, airplane and helicopter rides, and static displays, along with cold drink and food. Sponsored by the Prairie Aviation Museum. (309) 829-5701 or point your Internet browser to pas97.org.

**21-23, Pioneer Days,** Cowden. Nationally sanctioned rodeo, team penning, entertainment, carnival, crafts, food, dancing and more. (217) 783-2121.

**21-23, Great River Road Festival,** Pere Marquette State Park, Grafton. Folk music, especially the mountain dulcimer and the hammered dulcimer. (618) 344-2822.

**22, Astronomy Jamboree,** Friends Creek Regional Park, near Argenta. Hear guest speakers as you observe the night sky with telescopes and binoculars. Door prizes, crafts for the kids, slide presentations and more. (217) 423-7708.

**22, River to River Trail Workday.** Tools provided, bring work gloves and water. (618) 658-8409 or e-mail bridges@accessus.net.

**22, Stewardship Saturday,** Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and the Cache River Wetlands. Volunteer workday for a variety of conservation projects. (618) 634-2231.

**22, Thunder on the River,** Illinois River, Ottawa. Short track drag boat races with speeds up to 200 mph. Inboard and out-board classes compete. (815) 434-2737.

**22-23, Living History Weekend,** Metro-  
polis. Fort Massac State Park. Crafts and a visit with the Massiac Marines. (618) 524-9321.

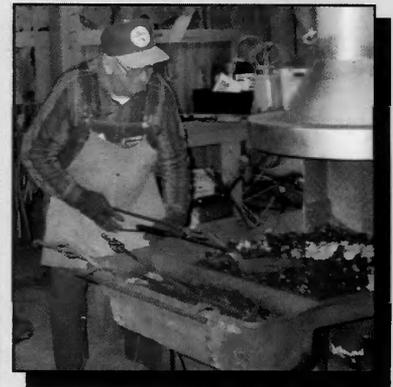
**23-29, Union County Fair,** Anna Fair-  
grounds, Union. Activities include a ro-  
deo, demolition derby, games, rides, horse  
racing, and queen contest. (618) 833-6311.

**24-30, LPGA State Farm Rail Classic,**  
Rail Golf Course, Springfield. Celebrating  
its 22nd year. (217) 528-5742.

**27-29, Great River Golden Games,**  
Quincy. Olympiad for the over-50 set at  
the Quincy Family YMCA includes more  
than 30 athletic and recreational events.  
(217) 223-7703.

**28-29, Civil War Days,** Williamsville.  
Battle re-enactments, Union and Confed-  
erate encampments, and a press confer-  
ence with President Lincoln and his wife,  
Mary. (217) 566-3806.

**28-30, Lincoln Art & Balloon Fest,**  
Lincoln. Art fair downtown, balloons at  
the Logan County Fairgrounds. Entertain-  
ment, carnival, food and more. (217) 735-  
2385.



**30, 1800s Craft Fair,** Postville State  
Historic Site, Lincoln. Blacksmithing,  
quilting, flax-to-linen spinning, rope  
making, bobbin lace making, wood  
carving, broom making, and tradi-  
tional music. (217) 732-8930.

**28-29, Waterloo Homecoming,** Water-  
loo. Live music. (618) 939-5300.

**29-30, Corn Festival,** Normal. Arts and  
crafts, flea market, kiddie rides and 16  
tons of sweet corn.

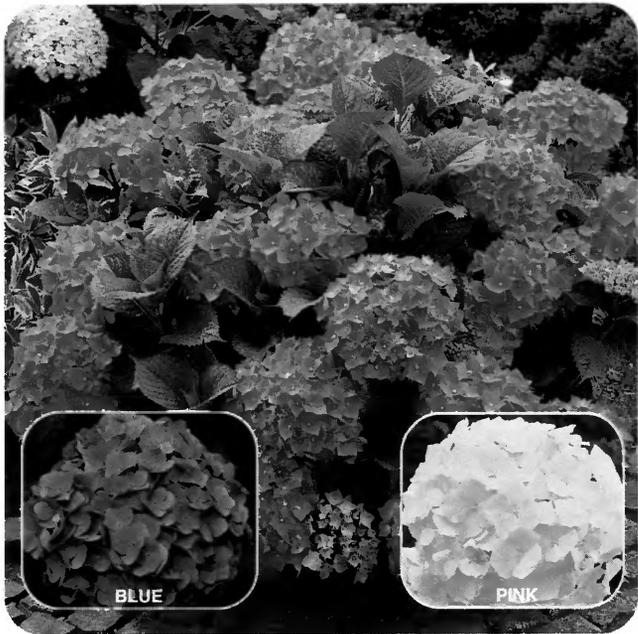
**29, Introduction to Weaving,** Dickson  
Mounds Museum, Lewistown. Navajo-style  
upright loom weaving with a Navajo  
weaver. Construct and learn to weave on a  
miniature upright loom. Learn about  
Navajo rug designs, fibers and dyes. (309)  
547-3721 or visit [www.museum.state.il.us/](http://www.museum.state.il.us/ismsites/dickson/)  
[ismsites/dickson/](http://www.museum.state.il.us/ismsites/dickson/).

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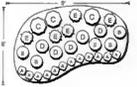
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