

# Hills & Homes

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A Newsletter for Friends and Clients of Galena Realty, Ltd.

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## A GIFT OF WORDS

by Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

Dear Friends and Clients

It's the end of April as I am writing, and I can't believe it's sleeting and we have a fire in the fireplace! Surely, it's the last of the bad, cold weather, and I can start playing in the garden and taking flower pictures. Eagle Ridge does such a fantastic job of mass tulip plantings, so I always have a variety of sites for close-up shots for my greeting cards. This time of year, I have my camera with me at all times.



Spring has also brought about another event - our uninvited guests have finally departed. I'm talking about those annoying bugs, the Asian Lady Beetles. Tom Saccomanno of McCloud Pest Control gave me some interesting reading material. I found the lady beetles are beneficial and an important predator in the garden; they eat aphids, mealy bugs, mites, and insect eggs. That's in the warm weather. Otherwise they're hanging around in the house by the hundreds. One day I even found one inside the egg carton in the refrigerator!!! These pests come in during the fall searching

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## A Few Fun Things...

We have a new e-mail  
info@galenahomes.com

### 1st Annual Northgate Builders Goodwill Golf Benefit June 23

Helping the Disabled People of  
Jo Daviess County  
Limited Space Available  
Call for Reservations  
815.777.3700

### 6th Annual Galena Garden Walk June 29 - 30

Sponsored by  
The Friends of Galena Public Library.  
Headquarters at the Library  
601 S. Bench Street, Galena  
Contact Linda Weeder  
815.777.0875

## Real Estate Stats

First Quarter 2002

### In the Territory

#### Single Family Homes

16 Homes sold at an average price of \$228,550 and remained on the market for an average of 327 days.

#### Vacant Land

22 properties sold at an average price of \$32,120 and remained on the market for an average of 309 days.

#### Condos & Townhomes

8 Multi-family homes sold at an average price of \$124,187 and remained on the market for an average of 377 days.

### In Jo Daviess County

#### Single Family Homes

10 Single family homes sold at an average price of \$77,100 and remained on the market for an average of 249 days.

### In Galena

#### Single Family Homes

7 Single family homes sold at an average price of \$151,700 and remained on the market for an average of 179 days.

Based on information from the Freeport-Galena Area Association of Realtors from Jan. 1, 2002 - March 31, 2002.



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for places to overwinter. They are attracted to warmth and light. Tom recommends having the outside of your house sprayed in mid-September, mid-October, and mid-November. Once they are inside, the best you can do is just keep them vacuumed. Sealing and caulking cracks and openings, especially on the brighter, sunnier sides of the house helps, too.



Here's a guest you are sure to want at your home - Steve Buss of Advance

Technologies. He comes to your house and actually performs magic, gathering *all* your remotes, throwing them in the garbage and giving you one - *yes, just one* - remote for each TV. It works everything, the TV, VCR, DVD, everything. Give him a call at 877.TECH.777 or 815.369.9177. He's made life a lot easier at our house, and Jerry's blood pressure is way down. Steve also did a magical job with our outdoor sound system and surround sound in our lower level. We're proud to add Steve to our team.

Our 1st annual golf outing is going to be quite the event. Better sign up now for this fun team, even if you're

not a golfer. You can still join us for dinner for only \$10.



Happy Summer! I'm looking forward to lots of dinners outside, evenings in the garden, home-grown tomatoes, and iced tea on the porch. My darling daughter, Catherine, will be home soon from UW-Madison and will be helping in the office again this summer. I'm tickled pink at the prospect of getting to see her almost every day. 🌸



## IN THE OFFICE...

with Rhonda

**SAFE HAVEN** is a wonderful organization for the homeless pets of Jo Daviess County. If you're thinking of getting a new pet, consider adopting. I adopted my pooch Ridge, a real race fan, through them, and what a wonderful dog he is (notice his Dale Jr. collar)! Their website is <http://www.safehavenforpets.org/>



make a mistake. Please let us know if you find any errors so we can correct them. For example, in the November 2001 issue we used the word affluent instead of effluent when describing septic system filters. There is nothing like a filthy rich septic filter. Oops! Thanks for the correction, Liz.

**I AM FINISHING** this semester at Clarke College with classes in Editing and Advertising Design & Production. Tons of work, but a lot of fun. Try taking the online spelling test at: <http://sentex.net/~mmcadams/spelling.html> It is amazing the things we forget. I found it interesting to say the least. My ad design class is filled with extremely talented individuals that are in or soon will be joining the work force. The design team I was on did a commercial for the Dubuque Rotary Club that should be posted on the class website now. Check it out and see some of the work we have been doing:.

[http://garyolsen.com/GoClarke/Ad\\_design\\_class/](http://garyolsen.com/GoClarke/Ad_design_class/)

**TALLADEGA!** Need I say more! What an exciting race. I was absolutely sick about the red flag; I thought of all the things that could go wrong. Could it have ended any other way? An exciting victory for Jr. and the number 8 team!!!



**TRAINING DAY** at the office! Recently Northgate Builders purchased a new laser transit in our attempt "to be the best we can be," as Linda would say. Jerry, Duane, our archi-

tect Adam, and I worked with Tim and Tim of Precision Equipment acquiring some new skills. The combination of building expertise, foundation layout, architecture, and computer skills made this quite the group. With our guidance, Aaron Brown, a young member of Northgate Builders, will now be doing the foundations layouts. He is a natural whiz on this machine and enthused with his new responsibility.

**EDIT, EDIT, EDIT...** We spend a lot of time editing the newsletter before sending it on its way. However, we still can

The plans are well underway for the 1st Annual Northgate Builders Goodwill Golf Benefit. The response to our day of friendly competition has been extraordinary. Scheduled for Sunday, June 23 at high noon, it is the event you cannot miss. An expected 144 golfers will participate in the "Best Ball" competition to help our physically challenged neighbors realize their full potential.

To make the day even more exciting, we have lots and lots of prizes donated by our many sponsors. There will be three different hole-in-one prizes including a brand-new 2002 Buick Century; 4-day, 3-night golf trip to Palm Coast Florida; and a GMAC® Smart Care Plan and 3 Nike® wedges! Other prizes include: shirts, golf balls, putters, hats, and other really neat stuff.

If you are interested in joining us for golf, dinner, or just some fun - call and make your reservations, space is limited.

815.777.3700. Golf is \$50 per person (*single, double, and foursomes are welcome*) Dinner only is \$10 per person. Donations are also accepted.

## 1st Annual Northgate Builders Goodwill Golf Benefit

All proceeds from this event will be donated to charitable organizations that assist the handicap people of Jo Daviess County realize their dreams and potential. Please join us in giving back to the community that has given us so much.

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## TOOLBOX TRIVIA

By: Jerry Dupasquier

THERE is never a dull moment around here. What started as a "thank you" lunch for the extremely talented men of Northgate Builders, turned into a surprise celebration for Kevin. Congratulations to



Hmmmm?

Kevin and Dana on their upcoming bundle of joy.

2000 USES for WD-40 and other interesting facts can be found at the WD-40 fan club web site:

[fanclub.wd40.com/login.cfm](http://fanclub.wd40.com/login.cfm)

As crazy as that sounds, there are some unusual ways to use WD-40. For example, it removes all sorts of glues from stickers to tape residues, shines bronze sculptures, and removes crusted stuff

from cages, bottle stoppers, and stoves. For the artist, spray WD-40 on poster board for a different textural background, and for the baseball player, spray WD-40 on a slip and slide for indoor sliding practice. The club is free to join and at the least provides some interesting reading. You never know what little tidbit is waiting to be discovered.

BLUEGRASS & FOLK MUSIC fans can spend Sunday afternoons at Mud Lake in Dubuque enjoying the sounds and sights of the Mud Lake Music Society and their guests. Kick back and enjoy the music or bring an instrument and they will teach you to play. Admission is free; donations are accepted. If interested, send us an e-mail and we will inform you of information as it becomes available.

### JERRY'S RESTAURANT PICK...

Fort Pub Restaurant

Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Dine on out-of-this-world seafood while watching the sunset over the river/marsh. Hilton Head is a great winter get-away.

Speaking of restaurants... once again, our gracious host of Fried Green Tomatoes, Fred Bonet, went all out for his annual

customer appreciation dinner and 9th anniversary celebration last week. Not only were we blessed with a never ending buffet of incredible delicacies that tantalize the taste buds; but, we had the pleasure of seeing some of our



Boyd and Marcy Meyer with our host, Fred Bonet, celebrating with spirit.

favorites locals dressed in TOGAS!!! Each year Fred has shown his appreciation to his loyal fans with an incredible party. There is always a theme to make the evening even more of a pleasure. Thank you so much, Fred!



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If we had no winter,  
spring would not be so pleasant.  
- Anne Brandstreet -

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