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Preserving the ♥ of Romeoville

The official newsletter of the
Romeoville Area Historical Society



SPRING ISSUE 2015

Our second fundraiser, at Windy City Grill, was a success. We received a percentage of all sales for the day, not just from the people who asked to have their purchases included. A book was sold and we received additional donations.

A contact through our website brought the donation of a booth from the Mainstreet Skating Rink when it closed. Dave Morgan, a regular visitor to the rink, asked others to autograph the booth during the last week the rink was open. The booth seats are covered with autographs and comments. Pictures are on page 10. Another resident provided a counter height display case at nominal cost.

We are researching phone and internet providers and expect to have both installed in the near future. Having the service will allow us to make and receive calls and to do research on line while we are at the museum. Currently these contacts are only available from my phone and email, and thus no one can reach us when I am out of town, or even when I am at the museum. Contact information should be available by the August newsletter. Until then, continue to reach us at nancy.reader@sbcglobal.net, or my telephone 815/886-0273.

Participation in Lockport's Canal Days has not been decided. We need enough members agreeing to work at our location on Saturday and Sunday to make this possible.

The new book on Romeoville from the 1950s to present needs information on your families: arriving here, children, businesses, and especially memories and photographs. If you have a copy of *Romeoville* by Mabel Hrpcha, you can see the style and information we want.

Nancy J. Hachett

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

June 7 Delores Molnar
June 8 Alfie Rodriguez
June 13 Jim Nona
June 18 Sonny Zdancewicz
June 25 Jodi Smilie
June 29 Shirlee Pergler

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

June 11 Bill & Brenda Ward
June 21 Annette & Keith Eichorst
June 28 Mary & Kelby Briddick

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

July 4 United States
July 8 John Greenberg
July 10 Chris Arellano
July 19 Keith Eichorst
July 14 Christopher Benigno
July 16 Bob Polis
July 17 Sara Martin
July 19 Rita Bazzell
July 18 Bob Morales
July 25 Linda Sanfilippo
July 29 Dr. Bernice Holloway
July 29 Joelle Sisto

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Aug. 3 Mary Jane Alexander
Aug. 3 Richard Cordero
Aug. 5 Len Heeg
Aug. 6 Ruth McCartan
Aug. 6 Ruth Mertz
Aug. 17 Gerri Frost
Aug. 17 Scott Lagger
Aug. 18 Assunto Goldman
Aug. 18 Rick Gougis
Aug. 19 Brenda Ward
Aug. 22 Deborah Halley
Aug. 28 David Hassert
Aug. 31 Mary Ann Trent

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

August 2 Joseph Scamardi
August 19 Assunta & Steve Goldman

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mon. May 25 Memorial Day wreath
presentation ceremony at 10:00
Wed. May 27 Society meeting at 2:00:
June 20-21 Lockport's Old Canal Days
June 24 Fundraiser: Culver's, Weber Rd.
10-10
June 27 10-4 Open House at the Museum
Wed. Aug. 26 Society meeting at 2:00
August 20-23 VietNam Wall visits Lockport
August 22 Kiwanis Art Fair on Old Route 66

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The Culver's Fundraiser costs patrons nothing. We get a percentage of the sales price for anyone who tells the clerk that they are supporting the Historical Society.

Our January Open House was the first since the grand opening five years ago. Attendance and interest encouraged us to plan another in June.

The Viet Nam wall replica visit is jointly sponsored by several local American Legion Posts. They are planning a memorable event. This will be its only appearance in Illinois this year.

The Bolingbrook and Romeoville Kiwanis Club is holding an art fair at the new events center. The Historical Society has been asked to participate as part of the Old Route 66 theme.

Please check the date on your mailing label. Many of you are behind in payments.



FRANK J. LAURO

Born: May 4, 1943; in Astoria, NY
Died: March 23, 2015; in Tierra Verde, FL



Frank J. Lauro, 71, passed away at his home in Tierra Verde, Florida, on March 23, 2015, with his beloved

wife and daughter at his side. Born in Astoria, New York, on May 4, 1943, Frank grew up an avid Yankee fan. He proudly served his country as a Marine, and loved to tell the story of being billed for "damage to government property" for breaking his ankle. He met his beautiful wife Kathleen (Sisk) while working at Union Carbide. He later worked in the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors.

Frank and Kathleen were married on June 17, 1967. They rejoiced at the births of their children, Frank Andrew (1970) and Karen Elaine (1974). They relocated to Illinois in 1974 to give their children the blessing of a home and community. Frank was a phenomenal father not only to his own children, but also to their friends. His indomitable humor and compassion exceeded his high expectations of respectful behavior. He also loved wearing the craziest patterned pants he could possibly find.

Deeply dedicated to his community, Frank became a civic leader in Romeoville, IL; first through the Jaycees, then through the Romeoville Chamber of Commerce and various roles in local and county government, always with the utmost integrity. He was the long-standing emcee of the Miss Romeoville Pageant and was deeply involved with the Operation Christmas program and annual telethon, helping Romeoville help its needy families. He was a smooth tenor and often sang at the telethons and karaoke nights. Frank was elected as a Romeoville Village Board Trustee before going on to become the Village Manager.

He loved his village, but vehemently hated shoveling snow. After one very bad winter, Frank and Kathleen ditched the snow for their dream retirement home in Tierra Verde, FL,

in 1995. Retirement did not last, as Frank quickly became involved in the Tierra Verde Homeowners' Association and went on to serve as the HOA Administrator.

The arrival of his beloved granddaughter, Kathleen Noelle, brought Frank unbridled joy. He adored being her "Papi." From his daughter's marriage to her best friend, Andrew (who was always his favorite) Frank also gained a "bonus" granddaughter, Andrea Eileen. Frank's intelligence, sparkling wit, and deep love for his family, friends, and community will be sorely missed.

Frank was preceded in death by his mother, Marion; sister-in-law, Elaine Salmon; and son, Frank A. Lauro.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; daughter, Karen Eckhart; son-in-law, Andrew Eckhart; granddaughters, Kathleen and Andrea Eckhart; and countless friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the First Church of Lombard, 220 South Main Street, Lombard, IL. A second service will be held in Tierra Verde, FL, at a date TBD.



JAMES D. BINGLE

Born: 1930
Died: 2015

James D. Bingle, retired scientist at Argonne National Laboratory and former Assessor for DuPage Township in Will County, Illinois, passed away on April 3, 2015, in Prescott, Arizona.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; and his four children, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Anderson Memorial Chapel, 606 Townhall Drive, Romeoville, IL 60446. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at The First Presbyterian Church of DuPage, 180 N. Weber Road, Bolingbrook, IL 60440 with interment immediately following at Boardman Cemetery on Paxson Road, just north of Royce Road, in Bolingbrook, IL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that charitable contributions be made to, Pineda Presbyterian Church (USA), 50 North Wickham Road, Palm Shores, Florida 32940; <http://www.pinedapres.org/> or Bingle Camp, 3510 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709 <https://binglecamp.org/donate/> For information, www.AndersonMemorialHomes.com or call, 815-886-2323



PAUL JURCA



Paul Jurca, was born October 23, 1920, in Tura Luka, Slovakia. In Chicago, he worked at the Jurca family's business, Turner Dairy. Paul served as Quartermaster aboard the destroyer, U.S.S. Robert H. Smith,

during World War II. He married Ann Krc and moved to their farm in Lemont in 1950. Paul worked for Fasano Pie Company for thirty years.

Ann and Paul were blessed with four children, Ann (Jim) Dralle, Paul (Karen) Jurca, John (Marlene) Jurca and Steve (Beverly) Jurca; as well as twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Agnes (Lew) Schwartz.

Visitation Friday, April 3, 2015, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Anderson Memorial Chapel, 606 Townhall Dr. in Romeoville. A private interment will take place Saturday at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park in Willow Springs.

For information, www.AndersonMemorialChapel.com, (815) 886-2323

CAROL J. CAWVEY

Carol J. Cawvey, nee Demiss, age 64, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2015, at her residence in Crest Hill, IL, formerly of the Romeoville/Plainfield area.

She is survived by her loving children, Suzanne (Dusty) Sparkman, Wayne Mills, John Mills, Brian Cawvey and Kelly (Gregory) Truscott; husband, Robert Cawvey; sisters, Theresa, Ginger and Jeannine; grandchildren, Kayla, Kali and Zoey; great grandchildren, Braxton and Brently.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

Visitation Thursday, April 30, 2015, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. with a service to begin that evening 7:00 p.m. at Anderson Memorial Home, 21131 W. Renwick Rd., Crest Hill, IL 60403. Services conclude at the funeral home, cremation rites to be accorded.

www.AndersonMemorialHomes.com, (815) 577-5250

USA Skate Center closing in Romeoville

By VIKAS SHANKER
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ROMEDEVILLE — A popular and traditional rollerskating rink in Romeoville is closing after 42 years.

The USA Skate Center, 1303 Naperville Drive in Romeoville, will hold its last skate session Sunday night from 6 to 9 p.m. before it closes for good, co-owner Donna Turner said.

Turner and her husband bought the skating rink in 2003 because she loved to skate and she always wanted to own a rink.

"We've sold it," Turner said. "It was one of those things where we weren't looking to sell it. But a good opportunity came. It was a personal decision."

The new owners plan to renovate the rink into an auto body shop, Turner said.

Wilmington resident Dave Morgan said he lived in Romeoville when the rink opened in 1973.

"It's tearing me apart," Morgan said. "We're losing a piece of Romeoville's history."

Morgan, who skated every day after school in the 1970s when he was a teenager, and has skated three to four days every week for the past eight years, said the skating rink provided a safe place for kids.

"Kids in town would go there," he said. "There were no recreational centers back then."

Morgan said there was talk among frequent skaters to set up a fund or petition to persuade the owners to not sell the rink. But the deal already was completed.

Turner said the couple got a deal that was "too good to pass up."

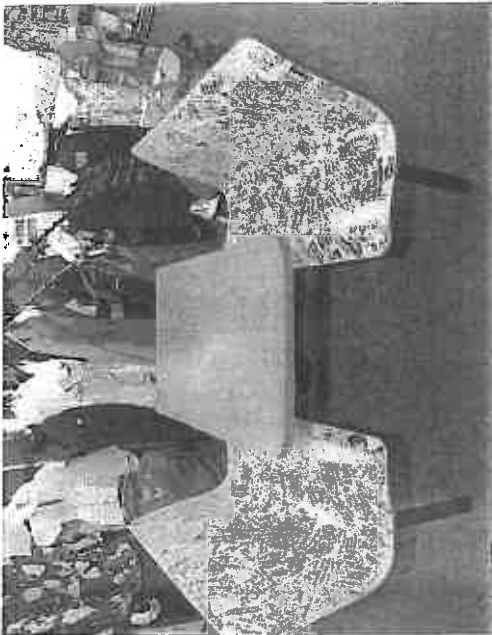
Morgan said he understood why the owners might want to secure their future with the sale.

Turner didn't comment on the deal, but said it was a hard decision and the owners originally didn't intend to sell.

The owners allowed Morgan to take a booth he sits at every time he comes in as a souvenir after the rink closes.

Morgan has encouraged skaters to sign the booth as they come in. He plans to donate it to the Romeoville Historical Society.

A reunion skate night was held Friday night for people who skated at the rink back in the 1970s and 1980s with the same disc jockey who ran the music back then, Morgan said.



**MAIN STREET
SKATING RINK**

"Images of America: Bolingbrook"

The book about and for Bolingbrook on its 50th anniversary



Bolingbrook is turning 50 this year. That's reason for commemorations. It was in 1965 that a few hundred voters went to the polls to officially create the municipality of Bolingbrook. It was just five years earlier that the first model homes were opened on the first streets. And look what has been accomplished since then. Bolingbrook has been named among the Top 50 Best Places to Live.

The Images of America series celebrates the history of neighborhoods, towns, and cities across the country. And now Bolingbrook is among them. From archival photographs come the stories from the past that shape the character of the community today. Arcadia Publishing is proud to play a part in the preservation of local heritage. The book was written and compiled by members of the Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission. Coming in June, 2015, it will be available at the Bolingbrook Village Hall.

Cover photo for Bolingbrook's book, showing kids playing in front of the temporary headquarters of the fledgling Bolingbrook Park District in a converted farmhouse.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF OUR COUNTRY?

1. When did the Founding Fathers declare our Independence from Britain?
2. Which founding fathers died on the same day?
3. What is the all-American desert?
4. Who was the first baby born in America?
5. Where did fireworks come from? What is the first historic day in America when they were used?
6. What is the favorite food on the Fourth of July?
7. What was the traditional food at an Independence Day party in the 18th and 19th centuries?
8. When did Independence Day become a federal holiday?
9. What is the origin of the Star Spangled Banner?
10. When did the crack appear in the Liberty Bell?



Bountiful hunting at Romeoville's roots

Romeoville was originally hunting grounds for the Potawatomi Native American tribe. The first non-native people to travel through the Romeoville area were probably the French geographer Louis Joliet and the Jesuit missionary Father Jacques Marquette, who explored the region in 1673.

The village of Romeo originated when the government began building the Illinois Michigan canal from the Chicago River in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago to LaSalle-Peru. The canal connected Lake Michigan to the Illinois River and on to the Mississippi River.

By state law, the canal's board of commissioners divided out the land on each side of the canal in tracts and town lots and sold them at public sales. One town planned by the commissioners was "Romeo." It was named in honor of the Shakespearean hero and planned as a twin city and rival for nearby Joliet. But in 1845, the city of Joliet's name was changed to Joliet in honor of explorer Louis Joliet. So Romeo became Romeoville.

Fifty years later, on Jan. 19, 1895, residents of Romeoville voted 42 to 20 for incorporation as John Miller's Barber Shop. On Jan. 21, Romeoville was officially proclaimed a village.

Although workers settled in the Romeoville area to build the canal in the 1800s, many left when the work was finished. It wasn't until the turn of the century that many people came to stay. The most common settlers were the Slavics, Germans and Italians.

Although Romeoville was economically dependent on agriculture and dairy farms, the village did prosper from its adjacent stone quarries. In its busiest years, two train loads of limestone were shipped throughout the Midwest each morning on the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. Loads were also carried on the Chicago and Alton Railroad. One of the most famous buildings constructed with Romeoville limestone is the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield. The coming of concrete as a building material, however, meant the decline of quarrying.

From 1892 to 1900, more digging occurred in Romeoville as the Chicago Drainage Canal was constructed in the area between the Des Plaines River and the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

On April 11, 1918, the entire village was threatened by fire as Peter Startz's saloon, residence, ice house, garage and barns were burned. A grocery store and another home were also destroyed before the fire was

extinguished.

More digging occurred in Romeoville in the early 1930s when the Chicago Drainage Canal was deepened. The canal then became known as the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

Lacking new industries, Romeoville's population gradually declined during the first half of the 20th century. Census figures show 180 residents in 1939, 170 residents in 1940 and 147 residents in 1950.

But in 1957, more than six-hundred areas of farmland on the west bank of the Des Plaines River on Illinois Highway 53 were annexed to the village for the development of the Hampton Park subdivision. Another annexation was made in 1964. The village population soared from 197 residents in 1957 to 3,574 residents in 1980 and more than 12,700 residents in 1971.

In August of 1965, the Romeoville Recreation District was established. In July of 1971, the Fountaindale Public Library District opened its first library in the northern part of the Park View school building in Romeoville.

Information supplied by the Romeoville Historical Society and the Fountaindale Public Library.

Beacon 6/18/69

hot line

A Politico

If you live in Romeoville, chances are you earn \$9,674 per year and live in a home worth \$19,388. At least these are the indications from a just completed report of the median family incomes and median home values of 222 of Chicago's larger suburbs. This report was a part of the Chicago Regional Hospital Study.

The place to move to, if you aspire to high salaries and fancy homes, is the suburb of Kenilworth on Chicago's north shore. Median family income there totaled \$25,866 whereas the median value of Kenilworth homes came to \$56,555, both the highest in the Chicago area.

Bolingbrook was not included in the list of 222 communities. However, other suburbs of interest to Beaconland residents are listed below with pertinent statistics.

	Median Family Income	Median Value of Homes
Romeoville	\$ 9,674	\$19,388
Lemont	9,924	18,975
Lockport	9,881	21,188
Crest Hill	8,958	16,363
Joliet	9,161	20,213
Lisle	11,436	24,365
Naperville	12,830	31,998



Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were truly recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags, that we reused for numerous things, most memorable besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbling's. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags. But too bad we didn't do the green thing back then.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

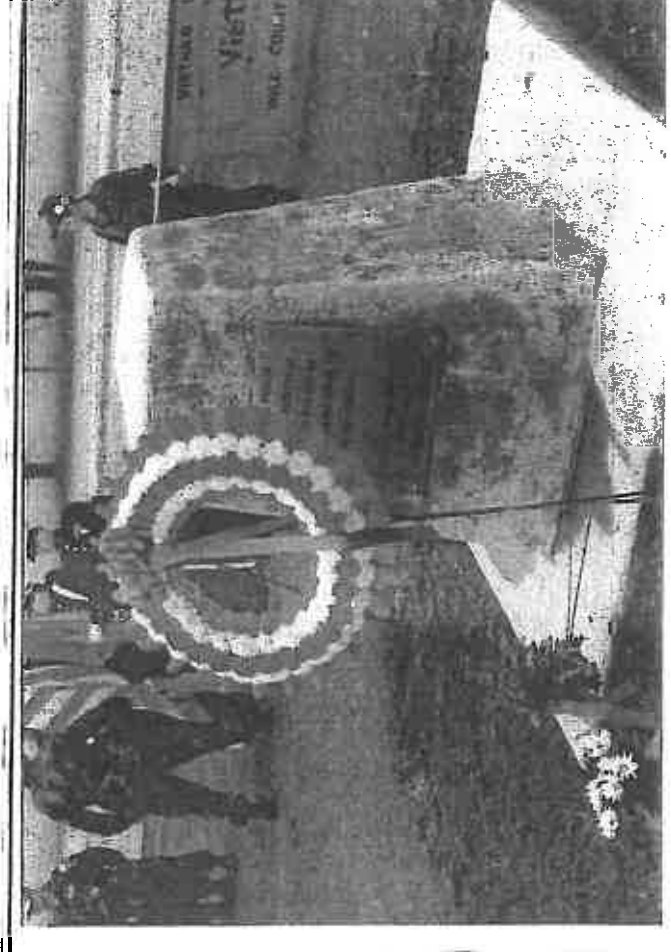
Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana.

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?



8 Program at the Viet Nam Memorial 1985?
Memorial was dedicated Nov. 11, 1983

The first Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day

Memorial was dedicated Nov. 11, 1983



Gary Heising (foreground) watches Sunday as Romeoville Mayor John Strabbe and Bill Gomara, Viet-Nam President for Will County, place a wreath

March 29, 1987
on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial at Illinois 53 and Montrose Drive. Earlier in the day Heising assisted Ken Neve in raising the POW flag in front of

Herald-News/Bob MacDonald
Village Hall. The Romeoville memorial was chosen by Viet-Now as the site of the first annual Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day.

How many of these 4th of July facts do you know?

By Karen Sorenson

1 The actual date the Founding Fathers declared "independence" from the British is July 2, 1776, but the Second Continental Congress' declaration vote was not made public until it was published in newspapers two days later.

2 Apple pie may be the all-American dessert, but the fruit itself -- and the recipe for the pie -- are European. All but one breed of apple found in America comes from somewhere other than America. Early European settlers are credited with bringing apple seeds with them to the "new world" and the pie recipe dates back to the 14th Century.



3 The first Independence Day anniversary in Philadelphia in 1777. For many years, fireworks were only orange and white. Italian scientists figured out how to combine metallic salt and chlorinated powder to add blue, green, yellow and red in the 1830s.

4 Congress did not make Independence Day a federal holiday until 1870.

5 The words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" come from a poem called "Defence of Fort Mifflin," written by Francis Key Scott following the War of 1812. The music is from "The Anacreontic Song," written in the 1790s by John Stafford Smith for the Anacreontic Society, a men's social club in London. It's Scott's brother-in-law who is credited with combining the two. The song did not become the national anthem until 1931.

6 Americans will consume approximately 155 million hot dogs on the Fourth of July, according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, which also says the average American eats 60 hot dogs a year and 7 billion will be consumed by Americans between Memorial Day and Labor Day.



7 If you were going to host an Independence Day Party in the 18th or 19th centuries, the "must-have" food would have been turtle soup, not hot dogs or potato salad.

8 Fireworks originated in China and were reportedly brought to Italy by Marco Polo in 1292. Colonists brought them to America in the 1600s. They were used to commemorate

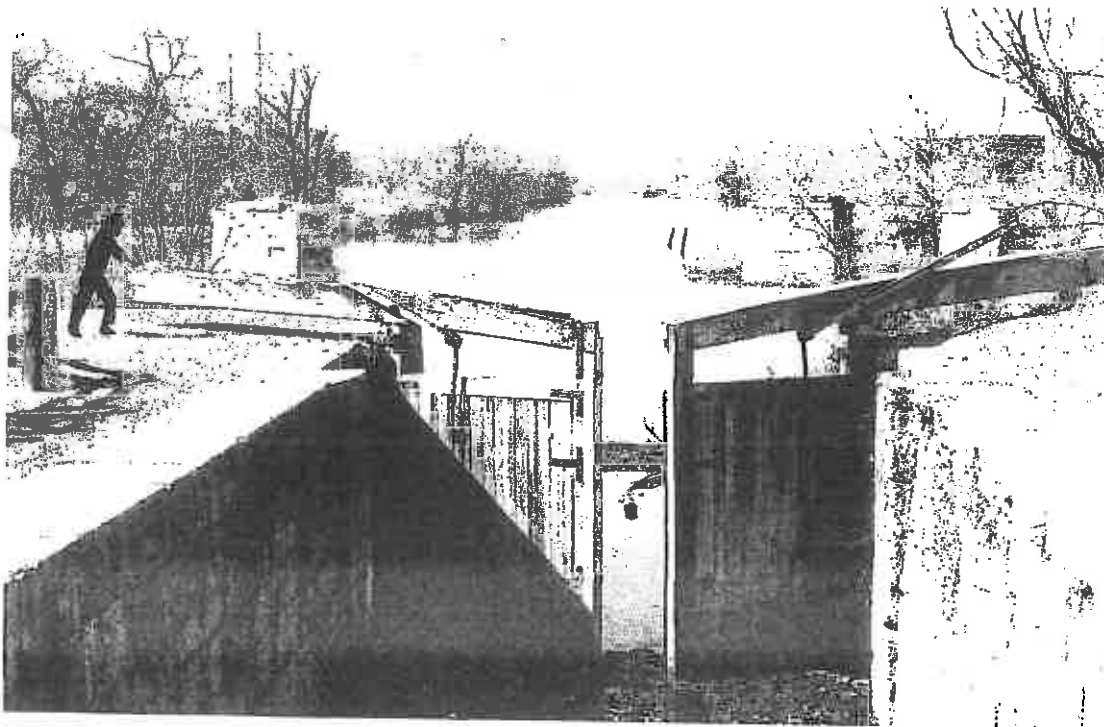
9 The first "American" was Virginia Dare, who was born in 1587 to English parents who settled in a colony known as Roanoke Island, which had been settled by Sir Walter Drake. The colony didn't last for reasons that are not known to historians. It was located off the Outer Banks of North Carolina in Dare County.

10 Two of America's most famous Founding Fathers, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, died on July 4, 1826, within five hours of each other. Jefferson was 82 and Adams was 90. Another Founding Father, James Monroe, died on the same day five years later.



11 The Liberty Bell was not rung in 1776 to announce the Founding Fathers' vote declaring the country's independence. The crack likely occurred when it was rung for the first time in 1752 in the Pennsylvania State House steeple. However, the tale became mythologized in a short story published in 1847 that claimed it cracked when an elderly bell-ringer rang it for the first time on July 4, 1776.

Sources: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com>, www.infoplease.com, Los Angeles Times, www.glo.msn.com, www.hot-dog.org



**I&M Canal Locks in LaSalle
Moe pulls the canal boat**



Library has helped Romeo's cultural growth

Libraries play an important role in the cultural and educational growth of any community. The Fountaindale Library, with its myriad of available services, has been an important part of life in Romeoville.

The Fountaindale Public Library District, established in 1970 by referendum provides services to residents of Romeoville (north of 135th St.), Bolingbrook, and the unincorporated areas of DuPage Township within district boundaries.

In 1975, two library buildings were opened—one in Romeoville on Dalhart Ave. and the other in Bolingbrook on Briar Cliff Lane. Prior to that, the Fountaindale Library had modest beginnings in a cramped room at Robert C. Hill Elementary School (then Park View).

Today, the library district has a collection of more than 100,000 volumes and is adding books at the rate of 10,000 to 15,000 per year. The library subscribes to over 200 magazines and newspapers. Through the interlibrary loan network

patrons have access to books and information throughout the area and state.

In addition to traditional library services the district libraries have art prints and sculpture, cassettes and records, 8 mm films, cassette players and 8 mm projectors which may be borrowed. Also, 16 mm films may be obtained through the Burr Oak Library System for a moderate handling charge.

A community room is available, also, for use by community groups and the public without charge. Xerox copy machines are available for a slight charge per copy.

During the last year, a new volunteer organization, the Friends of the Library, was formed to support library programs and to raise funds for special projects that the district may otherwise not be able to afford. The group is actively seeking participation.

If you are interested in joining Friends of the Library or if you would like more information about the library and its services call 886-2030 or stop by the front desk.

SPECIAL RATES FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS

NOTE: for most of these sites, the discount is given only if you ask for it from the internet. There is also a section of Veterans discounts

RESTAURANTS:

- Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card
- Arby's: 10% off (55+)
- Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)
- Bennigan's: discount varies by location (60+)
- Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)
- Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
- Burger King: 10% off (60+)
- Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
- Chili's: 10% off (55+)
- CioCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
- Culver's 10% off
- Denny's: 10% off, 20% for AARP members (55+)
- Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)
- Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)
- Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
- Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
- Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
- Hardee's: \$.33 beverages every day (65+)
- IHOP: 10% off (55+)
- Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)
- KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)
- Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
- Long John Silver's: various discounts at locations (55+)
- McDonald's: discounts on coffee every day (55+)
- Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)
- Shoney's 10 % off
- Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
- Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
- Sweet Tomatoes: 10% off (62+)
- Taco Bell: 3% off, free beverages for seniors (65+)
- TCBY: 10% off (50+)
- Tea Room Café: 10% off (50+)
- Village Inn: 10% off (60+)

Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)

White Castle: 10% off (62+)

RETAIL & APPAREL:

Banana Republic: 30% off (50+)

Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50+)

Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of each month (55+)

Bon-Ton Department Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55+)

C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (50+)

Clarks: 10% off (62+)

Dress Barn: 20% off (55+)

Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)

Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)

Kohl's: 15% off (60+)

Modell's Sporting Goods: 30% off (60+)

Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions

Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)

The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)

Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55+)

GROCERY:

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55+)

American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50+)

Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Monday (50+)

DeCicco Family Markets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)

Food Lion: 6% off every Wednesday (60+)

Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55+)

Great Valu Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)

Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday (60+)

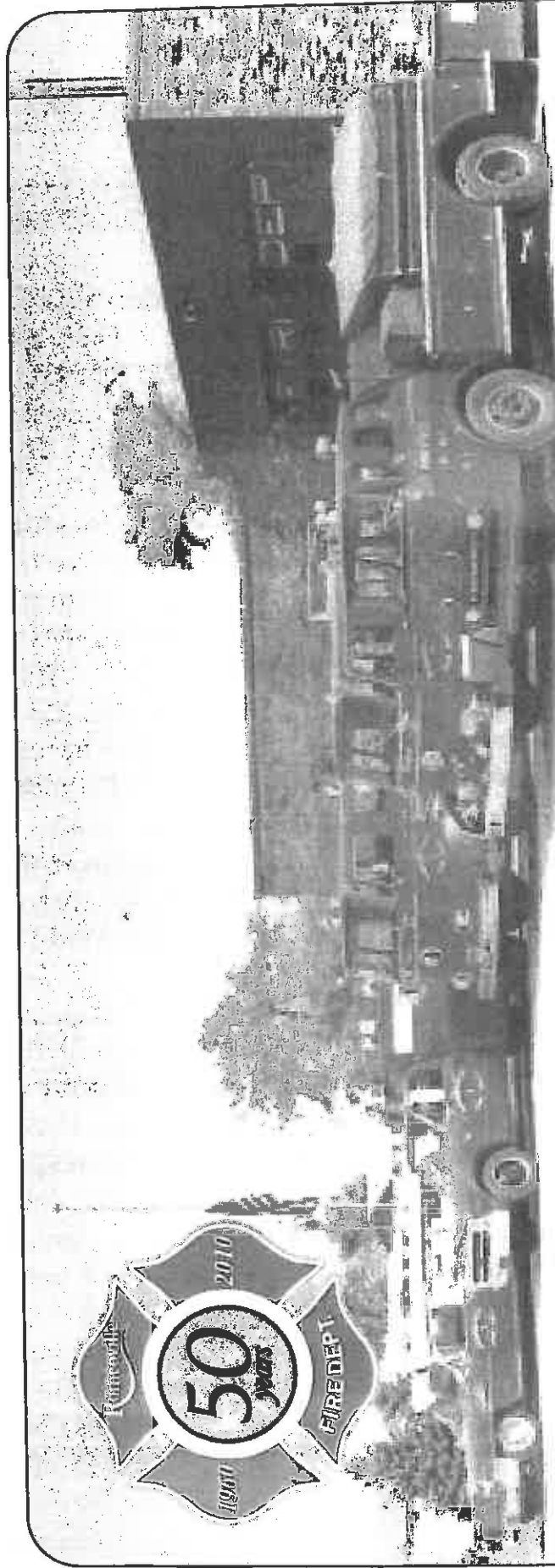
Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)

Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)

Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)

Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)

The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50+)



Fire Truck Muster Show

Saturday, May 15, 2010 -- 10:00am - 3:30pm • Spartan Square, Rt. 53 & Phelps Ave.

It's no secret that kids like fire engines, and a Fire truck Muster will certainly please the young and old, but just as much fun for those who get to show off their prized possessions. The Romeoville Fire Department along with the Illinois Fire Buffs Club in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Romeoville Fire Department will be hosting a fire truck show. Come out and see different fire engines from around the area, new, old and antique. Meet the fire fighters and enjoy some food from local restaurants and browse the different vendors. Open to all ages; free to attend. Opening Ceremonies 10:30am; Awards and Closing Ceremony at 3:00pm.

(Old Ace Hardware Parking Lot)

50th Anniversary - Celebrating the past 50 years, embracing the future

BE A PART OF ROMEOVILLE'S HISTORY!

The Romeoville Historical Society would like information about families and businesses in Hampton Park and Romeoville during the 1950s to 1980s. This will be used in a book to continue Mabel Hrpcha's *Romeoville*, which ended with the beginning of Hampton Park. Updated information from families which have lived in the area for many years will also be included.

Please give us a short history of the family including:

a family history,

where you came from

why the family moved here, when they came

children and their families

involvement in Village activities

positions on Village staff

elected or volunteer positions in the Village

activities with local organizations, schools and churches

family businesses

several photographs of family members, with each person identified

the name and phone number or email address of a person we can contact if more information is needed

This can be written as a biography or in outline form that we will write out. Each family will have from one to three pages.

Businesses, churches, and organizations will also be highlighted. For each, we need its history, location, involvement with the community, photographs.

For clarity, original photographs are best. Since this book will be printed locally, we are not bound to the strict guidelines of the recently published book.

The museum is open on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 AM to noon, and at other times by appointment. Photos brought to us while we are open can be scanned and returned immediately. Further information is available at the address below, or contact Nancy at 815/886-0273 or nancy.reader@sbcglobal.net.

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