



**Village of Downs**

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From the Desk of the Mayor  
March 2014

My fellow residents I am so excited about what is to come in 2014!

The first thing would be green grass, singing birds, flowers and budding trees. Ok, that isn't what I am talking about, but I am SO ready for Spring.

Here is what I am excited about and these are just some of the highlights of what is brewing, for this year, in our great Village:

- 1) Two new downtown businesses – All the hardwork by Mr. Long and Mr Adkisson (Brandon and Kenneth) are looking to pay off this year. I put together the TIF application process that was approved by the Board and we will be voting on using funding to help get these guys over the hump and open for business this spring/summer.
- 2) Updated Land Use Plan with our first Strategic Business Plan for the Village – These documents are the first of great things from the hard working Development Committee chaired by Paul Messamore
- 3) New Community Events Plan, budget and separate fund – This will be the start of the revitalization of the Village events. This committee, chaired by Don Kopack, is charged with creating an overall events plan and budget for each fiscal year. Sub-committees for each event will be created this year and we will need you.
- 4) TIF expansion and cleanup annexations – I will be asking the Board to accept addition areas for annexation that is mostly adding land and locations within or on the edge of town which will be locations for future businesses
- 5) Two subdivision with Cross Creek and Beecher Trails – Residential growth is necessary, but control is essential. These two subdivision will provide decent growth over the next 10 years and keep our growth rate positive.
- 6) Annexation and plans for two new church buildings – Both the Downs United Methodist and Living Hope Christian Church are looking to create new churches and additional public space
- 7) More Eagle Scout Projects then ever before – We have a potential for 4+ Eagle Projects to be completed this year!
- 8) Plan for the development at Downs Crossing – Downs Crossing has been a sore subject a lot of residents within the Village for many years. I will be working to create a plan for developing this location with the intention of it, at a minimum, being self-funding.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns, questions, explanation or clarification.

In your service,  
Mike James  
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# Let Us Know How You Can Help

## VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

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Often someone wants to help, but doesn't know how. Often I hear, "Let me know if I can help.", but I don't know how. See the dilemma? The flyer and the website contain a "[Volunteer Registration](#)". This registration will allow you to tell us where you can help and how we can utilize your talents and skills. I hope you will take the time to consider how you can help.

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## You Requested, Please help!!

## EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEES

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You asked for this, we built it, now please come, volunteer and help make it successful. The Events Committee is wrapping up its plan for the new fiscal year and needs volunteers to come forward to help organize their favorite event. It is no fun to beg for help and no fun to do it all ourselves. We would hate to cancel something for lack of help. Please contact Mike James or Dan Lush or complete the above registration if you can help. Volunteering is open to our Tri-Valley Community and NOT just the residents within Downs.

VILLAGE OF DOWNS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING OVERVIEW  
7:00 PM  
March 6, 2014

Village Hall  
211 S. Seminary St,  
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1. Mayor Mike James called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
2. Roll call was taken with Trustees Roach, Goveia, Myszka, Luke and Lush present. Trustee Freimann was absent. Also present were Clerk James, Attorney Wall and Treasurer Zwilling.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. A few changes to the agenda order were made.
5. Eagle Scout Projects(s) Report-  
Prospective Eagle Scout Kyle Steinmates is ready for his project to be signed off.  
Mayor James gave an update on prospective Tyler James project. He is under budget by about \$68. Tyler had to rebuild one of the ramps. It had floated down the Kickapoo Creek the other day. His plan is to finish it this weekend.
6. The superintendent report, Mayoral and Trustee Reports can be found in the flyer.

v. Motion made by Goveia and seconded by Myszka to Approve the Preliminary Plan for the Plat of the Beecher Trails Subdivision in the Village of Downs Approved 5-0

Discussion

- a. Living Hope Annexation Petition and Agreement  
Discussion: The church is planning a storm shelter, soccer field and food pantry for the community. Their building is open for everyone. They don't want to just be open one day a week. The church and parking lot is going to be where the Huff house was. The Mayor plans to have the zoning and annexation meeting at the next meeting.
- b. DUMC Annexation Petition and Agreement- scratched
- c. Initial Review of Development Committee's Village of Downs Strategic Development and Land Use Plan- Paul Messamore chairperson for economic committee gave a report on this committee. There are 6 people on the committee and it started in 8/2013. He gave us their vision and mission statement. Currently they are updated the Land Use Plan. He passed out a draft of the plan. He said the last time it was updated was 1993.  
In the last 20 years we have grown 500 people. The projected growth in the next 10 years is 450-500 people. This would be the biggest growth in Downs's history.  
The Board will adopt this land use plan next month.
- d. Initial Review of Events Committee's FY2014 Event Plan. The board review some proposed events for 2014-2015. Trustee Goveia says we need to look for someone who is licensed to do our fireworks.
- e. TIF Project Application(s)  
The Mayor went over our TIF I & II Budget Summary.  
The Board reviewed the applications for TIF money from Brad Long's "Downzanos" and Kenneth and Brandon Adkisson's "Adkisson's". The Mayor is looking for recommendations from the board of how much money we can give each of them.

**Downzanos** will sell pizza, salad and sandwiches. His restaurant will have a liquor license and he will sell single servings of beer and wine. He plans to employ 6-7 part time people and 1 full time person. He is anticipates an early summer opening. He needs to get an exhaust hood and a few other capital improvements. His project request includes money for building or infrastructure improvement. He wants to have curb appeal.

**Adkisson's** is planned to be a banquet hall for weddings, showers, birthday parties and family reunions. They foresee this being open on Friday and Saturday nights with fish fries or some sort of event if not scheduled. They want to cater their own weddings. The seating capacity is ~100. They anticipate opening in May.

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The building was dilapidated and they have put a lot of money into it. They are also putting in an exhaust hood. They have not bought the a/c yet. There big concern is the outside of the building. It is important to them that the appearance is "wow".  
Parking is issue for both new business.

TIF Expansion and Annexation will be coming in the next few months.

- f. Chapter 12 changes  
Trustee Luke and Lush have proposed some changes.
- g. Identity Protection Policy. Identifying information is defined as 2 qualifying pieces of information on a person. We will be putting some polices together to prevent identity theft.
  
- w. Public Comment  
Margaret Keylin had some comments on stop signs on Washington rather than a stop lights. Because the are more "green". The village can't accommodate this stop sign on Washington and Seminary St. because it is county road.  
She asked if the workshop Trustee Goveia attended mentioned anything about solar street lights.  
She presented some Eagle Scout projects ideas.  
She asked where TIF comes from.
  
- x. New Business
  - a. Motions
    - i. Motion made by Lush and Seconded to approve the February 6, 2014 Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes Approved 5-0
    - ii. Motion to Approve continuance of the Village of Downs Regular Board Meeting to \_\_\_\_\_, 7:00 pm at the Village Hall No Action
    - iii. Motion to Approve Recommended Village Donation of \$\_\_\_ to Tyler James' Boy Scout Eagle Project – No Action
    - iv. Motion made by Luke and seconded by Lush to Approve appointment of Treasurer as TIF Administrator with an increase of \$200.00/month Approved 5-0
  - b. Resolutions
    - i. Resolution 2014-R03 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Protection Between the Village of Downs and the City of Leroy, McLean County, Illinois – No Action
  
- y. Old Business
  - a. Postponed
    - i. Motion to Approve Recommended Village Donation of \$\_\_\_ to Steven Kretz' Boy Scout Eagle Project – No Action
    - ii. Motion made by Luke and Seconded by Myszka to Approve Authorization of Kyle Stinemates' Eagle Scout Project Plan Approved 5-0
  
- 7. Executive Session (Personnel) – No Action
- 8. Motion made by Lush and seconded by Luke to approve payment of bills. Approved 5-0
- 9. Motion made by Lush and Seconded by Luke to Adjourn at 10:22 pm. Approved 5-0



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## Village of Downs Buildings Report

March 6, 2014

February was another quite month for construction permits with the weather. As a reminder, the Village does have a “no fee” small project permit for fences, roofs, small sheds and decks and any other construction does require the application for a building permit. The developer of Cross Creek Subdivision is looking into the possibility of dividing outlet 38 which would result in 2 parcels, one of which is the East detention basin that the Village would retain and maintain. The second parcel would be sold as farm ground and would not be a buildable lot anytime in the future.

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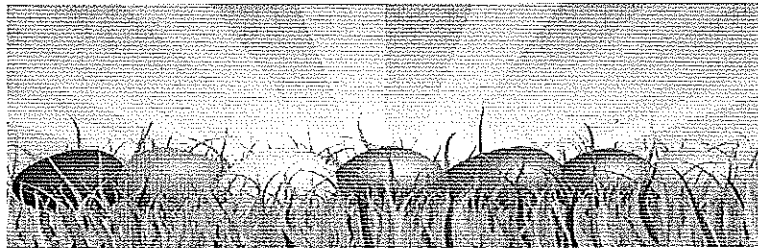
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## VILLAGE OF DOWNS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Village.

Start time is 10:30, following the first Village Park Committee Breakfast of the year.

Come join us between 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. for a delicious breakfast, and stay for the  
Annual Egg Hunt.



The March Park Meeting will be a working meeting on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. The committee will be cleaning the pavilion, following a quick business meeting. If you have an hour to volunteer, your help would be appreciated.

Food Pantry pick up will be on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00 A.M. If you are not able to make that time, please call Mary at 212-0594 to make other arrangements.

The Park Committee appreciates any candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are willing to donate, contact Mary at 212-0594, send an e-mail to [parks@villageofdowns.org](mailto:parks@villageofdowns.org),



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**POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**  
 February, 2014

**POLICE UPDATES:**

The meeting with Metcom that was originally scheduled for January 27 was changed to February 18 due to the weather. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a few households within the Village limits that needed clarification for E911 response. Those household addresses have now been clarified. Maureen will provide updates of the meeting at the March board meeting.

Discussion continues between officials of the City of Leroy and the Village of Downs regarding agreement terms for police coverage. Some terms need further discussion. The attorneys will meet to further discuss the specific terms.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

The Public Safety committee would like for residents to recycle more. Recycling occurs on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Currently, the Village is recycling approximately 20-25% of household waste. More information is available regarding recycling dates and what can be recycled on the [Village website](#). Large bulk items will be picked up on regular pick-up days unless the truck is at capacity for regular garbage pick-up. If so, items will be picked up next day.

For questions regarding Police and Public Safety, contact Maureen at [publicsafety@villageofdowns.org](mailto:publicsafety@villageofdowns.org) or 378-1477.

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## **911 Addressing**

The purpose for meeting with Lisa Martin from Metcom held on 2/18/2014 was to clarify a few addresses within the Village limits that 911 did not have on file. The addresses in question were clarified using Billing information.

The Village is the addressing authority. If there is a wrong address, and 911 dispatches, it falls back on the Village of Downs.

### **Addressing Guidelines:**

When addresses are assigned, there are guidelines for doing so, such as name of street should include a road type, i.e.: Court, Ave. Rd., St., etc. For example, River Run is not a good name without including the type. Numbering goes up going East and North, so any new numbering should start in the SW corner of a given area.

In Downs, the quadrant determining N/S and E/W is the intersection of Washington St. and Seminary St. If a street does not cross this quadrant, there should be no direction such as N/S or E/W used to describe it.

Addressing for new subdivisions such as Beecher Trails should be managed by the Village and not the developer. There are several places on the map where it will be challenging for completing the numbering and naming. This is a prime example of needing to start in the SW corner of the project and work NE, and looking at this ahead of time and working with 911.

Metcom is now aware of the new Beecher Trails subdivision. Building and Public Safety needs to work together in setting up the new addressing for the Beecher Trails subdivision as it is pertinent to Billing as we have learned with the Mallard Point and now Cross Creek subdivisions.

An additional concern for Public Safety is that it has been reported by Casali that not all the houses in Cross Creek have house numbers. Billing is notifying Casali of each new address but since they cannot tell where the numbers are, they are picking up the costs. This portion is not a Public Safety issue, but if 911 is dispatched and cannot find the house, it will be a concern.





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Water and sewer report to the board for the month of February 2014

3/4/2014

The sewer lift station delivered 1,784,000 gallons to BNWRD for the month, averaging 63,700 per day. The total water pumped for the month was 2,979,900 gallons for an average of 106,400 gallons per day. The average iron concentration in the finished water was 2.03 PPM for the month. We experienced two substantial main breaks this month, one in the alley behind 105 N. Price St. that took over a week to locate and repair and another at 308 N. East St. There is also an ongoing service line leak at 111 S. Pintail that will require the removal of some driveway for repairs. A frozen and burst water meter at 202 E. Dooley required replacement and alterations to the meter pit to prevent future issues. These leaks accounted for the much higher than average plant flows and unaccounted for water. The sewer lift station had much higher than normal inflow during the snow thaw and rain event during the month, I am still trying to locate the point of inflow during the big rain events. We experienced a sewer lift grinder pump failure at 305 W. Main St., a new pump is being installed today with the failed pump to be repaired and used as a spare. The pre-chlorination feed line was frozen for most of the month and resulted in high iron content in the finished water, it is now operational. It was a difficult month for everyone in the public works departments in Downs and surrounding communities.

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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

FACILITY # IL1130500

MONTHLY OPERATION AND CHEMICAL FEEDING REPORT  
ON THE VILLAGE OF DOWNS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY  
FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2014

Date/ 24 Hr. Meters	Raw Meter Reading (100 gal)	Raw Water Pumped (100 gal)	Finished Meter Reading (100 gal)	Finished Water Treated (100 gal)	CHLORINATION					FLUORIDATION					AERIALATER			TOTAL IRON		PH		WELL RUN TIMES			REMARKS				
					PRE-POST-CHLORINE		CHLORINE TESTS (mg/l)			FLUORIDE DOSAGE		TESTS			FILTER OPERATION		TESTS		PH		WELL 1		WELL 3						
					Amount Used (lbs.)	Reading	Amount Used (lbs.)	Time	Free CL2	Calc. mg/l	Reading	Amount Used (Gallons)	Calc. mg/l	mg/l	Backwash Time Cells 1-3	Backwash Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time		Time	Time	Time	
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4	8:00	50079	1384	820412	1394	3772	12	10.32				8:45	3.48	22.2	4.3	0.247	1.1	5000			9:00		8:50	7.3	35633	30897	16		
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Min.			606		539	5.28			5.28			2.4						0.227							0.48			Min.	

ENTER FINAL READINGS LAST MONTH

CHLORINATION 100% CL<sub>2</sub> GAS FED

FLUORIDATION 1.15% F SOLIN FED (NOTE: RECORD COLUMNS C.E.H.V.A.A.T. AT SAME TIME)

FLUORIDE TEST INSTRUMENT  
HACH DR1890 Colorimeter  
0.5 mg/l NATURAL FLUORIDE  
OF RAW WATER

TYPE OF CHLORINE USED:  
CHLORINE GAS

10122 \*A\*  
Date Monthly  
Bacterials Sent 2/20/2014

I certify that the information in this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

REPORTED BY (SIGNATURE):  
Kevin Whitehouse  
Phone: 309-319-1010

This Agency is authorized to require this information under Ill. Rev. Stat. 1979, Chapter 111 1/2, Section 1019. Disclosure of this information is required. Failure to do so may result in a civil penalty up to \$10,000.00 and an additional civil penalty up to \$1,000.00 for each day the failure continued, a fine up to \$1,000.00 and imprisonment up to one year. This form has been approved by the forms management center.



## Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee

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### *Street Report for March 2013*

Wow, is really all I can say, about all the snow, ice, and cold we have been delt this year. All in all, I think our streets looked good. We do have about 3 mailboxes and 1 stop sign that needs to be replaced. Those items will be taken care of as soon as the frozen ground allows us to. Also, I know there are going to be places where there is gravel in areas that we will address as weather allows. We had to put snow wherever we could this year, and sometimes, it was a challenge to find a good spot. If anyone has a particular area that needs addressed, please let me know.

I would like to announce to our residence that we will be starting our monthly debris pick up again in April. I'm sorry for the suspension of this the last couple months. Just please re-read the policy below and I look forward to providing this service to our residence again this

#### **The Following Rules Apply:**

- 1) **Pick up will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month:** If weather, holidays, or unforeseen circumstances prevent us from picking up on this day, Then pickup will be the following day.
- 2) Items to be picked up must be burnable ( examples: leaves,sticks,branches,brush, etc.)
- 3) All items must be on a curb or driveway, as close to the road as possible, without creating a hazard in the road. ( NOTE: Since we use a backhoe in most cases to accomplish this, we do not want to tear or rut up anyone's yards or ditches. If we can not reach it from the road or a driveway, we WILL NOT pick it up. If you can't get it near the road, please call me to make arrangements. 309-838-6031
- 4) There is to be **No Burning in Ditches**. This causes clogging and backups in our culverts. This is one of the primary reasons we are providing this service.

From our perspective, things have gone pretty well. I'm glad to see quite a few residents utilizing this service. If anyone has any suggestions or comments on how this service is going from their perspective, please call me to discuss. I would also like to thank Downs Township for their help, support, and use of their backhoe, to make this all possible. Also, please be aware not to put debris over any water inlets or culverts. If anyone has any other needs or suggestions on how we can better serve our residents, please call to discuss with me. Thank you

In your service,

## SENIOR NEWS:

Due to the weather there were several people unable to attend the meeting on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at Jacks. Those that were there enjoyed the fellowship and the meal.

March 6<sup>th</sup> is the date for the breakfast at Jacks in LeRoy.

Keep Kenny Bowman in your prayers as he is recovering from knee surgery. Also, pray for healing for Cheryl Bach. She had foot surgery on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

A note of THANKS to the ladies who volunteer their time for the monthly food baskets to be distributed.

The March meeting will be held in the church basement at 11:30 for a potluck. Don & Mary Lawyer, Della Kaufman and Jane Corum are the committee.

Come join the group.

**Tri-Valley FFA  
503 E. Washington  
Downs, IL 61736**

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Agriculture/Horticulture Instructor  
309-378-2911**



**For Immediate Release**

### **Tri-Valley FFA Greenhouse**

**Downs, IL-** The Tri-Valley FFA members will be holding a greenhouse sale on Saturday, May 3rd from 8am-3pm, Sunday, May 4th from 12pm-3pm and Friday, May 9th from 8:30-2:30pm.

The FFA members will be selling a variety of annuals, perennials, foliage plants, hanging baskets and vegetables. Some of the plants include, wave petunias, vinca, impatiens, begonia, marigold, alyssum, zinnia, geraniums, hostas, daylilies, tomatoes, peppers, houseplants, and various hanging baskets.

The greenhouse is located on the south side of Tri-Valley High School. All proceeds from the greenhouse sale will go to the Tri-Valley FFA Organization.

The FFA is a national organization of more than 500,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

# Tri-Valley FFA Greenhouse Sale

YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, FOLIAGE PLANTS, VEGETABLES AND HANGING BASKETS!

**8:00 AM-3:00 PM**  
**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

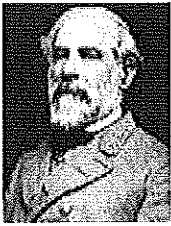
**12:00 PM-3:00 PM**  
**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 AM-2:30 PM**  
**Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
(During Tri-Valley Civil War Daze)

Wave Petunia	Zinnia	Daylily
Vinca	Celosia	Hosta
Impatiens	Salvia	Delphinium
Gazania	Potato Vine	Gallardia
Begonia	Dusty Miller	Herbs
Marigold	Purple Coneflower	Ivy
Pansy	Black-eyed Susan	Tomatoes
Geranium	Shasta Daisy	Peppers

**AND MUCH MORE!!!**

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# CIVIL WAR DAZE 2014



*Tri-Valley Schools – Downs, IL ( 7 miles east of Bloomington off of I-74)*

## Civil War Daze

Rain or Shine ( 9 AM – 2:30 PM )

**Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

( during the school day )

### Schedule

7:30-9:00 AM **Set-up** for Union Camp, Confederate Camp, and various Learning Stations on the Trail of History.

7:30 – 8:15 AM **Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast** served by the FFA at Dooley Park Pavilion. Free meal for Living Historians/Reenactors.

8:30 AM – 2:30 PM **Greenhouse Sale by the Tri-Valley FFA** (Location SW Corner of H.S.)

9:00-Noon **Trail of History Learning Stations** (*Move Along at a Steady Pace*)  
(All Stations Located South and West of Grade School/Go to as many as you can.)

"Old-Time Music Jam Group" - Bluegrass  
Civil War Food - Union Camp

Victorian (1860's) Womens' Tea

Surgeon's Tent

Drilling Troops / Cannon Crew Training  
Confederate Camp / 24<sup>th</sup> North Carolina

Chestnut Light Artillery

Confederate President Jefferson Davis

Confederate General Robert E. Lee

Union Generals U. S. Grant & George Custer

1860's Farming & Petting Zoo

Rope Making & Blacksmith

Civil War Photography –Sepia tone Photos

School of the Cavalymen – 10<sup>th</sup> IL Cavalry Unit / Tennessee Cavalry Unit

President Abraham Lincoln & Mary Todd Lincoln / Berdans Sharpshooters

Civil War Cricket – Tom Melville / Civil War Storyteller – Mike Lockett

Lunch

**Gondola sandwich lunch** (meal includes gondola sandwich, cookie, chips and drink) for \$6.00 and will be served in the shaded confines of Dooley Park.

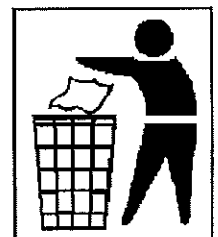
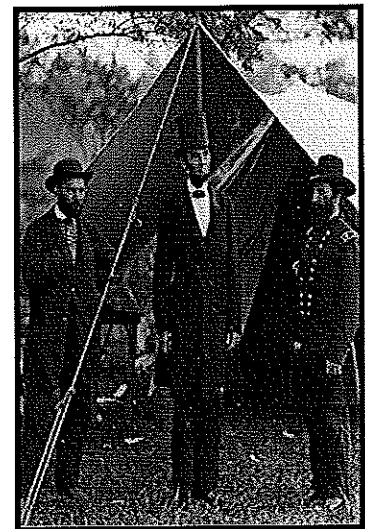
11:00-11:45 (4th, 5th and 6th grades)

11:45-12:15 (7th, and 8th grades)

12:15-12:45 Reenactors (free)

(Go to the pavilion in Dooley Park for sack lunch!!!)

At 12:10 begin the walk over to the Middle School Gym and be seated.



Please Clean  
Up Garbage!

12:15-1:15 PM **Go to Middle School Gym - Civil War Storyteller – Robert E. Lee - Ulysses S. Grant - Doctor's Lecture - Ladies' Style Show.**

Speeches will be given & stories will be told.

1:20 PM

*Walk west of the high school to the battlefield.*

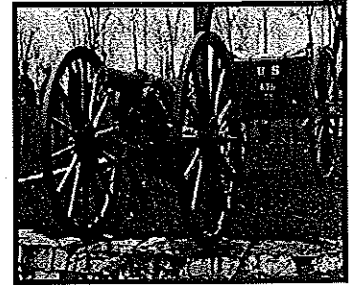
1:30-2:30 PM

**Civil War Battle Reenactment**

Featuring Confederate and Union troops. Spectators stay outside the battle area and maintain a respectful distance from the reenactors. Cannons, rifles, etc. will be fired.

Cavalry will be represented and part of the battle.

*(West of the high school and south of the grade school)-- (Over 50 Reenactors)*



2:30-3:00 PM

**Clean-up and Tear-down**

Teachers, students, and spectators please contain your garbage.

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*Many people have worked together to create this wonderful learning experience for our children and we would like to extend our appreciation. Without your support and hard work this would not be possible.*

Planners

Mark McBride (H.S.), Robin Roberts (M.S.), Curt Simonson (Superintendent), Dave Mouser (H.S. Principal), Doug Roberts (M.S. Principal), Brian Knutson (A.D.), Ginny Elhoff (M.S.), Tom Boward (*former principal*), Krissy Vaux (H.S.), Frank Arnolts (M.S.), & George Van Winkle (H.S.).

Volunteers

*Reenactors include:* Paul Wood (Gen. Robert E. Lee), Larry Werline (Gen. U.S. Grant), Tom Peacock (Gen. Custer), Gary & Carol Simpkins (Abraham Lincoln & Mary Todd Lincoln), Jim Crusier (band), Ron Kirchgessner (Union), Joe Ramholz (rope maker), Matt Wood (confederate), Mike Acuff (confederates), Dennis Cappitelli (union NCO & surgeon), Bob Starr (Union), Bob Thurmond (Frederick Douglass), Neale & Anne Lehmkuhl (Mr. & Mrs. Jefferson Davis), Steve & Sharon Bean (CW food), Mark & Lori Bean (CW Food), Julie Hahn (CW Food), Josh Rund (farming implements / petting zoo), Jon Nelson (union), Kevin Eckel (union artillery), Dave Roop (union), Chuck Milburn-Ted Henry-Dawn Henry, Greg Kane, and Jo Grayson (10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry), Gerald Wegman (union), Matt Heid (union), Gary Fogarty (Union), John Housour (Blacksmith), Matt Deverman (Union), Matt Wehrle (Union), Greg Down (Union), Jared Carlson (Sharpshooters), Rich Norris (cavalry), and Leo Worth (union). *Lunch planners:* Kathy Johnson and Lisa Eckel. Others!

Donations

Tri-Valley Education Foundation, Tri-Valley PTO, Tri-Valley Middle School Yearbook, Tri-Valley Boosters Club, McLean County Diversity Project, Worth Cutting (Leo Worth), Tri-Valley Tree Farm (Jim Suiter), R.P. Lumber Co., and Advantage Plumbing (Jackson Ring). Others.

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*Looking for an established market on Wednesdays?*

*Join us for our 12th season.*

# Downs Village Market



*Wednesdays, 4 - 6 PM*

*June 4 - Sept. 24*

*Located at the southwest edge of Downs just off I-74, Downs Village Market attracts customers from Bloomington/Normal as well as surrounding small towns, who appreciate the convenience, easy parking, and friendly, small-town atmosphere of our market.*

*We welcome vendors with the following items for sale*

*Locally Grown and Select Regional Produce*

*Meat, Poultry, Eggs and Cheese*

*(with the appropriate certifications)*

*Plants and Flowers*

*Quality Handcrafted Items*

*\$10 per week / \$70 for the season*

*(We've got the best deal in McLean County!)*

*Want more information? Call or e-mail*

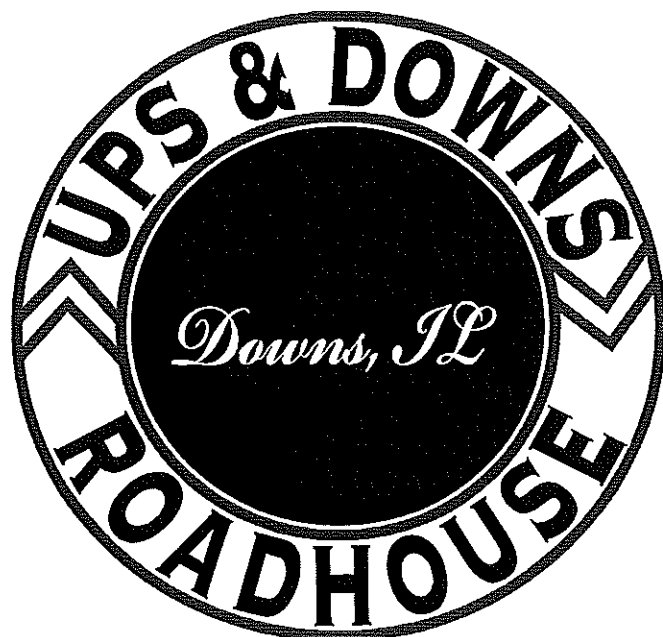
*Ann 275-1564 • Carol 378-4223 • Cheryl & Dave 378-4396 • Jennie 825-9328*

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**BURGERS**

**CHICKEN**

**CHOPS**

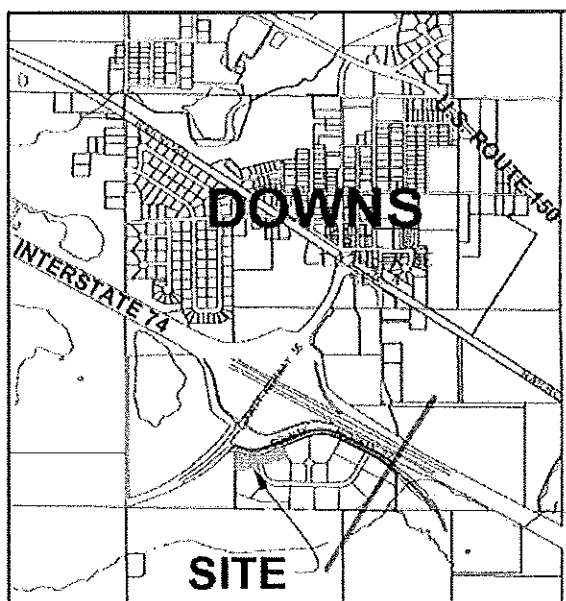


The kitchen is now open and we're serving up sandwich baskets to go with your favorite beverages.

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