

# SIEA's

July, August, September 2009

Did You Know

## **JULY CALENDAR**

01 Robert Walters  
02 William Davis  
04 Dan Brady  
05 James Brosnahan  
08 Rosemary Mulligan  
08 Cynthia Soto  
11 Todd Sieben  
13 Brad Burzynski  
14 Rich Brauer  
23 Edward Acevedo  
25 Julie McPike  
26 Frank Watson  
28 Mike Frerichs  
28 Jeffrey Schoenberg  
29 John Maitland  
30 Lisa Madigan  
30 Michael Tryon  
30 Jim Watson  
31 Tom Cross  
31 Mary Flowers

## **AUGUST CALENDAR**

02 Karen May  
04 James Meeks  
06 Kathleen Ryg  
07 Frank Mautino  
08 Bill Haine  
10 James DeLeo  
12 Tony Canino  
13 Carole Pankau  
14 Dan Beiser  
19 Monique Davis  
19 Sandy Farris  
20 Mike Boland  
22 David Leitch  
23 Dale Righter  
24 Carl Cannon  
25 Dale Chapman  
30 Diane Schuette  
31 Larry Trent

## **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

01 Cheryl Blaha  
02 Ted Eilerman  
04 Terry Buhs  
06 Careen Gordon  
06 Keith Sommer  
08 Elizabeth Coulson  
10 Brandon Phelps  
12 David Braasch  
12 Duane Noland  
15 David Reis  
22 Steve Davis  
23 David Miller  
24 Michael Roark  
26 Timothy Schmitz  
28 Naomi Jakobsson  
28 Eric Petersen  
30 Tom Coles  
30 Kwame Raoul

SIEA – Retired  
Illinois House of Representatives  
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Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Retired State Senator  
Illinois State Senate  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Lewis & Clark Community College  
Former State Senate  
Illinois State Senate  
Illinois State Senate  
Former State Senator  
Illinois Attorney General  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
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Illinois House of Representatives

Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois State Senate  
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Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois State Senate  
Illinois State Senate  
Shell Oil Company  
Illinois State Senate  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Beverly Farm Foundation  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois State Senate  
U. S. Steel / Granite City Works  
Lewis & Clark Community College  
Saint Anthony's Health Center  
Retired Illinois State Police

William M. BeDell – ARC  
St. Elizabeth's Medical Center – Retired  
Wegman Electric Company  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Alton Memorial Hospital  
Former State Senator  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Former House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Olin Corporation  
Illinois House of Representatives  
Illinois House of Representatives  
WRB Refining LLC  
Former SIEA Board Member  
Illinois State Senate

# Illinois Trivia & Tidbits!!!!

The world's largest manufacturer of football helmets and faceguards is Schutt Sports, headquartered in Litchfield. The company was founded in 1918.

George Barris, born in the 1920's in Chicago, designed and built many of television and Hollywood's famous vehicles, including the Batmobile, the Munsters' Koach and the Beverly Hillbillies' jalopy. He owns Barris Kustom Industries in North Hollywood, CA.

The Ariston Café in Litchfield is believed to be the oldest restaurant along old Route 66. Pete Adam opened the café in 1924 in Carlinville then relocated five years later to Litchfield.

Peter Oberweis, who began selling milk to neighbors in 1915, bought a partnership in a dairy in 1927. The enterprise became the Oberweis Dairy, in North Aurora a few years later.

The Liberty Bell of the West at the Kaskaskia Bell State Historic Site in Kaskaskia is older than the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Cast in 1741, the 650 pound bell was a gift to the Catholic Church from King Louis XV of France.

Actor Rock Hudson, whose good looks made him a romantic leading man in the 1950s and 1960s on the silver screen, was born Roy Harold Scherer Jr. in 1925 in Winnetka, IL.

Build as a monument of peace, the Bald Knob Cross near Alto Pass stands 111 feet tall with arms that stretch 63 feet across and is the highest landmark in Union County. Since 1937, an Easter sunrise service has been held on Bald Knob and inspired the building of the cross, which was completed in 1963.

Illinois ranks Number 1 in the number of vanity license plates, with nearly 1.3 million of the nation's 9.3 million personalized tags purchased by Illinois vehicle owners.

A 49 year old half eaten sandwich still holds political memories for Steve Jenne of Springfield. In 1960, Jenne was among Boy Scouts who helped guard Vice President Richard Nixon's picnic table when he campaigned in Sullivan. When Nixon left part of the sandwich, Jenne scooped it up with the paper plate and froze it.

Max Crossett's Café in Salem was known for a tasty condiment called Max Crossett's "X-tra Fine Salad Dressing." According to local lore, Crossett sold the recipe for \$300 in 1931 to Kraft, which renamed it Miracle Whip.

The world's largest catsup (that's how it's spelled on the label) bottle is in Collinsville. The bottle really is an empty 170 foot tall water tower, built in 1949 by W. E. Caldwell Company for the G. S. Suppiger catsup bottling plant.

The first radio broadcast of the Indianapolis 500 was in 1924 by Chicago-based and Chicago Tribune-owned WGN (World's Greatest Newspaper) Radio, formerly called WDAP Radio.

# Celebrate Growing Older . . .

Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio. "I once wrote the lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written." My odometer rolls over to 91 in August, so here is the column once more:

Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

Pay off your credit cards every month.

Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.

Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.

Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.

When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

No one is in charge of your happiness but you.

Frame every so-called disaster with these words "In five years, will this matter?"

What other people think of you is none of your business.

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

Believe in miracles.

All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.

Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.

# QUOTES.....

UPON THE FIELDS OF FRIENDLY STRIFE ARE SOWN THE SEEDS THAT, UPON OTHER FIELDS, ON OTHER DAYS WILL BEAR THE FRUITS OF VICTORY.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

THERE ARE TWO WAYS OF EXERTING ONE'S STRENGTH: ONE IS PUSHING DOWN, THE OTHER IS PULLING UP.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

HE TOO SERVES A CERTAIN PURPOSE WHO ONLY STANDS AND CHEERS...

HENRY ADAMS

THE ONLY STRUGGLE WORTHY OF MAN'S UNCEASING SACRIFICE IS THE STRUGGLE TO BE FREE.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

CHOP YOUR OWN WOOD, AND IT WILL WARM YOU TWICE.

HENRY FORD

OUR MOST BASIC COMMON LINK IS THAT WE ALL INHABIT THIS PLANET. WE ALL BREATHE THE SAME AIR. WE ALL CHERISH OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE. AND WE ALL ARE MORTAL.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

CHILDREN ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCE.

HERBERT HOOVER

AGGRESSIVE FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT IS THE NOBLEST SPORT THE WORLD AFFORDS.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

# FUNNIES!

**THE ECONOMY IS SO BAD . . . . .**

Ceo's are now playing miniature golf.

Hot Wheels and Matchbox stock are trading higher than GM.

Even people who have nothing to do with the Obama administration aren't paying their taxes.

The most highly-paid job is now jury duty.

Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.

Motel Six won't leave the light on.

A truckload of Americans got caught sneaking into Mexico.

People in Africa are donating money to Americans.

## **Tips for around the house DID YOU KNOW**

If you peel a banana from the bottom. . . . You won't have to pick the little 'stringy things' off it. That's how the primates do it.

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

No more mosquitoes --- place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.

# Odds and Ends

MY HUSBAND AND I DIVORCED OVER RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES. HE THOUGHT HE WAS GOD AND I DIDN'T.

I USED TO HAVE A HANDLE ON LIFE, BUT IT BROKE!!!!!!

DON'T TAKE LIFE TOO SERIOUSLY; NO ONE GETS OUT ALIVE.

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEER HOLDER.

I'M NOT A COMPLETE IDIOT - - - SOME PARTS ARE MISSING

GOD MUST LOVE STUPID PEOPLE; HE MADE SO MANY.

THE GENE POOL COULD USE A LITTLE CHLORINE.

WRINKLED WAS NOT ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP.

I HAVE A DEGREE IN LIBERAL ARTS; DO YOU WANT FRIES WITH THAT?

A HANGOVER IS THE WRATH OF GRAPES.

THE TROUBLE WITH LIFE IS THERE'S NO BACKGROUND MUSIC.

THE ORIGINAL POINT AND CLICK INTERFACE WAS A SMITH & WESSON.

I SMILE BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON.

# **KIDS SAY THE DARNEST THINGS**

**A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the bottle. . . During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year old daughter to answer the phone. “Mommy can’t come to the phone to talk to you right now. She’s hitting the bottle.”**

**While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, “Are you a cop? Yes, I answered and continued writing the report. My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. It that right? Yes, that’s right, I told her. Well, then, she said as she extended her foot toward me, would you please tie my shoe?”**

**A little girl had just finished her first week of school. “I’m just wasting my time, she said to her mother. I can’t read, I can’t write, and they won’t let me talk!**

**A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, “Daddy, you shouldn’t wear that suit.” And why not? “You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.”**

**It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. “Is that a dog you got back there? He asked. It sure is, I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, “What’d he do?”**

**On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, “The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.”**