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Lincoln High Newsletter

Memories of then! News of now!

The article on Red Skelton , in the past newsletter, brought a chuckle to me...About maybe 3 years before he died, my brother who is a huge fan of his tried to get an autographed picture from him...Somehow through phone calls he was put into contact with Mr. Skeltons secretary.. After talking a bit , the secretary put him through to another person...After explaining his request again...the guy on the other end goes, "You don't know who you are talking to do you?" My brother said , "no". He says something like, "this is HIM." My bother goes, "No". He goes, "Yes"..My brother goes , "No" ...Mr. Skelton goes, "yes"... Just like a mini comedy routine...He finally asked him for the pictures and if he could sign it "God Bless"...He said he could not sign it that way because of the copy right of the TV show... Long story short...He sent a couple autographed pictures of himself 8 x 10 and a couple different poses in 4/6 size...All autographed by him and not stamped..Each signature is a bit different... Right now I have his 4x6 on our rolltop desk in our family room, with our family photos...He was just a special kind of guy... The envelope that was sent came right from his own house...My brother said he was soooo sweet....

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This afternoon I was sitting in our backyard talking to the neighbor lady. She said she got her 4 year old preschooler some new underwear on Monday.. When she took him to school Tuesday, she was going to warn the teachers that he was proud of his new underwear. He went into the classroom before her, and by the time she got into the classroom, he was standing in front of the teachers, with his jeans pulled down to his ankles showing the teachers his new underwear!! And Alex is usually a shy little guy! Cracked me up!

Too cute!! **Donna Rehman**

Charles Schanes (65) writes:

I have been retired from Chrysler 6 years now and actively participate in church functions, traveling, and investing. At this time, I am promoting a feature film entitled "Broken Pieces" which portrays the realism surrounding children who, for one reason or another, are removed from their homes and families to be placed in foster care or institutions. This film is taken from true events and will raise money to benefit these children. Our daughter, Christal, will be working with the writer/director in overseeing hair/make-up and special effects. Anyone who might be interested in joining me in investing in the making of this film can email me at Catchu@insightbb.com. We will see that a script and/or financial investment material is forwarded to you from Broken Pieces, LLC. Very few people realize that their tax dollars are being spent on these institutions, and they need to be made accountable for their actions.

Ursula Nogie unogic@yahoo.com writes:

"Baghdad ER" - an HBO documentary production premiering May 21. Shows the heroic work of U.S. army medical teams who save 90% of the wounded that come through their facilities. It'll no doubt be tough viewing, but is supposed to be an unbiased report.

Home Depot project on schedule

Store to open in late October

By Andrew Hellpap
Wis Rapids Daily Tribune Staff

Construction on the Wisconsin Rapids Home Depot is on pace for a planned Oct. 26 opening.

As people who passed by the site might have seen, steel framework is going up, and starting next week, the exterior walls will begin to arrive, said Jim Schneider, superintendent of the project from Chicago-based Glenn H. Johnson Construction.

When the walls are erected, the site will look more like a building rather than a steel skeleton.

"It's part of the building that everybody says, 'Wow,'" he said, explaining that the walls make it look like major progress has been made.

Glenn H. Johnson is putting the east half of the building's steel framework up now, Schneider said.

Though the exterior of the building does go up with relative speed, Schneider said, the slow, intricate segments of construction remain inside, including electrical, plumbing and structural work.

External sewer and water work is on track as well, said Wisconsin Rapids Community Development Director Bruce McMiller.

In fact, a water hydrant is already up on one side of the site, he said.

The recent stretch of wet weather did slow the building down, Schneider said, but it is not expected to delay the project.

Schneider has been working on Home Depot buildings since 1999, while Glenn H. Johnson has built Home Depots in Rhinelander, Green Bay, Beaver Dam and two in Madison, he said.

A company official has said previously that the 100,000-square-foot store and 28,000-square-foot garden center would create about 170 jobs, about 110 of those full time.

Rapids residents want Olive Garden, Jo-Ann Fabrics

Daily Tribune Staff

The people of Wisconsin Rapids have spoken.

Recently, Appleton-based real estate firm Grubb & Ellis asked residents which businesses they'd like to fill two retail locations near the future **Home Depot**.

Suggestions were sent to the Daily Tribune and forwarded to the firm.

"I have already started calling down the list," said Elizabeth Ringgold a sales associate with Grubb & Ellis.

Jo-Ann Fabrics and Olive Garden were the most popular choices to fill the medium- to small-sized locations. Each store received 21 percent of the responses. A close second was Fazoli's, which garnered 20 percent. Old Navy finished a nearby fourth with 17 percent of the vote. Rounding out the top five was another tie with Panera Bread and Arby's each grabbing 10 percent of the requests.

Ringgold contacted many of the corporate offices of the businesses on the survey, but neither location has an occupant set yet.

She did say that most of the interest is for restaurants at this point.

Wisconsin Rapids Community Development Director Bruce McMiller already sent a list to Grubb & Ellis of all businesses looking to expand in Wisconsin. The list was compiled by Retail Lease Trac Inc. Of the top five businesses in the Daily Tribune survey, only Fazoli's was on the list.

The Daily Tribune received 81 responses during the 12 days the survey was open. The most popular suggestion in the survey was Target, but that is too large of a retailer for the locations Grubb & Ellis hopes to fill.

Other notable businesses on the survey were Red Lobster, a shoe store, a music store, Kohl's, Bed Bath & Beyond and IHOP.

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Maybe you have a different choice? [Email Andrew.](#)