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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Have Yourself a Butterfield Christmas



By Doug Elwell, President
Butterfield Homeowners Association

*"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
Just like the ones I used to know,
Where the tree tops glisten
And children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow..."*
~Irving Berlin, "White Christmas"

Once upon a time, when I was a boy growing up in Butterfield in the late 1970s, the area around Butterfield was much different. Instead of being surrounded by stores, retirement homes and strips malls, Butterfield was largely surrounded by fields of corn, punctuated by orchards of trees and waving fields of prairie grass. The wild areas near my home stretched all the way south to Butterfield Road and east to Finley Road. Except for the West Suburban Bank, the entire area south of Marlborough Lane (east of Colonial Lane) was still entirely wild. It was a magical place and, I see now, an ideal place for a young, imaginative mind to explore.

Sitting on the eastern borderland between the still wild fields and the more civilized subdivision was Glen Park School (now the Fountain of Life Church). When my friends and I walked there to school every day, we took a shortcut between 2S164 and 2S174 Beaumont Lane, at the corner of Beaumont and Marlborough, cutting through "The Field" as it was called locally. The Field was a combination of prairie grass, chicory, cocklebur, milkweed, and a wide variety of native plantlife — the like of which is rarely seen in these parts any more — criss-crossed by dirt trails worn down by many small feet on missions both real and imaginary. And at the top of the field, stretching from Finley Road all the way to the top of Colonial Lane, a stone's throw south of Marlborough Lane, was "The Orchard" — an old apple orchard long abandoned by the farmers who once worked those fields. Many adventures were had in "The Field" and "The Orchard", but those are tales for another time.

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In the winter, the field and the orchard became a literal "Winter Wonderland". When the snow was deep and the air was cold enough to keep the snow dry, our family got out our Flexible Flyers (sleds, to you born after 1990) and trudged through the field, starting at the entrance at 22nd Street (where the I-355 overpass is now), through the orchard, all the way to the back of Glen Park School. There, on "the back of the hill", we would enjoy some of the best sledding around, our dog Ginger literally nipping at our heels as we raced down sometimes all the way to the goal posts where, if we were not careful, we would meet with a cold steel shock. Our Flexible Flyers allowed us just enough maneuverability to avoid the goal posts, co-sledders and other hazards, but not always, sometimes with hilarious results.

After a couple of hours of sharing the slopes with a number of other families, we would head back home for warm blankets and hot cocoa. Poor Ginger would be shut up in the utility room, or "mud room" that our model of house, the "Caravelle" has, which is the perfect place to remove mud from your boots, or let a pet dry out while the snowballs between her toes melted.

More likely than not after that we might spend the rest of the day trimming the tree, or baking Christmas cookies while listening to old-time radio Christmas classics such as "The Cinnamon Bear" on Chuck Schaden's "Those Were the Days" radio show. This was the magic of Christmas — not to be found in the lights and the glitter of commercialism, but in the quiet moments at home with family. These were the moments that matter most, and which I remember to this day. That, and opening up my Star Wars X-Wing Fighter Christmas morning, 1977. ;)



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2015 Election

We are in need of a Nominating Committee chair for the January meeting, and volunteers to run for the four offices: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Our next meeting will be on January 15th at the Fountain of Life Church, 2S361 Glen Park Rd., at 7:30 p.m. 🌟

Connie's Corner



By Connie Poulos Loos,
Vice President, Butterfield
Homeowners Association

Homeowner tips from
Coldwell Bankers
Sellers Resources:

LOOKING PAST SALE PRICE WHEN BUYING A HOME

As a home buyer, you may focus too much on a home's sale price - whether it meets your budget or even if it's a lucky number. Before you begin the home search, make sure that you take into account other factors such as your own credit. When you pay off outstanding loans and reduce debt before beginning the process of looking for a new home, you can significantly impact the interest rate you will pay and whether or not you qualify for a loan.

COST OF A HOME BEYOND THE SALE PRICE

Mortgages themselves commonly involve additional costs you may forget to account for, such as mortgage insurance. Other notable expenses include the property size, location, and condition of the home. These are some of the factors which determine property taxes and maintenance expenses for the upkeep of your home. While a home in good condition may have few repair costs at first, any home is a sufficiently large and complex structure and repairs are inevitable.

Focusing too much on sale price of a home can also lead you to make an unwise decision based on your personal needs. You may become so focused on jumping on a good deal that you overlook whether a home is right for you. If you have a growing family, take into account the need for more space in the near future. In contrast, be aware that a large home for a good price may be larger than you can reasonably use.

INVESTIGATION AND CLOSING WITH YOUR REAL ESTATE AGENT

You may want to have your real estate agent show you homes within your specified price range with-

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MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 20, 2014

Attendees

President Doug Elwell, Secretary Gloria Atkins, and nine members. Treasurer Bob Garstki and Vice President Connie Poulos were not in attendance.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approved Motions

- 1) A motion was approved to allocate an additional \$125.00 for the Christmas Home Decorating Contest. A motion had been made at the September, 2014 meeting to approve \$100.00 for the grand prize, this additional motion will grant an additional \$25.00 each for five Honorable Mentions.
- 2) A motion was approved to officially make the annual Christmas Home Decorating Contest open to all Butterfield residents, not just BHA members.
- 3) A motion was approved to allocate up to \$2,000 in the proposed budget to be printed in the December

newsletter for a possible New Year's party and other special events in 2015, TBA.

- 4) A motion was approved to send out membership reminder cards in at least the months of March and May every year.

Pledge of Allegiance

Police Report

- Officer Mike Shehee reported that a lawn ornament was stolen on Coronet Rd., otherwise things have been quiet.
- On Gray Ave., a trash can had been put out in the street, damaged by a car hitting it.
- If anyone is planning to go out of town, call the Sheriff's Office at 630-407-2400 to request that they patrol your property during that time.
- Officer Shehee also reminded us to observe the snow parking ordinances for both Milton and York Townships to avoid getting ticketed. From December 1st to April

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*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year*

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Proposed 2015 BHA Budget

Here is the proposed Butterfield Homeowners Association budget for 2015:

REVENUE

Dues.....\$7,000.00

ADVERTISING

Newsletter\$2,800.00

Website\$200.00

Subtotal Advertising\$3,000.00

Interest\$0.00

Miscellaneous\$0.00

Total Estimated Revenue\$10,000.00

EXPENSES

MARKETING & CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Printing.....\$2,500.00

Postage\$2,000.00

Website\$200.00

Welcome Wagon.....\$200.00

Subtotal Marketing\$4,900.00

LANDSCAPING

Plants and related materials\$250.00

Mowing and related

landscaping needs\$600.00

Com Ed\$250.00

Decorations\$100.00

Subtotal Landscaping\$1,200.00

EVENTS

Picnic\$1,500.00

Parties & Special Events\$1,500.00

Subtotal Events\$3,000.00

OTHER

Insurance\$800.00

Incorporation Fees\$50.00

Auditor Cost\$0.00

Miscellaneous\$50.00

Subtotal Other.....\$900.00

Total Estimated Expenses\$10,000.00

Estimated Net Income - Expenses\$0.00

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15th, there is no parking on the street at any time with a 2" snowfall or greater for both York and Milton. Also no overnight parking between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. in Milton. This is to keep the roads open for the plows.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the September 18th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Officer and Committee Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report by Bob Garstki was presented by President Elwell who provided a summary of account activities since the last meeting. All numbers are reported as of October 31, 2014:

ASSETS

- Checking account.....\$7,896.79
 - Money Market Account\$13,820.70
 - Interest earned(\$2.31) YTD (\$4.26)
 - CD (closed and transferred to MM acct., was \$8,594.62.) \$0.00
 - Interest was paid annually on 8/23:\$231.09
 - CD \$4,861.55
 - Interest is paid annually on 9/23(\$24.67)
 - Balance in postage acct. (approx.)\$480.89
- TOTAL ASSETS\$27,059.93

INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

INCOME:

- 2014 member dues deposited in July & August (additional 11 households):\$350.00
 - Money Market account interest (July & August):\$0.65
 - CD – closed account interest\$231.09
 - Ad revenue deposited for Aug 2014 issue (deposited in July and August):\$225.00
- TOTAL INCOME (for July & August):\$806.74

EXPENSES:

- ComEd electric bills paid in July and August (total): (for lighting of our three entrance signs, combined)\$33.70
- Lawn mowing costs for August – September....\$225.00
- Misc. entrance sign plants, etc.....\$31.54
- Welcome Wagon expenses\$35.81
- 2014 Picnic Expenses paid for in Sept. & Oct.

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"Butterfield Neighbors! Call The Name You Can Trust!"

Connie Poulos Loos

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Butterfield East Statistics Thru 12/1/2014 per MLS

Homes Sold	26
Average Listing Price	\$265,338
Average Sold Price	\$255,655

*******Nine Reasons To Buy A House Right Now*******

1. Prices Are Good
2. Rates Are Low
3. Loan Requirements Are Softening
4. FHA Loans Make It Even Easier For First-Time Buyers
5. Fewer Buyers Around The Holidays Means Less Competition For You And More Negotiating Power
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BUTTERFIELD NEWS

Crime Prevention Holiday Safety Tips

From the desk of John E. Zaruba, DuPage County Sheriff

As the holiday season approaches, please be aware that criminals will look for opportunities to make you a victim. Please partner with us by implementing the following safety tips while shopping and enjoying the holiday season. Happy Holidays!!

Protecting Your Home

- Always make it so that it appears that someone is at home.
- Use timers on interior lighting.
- Use motion sensors on exterior lighting.
- Have your driveway clear of snow.
- Pick up your newspaper and mail as soon as possible.
- If you are going out of town, have a trusted neighbor pick up your mail and newspaper and return the favor.
- Do not display pictures of purchased items on cardboard in your recycle bin.
- Gather your neighbors and join a neighborhood watch.

Protecting Yourself

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or credit cards.
- Don't overburden yourselves with packages.
- Be extra careful with purses or wallets.
- Carry a purse close to your body.
- Consider carrying a fanny pack around your waist with just the necessary items that you need for your shopping trip.
- Bring along another family member or a friend.
- Park in well lighted areas.
- Lock up everything in your trunk and do not leave any items inside your car. If you do not have a trunk, at least cover items and packages with a blanket.
- Scan the area from your car looking for persons acting suspicious or just sitting in their vehicles for no apparent reason.

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ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Advertising in our newsletter is a great way to get the word out about your local business or service! And you do not need to be an association member or even be a resident of Butterfield to advertise! So, if you have a friend or relative looking to increase their business, please tell them about advertising in our newsletter!

The February issue goes exclusively to our loyal BHA members. Space in this issue is limited, so please reserve your ad space as soon as possible in order to ensure your position. Here are our special February rates:

AD SIZES (APPROXIMATE)

Full Page.....	\$100.00
(Full page ad includes free website ad for 1 month)	
1/2 Page	\$50.00
1/4 Page	\$25.00
1/8 Page (business card)	\$15.00
Website or Classified ad	\$15.00

Format: PDFs or high resolution JPEGs are best. Classified ads are up to 25 words, no images. You can purchase or upgrade to a full page ad and receive a web or classified ad absolutely free! The ad deadline for the February issue is January 30, 2015. Payment must be delivered with advertisement. Make checks payable to **Butterfield Homeowners Association** and mail to:

Butterfield Homeowners Association
Bob Garstki, Treasurer
2S154 Valley Rd
Lombard, IL 60148

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- Authentic Chinese & Japanese sushi restaurant
- Chinese is our specialty
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- Family restaurant
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FREE

California Roll
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>> *Holiday Safety Tips (Continued from page 8)*

Identity Theft Prevention

- Limit the number of credit cards you have to reduce exposure, and cancel any inactive accounts
- Destroy all unused pre-approved credit card and loan applications. The mailbox thief only has to fill them out and redirect the return address to start using your credit.
- Never give any important number out like from your drivers license, credit card, bank account, date of birth or social security number to anyone you don't know over the telephone.
- Protect your mother's maiden name, especially when using family tree tracers and genealogy service web sites. Maiden names are often used as passwords to access accounts over the telephone.
- Never leave your purse or wallet unattended, at work, at restaurants, at health fitness clubs, in your

shopping cart, at church or at social gatherings. Never leave your purse or wallet in open view in your car, even when locked.

If You Suspect Identity Theft

- Report the incident to the police immediately. If you know where your identification was stolen, that would be the correct police jurisdiction to report it to. Insist on being given a police report number a get a copy to enclose in correspondence with credit agencies
 - Report all stolen cards to the issuers immediately and request that new cards be issued. Always respond to written credit card receipt notifications received in the mail.
 - Notify your bank in the event that your checks are stolen and request that your account be closed.
 - Go online to social security administration if someone is using your social security number to establish credit or new accounts. If SSN fraud is suspected, call the SSA Hotline: (800) 772-1213
 - Obtain copies of your credit report periodically to see if there are any unknown credit lines in your name. All three major credit reporting agencies in the United States have toll free telephone numbers. Equifax (888) 532-0179; Experian (800) 311-4769; Trans Union (800) 680-7289. Each agency has a consumer fraud division. Call and report the ID Theft so they can red flag your name and date of birth.
- For more information on crime prevention education you may visit our website at www.dupagesheriff.org.

COMMENTARY

Bah, Humbug!

Christmas is such a beautiful holiday so I'm only going to humbug one time. So here it goes ... the Christmas decorating at the entrances is done. Four 76-year-old senior citizens untangled lights, replaced broken lights, hung garlands, wreaths and made sure the electricity was working properly. They did this on Saturday morning for three hours when it wasn't too terribly warm and the wind was quite brisk.

Anyhow, what was really bothersome were the hundreds of cars passing by and not one gave a thumbs-up or even a smile, yet they will all take advantage of the Christmas lights. Sure, they probably think that no one asked them to do this, or any other volunteer job, and did we expect a salary, as one homeowner pointed out in a newsletter. The usual comments, when asked for volunteers are, "I'm too busy.... I've done enough here.... I'm not good at that or give a blank stare when asked.

Wouldn't it be a sad state of affairs if there weren't anybody out there giving a little of their time? The BHA is trying to make Butterfield East a choice place to live but cannot do it without your help. Incidentally, the four individuals who did the decorating are responsible for many, many hours of volunteerism.

BUTTERFIELD CLASSIFIEDS

- **Cordial Electric** provides electrical services to residential, commercial and industrial clients. Phone: 630-330-3942. See their ad on page 5 for more information.
- **Double Dragon** is an authentic Chinese and Japanese sushi restaurant located at 414 W. 22nd St. in Lombard (Cove Plaza). Phone: 630-889-8989. See their ad on page 9 for more information.

Want to run a Classified ad? Contact President Doug Elwell at 630-627-4845, or email him at doug@dougelwell.com to learn more.



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\$1,024.19

PRINTING COSTS FOR:

- 2014 Picnic Flyer costs (828 copies).....\$431.39
- Postage (from postage acct. balance):\$240.95
- October Newsletter
 (290 copies – 20 pages):.....\$319.00
- Postage (from postage acct. balance,
 approximate):\$112.00
- Postage paid to printer:\$15.40
- Deposit to postage account:\$500.00

(Note: Current credit balance in postage account is: \$480.89)

TOTAL EXPENSES
 (for July and August)\$2,616.03
 NET Income or Loss for July and
 August \$-2,214.05 (Loss)

WELCOME WAGON COMMITTEE

Sandy Henry reported that 8 new homeowners were visited in October and November and asked for extra copies of the newsletter be given out as well as the new Beautiful Butterfield brochure. They also purchased some new bags.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

The Beautiful Butterfield brochure will be finished shortly to be given to the printer. A suggestion was made to incorporate the plans of the original model homes to be put in the brochure, which will consist of twelve pages and be printed in full color.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Phyllis Schroeder reported that mums were planted in October and that after Thanksgiving, the entrances will be decorated for Christmas. She would appreciate volunteers to help.

HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

President Elwell proposed we create a Holiday Committee to manage holiday-themed events year-round, but there were no volunteers. Jean Paprocki, however, has volunteered to chair a subcommittee specifically to handle the Christmas House Decorating Contest. After some discussion and a vote, it has been decided that there will be six prizes: one grand prize for \$100.00, and five \$25.00 honorable mention prizes. The judging will be done about the 20th of December and is open to both members and non-members this year.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- The proposed 2015 budget was presented and will be voted upon at the January meeting, according to our bylaws.
- There was a proposal by President Elwell based upon board recommendation to reduce the number of general meetings from 6 to 4 per year. Those meetings will be held in January, March, June and October and newsletters will be sent out in February, April, July and November. Discussion followed but no final decisions were made.
 - President Elwell proposed that we have an annual New Year's Party to be held in conjunction with the January regular meeting. It would precede the regular meeting, with the intent of encouraging people to renew their memberships, and attend the regular meetings more often. After some discussion, the attendees agreed to allocate up to \$2,000 to be used for parties and other special events in 2015, TBA.
 - Another idea to help increase membership was offered by a member, to send out reminder postcards to all Butterfield at least every March and May every year. This motion was approved.
 - A survey will also be sent out in order to gather ideas on how people think about the services the BHA provides for Butterfield, how they feel about new services, such as the picnic, and suggestion about additional services we can provide.
 - President Elwell also suggested looking into looking into an accounting firm to handle auditing and other possible accounting needs in the future. This proposal was tabled for future discussion if the need arises for additional accounting services.
 - President Elwell asked for volunteers to head the Nominating Committee. There were none. We will ask for nominations from the floor at the January meeting and elections will be held at the March meeting, according to our by-laws.

Open Forum

- No activity.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting will be on January 15, 2015. 🌞

Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Atkins, Recording Secretary

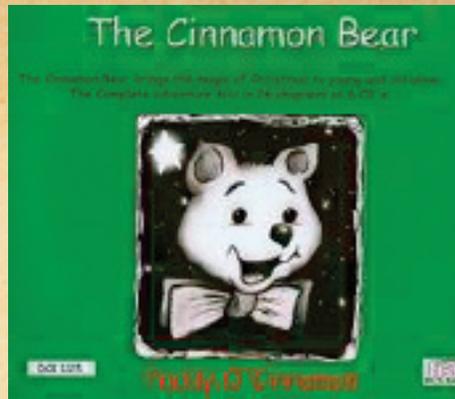
BUTTERFIELD CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Cinnamon Bears & Ginger Snaps

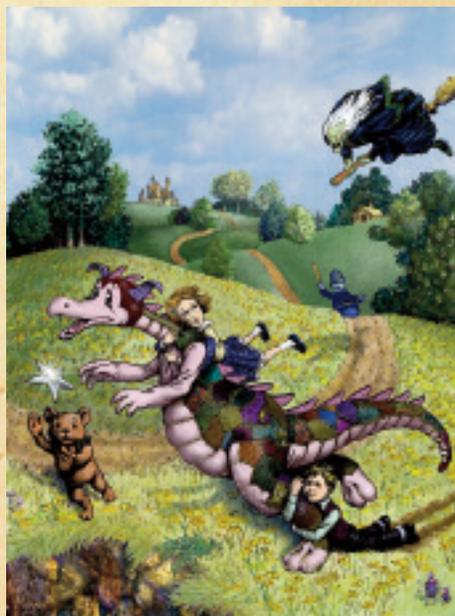
By Doug Elwell

My father was a huge aficionado of old time radio. Every Saturday afternoon we could expect to hear Chuck Schaden's "Those Were the Days" radio broadcast on WNIB on the cabinet stereo set that our father had bought for us to listen to the radio and play records. The Jack Benny Show, Fibber McGee and Molly, The Shadow, The Great Gildersleeve, and my personal favorite, The Charlie McCarthy Show, as well as many others, were a staple in my household from 1975 well into the 1980s.¹ Around Christmastime, however, a number of unique Christmas-oriented old-time radio shows were broadcast, typically the same popular shows with a Christmas theme, a radio version of "A Christmas Carol", and so forth, but the most popular show was a family favorite called "The Cinnamon Bear".

"The Cinnamon Bear" was an old-time radio program produced by Transco, based in Hollywood, California. The series was set up in such a way that it could be broadcast six days a week, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, 1937.² It was originally intended as a marketing vehicle that toy sellers could use to market their toys to children, but the show became so popular that it took on a life of its own, and is still broadcast today, primarily in the Chicago area and the northwestern US, over 75 years since its original broadcast.³ The plot of the show was based upon a twin



"The Cinnamon Bear" is the beloved Christmastime serial that's been a radio favorite since 1937. Visit Nostalgia Digest at www.nostalgia Digest.com/product0.html and pick up a copy today!



A scene from "The Cinnamon Bear" showing Judy and Jimmy wresting the Silver Star out of the hands of Crazyquilt Dragon and into the hands of Paddy O'Cinnamon, while the Wintergreen Witch swoops in to grab it for herself. Image from RadioArchives.com.

brother and sister, Judy and Jimmy Barton who, looking for their favorite Christmas ornament, the "silver star" in the attic, open up an old trunk and find a small, stuffed teddy bear that comes to life. The bear, which identifies itself in a song (complete with orchestration) as "Paddy O'Cinnamon" then explains to them that their special silver star ornament had been stolen by "the Crazyquilt Dragon" and taken to the land of "Maybeland", where Judy and Jimmy must go to recover it. Over 20 characters make their appearances over 26 episodes, stretching all the way from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

The Cinnamon Bear and many other shows on Schaden's "Those Were the Days" broadcast were a staple around our house, and were fun to listen to while baking cookies, trimming the tree, playing games like Life or Monopoly, or doing something as simple as a puzzle. My mother would often be baking cookies as the cookies tended to disappear rapidly. She made a variety of traditional recipes, some of which had been handed down from our grandparents, though my favorite Christmas cookie was and is chocolate chip cookie dough with peanut M&Ms instead of chocolate chips. Sometimes we would make handmade ornaments by using cookie cutters in the shape of angels, Christmas trees, snowmen, various Peanuts characters such as Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus and Lucy, and of course gingerbread men.



Christmas 1985, our dog Ginger in our living room, between the tree and the couch. Ginger was a Collie-Shepherd mix we rescued from a humane shelter back in 1975, and proved to be about as good a family dog as one could hope for.

Speaking of ginger, one of the highlights of every Christmas celebration was giving a gift to our dog Ginger. Ginger was a Collie-German Shepherd mix we had rescued from an animal shelter in 1975. Out of the whole litter of pups, all the rest of whom were largely dark in color, their foreheads all marked with what looked like a single white star, Ginger stood out as having much lighter markings that were more of a ginger color, which is why we eventually decided to name her Ginger. We then took Ginger home, and she soon became a part of the family, proving to be about as good a family dog as one could hope for, providing us endless affection and amusement for twelve wonderful years.

At Christmas Ginger, who normally was not allowed in the living room, was allowed to attend the family Christmas celebration as long as she behaved herself, which she usually did. Typically she was confined to the edge of the living room where she waited patiently as our presents were unwrapped one by one, raising her nose occasionally to sniff all the wonderful smells that were wafting out of the kitchen.

In later years we allowed Ginger into the family room proper, instead of the edge, and she began to partake more and more in the festivities, sometimes

even getting presents of chew toys and rawhide bones, which were her favorite. As I loved to tease Ginger (and she loved the attention), we later developed a tradition of depositing the used ribbons onto her back or side after we had finished unwrapping our gifts. At the end of the gifts she was frequently covered in ribbons, bows and wrapping paper, sometimes getting up and walking around as if nothing was wrong, with comical results.

The Cinnamon Bear and Ginger were only two of many of my good memories of Butterfield Christmases past. Share with us your Butterfield Christmas memories and photos of Butterfield in the old days by sending them to me at doug@dougelwell.com so we can publish them as part of a permanent archive. 🐾



Christmas 1985, our dog Ginger patiently enduring being used as a ribbon holder after presents have been opened.

NOTES

¹ For more information about the old "Those Were the Days" broadcast on WNIB, visit www.nostalgia.digest.com. Those Were the Days is still broadcast on WDCB, 90.9 FM, based in Glen Ellyn: <http://wdcb.org/programming/program.php?id=41> Also visit OldTimeRadioFans.com at <http://www.oldtimeradiofans.com> for a huge list of free, downloadable old-time radio shows.

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BUTTERFIELD HISTORY

A Geographical History of Butterfield

By Douglas A. Elwell

As we discussed in our first in a series of articles on the history of Butterfield in the June 2014 newsletter of *BHA Today*, DuPage County is a land with deep roots in more ways than one. In our first article, "A Geological History of Butterfield", we looked at the geological origins of our area in "the deep, misty past of Earth's earliest history."¹

In this, the second of our series of articles, we will take a brief look at the geographical history of Butterfield. Geography differs from geology in that geology focuses on the physical, mineral composition of the entire earth, all the way from the surface to the core, whereas geography focuses on the relative arrangement of not only mineral, but also animal and vegetable life, including both natural and man-made objects, climate, elevation, and a variety of other factors, including humanity itself, and is exclusive to Earth's surface.

According to the list of ecoregions in the United States, as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and by the World Wildlife Fund, Butterfield is located in the ecoregion



Butterfield is situated in the "Valparaiso-Wheaton Morainial Complex" as defined by the USEPA and WWF (shown as a light brown band around the Chicago area on the online PDF). A moraine is an accumulation of dirt and rocks that had been pushed by one or more glaciers, and left in place when the glacier retreated.

called the "Valparaiso-Wheaton Morainial Complex". The EPA has a similar classification system, which divides the United States into 15 broad regions, or "biomes", Illinois falling almost entirely into the the "Eastern Temperate Forest environment Level I region".²

A "moraine" is simply an accumulation of dirt and rocks that are pushed forward by a glacier as it advances. Moraines are formed when the glacier ceases in its advance or retreats, leaving behind a long, roughly linear accumulation of debris, like that of a bulldozer, but sometimes stretching many miles. A "morainial complex" is a series of mounds of earth that have been pushed into place by one or more glaciers, the end result being a complex variety of hills, valleys and plains that ably describes the geography of Butterfield and its surrounds.

The region in which Butterfield sits has also been referred to as "Eastern Temperate Forest Environment Level I". This is defined by the EPA's Centers for Environmental Cooperation as a moderate to mildly humid climate with relatively dense and diverse forest cover, and a high density of human inhabitants, urban industries, agriculture and some forestry....

Glacially derived materials and landforms and areas of glacial lake deposits shape the landscape in the north."⁴

So, the geography of Butterfield was basically largely formed by the advance of glaciers during the Ice Age which, when it ended around 10,000 b.c., left behind a complex series of glacial, "terminal" moraines, which ex-

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plains the hills and valleys. Some believe this was also the source of our very rich and fertile soil, but the fertile soil that makes northern Illinois one of the most fertile areas in the world actually is due to the decay of thousands of years of prairie plants, whose roots went as deep as fifteen feet, although the fertility developed primarily in the top two to three feet.⁵ So when you go out to plant your flowers, or mow your lawn, remember how long it took for the rich, underlying soil to form. Butterfield is a great place to live from the ground up. 🌟

NOTES

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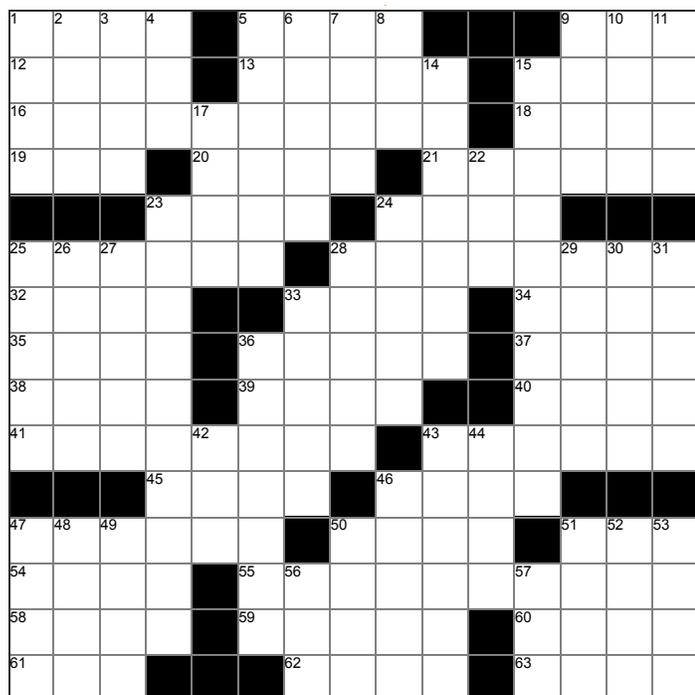
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- 1: May honorees
- 5: Roll call response
- 9: Printer spec.
- 12: Burn soother
- 13: Kicking partner
- 15: Any day now
- 16: Observes
- 18: Little gull
- 19: Bricklayer's item
- 20: Bowling alley
- 21: Tries to tag, maybe
- 23: Use foul language
- 24: Ignition ____
- 25: Goes to the top of
- 28: Transporting costs
- 32: Root beer alternative
- 33: Had an opinion
- 34: Arrive
- 35: Goes for
- 36: Geometry calculations
- 37: Oktoberfest horn
- 38: Hematite and galena
- 39: Nurses, as a drink
- 40: Footnote word
- 41: Diocese subdivisions
- 43: Indian instruments
- 45: Mongrels
- 46: Loafer, for instance
- 47: Thin coating
- 50: Tiff
- 51: Start to mature?
- 54: Colored eye part
- 55: What makes one tick
- 58: Cooped (up)
- 59: Oil source
- 60: Sailed right through
- 61: Verbalize
- 62: Table scraps
- 63: Quarterback's call

DOWN

- 1: Sonic unit
- 2: Table spread
- 3: It turns bread blue
- 4: Attend
- 5: Bedevil
- 6: Panaches
- 7: Ceremonial practice
- 8: Original sinner
- 9: 'That ____ it!'
- 10: Breathing space
- 11: Roadside stops
- 14: Goes along with
- 15: It may hang from a cave roof
- 17: Down in the dumps
- 22: Strike
- 23: Latin lover, perhaps?
- 24: Carbonated drinks
- 25: Newshawk's triumph
- 26: Coconut product
- 27: Take out or in
- 28: Look-sees
- 29: Edam's cousin
- 30: Barbecue leftover
- 31: Fraying spots
- 33: Burgers' companion
- 36: Hindu retreats
- 42: Daylight
- 43: Cuts in very thin slices
- 44: Greek letter
- 46: 'Don't cry over ____ milk'
- 47: Fivesome on a five
- 48: Bailiwick
- 49: Elfin
- 50: Name on the marquee
- 51: Typographic measure
- 52: Lobster and beluga products
- 53: Budgets make them meet
- 56: 'What have we here?'
- 57: Dance like Hines

Butterfield Recipes

This recipe for a Holiday Ribbon Ring will make a delicious and lovely dessert for your Christmas table.

HOLIDAY RIBBON RING

- 2 packages (4 serving size) strawberry Jello
- 5 C. boiling water
- 2/3 C. sour cream or vanilla yogurt
- 2 packages (4 serving size) lime Jello

DIRECTIONS

Dissolve strawberry Jello in 2 1/2 C. boiling water. Pour 1 1/2 C. into a 6-cup ring mold. Chill until set but not firm, about 15 minutes. Chill remaining Jello in bowl. gradually blend in 1/3 cup of the sour cream/yogurt over Jello in mold. Chill until set but not firm, about 15 minutes. Repeat with lime Jello, remaining 2 1/2 cups water and 1/3 cup sour cream/yogurt, chilling dissolved jello before measuring and pouring into mold. Chill at least 2 hours. Unmold. Makes 12 servings. 🌟

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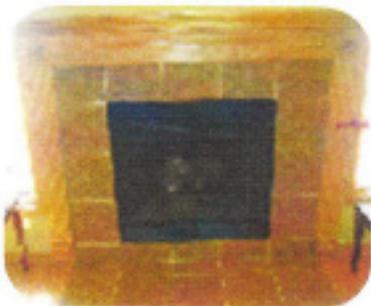
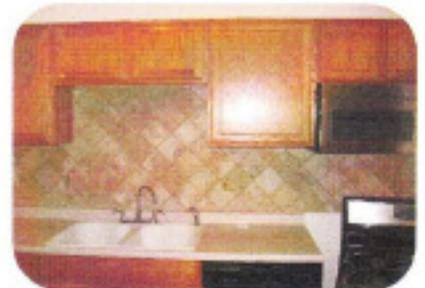
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