



“THE DISPATCH NEWS”



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SUMMER IS HERE THINK SAFETY

Spring and summer brings us nice weather and with it, comes safety issues that we all need to keep in mind.

The Police Department would like to remind our citizens to be careful as we drive through residential areas. As the weather gets nicer and summer gets closer, our young children will be out in the neighborhoods. It is important to remind yourself of the dangers of these youngsters running around and playing in your area.

Along with seasonal change comes the chance for home repair frauds. Each summer, many citizens fall victim to repair scams ranging from driveway sealer to roof repairs. Please remember that great saying:

“If it sounds to good to be true - It probably is”.

If you are solicited by someone claiming to be in the area and they noticed that you need some repairs to your home



Chief Phil Kringlie

or property, always be suspicious. Please do not hesitate to call the police and ask for us to help verify the repair company. If the company or handyman is legitimate, they won't mind being asked by the police.

Please remember, under no circumstance should you allow anyone inside your home if you do not know them.

One of the true benefits of living in a community like ours are the friendly neighbors. You

will notice, as the weather allows, the increased pedestrian traffic around town. Our residents like to walk and talk.

A reminder for those who have driveways crossing a sidewalk. Please be considerate of your neighbors and do not block the sidewalk with your cars or your visitors.

Recently, the issue of dangerous dogs has been discussed by many residents and village officials. The Police Department reminds all our residents to be considerate of those who walk our sidewalks. Please make sure that your dog or pet is secured inside your yard and does not pose a threat for those who walk along the sidewalk.


If we all work together, we can improve the safety of all our residents and young children.

Have a Great and Safe Summer,

Chief Phil Kringlie

**Check Us Out On The Web:
www.hodgkinspd.org**

TORNADO FACTS:



There are a variety of severe weather hazards that affect Cook County, including lightning, damaging winds, large hail, flash floods and tornadoes. Tornadoes pose the greatest severe weather threat to life and property in Cook County.

Tornado season in Cook County is from mid March through June, but tornadoes have occurred in every month of the year. They are most frequently seen from mid afternoon through the early evening.

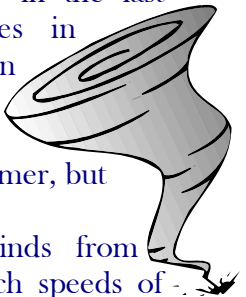
Most tornadoes move from the southwest toward the northeast, but they sometimes move east or southeast. Tornadoes usually move at speeds of 30 to 40 mph, but they can move as fast as 70 mph. Most Cook County tornadoes produce wind gusts of 50 to 120 mph and last only a few minutes. Also, there are tornadoes that are large, violent and long-tracked with wind gusts of over 200 mph that can occur in Cook County.

Illinois averages 28 tornadoes per year. In 1999 there were 94 tornadoes in Illinois. This the second highest ever, behind 110 tornadoes in 1998. 46 tornadoes occurred in April 1996, and 45 of them occurred on one day - April 19. This was the largest number of tornadoes to ever touch down in Illinois in a day and the most ever for the month of April.

Tornadoes are not the only severe weather threat in Illinois. Nineteen people have been killed by lightning in the last 10 years and dozens more have been injured. Most lightning casualties occur in the summer between the hours

of 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Most victims are outdoors under a tree, in an open field, near a vehicle or near a building.

Floods and flash floods are the number one severe weather killer in the United States. Sixteen people have died in floods in Illinois in the last decade. Most flood casualties in Illinois occur in vehicles when people try to drive across flooded roads. Flash floods are most frequent in mid to late summer, but they can occur anytime.



Straight line or downburst winds from severe thunderstorms often reach speeds of 50 to 80 mph and sometimes exceed 100 mph. These winds down trees and large limbs, power lines and poles and cause severe structural damage to buildings. Significant damage can be seen in light weight buildings or weaker structures such as barns and out buildings. Mobile homes are also vulnerable to severe thunderstorm winds. Severe thunderstorms usually approach from the southwest or west, but can move from the northwest particularly in mid to late summer. Damaging winds often are preceded by a dark low-hanging row of clouds on the leading edge of an approaching storm, known as a shelf cloud.

Large hail can also accompany severe thunderstorms.

Hail rarely causes injuries in Cook County but it can cause millions of dollars in damages to crops, vehicles, roofs of buildings and homes each year.

*Information provided
by the:
Cook County Emergency
Management Agency*



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

*E*MERGENCY *S*ERVICES & *D*ISASTER *A*GENCY

By. E.S.D.A. Coordinator Allan Mills

Spring has arrived, with summer not far behind. Along with the nice warm spring weather comes thunderstorms and even tornadoes. Severe weather can strike with little or no warning. Be alert to changing weather conditions.

Residents are encouraged to seek shelter during ***Tornado Warnings***. A shelter can be your basement, a neighbors basement, an interior room with no windows or a designated building within our community.

TORNADO WATCH:

This is issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. Their size can vary depending on the weather situation. They are usually issued for a duration of 4 to 8 hours. They normally are issued well in advance of the actual occurrence of severe weather. During the watch, people should review tornado safety rules and be prepared to move a place of safety if threatening weather approaches.

TORNADO WARNING:

This is issued when a tornado is indicated by the WSR-88D radar or sighted by spotters; therefore, people in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately. They can be issued without a Tornado Watch being already in effect. They are usually issued for a duration of around 30 minutes.

The only designated Tornado Shelter for the Village of Hodgkins is the Hodgkins Park District building located at 8997 Lyons Street. The facility has a partial basement in the main gymnasium area that is used as a shelter. Park District employees will open the facility during non-business hours in the event of a Tornado Warning.

When reporting to the Park District you should inform the staff that you are there to seek shelter from the storm. Please keep in mind, there are rules

that need to be followed while at the Park District.

The Pleasantview Fire Protection District monitors weather conditions for our area. However, the tornado warning sirens are activated by the Cook County Emergency Management Agency.

When you hear the Tornado warning siren it is important to remain calm and proceed to a safe place. If you choose to leave your residence, the designated shelter for our Village is the Park District building.

The staff of that building will ask that you stay in the designated area until they are sure every thing is Ok and the severe weather warning has expired.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO DURING A STORM:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information.
- Look for approaching storms.
- Look for the following danger signs:
 - Dark, often greenish sky
 - Large hail
 - A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
 - Loud roar, similar to a freight train.

If you see an approaching storm with any of these danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately. Hodgkins Emergency Services personnel receive the same notification that you, the resident, receives when it comes to severe weather.

When the sirens are heard, ESDA personnel will proceed to the Park District and assist the Park District employees in preparing for any number of residents who may be seeking shelter there. Please keep in mind, our emergency personnel will not have time to report to the shelter, go out and pick up residents, and get back to the shelter before disaster strikes.

COPS 'N' KIDS BASKETBALL GAME ANNUAL D.A.R.E. BENEFIT A GREAT SUCCESS

Lupita is a third grade student and resident of Hodgkins. She is a very bright girl with a big beautiful smile. She laughs a lot and has a great sense of humor.

Lupita was born with the birth defect Arthrogyriposis. It is a muscle disorder that causes multiple joint contractures at birth. Lupita's arms, legs and torso have been severely affected by this disorder. This defect is relatively rare, occurring in about one in 3,000 births.



Fundraiser Coordinators Joan & Ernie Millsap meet with Lupita before the game starts.

that she holds in her mouth. She has beautiful writing and is a great artist.

Hodgkins Elementary School Librarian Joan Millsap mentioned to her husband that Lupita would truly benefit from a motorized wheelchair.

Joan's husband is Countryside Police Officer Ernie Millsap. Ernie is also the **DARE** Officer in Countryside and a Hodgkins Village Trustee.

Each year **DARE** Ofc. Millsap coordinates a benefit at Gurrie Middle School that involves the 8th Grade Gurrie Basketball team playing against police officers from the surrounding towns.

Officer Millsap planned this

Lupita has to be dependent on someone else to do just about everything for her. She sits in a wheelchair, most of the day, which someone else pushes. She needs someone to feed her, dress her, and tend to her personal needs. Lupita writes, uses the computer, and draws with a tool



*Left:
Lupita gets ready to watch the basketball game with her Family*

*Right:
The 7th and 8th Grade Cheerleaders meet Lupita*





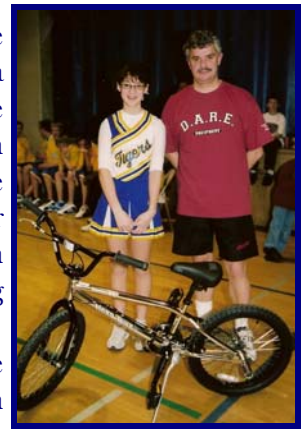
Fundraiser volunteer Bev Millsap sold raffle tickets during the game for many great prizes.

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151 joined in the fundraising and sent the word out.

The residents of this village truly support their own in time of need. We received donations from individual residents as well as significant contributions from several businesses.

will give Lupita a more freedom than she has ever known in her young life.

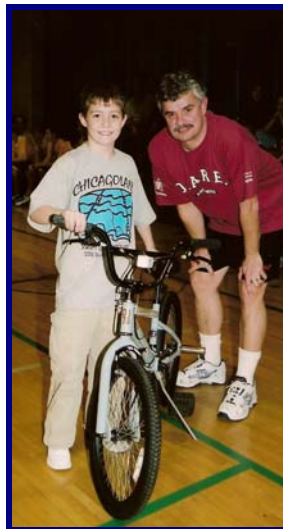
We can expect the new wheelchair to be delivered sometime this summer. Any monies left over from the benefit will be placed in a trust for Lupita to be used for her current and future needs.



Master of Ceremonies Chief Kringle preps the crowd for the event

When we started this effort, we weren't sure on how much we were going to be able to raise. We knew the wheelchair was a costly piece of freedom that Lupita needs.

With this new wheelchair, she will be able to do more activities on her own. Lupita will be able to operate the chair by using her head. This



years benefit to raise funds to purchase a motorized wheelchair for Lupita.

Officer's from the Countryside, Hodgkins and LaGrange Police Departments volunteer to participate in the event every year.

This year's event was very special. Anytime you can help someone who is in a situation such as Lupita and her family, good people come out to help.

At this years event we had many volunteers and business' who committed to making this benefit a success.

The Hodgkins

A special thank you comes from Lupita's Family. They were amazed at the outpouring of love and caring from our area for young Lupita. They are very grateful for your help.

Thanks to Joan & Ernie Millsap for putting this all together so a pretty young girl can experience a taste of freedom, that most of us take for granted.



2005-2006 D.A.R.E. CLASS GRADUATES



Ofc. Mike Cimino

On Wednesday April 12th, 2006, 20 students graduated from the Hodgkins D.A.R.E. Program in front of nearly 100 friends and family members. This was the 14th D.A.R.E. class to graduate from the program that teaches the students the dangers and misuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

The students also learn importance of making good decisions. To help the students make good decisions they learn the **DARE** Decision-Making Model. This teaches the students to **Define** the problem, then they **Assess**: What are your choices? Next, **Respond**: Make a choice



using the facts and information you have gathered.

Finally, **Evaluate**: Review your decision. Did you make a good choice?

Next, the students learn about the dangers of using Tobacco, Alcohol, and Marijuana and different ways to say No to these Gateway Drugs. Some of the ways to say no are; walking away, cold shoulder, giving a reason, saying no, and avoiding the situation. They also learned about peer pressure and how it effects their decisions they make.

The kids also gave back to the community by raking leaves for the great folks up at Weeping Willow Ranch and by decorating a Holiday Tree at Brookfield Zoo in honor of the Village of Hodgkins. All the decoration are made by the students at Hodgkins Elementary



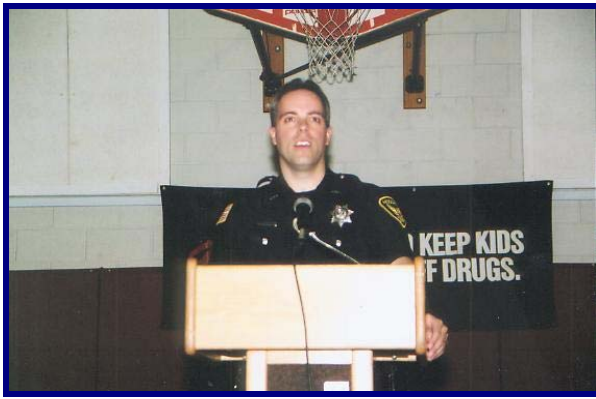
Guest Speaker Dr. James Ewing talks to the graduates about the importance of the DARE Program

School.

During the year the kids also get to participate in positive alternatives such as going to Great America, a Chicago Blackhawks game, and a Kane County Cougar game. Also, the students were able to meet some positive Role Models from Lyons

Youth Division Supervisor Sgt. Jack Azzarello, DARE Ofc Mike Cimino, Hodgkins Trustee Ernie Millsap and Hodgkins Police Chief Phil Kringle meet after the Ceremony





DARE Officer Mike Cimino welcomes the graduates and their families to the Graduation Ceremony

students about the different positive activities that you can be involved in at LTHS such as sports and clubs.

There are over 40 sports and clubs that students can become involved in while at LTHS.

Once again I would like to thank all those who help out with

DARE Program especially Chief of Police Phil Kringlie, Hodgkins

Elementary School Principle Dr. Kathy Keenan, 6th Grade teachers Mrs. Barb Lynch, Mrs. Angie Lewandowski, and Mrs. Leesa McHugh.

Special appreciation to Laidlaw Bus Company and the Hodgkins Park District for providing bus services.

Finally, thanks to all the parents for supporting their children to be DRUG FREE!

Township High School. These role models talked to the



HODGKINS SCHOOL 6TH GRADE DARE CLASS #14

SEPTEMBER 14, 2005 TO FEBRUARY 1, 2006

"IF YOU WANNA BE DRUG FREE, BE LIKE ME!"

- Front Row: Felicia Belcher, Julio Flores, Jeremy Bone, David Velazquez, Ramiro Aguilar, Ambrye Curry, Estefani Gonzalez
- Middle Row: Mrs. Galanek, Cristina Marcial, Karen Marcial, Jeffrey Janusz, Manuel Ruiz, Alvaro Garcia, Jessica Mills, Ofc. Cimino
- Back Row: Mrs. Lynch, Shannon Barrett, Dalia Perales, Juan Montes, Carlos Ramirez, John Hruza, Sheila Esparza, Diana Zavaleta, Mrs. Lewandowski

If You Wanna Be Drug Free



Be Like Me!

OFFICER ACHIEVES MASTER FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Congratulations to Officer Jeff Piotrowski for achieving the “Master Firearms Instructor” certification. This is not an easy task to accomplish. Officer Piotrowski had to successfully complete four individual police firearm training courses at the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois.

The four courses are all related to instructor training for police officers in the State of Illinois. Each class is held at the Police Training Institute located at the University of Illinois. All four classes are each 40 hours and can be taken over a three year duration, to allow for scheduling requirements.

Students are trained in:

- * Police Strategy and Tactics,
- * Police Tactical Firearms,
- * Police Firearms Instructor Course, and
- * Master Firearms Instructor Apprentice Program.



Officer Jeff Piotrowski

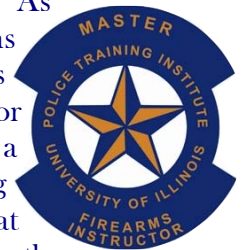
Today’s Police Firearms Instructor is charged with a variety of responsibilities. Two of the most important are teaching and maintaining basic gun handling and marksmanship skills. A cost effective and very efficient method for addressing gun handling skills is taught. Instructors return to their agencies ready to manage this critical need.

Firearms instructors are responsible for developing and

maintaining a safe and effective training program that all police officers must complete. They teach methods that they can use to remediate basic and combat marksmanship skills. Shoulder mounted weapons including shotguns and assault rifles are also covered.

Officer Piotrowski is the first Master Firearms Instructor for the Hodgkins Police Department. As our Firearms Instructor he is responsible for establishing a training program that conforms to the State of Illinois standards for police training.

Officer Piotrowski has been with the Hodgkins Police Department for 16 years. In addition to being a firearms instructor, he is also a youth officer. Congratulations Officer Jeff Piotrowski.



PTI— Tactical Training Center



The University of Illinois Police Training Institute Tactical Training Center occupies 3.5 acres of land and incorporates five unique ranges and one large general-purpose classroom. The ranges are well suited for both handgun and long gun training with distances between 25 and 65 yards. The integration of reactive steel and electronic targets, along with traditional paper targets, affords additional elements of reality-based training. Control tactics training along with approach and deployment, entry and search, and vehicle stops scenario training can also be conducted onsite.

YOUTH DIVISION SPONSORS 15TH ANNUAL ST. JUDES BIKE-A-THON

By: Ofc. Chris Milojevich

On May 6th 2006, the Hodgkins Police Department hosted its annual St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-a-Thon.

This is our 15th year of having this great event. Money raised by the children goes to St. Jude Cancer Hospital in Tennessee. The hospital was founded by actor Danny Thomas and even after his death is being run by his daughter Marlo Thomas. One of the many great things about the hospital is that if a family is unable to pay for services rendered, St. Jude Children's Hospital will pick up the cost. That is where we come in.

Prior to the big day, kids from town raise money from family and friends. These donations go directly to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

This year,



Ofc. Chris Milojevich gives a safety talk to the riders before the event begins

we had 18 kids who participated in the Bike-A-Thon. After all the money is collected, over \$1800.00 will be sent to St. Jude.

The Hodgkins Fraternal

second bicycle is then raffled off among all the riders. Congratulations to Jeff Janusz for winning a bicycle.

A special thank you to all the kids and volunteers who participated in this years St. Jude Bike-a-thon.

If you would like to make a donation, make a check payable to:

**St. Jude
Children's
Research**

and drop it off at the police department.



**15TH ANNUAL ST. JUDES BIKE-A-THON 2006
RIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS**

HODGKINS POLICE HOST ANNUAL ANTI-GANG DAY

By: Sgt. Jack Azzarello

For the past 16 years the Youth Officers have taught the students at Hodgkins Elementary School that street gangs are dangerous.

A fact that we realized early, was that you cannot just tell kids that gangs are bad and not teach them what to do to avoid street gangs.

A great quote states:

*Tell me and I will forget,
Teach me and I will remember,
Involve me and I will learn.*
- Benjamin Franklin

We believe, like Ben, that to properly teach a student, you have to involve them. This is how we planned the curriculum and activities for Anti-Gang Day.

Our goal in this program is to



Chief Phil Kringlie welcomes the 3rd thru 6th grade students to the program

give the students a way to stay out of gangs. We know that we can't just tell them "Say No To Gangs". We certainly wish it would be that easy. However, as we have all learned through our lives, to effectively teach our kids today, we have to get them involved.

Our Youth Officers look

forward each year to spending the day with these kids. We discuss very important things about why street gangs are bad for you and the consequences of associating with street gangs.

We started the day discussing a wide range of topics including what gangs are: **a gang is a group of people assembled together.**

We discussed and compared non-criminal gangs, such as Boy Scouts and the Fraternal Order of Police. Our focus is on the Criminal street gangs like the Latin Kings and/or Gangster Disciples. The major difference is street gangs commit illegal acts while gangs like the boy scouts or a baseball team do not.

The point we brought up time and time again was that two things

Youth Officer Chris Milojevich talks to the students about the dangers of street gangs

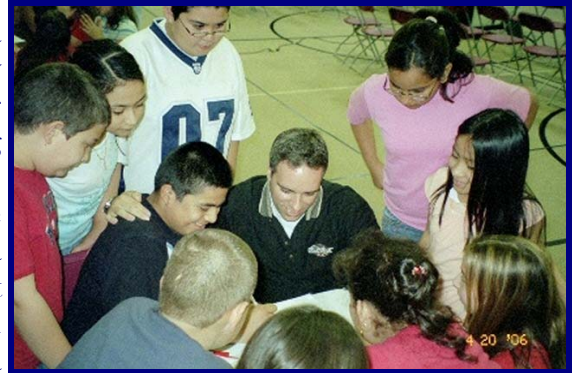


HELP YOUR CHILD SAY NO TO GANGS:

- * GIVE YOUR CHILD THE FACTS— TALK OF THE DANGERS AND ENCOURAGE ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES
- * BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL—SHOW YOUR CHILD HOW TO SOLVE CONFLICTS PEACEFULLY
- * BOOST YOUR CHILD'S SELF-ESTEEM—SHOW YOUR CHILD LOVE AND INTEREST, PRAISE YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY DO WELL AND LISTEN WHEN THEY SPEAK
- * CALL THE HODGKINS POLICE IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP



Officer Chris Milojevich works with a group to finish a class project



Officer Mike Cimino helps another group work on the project

groups consisted of a mix of students. By splitting up the older kids and placing them with the younger ones, the group takes on a whole different perspective. Each group had to take a written test and write an essay titled: "WHY WOULD YOU NOT WANT

will happen if you join a street gang:

- 1) YOU WILL GO TO JAIL and/or
- 2) YOU WILL DIE.

Some of the other topics discussed were violence associated with gangs and how the media wrongly portrays that violence. We instructed the kids that violence is the second leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 15-24. We ended the class discussion on ways to deal with conflict and how to stop gangs in our community.

The kids were then broken up into groups. The

TO JOIN A GANG".

All the groups performed admirably, however, there could only be one winner.

The Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151 provided a pizza lunch for the entire school.

After lunch, the groups presented their tests and essays. The winning group is pictured below with the Youth Officers.

We ended the day with a basketball free throw competition that the kids always enjoy.

Anti-Gang day is presented to our kids

SAY NO TO GANGS

as a result of the Hodgkins Police Youth Division's continued pro-active approach to helping our kids. This style of community policing allows our officers to spend good quality time with the kids. If you have any suggestions or questions please feel free to contact any of our youth officers.

We would like to thank the Faculty and staff of the Hodgkins Elementary School for allowing us the opportunity to use their time to help our kids.



Wanna-bees are Gonna-bees

Thanks to the cafeteria crew for handing out over 200 personal pizza's



Photo Below: Congratulations to the winning essay group !



FAREWELL TO WORLD WAR II VETERAN, HODGKINS RESIDENT AND A FRIEND

On Sunday June 4th, 2006 Sam Rosa lost his battle with cancer. Sam is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marge. They have four Children, Patricia, Sam Jr., Rita and Carl, and many grandchildren.

Salvatore, known as "Sam" was a friend of the Hodgkins Police Department and Board Member of the Hodgkins Police Pension Fund. Sam was appointed to the Pension Board by Village President Noel Cummings soon after the Board was formed in 1987.

Sam's military history was featured in the 2003 issue of the Dispatch News.

He was assigned to the 28th Infantry Division, 110th Infantry Regiment. Known as the "Keystone" Division. The 28th earned a tough reputation and participated in many major campaigns as the Allies fought Germany.

After another 10 months of training in England and Wales, the first elements of the Division entered combat on July 22, 1944, landing on the beaches of Normandy. From



MARGE & SAM ROSA

The Keystone soldiers made another move northward to the Huertgen Forest in late September. It was in the Huertgen Forest when Sam was hit by an artillery blast. He suffered wounds to his right side and shrapnel in his right leg. Due to his combat wounds, Sam was transported back to England for a brief stay in a military hospital.

Sam and Marge moved to Weeping Willow Ranch in 1972. Sam retired in 1981, from the teamsters after working at the Crane Company and Sioux Transport in Chicago.

Sam was a typical veteran of World War II, and did not boast of his actions. But, he is someone you should remember. He will be missed by family and friends, but never forgotten.

THANKS SAM



PURPLE HEART
AWARD

Normandy, the 28th advanced across western France, finding itself in the thick of hedgerow fighting through towns such as Percy, Montbray, Montguoray, Gathemo and St. Sever de Calvados by the end of July 1944.

The fury of assaults launched by the 28th Infantry Division led the German Army to bestow the Keystone soldiers with the title "Bloody Bucket" Division.

After hammering away in assaults which destroyed or captured 153 pillboxes and bunkers, the Division moved north toward the Siegfried Line, clearing the Monschau Forest of German forces.



HONOR OUR VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY 2006

For a change this year, the weather was beautiful on Monday May 29, 2006. Many residents and friends showed up to observe a ceremony honoring those veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The American Legion Coulter Post #1941 Commander Al Ewert conducted the ceremony which included the Post "Honor Guard" to honor our fallen veterans.

Hodgkins Village Trustee Don Cuttill welcomed the crowd of spectators. He recognized those veterans who were in attendance and thanked them for their service to our nation.

Trustee Cuttill



The American Legion Honor Guard led by Sgt-At-Arms Joe Delaloye salutes our fallen comrades

spoke about the sacrifice that our veterans have made and are currently making to keep our lives free.

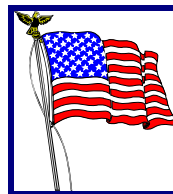
About 15 years ago, we began placing wooden memorial crosses in the lawn area behind the Veterans Memorial as a tribute. We started with 9 crosses. This year we had 101 crosses on display.

The cross display and flags are set up by members of the Police Department and volunteers who help, each without being solicited.

We put up the displays up at about 6:00 am on Memorial Day and take them down at 6:00 pm.

It was a Veteran, not a reporter,
Who guaranteed Freedom of the Press.
It was a Veteran, not a poet,
Who Guaranteed Freedom of Speech.
It was a Veteran, not a protestor,
Who guaranteed Freedom to Demonstrate.
It is a Veteran who salutes the Flag,
And who is buried beneath the Flag.

Village Trustee Don Cuttill welcomes the crowd and introduces the American Legion Coulter Post



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK A
VETERAN FOR YOUR FREEDOM**

Hodgkins Police Officers: Lt. Scott Bobysud, Sgt. Joe Moxley, Ofc. Frank Beran, Ofc. Mike Bennett and Chief Phil Kringlie attend Memorial Service



CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY SAFELY NO FIREWORKS!

FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED BY VILLAGE ORDINANCE AND STATE STATUTE

Hodgkins Village Ordinance 4-8-2
Prohibits the use and the possession of Fireworks

THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE ENFORCED

We are notifying all of our residents that at the direction of the Village Board, we will be actively enforcing our Village Ordinances and the State of Illinois State Statutes in reference to the use and possession of illegal fireworks. We are asking for your help and cooperation in this endeavor. All of our residents should understand the importance of these laws.

By enforcing these laws, the Village Board and the Hodgkins Police Department are hoping to eliminate any physical injuries that may result from the use of these fireworks. Also, due to the usual extreme dry conditions, our hope is to reduce the chance for any possible fires that would be caused by the use of fireworks.

The Hodgkins Police Department is asking for your cooperation. We ask that you refrain from using illegal fireworks. We are notifying our residents ahead of time that possessing and/or using fireworks is illegal and those who violate this ordinance will be cited. The penalty for violating this ordinance can range from a Village citation that carries a fine of \$50.00 - \$500.00 Dollars. If charged with a violation of the Illinois State Statute, the fine can be up to \$1,000.00 Dollars.

The Village of Hodgkins wishes all of our residents a Happy and Safe Celebration during your Independence Day Holiday. We remind you that several surrounding communities will have some spectacular Professional Fireworks Displays. Please enjoy those displays that are provided by professional pyrotechnics personnel.

Fireworks Display
Pleasantdale Park District
July 4th, 2006 @ about 9:15 pm (dusk)

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP
OUR COMMUNITY SAFE**

GET YOUR VILLAGE LICENSE'S Now!



2006-2008 VEHICLE STICKERS

Be sure to pick up your new 2006 vehicle stickers from the Village Hall and the Police Department. Stickers are available now, and should be displayed on your vehicles windshield after June 1st. Citations will be issued after June 1st, 2006

The stickers are 'FREE'. So, please stop down and get your new stickers(s). These will be effective for the next two years. If you need any further information, contact the Hodgkins Village Hall at: **579-6700**

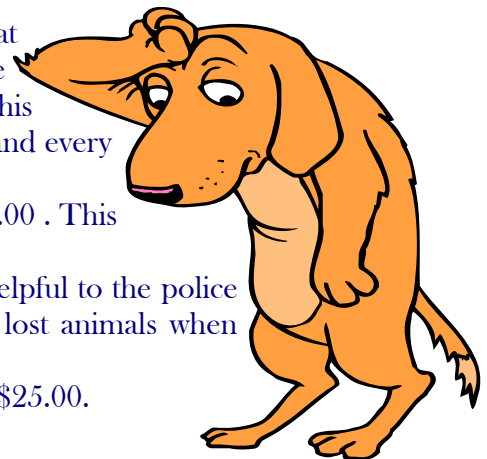
DON'T LET YOUR PET FEEL LEFT OUT GET THEIR LICENSE TOO!

The Hodgkins Village Ordinance on Animal Control states that "Every Owner of a dog or other animal within the limits of the Village Collector annually within thirty (30) days after January 1st in each year, his or her name and address, and the name, breed, color and sex of each and every dog owned or kept by such person, and obtain a license for such dog."

Pet license's are available at the Village Hall at a cost of only \$2.00 . This is a small price to pay for your pet.

In addition to being required by the Village, pet license's are helpful to the police department in that they allow us to look up the identity of loose or lost animals when found.

The first ticket for not having your pet licensed carries a fine of \$25.00.



BE PET RESPONSIBLE!

In response to several complaints and concerns, the Hodgkins Village Board has researched a wide assortment of specific laws and ordinances on the issue of dangerous dogs.

Currently, the Village of Hodgkins has ordinances that regulate license's for pets, as well

as, prohibitions for allowing your pet to run free.

Nationally, a growing trend to adopt specific dog breed bans is taking place. The Village of Hodgkins does not have any ordinance that restricts certain types of dogs.

We want to stress the

importance of maintaining your dog. Please remember to keep your pet secured. Your pet should not be able to intimidate or scare any citizen walking on a Village sidewalk.

It is your responsibility to care for your pet and to prevent your pet from causing a disturbance.

“THE DISPATCH NEWS”

A HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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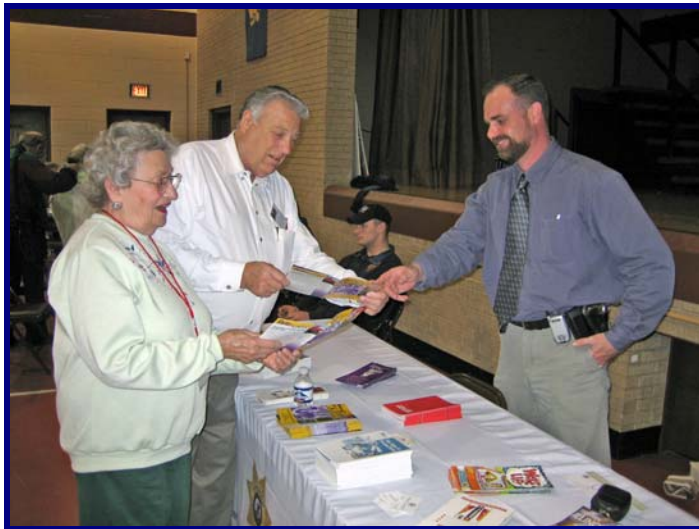
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POLICE PARTICIPATE IN AGING WELL SENIOR FAIR

On May 18th, 2006 the Hodgkins-McCook Aging Well Organization hosted a Senior Fair at the Hodgkins Park District. This was the first time an event of this nature was held in Hodgkins.

Hodgkins Trustee Don Cuttill is a member of the Aging Well Committee and was happy with a turnout of about 60 people.

“We were hoping for a larger turn-out, but are confident as the program grows, so will the attendance.” said Trustee Cuttill.



Hodgkins Police Detective Todd Miller talks about crime prevention with residents Don Cuttill and Alice Katzmarek

Protection District and the Hodgkins Police Department were part of 18 exhibits from State and local service agencies.

Chief Phil Kringlie and Detective Todd Miller of the Hodgkins Police Department were on hand to give out many items and to talk about crime prevention issues.

Refreshments and door prizes were given away to all those who participated.

Aging Well invites all our seniors to stay involved.

The McCook Fire
Department, Pleasantview Fire