This month we give the spotlight to Kimpling, Inc., Plumbing and Heating, and Ace Hardware located at 1880 Washington Road. Kimpling, Inc. was established in 1925. That was the year the town of Washington was celebrating its 100th anniversary. Harry Kimpling opened Modern Hardware on the town square. They sold hardware, stoves, wringer washers, boilers, windmills and well supplies.

Holding on to business through the Great Depression was tough but they survived. Then in 1938, Modern Hardware was sold to Strubhar & Sons. Heating and plumbing supplies were growing in demand, and Harry began operating out of his garage as Kimpling Home Supply. He continued until 1950 when he opened a wholesale and retail operation, and his children joined the business.

Harry’s son Robert left the family business in 1952 and opened Kimpling Plumbing and heating. Business was good as was Kimpling Home supply, and after Harry died, Robert re-joined the family business, and the businesses merged into one.

In 1964, Robert and his wife, Mary, bought the other family members out. The business grew as they served over 5 counties and employed over seven plumbers, sub-contracting for many contractors in the area.

After suffering a serious injury in 1969, Robert and Mary decided to go back to the origin of the family business which was hardware. They joined the Ace Hardware cooperative of store owners in 1971.

The business continued through many obstacles of competition, weather damage, and cars driving into the building. In 1994 Robert passed away. Mary continued the family business with her family.

Since then, the family operating Kimpling’s Inc. consist of Mary Kimpling, her four daughters Nancy, Kathy (not pictured), Karen and Carol along with son in law, Mark.

Over the years, Mary added Mary’s Collectables to the business. They found that many women started to accompany their husbands to the hardware store, as it featured items like plates and prints and a gallery of statuary.

Times are still tough with the box stores and Menard’s opening in the area, but if you need any type of hardware for your business or home, they not only sell it, but can instruct you on how to use it, install it, and be there to back it up if you have problems. It’s something rare to find in these days of retail services, but Kimpling Inc.’s story is still unfolding down on Washington Street. Stop in and see them. They will be happy to serve you!
New On TV in May

Andy Cohen is ready to take it old school. A fresh batch of episodes of Andy Cohen’s Then & Now is set to premiere on Wednesday, May 3rd at 10/9c on BRAVO Channel.

The 2017 MTV Movie & TV Awards will be held on May 7th, at 7:00 p.m. from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. It will be the 26th edition of the awards, and will, for the first time, present honors for work in television as well as cinema.

Smart WiFi Outlets

Control your home with the ease of technology. Many products are available that allow you to control any of your electronic devices at your home or office. One such product is made by DEKINMAX (www.dekinmax.com). A smart electrical outlet that allows you to control devices while at home or away using an App on your smart phone.

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Easter egg hunt at the American Legion Post 100 in Washington on April 8, 2017
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**May community calendar**

**Sunday**
- **30**
  - American Legion Meeting 6:30pm
  - City Council Meeting Five Points 6:30pm

**Monday**
- **1**
  - American Legion Riders Meeting 6pm
  - Washington Rotary Club Meeting 12pm

**Tuesday**
- **2**
  - City of Washington Planning & Zoning Comm. Mtg. at Five Points 6:30pm

**Wednesday**
- **3**
  - Queen of Hearts Drawing American Legion 7pm

**Thursday**
- **4**
  - Wings & More Night American Legion 6pm - 8pm

**Friday**
- **5**
  - Pancake Breakfast Boy Scout Troop 163 Crossroads 6:30am-11am

**Saturday**
- **6**
  - WCHS Spring Jazz Concert 7pm
  - Wings & More Night American Legion 6pm - 8pm

**Monday**
- **7**
  - District 308 Board Meeting 7pm
  - District 52 Board Meeting 7pm

**Tuesday**
- **8**
  - Washington Chamber After Hours - IPAVA State Bank 5pm - 7pm
  - Washington Lions Club Mtg. at Kep's 6:30pm
  - Washington Rotary Club Meeting 12pm

**Wednesday**
- **9**
  - Central District 51 Board Meeting 7pm
  - Queen of Hearts Drawing American Legion 7pm

**Thursday**
- **10**
  - WCHS Spring Band Concert 7pm
  - Queen of Hearts Drawing American Legion 7pm

**Friday**
- **11**
  - Cop on a Rooftop Dunkin Donuts 5am - 2pm
  - Wings & More Night American Legion 6pm - 8pm

**Saturday**
- **12**
  - Armed Forces Day All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Taylor Masonic Lodge #98 7am-10am

**Tuesday**
- **13**
  - WCHS Class of 2017 Graduation Babcock Field 2pm

**Wednesday**
- **14**
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- Two tickets to 2017 CMT Music Awards

Sweepstakes ends Friday, May 5, 2017
In Our Community

Good Neighbor Days

The Washington Good Neighbor Days is an annual event hosted by the Washington Chamber of Commerce. Each year the event welcomes over 30,000 during the five day event. This year’s event will be held May 31st – June 4th just behind John Bearce Properties at 1800 Washington Road in Washington, Illinois. For more information on the Washington Good Neighbor Days, visit www.washingtoncoc.com or call the Washington Chamber office at (309) 444-9921 or by email at info@washingtoncoc.com.

Armband pre-sales begin May 1st through the local schools. Help your school earn 10% of the sales (at your school) by purchasing armband vouchers with the forms that will be available at each school.

The Medallion Hunt is back, and the first clue will be posted on Monday, May 29th, at 9:00 a.m., on the Chamber’s Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonChamberOfCommerce/). A new clue will be posted at 9:00 a.m. each day until the Medallion is found.

Entries are now being accepted for the 2017 Good Neighbor Days Beautiful Baby Contest. Official entry forms are available on the Chamber’s website, at the Chamber office, or at the CEFCU Washington branch, 100 Legion Road. Entries must be dropped off at the Washington CEFCU branch by May 15th.

Washington Good Neighbor Days committee is looking for Volunteers. School groups, clubs, church groups, organizations and businesses who would like to volunteer and earn some money for your group are encouraged to sign up. More information is available by calling (309) 444-9921 or email info@washingtoncoc.com.

Washington Historical Society

The Washington Historical Society is now accepting nominations for the 2017 “Roots” Award. The prestigious award recognizes one individual who has “roots” in Washington, having spent a portion of their childhood in Washington. Also having made a significant contribution to the society, in the area of arts, science, government, sports or charitable work. The recipient will be honored on the Homecoming weekend, and must be available to attend the awards ceremony and to present a program (45 minute – 1 hour in length) on Thursday, September 28th at St. Marks’ Church in Washington.

Applications may be picked up at the Washington Chamber of Commerce located on the square, on Saturdays at the Dement-Zinser House between the house of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or online at www.washington-historical-society.org. Deadline for applicants is June 2nd.

Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy a hot breakfast featuring homemade pancakes and other breakfast favorites! The breakfast will be prepared and served by Boy Scout Troop 163 of Washington at Crossroads United Method Church, Saturday May 6th starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great breakfast with your friends and family. Cost for the breakfast is $7 for adults, $4 for kids 6 and under.
Taylor Masonic Lodge #98

Enjoy their all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20th.

Menu includes biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit cocktail, grits, pancakes (regular or blueberry), french toast, and beverages. Cost is $7 per adult, $3.50 for kids 6-12 years old. Kids under 6 eat free.

NEW Website

The City of Washington has a new and approved website that was recently launched. Check it out at http://ci.washington.il.us.

Celebrating 35 years of Music

The Peoria Area Civic Chorale will conclude its 35th Anniversary season May 5th and 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Five Points Washington with a program that celebrates the power of music and singing, humor, perseverance, and the magnificent American landscape.

The Chorale will collaborate with featured soloist Thomas Studebaker on an inspirational setting of The Lord’s Prayer. Tom, a native of Eureka, IL has established himself as a powerful Heldentenor, having appeared with many of the world’s leading orchestras. The Chorale will also collaborate with the impressive young singers of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale Youth Chorus on John Rutter’s For the Beauty of the Earth.

Tickets are $20 for adults, $8 for students, and $18 for groups of 10+. Purchase at www.peoriacivicchorale.org, by calling 693-6725, or at the door.

Snackpac Needs You

Washington Weekend Snackpac was formed when a group of Washington churches joined together in an effort to improve the lives of children. The program reaches children in our Washington schools who may not have access to an adequate amount of food to eat, especially on the weekends. The Snackpac program provides a free sack of non-perishable food items every Friday throughout the school year to any child who is enrolled in any of the Washington elementary schools and who qualifies for the National School Breakfast and Lunch programs.

The program is in its second year of operation and serving 360 children, but there are about 1,000 elementary school children in this community that qualify for this program. This is a huge endeavor. Last year Washington Snackpac packed and delivered about 9,400 Snackpacs. This year the number of Snackpacs will exceed 12,000.

If you would like more information in regards to this program and how you can help support hungry children; please contact Sunnyland Christian Church at 309-699-1332 or sccwash@comcast.net.

Cops and Donuts

Cops and donuts (and sprinkles, for crying out loud!) 2017 marks the 15th Annual Dunkin’ Donuts Cop on a Rooftop event!

This partnership continues to be a powerful vehicle for raising awareness and funds for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. Over the years, more than $3.2 million has been raised through this event!

This year’s Cop on a Rooftop event will be held on Friday, May 19th, from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dunkin’ Donuts located at 1901 Washington Road.
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