



Houby Days  
May 14 & 15



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## Website

The Czech Heritage Foundation's newly updated website is something you have to see. Visit [www.czechheritagefoundation.org](http://www.czechheritagefoundation.org) anytime for all things Czech.

## Czech Heritage Foundation meeting schedule

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Kosek Building lower level. New and old members welcome!



## President's Message



Lud Svoboda  
CHF President

'Tis the Season for the Reasons

We say hello to the greenery of the trees, bushes, flowers and lawns and say goodbye to that white fluffy stuff which provides us with another season that we shall deal with later.

We started out with Masopust, which is a form of Mardi Gras. As we grow in this nation, we are being influenced by nationalities with similar, or sometime replications of festivals. Even some customs are being intermixed. We have inter-married and the family is not a complete Czech or Solvak family. We have influences from other nationalities.

I am surprised as I read about my ancestry. I came across several different customs of mine that are not a part of the customs once observed by my ancestors in the Czech country. Even as the Czech country grows and jells, some of the immigrant peoples have different celebrations. Those along the Polish border have picked up a Polish flavor, those along the Austrian border have picked up the Austrian flavor and on and on we go.

Our teachers who come to this country to help out at Czech School will have different pronunciations of the language. They admit that the influences come several miles into the neighboring countries. Of course we have our Slovak brothers and sisters that have a very close language, customs and general ancestry from being part of our country before they split off on their own.

Back to how my family celebrated Easter. Our celebration was mostly in prayer. We went to Mass on Wednesday evening, Thursday was "Maundy Thursday", Friday was an afternoon service, Saturday was "Holy Saturday" or some of the churches called it "White Saturday", and then of course Easter Sunday. The main theme of Easter Week was the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout all this time of lent was St. Joseph's Day (St. Joseph was the patron saint of the worker) and the St. Joseph's Dance.

This is another season, the season of recognition. We put on our kroje and frills and we advertise our addition to the community. We ride brightly decorated floats made up of Czech members, there again maybe not by name, but you can bet there is some Czech heart behind all the work some of these people put into these ensembles from Světlušky to Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa. When you see one of these floats or ensembles pass by or latter on the grounds, let them know how much you appreciate all the work they do.

Coming up next will be the big season, 34th ANNUAL CZECH HOUBY DAYS! People where for art thou? If you are a member please step in and help. Starting Friday, May 13, there will be the "Taste of Czech and Solvak" at St. Ludmilas Church basement. Saturday, May 14

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# Museum Move Postponed Due To Wet Weather



The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library has been lifted off its foundation and is awaiting its move across the street and up 11 feet onto an above ground parking garage. The April 26, 2011 move was postponed due to very wet soil conditions. Several days of dry weather are needed before Patterson Structural Moving of Washington, Iowa will move the building. Once secured, an additional 30,000 sq. ft will be built onto the existing museum. Finished size will be 50,000 sq. ft.

## Museum Fast Facts

Fact 1. It will be moved 480 feet.

Fact 2. It weighs 1,400 tons.

Fact 3. When the move is complete, the structure will be 11 feet higher and 3 feet above the 2008 flood level.

Fact 4. Cost of the move is \$713,000.

Fact 5. Move will be completed around the end of May 2011.

Fact 6. The addition of another 30,000 sq. ft will result in a new 50,000 sq. ft. building. More space for offices, a boardroom, a theater and other space for exhibits, programs, meetings and more.

Fact 7. Expected to open the summer of 2012.

Fact 8. The heaviest points of the building exert 4,000 to 5,200 lbs. per square inch of pressure. Hydraulic jacks will make light work of the lifting process.

Fact 9. Webcams for viewing the building move and progress may be found at [www.NCSML.org](http://www.NCSML.org).

Fact 10. The building will move up to ¼ mile per hour.

Fact 11. The moving company will have 9-14 workers on site to operate the hydraulic moving equipment and manage the moving process.

Fact 12. The move is a big deal because it will be the largest museum building ever moved.

*Courtesy [www.NCSML.org](http://www.NCSML.org)*

# MASOPUST!

*Masopust means goodbye to meat in Czech. Czechs celebrate their last chance to partake in food, drink, and merrymaking before the 40-day lenten season.*



Světlušky was the featured entertainment at Masopust in Protovin, Iowa March 5, 2011. Pictured above Světlušky performed a Masopust Suite, specifically arranged and choreographed for them. Through song, dance, and costumes featuring a horse, clown, bear, chimney sweep, and clothman Světlušky told the story of Masopust.



Světlušky also performed their regular Czech folk music and dance program at Protovin. Pictured l-r: Megan Lehmann, Hannah Van Deusen, Micah Van Deusen, and group director Donna Merkle.

## Czech School starts June 20

*By Julie Wiedner*

For months, the Czech School Board has been busily preparing for Czech School 2011 and the Adult Czech Language classes. In the meantime, we feel very fortunate to have had another successful Chili Supper fundraiser. We thank all who were supportive of this effort!

Czech School 2011, for children ages 6 – 14+, will be held weekday mornings beginning Monday, June 20 at Wilson School from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. The session will end Friday evening, July 22, with the Final Program and Ice Cream Social. Our Czech teachers from last year are returning. Yea! A Registration Form will be mailed to last year's students. Information is posted in Czech Village and registration forms are available at several businesses there. Those wanting further information can e-mail: [czechschool@gmail.com](mailto:czechschool@gmail.com) or call Bernie Drahozal at \_\_\_\_\_ or Julie Wiedner at \_\_\_\_\_

The Adult Czech Language classes will be held 5 consecutive Thursday evenings beginning Thursday June 23 in St. Wenceslaus Church facilities from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The Thursday dates are: June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21. The focus is beginning conversational Czech language.

Pre-registration is required and registration is limited. Anyone who wishes further information or to request a Registration Form can e-mail: [czechschool@gmail.com](mailto:czechschool@gmail.com) or call Julie Wiedner at \_\_\_\_\_

We're thrilled to be able to once again offer Czech language learning opportunities to those from our Cedar Rapids Czech community and beyond!



# Czech Youth at St. Pat's Parade



## President's Message

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starts with a mushroom breakfast and a full day of activities for everyone including a parade, shows, coronation of royalty, and much more. Sunday, May 15 is Kids' Day with all kind of activites geared for kids.

The last season that I will note is the parade season. The Czech Heritage Foundation has purchased a flatbed hay rack so there is no excuse for not having something to build it on. Anyone with a trailer hitch can tow it in the parade. I went to Bernard, Iowa and brought it back.

We have several places that have asked us about being in the parade however now we can't find people to decorate the float. We'd like to have our float in Maifest at Amana, Hog Wild Days, Freedom Festival Parade and if possible, Swisher, IA Days.

I hope you didn't drop this as you read it by falling asleep. You people don't know how I wish I could just jump right in and start building and decorating, All I can do is pat someone on the back and tell them what a good job they are doing.

Let us all remember Wes Drahozal. I got word of his passing as I'm supposed to be thinking about writing my article. THAT'S TOUGH.



On March 17, 2011 Czech Heritage Foundation participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Cedar Rapids. Pictured front l-r: Megan Lehmann and St. Patrick. Back l-r: Sarah Sindelar and Abby Frerick.



CHF royalty had fun before the parade posing with the Coe College mascot. Pictured front l-r: Elijah Wolter and the "Kohawk". Back l-r: Megan Lehmann, Hannah Van Deusen, Micah Van Deusen (partially shown), Sarah Sindelar, Abby Frerick.



# St. Joseph's Day Parade March 19



CHF participated in the 34th annual St. Joseph's Day Parade in Czech Village. About 20 units participated. Pictured front row l-r: Abby Frerick, Cassie Lehmann, Sarah Sindelar. Middle l-r: Morgan Simoneau, Micah Van Deusen. Back l-r: Hannah Van Deusen, Beth Westlake, Megan Lehmann.



Chris Burke dressed up as St. Joseph, the patron saint of the working man.

# St. Joseph's Day Dance March 20

*By Barb Edmunds*

The Czech Heritage Foundation Inc. has again sponsored a successful and fun St. Joseph Day Dance on Sunday, March 20th. It was held at the Cedar Rapids Elks Lodge 801 33rd Ave SW. Over 280 people, many in their beautiful red outfits enjoyed the wonderful music of Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen. It was good to have many of the students in their kroje helping in many ways. They did a great job of selling raffle tickets and went over last years total amount sold.

The bake sale was successful but not as big as last year. There were kolache, rolls, cakes, cookies, honey, homemade maple syrup



Over 280 people, many in their beautiful red outfits, enjoyed the St. Joseph's Day Dance at the Elk's Lodge March 20. The dance is an annual fundraiser for the Czech Heritage Foundation.

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Clymer Photography is now located at 98 - 16th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids in the heart of Czech Village.

by Karen Lehmann

The aftermath of the flood of 2008 has brought signs of hope to the Czech Village; one such sign

*“Our mission is to stand out from the pack rather than to provide you the same tired, old portraits, that everyone else has!”*

is the relocation of Clymer Photography into the heart of Czech Village. Clymer Photography, owned by Adam and Bonnie Clymer is now home in the old Bartunek Appliance building, 98 - 16th Ave. SW.

The Clymers began looking for a place to relocate their studio in the beginning of 2011.

“We decided to locate to Czech Village because my heritage is part

Bohemian and it seemed like a neat ‘homecoming.’ Also, the space was exactly what we wanted and it gave us the opportunity to help revitalize a historic part of Cedar Rapids that was devastated by the 2008 flood,” said Adam Clymer.

# What’s new on The Avenue?

## Photography studio likes to stand out from the pack

Previously, the Clymers had their studio in their home. “It was too restricting and was not a productive environment for expansion,” said Clymer.

Both Adam and Bonnie have been shooting studio photography for years. Adam has been shooting since 1994 and Bonnie since 1999. After managing various private studios they branched out on their own



Bonnie and Adam Clymer, owners of Clymer Photography.

into the freelance world of weddings and portraiture.

“Our focus for the last few years has been wedding photography and we are hoping to use the studio to branch out and cover more seniors, kids and families,” said Clymer. “With over 30 years combined photography experience, there is virtually no portrait moment we haven’t seen and captured.” Clymer said.

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# Czech Family in Marion

by Karen Lehmann

Vaclav and Martina Kaspar along with their two children moved to Marion from the Czech Republic a year ago. They are now settling into American life.

The Kaspars were able to immigrate here through a Diversity Visa (DV) program. In the U.S., the program makes available up to 55,000 DVs annually for people from countries with low rates of immigration to the U.S. - the Czech Republic being one such country.

Vaclav, has a Masters Degree in sociology and works as a construction foreman and Martina has a Masters Degree in pharmacy. Both were successful applicants for the visa based on many criteria including their education, job skills and ability to speak English. However, they say their 7-year-old son, Vincent, speaks English best in the family.

In fact, the main reason they left their old lives in the Czech Republic was for their children.

"We had a good living standard there (in the Czech Republic). We had to decide if it would be reasonable for us to move here. We thought it would be a good start for our kids," said Vaclav.

Eventhough they knew they'd miss the European cuisine, culture and their family and friends, they immigrated to the U.S. in 2009. They sold their house, car, furniture, everything they had in the Czech Republic and moved to Maine for Vaclav's job in construction.

In 2010 they moved to Marion where Vaclav now works for Kirk-Gross Construction Company as a fore-



The Kaspar family from Olomouc central Moravia immigrated to the U.S. in 2009 and now live in Marion, IA. Pictured: Vaclav and Martina Kaspar with their children Agatha, 5 and Vincent, 7.

man. He travels throughout Iowa building credit unions and banks. Martina, a trained pharmacist, is currently working at Whirlpool and pursuing pharmacy positions.

Martina is originally from Silesia in North Moravia and Vaclav is from the foothills of Krkonose Mountains in East Bohemia. Their main place of residence was in Olomouc in Central Moravia.

"For us there's no big difference between living here and the Czech Republic except here the people are speaking English," said Vaclav. Another difference he added is, "In Europe everything is older and more crowded."

In their free time the Kaspars enjoy cooking, hiking, swimming and skiing.



# Czech Village Flower Fund Established

by Karen Lehmann

The Village Mainstreet Organization is seeking financial donations for it's newly created Flower Fund.

"Any size donations will be welcome and used to purchase hanging flower baskets, container flowers, a watering cart, and hopefully Christmas greenery for 'The Avenue,'" said Czech Village Mainstreet director Robyn Rieckoff.

Franklin Middle School volunteers are slated to begin planting flowers on 16th Avenue on May 9. Rieckoff is also looking for volunteers to water the flowers throughout the growing season. If interested contact her at

or

Tax deductible donations for the Flower Fund may be sent to: Czech Village Mainstreet, 101 16th Ave. SW, Suite A, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.



# Egg Decorating Class



On March 25 & 26, 2011 youth and adults attended a "kraslice" Czech Easter egg decorating class. This traditional Czech art form class was offered by the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. Marj NejdI was the instructor.



Marj NejdI's decorated eggs.

# HOUBY DAYS FESTIVAL

## May 13th - 15th

### Sunday is Kids Day!

Carnival

Car Show

Czech Cuisine

Ethnic Dancers

Parade

Breakfast

Czech Music

Houby Contest

Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa Pageant

## CZECH VILLAGE 16th Avenue S.W.

[www.CzechVillageCedarRapids.com](http://www.CzechVillageCedarRapids.com)

## St. Wenceslaus Supper Proceeds Donated to Světlušky



The St. Wenceslaus congregation raised money for Světlušky, the Czech youth folk music and dance group on March 19 at their St. Joseph's Day Supper. Světlušky performed during the meal and plans to perform two more shows for St. Wenceslaus in the near future. Donna Merkle is the director of the ensemble.

## Taste of Czech & Slovak May 13

You are invited to the National Czech & Slovak Museum Library Guild Members' annual event. It is the 'Taste of Czech & Slovak' sampling meal.

Food samples will be from several Czech Village Association restaurants and the Guild members' favorite recipes from their available cookbooks.

This food feast of appetizers, soups, meat dishes, side dishes, and desserts kicks-off Houby Days festivities on Friday evening May 13, from 5-7 p.m. This year 12 samples for \$10 will make a meal.

The event will be held at the St. Ludmila Catholic Church Social Hall, 211 - 21st Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids. There will be music, socializing, as well as attendance by the Czech Heritage Foundation Royalty.

Contact President Carol Wohlleben for more details.

## NCSML Lamb Cake Contest Winners



1st Place: Christine Polehna-Hartman and Priscilla Polehna.



1st Place: Tricia Bender.



2nd Place: Susan Wolverton.

by Karen Lehmann

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, NCSML, sponsored a Lamb Cake Contest on Saturday, April 16 in the Kosek Build-

ing.

Lamb Cakes are a Czech folk tradition. The custom is to bake beranek, a white cake made in a lamb-

shaped mold, on Green Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, and to serve the cake on Easter Sunday.

## St. Joe's Dance

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and jellies, bars, carmel corn....oh so many good things. We thank so many people who brought not just one item but many to make this such a great sale.

There were a wonderful assortment of items for the raffle and door prize tables, much more than we expected. Many winners went home with some great gifts. Again, we thank all that brought items and thanks to those that bought tickets for the drawings to be winners.

This year we held a silent auction with several nice gifts. We had an antique Czech Doll donated by Olga Sedenka, a 20 inch girl's pink bicycle, gumball machine, grill, tool box, and a beautiful hand-made doll kroj made by our Czech-Slovak Queen Beth Westlake,

The Czech Heritage Foundation would like to thank all that helped in any way to make this dance in 2011 a big success. The money raised goes to help us continue two important programs for our students, the Homestay Program and for Scholarships.

We had two people who sold the most tickets and secured donations, Elaine and Leo Shima and we are so grateful for all of their help again this year. Many thanks to Leonard and Tim Pfeifer and their families who helped in the decorating and bringing raffle items. Thanks to all of the Czech Heritage Board members that helped us out in many ways.

The 2012 St. Joseph's Day Dance will be held Sunday, March 18th, 2012 and will be again held at the Cedar Rapids Elks Lodge. Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen will be entertaining us with their great music. Mark your calendars and bring your friends.

## St. Joseph's Day Thanks

The Czech Heritage Foundation would like to send a special THANK YOU to the following people and companies that contributed to help make this 2011 dance a success.

Red Frog  
HyVee Drugstore, 6th St. SW  
National Czech & Slovak Museum  
Hy-Vee Mt. Vernon Rd.  
Stejskal Florist  
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Lynette Stejskal  
David & Rose Mary Burke  
Arnie & Kate Strittmatter  
Deloris & Vic Pilsner  
Denver Dvorsky  
Frank & Barb Edmunds

And many more not mentioned that donated baked items, donations, and gifts for door prizes and raffle items. We truly thank all of you.

The Dance Committee, Frank & Barb Edmunds

## Světlušky performed at First Presbyterian April 10



Světlušky, the Czech folk youth music and dance ensemble from Cedar Rapids performed at First Presbyterian Church in Marion on April 10. Pictured front l-r: Micah Van Deusen, Michael Simoneau, Cassandra Lehmann, Jack Fejfar, Morgan Simoneau. Back l-r: Hannah Van Deusen, Megan Lehmann, Elijah Barker, Charity Barker, Sarah Schirm, Caitlyn Hoffman. If you would like Světlušky to perform at your event please contact Donna Merkle at

# Cultural Diversity Day at University of Iowa



Czech, Korean, and English cultures gathered for photos during Cultural Diversity Day Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the University of Iowa Fieldhouse. Over 50 ethnic organizations participated in the event. CHF had a booth and sold Czech pastries and coffee. Our Czech royalty were on hand working at the booth and enjoying the day.



Czech royalty Elijah Wolter, Beth Westlake, Megan Lehmann, Samantha Hubler, Cassie Lehmann and Amanda De Hoedt pose with an Indian dance group.

# 'Bridge of Lions' to open Saturday

*Reprinted from The Gazette, July 13, 1989*

The lions are ready and so are the people of Czech Village.

The new 16th Avenue Bridge opens Saturday, giving the Czechs a good reason to throw a party. The event will be marked with a dedication ceremony, parade, food and dances.

"It's a happening that comes along every 75 years. We should acknowledge it in a big way," said Ed Kuba, chairman of the bridge dedication committee.

Eight concrete lions have been placed at the ends and in the center of the bridge, maintaining the character of the Czech Village area. "The lion has been a symbol of the Czech people way back through the centuries," Kuba explained.

The lions were donated the the Czech Heritage Foundation and the bridge has been nicknamed "The Bridge of the Lions."

The style is reminiscent of the Karl IV bridge in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It has decorative light posts and seating areas that extend over the river.

The new bridge cost about \$2 million and replaces a bridge built in 1910. After severe deterioration was detected, the old bridge was closed to automobiles in May 1987 and demolished last summer. Closing the bridge cut direct access between Czech Village, along 16th Avenue SW, and 14th Avenue SE across the Cedar River.

Festivities begin at 1 p.m. Saturday with a dedication ceremony in the center of the bridge. Among the dignitaries who have been invited are President George Bush and Miroslav Houstecky, the Czechoslovakian ambassador to the United States. There has been no response from them, Kuba said.

Gov. Terry Branstad was invited but will not attend because of a previous commitment. However, Cedar Rapids Mayor Don Canney and other city officials have promised to attend the ceremony.

Local clergymen also will be there. "We thought it wouldn't hurt any to get the Lord's blessing on the bridge and those that use it," Kuba said.

Two limousines, one carrying representatives of east-side businesses and the other carrying people from the west side, will be the first vehicles to cross the new bridge.

Throughout the day, sandwiches, drinks, popcorn and candy will be available from vendors in the area. Souvenir buttons, post cards and dedication certificates also will be sold.



## Friday, May 13

5 - 7 p.m.

11th Annual!

St. Ludmila's  
Catholic Church Social Hall  
211 21st Ave., S.W.

A celebration of Czech  
and Slovak cuisine

All are welcome!

Part of Houby Days

12 samples for \$10  
Tickets sold at the door

Sponsored by the NCSM, Museum Guild

# Restaurant and Bar Opens in Village Bank Building

by Karen Lehmann

Capones Restaurant and Bar recently opened in the old Village Bank located at 1201 3rd St. SE, Cedar Rapids. Owners Ray and Arielle Pierce and Dave and Diane Fountain extensively remodeled the 16,000 sq. foot restaurant and bar staying true to the bank's history.

The 1917 bank building was ravaged by the flood of 2008. With 8-10 feet of water in the building, it temporarily relocated to 860 2nd Ave. SE and then sold its consumer and commercial accounts to Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust Co. in 2009.

The empty bank building was purchased by the Fountains and Pierces in March 2010. Remodeling began in September 2010.

"When we bought it, the bank had already been completely gutted down to the bare walls by Neighborhood Development, however interior brick vaults had to be demolished before we could begin remodeling in September of 2010," said Diane Fountain.

They chose the name Capones because it went along with the bank theme and the 1920's era when Capone was famous.

"This was the kind of establishment Capone was likely to frequent in Chicago. He had two very different personas. On the one hand, he was a very high class person who mingled with politicians and donated to charities. But on the other hand he conducted illegal bootlegging," said Fountain.

Capones is the restaurant side and The Hideaway is the bar side of the establishment which has a combined seating capacity of 400.

Capones, which maintained Vil-



Ray Pierce, Arielle Pierce, Dianne Fountain, and Dave Fountain owners of Capones Restaurant and Bar located in the old Village Bank Building 1201 3rd St. SE, Cedar Rapids.

lage Bank's original tall ceilings, marble floors, teller's windows and vault, features American food with a little Italian slant. The 1920s art deco decor featuring pendent lighting, columns, and cherry wood accents

make this a beautiful family friendly atmosphere for lunch or supper.

The Hideaway side is a contemporary bar with live entertainment every Saturday night featuring country or classic

80's rock bands. "We are working on constructing an outdoor beer garden also," said Fountain.

We hope to appeal to downtown business clientele with reasonably priced lunch specials Monday-Fri-

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The interior of the restaurant is decorated in a 1920's Art Deco theme with the bank's original teller's windows, marble floors and vault.

# Finding Morels Can Be Difficult

Source: [thegreatmorel.com](http://thegreatmorel.com)

A few years back I took a teaching colleague morel hunting near Traverse City, MI. I showed him pictures and outlined where I had found mushrooms before. I explained that people had their favorite remote spots in the woods and protected these locations from others. I told him that you had to develop an "eye" for them and that sometimes morels were hard to spot even when you hiked to these special locations where they generally grew.

Spotting mushrooms proved to be impossible as we hiked to the woods and started the slow scanning process. We walked and walked. After about 3 hours of finding nothing we were exhausted and hungry. We decided to go into town and have a quick lunch. I explained that I still had a couple of other favorite spots to try if he was up to more hiking.

We stopped at a McDonalds and decided to cross the street to eat our lunch in the park. We sat on a bench to eat, looked down and noticed that there was a morel almost under our feet! With a further search we found 30 beautiful yellow morels within 10 feet of the bench. My friend looked at me and told me that this was the best mushroom "hike" of the day!

*For more great mushroom hunting tales go to: [thegreatmorel.com](http://thegreatmorel.com)*

## Czech Phrases

Hello – Dobry den – (dobreh den)

Good bye – Nashledanou – (nas-klehdanoh)

Please – Prosim – (proseem)

Thank you – Dekuji – (dyekooyi)

My name is – Jmenuji se ... – (ymeenoooye se)



## Morel Values

*Courtesy of Peter Brunette Northfield, MN*

I'll share with you a secret,  
If you promise not to tell.  
About a tasty mushroom,  
It's known as the Morel.  
Some people plan all winter,  
It's why they wait for spring.  
To go afield out searching,  
For that delightful little thing.  
When lilacs have turned purple,  
And about to go to bloom,  
It's time to be out looking  
for your favorite mushroom.  
You'll be putting up with woodticks,  
And nettle weed that stings.  
But I guess it's all quite worth it,  
For all the joy it brings.  
When you find this treasure,  
That a hat would barely fill,  
But will make one meal so special,  
For this an annual thrill.  
Some fry them up in butter,  
Or put them in a stew.  
You can dice them up for meatloaf,  
I guess it's up to you.  
So if you find yourself a spot,  
Where the tasty mushrooms sprout,  
You dare not breath a word of it,  
That's what it's all about.  
Cause if you share it with a friend,  
Though sworn to secrecy,  
Next year you'll go back to your spot,  
And there your friend will be!

## Clymer Photography

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Clymer Photography offers many location options. "We can shoot in the privacy of your own home, at your event location, in our studio, or anywhere else in between," said Clymer. There is no additional charge for multiple locations or wardrobe changes. "We also do destination weddings," Clymer added.

The couple has five children: 20, 15, 14, 4, 3 years and two grandchildren: 7 months and 2 years.

For more information go to [www.ClymerPhotography.com](http://www.ClymerPhotography.com) or call 319-521-7263.



## Capones

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day so people can get in and out within an hour," said Fountain. "In the evenings we offer steaks, seafood and pasta in addition to our regular menu."

The Fountains previously owned Scooters Bar and Grill in Anamosa. They are looking for anyone with information or memorabilia from the 1920s of Cedar Rapids or Village Bank to display in glass covered shelving in the restaurant. Phone (319) 364-0207 or [caponescr@yahoo.com](mailto:caponescr@yahoo.com).

The upstairs of the building has 12 offices and is available for leasing.

Hours are Mon - Sun: 11:00 am - 2:00 am. The kitchen is open 11 am - 9 pm Sunday through Thursday. 11 am - 10 pm Friday and Saturday.



*Al Capone*

*Born: January 17, 1899*

*Died: February 25, 1947*

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## Letna Park in Prague



Letna Beer Garden is the best place on hot summer days in Prague. Under the trees you can sit on long wooden benches appreciating the beautiful view of Prague, visit with friends, and of course drink fresh beer and eat sausage with bread and mustard. There are nice paths, numerous playgrounds, and big green open spaces also.

*Courtesy Prague\_Bohemia.html*