

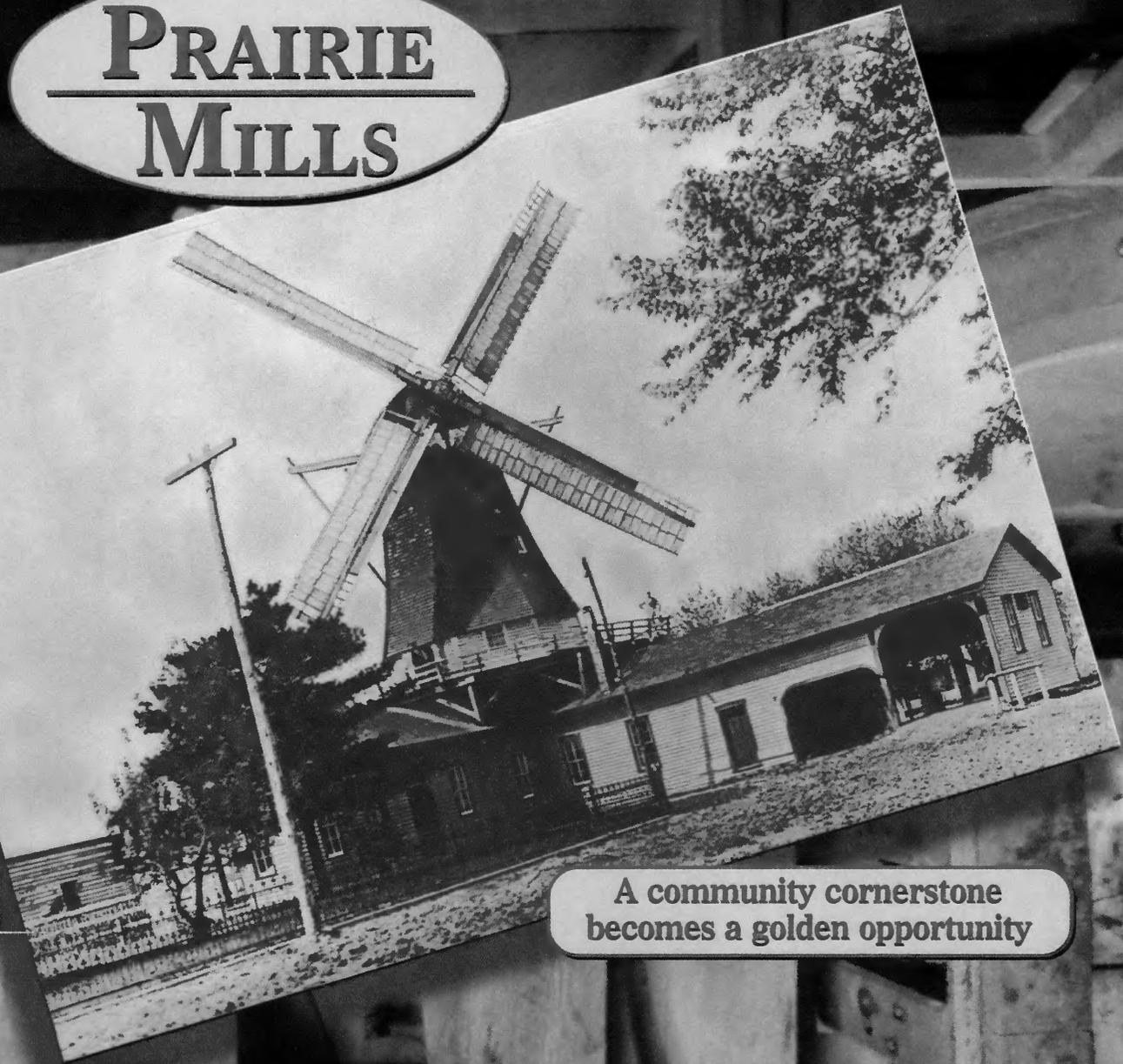
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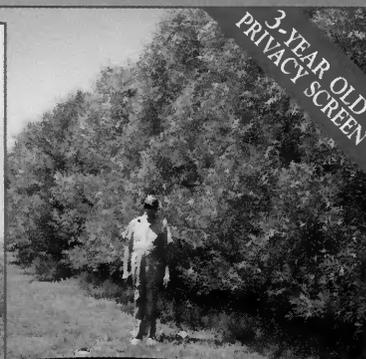
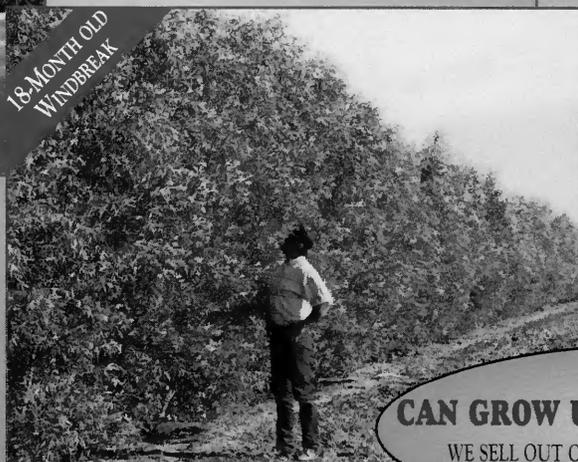
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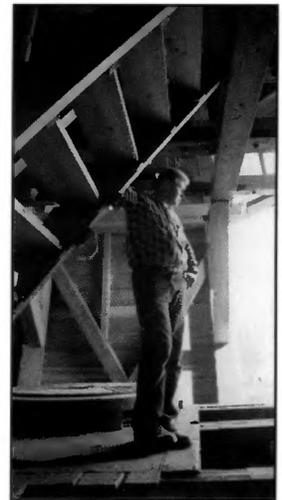
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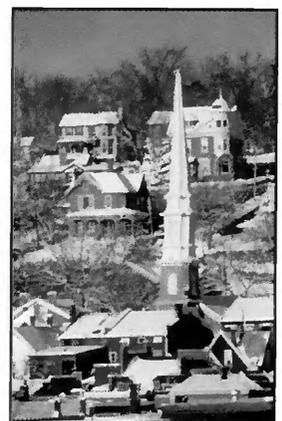
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COMMENTARY

Certain death and taxes require careful estate planning

Recently my wife and I experienced shock and grief when our friend and family attorney for 25 years died in a tragic auto accident. This incident reminded us that we needed to plan ahead and take steps to plan our estates. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes."

Estate planning is really a systematic way of preserving your hard-earned assets for future generations.



Harold D. Guither

It may be a process that will go on for many years and is filled with choices that you must make or otherwise pay the penalty of unnecessary taxes, legal and probate costs and possible disagreements among your children.

If you do nothing, you may be volunteering to pay far more estate taxes than you would need to.

Careful estate planning can mean peace of mind that your heirs will have sufficient funds to live comfortably after you are gone. For farm families, it can lead to a division of property to assure continuation of the farm operation for those who want to continue. For others, reducing the estate tax burden may be the most important reason for estate planning.

When should a person begin estate planning? The answer may depend on your age or the size of your estate. The Agricultural Estate Planning Institute suggests a few simple rules:

Between age 60 and 70 is the best time to start, especially if there is a need to deal with farm succession issues. After age 70, involving children is often best, especially if you are a widow or widower.

Families with estates of \$1 million to \$3 million

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need to do some reading or attend extension meetings or seminars.

The typical farm family involves children working on the farm and children living away who are not involved in the farming operation. The off-farm children may want a share of the farming operation, but may prefer to have the family inheritance in nonfarm property. So the strategy is to preserve the farm operation for those who want to continue, and be fair to those off the farm.

An attorney experienced in estate planning recently pointed out that equality is not always equity. An equitable or fair inheritance need not necessarily be an equal one.

What he meant was that cash given to off-farm heirs may not be equal in value to the farm assets given to those on the farm since the farm assets may not yield as much return as cash placed in nonfarm investments.

The Tax Reform Act of 1976 provided special-use valuation for farm property. The Act allows an executor to exclude from the taxable estate a defined percentage of the value of land, subject to a qualified conservation easement. The Act also provides reduced taxes on certain family-owned business interests, and gradually increases the value of the unified credit exemption from \$625,000 in 1998 to \$1,000,000 by 2006 and later.

Section 2032A, for special use valuation of farm assets, and Section 2057, for the family-owned business interest deduction, are the "magic" tools that experienced estate planning professionals will use to arrange the transfer of farm property from one generation to the next while keeping the tax burden to a minimum. But the rules are very complex and require knowledgeable attorneys and accountants to use them properly.

For estate planning, one of the best investments that farmers and their wives can make is to get help from an experienced financial planner and attorney who understand farming operations and goals of the farm family. The payments to these professionals who understand the complex accounting procedures and tax laws can be a wise investment that could pay off many times in reduced estates taxes and family harmony in future years.

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Public-private partnerships extend to housing developments as well as industrialization and commercial projects.

"Public-private partnerships in local economic development offer many opportunities, but also must overcome a series of obstacles," Walzer said. "In addition to agreeing on specific projects and methods of financing, these arrangements typically involve investments by

cities with clear expectations about results. Monitoring these agreements can pose many challenges for public officials not typically accustomed to managing projects in the private sector."

Walzer said cities have made a variety of investments in these efforts, including technical assistance by city personnel, free land and public services, low-cost loans and worker training programs.

"In a few instances, cities have taken equity positions in projects and share in the profits or losses from the venture," he added. "Many of the cities have built the infrastructure needed for the development to occur, but have allowed businesses wide latitude in creating the ventures."

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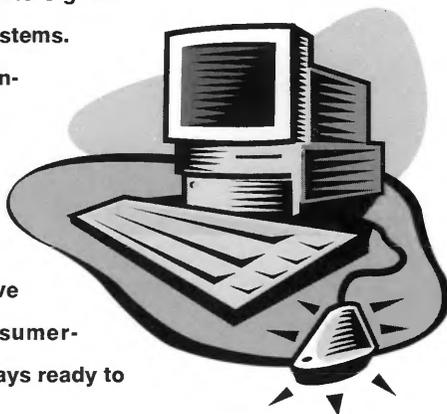
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"I Hit A Brick Wall"

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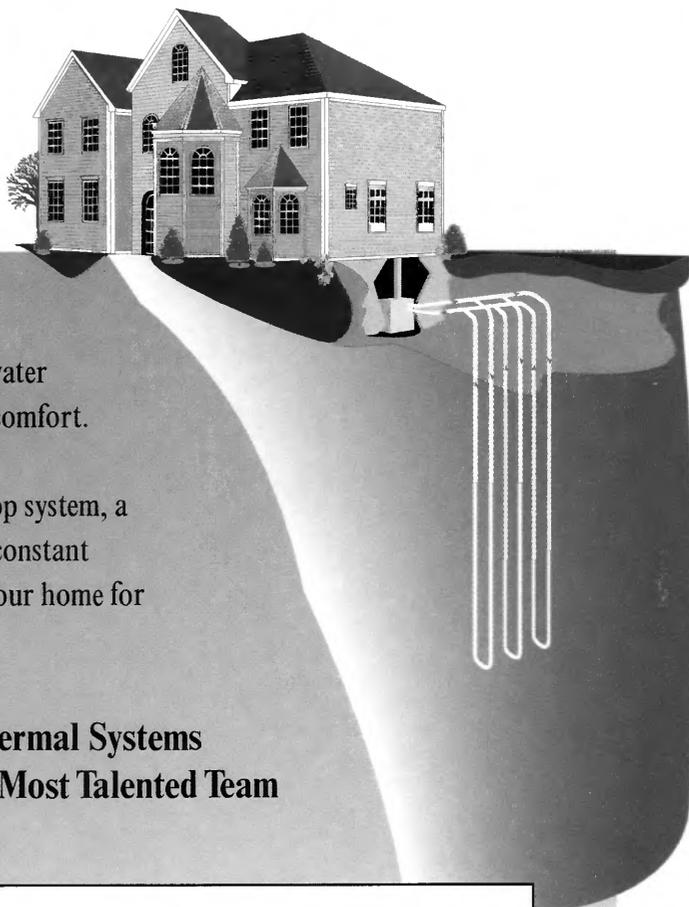
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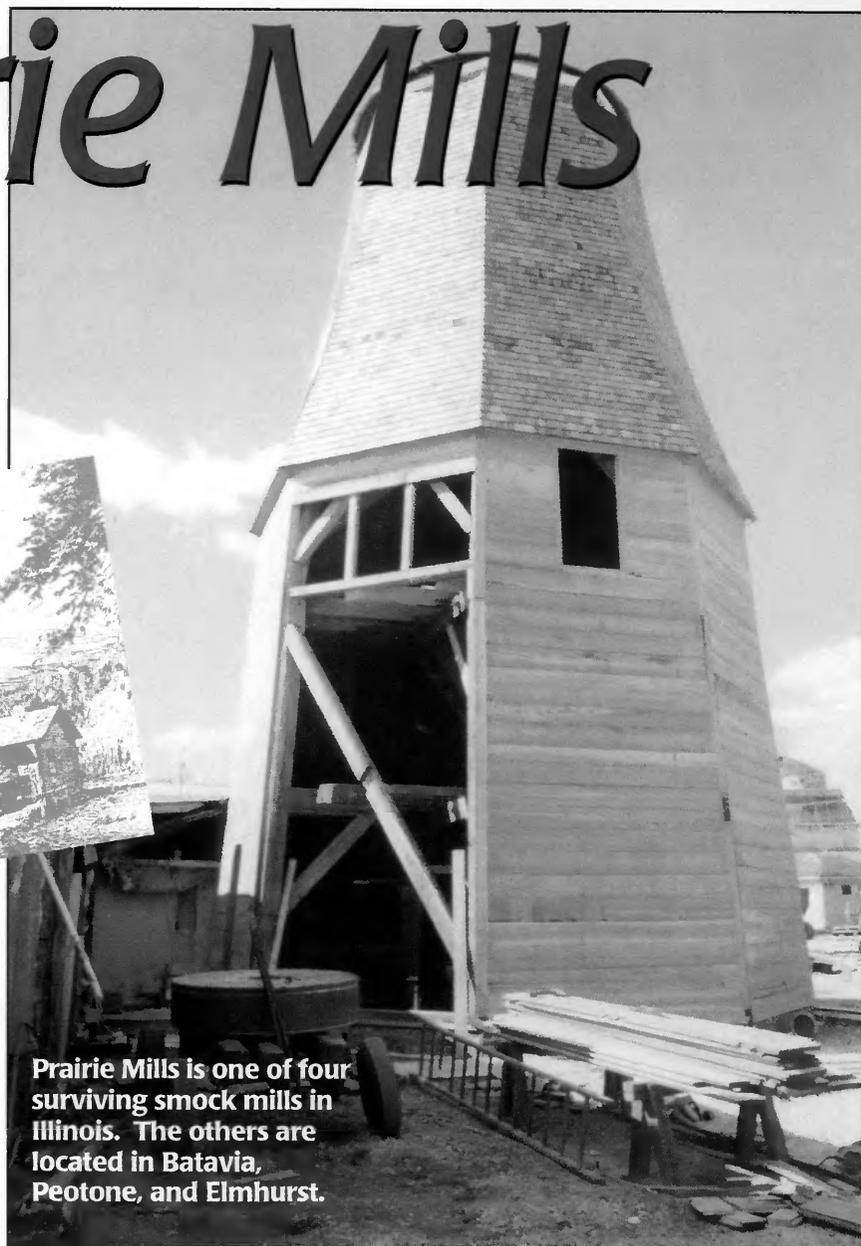
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**story and photos
by Joe Richardson**

Absent the sails it looks like a misplaced lighthouse. An octagonal tower of yellow pine rising from the farmland in west-central Illinois. Since one side has yet to be reconstructed, wind cools the shell's insides. It rises and falls over dormant bits of mill — gears and spindles, sack traps and spurs — mixing century-old chaff with the dust of corn ground at a nearby elevator earlier this afternoon.

For 60 years the millworks clicked and climbed and ticked overhead like the innards of an oversized clock. Grain rained from the upper decks and poured between pairs of ton-and-a-half millstones, where it was chewed into the beginnings of bread.

Outside, beyond the hiss and snap of cracking grain, above the



Prairie Mills is one of four surviving smock mills in Illinois. The others are located in Batavia, Peotone, and Elmhurst.

chatter of farmers, merchants, children and wives, the mill sang. Its arms, 70-foot spans of wood and cloth — sails, they were called — pushed against the prevailing winds, carving sound from air. Together, mill and wind were elegant, inexhaustible, unstoppable. Or so it seemed.

Changes came rapidly to Prairie

Mills. Wooden blades replaced sail cloth. Combustion replaced wind. The blades, made useless by a gas-fired engine, came down and ornamental fans were put in their place.

Even with modifications, Prairie Mills couldn't survive. With the advent of more sophisticated milling technology, the windmill at Golden fell silent. Over time, water sucked bits and pieces from the foundation and rotted the mill's legs and body. The cap — a 14-ton assemblage of wood and iron which swiveled the sails into the wind — bore down on the shell until the entire

Grain was hauled to the mill by horse and wagon. In addition to serving local needs, it was carried out by rail and transported by ship to Europe and the West Indies.

1872

Prairie Mills was built in Golden, Illinois by Henry R. Emminga.

1890s

A windstorm shears the original sails.

1920s

Another storm destroys the wooden blades.



Jim Simpson of Camp Point, a director on the Golden Historical Society board, surveys the restoration.

mill tilted to the northeast. Like many of Illinois' early buildings, the windmill that had served as a center of community in Golden since 1872 seemed destined to become a memory. Then someone tried to buy it.

Where there's a mill...

"The problem was that the mill had been here for 125 years. It had become just another building," says Connie Louderback, president of the Golden Historical Society. "Many people didn't realize what a treasure it was." Louderback says attitudes shifted in 1985 when the village of Benson expressed an interest in purchasing the mill, disassembling it, and reconstructing it in their village park.

Randy Kurfman, vice president of the historical society, agrees that the potential loss of a community cornerstone served as a wakeup call. "There were a couple of gentlemen in town who said: 'Wait a minute. We must have something here. If they want to tear it down and do something with it, maybe we can do the same thing.' They got on the phone, made some calls, and secured enough pledges to get a down payment to the bank." The

Golden Historical Society was formed and restoration efforts launched shortly thereafter.

Louderback says the society's major push for funding came in 1995 as a follow-up to Derek Ogden's assessment of Prairie Mills. The society located Ogden, an internationally renowned millwright based in Madison, Virginia, through SPOOM – the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills. The organization maintains a worldwide directory of mills, millers, and millwrights.

Following Ogden's report, the Historical Society brought legislators and economic development groups through the mill and shared their plans for its future. It was an effective course of action. To date, the state has funded \$300,000 of the restoration, contributing tourism grant matching funds and dollars from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Kurfman says the funding added both emotional momentum and financial validity to the project. "When you start knocking on corporate doors and you have \$350,000 toward a \$450,000 goal, people will support you more than when you had \$50,000 in the bank and were going for \$450,000."

The remainder of the money secured by the society has been



"We basically had to rebuild it from the top down," says contractor Dave Weese (left) of Augusta, shown here with La Prairie resident Bob Teel, his partner in the restoration.



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raised by what Louderback describes as "nickel and dime projects" – dinners, letter writing campaigns, door-to-door solicitations, memorial contributions, and through sales of Prairie Mills memorabilia. While the society reached its financial goal of \$450,000 last year, the money fell short of the mark in terms of renovation. The first phase of the project, which includes renovating the shell, refurbishing the cap, and replacing the blades, is expected to cost about \$200,000 more than the original estimate.

"The problem is, if we try to take one section out, there's no place to stop," Kurfman explains. "With a house you can take a section out and rebuild without losing the entire structure. We basically have a shell. It's like a big set of Lincoln Logs. If you take one piece out, the whole thing goes."

The obvious option, tearing the mill apart and rebuilding it from the ground up, wasn't pursued because so much of the internal machinery – an estimated 75 percent – has hung intact and virtually unchanged for 125 years. In order to preserve the integrity of the millworks, the society opted to shore up the skeleton with steel beams and cribbing and replace the rotted framework a piece at time. Add rising material costs and additional reconstruction to the formula, and you run into a budget deficit.

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1924

A gasoline engine replaced wind as the mill's power source.

late 1930s

The mill ceases operation.

1986

Village of Benson expresses interest in purchasing the mill.

1995

Golden Historical Society receives Ogden report. Pushes for funding.

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"The other problem is that there was no foundation," Kurfman adds. "With a house you have something solid to build on. This had limestone piers under

each of the eight cant posts (legs which support the mill's walls) and creek gravel that served as the other part of the foundation." Now each cant post locks into a sill plate which rests on a founda-

tion made of concrete and brick.

In keeping with generally accepted renovation practices, the Golden Historical Society has worked to maintain as much of the
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Approximately 75 percent of the original machinery is intact.

The wind shaft, which connects to the blades, is cast iron and weighs 4,700 pounds. The bearing in which it rests weighs 340 pounds. Both were cast by the City Foundry in Quincy.

The mill stands 56 feet high at the cap. The sails span 71 feet from tip to tip. Each sail is eight feet wide.

A strong wind could produce 75 horsepower.

The mill used three sets of burr stones for grinding. Each stone weighs approximately 3,000 pounds. A grinding table consisted of revolving runner stone and a bed stone, which was stationary. Grain was fed through the center of the runner stone and pushed out via centrifugal force. The final product fell through the casing to the floor below where it was scooped up and sacked for transport. The mill had a capacity of 500 bushels of grain per day.



Brake Wheel - Cog wheel mounted on the windshaft. Brake contracts around the wheel's rim to stop mill machinery.



Brake Mechanism - Stops blades.

Windshaft - The axle on which the blades are mounted. Drives the wallower.

Wallower - Cogwheel which turns the main shaft.

Main Shaft - Primary driving shaft.



Sack Lift - A rope-wrapped wooden drum which acts as a pulley to lift grain sacks to the mill's third level.



Great Spur Wheel - The main driving wheel for millstones and other power wheels.

Grain Chute - Guides grain into hopper.

Cogwheel - Meshes with smaller cogwheels that drive millstones and machinery.

Sack Trap - Trap door which allows grain sacks access to the third level.

Hopper - A holding station for grain, hangs above vat which holds grain to be ground.



Millstones (Grindstones) - Used in pairs. The bottom stone, or bed stone, is stationary. The top or "runner" stone revolves and lowers onto the bed stone to crush grain.



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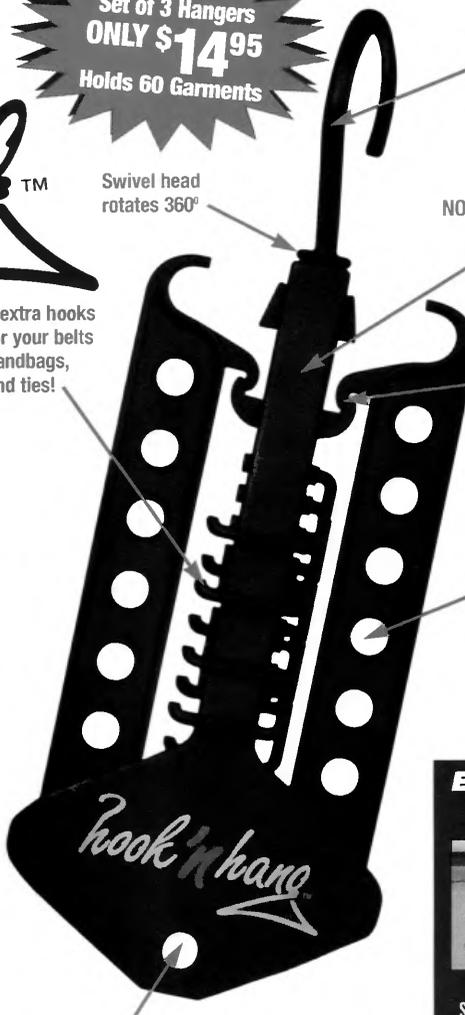
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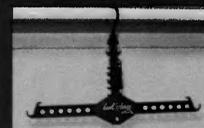


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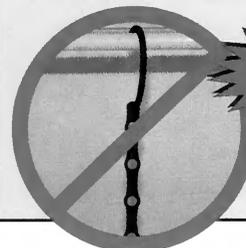


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Volunteer groups need risk management plan



Ruby Lingle

Volunteers are extremely valuable assets to many organizations, agencies and institutions. However, some volunteer activities can involve safety and risk concerns. Protecting volunteers and managing risks is critical to the volunteer organization and the continuation of important community services. Risk management is particularly important in response to The Volunteer Protection Act of 1997. This law applies to volunteers for both nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies and also applies to both board and service volunteers.

A risk is an action or situation that allows the possibility for harm or loss. Risk management can be defined as actions taken to reduce, eliminate or avoid risk and its possible negative consequences. A risk management plan means that all possible risks that may affect those involved with an organization, agency, or institution have been addressed in a printed document.

When developing a risk management plan, the first step is to review all aspects of the group's regular practices or a special activity. Brainstorm and list those things that might go wrong and put the group's assets at risk. What can happen to the people or personnel — the members, clientele, volunteers, or salaried staff? What might happen to the group's or someone else's property, buildings, equipment, materials, or money? Also, be sure to consider the group's ability to continue and those intangibles, such as reputation and image.

After the risks are identified, the next step is to analyze each risk by the likelihood or frequency of such situations occurring and the severity of the consequences if they occur.

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The next step is to develop the management strategy. The alternatives are to:

- Retain the risk - accept it and prepare for the possibility that loss will occur. A group can create a fund to cover such situations or absorb the costs. Risks are retained when the consequences are considered minor.

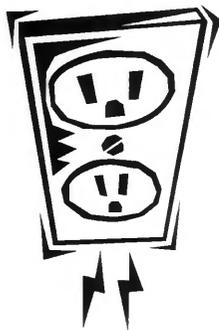
- Reduce the risk - change the activity or conditions that decrease the likelihood that loss will occur. Some ways to reduce risks are selecting and training staff, restricting and securing hazardous areas, developing emergency procedures and providing adequate supervision.

- Transfer the risk - find someone to share some of the risk by contract, agreement or insurance. Contracting with a business can shift the primary responsibility to the contractor, such as a transportation company. A written agreement with a location or organization can be helpful. Carrying insurance transfers the financial part of the risk to the insurer in exchange for payment.

- Avoid the risk - do not conduct the activity. If the risks are too severe and the possibility too great, it is unacceptable to hold the activity. Even a reasonably safe activity may be too risky if stakes are high and insurance at an acceptable cost cannot be secured.

- The final step in the risk management process is another review to determine whether or not to continue planning. Major or minor changes may be required, but protection of assets is the significant issue.

A written risk management plan may be short or lengthy, depending upon the activity or situation. Planning details with the person(s) responsible and a completion date may be listed. Rules or policies of the organization or the event may be included. Information regarding accident and/or liability coverage may be noted. An emergency action plan covering accident, injury, or fire would be helpful in some cases.



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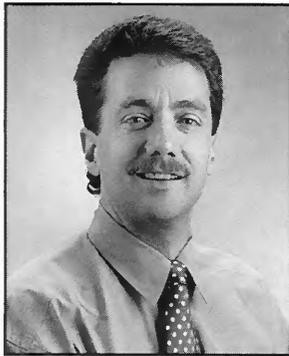
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Garden catalogs

January's gardening can best be summed up in two words — garden catalogs. These harbingers of the coming year actually arrive throughout the year, but the majority come after the holidays with the bills. It's perfect. When you're suffering the blues due to the grays and whites of winter, you can thumb through the pages and dream of next year's garden.



Dave Robson

There are hundreds and hundreds of catalogs. Some have been around for years, such as Burpee's and Park's. Others come and go, and if you don't order something this year, you may never get another catalog.

Some are quite specific. Sitting in a file drawer next to my desk are catalogs devoted specifically to wildflowers, rhododendrons, waterlilies

and hostas. There are two that are specific to tomatoes and peppers, listing more than 250 types of tomatoes and 100 peppers.

A few are no more than mimeographed pages stapled in the upper left corner. Others are as rich and detailed as the finest gardening book.

Catalogs can be a gardener's best friend and worst enemy. They can open up your horizons and make you dream of the nicest landscape in the state. They can cause you to pull out all your hair and bang your head against the ground next summer.

Catalogs allow you the opportunity to get seeds of the plants you want. You may be able to try newer cultivars that aren't generally found in many garden centers or nurseries. Older favorites can still be found. Specific colors, sizes and shapes may only be available through the mail.

Most companies offer seeds, allowing the truly adventurous gardener to experience all the joys and

sorrows of producing their own transplants. If successful, there's probably no cheaper way of obtaining plants. For direct seeding of lettuce, radish, zinnias or marigolds, you can't beat the price catalogs offer.

The flowery descriptions and succulent photographs hook green thumbs, brown thumbs and even black thumbs. Companies make raising that yellow geranium look as easy as pie. Tomatoes are never redder, plumper or oozing with a feeling that one bite will put you in ecstasy. Beware.

Catalogs are created to sell a product. That's all. Some, such as White Flower Farm and Wayside Gardens, might be more encyclopedic, but they still list a price after the item. Prices are similar among many companies, but not always. However, make sure you never go by price alone. You have to throw in guarantees, reputability and shipping costs.

Start with a list. That's first and foremost. What do you really need, and how much? If you only have room for a couple tomato plants, and you prefer Better Boy, it's probably better to stick with transplants bought locally.

Next, look through other catalogs, comparing prices and quantity of seeds. Some catalogs sell cheaper packets of seeds, but there are fewer seeds in the packet.

Look at the guarantee. Most good companies stand behind their seeds and plants. Guarantees are probably more important for actual plants instead of seeds.

Add in the shipping and handling costs. This is the spot where a cheaper seed in one catalog might not be worth it once you've added the expense of shipping and handling. Generally, it's more cost effective to order seeds from a single source, or two at most.

Order early. You never know if there's a shortage on the seed you requested. Last year was a relatively good one, so most seeds will be around. New company introductions and the All America Selection winners may be in short supply.

Request that plants be shipped after April 1. The ground is usually thawed by this time and you should have little or no problem with planting.



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A peek at new windows that save

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A: Vinyl replacement windows are an excellent, reasonably priced choice for almost any home. Since vinyl windows are custom made to fit each window opening, they are not difficult to install yourself. This can cut the overall cost significantly.

Some recent design improvements have made vinyl windows more attractive while still being maintenance-free. Manufacturing technology has improved to the point that many vinyl windows have realistic-looking natural wood grain indoor surfaces. Some of these use baked-on finishes and others attach separate composite wood materials.

Although most people install replacement windows for comfort and convenience (some even have special easy-clean glass), you should notice a measurable reduction in your utility bills. The type of glass you select has the greatest impact on efficiency and energy savings.

The insulation value and airtightness of the frame also has a significant impact on the energy savings. Although a window appears to be mostly glass, a typical vinyl window frame (like my own) accounts for 25% of the wall opening area. Vinyl is a good insulating frame material.

What you will also notice is the reduction in outdoor noise, especially if you select the proper glass option. Glass with safe, dense, argon gas between the panes, instead of just air, helps block outdoor noise. Along with the reduced noise, dust and allergens, there will be less fading of your furniture and carpets.

Most vinyl replacement window designs use multi-chambered, hollow, extruded-vinyl frame and window sash sections. An extrusion process is similar to how

a cookie press works. Select vinyl windows with welded section corners. Welding produces a stronger and more durable joint than just using screws.

The many chambers inside the frame create multiple dead air spaces that provide excellent insulation R-value and strength. Several window manufacturers offer optional foam insulation filling inside these chambers. Although it adds a slight amount of strength, its primary advantage is higher R-value and outdoor noise reduction.

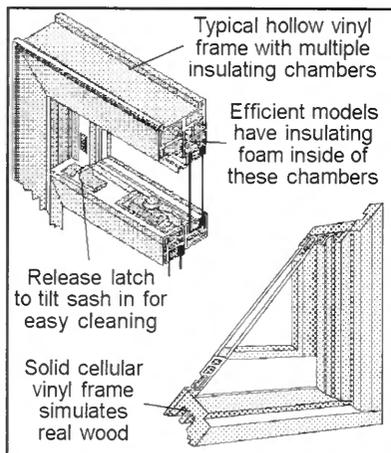
The newest vinyl window design, called Legend, uses a solid, cellular foam main window frame instead of the typical hollow frame. It can be painted and has the look and feel of real grained wood. The remainder of the framing members use single, heavy-wall vinyl instead of multi-chambered members.

Casement replacement windows are becoming more popular due to their high efficiency and security. For convenience, choose a single-handle design with multi-point locks. Casement windows use compression seals when they close for an airtight seal even in a driving storm.

You should also consider secure tilt-turn windows that are popular in Europe. With the turn of a multi-position handle, the window sash either swings in (hinged on side like a casement) or tilts in (hinged on the bottom like a hopper). These are very airtight like casement windows with the same compression seals.

As a minimum, select dual-pane windows with a low-emissivity coating and argon gas in the gap. One of the most efficient, and also very expensive, glass options is Heat Mirror with plastic films stretched between the panes of glass. This stops almost all fading-rays and is available in either hot or cold climate designs. Triple and quad-pane glass is usually only used in very cold areas.

Write for (or for instant download - www.dulley.com) Utility Bills Update No. 689 - buyer's guide of the 20 highest-quality, most efficient vinyl window manufacturers, frame/glass options, styles, colors, features and glass selector data. Please include \$3.00 and a business-size, self-addressed envelope. Mail to: Jim Dulley, Illinois Country Living, P.O. Box 3787, Springfield, IL 62708.



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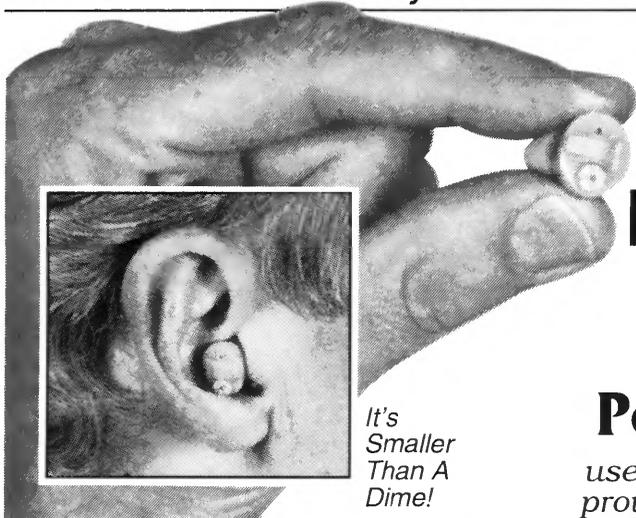
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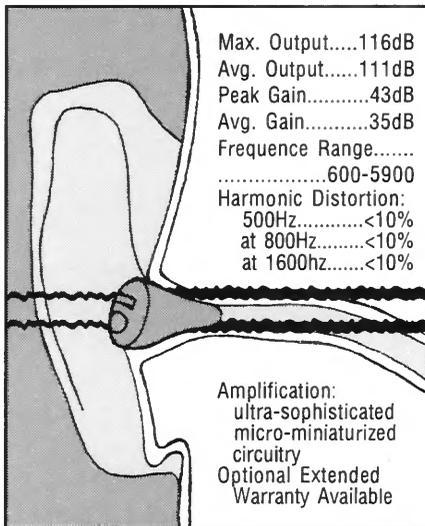
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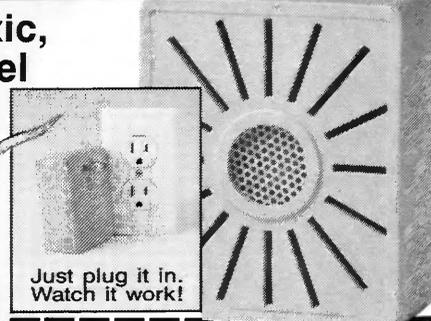
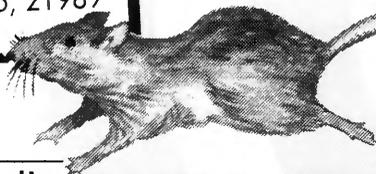
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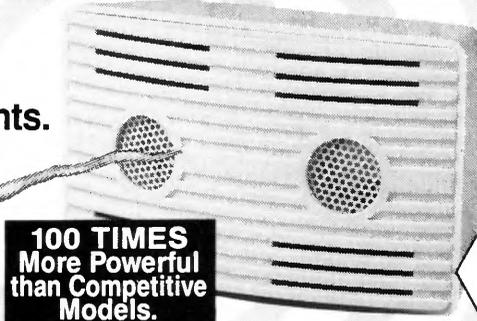
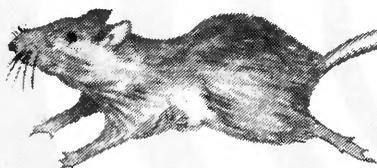
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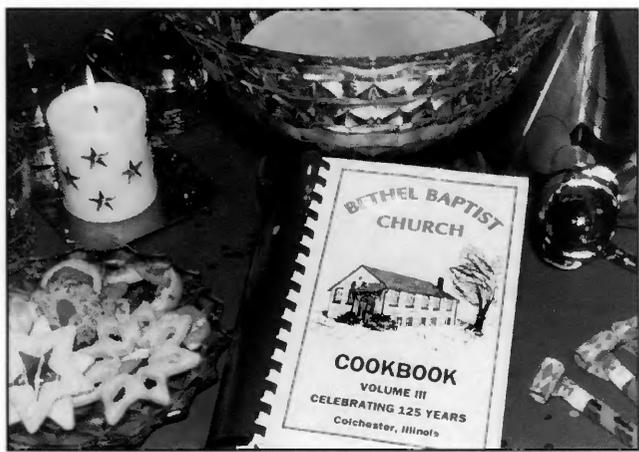
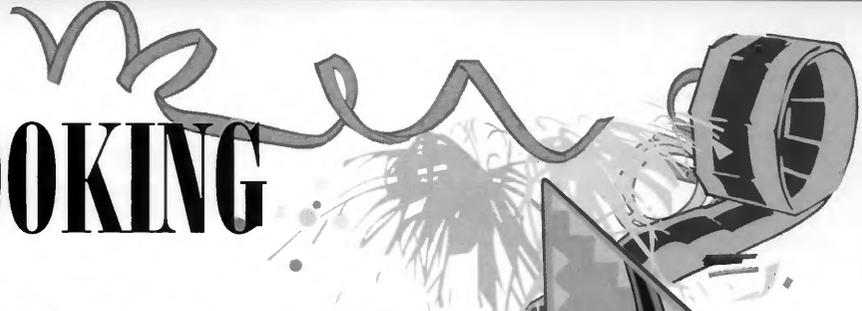
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Betty Shelley

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| 12 large eggs | 2 tsp. vanilla extract |
| 1 1/2 C. sugar | 2 C. whipping cream |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | Nutmeg |
| 2 qts. milk | |

Make the above ingredients 4 hours before serving or earlier. In a heavy saucepan with wire whisk, beat eggs, sugar and salt until blended. Heat 1 qt. milk to just UNDER BOILING, then add to egg mixture. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and coats back of a spoon, about 25 minutes. DO NOT BOIL or it will curdle. Pour custard into a large bowl, stir in vanilla, 1 tsp. nutmeg and remaining 1 qt. milk. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled, about 3 hours or longer. To serve: in a small bowl, beat whipping cream until soft peaks form. With wire whisk gently fold whipped cream into custard mixture. Pour in a punch bowl and sprinkle with nutmeg.

GOOD STRUDEL TOPPING

Betty Frisbie

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| 1 C. flour | 6 T. butter or oleo |
| 1/2 C. brown sugar (packed) | 3/4-1 C. pecans (chopped) |

Put flour, brown sugar and butter in bowl. With fingers, rub in the butter until butter is dissolved. Stir in nuts and mix well. Sprinkle over cakes, pies, muffins or coffee cake before baking. For apple pie, add 1/2-1 tsp. cinnamon to the strudel.

APPLE/FRUIT DIP

Evelyn Hagan

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| 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese (softened) | 1/4 C. white sugar |
| 3/4 C. brown sugar | 1 tsp. vanilla |

Good with apples.

SOUTHERN SESAME BEEF STIR-FRY

Pam Bunnell

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| 2 T. vegetable oil | 1 green onion, chopped |
| 2 T. sesame seeds | 1 C. broccoli, diced |
| 1 1/2 lb. beef tenderloin, cubed | 1 C. carrots, sliced |
| 1 C. celery, chopped | 1 C. water chestnuts, sliced |
| 3 C. cooked brown rice | |

In wok or skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add sesame seeds; toss and heat just until golden, watching carefully. Add beef and stir-fry until meat is tender and lightly browned. Remove beef; set aside. Stir in vegetables and stir-fry until tender crisp, about 5 minutes. Add beef. Season to taste with pepper and soy sauce. Serve over hot, cooked brown rice.

A GOOD DESSERT

Sandra Eddington

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| 1 angel food cake | 1 c. sour cream |
| 1 pkg. lemon instant pudding mix | 1 can strawberry pie filling |
| 1 1/2 C. cold milk | |

Tear angel food cake into bite size pieces. Place in 9x1 3x2-inch pan. In bowl, combine pudding mix, milk, sour cream. Beat until thickened. Spread over cake. Spoon filling on top; chill.

BISCUITS

Patricia Powell

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| 4 C. self-rising flour | 2/3 C. shortening |
| 1 T. baking powder | 2 C. buttermilk |
| 1 T. sugar | |

Do not knead, just roll or pat and cut. Brush with buttermilk. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes. (Fast food biscuits).

Moriah Church of God, Casey

BARBECUE SAUCE

Letha Whitling

1 medium onion, chopped and sauteed
1/2 C. water
1/2 C. catsup
2 T. Worcestershire sauce
2 T. prepared mustard
1/4 tsp. garlic salt
2 T. brown sugar

Simmer until it begins to thicken; add wieners or meatballs.

BROCCOLI-POTATO SOUP

Judy Bolin

1/4 C. chopped onion
3 T. margarine or butter
4 C. boiling water
1 lb. broccoli, cut up
1 pkg. hash brown potatoes
1 1/2 C. milk
1/2 C. whipping cream
1 T. lemon juice
2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

Cook and stir onion in margarine in 3-quart saucepan until tender. Gradually stir in water; stir in broccoli and potatoes. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until broccoli and potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes. Stir in milk and cream; cover and cook over low heat 10 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Stir in remaining ingredients; heat until hot, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with shredded Cheddar or Swiss cheese if desired.

QUICK SALAD

Sharon Stephen

1 C. cauliflower, cut up
1 C. celery, sliced thin
1 C. peas (canned)
1/2 C. mayonnaise
1/2 packet Hidden Valley salad dressing mix

Mix mayonnaise and Hidden Valley well. Add to the other ingredients, mixing well.

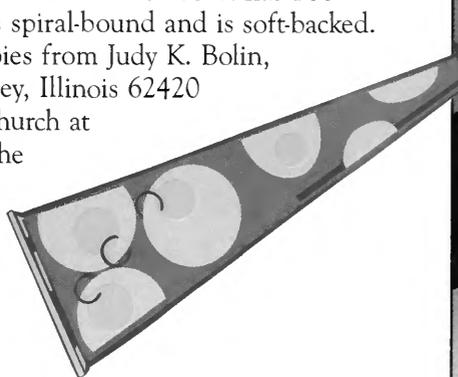
LOW-CHOLESTEROL MEATBALLS

Iline Simpson

1 lb. ground turkey
1/2 c. oat bran, oatmeal, or bread
1/3 C. onion, chopped
1/4 C. skim milk
1 egg white
1 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 bottle chili sauce
1 (10 oz.) jar grape jelly

Combine all ingredients except chili sauce and jelly. Shape into meatballs. Bake at 325° for 20 to 30 minutes. Heat chili sauce and jelly until jelly melts, stirring constantly. Add meatballs. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes.

Moriah Church of God of Casey, Illinois, shares their 1996 cookbook with us. It has 106 pages of recipes, is spiral-bound and is soft-backed. You may order copies from Judy K. Bolin, P.O. Box 133, Casey, Illinois 62420 or call her at the church at (217) 932-4533. The cost of the cookbook is \$6.50 plus \$2 for shipping.



LEFTOVER TURKEY DISH

Marguerite Briggs

In heavy skillet or pan, brown in 2 T. of butter or oleo: 1 tsp. minced onion, 1 tsp. green pepper and 1/2 C. chopped celery. Simmer about 5 minutes, then add 2 C. chopped turkey, 1 can of cream of chicken or mushroom soup, 3/4 soup can of milk, salt and pepper to taste. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

TURKEY PASTA SALAD

Jean Simpson

2 C. corkscrew pasta
1 C. cooked chopped turkey (or chicken)
1 c. chopped celery
1 med. red onion, chopped
1 med. green pepper, chopped
1 (1 oz.) pkg. Ranch dressing mix
1 C. sour cream (8 oz.)
1 C. salad dressing or mayonnaise
1 tsp. garlic salt
1/2 C. slivered almonds
1 tsp. paprika

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse. Place in a 2 1/2 quart salad bowl. Add turkey, celery, onion and green pepper; toss to mix. Combine dressing mix, sour cream, salad dressing and garlic salt. Add to pasta mixture and mix well. Sprinkle with almonds and paprika. Garnish with pepper rings and tomato slices if desired.

BETTER THAN EVER CAKE

Michelle Haley

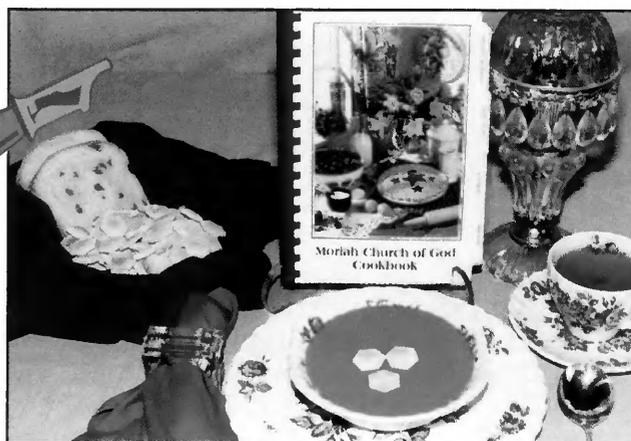
Prepare a Duncan Hines yellow cake mix as directed and bake in 9x13-inch pan.

Pour over hot cake:

1 C. sugar
1 (15 1/2 oz.) can crushed pineapple

Boil together sugar and pineapple for 5 minutes. Pour hot over cake and cool in refrigerator. When cake is cool, slice 2 bananas over top of cake. Prepare 1 small package instant vanilla pudding and pour over bananas. Top with small carton of Cool Whip. Sprinkle with 1 1/2 C. coconut and 1/2 C. chopped nuts. (This cake keeps several days in the refrigerator).

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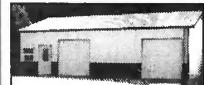
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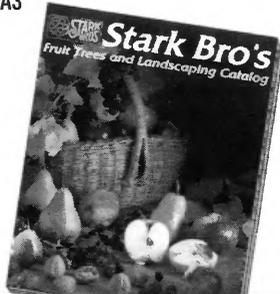


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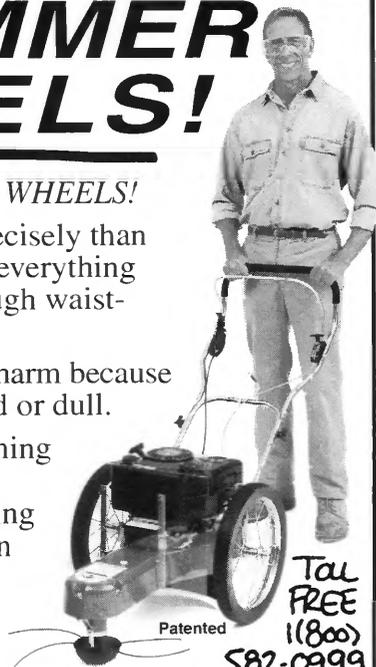
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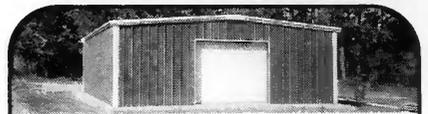
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17, **Volo Bog Winter Fest**, Volo Bog State Natural Area, North of Wauconda off Rt. 12, Ingleside. Live music with indoor and outdoor winter recreational activities. (815) 344-1294.

20-23, **Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition**, Sinnissippi Park, Rockford. Teams of sculptors from across the state shape huge blocks of snow into art. International demonstration teams will also participate. (815) 987-8841.

23, **Historical Archaeology**, Glacial Park, Ringwood. A talk by Sara Pfannkuche about different historical sites in the county and an update on the Powers-Walker House. (815) 678-4431.

23, **An Evening with the Collectors**, DeSoto House Hotel, Galena. See private, unique collections and talk with the folks who have salted away these treasures over the years. Music, hors d'oeuvres, hourly door prizes, silent auction and a "Guess What It Is" table. (815) 777-2211.

23, **Winter Hikes**, Millstone Bluff, Belknap. Explore winter wonderlands. (618) 658-8409.

25, **In Search of Owls**, Severson Dells Education Center, Rockford. Take a hike and tune into a program revealing the secrets of these agile predators of the night. (815) 335-2915.

29-30, **Twin Cities Fishing, Hunting & Boating Show**, Interstate Center, Bloomington. Tackle, fishing and hunting supplies and seminars given by celebrity and local fishermen. (309) 693-9667.

30, **Crossroads International Fair**, Knox College Center for Fine Arts, Galesburg. Annual event featuring booths representing over 40 countries, professional and student performing groups, food and crafts. (309) 341-7225.

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original structure as possible while restoring the structural integrity of the mill. One of the few historical sleights of the hand performed by the society will involve the mill's new blades. Contractors will use a tubular steel stock which is both lighter and more durable than wood. At present the blades, which are easily the most striking feature of the mill, are on hold until the society can find additional funding.

Louderback says other details of the mill's future are still being hammered out, but long-range plans may include transforming Prairie Mills into an interpretive site with guides in period dress, landscaping, and a prairie plot behind the mill. "We would have enough staff, products, and services so that people could actually see the grain being ground," she says, "and a good story line could go along with it."

Louderback, who teaches junior high classes at a nearby school, says it's important that today's kids see what their forefathers did to make a living. "Part of what they are has developed through things like this. We're interested in preserving not only the building itself," says Louderback, "but the craftsmanship, the engineering, the ideas, and the thinking. All those things are going to be preserved here."

Kurfman says the society is targeting 1900 to 1910 as the era it wishes to recreate. "We're looking at that time frame because we can document it extremely well with photographs, and there are also written records that we can look back on from that time."

Trade Winds

While both Louderback and Kurfman say Prairie Mills is worth saving simply for the sake of historic and cultural preservation, they also hope it will reestablish itself as a significant part of the Golden area economy.

"We've got the potential for a lot of tourist traffic. We're directly in the middle of Mormon history," Kurfman says, referring to the Mormon settlement at Nauvoo. "We're an hour and 45 minutes away from

Springfield, and Hannibal (Missouri) is less than an hour away."

Kurfman says the society has already targeted a number of niche markets. "We're going after the motorcoach market, and Quincy has an excellent convention and meetings market," he says. "There are things like spousal tours, side trips, and bank clubs looking for day trips. Plus we'll have to take a strong look at what we're doing

right now with the current festivals. We may want to revamp those and center more around the mill to really enhance the attendance of what we're doing.

"You've got a unique opportunity here," he adds. "This mill is one of four left in the state of Illinois, yet it's one of only a handful left in the United States that is still operable. We have a unique opportunity to teach a forgotten way of life."



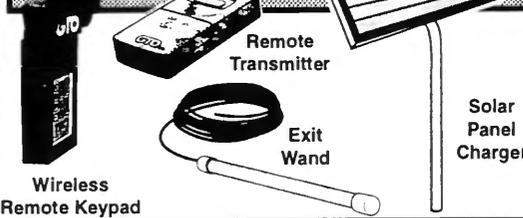
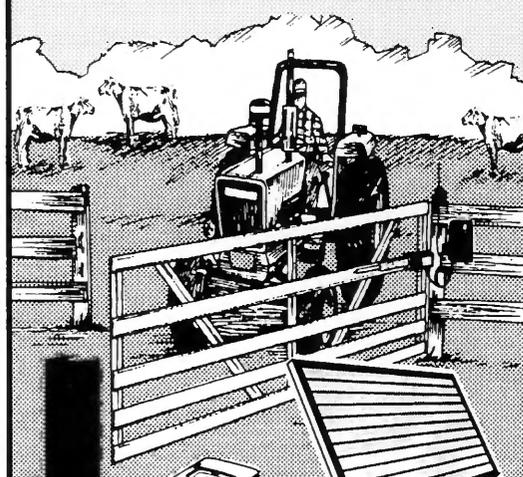
Tours of the mill will be available by appointment beginning this spring. Call (217) 696-2722 for details. For more information on Prairie Mills and its restoration, write to the Golden Historical Society at PO Box 148, Golden, IL 62339, or visit their website at www.windmill.org. The Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM), which works to conserve both water and wind-driven mills, is online at

www.spoom.org. The International Molinological Society (TIMS) provides another comprehensive source of information for anyone interested in mills, millwrights, and the like. You'll find it at <http://tims.geo.tudelft.nl>. All three sites are interesting, well crafted, and worth a visit.

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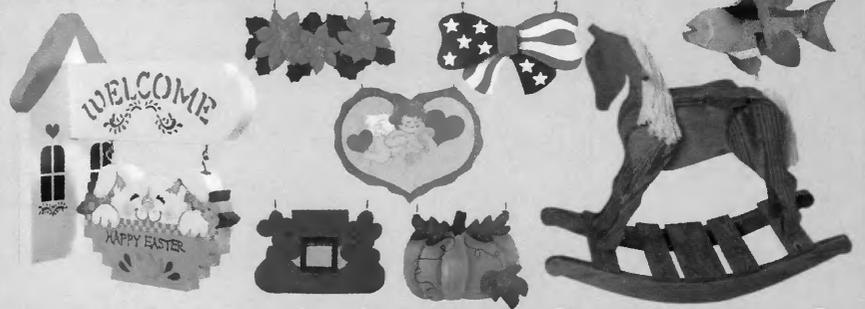
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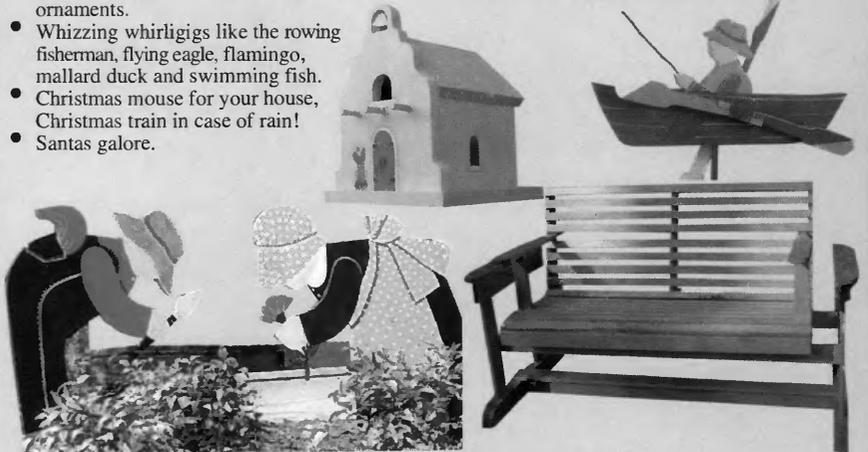
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