

DENNIS HILL

all questions. We value worshipping together, our church is a place of love and

Koman Catholic

Presbyterian

American Family Mutual Insurance Company and its Subsidiaries
American Family Insurance Company
Group-Term Life Insurance Company

ier's
ing Plant
Meets The Price"
(608) 744-2159
 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 ay Evenings til 8 p.m.

essing
Half Hogs
arters & Sides
f Choice Beef
 ail line of meats

HAM AND
CHAMPION

10047-Weber's



The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation (IRTAF) awarded Galena Middle School teachers Mollie Sysko, Sarah Nack and Don Distler with a grant for \$400. These funds will be used for their annual service project in the fall to clear community parks of leaves and debris before the snow falls. "This service alleviates many hours of work for Galena city workers," Sysko said. "We need rakes and bags to deter costs for the city, as well as to provide enough materials for all of our students to participate." From left, Peg Tonne, president of Jo Daviess County Unit of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, Lisa Breitsprecker, Mollie Sysko, Sarah Nack, Don Distler, Gary Johnson, and Galena Superintendent Dale Greimann. *Jane Holland photo*

e On
re!

Galena Gazette
 Nov. 24, 2010

Shy at first, both of the truly deserving kitties will warm up to you quickly!



Both Decaf and Latte are spay/neutered, vaccinated and up to date on all medical procedures. They would love to start the New Year in a loving permanent home. Check them out with all other Safe Haven animals out at www.cafsbrownfarm.com

Medical Associates Health Plans offers you a **complete** range of affordable Medicare options.

Includes Medicare deductibles, coinsurance, copayments—keep your checkbook at home! Provides access to the majority of doctors and hospitals in the Tri-State area. Rate age or health rated—premium doesn't change on your birthday or change in health status. Low monthly premiums.

If you haven't talked with us about our Medicare Cost plans... you should!

Attend a sales meeting to find out which plan is right for you. A representative will be present with information and applications at the locations and dates shown.

Ramada Inn-Galena
11383 Hwy 20
Galena, IL
Jan. 5, 12
11:00 a.m.

Walk-ins welcome!
563-556-8070 or
800-747-8900
TTY/TDD 800-735-2943
Customer Service Phone Line:
8 a.m.—8 p.m.
Calls answered 7 days per week



MEDICAL ASSOCIATES
HEALTH PLANS®

Accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings, call the phone numbers above. Open to Medicare beneficiaries eligible by age or disability.

Health Plan with a Medicare Cost Contract / Y0045_MHP 424 File and Use 10022010

Good guy award

by Jim Terry, Hanover

As my Toyota Corolla gently slid down the thickly iced southeasterly-bound curve of U.S. 20 and buried its nose in the snowy ditch, I mused on the disparity 'twixt well-plowed Galena and the skating-rink that remained—days after the storm—house for our Christmas party. I think it may have been the largest haul of donations to the food bank that we've ever collected, and we've had some huge ones. An extra "atta boy" to Joyce Ritterbusch who moved the donations from my house to the food bank, which can be the hardest logistical maneuver of the entire party. Thank you!

Aloha and Mele Kalikimaka, Claire and Jerry.

Good guys awards

by Mollie Sysko, seventh grade teacher, Galena Middle School

The Galena Middle School seventh grade class would like to acknowledge the Lil' General for the great deal they gave us to bring our class out to mini-golf in September; they even opened up just for us!

Culver's was very generous in the deal they gave our students to buy a treat the same day we mini-golfed in September. Their generosity allowed all of our students to be treated to a cool, refreshing cone or dish of custard!

The class received a grant to purchase rakes and garbage bags to assist us in our community service learning project of raking leaves at Grant Park. Gasser's Hardware Store let us purchase all of the rakes they had in stock at an incredible sale price.

Larry Morenz offered his assistance in our service learning project of raking leaves at Grant Park.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Illinois Retired Teachers Association Fund (IRTAF) for their very generous donation in the form of a grant that allowed us to buy all of the rakes and garbage bags that we did at Gasser's.

We have been able to provide our students with some memorable experiences—of fun and of work! Acts like these exemplify what small communities are all about. These displays of generosity have not gone unnoticed nor unappreciated.

What is a waste treatment plant?

by Russ Pagen, Galena

Hopefully the Appellate Court doesn't think this potential disaster belongs in Jo Daviess County, and the land reverts back to row crop farming with natural wetlands and springs which feed clean water into our ecosystem. Hopefully too, that Lisa Madigan tells this owner to pony up with mega-millions to pay for the purple water swimming pool and the potential of contaminating the surrounding water supply.

Purple? Why not justice?

by Ken Turner, Warren

Remember the purple discharge? Feldman, engineer for Traditions, claimed to have seen this type of bacteria infestation in the swine lagoons of North Carolina. He said it is the bacteria that made the purple (never mind that purple bacteria have never been a problem in Illinois before the wonders of the megadairy and its pollution...). The IEPA investigator asked for him to send the sample to a lab for definitive determination. It would have been nice if Traditions had released this tidbit to the public, but they continue to hide behind their lawyers. Probably the same reason they are reluctant to answer questions from the IEPA and the USEPA.

If there was justice, the purple discharge would vacate Ward's ruling. The purple discharge originated on Traditions site, it was high in a number of pollutants, it contaminated a river, and it trespassed. The purple discharge proved beyond any shadow of a doubt that the danger to the community from this industrial facility is real—and already occurring. This discharge had IEPA documented pollutants that were literally off the scale, including BOD readings that were twice that of raw sewage.

Galena Gazette
Dec. 29, 2010