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STORYBOOK ROMANCE



You may have read stories in Guideposts and other national magazines of sweethearts who were separated for decades by some tragedy such as war. After successful marriages to other people, the birth of children and grandchildren, their lives intersect yet again, and they are reunited. Is it a chance encounter or divine intervention? I'll leave that to you to decide, but such is the story of Henry Coil and Anna Ward.

Anna and Henry met as teenagers in the 1930's when they were neighbors in Elmira. They started dating, but World War II intervened, and swept Henry off to the Pacific Ocean. In the meantime, Anna met and married her husband and had a long, successful marriage. Henry returned from the war, married a friend of Anna's from Elmira and enjoyed a 62 year marriage. After their first spouses passed away, Henry began to wonder whatever happened to Anna and asked his daughter to search the Internet in an attempt to locate her. Her first phone call hit pay dirt, and the couple began talking by phone. Romance blossomed once again, and in June of 2008 they were married.

They have now been married for 6 years and believe that they have the perfect match. Anna is 92 years old and Henry is 95. As they have aged, they have begun to need some assistance with household chores. Thankfully the Office for the Aging

EISEP Program helps them stay at home by cleaning, doing laundry, mopping, and doing dishes. Anna's daughter also assists them. The couple is very thankful for all the help they have. They want to enjoy as much time as possible in their own home, loving life together!

CORNING AREA AGING IN PLACE--UPCOMING EVENTS

The Corning Area Aging in Place organization (CAAIP) holds monthly informational meetings for seniors living in the greater Corning area. On Thursday, October 30th at 10 am they will be hosting Dr. Joseph Scopelliti, President and CEO of Guthrie Health. He will be updating the group on how the Affordable Health Care Act is progressing. Then on Thursday, November 20th, at 10 am, the group will host Joseph O'Connell, Director of Pharmacy for Wal-Mart who will speak on prescription insurance, drug interactions and a whole lot more about health related issues from the perspective of a pharmacist. CAAIP meets at the First Congregational UCC Church located on the corner of W. Pulteney St. and Pritchard Ave. in Corning.





AGING IN PLACE PROJECT UPDATES

Volunteers with the Cameron, Jasper, Troupsburg & Woodhull Aging in Place Project Advisory Group have recently taken to the streets to highlight the resources available in that part of Steuben County for elders desiring

to stay in their own homes and communities. Pictured here are volunteers Donna Harrington, Melody and Bob Manley, along with Linda M. Tetor, SSSF Executive Director, at the recent Woodhull Community Days. The group is looking for people who will volunteer to help with the project, especially those who are willing to take their older neighbors to doctors' appointments, grocery shopping, and other errands. Please contact Sharon Brewer, Project Coordinator if you are willing to volunteer in that capacity. She can be reached at 458-5665 or 458-5178.

The group also held an Aging in Place informational fair on Friday, October 10th at the Woodhull Town Hall from 9:30 till noon. Undersheriff James Allard spoke on identity theft, and there were several displays by community agencies of services available to the older citizens of the four townships.

In Pulteney, the Senior Lunch Program is going strong on Mondays and Thursdays. New people are always welcome to join the group. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 522-5121. Another project of the Pulteney AIP has been a community garden. Fresh vegetables and flowers have been picked by members of the advisory group and delivered to homebound residents.

The Urbana AIP Senior Lunch Program continues on Tuesdays. To make a reservation to dine at that site, please call 569-2712. New people are always welcome. Area churches will be sponsoring the meal sites in Hammondsport which will help to cover the requested donation for those seniors who can not afford to give. Additionally another church will be covering the cost of grocery delivery if a senior cannot afford this service and is unable to go grocery shopping. For more information on the Pulteney or Urbana projects, please contact Kathy Burns at 664-2298.



RAMPS, RAMPS AND MORE RAMPS!

Tis the season. With the weather staying relatively good this fall, the volunteer crews around Steuben County have continued to build ramps to help people age in place. Joseph's Hammer, the RAMPS Guys, and Faith in Action continue their good work. So far SSSF funds have helped with the building of five ramps this season. Pictured is a new ramp in Canisteo. From left to right are Faith in Action volunteers Zane Fiegl and Jim Robards, SSSF Executive Director Linda M. Tetor, the Feenaughtys, homeowners, and Faith in Action Director Dick Russell. A huge thank you to the volunteers of all three groups!!



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