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“ . . . The Best Game in the World”*

There is something about baseball
that rests curious in my mind,
but an evening game at Wrigley Field
may help me to define.



Sitting on the third base side,
by the dugout of the Cubs,
early enough to smell the grass,
watch the players stretch and run.

The players tho’ they’re warming up,
talk to kids and sign baseballs.
Then “Oh Say Can You See” rings out,
a song best sung by all.

The game begins; “Play Ball!” resounds,
echoing ‘round the “Friendly Confines.”
First batter up, he kicks and swings
and hits it safely down the line.

The whirl of a pitch into the catcher’s mitt,
the crack of wood against the ball;
the running of the bases
and the “boos” of a bad call.



Hustling vendors yelling, “Cold Beer!
Hot Dogs! Peanuts! and Ice Cream here!”
move up and down the stairway stands
selling baseball’s ritual fare.

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Friends in Motion

Some wedding anniversaries recently celebrated include:

Gene and Susan Cooper (51 years), **Richard and Roberta (Dick and Bertie) Chambers** (59 years), **Roger and Verna Everly** (55 years), all of Bushnell, **Leland and Wilma Worthington** (60 years), **Larry and Pat Payne** (50 years),

Robert and Velma Ferguson (56 years), all of Marietta, **John and Sharon Butler** (47 years), of Avon. Congratulations to all!

Recent birthday celebrations include:

Glenn Steelman (92) of Bushnell, **Barb Spiker** of Edwards, CO, **Leona Yocum** of Avon, and **Charlotte Harris** (85) of Lewistown. Happy Birthday to each of you!



Cadwaladers' Meet President Obama



On August 17, 2011, David, Eldon and Bonnie Cadwalader, of Bushnell, and Ron Cadwalader of East Peoria, were invited to attend a Town Hall meeting with President Barack Obama at the Country Corner Farm in Alpha, Illinois.

President Obama took questions and spoke on bi-partisan politics, job creation, estate taxes, healthy eating for children, and the future of Social Security.

Following the meeting, Ron Cadwalader was able to shake hands with the President.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Oct 7 & Nov 4 - Free cholesterol screening and blood pressure check, F&M Main Bank Lobby, 9 am to 10 am

Oct 8 & Nov 12- VFW breakfast, 6:30 am to 10:30 am.

Oct 10 - Columbus Day

Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time

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Sometimes, You Just Need Sweets!

OREO BALLS

Lindsey Jones

1 pkg. Oreos
1 stick butter
1/2 pkg. (4oz.) cream cheese (softened)
Crush Oreos into fine crumbs.
Melt butter. Whip butter and cream cheese until smooth. Add Oreo crumbs and mix. Refrigerate until firm enough to hold ball shape. Form 1 inch balls, and place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper or wax paper. Drizzle chocolate or almond bark over the top until covered; let dry, and enjoy!



SNICKER - APPLE SALAD

Davann Cadwalader

1 pkg. vanilla instant pudding
1 cup of milk
1 container Cool Whip
4 Granny Smith apples
Snickers candy bars
(as many as you want!)
Mix pudding, milk, and Cool Whip. Cut apples and snickers into small pieces. Add to Cool Whip mixture.



PINEAPPLE CAKE

Shannon Whitcomb

1-1/2 c. sugar
2 c. flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 eggs
1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple

Mix all together and pour into a greased and floured 13 x 9 pan. Top with 1/2 c. pecans and 1/2 c. brown sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Poke holes in top of cake and pour topping over hot cake.

Topping:

1-1/2 sticks margarine
1/2 c. sugar
1 c. evaporated milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Bring to a boil for 3 minutes. Garnish with Cool Whip.

HAWAIIAN DELIGHT BARS

Lou Reno

2 c. flour
2 c. sugar
2 tsp. soda
2 beaten eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
pinch of salt
1/2 c. chopped pecans
20 oz. can crushed

pineapple, including juice

Mix and put in greased 12 x 15 inch pan or for a cake, use a 13 x 9 pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes.

Icing:

1 large cream cheese (8oz.)
1 tsp. vanilla
2 c. powdered sugar
1 stick oleo

Mix and spread on cool bars or cake. Sprinkle with pecans, if desired.



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An unlucky fan struck by a foul
gets sympathy and cheers from all,
but everyone knows the cardinal rule:
“There’s no crying in baseball.”



A home run blast by a visitor,
hits the bleachers to cries of “throw it back!”
and the selfsame ball comes arching home,
in impotent counterattack.

And in the seventh inning,
we stand and stretch and chat;
we sing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game,”
before the Cubbies come to bat.



The scoreboard stands stark sentry
in centerfield, alone.
The rooftop walkups across Waveland,
all part of this baseball home.

The fans, they are a family,
on this warm and gentle night.
There’s just something about baseball
that makes everything all right.

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* “Baseball was, is and always will be to me the best game in the world.” From *The Babe Ruth Story* (Babe Ruth)