

MOOSMATES AND NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE KIDS IN AND AROUND MOOS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FROM THE 30'S THRU THE '60'S

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CIRCULATION 299

MY



COLUMN

This issue comes bittersweet. I've lost two more old friends but, I have their memories still with me. It also may have many good memories for you. Things you just haven't thought about in years may spark those images deep in your mental files. Hoping you enjoy my offerings and waiting

Thom McCan

Haven't heard this in years and years.

**Hi! I'm Thom McCan
I live in a shoe
That's my dog Tye
He lives in there, too**

More shoe stories
within.



Charles Monroe "Sparky" Schulz was an American cartoonist and creator of the comic strip **Peanuts**. He is widely regarded as one of the most influential cartoonists in history, and cited by many cartoonists as a major influence, including Jim Davis, Bill Watterson, Matt Groening, and Dav Pilkey. Born 1922. Died 2000.

Your homework is to name all 10 of Sparky's characters as found in the following pages. It aint easy but, give it a try. Cheating is allowed and accepted. 10 points for every correct answer.

Peanuts made its first appearance on October 2, 1950. At its height, *Peanuts* was published daily in 2,600 papers in 75 countries, in 21 languages. Over nearly 50 years, Schulz drew 17,897 published *Peanuts* strips.

Now Attending Class



**Kathy (McBride) Longstreet
Moos Jan. '54**

Kathy lives in Texas and was found by a friend who wishes to be anonymous. Welcome to "school", Kathy and Thanks anonymous!

**From Ron Isaksen
Moos & Mozart June '61**

My sister has a great memory, of course she's 5 years older. Her talking about our original neighborhood brought back memories. But let's not forget "**Shapiro's Toy Store**", on North Avenue, my favorite place as a young boy. He was the OWNER, and not some random employee. He took interest in showing me his latest and greatest. Mr Shapiro was better than Amazon, and he was a mensch with a child's heart.



**Donald Steward
Moos June '50 , Lane Tech, Tuley
June '54**

b December 21st, 1935

d May 26th, 2022

Donald lived in the Chicago area.

We knew him as **Donald Lowe**.

Thanks to his eldest son, Mike, for this information.

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YOUR COMMENTS AND
MEMORIES AND

IT'S FREE

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Carol (Janowiak) Carlin June '57
Memories of Home

Another memory I have, not about Thanksgiving but, a few weeks before Christmas, was Grandma, Grandpa and Uncle Bill working in the kitchen putting home made sausages together. They had a big "sausage gun" they used to get the meat mixture into the casings. Uncle Bill would do the work of pushing it through. He was so strong. Grandma had a toothpick she used to pick at the casing and let air bubbles out if she saw any. I guess that's so the casing would not break open during cooking. The air was full of the smell of garlic, sage, and marjoram. When all finished they would hang the treasures up on the porch until they would be cooked for Christmas Eve gathering. **WOULD YOU BELIEVE I HAVE THAT SAUSAGE GUN!!!** It's one of the things I inherited from Aunt Moon. Every now and then I come across it when I'm FOREVER going through "STUFF." That gun reminds me of a huge hypodermic syringe.

Carol

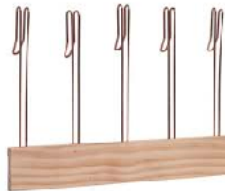
I, too, remember the making of the Polish sausage and how the wonderful aroma would permeate the whole house while it was curing on the back porch. It was called kielbasa.

Jim Curtis Jan. '51

Musical Lessons

Whenever **Ms. Hayes** was about to give us a lesson about reading music, she would pull out that gizmo she had that had 5 sticks of chalk affixed to a frame (see below) and she ran it across the blackboard to show the lines of music. She would go on to tell us about notes, half notes, rests, quarter notes and do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do. clefs and so on. You've got to remember it. I don't know what it might have been called and I did find a picture of it. And what about those piano lessons in the basement on a paper keyboard. I think it cost a quarter per lesson and was on a Wednesday afternoon but don't quote me on that. **JIM C.**

Blackboard Staff Liner



LOST and, Hopefully, Found

We seem to have lost a couple of kids. Hopefully their just hiding away, somewhere. If you know the wherabouts of either, please let me know.

Joanna (Puleo) Siewierski

had been living in Florida and may have been hit hard by the two hurricanes that devastated the area where she lives.

Elwood Vockeroth June '47

lives in the Chicago area and is one of our "elder" kids.

Barbara (LeVash) Charles

Sister of Tom LeVash. Has been living in Oregon.

DEFINITION

Toilet Paper: *Noun*

**A Super
Dupper
Pooper
Scooper**



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Elsa Marie (Isaksen) Mosco Jan. '57

Hi Jim

Wanted to let you know about my visit to Moos I was going to be in Chicago for a week and wanted to visit Moos. You gave me **Tiffany Frayers** email so I could plan a visit. That was very helpful.

Tiffany Fryer is a teacher at Moos and the unofficial school historian. She is very interested in the history of Moos school. I set up a time for my son Jonathan and I to meet and take the tour.

The entrance is now in the new addition and heavily secured. It's sad that's the way it is now, yet glad to see the kids are protected. Our meeting with Tiffany was warm and welcoming, she's great. I was greeted with gifts, a Moos umbrella, T-shirt and a water bottle. What a lovely surprise.

We saw the new addition then took the elevator [elevator!!!] to the Moos we knew. Looked in room 207 **Ms. Hurley's classroom**. Anyone remember "Sink or swim, survive or perish". Poked my head in 307 **Ms. Hayes's classroom**. The desks and piano are gone.

Looking at those kids sitting at tables, comfortable and relaxed I remembered the rows of desks and the behavior expected of us.

No high flyers, rings or mats in the gym. No library it's now a multipurpose room. I wondered what **Ms. Mertes** would think about that

The classrooms still have cloak rooms. The blackboards are all covered over. In some of the classrooms the marks on the floor where the desks used to be are still visible

The old office we new is no longer the office we knew, that's in the new part. **Ms. Tobin's old office** still has some of the original bookcases. There's a cafeteria

Those beautiful stairwells with the huge windows on the landings are well preserved.

The most special of all, the assembly hall, it has stayed the same. The stage, the curtains and the seats were as they were and restored. How many times were we sitting in those seats. The color guard presenting, our class up on stage singing the song of the month, each class taking its turn. Special assemblies for holiday programs and graduations. It brought back feelings of being there, memories and connection.

Tiffany Fryer told me a lot of Moos historical stuff was lost and she would appreciate Moos kids sending her pictures and information you might remember

Things Tiffany didn't know about Moos then- Girls and boys had separate entrances. She said that explains the locations of the bathrooms We had 2 semesters a year A and B - When the kindergarten teacher was out for a day 2 8th grade girls took the class- Teacher's names and the grades they taught'

What are your memories?

After leaving Moos my son and I took a drive down Wabansia Av. The Fire Station is gone and many of the buildings I remembered are gone and replaced, including the one I lived in.

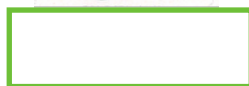
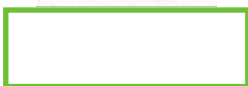
Maplewood playground was great, nice field house, equipment and grass. Very little on North Av. that I recognized. Humbolt park was beautiful, especially with the fall colors. Still there the boat house, field house and armory. When did they change the entrance to the park on North and California?

It was a great visit.--

Elsa-----

March of Dimes

Remember when we would go to the movies and, between pictures, they would show a plea by our president to give just one dime to find a cure for polio which was followed by ladies in nursing outfits who would pass a basket along the rows to collect the dimes? It was created by President Roosevelt in 1938. The term "March of Dimes" was coined by Eddie Cantor. The money funded resulted in Jonas Salk's vaccine. The White House received 2,680,000 dimes.

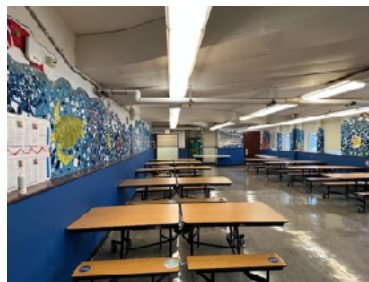
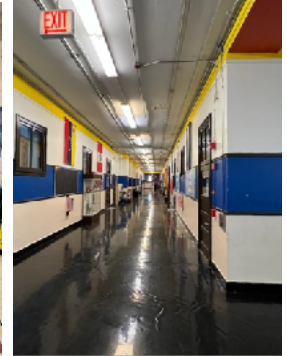


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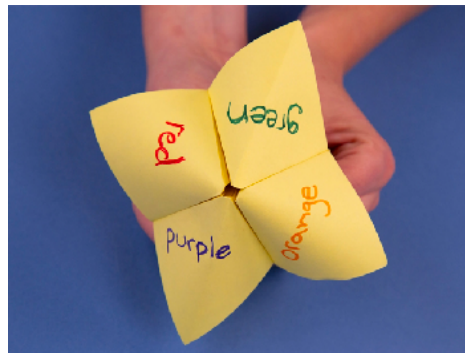
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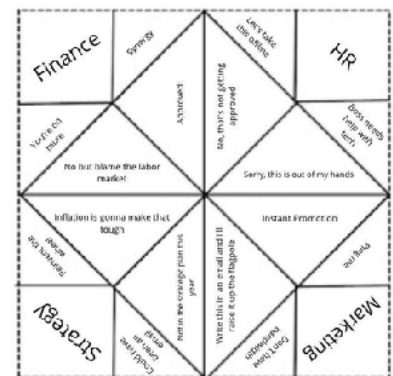
Folded paper fortune tellers.

We made them ourselves
They are a form or origami
There still around and you
can buy them or, if you
remember how, make
one for your grandkids



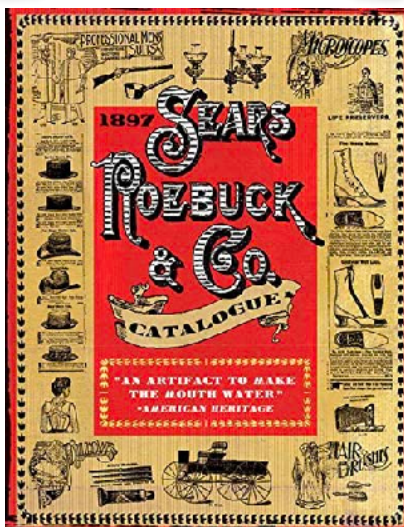
OFFICE FORTUNE TELLER

Run your idea by me before your boss!



Sears & Roebuck Catalog

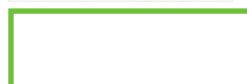
You probably have several fond memories about the Sears & Roebuck catalog. It's beginning was in the 1890's and the last year of publication was 1993. Did your parents ever buy from the catalog? Did you? I think I remember buying from it.
Jim



Very Early catalogue
Yesterday's Amazon



The last one 1993
Yesterday's Amazon



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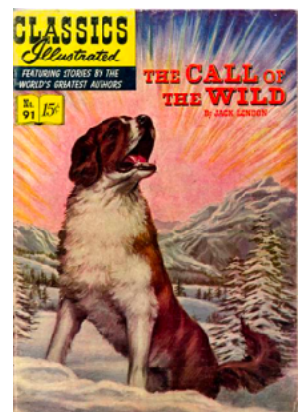
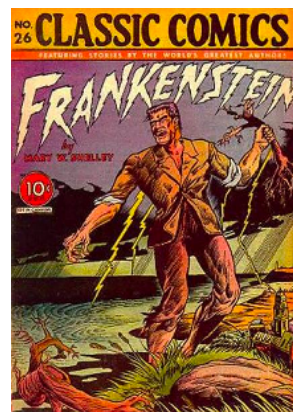
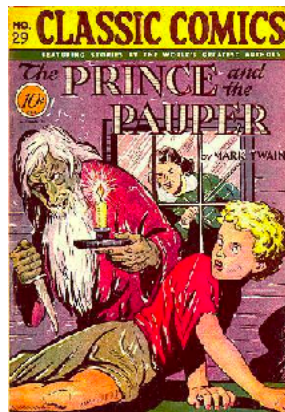
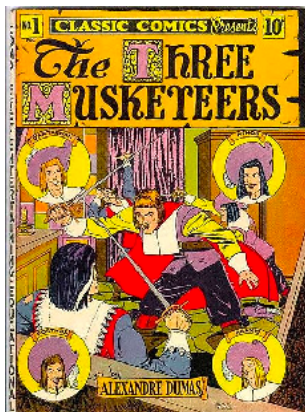
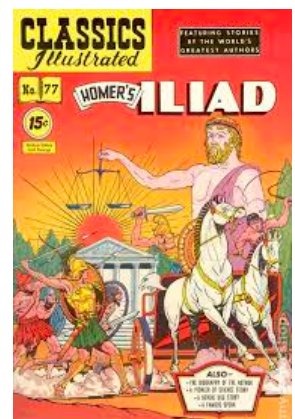
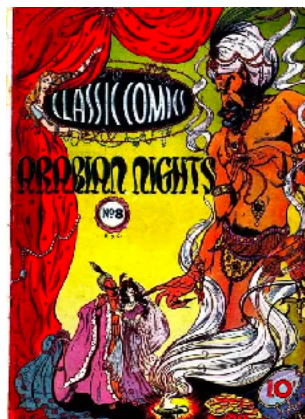
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Classics Illustrated

Our first dip into classic literature. They gave us a peek into the stories and a possible thirst to read the actual books. We traded them and were on the hunt for new editions. Do you remember? Did you read them and swap them? I hope you enjoy looking back. And, they were only TEN CENTS!

Created by [Albert Kanter](#), the series began publication in 1941 and finished its first run in 1969, producing 169 issues. The first five titles were published irregularly under the banner "**Classic Comics Presents**", while issues #6 and 7 were published under the banner "**Classic Comics Library**" with a ten-cent cover price. [Arabian Nights](#) (issue #8), illustrated by [Lillian Chestney](#), is the first issue to use the "**Classics Comics**" banner. With issue #35 in March 1947 (*The Last Days of Pompeii*) the series' name was changed to *Classics Illustrated*. In 1948, rising paper costs reduced books to 48 pages. In 1951 (issue #81), line-drawn covers were replaced with painted covers, and the price was raised from 10 cents to 15 cents (and, at a later date, to 25 cents). The cover artwork was amazing and beautiful and some times scary!



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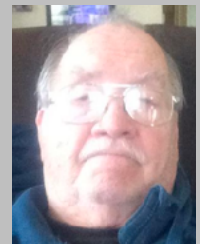
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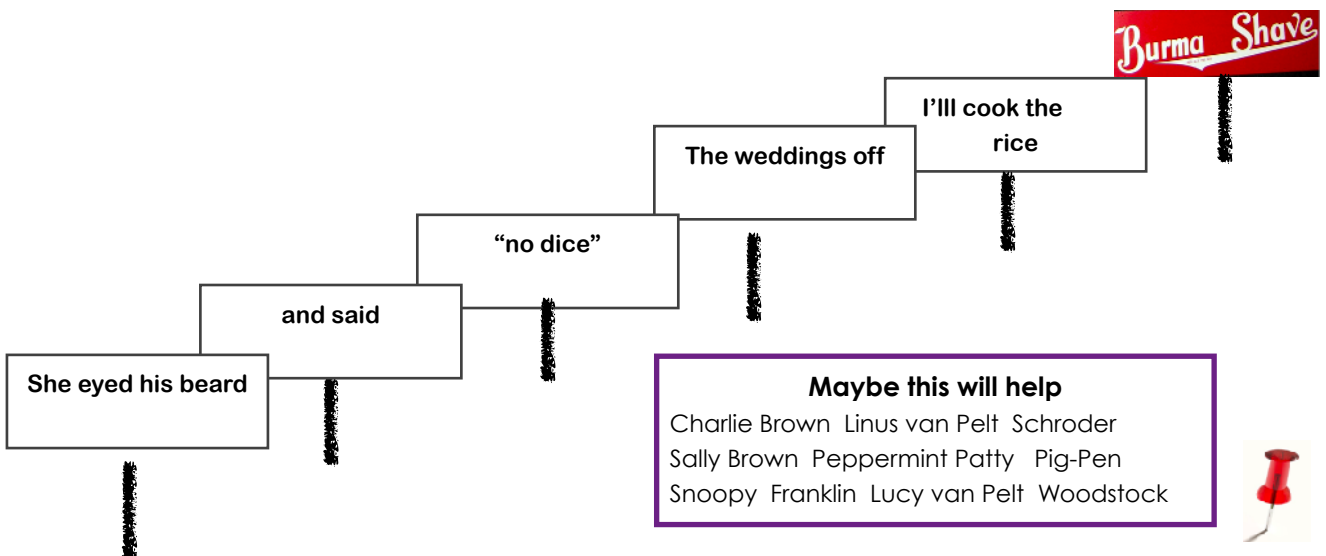


Leonard "Lenny" Lococo
 Schools...Aaron Burr, St. Sylvesters,
 Annunciation. HS...Holy Trinity 2
 years, graduated Tuley 1954.
 College...North Dakota State 1
 semester, Crane Tech and then
 DePaul
 b 1936
 d December 15th, 2022
 Lenny had been living in Addison,
 IL

Two close friends we have recently lost. We were all active in the youth group (MYF) at the Methodist Church on Fairfield a couple of houses North of Wabansia, right across from Moos. Lenny introduced us to REAL Italian Ice from near Taylor street where it was sold out of small carts by Italian Mom's in front of their homes. We played basketball, volleyball, square danced, went on a hay ride and much, much more. I was with Lenny when he got his first car from his Dad. An old used Datsun. Ray and his wife, Artie were raising kids at the same time we were and we would get together and swap baby stories.



Ray Sunde
 Moos Jan. '54 , Lane Tech, Jan. '58
 b December 31st, 1939
 d December 31st, 2022
 Ray had been living in Bartlett, IL



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Some old stuff. Some stuff I never knew about. Some newer stuff. Some memories, I'm sure. It was a fun thing to do while remembering those good old days when we didn't have a care in the world except, "when can I get a nickel for bag of penny candy".

Shoes

Do you recall the first time you learned to lace your shoes all by your self? Well, I remember it vividly. My Dad and I were sitting on the edge of a bed one morning and he said "let me show you how to tie your shoes". He went over it quite a few times and all I knew was that this wasn't going to be easy. twist the laces. Make a bow. wrap this one around that one. Make another bow, etc. I was completely addled. My Dad was showing some frustration. Then, he said, "I'll give you a dollar if you can do it". BINGO! A dollar, when I was a kid, was beyond belief but, it did the trick. All of a sudden I was the smartest kid on the block and, to this day, I can tie my own shoe laces. What's your shoe lace story or did you wear loafers or buckles or straps?



PENNY LOAFERS



Saddle shoes



Lace 'em up



Strap Shoes