Hills & Homes

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A Gift of Words

Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

How about that Rhonda?!! I wish I only had half the drive, zeal, determination, and energy that Rhonda Prellberg has. When you read the article on our golf outing, you will see that we are donating this year's proceeds to scholarships for non-traditional students. If you are wondering what a non-traditional student is, look no further than the center of this page. She obtained her degree by starting her mornings at Curves, being at the office by 7:30 a.m., then donning her jeans and backpack in the late afternoon for nightlife as a college student. Feeling that she will rust if she rests, she did a home-study course (as a surprise to me) in the spring after completing her course work and obtained her real-estate broker's license! Rhonda, we are very proud of you!

We are pleased to be working with the Galena Territory Foundation as an avenue to distribute the proceeds of our golf outing. As a former teacher of vocational education, this is a subject near and dear to my heart. Non-traditional students (the 26-year old who decides to go to college, the single Mom who needs some job skills…) usually falls between the cracks for financial assistance. Applications are available online at the golf website www.northgatebuilders.com/golf or by calling us at 815.777.3700.

My usual reminder: turn off your water, even though it is summer, and even if you're in your second home every weekend.

GRADUATION DAY

Nineteen years after I completed High School, I walked across the stage to accept my diploma as I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Clarke College. Who would have thought!

And now...on to graduate school. I have applied and accepted to University of Dubuque MBA program. The only thing I will be reading this summer, The Official Guide to the GMAT Test.

Real Estate Stats

January 2004 - May 2004

In The Territory

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	37
Average Price	$243,732
Average Days on Market	195

Vacant Land

Land Sold	46
Average Price	$ 26,640
Average Days on Market	405

Condos & Townhomes

Homes Sold	28
Average Price	$139,507
Average Days on Market	291

In Galena

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	23
Average Price	$152,408
Average Days on Market	174

In Jo Daviess County

Single Family Homes

Homes Sold	25
Average Price	$106,816
Average Days on Market	180

Based on information from the Freeport-Galena Area Association of Realtors from Jan. 1, 2004 May 31, 2004.

IN THE OFFICE

with Rhonda

HOME AND GARDEN

Ahhhh, the magic of spring. The benefits of moving into a new home in the middle of winter, are seeing all the wonderful treats blooming in spring. From the depths of the mud piles came an array of old-fashioned goodness. Lily-of-the-valley, peonies, ferns, violets, hydrangeas and more!

I admit, leisurely gardening is not the way things work with me or at my house! On the first nice weekend, I tore up a great deal of the yard and built a flagstone patio; ripped up some lawn in the front and planted some day lilies; and moved several peonies for brick repairs. After that, it was another six weeks before I had a weekend free.

The next free weekend, I tore up the rest of the front lawn and planted an array of flowers; transplanted all the ferns; tore up the lawn around the patio; planted a mix of perennials, vegetables, and herbs; removed the rest of the "yuk" from the side of the house; then planted daisies, cone flowers, and climbing roses. I was too late to order the fragrant "Black Beauty Rudbeckia" perhaps...next year.

When the rain stops, I will finish the patio with limestone and gravel. Then I can relax and enjoy the garden and patio as I sit back with a cold glass of ice tea and study for the GMAT test!

THE BOOKSHELF

Rhonda's Shelf

- Crazy Ladies, *Michael Lee West*

Lou Strobhar's Shelf

- The Cruelest Miles, *Gay Salisbury*
- Land that Moves, Land That Stands Still, *Alan Cheuse*

Vickie Shipman's Shelf (Linda's Sister)

- The Hurried Woman, *Dr. Brent Bost*

WEEKEND GETAWAY

43 Springcreek Lane

2BR, 2BA golf villa located at the Eagle Ridge South Golf Course. Sold completely furnished. Wooded setting. Close to walking trails. Perfect place for a weekend escape or rental. Has current rental license..$126,000

FINE LIVING AT A GOOD PRICE!

1 Horizon Lane

Relax on the front porch and take in the wonderful native plants in the surrounding professionally designed perennial gardens. 3BR, 3.5BA custom home by Northgate Builders. Main floor living, 3-car heated garage, large family room, lots of storage, and many extras...$399,900

TOOLBOX TRIVIA

Jerry Dupasquier

The 3rd Annual Goodwill Golf Benefit promises to be a fun-filled day for all who attend. Participants will compete for some great golf items ranging from putters and shirts, to golf balls and hats. This year, for the first time, we'll also have a silent auction for other special items, including an authentic Chicago Cubs jersey signed by Ron Santo (a sports novelty usually available only through the team) and tickets to a Cubs game. You may even catch a glimpse of Jerry's grandson, Seth! Though space is limited, there are still openings for golfers (singles, doubles and foursomes welcome - $55 per person). For reservations, call 815.777.3700 or visit www.northgatebuilders.com/golf . Monetary donations, prizes and silent auction items are also accepted.

Don't golf?
Join us for dinner and the silent auction $10.00 per person

Scholarships for Non-Traditional Students Funds from this year's Goodwill Golf event will be donated to the Galena Territory Foundation for adult education assistance.

Northgate Builders has developed two programs, "*Building Excellence Through Education*" and "*Communication Excellence*" to provide additional funding for adult students. The Building Excellence program is open to Jo Daviess County residents who pursue coursework to complete their education in a 2-year or a 4-year degree program; vocational education; pre-license coursework, or job skills training.

The Communication Excellence Program is open to a Timesaver student majoring in Communications at Clarke College; who has a grade point average of 3.0 or above, demonstrates a desire to enter the business community as a communications professional, and exhibits a commitment to community involvement.

The future of our community is based on how we all can help each other and what we can offer. Northgate Builders is committed to assisting people reach their educational goals and personal potential, while giving back to our wonderful community.

Attention Friends, Family, and Clients!
Stop by and see us!

PREMIERING JULY 4TH WEEKEND

534 Territory Drive

Open Houses scheduled
Saturday, July 3
and Sunday, July 4

Say hello and view Jerry's latest and greatest creation from Northgate Builders. This 4200 s.f., 4BR and 4.5BA home with main floor living features all the "Wow!" details you have come to expect from Northgate Builders. Yes, guys, there's a heated "Monster Garage", too. And, of course, it is beautifully furnished by Sylvia of Old Mill of Lena.

If you miss us on the July 4th weekend, we'll be there other weekends through the summer, too. But, hurry because you know it won't last long!.....$599,900

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A Few Fun Things...

New Shopping Experiences in Galena

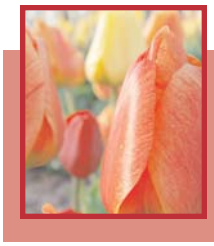
Vignettes 229 S. Main Street

Galena View Antique Store on Highway 20

Gustafson and Greg Consignment Shoppe at 212 N Main Street

and for plant addicts

Fritz's Nursery on Highway 20, Stockton



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