

Tuesday is Senior Citizens Day



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*There once was a
woman named
"Beezer"
Who was nearing
the stage of life
"Geezer."*

*She'd laugh and
she'd sing*

And do funny things

She was quite the crowd pleaser

**Happy 60th Birthday
Brenda**

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Floral Hill Cemetery Chapel houses first wedding ceremony

Floral Hill has seen many family gatherings during its long history.

On Oct. 9, however, the cemetery's chapel was the site of a gathering of a different sort when Lealoni Garman and Tony Gress decided to exchange wedding vows there.

The couple believes the wedding is the first ever held in the chapel. "The (Hoopeston) Historical Society doesn't have a record of anyone ever getting married there," Loni Gress said.

The idea for a wedding in the chapel was the bride's. "(Former mayor) Bob (Ault) sent me out there for something and I said 'if I ever get married again - and I didn't plan on it because I was down on men at the time - that's where I want to do it,'" Loni Gress said.

Twenty-one people attended the ceremony. "That's about the max, I would say," Tony Gress said. His wife concurred. "You could probably get more in if everyone was standing but if you're going to sit, that's probably the limit."

Guests were surprised at the couple's choice of locations. "When we told them, they said 'in the cemetery?'" Tony Gress said.

"My answer was 'where do you think Mann's Chapel is,'" Loni Gress said. "I couldn't believe the number of people who didn't know Floral Hill had a chapel."

The chapel was built in 1889. William Silver was the contractor. Over the years, the chapel had fallen out of use and into disrepair. In about 1992, the historical society spearheaded the effort to update the building. The city and Silver Brothers also participated.

"It was a big mess," said historical society member Elizabeth Chorney. Mrs. Chorney's late husband,



Loni and Tony Gress

Pete, did much of the work, including rewiring the chapel. The project was completed in 1994, she said.

For the ceremony, the Gresses added pew bows on chairs, a unity candle on the altar and an oil candle atop an antique pump organ. "It was nothing fancy," Tony Gress said. "It was just simple."

The Rev. Lewis Mershon performed the ceremony. Brenda McVicker and Gregg Gress stood up with the couple.

Loni, 53, and Tony, 52, have known each other since they were about four years old and have dated for the past 12 years. "We've seen the good, the bad and the ugly," Loni Gress said.

Other couples may consider using the chapel, which the city oversees. "They've never rented it out (for a wedding) because nobody's ever asked," Loni Gress said.

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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Halloween" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and

10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Trick or Treat hours set

Hoopeston and Rossville have announced Halloween trick-or-treat hours.

In Hoopeston, hours are 5-8 p.m. and in Rossville, 5:30-8 p.m. Both will be on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Residents who wish to give treats to youngsters are asked to leave their porch lights on during those hours.

Obituaries

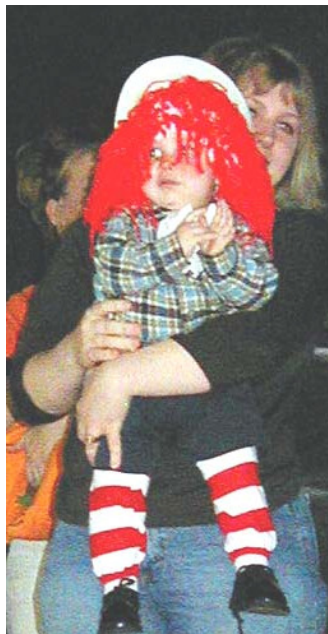
WATERS - Rebecca Jo Carter Waters, 46, of Edgewood, N. Mex., died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004 at home. Grave-side rites were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Little Flock Cemetery, Shelburn, Ind. Mrs. Waters was the daughter of Earl and Dorothy (Egnew) Carter Trent. She is survived by her husband, David and daughters, Heather and Amanda.

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 66. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 52. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 66, low 55.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.



Playing dress up

14-month-old Conner Vaughn as Emeril Lagasse, right, strolls at Sunday's Halloween party sponsored by the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce. Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vaughn of Rossville, took first place in the costume contest for children ages 0-2. Left, Susan Denison holds the second place winner, an unhappy Kaden, who took second in the same age range as Raggedy Andy.

Party

Halloween

Saturday, Oct. 30

9-1

Maui Club-Costume Contest

No cover



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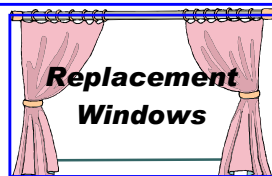
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