

# Peoria Partyline



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## Local Business Grows—Goes Global

Computers are becoming more and more a part of our lives; and so are the high tech machines that work hand-in-hand with them. Did you know that most every product from your coffee cup to your computer's mouse to the dashboard of your car was first designed on a computer? How do all of those designs turn into real 3-dimensional objects?

There's no one better to explain all of this than Dennis Fogle. He attended Indian Hills Community College, graduated from their laser program in the mid 80's, and very soon thereafter got in on the ground floor of a brand new computer related industry. It's called "Rapid Prototyping." He was the first service engineer for the inventor of the industry.



*David Clark (a field engineer) checks out one of the Rapid Prototype machines his company services and maintains.*

"To put it very simply," says Dennis, "rapid prototyping occurs when a CAD—computer aided design (one created on the computer)—is sent electronically to a special machine. That machine then uses the data to build a three-dimensional, solid model of the design with layers of liquid plastic." It's a perfect way for companies to "try out" a new product. They can correct mistakes or make changes on a model rather than the real thing. Once everything looks right, then the final product is produced using higher quality materials.

"Lots of companies use RP machines to make models of parts," continues Dennis. "NASCAR and the medical field are two examples. At the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC, surgeons use the technology to create models of body parts before doing surgery on soldiers returning from Iraq."

After working some ten years in the RP industry, Dennis felt the time was right to start his own company—one that would offer service and support to owners of RP equipment. "Up to that point" says Dennis, "the manufacturer was the only place they

could go to for mechanical/technical help." He called his business *National RP Support* or *NRPS*.

"At the time I was living in Kansas City," said Dennis, "but I wanted to move back to Iowa, where I was raised." He felt Pella offered a nice balance of industry and rural

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## Closed Captioning Comes from Peoria

Have you ever muted your television and wondered how the closed captioning appeared on the screen? To most people those captions might be considered a nuisance that obstructs their view, but for the hearing impaired it may be the only way to "hear" what the television is saying. As a Broadcast Closed Captioner, I am one of the many people responsible for getting those words onto the screen.

I first became interested in closed captioning while attending AIB College of Business in Des Moines. Their Real-Time Reporting 2-year program sounded interesting and I thoroughly enjoyed it. After graduating in the fall of 2005, I joined a company located in Denver, Colorado, that helped me get an office set up in my home. Then in the fall of 2007 I switched to a company located near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Exactly how do the captions get from my computer to your television screen? First it takes some complex equipment. My setup includes a computer, captioning software, a

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# Stellabration



January 19 was a cold day but inside the Lynnville Sully Schools it was warm as toast. We were so pleased with how many people came out to show their love and support for Travis, Sarah, Treyton and Stella Turnbull. Stella was one month old when she was diagnosed with Type I Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), a motor neuron disease that affects the muscles used for daily activities like crawling, walking, head and neck control, and swallowing.

The benefit included a freewill supper, bake sale, live music and an auction. The evening was emceed by Mark Allen and featured music groups which included the B.I.G. Band, The Trio, Highway Home, Eternal Light, and others. There were also two

special performances. Treyton (Stella's 3-year old brother) sang several songs, and Seamus (Travis' brother) sang a song that he had written for his niece.

The silent auction included over 300 items to bid on. At the end of the evening Mark Doll auctioned off a Goalsetter basketball system, an Elk Hunt to Gillette, Colorado, a freezer, and cement from Skyline. Loving donations of time, money and items helped to make the evening a huge success. It was awesome to see God's hand at work. Over \$45,000 was raised to help Travis and Sarah with continued medical expenses for little Stella. -Brenda Terpstra



## Peoria Hog Roast



Finger licking pork BBQ is on the menu for the community hog roast on July 11. Julie Roose will be the cook again this year so we know the food will be great. This annual community hog roast will take place after the Vacation Bible School program, about 7:00 on that Friday evening. It will be held at the Peoria Church grounds, or the gym in case of rain.

Along with meat on a bun, there will be a couple of salads and baked beans, along with dessert and drink. So eat light that day ... come hungry! Please bring your lawn chairs, unless you don't mind sitting on metal chairs. Everything else will be provided.

Everyone in the Peoria community is invited. Bring your friends and neighbors and relatives. See you there!



Henry Nieuwsma was born near Peoria, attended the Peoria Christian Grade School and served in the Armed Forces of the United States for six years. Following his discharge Henry married Sylvia Jean Fopma, and then farmed the family farm 2 miles northwest of Peoria until retirement. He enjoyed traveling and was a member of the Peoria Christian Reformed Church in Peoria for many years. Henry was a friend to everyone.



**Neighbors are much more than just names!  
Grab a cup of coffee and let's meet the Roose family.**

Want to see some more beautiful scenery in Richland Township? Check out Scott and Kristi Roose's place at 1271 Bayard Avenue. You can't miss the house with log siding, the manicured yard, an old oak tree and some young trees, along with some horses behind the house. Turn around and look across a wide valley, with trees along a creek at the bottom.

Coming into the house you'll meet Daniel (4 years old) and Katy (2 years old), who has very curly hair. Daniel will gladly talk to you about the tickle monster, cars and trucks.

This area is not new for Scott. He grew up in Peoria and went to the church and school there. His dad, Gene Roose, managed the grain elevator about 25 years. After leaving the business, the family moved away from the area. Scott eventually studied to become a registered nurse. After working as an ICU nurse at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines for a while, he is now a surgical nurse at the Pella Hospital. He enjoys working on the acreage and hunting.

Kristi calls Graettinger, Iowa, her home town. It's near Okoboji. She met Scott at a grocery store in Emmetsburg, where she was working. Kristi attended Iowa State and majored in computer information and technology. At first she worked at Vermeer's in Pella, but now is the IT (information technology) Director at the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa.

Some of Kristi's special interests include gardening and riding horses.

Scott and Kristi moved to their acreage in 2001. While grading for the new driveway, they came across a stone path and realized that there used to be a homestead here. Also, Scott's dad mentioned later that he grew up on a place just up the hill; the foundation of the house is still there. Does anyone remember these places? For Scott, this is like coming back to his roots. He feels very comfortable in this safe, pleasant neighborhood.

Scott and Kristi enjoy taking care of this corner of the world. They are now learning how to restore native grasses, and hope to do so on a part of their acreage. This summer you may see them riding their two quarter horses with their children. They also have a pony that is a Shetland-Welch cross, named Don King. He is for sale at a reduced rate. Anyone interested?

We're glad that you decided to move to this neighborhood. And we hope that your family enjoys good health.

-John Gorter



*- Closed Captioning continued*

high-speed internet connection, a steno machine, four phone lines (two phones and two modems), and an audio amplification system. All of these items are connected with a multitude of cables and must work simultaneously with one another.

The process of captioning starts with turning on my computer and making sure my steno machine is translating correctly. A steno machine consists of 24 keys with no letters on them (see picture). Everything is typed in shorthand, which means I use numerous key combinations—all preprogrammed into my software—to get a letter or word to appear on the screen.

Then I connect to an encoder located at the TV station I will be captioning for. The connection ensures that all of the words I type on my machine will travel through my modem to the station. Once received, the encoder sends out my captions to your TV.

Finally, I connect to an audio line via one of my phone lines. The TV station provides me with an audio number so that I can hear what is being said a couple seconds in advance of what you are hearing on your TV. The time adjustment makes it possible for the captions to match up to the audio you hear on your TV. Now all that's left for me to do is to type everything I hear as close to verbatim as possible.

I don't know how fast I type right now, but when I graduated back in 2005 I was at 250 words per minute. That sounds incredibly fast, but I can tell you that most people on TV talk a lot faster than that! So the next time you see those captions, remember that even though captioners may not catch all the words, we're doing our best to make TV watching an enjoyable experience for everyone.

-Carissa Vander Linden



Did you know there is a house in Richland Township which has now been home to three different sets of twins? Most recently little Mack and Madi were born to Nicki and Jayme Veenstra on March 7. The babies had to stay at Blank Children's Hospital for a couple of weeks, but now they are home with mom and dad and brothers Jayden and Andrew. Earlier sets of twins included Dale and Darrell De Nooy—born in 1954—and Zachary and Eric Dickinson who lived there from 1999 to 2002. This is all very interesting indeed. Is it something in the water? Or maybe the house has received a special blessing that makes things happen in "twos" once in a while? Whatever, congratulations Nicki and Jayme!

**Upcoming Events**

- June 9: Lower Grove Vacation Bible School
- June 15: Lower Grove VBS program at 6 p.m.
- July 7-11: Vacation Bible School, Peoria Church, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- July 11: VBS program, Peoria Church, 6:30 p.m.
- July 11: Community Hog Roast, Peoria Church, 7 p.m.

*- Local Business Grows continued*

environment to support his new endeavour. So, in 2003 he purchased a farm just across the road from Lower Grove Park, set up a shop there, and in no time NRPS began to grow.

"Our employees are scattered across the United States so they can meet the needs of customers in many areas," says Dennis. "They're a band of traveling high-tech mechanics who specialize in on-site service and repair of RP equipment." Since RP machines use lasers, computers, and other technical apparatus, they need regular maintenance, technical support, replacement parts, and upgrades. "A lot of our work involves replacing and realigning the lasers," continues Dennis. "We also buy used machines and rebuild them for resale."

What started out in 1998 with just Dennis and a tool box, is now a global company with 13 employees besides himself. They currently have over 250 customers around the world. Because of this growth, NRPS soon outgrew the shop on the farm. "I began to look for a bigger place," says Dennis, "and recently I purchased the building that was once Sherwin's Muffler Shop. It's a good place for us and it appears we moved just in time. This past winter would have nearly shut us down if we'd stayed in the country. The roads were nearly impassable every week."

- Marilee VW  
- Warren VWG



**Peoria**

**Date:** July 7-11 from 8:30 to 11:30 daily  
**Ages:** All children 4 years old through those who just completed 6th grade.

**Name of Program:** Summer Seaquest  
We are going on a voyage with Jonah to help us understand the deep riches

of the Scriptures, and to see Jesus, the One "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

At the end of the week there will be a short program at 6:30 on Friday evening.

For more information or to register, contact Linda Franje at 637-2204 or e-mail her at [franje4@iowatelecom.net](mailto:franje4@iowatelecom.net).

**Lower Grove**

Our Lower Grove Bible school starts on the 9th of June with the program on the 15th at 6 p.m.





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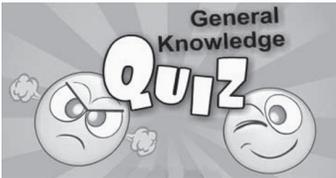
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### How much do you know? Try these!

1. In which hand does the Statue of Liberty hold her torch?
2. What two numbers on the telephone buttons don't have letters on them?
3. When you walk, does your left arm swing with your right or your left leg?
4. Which way do fans rotate?
5. How many lugs are on a standard car wheel?
6. On which playing card is the card maker's trademark shown?
7. What is the lowest number on the FM dial?

Answers: 1. Right hand/2. 1 & 0/3. Right leg/4. Clockwise/5. It has 5/6. Ace of Spades/7. 88

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### Wanted

**Young Person** to mow lawn and do some landscaping this summer. Call Dennis Fogle 625-4310.

### Committee

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

### Adult

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

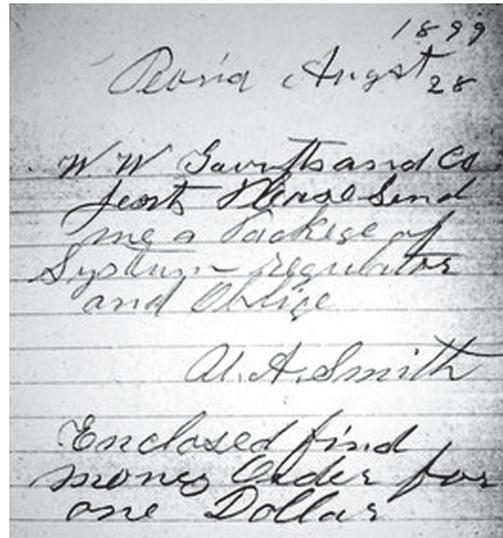
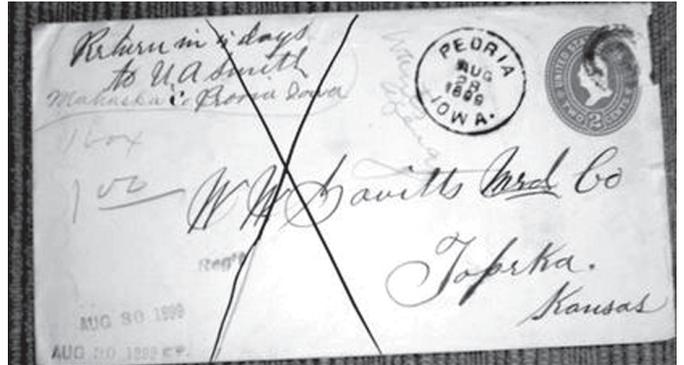
Congratulations to all our graduates in 8th grade, high school, college, and beyond!



## Peoria Post Office

Did you know that at one time Peoria had its own post office? It all began when a post office was first established in the tiny town of Warrensville which was located on the South Skunk River near the current Peoria to Pella river bridge. Elbert S. Warren (who gave the town its name) was the first Postmaster. Eventually Warrensville died out when the neighboring town of Peoria began and the post office was moved to Peoria on November 15, 1854. Mail service to the Peoria branch continued until November 15, 1906. After that, people received their mail through Pella.

Amazingly, there are still a few pieces of "Peoria mail" around. Julie Nibbelink Zaleski owns this rare letter and envelope from 1899 that U.A. Smith sent from Peoria to a firm in Topeka, Kansas. (see below)



In addition to artifacts, there are lots of stories! It is thought that the post office was located in the McAuley Store on the north side of Main Street. Many in Richland Township walked or rode horse to pick up their mail, and not everyone could read, so people would gather at a certain time of day—at the post office—to listen as someone read the Oskaloosa paper aloud. A truly unique way of keeping up with area happenings! After all, there was no such thing as TV and e-mail in those days!

-Doris Nibbelink