

# What's Happening... Community Report

## Camargo Township District Library Corner

Summer Reading Tuesdays in June 10AM to 11:30AM at the Camargo Township District Library  
 1st Tuesday June 4th, Kick off. Bounce house, TSNO, Balloon Animals, and Face Painting  
 2nd Tuesday June 11th, Mr. Steve Music Magic, Ballooning and more  
 3rd Tuesday June 18th Scovill Zoo Animal Fun  
 4th Tuesday June 25th, Terre Haute Children's Museum several interactive stations will be set up. Pre register by June 1st for a chance to win a Monicals gift card.

## Under the Sea Kids Prom at CTDL



CTDL held a kids prom themed Under the Sea on May 18th the kids enjoyed dancing their hearts out.

## VG Royalty Show Off Their Green Thumbs



Miss Villa Grove Samantha Stevens, Junior Miss Villa Grove Maci Clodfelder, and Little Miss Villa Grove Avery Lake Help the BVG team to update the flower boxes on main street.

## Future Pre-K Gets Tour



Villa Grove Pre K tours their future classrooms and gets to know the staff of the school.

## Annual Henson Park End of Year Picnic



Villa Grove K and 1st Grade students enjoy a picnic at Henson Park.

## DCRTA Meeting Notes for the May 15 Program

The May meeting of the Douglas County Retired Teachers was held at the Methodist Church in Arcola and was called to order by president Fred McDonald who opened the meeting with a humorous survey. Linda Jent led the pledge and Butch Guennewig gave the prayer. A delicious meal was served by the Arcola United Methodist Women.

The program was given by Cathy Boyd who has been certified as a master gardener by the U of I Extension Office. She presented a variety of tips and demonstrated container gardening. She encouraged members who have an interest in flowers to consider becoming a master gardener

and explained how that process works.

In the absence of secretary, Kathy Caraway, there were no minutes. Carol Beals gave an update on her condition and Sue Elder will serve as interim secretary. Connie Guennewig presented the treasurer's report.

Membership chair, Sharon Fox, informed the group that the IRTA is working on recruiting new members through special nametags for substitutes. The state is now issuing lists of retired teachers, but there appears to be problems, so Sharon asked for volunteers from each town to get a list for her. Karen Williamson, Foundation Services chair, encouraged members to donate to IRTA, as these donations go to scholarships for potential teachers and grants for current teachers.

TRS issued a recent report

that due to current funding of 40% of the benefits, future retirees would be impacted. IRTA has sent a letter objecting to that statement. In other news, Doug Stroud was elected and the IRTA is willing to help local units set up websites.

DCRTA members are encouraged to represent our organization by participating in summer events throughout the county. June 15 in Newman for the Freedom Festival (Steve Allen has asked participants to meet on N. Broadway at 10:15). July 6 in Tuscola for Sparks In the Park (Fred McDonald asks participants to meet by the pool in Ervin Park). August 3 in Villa Grove for Ag Days (Karen Williamson, coordinator), August 30 in Arthur for the Cheese Festival (Sally McCarthy, coordinator) and September 27 in Arcola for Homecoming.

Two new members were welcomed: Joan Kellogg and Lois Jones. IRTA Area 5 Training will be held in Effingham on June 25th. State Convention will be held on October 14-15. Douglas County is allowed 4 delegates and members should see Fred if you want to go.

The first DCRTA trip will be held on October 2nd to "Driving Miss Daisy" in Hillsboro, IN. We need 30 members to go; the bus will leave at 10:30 and return at 5:00. The total cost of \$85 covers the dinner theatre and the bus and must be paid by July 17th. The trip will be open to the public, so if anyone would like to go, please contact a member of DCRTA.

The next meeting will be held on July 17th at the Smith House.

## SCOUT ME IN™ Cub Scouts Pack 50 Events



Boy Scouts of Troop 50 sorting the food that was collected during the Letter Carrier Food Drive. The Cub Scouts helped pick up the food bags and the Boy Scouts sorted it.

## Bringing Home the Hardware



7th grade boys bring home some hardware, they placed 4th in a tough 4x100m relay.

## End of Season for VG Soccer Club



Villa Grove Soccer Club ends their season. Until next year.

## Peering into the Past



Photograph Courtesy of Camargo Township Library. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wire was one of the first houses in Villa Grove.

## Class of 1965 Met at Tri-City



Former Australian exchange student Helen Stacey had a reunion recently with some of her former classmates from the class of 1965. Meeting at Tri-City Country Club were (front, from the left) Joyce (Koss) Sigler, art teacher Bill Heyduck, Helen Stacey, Barbara (Albin) Janes, Linda (Woods) Reynolds, Ron Bell, Janet (Reinhart) Weasel, (back) Jeff Holmes, Leroy Johnson, Roger Miller, Jerry Yocum, Don Burgett, and Phil Lamb.