

THE ROTARY BANNER

BASEBALL MANIA COUNTDOWN
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MAY-TRICULATION EDITION

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ALTON IS ON THE MOVE

LAST WEEK ALTON'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, PHIL ROGGIO, WAS ON HAND TO GIVE US THE SKINNY ON SOME OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING UP BROADWAY AND POINTS BEYOND. PHIL IS A NATIVE OF WOOD RIVER AND HAS WORKED FOR ALTON 19 YEARS. THE MOST VISIBLE PROJECT IS CURRENTLY THE AMPHITHEATER THAT IS BEING BUILT ON THE RIVER FRONT. THE \$4.4 MILLION PROJECT IS SLATED TO BE FINISHED BY THE FALL. THE AREA IS PRIMARILY GREEN SPACE. THE PARK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS TO HOST EVENTS. THE THEATER CAN BE USED FOR EVENTS THAT WOULD CHARGE FOR ADMISSION. BEFORE PLANS FOR THE THEATER WERE FINALIZED, THE CITY CONSULTED WITH CONTEMPORARY PRODUCTIONS IN ST. LOUIS TO DETERMINE THE BEST DESIGN FOR POTENTIAL USE FOR TICKETED EVENTS. PARKING FOR ANY SUCH EVENT WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY USING A COMBINATION OF A TEMPORARILY RECONFIGURED BROADWAY, OUT LOTS AND SHUTTLES. THOSE PLANS ARE NOT QUITE FINALIZED. A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IS ALSO SLATED FOR COMPLETION BY NEXT SUMMER. THE BRIDGE WOULD SPAN BROADWAY NEAR WILLIAMS OFFICE SUPPLY AND ALLOW FOR A SAFE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND THE NEW PARK. THE BRIDGE WOULD BE 12' WIDE AND COST ABOUT \$2 MILLION. THE DOWNTOWN AREA NOW HAS TWO BUILDINGS THAT HAVE HAD THE UPPER FLOORS CONVERTED TO LOFT SPACE. IT'S A TREND THAT PHIL SEES CONTINUING. THE STREET SCAPES PROJECT THAT IS NOW GOING ON WILL, HOPEFULLY, BE EXTENDED FARTHER EAST ON BROADWAY. THE CITY IS CURRENTLY IN TALKS WITH TWO ST. LOUIS DEVELOPERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT. A HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER HAS A PRETTY GOOD SHOT OF BEING COMPLETED. IT WOULD NEED SOME CITY MONEY IN ORDER TO BECOME A REALITY. PHIL POINTED OUT THAT ANY MONEY WOULD COME FROM TIF FUNDS AND NOT GENERAL REVENUE. TURNING TO THE PARKWAY, KOHL'S HAS BROKEN GROUND ON A NEW DEPARTMENT STORE AND TRACTOR SUPPLY HAS JUST OPENED. THE CITY HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A BUSINESS DISTRICT AT THE MALL THAT WILL LEVY A 1% TAX TO HELP REDEVELOP THE MALL. THE CURRENT OWNERS UNDERSTAND SMALL MALLS AND LOOK LIKE A GOOD FIT FOR ALTON. SELLING THE MUNI GOLF COURSE IS CURRENTLY OFF THE TABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. IMPERIAL MANUFACTURING HAS CONSOLIDATED THEIR OPERATIONS IN THE CLARK PROPERTY. THEY HAVE LEASED 120,000 SQ. FT. OF SPACE AND EMPLOY 100 FOLKS. A POSSIBLE FURTHER EXPANSION IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY. THE INDIANA AVENUE OVERPASS WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. PHIL HOPES THAT THIS CONNECTOR WILL PROVIDE NEW INTEREST IN THE FACTORIES ALONG BROADWAY. WE THANK PHIL FOR BREAKING BREAD WITH US AND SHARING HIS INSIGHTS ABOUT ALTON'S CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE.



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BIRTHDAYS



THE SKINNY

-PAT HAD A "BEEFY" MAKE-UP AT FLORISSANT.
--WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT "FIT FLOPS" LORI HAS THE ANSWERS.
--ALL THE "HEAD COUNTERS" WOUND UP AT THE SAME END OF THE TABLE.
--BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR FOOD, OR BE PREPARED TO BE HIT WITH A \$5 FINE. (THAT WOULD NOT TASTE SO GOOD.)
--WE WERE JOINED BY 3 OF OUR 4 WOOD RIVER-EAST ALTON SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS LAST WEEK--**BROOKE, BETTY AND JASON. STEPHANIE** WAS UNABLE TO BE WITH US. BROOKE WILL BE GRADUATING THIS MONTH AND WILL BE ATTENDING ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY AND MAJORING IN PUBLIC RELATIONS.
--ROGER REPORTS THAT EVERYTHING BUT THE FINAL SCORE WAS GREAT AT BUSCH.
--LORI TELLS US THAT IF WE SELL 210 TICKETS THE COMPANY WILL GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL HAVE AT LEAST ONE \$ 10 WINNER EACH WEEK.
--THE EA-WR AFTER PROM COMMITTEE SENT A THANKS FOR OUR DONATION.
--APPARENTLY JOE HAD TO DRAG "MRS. KEN" FROM HER OLD PLACE.
--PAUL AND ONE OF THE STUDENTS HAD A CHANCE TO DRAW FROM A NEW "WELL VENTILATED" DECK, WITH PREDICTABLE RESULTS.



BASEBALL MANIA

EVERYONE NOW HAS THEIR ALLOTMENT OF TICKETS TO SELL FOR OUR FUND RAISER. (IF YOU HAVE NOT PICKED THEM UP, SEE LORI.) EVERY TICKET WE SELL NETS US \$7. THE 17 WEEKS OF PRIZES BEGINS THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. ALL TICKETS SOLD BEFORE MAY 29TH WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE RUN. PLEASE TURN IN YOUR SALES WEEKLY TO LORI. LAST YEAR WE SOLD ALMOST \$400 OF WINNING TICKETS AND NOW ONE OF OUR CUSTOMERS IS GUARANTEED TO WIN AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK.

LICENSED TO DRIVE

AFTER MANY YEARS OF HARD LOBBYING, THE GOVERNOR HAS SIGNED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A "ROTARY" STATE LICENSE PLATE. NO PLATES WILL BE MANUFACTURED UNTIL AT LEAST 850 REQUESTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THERE IS A NOMINAL UP-CHARGE FOR THE PLATES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A PLATE APPLICATION, ROGER HAS THE FORM. THE REQUEST DOES NOT COMMIT YOU TO PLACING AN ORDER, JUST INDICATING THAT YOU HAVE AN INTEREST.

OUT TO LUNCH

MY SCHEDULE IS GOING TO PUT ME IN AND OUT (MOSTLY OUT) OF TOWN UNTIL LATE JULY. THE NEXT BANNER THAT I CAN PRODUCE WILL PROBABLY BE IN EARLY AUGUST. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO STEP IN DURING THE INTERIM, LET BRAD KNOW. R.H.

Today's word-Sioux-These Indians called themselves *Dakotah*, "the allies." However, rival tribes called them the *Nadowessiou*x, "little snakes, the enemy," and whiter explorers mistakenly dubbed them the *Sioux*, from the syllable of this slur upon them.

HISTORY

1911: The Supreme Court ordered the dissolution of Standard Oil Company, ruling it was in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act.
1930: Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard a United Airlines flight
1941: Joe DiMaggio began his record 56-game hitting streak
1942: Gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 states, limiting sales to three gallons a week for non-essential vehicles.
1948: Hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.
1963: US astronaut L. Gordon Cooper blasted off aboard "Faith Seven" on the final mission of the Project Mercury space program.
1970: President Nixon appointed America's first two female generals

SMILE

My name is Pavlov. ring a bell?

Scottish golfers aim to set world record,
raise funds for PolioPlus

Rotarians in District 1230 (Scotland) are out to break a world record with a golf fundraiser that could bring in more than \$50,000 to support the global effort to eradicate polio. At the 22 June event in Ayrshire, organizers hope to beat the record for the most golfers to complete a round of the game on a single course in 24 hours. The current record, set in China in 2007, is 623 players; the previous record of 491 was set at St Andrews Bay, Scotland, in 2003. "It's time to bring the record back to Scotland," says District Governor Drew Hughes. "We gave the world the game of golf, so where better to hold the world record?" All 56 clubs in District 1230 are urged to send teams, and members of the public are invited to play. Proceeds will benefit PolioPlus, so participants are encouraged to raise at least £50 (\$100) and solicit sponsorships. If organizers reach their goal of 624 golfers, they will generate more than \$50,000 for the polio eradication effort. The fundraiser will take place at the championship-caliber, traditional-style Dundonald Links, cited as one of the best new courses in the world by the Robb Report in 2004. The first tee time is set for 03:30, and the first holes will be illuminated by floodlights to enable early-bird golfers to see their way through. Organizers expect that 160 tee times will occur at six-minute intervals throughout the near-midsummer day, which will offer over 18 hours of sunlight. Speed of play will be the key to success, Hughes says. Players are encouraged to treat the game as a "five-club challenge," in which golfers limit themselves to four clubs and a putter, and to focus on working together to break the record and have fun rather than on achieving a top individual score. "This is an excellent way of raising funds to eradicate polio," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Robert S. Scott, noting that he learned to play golf in Scotland. "The world record would be a bonus, but the main reason for the event is to raise funds for PolioPlus," Hughes emphasizes.

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