

TIME CAPSULE - LETTER WRITTEN BY JUNE DOWNS, PINE SCHOOL SECRETARY

Pine School

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To whom it may concern in 2026 -

I am the Pine School Secretary, and enjoy my job very much as I like to be around children and I enjoy the diversity of my duties here at school.

I am a mother first of all, though. I have seven children. They are:

- Mrs. Ronald Dean (Kathi) - 25 years old and a teacher at Long Beach School in Michigan City. (6th. Grade)
- Mrs. Dewayne Dowden (Bonnie) - 23 years old and a teacher at Beatty Memorial Hospital in Westville, Indiana. (emotionally disturbed children)
- Michael Downs - 23 years old, married and works at Arno Tape Co.
- Jerry Downs - 20 years old, works for Candle Construction Co.
- Tina Downs - 20 years old, and a junior at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.
- Mary Beth Downs - 13 years old and a seventh grader at Barker Jr. High School in Michigan City.
- Matthew Downs - 4 years old and ready to go to school!

I hope when this letter is read that some of these children can be located, and that all of them are still living and have as happy life as I have had thus far. I have been blessed with these wonderful children and none of the heartaches that so many parents of this era face. I love them all very, very, much and they have made my whole life worthwhile.

I am enclosing a price list written out by my daughter, Mary Beth so that you will have an idea of what prices are in our time. Again, I sure wish I could see the world 50 years from now.

I think much has been said and inserted in this time capsule, so I won't repeat the Pine School news.

As I said previously, I would really be grateful if someone could locate some of my children and I know they would forward the message to the rest, as hard telling where they will all be living 50 years from now.

Best regards and another happy 50
years to each and every one
of you.

Mrs. James Downs (June)
Secretary
Pine Elementary School

Latest Prices of 1976

- 1 gallon of Milk - (379 liters) - \$ 1.58
- 1 loaf of Bread - \$.55
- Gas per Gallon - \$.61 a gallon
- 1 pound of Butter - \$ 1.10
- 1 gallon of Vanilla Ice Cream - \$ 2.09
- 1 news paper (per issue) - \$.20
- 1 magazine (Good Housekeeping) - \$.95
- Ground per acre - \$ 2,000.00 an acre
- 2 pounds of Coffee - \$ 4.90
- 1 small record '45' - \$.98
- 1 pound of Ground Beef \$.79 per pound
- 1 regular size car - around \$ 5,500.00
- Material per yard - \$ 1.49 (cotton) a yard
- 2 pounds of Shortening - \$ 1.33
- Sugar per pound - \$.99 a pound
- 5 pounds of Flour - \$.69
- Bacon per pound - \$ 1.29 a pound
- 1 dozen Eggs - \$.85
- 6 pack of beer - \$ 2.49
- 1 pack of cigarettes - \$.50 a pack
- \$.4 tax on every dollar

Mary Beth Downs
Age: 13
Student a Pine for
7 years.
I go to Barker
Sr. High now.