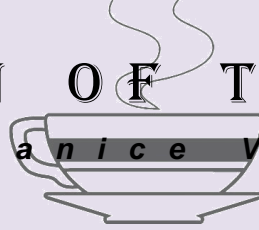


QUINCYAN OF THE WEEK!

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It's not easy to follow Santa Claus, but after sifting through all the nominations, I think we did pretty well. So forget Rudolph and think of Bambi for now.



It's easy to understand why our next honoree is such a *dear*. Her primary source of protein is venison*. Yep, that's deer meat (roasted, marinated, barbecued, jerkyed, and every other way). Congratulations to our next Quincyan of the Week, Tina Garkie.

Tina was not born in Quincy, but a couple hours north - in Galesburg. She moved to Quincy when she was 10 and later lived in Lima. She attended Ellington and Quincy High. She was a 1980 graduate of Unity High School in Mendon.

Tina lives in Quincy now with her high school sweetheart and husband, Rob. They just celebrated 27 years of [marriage](#). Awesome. And she still calls him Sweetheart. They have 3 "amazing" children: Jenna (23), Keith (20) and Becca (13). Along with *wife* and *mother* being two of Tina's greatest achievements, she is also a Financial Advisor with Investment Planners Inc. of Quincy. Apparently, the testing is pretty tough – she's smart too.

When Tina is called upon to help her community she steps right up. She is a YWCA Board member, planner for the Women's Networking Group of Quincy Chamber of Commerce, coordinator of Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University seminars, and volunteer presenter on money management for Kids in Motion of Hannibal. And there's more, Tina is also active at Madison Park Christian Church as a Sunday school teacher, sponsor for the junior high children, and in their Women's Ministries.



Some of Tina's many hobbies include: walking (she says she loves to go on long walks with her best friend ... her iPod!), photography (she took the picture of the kiddos), reading, bicycle riding, fishing, 4-wheeler riding, and hanging out with the family: including their 2 black labs.

And can you imagine Tina in braided pigtails? I tried to. (Giggle.) When Quincy Buzz asked Tina if Hollywood made a movie about her life, whom would she like to see play the lead role as her? She quickly responded with Melissa Gilbert from Little House on the Prairie (1974-1982). Simply because she says, "We are about the same age and I always wished I was her!" I think she really just watched this Western dramatic TV show to look at Michael Landon. But what do I know.



And finally, and it was a tough one, I asked Tina to describe herself in 3 words. She wrestled with this question for days and then answered, "Servant of God." Nice. If you know her, even a little (like after reading this), you know she's a blessing to the Kingdom . . . and Quincy!

**It's not the first time that Tina has heard the joke about eating Bambi. And, I did learn some good reasons to [harvest](#) and eat venison. There's less fat on a deer, their local, free-range, and a good source of B12 and iron. And here's a couple more ways to kick your protein intake up a notch - eat pumpkin seeds and shiitake mushrooms (great sources of fiber and iron too). Hey, just trying to help y'all out a little.*