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A GIFT OF WORDS

Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

Many people have commented that they haven't seen a newsletter recently, and they're right...it's been a while! We've just been busy. I'm proud to tell



you that Darling Daughter Catherine Yutmeyer graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and is now a member of the 2007 Physician's

Assistant class at Rosalind Franklin School of Medicine in North Chicago.

The Jo Daviess county real estate market continues to be hot and has contributed to a fantastic start for the first half of 2005. In doing the research for our real estate statistics, I also looked back to 2002 to see how it compared. The amount of lots sold in The Territory has almost doubled to 78 in the first half of 2005 from 47

If we run out of houses to sell, I guess we can sell tomatoes from our garden. Jerry has been busy with his 30 tomato plants, some of which I started from seed. Last year our favorite in the tomato testings was the heirloom Amish tomato, Brandywine, so we planted 11 other heirloom varieties this year. Many

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Always
maintain
a kind of
summer
even in
the middle
of winter.

- Henry David Thoreau -

Real Estate Stats

January - June 2005

In The Territory

Single Family Homes

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Homes Sold | 54 |
| Average Price | \$266,017 |
| Average Days on Market | 193 |

Vacant Land

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Land Sold | 78 |
| Average Price | \$ 33,292 |
| Average Days on Market | 241 |

Condos & Townhomes

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Homes Sold | 33 |
| Average Price | \$146,903 |
| Average Days on Market | 101 |

In Galena

Single Family Homes

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Homes Sold | 20 |
| Average Price | \$144,229 |
| Average Days on Market | 156 |

In Jo Daviess County

Single Family Homes

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Homes Sold | 33 |
| Average Price | \$172,556 |
| Average Days on Market | 216 |

Based on information from the Freeport-Galena Area Association of Realtors from Jan. 1, 2005 June 30, 2005.

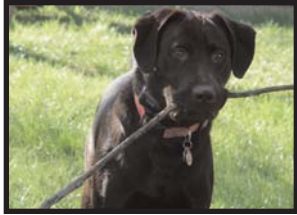
IN THE OFFICE

with Rhonda

ON THE WEB...

Galena Realty and Northgate Builders both have new updated websites. They are definitely worth taking a look!
www.galenahomes.com
www.northgatebuilders.com

THE DOG HOUSE



Frankie just had his 1st birthday and has lived to celebrate!

As I reflect on the past year, I think of all the things he has collected in his kennel. Yeap, Frankie is a kleptomaniac. Over the past year, I have found a variety of things, some destroyed, some not. Besides the normal shoes, blankets, pillows, scarves, gloves, hats, he has helped himself to my PDA, cell phone, wallet, purse, keys, software, money, credit cards, uncashed checks, plane tickets...well you get the idea. Most of my possessions have the identifying dog bite marks on them clearly stating to the world, *I have a puppy and have lost complete control of my home!*

On a recent trip to the vet, Dr. White asked, "Now that you have had Frankie for a while have you come up with any

nicknames? What do you call him?"

With exhaustion, I reply, "FRANK-LIN COLE, 'cause he's always in trouble!"

Nothing can compare to the companionship and love that I get from my wonderful pup, Frankie. He is the love of my life.

THE BOOKSHELF

Rhonda's Shelf

- Blink, Malcom Gladwell

Jerry and Linda's Shelf

- The Broker, John Grisham
- Strange Fits of Passion, Anita Shreve
- The Great Bridge, David McCullough

Linda's Shelf

- The Morning Glory Vine, Jetta Carleton (out-of-print...this is one of my favorite books that I reread every few years - find it at your library or online)
- Evening, Susan Minto

If The Secret Life of Bees was one of your favorite books, I don't recommend Sue Monk Kidd's recent novel, The Mermaid Chair. If you've read it, send me your thoughts.

A GIFT OF WORDS, CONT'



nurseries now carry the heirloom varieties, and I don't think there will be a need to

turn the dining room into a tomato nursery next winter.



We love our covered back porch and the long, panoramic views. It's

our favorite morning place for coffee and bird and critter watching. We have a multitude of honey bees swarming around a hole in a cherry tree, and several times this summer they have become a large mass on the side of the tree, with hundreds of bees piled on top of each other...then after a few hours, they are gone. Can anyone explain this?

TOOLBOX TRIVIA

By: Jerry Dupasquier

PREVENTING WATER DAMAGE

Once again, my usual reminder - turn off your water ANYTIME you are going to be away, winter and summer. Usually a water leak starts from something very simple, such as a break in the toilet or the water line to the refrigerator. I know we've said this many times, but it's worth repeating in every newsletter.

ASIAN BEETLES

Don't forget...get your Asian beetle control lined up now, and start spray-

ing no later than mid-September.

JERRY'S RESTAURANT PICK

For an absolute treat you must try Savanna Crossings in Savanna on Route 84 across from Mississippi Palisades. This restaurant is owned by Gary and Sylvia Vehmeir of Rafters, Old Mill Home Furnishings, and The Red Barn fame in Lena, so you know it's going to be good!

Ask to sit in the boat house booth.
273-5014

COMING SOON...

12 Haven Lane is the new home that we will have on the 3rd Annual Galena Parade of Homes. Just wait until you see what we have done with a few sticks and stones!

OPEN HOUSE...

5 Hillside Lane, a new design, is open weekends. Check our website for times.

GOODWILL GOLF BENEFIT

This year's event will take place Saturday, July 30, at the Galena Golf Club. Although golf is sold out, dinner tickets are still available. We have a page on our website with photos from previous events. Log on at: www.northgatebuilders.com.

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Blueberry Sauce

from Bryant's Blueberries in New Salisbury, Indiana

One of my favorite summer memories of years past is blueberry picking at Bryant's with daughter Catherine, and long-time dear friend, Kathlynn. We would make a day of the adventure, having lunch and shopping in nearby Corydon. I've made this quick and easy recipe many times to serve over ice cream or a plain cheesecake. Store leftovers and use like jam on pancakes, waffles, or French toast.

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 2c. thawed berries | 1 T. cornstarch |
| 1/4 c. orange juice | 1/4 t. grated orange peel |
| 1/4 c. water | 1/8 t. nutmeg |
| 2T sugar | dash of salt |

Combine the above ingredients in a saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat 4 - 5 minutes or until thickened. Refrigerate leftovers. Yields 2 cups.



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Where the sign at the door says, "Because Nice Matters"

Make plans for
Annual Parade of Homes
October 15 and 16, 10am- 4pm each day

presented by U.S Bank

Tickets can be purchased at the two U.S Bank locations in Galena and U.S. Bank on West Street in Dubuque. Advance tickets are also available at Sullivans Foods in Stockton - \$7

Ticket the days of the events will be available at Spikes Bar and Grill and Eagle Ridge Inn - \$10.

<http://www.galenaparadeofhomes.com>

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