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NEW BUSINESS OPENS IN HAMPTON!

KENYON and DONALD PFAU have opened a father/son business at 625 - 1st Avenue (with a very large helping hand from their wives). They've named the business K & D HAMPTON WOODWORKS. Basically Ken and Don make handcrafted, custom built wood items - Shaker, Adirondack and Country and lawn furniture.

Along with their woods store is Susan Kirik, who specializes in antiques and collectibles.

Just walking into the shoppe is a pleasant experienced.

It's open, it's clean, it's warm and comfortable. Very pleasant to the eye. Don explains that the stock is down from what they intend to maintain in the future. From the store's inception to the door's opening was only four months and much of that time was in getting the building ready.

"Eventually, "Don relates, "we will be adding some craft supplies, like do-it-yourself kits, paints, etc." They rushed into a *Grand Opening* on Father's Day with just a little advertising and some special invitations to family and friends.

They're working hard to build stock. BRENDA (nee Wheeler, Hampton Class of '72) does the needlepoint designs and runs the store most of the time. KENYON is a '70's Hampton graduate.

When DON was transferred to Germany through his job at Deere and Company, BETTY packed up the two kids, KENYON & JENNIFER and lived abroad for 8 years. While overseas, Ken studied business at the University of Maryland extension school. JENNIFER was back in

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TELEPHONE OUTAGE IN HAMPTON TERMED "EXTRAORDINARY"

Contel

Telephone customers in Contel's Hampton exchange will receive a 14-day local service credit on their phone bills to compensate them for the phone service outage that occurred June 5-9. It was one of the longest service outages the company had experienced to date.

On Tuesday, June 5, Contel's central office on Hubbard Road received a direct hit from a bolt of lightning, which paralyzed the heart of the system intermittently for 89 hours. "We were able to replace some of the equipment with parts that we had at the central office," said Robert Johnson, district customer manager, "but the damage was so extensive that additional parts from the manufacturer had to be flown in."

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Photo: Susan Moreno, Hampton resident, was one of the customers who took advantage of the emergency telephones located in the community during the service outage.

2 CURRENT EVENTS

HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BY Bev Coder

Brettun and Black Museum is now open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4. New displays this year include sections of rails from the old mine tracks and some additions to the mill display.

In the gift shop we have added some lovely watercolors by Fran Wheeler. Fran has also donated a set of her Hampton series which is on display for the first time this year.

The society will sponsor an old-fashioned Independence Day picnic for the community on July 1st, at 1 p.m. at the Brettun and Black Museum. Guests are asked to bring two covered dishes and their own table service. Lemonade and coffee will be provided. You do not have to be a member of the historical society to attend the picnic. The Hampton Historical Society cordially invites everyone interested in a pleasant afternoon of good food and friendly conversation to come. There are no speeches or pleas for funds involved.

The Independence Day picnic has become a tradition of the Hampton Historical Society. It is always held the week-end prior to the actual Fourth of July so that it will not conflict with family celebration. Guests have come from as far as Florida to visit with old friends in the relaxed atmosphere of this picnic.

The Hampton Historical Society will also be selling Sesquicentennial coins this summer. In case you missed getting one in 1988, this would be a last chance to have one for your children or grandchildren. In 2027, the two hundredth anniversary of Hampton's founding, or in 2038, the two hundredth anniversary of the Hampton plat, these coins will be coveted items. (If this sounds like a long time, there are many of us today who remember Hampton's centennial!)

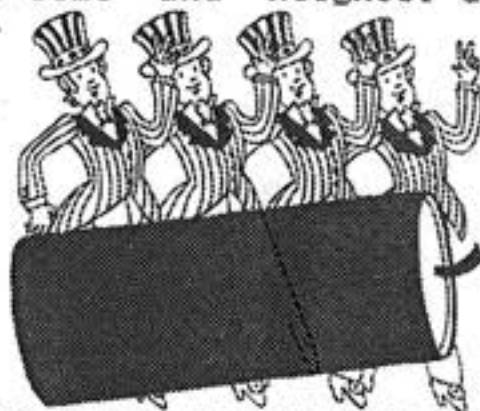
CORDOVA DAYS - June 30 & July 1

Looking for something to do? Well, why not take a run up river and see what our neighbors are doing.

Some of the highlites that we might take more interest in would be food. A Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 both mornings at the Fire Station. Sat. there will be a Craft Show from 9-3; Bike Races, 10; "Rampage" Skateboard Demonstration 11-12; Kids' games at 1; Street Dancing with "Even Odds" from 7-11; and a 1890 Swimsuit contest at 7:30.

On Sun., along with breakfast with the boys, is a Parade at 1; a good old fashioned Ice Cream Social at 2; Tube Race at 4:30; Log Roll at 5; music by the "Banjoliers" 7:30; and FIREWORKS at dark. Of course there are a lot of other things inbetween to keep you totally entertained.

Ya' all come and neighbor a spell!



NEW SERVICE AT THE CORDOVA

The Cordova Civic Center has just become a new location for a Senior Social Center sponsored by Project NOW of Rock Island County.

This has a really great potential of becoming a gathering place for people over 60 to enjoy a good meal and socialize with America's finest. The Cordova location would provide a setting for persons in the smaller villages (like our village) to meet with others of the same interests.

The Civic Center will be serving meals on Mondays and Fridays at noon with the center open from 10-12 for cards, etc. A donation of \$1.50 per meal is suggested but NO ONE

K & D Hampton Woodworks cont.

the good old U.S. for college and graduated from Iowa State. She is married to Dave Wayne, who is a sales manager at Lujack's. They have a son, Drew Anthony, 4 and now reside in Bettendorf. Jennifer works for KUUL Radio as a manager of co-operative advertising.

DON & BETTY are Hamptoners from way back. Don's lived here for nearly 60 years and Betty was born here (nee Findley). Don says his interest in woodworking goes just about as far back as he does. He even built his own house.

Well best of luck to you. AND to the villagers, you owe it to yourself to visit their store. If you are looking for something unique that spells of quality, look no further!

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Saturday - 9-2
Sunday - 12-4
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HAPPY 4TH!

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will be turned away if you find you cannot afford it. For guests under 60 a charge of \$2.75 is required. The center will need a 24 hour advance notice. Once you do attend, you can tell them of your intent for the next time.

This is a really charming place. I met some nice people in the short while I was there. And the manager of the center, PAT KEMP, is one of those happy-go-lucky people you feel as if you have known all of your life.

Pat can be reached at:

1-(309) 654-2272 -cntr.
or 1-(309) 654-2736 -home

POLICE DEPT.

via Chief Terry Ott

Chief Ott just wants to warn everyone, especially the elderly, of house repair scams. An outfit from out of the area has been trying to pressure people into buying sump pumps. If you're on the phone and they're trying to pressure you, just hang up. You can't be any ruder than they are. If at the door, do not let them in - call the police if you feel threatened. Regardless let Terry know that they are in town. He'll check them out. Stick with area people when looking at roof, gutter, siding, or basement repairs. At least you'll be able to get a hold of someone if you need follow up work.

Chief Ott was at the school several times before sessions were over checking out kids' bikes for safety. Come see him at the Police Dept. He would still like to register all of the bikes. Terry will safety inspect your bike, make recommendations, register your number, and give you a license free of charge!

Here are a few safety tips.

- Practice using your brakes to be familiar with them.
 - Practice riding in a straight line near the curb. Try not to wobble.
 - Do NOT ride double!
 - Ride on the right of the road with the traffic. When riding with a friend, do NOT split, with each of you on opposite sides. Assume a single file until the auto passes.
 - Know what the traffic signs mean.
- You can obtain "Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road!" from the Secretary of State,

VILLAGE TRUSTEES - AT WORK ON HYDRO PLANT ISSUE

Last Monday night at the Rock Island County Board (RICB) Meeting the village officials saw a lot of behind the scenes work at committee meetings and board meetings become a reality. The RIBC by unanimous vote of approval, turned the care and protection of 98 acres of wetlands at Lock & Dam 14 over to the Village of Hampton. Last month the issue was lost by one vote citing lack of enough information as the reason. Mayor Scott Newberg, Ken Wright, and other board members drafted a booklet and presented it to the RIBC. This time the issues were clear and there was not one vote of descension. The RIBC will draft a letter to the Corp. of Engineers as to this effect.

GRASS CLIPPING UPDATE

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Here is the latest "skinny" on the Pick-up of lawn waste - grass clippings, leaves, & twigs.

Homeowners are to purchase their own bio-degradable bags at the place of their own choosing. BURRS DISPOSAL SERVICE will pick them up at a fee of \$1.00 per bag on Thursday afternoons after their regular pick-up below the hill. You are to call by Tuesday the number is 496-2651. Give them your name, address, and number of bags to be picked up. Since we could not find any local source that carried 20 gal. bags, BURRS were gracious enough to increase the size to 30 gal. for the same \$1.00 fee per bag. They will also pick up bundles of twigs, 4' long tied in bundles of 12" diameter. Billings will be monthly. AS OF JULY 1, IT IS A STATE LAW TO HAVE LAWN WASTE PICKED UP SEPARATELY!

There was an interesting program on channel KLJB last week. 41% of our garbage is recyclable, another 20% is lawn clippings. Since the clippings can be turned over quickly into new dirt, the need has come about to handle the items separately.

Now if you want to get away from bagging your clippings, the program recommended frequent cuttings. Then the short grass actually becomes fertilizer (nitrogen) for your lawn.

I called around a few places to see who was handling the bags and if they were planning to. Locally, Quinn only has the 13 gal. on hand but is looking into the 30 gal. J-Mart does not have the bags at present but is checking with his suppliers. Eagle has a paper and degradable plastic 10/30 gal. for \$1.49; 20/30 gal for \$2.79; and a 30/30 gal for \$5.09. (Remember price reflects Brands, quality, etc.) Osco has paper yard bags 5/30 gal for \$2.49. K-Mart does not have any right now but are getting a good Bio-degradable bag in soon. Target's are plastic 20/30 gal. for \$3.29. And may we all feel the better for being environmentally conscious.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR BABY

Via Illini Hospital Newsletter

BABY TALK! Illini Hospital recently introduced a baby care information phone line to the Quad City community.

Dialing "Baby Talk" - 755-BABY now puts callers in direct contact with Illini Hospital's experienced OB nursing staff. In addition to answering the many questions often associated with pregnancy and infant care, the nurses can also offer referrals to other community resources when necessary. A free service, BABY TALK is available 24 hours a day.

According to Charlene Loding, R.N. Maternal/Child Services Supervisor at Illini Hospital, BABY TALK provides callers not only basic information, but the reassurance of talking with an experienced, caring health professional. "The personal contact is the real plus with Baby Talk," she explains. "Our nurses understand that no question is too small when you're a new parent or when you're expecting a baby."

To help them in giving the most appropriate answers in a consistent manner, Illini's OB nursing staff worked closely with area physicians in developing a reference manual for the Baby Talk program. "We realize that each call and

each situation will be somewhat unique, so the reference manual is used simply as a guide, giving the nurse the flexibility to best meet the needs of the caller," adds Mrs. Loding.

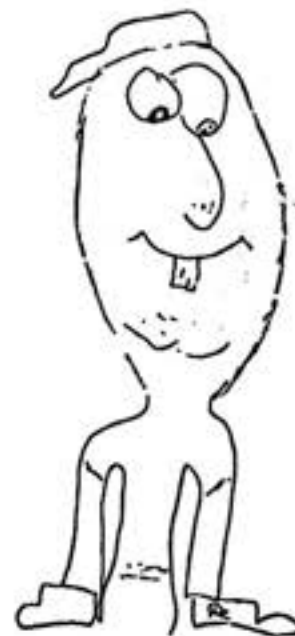
Referring to 755-BABY as a "warmline", Mrs. Loding says that Baby Talk should not be considered a substitution for conferring with your physician or as a source of emergency medical information. "In a serious or threatening medical situation, we strongly suggest that people call their doctor directly or utilize the 911 emergency medical system."

Currently, Illini's OB nursing staff is responding to between 10 and 15 Baby Talk calls per day. "The Baby Talk line is answered 24 hours a day and we make every effort to provide callers with all the information and support they need," adds Mrs. Loding. "We realize that the questions are really just beginning when you leave the hospital following the birth of your baby. Through BABY TALK, our caring can extend beyond our doors."



JOKE-OF-THE-MONTH

What is 6 foot long, green, and has two tongues?



The Jolly Green Giant's Sneakers.

Thanks to young artist
CHUCK KELLER in the 6th grade.



Both central processing units were hit, so even the back-up systems were not operable. We basically replaced the entire system," explained Johnson.

Additional crews of Contel technicians were brought in, and they worked around the clock to install the new equipment. Other Contel employees, equipped with cellular telephones, drove around Hampton, Rapid City and Barstow assisting customers who needed to make calls during the outage. Emergency telephones were located in the area where large numbers of Hampton customers could use them.

The system was restored to complete operation at 8:15 Saturday morning.

State-of--the-art digital switching equipment has been in the switching office on Hubbard Road since 1983. Contel has experienced three lightening strikes in four years at the Hampton location, certainly an extraordinary occurrence. Contel's corporate experts and other investigators have provided advice in the past, and extensive corrective measures have been taken to protect the system.

According to Johnson, the radio tower next to the central office was removed and a new ground field installed in April 1989. Also, commercial power cables supplying electricity to the building were buried for additional protection.

A "Halo" system (a sophisticated grounding system) was installed in 1988. This "halo" is designed to act as a voltage drain, channeling the lightning safely into the ground.

Contel's technical experts have also discussed other preventive measures, such as moving the entire central office to another location or putting it completely underground. In light of the recent occurrence, these measures and other possible solutions are being evaluated for implementation.

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FIRE DEPT

VIA Chief Bill Kruse

It's one of those "We have some good news & we have some bad news deals". The good news is that the Fire Department finally reached their \$14,000 goal for the Jaws-of-life and IT HAS BEEN ORDERED!! The bad news is that, since the last time the received a price quote, the Jaws has gone up another \$300. Not to fear, the dept. is working feverishly to pick up the slack ---- any donations are gratefully accepted.

They also want to encourage any dedicated male or female to consider becoming a volunteer professional with the Firefighters of Hampton. You have to be earnest enough to make a commitment to the training and responsibility. Hampton has a good safety record and trains each person. To quote Chief Kruse, "We don't want our members becoming the victim." Although not mandatory, the dept. does encourage its' members to achieve state certification. But don't let a misinterpretation hold you back. They meet every Tuesday at 7 at the Fire Station.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 1:00 Independence Day Picnic-at Black's Museum- ALL WELCOME 2-4 Black's Store Open	2	3 2:30-4:45 Bookmobile Meth. Church 7:00 Fire Dept. Mtg. Station House	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY 
8 2-4 Black's Store Open	9 7:00 Village Bd. Town Hall	10 7:15 Rotary Luciani 2:30-4:45 Bookmobile Meth. Church 7:00 Fire Dept. Station House 7:00 School Bd. Schoolhouse	11
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12	13	14 10-12 Bookmobile Hill Loc. 2-4 Black's Store/ Museum Open	
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VIA Jim Farmer

First consider leaving your grass clippings on the lawn. Thatch is not made up of grass but of roots, dead leaf sheaths & rhizomes which decompose slowly. Clippings contain nutrients to help your lawn grow. Every garbage of grass contains 1/4 lb. of usable organic nitrogen. Never cut grass shorter than 2 1/2" for a deeper root system giving it a stronger defense against weeds & drought. Grass clippings are good mulch in your garden or around flower beds.

Composting is the controlled decomposition of organic materials using aerobic bacteria, reducing material volume by 70%. 1st layer: 3" of chopped brush or other coarse material for air circulation. 2: 7" of mixed damp kitchen scraps, leaves, grass, sawdust, etc. 3: 1" of soil as an inoculant. 4: 3" manure or commercial fertilizer & just sprinkle a little lime or wood ash on top. 5: repeat layers 1-4 until bin is full. Top off with 5" straw. Scoop out a basin at the top to catch the rain water. For more extensive info. send for ILENR/RR-89/03-Yard Wastes,

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion Lutheran Church will be holding their Vacation Bible School this month, beginning Sunday, July 15th through the 19th. The theme of their VBS program is "Let's Follow Jesus".

Because of the construction project taking place on their new building expansion, this year's format has had to be re-arranged a bit. This year, the entire VBS program will take place during the evening hours, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Pastor Kilps says that he hopes the change might bring even more family involvement among members and visitors. The evening hours will give the adults a chance to become involved in the program along with the children. An adult class will be offered in addition to the Preschool through Junior high classes.

The Vacation Bible School Program will kick-off with a pot-

luck on Sunday, the 15th at 5:30 pm., just prior to the opening of classes later that evening. The week's festivities will conclude with a closing service on Friday evening, July 20th, at 7:00 pm.

The Vacation Bible School Program is open to the entire community. You need not be a member of Zion to join in. Visitors are more than welcome to attend. Pre-registration is not necessary but encouraged. Arrangements for registration and car-pooling may be made by contacting the church office at 496-2186.



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CHURCH NEWS

HAMPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

By Cindy Cornelius

We welcome the Reverend Eugene Ramsey II and his family as he begins his ministry here July 1st. The Ramsey's are coming to Hampton from Danville where they have spent the past four years. Rev. Ramsey spent one year at the Navel Academy and graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington; then graduated from Asbury Theology Seminary in Wilmore, KY. His wife, Mary, graduated from Illinois State University in Normal with a degree in Music Education. Mary is a Psycho-Social Director at a nursing home in Danville. The Ramsey's daughter, Becca, will be a 4th grader this year and son, Brian, will be in the 3rd grade. The Ramsey's also have two foster children, Hoa Heynk will be a soph. in high school and Sanh Khuu is working to complete his G.E.D. The Ramseys are very anxious to come to Hampton and Rev. Ramsey is always ready to play in a softball game!

WILDWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

By Jennifer White

The youth group of Wildwood Baptist Church is a very active and exciting bunch of highschoolers. Leading the group is Pastor Ron May and his wife, Crystal, of Hampton. Also involved in the lives of the youth are leaders Stan and Becky Schoger, Hampton; Larry and Jenny McNeal, East Moline; and Linda Lambrecht, East Moline. The youth group come from many various highschools (Riverdale, United Township, Temple Christian Academy, East Moline Christian, & Moline) and have many opportunities to get together. Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Pat Knaak (Hampton) teaches their Sunday School. They also enjoy attending the Morning and Evening Services together (10:30 and 6:00). Following the services, many times they will get together and go bowling or mini golfing or just out for pizza! Tues. nights they meet at a different person's house each week for a devotion, games, food, and fun! With summer comes the excitement of youth trips (Mexico, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Chicago, Boston) doing various

activities (tubing, canoeing, volleyball, witnessing, visiting nursing homes, helping with VBS)--the list goes on! The week of June 24-30, the youth group will be canoeing and tubing in Minnesota. Those on this trip are the following: Jessica Abbott, Jamie Butler, Chris Davis, Wednesday Douglas, Tully Grudzinski, Jared Johnson, Katie Knaak, Heather Lingner, Angie McCord, Julie Nagle, Josh Parker, Travis Schell, Beth Swanson, Brad Swartout, Travis Thompson, Shona Tietz, Amy Tucker, Robin Tucker, Ron Tucker, Nathan Vickroy, Jason White and the youth leaders. We are very excited about the youth at Wildwood; they are an important part of our church family!



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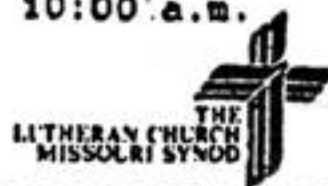
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10 ANNOUNCEMENTS



BIRTHDAYS

Three young people are celebrating Birthdays. ADAM STEMPER was one year old on June 1st. Adam is the son of Cindy (nee Sears, class of '74) and Greg Stemper. Adam is bringing much joy to the hearts of his grandparents, Marlene and Jim Sears.

It's the big number 1 for TREVOR WHITEHALL this July 11th. Just think of all the frosting he can apply to his face - and hands - and to people who get in his way... Parents are Wanetta & Troy Whitehall, Hampton. Grandparents are Ken & Joanne Weber formerly of Hampton and Tom & Louise Whitehall, East Moline.

And look who's going to be 96 on July 15th! None other than HAZEL PETERS!! We hope you enjoy your special day. Happy Birthday, Hazel from all your friends in the village!

GERRY WALKER and CAROL DOOSE were in Chicago recently celebrating with their mother, AMELIA PETERSON, who just turned 85.

WEDDINGS

Best Wishes for a happy life together go to Rebecca Ann Harper of Blue Grass, IA and Scott Alan McKay right here in Hampton. They have chosen August the 4th to tie the knot. Rebecca's parents are David & Regina Harper, Dav. Scott's parents are Janice & Sam McKay, Hampton and grandparents, Pete & Helen McKay, Hampton.

Wedding Bells are also ringing for Donna Dianna Herrick who will become the bride of Douglas Allen Demont on July 6th. May you know much happiness! Parents of the bride are Karl and Dianna Herrick, Hampton and Mother of the groom is Martha Mays of East Moline.



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GRADUATIONS!! and CONGRATULATIONS!!

SHERI CODER graduated summa cum laude from Western Illinois University on May 12th. She also was chosen as the Outstanding Pre-Service Teaching Award recipient from Western. Good Show, Sheri!

IVAN BECKMAN received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering at United States Military Academy, West Point, NY on Thursday, 31 May.

Of more than 13,000 applicants who met the qualifications for scholarship and leadership 4 years ago, he was selected as one of the 1300 to enter and attained a rank of 33rd among 930 graduates.

In addition to various Company and Battalion positions while a cadet, Ivan received the "Star & Wreath" awarded by the Academy Superintendent, General David Palmer. The award acknowledges attainment to two goals: within the top 5% of the class in military leadership and within the top 5% of the class in academic scholarship.

Following participation in weddings of fellow graduates and travel, Ivan will be returning to Hampton about 20 June for a few days before proceeding to his first specialty school in mid-July.

A reception has been planned for him at the home of his parents, Ann & Phil Beckman on Sunday afternoon of 1 July beginning at 2:00 p.m. All are most cordially invited.

Another Hampton resident JAMES BEALS, and former Hampton resident, JENNIFER RADUE, have completed their "Plebe year" and were recognized as cadets in good standing as part of the graduation activities of the Academy.

PRIZE WINNER

HELEN CODER sent in a joke to Minnie Pearl at Nashville. Her joke was read on the Nashville T.V. channel along with 2 others. When her joke was read, the applause meter went out of sight. She has received congratulations from as far away as Florida. We'll try to do the joke justice...A poor, old southern guy was sitting on his porch. He was hungry, really hungry. As luck would have it, a chicken ran across his yard. He jumped up and cornered it. He quickly dressed it out and put it on his barbecue spigot. About a half hour later the old man is still turning the crank when a drunk stumbles over and says "Hey, Buddy, I don't know how to tell you this - but your organ's on fire and your monkey's dead!"

VISITING

Back looking over the old homestead are CAROL & BEN MALMBERG. Now residing in Denver, they have been drawn back to the area several times this summer. Once to see niece, Janelle (Talak) Parry married. Carol is the sister of Hamptoner Jim Talak.

LYME DISEASE - SOME BASIC INFO.

Via Dr. Bull

Lyme disease is an illness which, if not diagnosed and treated promptly, can cause serious problems involving the heart, nervous system and joints. On the east coast and in the midwest, this bacterial disease is transmitted to people and animals by the bite of the deer tick. In Calif. and other parts of the west, the western black-legged tick is the transmitter. The deer tick is smaller than the common American dog tick. In the nymph stage, when it is most active, it is about the size of a period or poppy seed.

Lyme disease was first officially recognized in the US in 1975 in children from Old Lyme, Connecticut. A similar disease was reported in a grouse hunter from Taylor County, Wis. in 1982.

Since 1982, Lyme disease has been reported with increasing frequency on the east coast (from Mass. to Del.), in the Midwest, including Illinois, and in the western states (Cal., Nev., Utah., & Oreg.)

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Lyme disease typically progresses through three stages, depending upon how soon the disease is diagnosed and treated. Prompt medical attention will minimize complications involving the heart, nervous system and joints.

STATE 1 - In the earliest stage people with Lyme disease may have any combination of the following symptoms:

- headache
- chills
- nausea
- fever
- a spreading rash
- aching joints
- fatigue

Without treatment, these signs and symptoms may disappear altogether, or they may recur intermittently for several months. The characteristic red rash, called erythema migrans (EM) usually appears within 3 to 32 days after a person is bitten by an infected tick. The rash is circular in shape and can attain a diameter of 5 to 20 inches with the center of the rash becoming cleared.

EM is not restricted to the bite site and can occur elsewhere on the body. Up to 30% of the people who have Lyme disease do not develop EM lesions, making diagnosis more difficult. If Lyme disease is diagnosed during stage 1 (based on characteristic symptoms and sometimes a simple blood test), it is usually easily treated with antibiotics.

STAGE 2 - Weeks to months after initial exposure to the bacteria or after the first symptoms appear, some people may develop complications involving the heart and/or nervous system. Specific disorders may include various degrees of irregular heart beat, nervous system abnormalities such as meningitis, encephalitis, facial paralysis (Bell's palsy), and other conditions involving peripheral nerves. Painful joints, tendons, or muscles may also be noted during this stage of the disease.

STATE 3 - Arthritis in the large joints is the most commonly recognized long-term sign of Lyme disease. From one month to years after the first symptoms appear, people may experience repeated attacks of arthritis.

TREATMENT - If you develop any of the symptoms, recall being bitten by a tick, or have been in an area where Lyme disease is prevalent, discuss your suspicion of Lyme disease with your physician. Your physician will make a diagnosis based on your symptoms, travel history, history of tick exposure and a simple blood test. Prompt treatment with appropriate antibiotics during the first stages of illness can cure the infection and prevent later complications. Treatment during later stages of the disease often requires more intensive antibiotic therapy. Research has shown that even if Lyme disease was not diagnosed and treated promptly, people who eventually received appropriate antibiotic therapy had fewer relapses than those who were never treated.

PREVENTION - by routinely checking for ticks after being outdoors, you can remove ticks before they embed and have the chance to transmit Lyme disease.

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1) Conduct thorough tick checks on yourself, children, & pets after spending time outdoors.
2) Wear light colored clothing. This may not deter ticks, but it makes them easier to find.
3) Tuck pants into boots or socks; wear long-sleeved shirts buttoned at the cuff, and a hat.

4) Application of tick/insect repellents containing 30% DEET or permethrin (this product is not available in ILL. but is in Wisc.) have been shown to be effective in repelling deer ticks. Check the labels for proper application.

5) Walk in the center of mowed trails to avoid brushing up against vegetation. Ticks do not fly or jump. They cling to skin, fur or clothing when brushed against.

6) Make the area around your home less attractive to ticks by mowing high weeds.

7) Controlling ticks by treating large areas with insecticides is usually not effective. However, limited areas, such as the high weeds along the margin of a yard, can be treated with insecticide to reduce the number of ticks near an area of human activity.

8) Adult ticks can remain on deer and other mammals through the fall and winter. If you spend a lot of time outdoors during this period, be sure to check yourself for deer ticks. If you hunt or trap, check areas where you store your game.

REMOVING TICKS - 1) The mouthparts of a tick are shaped like tiny barbs. The best way to remove a tick is to grasp it with tweezers as close to the skin as possible and *gently but firmly pull it straight out*. If tweezers aren't available, grasp the tick with a piece of tissue. Do not twist or jerk the tick because the head may remain embedded, which can lead to general infection at the bite site. If the head or mouthparts do break off, consult your doctor about removing them.

2) Wash the bite area and your hands with soap and water and apply an antiseptic to the bite site.

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