

# PRAIRIE FLOWERS

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## Thanks for helping mission

To the Editor:

I wanted to take an opportunity to express my gratitude for everyone's help in my World Race Missions Trip; 11 countries in 11 months. Thank you to all the donators of the community and of the local businesses to my fundraising event in June. I also wanted to thank WLBK radio for hosting me on the air and my home church Bethel Assemblies of God in Sycamore.

Without the overwhelming support I received from the DeKalb County community, continuing this journey would have been very difficult. Thank you again for your ongoing thoughts and prayers! I'm currently in Mozambique in my third month of missions. If you want to follow my journey, visit my blog at [allisonanderson.theworldrace.org](http://allisonanderson.theworldrace.org). God bless.

Allison Anderson

DeKalb

## Sweet love

To the Editor:

Did you hug your wife today?

Did you tell her how much you love her?

Did you thank her for all of the things she has done for you?

Do you thank your wife when she prepares a three-course meal for you?

When you are done eating, do you run into the living room and grab the clicker and watch the TV, or do you help her with the dishes?

Do you ever fix her breakfast and let her lie in bed and read the paper?

Do you think that just because you are old, like me, that you do not have to do these things?

I will be 90 years old next month, and we have been married for years.

Have you forgotten all those hours you have spent together and all the kisses and each embrace and every tear shed for one another?

Maybe all of us great big men ought to be like Dave Bryant, and when we talk about our wives call them “angel” or “honey.”

Come on, men, have we forgotten how to be great lovers, or are we a dwindling group of men?

I do have medical problems with my memory and sometimes I forget to tell my wife how much I love her.

So for all those times that I forgot, I say the following:

I love you and this is from my heart. Today I love you more than ever.

You have made me what I am today. You are the wind beneath my wings. I thank you for everything you have done for me, for all the times I forgot to tell you exactly how I feel about you, this letter is to tell you that I will always love you.

Frank Paciga

Kingston

### **Kite Fest wows the crowd**

To the Editor:

Our sincere thanks to everyone who made the 2015 DeKalb Kite Festival soar with kites and smiles. DeKalb County residents and visitors were able to enjoy such a wonderful day of fun festivities thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: A-TEC Ambulance, B-95, Bill White’s C.A.R. Hospital, Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor, Country Inn & Suites, Daily Chronicle, DeKalb Chamber, DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau, DeKalb Park District, DeKalb Sign Shop, First National Bank, Foster & Buick Law Group, Brad Hoey, Holiday Inn Express, Holmes Student Center Hotel, KishHealth System, Mike’s Auto & Truck Repair, Morning Star Media Group, The National Bank & Trust Co., Nestle, NIU Athletics, Sundog IT, ProSound Productions by Shawn Lowe, Red Roof Inn & Suites, Siepert & Co. and WLBK AM/FM and WSQR AM/FM.

Dave Zavell from Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor recruits kite enthusiasts from around the Midwest to come and perform for us. Dave and his family work tirelessly to ensure everyone enjoys the day and the amazing kites. Our thanks to the following high fliers who made our event a success: Dave Zavell, Bob Zavell, Joey Zavell and his entire family, the Overman family, Dennis and Leann Lauer, Steve Nichol, Rich May, Daryl Waters, Paul Krekal, Ed and Austin Brunt, Mike Hall, Harry Larsen, Troy Stringer, Terri and Jen Janeski, Chris Stubblefield, Dave and Katherine Piotrowski, Charlie and Pam Mazzulla and Bill and Julie Miller.

Thank you to the participants from Art Attack, DeKalb Park District, Egyptian Theatre, NIU Athletics/Orientation & Family Connections, NIU STEM Outreach, Proudly DeKalb and those that offered a variety of fun activities which added to the enjoyment of the event.

Events like Kite Fest rely on volunteers who give generously of their time to set up the field, put up tents, build kites with kids, facilitate parking, run water to volunteers, ensure the safety of

the crowd and clean up during and after the event. We salute all the volunteers from our community, NIU Student Leadership & Involvement, NIU Athletics, NIU Service Clubs, NIU Greek Society, NIU School of Business and nonprofits for their dedication and support for Kite Fest. You make sure that Kite Fest is fun for all!

If you have photos, video, or stories you'd like to share or if you'd like to help with next year's festival to be held on Sept. 11, contact us at [DArmstrong@dekalbcountycvb.com](mailto:DArmstrong@dekalbcountycvb.com).

Doug Nelson, co-chair

Debbie Armstrong, co-chair

DeKalb Kite Festival

### **Pioneer Day success**

To the Editor:

The Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Society and Museum in Genoa wishes to thank the many volunteers who donated so many hours to this year's very successful 30th anniversary of Pioneer Day. The following individuals donated to the stagecoach: Alan and Jill Brown, Anderson's Auto Shop, Heartland Bank, Dean Miller, Resource Bank, National Bank and Trust, State Farm – John Goode and Illinois Community Credit Union.

Many friends and members of the museum donated pies for the pie shop and items for the silent auction, this year dedicated to the memory of Dolores Gallagher who donated her time in organizing it for the past 15 years or more. The Genoa Lion's Club made sure we had a good lunch with their food stand. Thanks to all the wonderful folks who demonstrated skills of the past generations. Girl Scouts and their parents made the old fashioned games so much fun for the younger generation. The "cowboys" put on a great show along with the President Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln re-enactors. Thanks to Rick Pickren and the other musicians on guitars, accordions and banjos.

Without the aid of so many volunteers, this wonderful day steeped in the past would not move forward. Thanks again to the members and community volunteers for keeping this event alive and well for generations to come.

Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Society and Museum

Genoa