

Community Spotlight — Villa Grove



Musical

You are invited to the performance of Danny & The Shacks Sun., Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Villa Grove. Performed by area youth.

Singers Wanted

First Christian Church in Villa Grove is looking for singers for their Community Easter Cantata. Rehearsals will be held in Feb. and Mar. with a performance following on Palm Sunday, Apr. 2. All voices welcome jr. high through adult. For more information please contact Janet McCumber at 217-493-2425 or Judy Zylstra at 320-224-7665. You may also contact the church at 217-832-5231.

CTDL & Korner Beehive Bingo

Camargo Township District Library and the Korner Beehive are partnering to offer Bingo the first Wed. of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. for anyone over 50. No cash but a lot of fun prizes to give away!

Listening Ear Ministry

Come worship with us! Listening Ear Ministry every Wed. at 6 p.m. at Murdock UMC. Also visit our facebook page Listening Ear Ministry Ted Shearer.

Story Time

Camargo Township District Library will be holding story time every Thurs. from 3:30 to 4:30.

AA Meeting

Do you think you have a drinking problem? Stop by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday nights at the VFW bingo hall in Villa Grove.

VG Police Activity

The following is Villa Grove Police Department activity January 29-February 4:

- Verbal Warnings-2
- Written Warnings-11
- Traffic Citations-2
- Loud Music Complaint-1
- Animal Complaint-1
- Burglary-1
- Assist Douglas County Sheriff's Office-2
- Assist Villa Grove Fire Department-1
- Criminal Damage to Property-2
- Scam Report-1
- Suspicious Vehicle-1
- Suspicious Person-1
- Aggravated Assault-1
- Suicidal Subject-1
- Found Property-1
- Activated Alarm-1

Contact

If you have any information you would like included in Sidetracks or would like to submit a photo to the community page, please send an email to dominik@thetuscjournal.com

Obituaries

Myrna Hazard

Myrna June Hazard, 83, of Villa Grove passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center in Urbana.

Myrna was born on May 20, 1939 in Waterloo, Quebec, Canada, the daughter of James and Shirley Graves Cook. She married Dale Hazard on June 2, 1972 in Vermont; he survives and resides in Villa Grove.

Myrna is also survived by her daughter, Debbie Pratt of Villa Grove; sons, Kevin (Mindy) Hazard of Chatham and Korey Hazard of Villa Grove. She is survived by her 3 beloved grandchildren: Megan Pratt and Nick and Jenna Hazard.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Garth Cook; and 2 sons, John and George Murphy.

Myrna was an avid reader and movie enthusiast. She enjoyed volunteering at Villa Grove Elementary for many



Myrna Hazard

years after retirement where she served helping students to improve their reading skills. Myrna loved watching her grandchildren grow into the wonderful people they have become. She was a lifelong pet enthusiast and often advocated for animals in local shelters.

Myrna requested to have no funeral services. Anyone wishing to honor Myrna's memory may do so by making a contribution to the Animal Protective League or to your local animal shelter.

See more obituaries in Section B

Valentine's Day snapshots

By Tony Hooker

Elijah Kiesel

Kamy Wease

Jennifer Perry



Do you have a significant other?

Yes, I do.

For how long?

Less than six years, it's brand new!

Was it love at first sight?

It was!

What's your favorite thing about them?

Who they are as a person—their heart.



Do you have a significant other?

I do!

For how long?

Almost four and half years

Was it love at first sight?

Yeah.

What's your favorite thing about her?

I love her smile.



Do you have a significant other?

Yes, my husband, Darryl.

Was it love at first sight?

We dated for three and a half years before we got married, so we took our time and got to know everything about each other.

What's your favorite thing about him?

He's really kind, and he tries to be romantic!

Valentine's

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And then you go away. Were you in the Army or Navy?

Dick: I was in the Army.

Judy: He was a paratrooper!

When was this?

Judy: 1953-56. He never had to go to Korea.

Dick: The airborne were considered 'Shock Troops,' and in Korea, there was one airborne regimental combat team, but they weren't in combat.

Was there anything unique about your relationship while he was serving?

Judy: Not really. I was in high school, I graduated in '56, and I went to Baylor University for a couple of years. At this point, we had dated and kind of liked each other. Then I went away to Baylor.

What did you do when you got out of the service?

I went into construction. I

was an operator. There was a treaty in place after World War II that there would be no American Shock Troops in Europe for 10 years, and on the day of the 10th anniversary of that treaty, the Airborne unit I was in unloaded in Europe. I didn't have enough time to go, so I would have had to enlist for another three years so they put me in an Engineering outfit, which was fine, and I learned to operate some equipment, so when I got out, I went to the operating engineers union and they gave me a card.

Judy: He came down to Baylor to visit me and he had this epiphany. He had never been on a college campus and he said, 'I could do this.'

Dick: I saw all these kids walking around from building to building with books under their arms and I thought, 'They must be learning something!' I went to the University of Illinois and they told me I couldn't get in because

I didn't have a high school diploma, but that I could get that through a GED test.

Judy: So, with his lunchbox, wearing his work clothes, he got on the elevated trains and went downtown to the Y.

Dick: That's where I took the classes, at the Y, and there were other guys there who walked in with their construction clothes or hard hats. One guy walked in and took his pistol out, he was a private eye, and he put it in his briefcase, sat down and started learning!

Judy: He got his GED diploma and got into the University of Illinois and we decided to get married. I wanted to get married in October, but he did not. He was going into his junior year and we were married in January, in between semesters, and so I moved down here. We bought an 8x35 trailer and put it in Twin City Trailer Park and I got a job at the University of Illinois College of Education.

What was your major at UI?

I graduated in Ag. I tried engineering, but I didn't have the math background. As a matter of fact, I liked calculus so much that I took it twice!

What year were you married?

Judy: 1961 We married, and he finished at the U of I, which is absolutely remarkable for someone with no high school education. He studied all the time.

Dick: I had to! I was playing catch-up ball from day-one!

How did you come to live in Villa Grove?

Judy: Then we started thinking about having children and we met some people who knew Villa Grove (David and Shirley Fields) and we had Paul in 1964 and moved here.

Dick: I attempted to run a fertilizer business in Bongard and went broke. I took a job with Geigy chemicals and

they moved us to Ohio after Paul's kindergarten year.

Judy: We moved back in 1973 and it's been a wonderful experience and we've never been sorry.

Did you return to work at the U of I then?

Judy: No, I stayed home with the boys until I was in my mid-thirties and then I went back to school at Parkland and got my degree in Respiratory Therapy, and I worked at Carle for 20 years.

Would you say it was love at first sight?

Dick: I would say so. Once we kind of had a date or two, I never dated another girl!

How about you, Judy?

Dick: Oh no! She played the field!

Judy: I thought he was cute, and he was very nice. He had all the things that I loved. I had boyfriends in high school and a couple of boyfriends in college, but I always came back to him.

Villa Grove High School Honor Roll first semester

A student must have at least a 4.50 grade point average for High Honors. A student will be eligible for Honors having at least a 4.00 average with no grade lower than "C", nor more than one "C". Two grades of "C" are permitted if both occur in weighted courses. Only courses offering one-half unit of credit per semester are considered.

High Honors all A's:

Senior Class: Samuel Bender, Jesse Bessent, Connor Black, Carson Block, Emma Buesing, Garrett Dale, William Jones, Brandon Kelly, Madison Logan, Kyleigh Price, Luke Zimmerman

Junior Class: Alexandria Brown, Kenzie Cardiff, Ethan Carroll, Mason Carter, Gunner Cline, Braydon Dowler, Mackenzie Ewing, Emilio Galarza, Kayci Leith, Logan Lillard, Jimi McQueen, Alison Pangburn, Kyler Williams

Sophomore Class: Lila Bessent, Cooper Clark, Jobella Crafton, Carly Eads, Cassandra Farris, Aleah Hatten, Nolan Morse, Anna Remspecher, Madeline Wicklander, Kurt Zimmerman

Freshmen Class: Alexander Cook, Allison Eisenmenger, Piper Kiser, Ryan Lillard, Henry Osborne, Eva Piercy, Sophia Shaw

High Honor Roll:

Senior Class: Emma Bratten-Noice, Jada Chandler, Maci Clodfelder, Robert Fancher, Maria Galarza, Jacob Gilles, Gavin Kiser, Dalton Logan, Jacob Miller, Blake Morgan, Peyton Smith, Mary Tumbleson

Junior Class: Jeryn Ben-

nett, Kayln Cordes, Landon Kappes, Parker Knierim, Shayla Quick, Layne Rund, Lauren Sprague, William Tibbetts, Riley White, Addisyn Wilson, Nicolas Wilson

Sophomore Class: Violet Erl Soper, Madison Hinds, Scarlett Howard, Olivia Jones, Peyton Martin, Chance McClain, Hope Meister, Cole Price, Lukas Shadwick, Benjamin Wilkey, Alexxie Young

Freshmen Class: Rebecca Brown, Isabella Dodd, Jackson Gilles, Lillian Hill, Cadyn Kamp, Neville Linton, Caitlyn Miller, Jackson Smith, Hayden Thomas

Honor Roll:

Senior Class: Logan Fitts, Samantha Hunt, Julius Salazar, Chantel Smith, Parker Stevens

Junior Class: Carter Horton, Zachary Jones, Joshua Lecher, Jayna Martin, Dakota Messer, Morgan Quigley, Chloe Rardon, Landon Reynolds, Cadence Sanders, Zachary Wells, Austin Zoch

Sophomore Class: Brylee Butler, Blake Davis, Jackson Grimm, Kirstyn Jones, Noah Kelly, Karder Kirkman, Kyle Krause, Owen Meador, Davian Peters, Ryan Schlueter, Faith Shreeves, Chase White

Freshmen Class: Jace Bennett, Dylan Boozer, Mikailah Ehmen, Michael Green, Riley Jean, Isaiah Kiesel, Tyson Koeberlein, Kaleb Langellier, Alexander Loeh, Chloe Miller, Ella Schweighart, Cora Wilson

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