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A GIFT OF WORDS

by Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

Ah...summer. There are so many wonderful things to love about summer. Soft quiet nights with tree frogs and crickets...the sound of katydids in the afternoon...the smell of tomato leaves in the garden...iced tea on the porch...wildflowers along the roadside. Simple pleasures.



We have a huge garden and one of my favorite things is taking my coffee and going there first thing in the morning. Jerry likes doing the heavy work; all I have to do is pick. We have lots of vegetables, and cut flowers for my bouquets.

Another reminder about water: even though it's summer, don't forget to turn off your water when you're going to be gone for a few days. Freezing is not the only cause of water damage. I've seen some pretty ugly scenes—buckled floors, dry wall hanging off the ceiling—nothing to do with winter.

Also, don't forget to get your pest control lined up for the ladybug season. It needs to start in September.



A Few Fun Things...

Cedardale in Bloom

Saturday & Sunday
8/3/02 to 8/4/02

9am - 6pm at Cedardale Farm Flowers near Galena. Annual festival of flowers, gardens and crafts.

Tour the gardens, learn a new craft, view or purchase unique arts and crafts by featured artists, enjoy a piece of homemade pie. Free admission. 815.777.1771

Foster Field Aviation Show

Saturday & Sunday
9/21/02 to 9/22/02

7am to dusk at Foster Field Airport near Apple Canyon Lake. Fly or drive in for breakfast, lunch, and an air show. Enjoy displays, vendor booths, a Military Warbird fly by, stunt show by "The Flying Irishman", Young Eagles airplane rides, tethered balloon rides, parachute jumps, flight line tours and an FAA-taught training seminar.

Breakfast: 7-11am; lunch 11am-4pm.
815.492.2510

Real Estate Stats

Comparison Jan - June 2001
Jan - June 2002

In The Territory

Single Family Homes 2001

Homes Sold	35
Average Price	\$ 209,250
Days on Market	270

Single Family Homes 2002

Homes Sold	43
Average Price	\$ 232,824
Days on Market	285

Vacant Land 2001

Land Sold	36
Average Price	\$ 27,243
Days on Market	352

Vacant Land 2002

Land Sold	48
Average Price	\$ 26,190
Days on Market	298

Condos & Townhomes 2001

Homes Sold	14
Average Price	\$ 133,957
Days on Market	430

Condos & Townhomes 2002

Homes Sold	20
Average Price	\$ 121,850
Days on Market	422

Based on information from the Freeport-Galena Area Association of Realtors from Jan. 1, 2001 - June 30, 2001 and Jan. 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002



Sugar, Spice, and Everything Nice...

By Catherine Yutmeyer

Anyone who knows me is familiar with my fetish for exotic and interesting pets. From frogs and turtles to birds and iguanas, I've had quite a variety, but my newest addition tops them all. Gizmo is my one year old sugar glider. He is quite a character! From napping in my pockets to riding in my purse, he does it all. Gizmo has been a great college companion. He attends all my classes and surprisingly hasn't caused any disruptions yet (knock on wood! He's quite well behaved during the day, mainly due to the fact that sugar gliders are



nocturnal animals and so are pretty sleepy during the day. He is quite a riot at night though and loves to attend the college nightlife.

It is hardly surprising that sugar gliders are becoming popular as pets in North America, Europe, and Japan. In addition to their obvious attractiveness and engaging personality, they are also easy to keep. However, sugar gliders are not for everyone. They require a considerable investment in time and energy and a firm commitment to their consistent care.

WARNING!
While sugar gliders may be beneficial to your emotional health, it has been observed that prolonged exposure can lead to an obsessive preoccupation with them, resulting in an overall decline in housework, homework, and television watching. Those affected may develop odd speech patterns in which the words "sugar glider" are uttered in almost every sentence. Those with symptoms of chronic obsessive sugarglideritis (C.O.S) should seek comfort from similarly afflicted individuals. To date, no cure has been found for this highly contagious condition.



IN THE OFFICE...

with Rhonda

SUMMER FUN! After thinking of how quickly time passes and with the school season fast approaching, I spent some time to reflect on wonderful moments that I have had since our last newsletter.

GOLF BENEFIT After months of preparation, the day finally arrived. Like a rookie at Daytona, I jumped from the bed, tripped on the dog, and stumbled to the window to see if the sun was shining. It was! That may have calmed my nerves a bit, but there was a serious race going on in my stomach and I needed a yellow flag... soon. Set-up, registration, and lunch just became one big blur as the morning raced on. Finally...the carts began to roll! What a remarkable site; 144 golfers in 72 carts took to the field for a good cause. At that point, no matter what else happened, I felt we had won the race!

WORK, WORK, WORK, is something I really enjoy doing. Each day provides a new challenge and an opportunity to do something good. I hope that I make the experience easier, enjoyable, and fun. I cannot tell you how lucky I am to work with such a talented and nice group of people. I spend so much time at work it

is important that I enjoy what I do. Every night I go home knowing I have done the best that I can and work with the best there is.

ROOKIE René Budden joined the team on May 22! She even came back the next day! I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed working with René this past month. She came in at a tough time when lots of things were happening, but she jumped in the car, buckled her seat belt, and joined us for the ride of a lifetime!

CATHERINE has been working with us this summer and what a big help she has been. Not only has she lifted a large weight off my shoulders assisting me with lots of stuff, she has been an instrumental part of the training process with René. I certainly will miss her when she returns to UW Madison this fall.

With all this help in the office I finally decided to take a long weekend...and what a weekend it was!

DALE EARNHARDT JR., BASEBALL, THOROUGHBREDS, AND CHER! I was able to see Dale Earnhardt Jr. at one of my



Here we are...buying lots of stuff at the races old hang-outs (as you can see from the photo), watch a very long Cubs game, bet on a few horses, danced at the Cher concert, and best of all...see the Winston Cup



Tropicanna 400 race at Chicagoland Motor Speedway. It was wonderful spending time with old friends, many of which I have not seen in 4 years. Several people had made this possible and I thank them with all my heart! It was an extremely busy week-

end, but one I have dreamed of having for a long time.

Beautiful weather, lots of fun, and some friendly competition made for an absolutely terrific day! A big thanks to all our many golfers, dinner guests, and sponsors for helping us raise more than \$4,500 for the Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living - Jo Daviess County Division.

1st Annual Northgate Builders GOODWILL GOLF Benefit

Network Realty; Flynn Ready Mix; United Building Center; R.T.&T Enterprises; Galena Greenhouse; IZSO Architecture P.C.; Galena State Bank and Trust; Galena Realty, Ltd.; Floor Emporium; A-Title Escrow Company; Schultz Appliance;

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Jerry Dupasquier, Matthew Roberts, our inspiration, Kathy Fisher, Executive Director NICIL, Bill Roberts, Matthew's Father



Like we said...lots of fun!



Registration Madness!!!

Co.; ABC Supply; Holland Plumbing; Red Hawk Ridge Properties; Hometown Quality Construction; Mautz Paint; Bäder

Bank; Spahn & Rose Lumber; IIW Millwork; Holland Heating; First Community Bank; Coldwell Banker

John & Jean Prellberg; Hank & June Dupasquier; Cindy's Catering; Bill & Diane Roberts; and Rick & Tony with Menards.

TOOLBOX TRIVIA

By Jerry Dupasquier

WEDDING BELLS were ringing over the 4th of July holiday for Brad and Keri Werner. Brad has been with us for several months and all I can say...GOOD LUCK KERI.

"The Best Never Rest"

Sign on Carl Anderson's Truck

THE 1ST ANNUAL NORTHGATE BUILDERS Goodwill Golf Benefit was a success!! I was so thrilled with all the support we received that Northgate Builders will sponsor the event again next year. Look for more information in our May 2003 newsletter.

HERE'S SOMETHING FUN TO DO

Take a scenic bicycle ride with our neighbors at Velocity Sports. 8-11 am at various locations in the tri-state area. 15-20 mile family ride through the beautiful rolling hills and Mississippi River valley. Donations accepted. 815.776.9075. www.velocity-sports.com

GRILL TIME

One of my favorite items on the grill is roasted vegetables. Using whatever vegetables you like, marinate in Italian dressing for a short time, then grill in a grilling basket until blackened, basting often. Simple and wonderful!

JERRY'S RESTAURANT PICK...

The Rafters
Lena, IL

This new restaurant, located adjacent to Old Mill Furnishings and the Red Barn, is such a treat. The food is excellent and the service outstanding. A great place to stop for dinner on your way in or lunch on the way home.

Rookie: René Budden



Hi! I am René Budden aka: *schnoockums*. I am a new member of the Galena Realty, Northgate Builder's team. I live in Hazel Green, Wisconsin with my husband, Jackie and two almost-adult, teenage sons Ryan and Nicholas.

Although I am enjoying the work here, the ad for this position was missing a few things. It should have been something like this:

Wonderful opportunity for anyone willing to work hard and have fun doing it. Applicant must be tri-lingual speaking English, Construction, and Real Estate. Must be a team player. Die-hard Cub and Earnhardt fans only! Will train or at the least convert.

Lucky for me, my family and I are die-hard fans. So watch what you say, because Rhonda now has an ally. As for tri-lingual...I am catching on quickly!

I had the pleasure of meeting some of you at the golf outing; it was nice putting a face and name with a voice. Through time, I look forward to meeting everyone else. I know it is going to be an adventure working here, and I am thoroughly looking forward to it



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that is all there is of you.
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