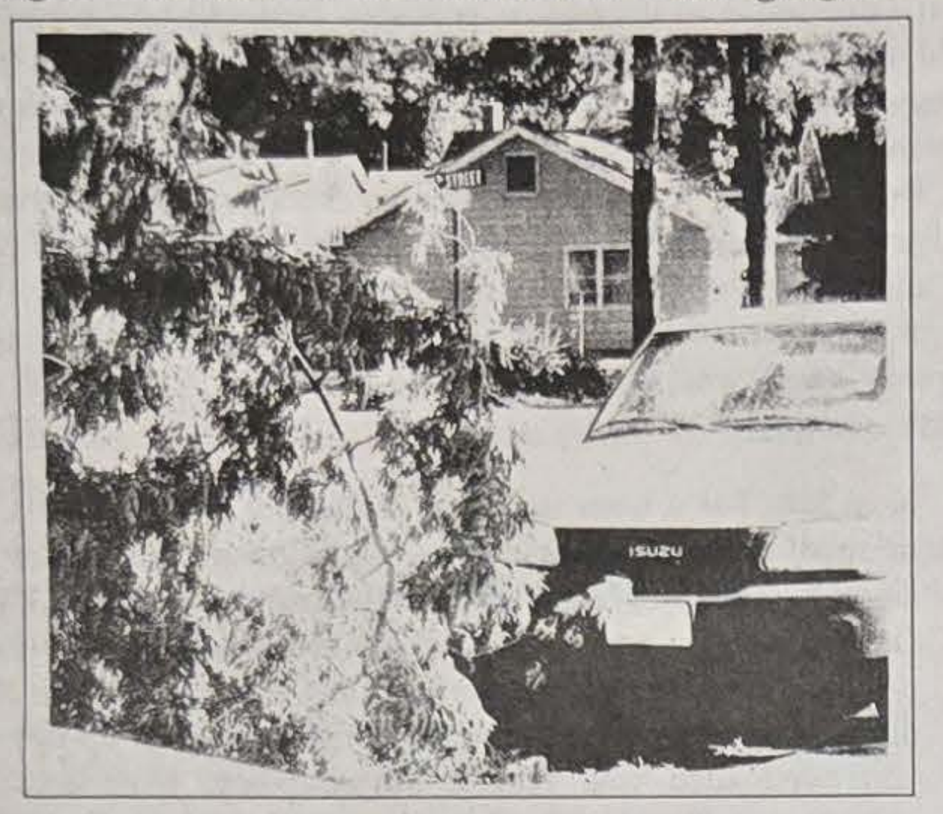
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August/September, 2003

Spring & Summer Remembered for Damaging Storms



The spring and summer of 2003 will be remembered by many area residents as one of sudden and damaging storms. Mark Larson, Director of Public Works could be seen early in the morning clearing streets of downed branches. Early in the season, a tree on "the post office road" finally succumbed to erosion and fell partially blocking the road. Pictured above is a truck that had its windshield shattered by a falling branch.

All over the area, dead wood littered the streets and homeowners drove through their neighborhoods trying to retrieve lawn furniture, outdoor decorative items, recycle boxes and garbage cans. Because many of the storms occurred late at night or without proper warning, local residents did not have time to tie down their belongings.



One property particularly hard hit was the historical red brick house at the intersection at 2nd Avenue and 7th Street. The house is an area landmark, the two ancient maple trees near the street were favorites of bike path users for summer shade and breathtaking colors in the fall. One side of the western-most maple is now gone. Early in the spring, a cottonwood in the back of the lot was downed and most recently, a huge old cottonwood was completely downed by extra strong wind gusts. The clean-up has begun but will probably go on through the fall.

Once-In-A-Lifetime Viewing - Don't miss it!

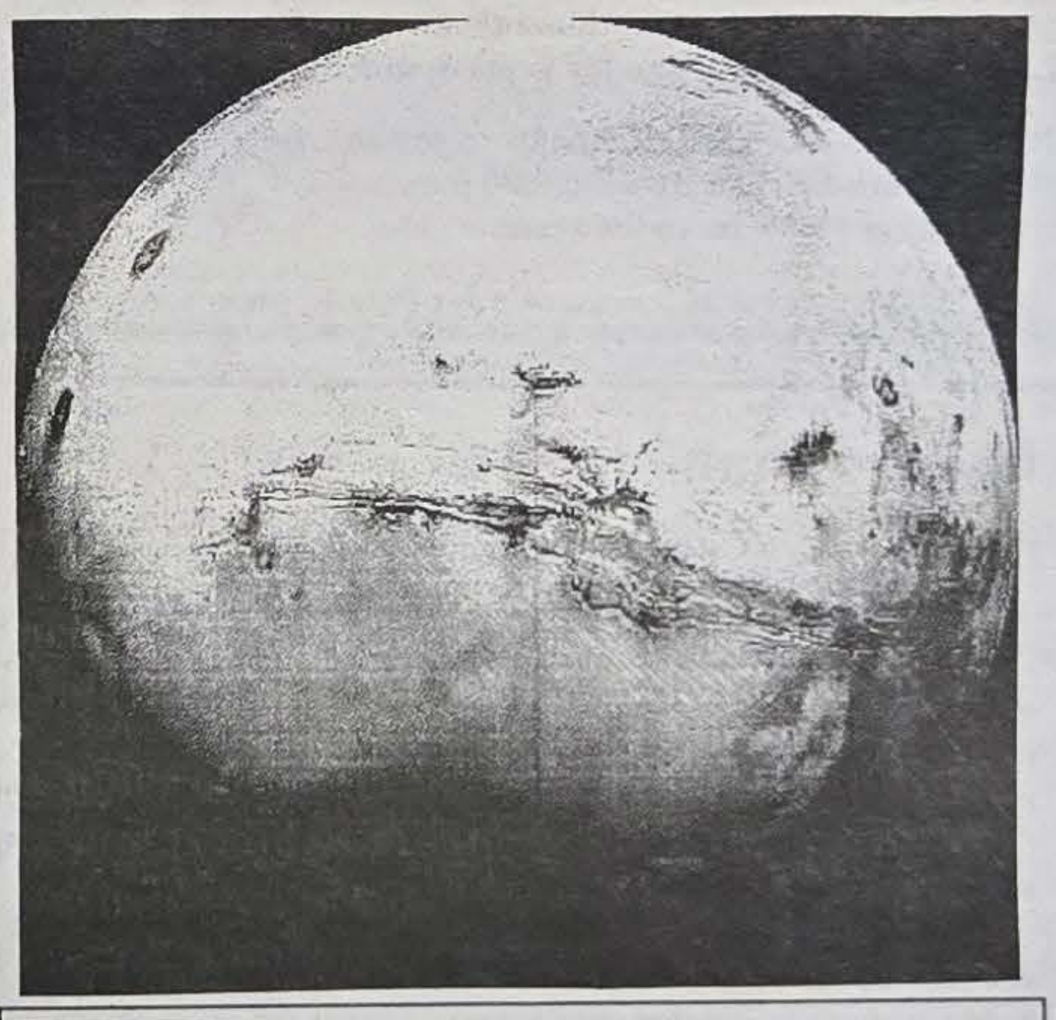
The Internet is filled with the news about the "Red Planet", Mars. This month and next, Earth will be "catching up" with Mars as they slide around on their orbits. This catching up will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in the year 2287!

Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the last 5,000 years and it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

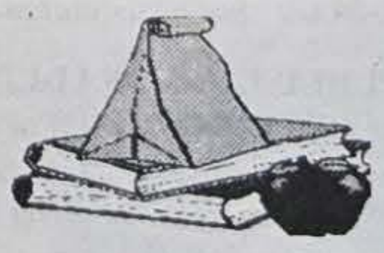
Mars has already started drawing closer and by August 27th, it will be within a mere 34,649,589 miles of earth. It will be the brightest planet in the sky only to be outshone by the moon. With even a low power (75 power magnification) telescope or binoculars, Mars will look as large as the full moon. Even with the naked eye, Mars will be easy to spot in August as it will rise in the east at around 10 p.m. and reach its azimuth about 3 a.m.

By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30 a.m. Even if you have to take a nap just to be able to view this planet - do it! Camp under the stars or take a late night country drive for better viewing. No one alive today or in generations to come will ever be able to see this natural wonder.

During August, Mars will grow progressively brighter until August 27th when it will be it's brightest then, begins to fade during September as it moves further away. This is a perfect opportunity to share several nights with the family sky-watching. It is also a perfect opportunity to get the kids excited and talking about science, astronomy, star formations patterns and myths or trying some night photography. This event will be recalled for generations so don't miss it.



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Batty about Bats

Bats are often seen and heard in this area around dusk as they feast on the generous bug population near the river. Here are some quick notes about bats around the world.

In South American jungles, there is a white bat that makes a tent out of large leaves. They chew the smaller veins on one side of the leaf so it folds over to form a tent. They spend the day hanging from the large middle vein of the leaf. When the sun filters through their leafy tent, the green light on their white bodies makes them almost invisible.

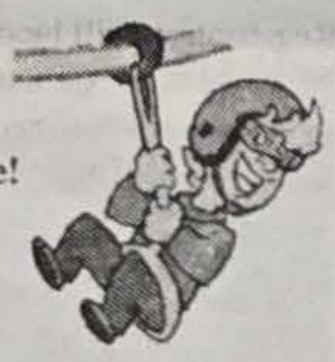
Are there really bats that drink blood? Yes. Vampire bats live in the rain forests of Central and South America. Sleeping horses, cows and goats usually provide their meals but an occasional human has also given them blood. Hunting at night the bat makes a small bite with its sharp teeth then laps up blood with its tongue. Their saliva contains a substance that stops blood clotting and keeps it flowing freely from the wound.

Bats are not as graceful as feathered birds when they fly. They have five long fingers and an arm bone that supports a leathery wing. At dusk when you see awkward flapping creatures diving around the sky, it is probably the local bats going for their evening meal. Listen closely and you will hear the echo locating system they use to navigate. The bats frequently send out high-pitched screeches which bounce off an object back to the bat's oversized ears. The bat can tell if the object is moving, like an insect, or is a solid object to be avoided like a tree branch, etc.

The smallest mammal in the world is a bumblebee bat that lives in the caves of Thailand. The bat's body is only about an inch long and its wingspan is about 5" across.

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Editorial: As the Season Begins to Turn - Simplify!

No one keeps a perfect house and for most of us, vacations and the kids being out of school makes us more lax than usual. With fall, unexpected visitors are almost guaranteed. Visitors planning even a short stay, naturally send your family buzzing around picking up your place and doing the repairs that have been put off too long. As the season turns and there are less distracting summer activities, that same sense of urgency is probably creeping up on you. Why add stress and unneeded anxiety to your life? Now is the time for every property owner AND renter to take an objective look at their home. What is there to be seen?

Realtors give very frank advice to encourage prospective home sellers to take an objective look at their property and make changes to add eye appeal and increase property value. We can all benefit from that frank advice. If you note any of the following, you already know what to do. Simplify because visitors ARE on the way.

- How long has it been since you pulled out miscellaneous weeds or small, unwanted trees from your flower beds. How about along the outside of your fence or the corner of your back yard?
- Do you have so many garbage bags overflowing in your waste cans you cannot clamp on the lid? Get a second can for storage during the week even if you don't use it on pick up day. Have you overloaded your recycle bin so pieces blow around the neighborhood? Crush the items and weight them down. Simplify! Get stickers for those large items and clear your property now.
- How many cars and recreational vehicles/items do you own? Have you surrounded your home so it's beginning to look like a junk yard from a distance? If you use your garage, your driveway, plus, have to park boats, trailers, motorcycles, ATVs and bikes on your lawn, you probably have too many. (Many towns have a limit per household on these items). Objectively look at the expense of keeping these items in working order, insuring and licensing them. Simplify! Sell some and ease your budget)
- Have your planting beds gone wild? At least cut off the spent stems and try thinning out overgrown plants. Simplify! Tell friends and neighbors if they would like some free plants, they are welcome to take the ones you have marked if they do the removal. Ask yourself if you have created a maintenance monster and STOP planting or adding ornaments to your lawn.
- Plant grass seed or move excess plants to cover bare patches and even out the look of your lawn.
- Make kids responsible for putting away their own toys or bikes. Cluttered yards, invite accidents and petty thieves. Simplify!
- Approach your home during daylight and take an objective look at shades, blinds, curtains and shutters. How do they look from the outside? Simply taking a moment to even-up/straighten them does wonders! Do your planters show only dead sticks? Add an inexpensive bunch of artificial flowers as a cheerful improvement.
- Has your porch or patio become a dumping ground for toys, old furniture, sports equipment or become so crowded with decorative items that only confusion is seen from the street? Less is better here - Simplify! It is far better to alternate decorative items than put them out all at once. Keeping toys out of harsh weather prolongs their life. A clear porch is also safer for any visitors.
- Small repairs like replacing a piece of siding or painting around a peeling door enhances property value as well as eye appeal.

Simplify your life by streamlining your gardening, reducing your seldom-used or expensive recreational items and cleaning up the yard. If you have little money to devote to the effort remember that elbow grease costs little. If the kids are kicking around getting into trouble because they're bored, give them each a time limit and a small area of responsibility for the rest of the summer. This will also require you to join them to set an example in organization so make regularly maintaining the exterior of your home a fun family activity. There is no need to go crazy with expensive projects, just clean up and simplify your life. Your neighbors might begin to complement you but just having the satisfaction of knowing you are ready for surprise visitors at all times is well worth the effort.

About the Hampton Youth Committee

By Al Reamy

Did you know:

- The Hampton Youth Committee was started in 1977?
- The Hampton Youth Committee provides activities for everyone in the Hampton School District?
- HYC sponsors Co-Ed softball, dances, Easter egg hunts, the Witchmobile, a Christmas party and much, much more?
- HYC has helped Hampton Grade School to purchase necessary items for the school?
- HYC contributes to Project Graduation at UTHS?
- HYC awards a scholarship every year to a graduating senior who has participated in HYC activities and graduated 8th grade from Hampton School?
- HYC sponsors adult volleyball and basketball?
- HYC distributes Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to disadvantaged area families?
- YOU can designate Hampton Youth Committee to receive your donation to the United Way? (Just pencil in "Hampton Youth Committee" on the "other" line!)

HYC committee members are all volunteers, who hope to make a difference in their community. If you would like more information, contact Al Reamy at 496-9635.

HYC is affiliated with Rock Island County Area Project (RICAP) and members are eligible to participate in many other activities.

Hampton School 2nd Semester 2002-3 Honor Roll for Grades 6, 7 and 8

Grade 6

Sydney Jordan
Andrew Wright
Nikki DeCrane
Nicholas Armstrong
Austin Hubbard
Jessica Larrison
Elise Beck
Jessica Marberry
Honorable Mention goes to:
Curtis Ceier
Becca Hasdintra

Grade 7

Lisa Schippers
Andrew Mohr
Kendra Newlon
Lena Smith
Amanda Streeter
Brittany Milefchik
Kortni Pedersen
Honorable Mention goes to:
Donald Crabtree

American Legion Award Recipients:
Christina Schaffer
Jerome Harms
Valedictorian:
Stefan Escontrias
Salutatorian:
Jerome Harms

Grade 8

Jerome Harms
Stefan Escontrias
Christian Schaffer
Stacy Carmichael
Ashley Clark
Tyler Walker
Alexander Benzon
D. J. Covermaker
Angie Kight
Randi DeCrane
Stephen Daniels
Kacee Eikenberry



Presidential Academic Fitness Awards:
For Educational Excellence:
Stefan Escontrias, Jerome Harms, Stacy Charmichael, Christina Schaffer, Alexandra Benzon, Tyler Walker, Ashley Clark, D. J. Covemaker, Angie Kight, Randi DeCrane and Stephen Daniels
For Educational Improvement: Cory Hanson, Den McKay and Robert Martin

Citizenship Award Winners:
Stephen Daniels, Randi DeCrane, D. J. Covermaker, Tyler Walker

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."
Muhammad Ali, Boxer

"The environment you fashion out of your thoughts, your beliefs, your ideals, your philosophy is the only climate you will ever live in. The key is not spending time, but in investing it."
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HAWK TALK - School News Briefs

Safety First when school starts

Bike helmets were fitted and given free to Hampton children from K through 6th grade last May. Those bike helmets are not being worn. Parents, please let your kids know that wearing a helmet is cool! Helmets must be worn by all children wanting to ride bikes to school.

Students will receive bus service this year at no charge.

This is a big change. In the past, parents had to pay as much as $115 per year for bus service. The State of Illinois will now be paying 80% of the transportation costs with the remaining 20% coming out of the regular school budget. Students 1.5 miles from school or facing a hazard (as in crossing busy Rt. 84 highway), are eligible for bus service.

What to Expect when the new year begins at Hampton School

Registration will be over by the time this issue is released but the excitement of August 11th might have allowed some to miss that the entire school has received a fresh coat of **paint** and the floors an extra cleaning and polishing.

Hampton students continue to impress UTHS with their computer knowledge and proficiency. In this day and age, almost every career, sport, hobby and household or automotive electronics requires some training in computers. Although it's still important to know the basics from the past, computers and how they work is now considered a "basic". For this reason, the board has participated in a loan program from the State of Illinois to replace the student's **computers** with updated equipment.

Language Arts **texts** are new. All over the state, reading and language arts (composition/English) has become a target for improvement. Comprehension of the written word and being able to communicate ideas clearly are the most basic skills in continuing education or getting a job so educators are making changes in the school to emphasize communications. The new computers will keep the kids up to date on technology. Other changes are:

- The **library** has had a thorough review. Some new books have been added. Applications for 5 grants have been written trying to get new books for the children. Science, geography, etc. are topics that are constantly changing and non-fiction books currently in the library need up-dating.
- This year each day will have **2 periods of "Language"** studies. (Literature and English).



SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL ADULTS:
Tom Berg, our new Superintendent/ Principal is committed to a **mentoring program** at the school. Any adult with time to assist the students in increasing math, science, reading, history and writing skills are asked to volunteer. Practical experience, maturity and the gift of gab can inspire a student and make a subject come alive outside a classroom setting. Please consider lending a hand to the next generation and give the school a call at **755-0693.**

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Thank You to Those Who Volunteer at our School

The Crier seems to call for volunteers in every issue for one organization, project or another. This issue is no exception. You'll find volunteers needed on a short term, one day commitment basis to help run games and do face painting at the annual Apple Festival on September 20th to several long term responsibilities like volunteer firemen and mentoring children in any and all subjects during the school year. It only seems fitting that we mention, with our thanks, those that have volunteered at the Hampton School this year:

Track: Head Coach Al Reamy (also a Crier article contributor), Mike Blomme and Jim Osborne.
Volleyball: Head Coach Brad Harker, Stacy Graham, Chris Larrison and Mike Graham.
Cheerleading: Head Coach JoLeen Cameron, Tom Cameron and Donna Schaffer.
Girl's Basketball: Head Coach Tere Huber-Burrill, Roger Beck, Guy Gerard and Al Reamy.
Boy's Basketball: Head Coach Mark Burrill, Brad Harker, Jake Huber and Rick Newlon.

Those listed above also participate in the Hampton Boosters and Youth Committee, PTA and the School Board so set an example for us all. Thanks Folks!

During the vacation others from the community volunteered to help sort out the **library**. Apologies if we have missed anyone but there were, among others working: Rocky and Mary Jane Nelson, Bonnie Huber, Danielle Solis, Ann Hood, Nancy Lingafeldt, Lisa Crabtree, Ruth Passmore, Carol Poppy, Pat Schershel, Shelly Serh, and Brenda Roman and Judy Hutchinson from the West Bend Library. This was a large project lasting over several months and we appreciate the assistance of all the volunteers and the West Bend Library for the loan of personnel and their expertise.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs" therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them."
Albert Einstein

Review & Reminders from past Crier Issues:

Mosquito season is not over yet. Check your yard and empty any item large or small that collects water where mosquitoes can breed. The best defense against West Nile Virus is never allowing mosquitoes to breed in the first place.

The parks and bike path will be crowded with visitors and residents during the Labor Day holiday. Dog Owners are required to keep **their dogs on a leash** AND AT HEEL when in public places. Police are now on random bike patrols throughout the area so protect yourself and your pet by using a leash.

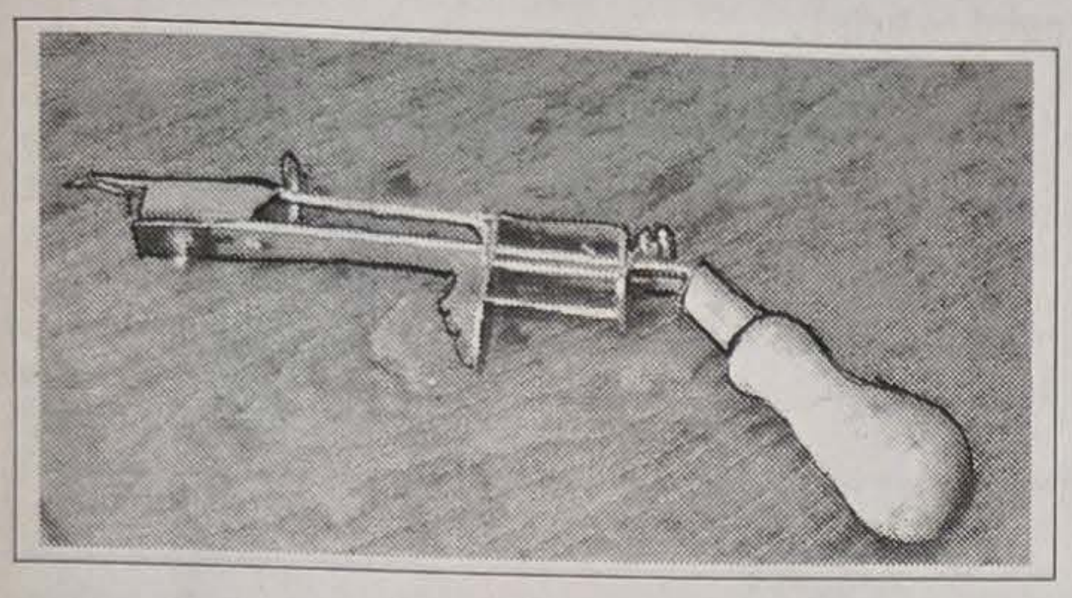
You can still sign up for the **Do Not Call Registry**. On Line: www.donotcall.gov. You will receive an e-mail that you must answer to confirm your do not call request or you will have to start all over again. Via phone, call 888-382-1222 or 866-290-4236 for the hearing impaired. **Special Note:** I received an e-mail from Franciska Rasmussen, one of our regular contributors saying she received a mailed card asking for her to vote for "Pepsi or Coke - and receive a complementary 12 pack". BEWARE! At the bottom of the card in microscopic print is says: "By completing this form, you agree that sponsors and co-sponsors of this offer may telephone you, even if your number is found on a do not call registry or list".

An old scam alert has reappeared— Leaving messages on answering machines or via e-mail asking you to return a call to **area code 809, 284 or 876** phone numbers. The message might be anything from a dying relative, a friend arrested needing your immediate assistance or a wonderful prize you've won. Don't return these calls as they are to points outside the United States in places with no phone rate regulations. Just connecting with the bogus numbers may cost you dearly on your next telephone bill.

OOPS! Address Correction

On page 10 in the July/August 2003 issue we gave the address of the historic building that houses an apartment and K & D Woodworks as 605 First Avenue. The correct address is 625 First Avenue. We hope you found your way to the shop by the photo of the building itself. If not, try the correct address but don't miss shopping at this local business.

Mystery Item of the Month



This wood and metal item was used mainly by women. These items could be found in most homes from the early 1900's and remain in use today. Can you guess what it is and how it is used? The handle is wood and the metal point is sharp.

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Nancy Hunter Denney, Author

"One way to become enthusiastic is to look for the plus sign. To make progress in any difficult situation, you have to start with what's right about it and build on that."

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Grandparent's Day - September 7th

The Sunday following Labor Day has been designated as a day of celebration to honor grandparents, give them the opportunity to show their love for their children's children and to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

In 1973, Marian McQuade, a West Virginia mother of fifteen children spearheaded a statewide campaign to set aside a special day just for grandparents. By 1978, Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. (September was chosen to signify the "autumn years" of life.)

To observe Grandparents Day some families enjoy small private gatherings but for those who entertain larger groups, it can be fun to have and record a story-telling time. This allows grandparents to relate stories of life back in the "good old days" to keep alive the ice cream socials, lunch box socials and picnics of the past.

There has been radical change in the structure of our society in just a generation or two. With divorces that leave some grandparents with little contact with their grandchildren, this day may be used to re-establish relations even if it is only with cards, photos and phone calls. Also, those not fortunate enough to have either grandparents or grandchildren may be brought together through visits that would benefit both age groups.

Please stop by the Brettun & Black Store Museum 2:30-4:30 on Saturdays or Sundays and pick up a free copy of the Historical Society's write-up called "History is Now". You'll receive ideas on how to preserve today's memories for future generations. A list of interview questions is also included to make gatherings a fun and valuable activity.

Ideals are like starts. You will not succeed in touching them with your hands; but like the seafaring man, you choose them as your guides, and, following them, you will reach your destiny.

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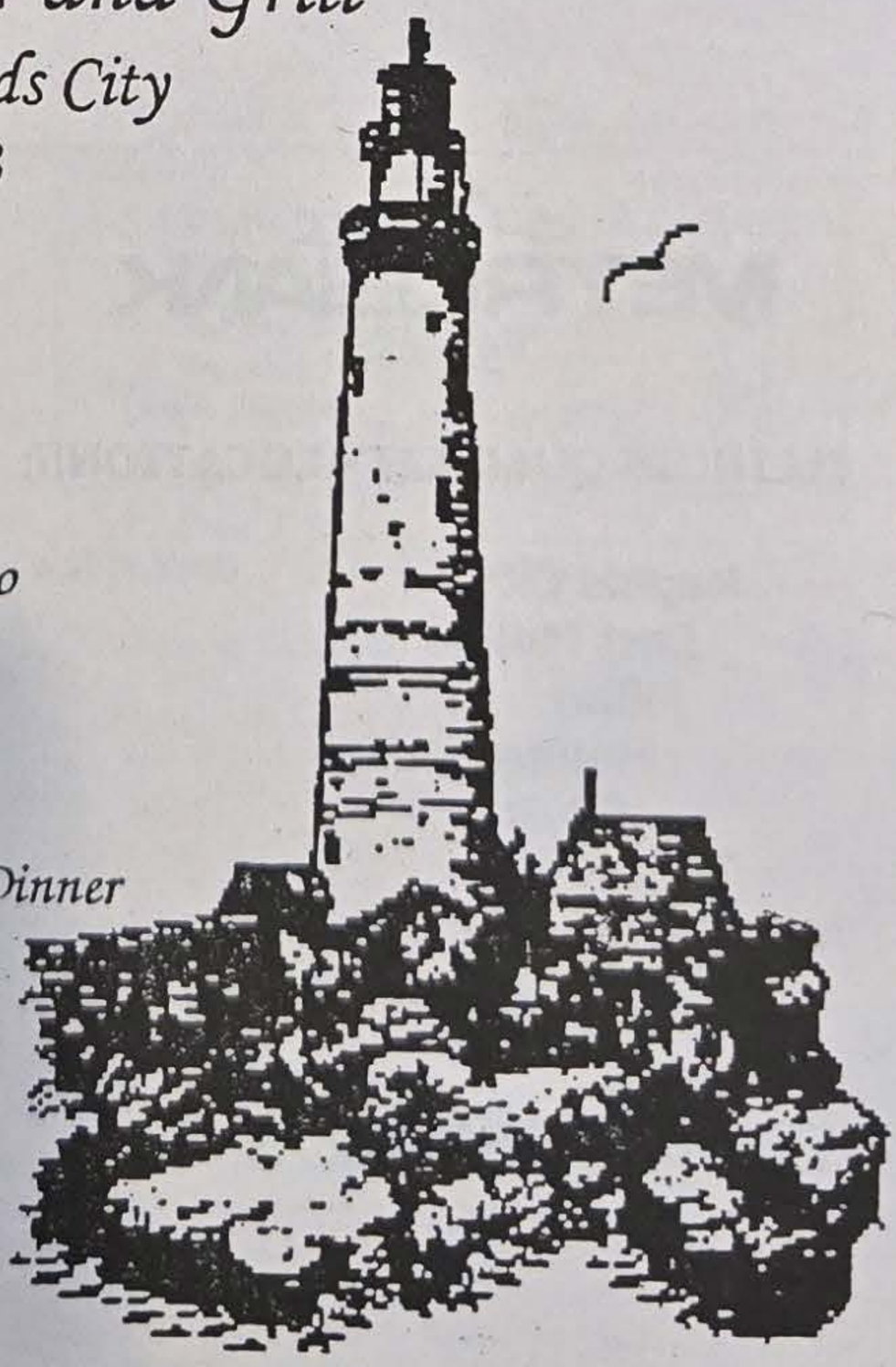
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Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

"The thoughts we choose to think are the tools we use to paint the canvas of our lives." Louise L. Hay, Author

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Fall is on the way so get those outdoor projects and inspections done before it is too late! (And the kids are around to help)

- Check wood decks and concrete patio and black-topped drives for possible deterioration. Patch and re-coat/paint these potentially problem areas while the weather is warm as winter will surely create a much larger job for you in the spring if left unattended.
- Take a close look at your windows and doors for proper sealing. If window sills are pitted and need paint. Do it now as cracks that develop can cause drafts and increase your heat bills during winter months. Make sure storm windows close tightly and locks work smoothly. (Did you know that on the new windows, you need to lock them to stop drafts? The lock pulls both upper and lower panes together tightly to fully engage the built-in weather stripping.)
- Clean out your garage NOW. Blow out the grass your mower has been dropping on the floor, start making room for all the summer tools you have been using and get the place in order while the weather is nice. Start your snow thrower and if you cannot get it started, take it to the repair shop NOW for a tune-up. Any tools that you are finished with for the season should be cleaned, sharpened and oiled before putting away for the season.
- Before you close up the house during cold weather, have your furnace checked. It's also wise to check all the hoses in your house: clothes washer, refrigerator, ice maker, dishwasher and gas lines feeding into ranges and gas fireplaces.
- Plant a little extra grass seed in thin or bare spots in your lawn. Now, do it right - rake up the dirt a little, put the seed down and rake dirt over the seed. Another quick way to get grass to grow is to get a bag of potting soil and mix lots of seed in the soil then just spread the mixture over the bare spots and water.
- Before school starts, wash, wax and inspect all bikes and bike helmets. Replace handlebar grips, broken pedals and properly inflate tires. Place names or identifying marks on the helmets and bikes. This should be done by ALL bike owners by Oct. 1.

TIP: Learning to take care of what you have instead of constantly replacing possessions is one of life's best lessons. Over a lifetime, it can save you thousands of dollars. Make children of all ages responsible for something within their scope. Teach them now, how to clean, repair and properly store what they have and the lesson will last a lifetime.

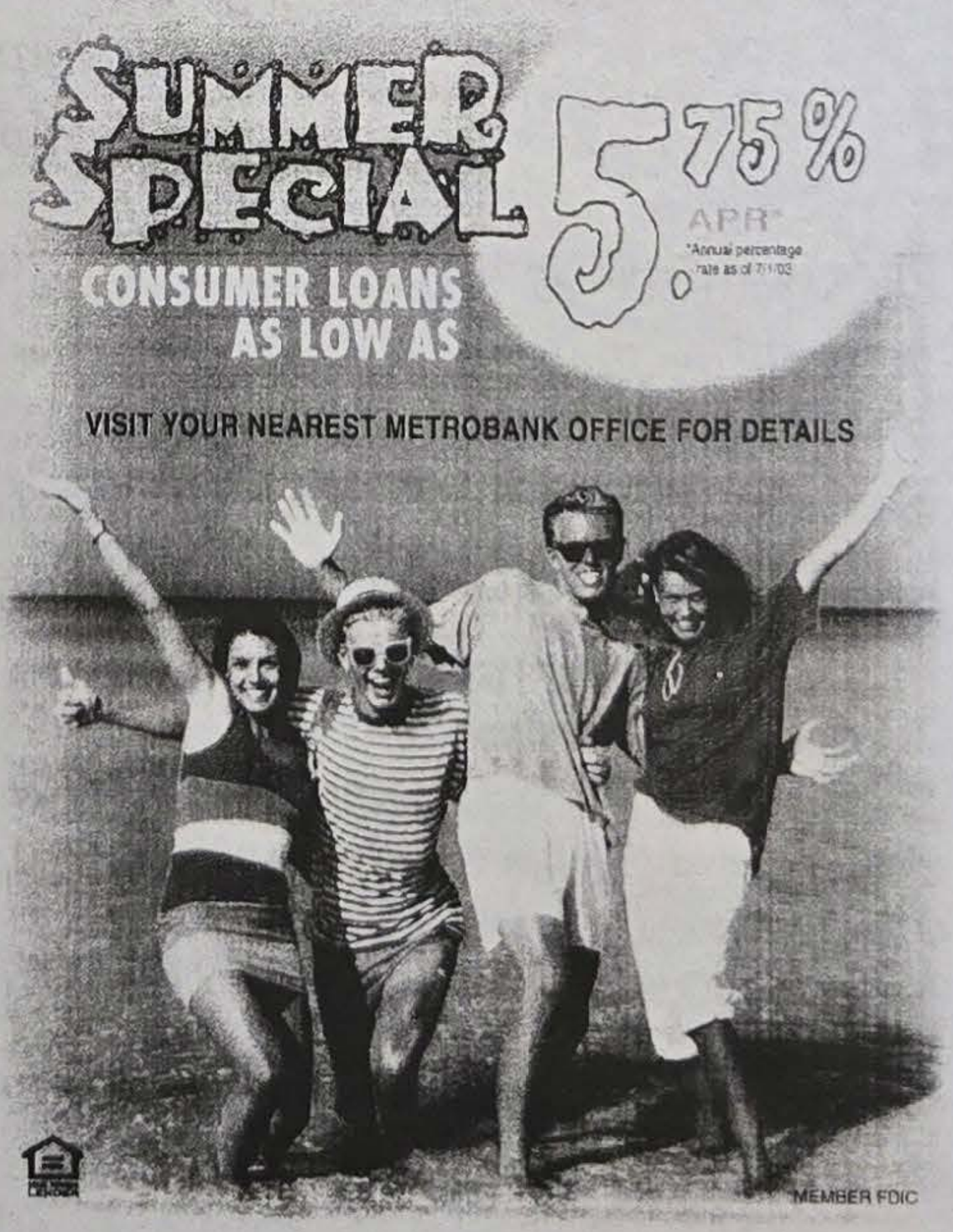
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The United States Achievement Academy named Jessica Larrison of Hampton, Illinois a United States National Award Winner in English. Jessica, who attended Hampton School was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Cook, a teacher at the school. Jessica will be in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, USAA winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement"

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified *sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection* set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Jessica is the daughter of Chris and JoEllyn Larrison and the granddaughter of John and Carolyn Larrison of Hampton and Jim and Sue Lemmon of Coal Valley, IL.

If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships - the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together in the same world at peace. Franklin D. Roosevelt

When a Death Makes the News

Submitted by F. D. Burton Phillips, Sullivan-Phillips Mortuary, Ltd.

There has been some confusion of late regarding paid vs. unpaid notices of death that appear in the newspaper. We thought it would be a community service to clear this up.

Typically, there are two ways the news of a death can appear in the newspaper. The first is a death notice, really a kind of free classified information. Under this arrangement, someone (often the funeral director) provides information about the deceased, his next of kin, etc. This is printed in small type on the obituary page and the newspaper does not charge for these.

If the family and friends would like greater detail and more personal and loving remarks, this is placed under an "In Memoriam" heading and is paid for by the family.

Newspapers also publish obituaries taking note of the passing of well-known citizens, from presidents to ordinary folks who have made a mark in the community. These are written by reporters just like regular news stories so there is no money involved. Typically, a newspaper makes its own judgments about whose passing is "newsworthy". However, it cannot hurt to call and let them know about the death of someone you think held a position of prominence. Unless the family asks otherwise, the funeral director sometimes makes this sort of call as well.

We hope this clears up the confusion. It is part of the service that we, as funeral directors provide to the community.

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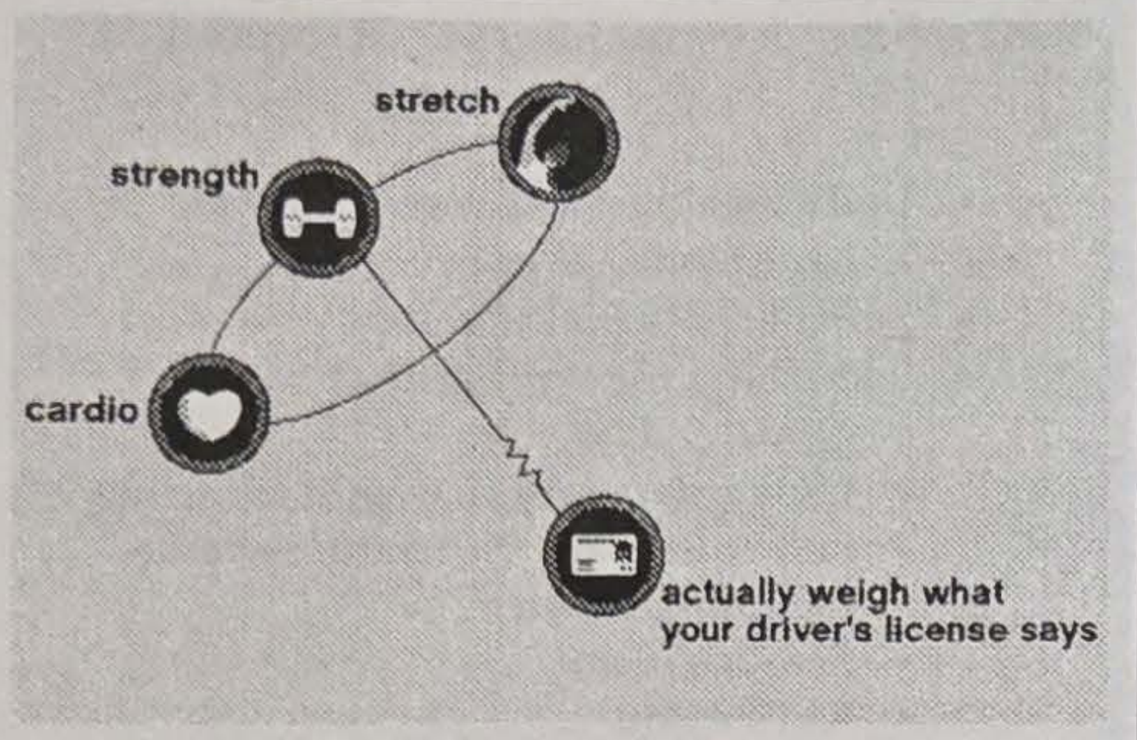
The Way it Was

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year! (May & October) Women always kept their hair covered while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs. The wigs couldn't be washed so to clean them, they could carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig." Today we often use the term "here comes the Big Wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board was folded down from the wall and used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Once in a while an invited guest would be offered to sit in this chair during a meal. (It was almost always a man). To sit-in the chair meant you were important and in charge. Sitting in the chair, one was called the "chair man." Today in business we use the expression/title "Chairman."

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Antique Expressions We Use Today

Needless to say, personal hygiene left much room for improvement in the 1700's. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told "mind your own bee's wax." Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile." Also, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt and therefore the expression "losing face."

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Ladies wore corsets which would lace up in the front. A tightly tied lace was worn by a proper and dignified lady as in "straight laced".

Adventure Quest of the Quad Cities and A Prairie Lodge

There is a 56 acre challenge awaiting you in north Rapids City. We say challenge because there are so many activities available that no one can come away from Adventure Quest without feeling that they have had a great time in the out of doors testing their skill, their luck, getting some educational exercise or just enjoying themselves.

There is no need to travel hours to find something new and exciting. Adventure Quest is easily reached off Rt. 84 by turning on 12th Street. Take 12th St. to 52nd and turn right onto 52nd. It's 3 miles to the entrance. An alternate route: take 5/88 (John Deer Road) past the QC Downs to former IL Rt. 2 (2nd exit past I-80 overpass). Turn left at the stop sign, take a left past the trailer park at Friedens Rd. and stay to your left for 2 miles.

Here are some of the activities to be found there:

Panning for real gems	400 & 800 ft. Zip Lines
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Paint Ball	Summer sleds & Mountain boards
Laser Tag	Nature/Environmental trails and tours

This fall come to the Haunted House, 3 Acre Corn Maze and travel on foot through the deepest, darkest trails in the Quad Cities!

There are picnic pavilions for rent for reunions where you'd like nearby activities for guests. For large (up to 400 guests) functions, there is the 8000 sq. ft. banquet facility called "A Prairie Lodge" with catering staff and planners that will work within your budget. Companies large or small may send their employees to spend a day at Adventure Quest participating in their "Team Challenge Course" designed to improve self confidence, create teamwork and leadership skills while improving physical fitness in a natural environment.

Through August 17th, there is a family special of $15.00 per person which includes a 400 ft. zip ride, panning for real gems, laser tag, inflatable games and a hot dog, pop and chips.

Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays Noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00-5:00 p.m. There are so many special packages and activities that visiting their web site is your best avenue of detailed information **or call 309/523-3619 or www.morrisco.com (details, photos, price lists & map)**

You get the oddest things off the Internet...

There is always interesting e-mail these days. Some funny, some patriotic and some like the following with helpful hints that claim to be gospel truth. Take these interesting hints with a grain of salt!

- Pam cooking spray will dry finger nail polish.
- Cool Whip will condition your hair in 15 minutes.
- Mayonnaise will kill lice AND condition your hair.
- For shiny hair, rinse with brewed Lipton Tea.
- For sunburn, soak in a tub of cool water mixed with a large jar of Nestea Instant ice tea powder.
- Spread minor burns with Colgate or Crest toothpaste
- Put sugar on a burned tongue
- Spray WD-40 then rub on arthritic joints AND to take the sting out of insect bites.
- For bee stings, apply Adolph's original meat tenderizer
- Apply Preparation H on chigger bites
- For paper cuts, apply Crazy Glue or Chap Stick
- Soak stinky feet in Jell-O
- Sprinkle cornstarch on athlete's feet
- Apply Vicks Vapor Rub to fungus infected toenails
- Fill detergent holder in your dishwasher with Kool Aid and run a cycle to clean dishwasher pipes.
- Spray a sticking bicycle chain or a snow shovel with Pam no-stick spray.

We have received pages more of these helpful hints so watch for more in the next issue

Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head and keeps pecking away until he finishes the job he starts.
Coleman Cox

Wind up your summer by attending these events



Saturday, August 23: Silvis Moonlight Parade and daylight activities. The Silvis Business Association is sponsoring this day-long event. An Arts & Crafts Fair will feature local talent downtown on 1st Avenue. Car lovers will enjoy the Silvis Cruise-in Car Show behind Franks Pizza. The moonlight parade will start at 9:00 p.m. and fireworks will follow. Come to Silvis and make the most of the warm weather.

The Annual Senior's Golf Cart Tours sponsored by *River Action and Genesis Health Systems* will take off on Thursday September 4th.

Tours will utilize existing river front trails and offer participants an opportunity to view a number of river front communities from an unusual perspective while their tour guide tells them about points of interest along the way. There are 5 different tours and golf carts limited so reservations are required by September 2nd. The fee for each 2 hour tour is $5.00. Senior citizens interested in participating should call 563-322-2969 or stop by the River Action office at 822 East River Drive in Davenport to register and for complete tour route information. (Tour #4 begins and ends at the east end of Ben Butterworth Parkway and travels through East Moline and Hampton to Rapids City with a stop at the Brettun & Black Museum. Tour #5 is the newest segment of the Great River Trail. It begins and ends at Shuler's Shady Grove at 11th Street in Rapids City and travels through Port Byron to Cordova).

Community Ice Cream Social hosted by Zion Lutheran Church Saturday, September 6th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church at 17628 Hubbard Road in East Moline offers you and your family a Tasty way to wind up your summer activities. Meals include: Sandwich, Chips, Beans, Beverage and a dessert of cake, pie and/or ice cream. (Ice Cream provided by Schwan Food Company. Adults $3.00, Children under 12 $1.50. Proceeds benefit Zion's Youth Group and Little Lambs Preschool. We will also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of Little Lambs Preschool.



Wednesday, September 17: Historical Society Annual Membership Banquet at the Hampton Methodist Fellowship Hall on 4th Street and Second Avenue. The Society is becoming more active in many areas as well as in preparation for 2004 Grand Excursion Events that will be a year long celebration of the towns and villages in the Upper Mississippi River Region. The Society is responsible for preserving and making available to all, the pioneer, cultural, and commercial history of the Hampton area. For any interested in joining this group, please call Rocky Nelson, President at 755-0362. Families, individuals and students are welcome.



Saturday, September 20: Hampton's Annual Apple Festival. The Hampton Historical Society will be sponsoring the Annual Apple Festival at the Brettun & Black Museum from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This year, the Festival will be expanded again with more photo boards so bring your cameras.

*******The Society is looking for additional volunteers to join the fun, monitor games and act as cashiers for refreshments. If you are interested call Jane Cady at 752-0627 or Bev Coder at 755-6265. The more volunteers we have, the more games and activities we will be able to offer. We hope to add face painting, several apple-involved games and story tellers. We would also like to have talented singers volunteer to perform. Come be part of the fun and meet everyone in town as well as many former residents that always come back for this event.**

"We've always done it that way" From the Internet

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4', 8.5". That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used?

Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US Railroads.

Why did the English build them like that?

Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then?

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that spacing.

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads?

Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads?

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

*The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot....*And bureaucracies live forever.

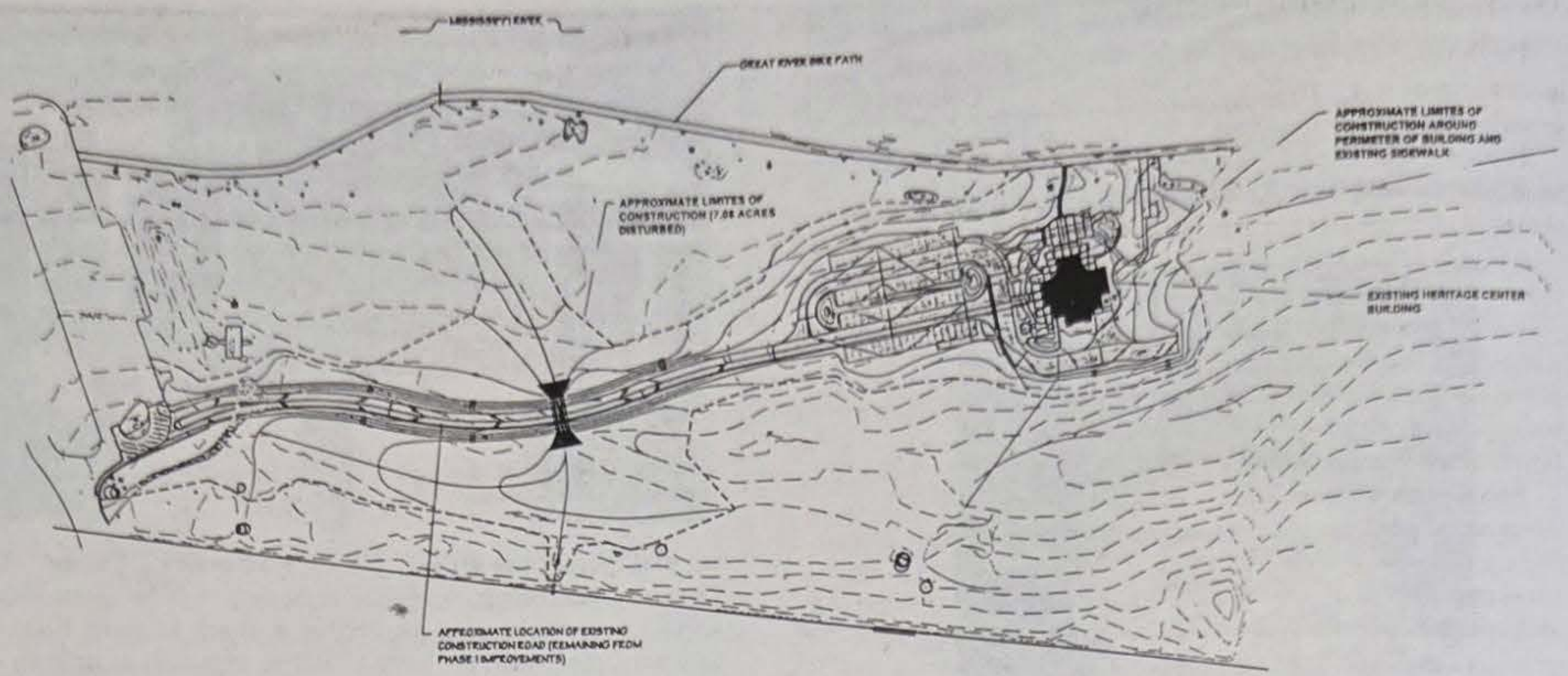
So the next time you are handed a specification and told "we have always done it that way" and wonder what horse's behind came up with that, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

Now the twist to the story...

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site.

The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a Horse's behind.



Heritage Park News

There was a pre-construction meeting for Phase 2 work (exterior) on August 4th. The purpose of the flurry of recent meetings is to try and coordinate the efforts of construction companies, electricians, installers, deliveries of materials and to cover all the bases with the proper permits and plan approvals from government agencies. Anyone that has ever dealt with the building trades and construction know that nothing goes according to schedules regardless of contracts or the best efforts of everyone involved! As much as we all would like to see the Center open, we are at the mercy of all the parties involved as well as the weather.

Above is a preliminary drawing of the proposed road and parking lot. However, roads and parking lots are not the entire project. The park itself must be contoured to accommodate the memorial garden, a bio-swale and the proper drainage of storm water away from the building and toward the river per EPA regulations.

River Action who has already donated $10,000 to the Center, told the board they were giving another $12,000 to the bio-swale project they designed and will be installing. A bio-swale is a natural way for the environment to clean water before it enters the river.

The park will include a wetland and sections will be planted with prairie grasses that once grew in this area naturally. Boulders will be moved as part of the landscaping, top soil rolled and grass seed planted. During all these sub-projects, the area must be kept clean and free of debris that might pollute the site. The lighting questions are scheduled for discussion on August 13th.

When the landscaping begins you will be able to sponsor trees and specific shrubbery as memorials and as tax deductible donations to the park. Also, Laser etched bricks for the memorial garden are still available for business, organizations or individuals to order from the Village Hall. Each brick is a $50.00 tax deductible donation. Heritage Cookbooks are also available at the Hall for $15.00.

The Gelande family will be donating the US flag pole and a plaque for the Center. Mid American Energy is donating the lighting for the entrance road and have offered to do the parking lot as well at no cost to the Village. Two other poles are planned for the State and Hampton flags and donors are being sought for those poles. Despite previous newspaper article reports, no date has been set for the grand opening of the Heritage Center. Negotiations are underway with Aaron Nutt of 833 First Avenue who has expressed his wish to donate a large amount of western and Native American artifacts for display in the Heritage Center. Aaron would set up the display as an Eagle Scout Project.

During the construction phase, the bike path will be open but should be used with caution because of nearby earth moving equipment. Dog owners must leash their dogs and keep them at heel during this phase of the project. The Village cannot be responsible for the safety of people, pets or unaccompanied children that enter the dangerous, fenced construction areas off the bike path.

"I try to do the right thing at the right time. They may just be little things, but usually they make the difference between winning and loosing."
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Other Village Board Notes

Public Safety Departments: All the parts for the new fire truck have been received. First Responder classes are being scheduled.
Public Works: The water tower was struck by lightning and the telemetry system shorted out. The water levels were maintained using a manual system so no residents were inconvenienced.
IDOT contacted the railroad about the weeds along the tracks. and they have since killed them (the weeds) with a spray.
Streets & Alleys: August 8th, long awaited work on the drains and intersections on 2nd avenue began. This project is scheduled to inconvenience the residents for only a few days.
Other Issues: Builder Russell Boore had his request for rezoning refused. He wanted to build 6 condo units in three 2-unit buildings on three lots at the corner of 4th Street and 3rd Avenue. Revised plans have been submitted to build two quality single family homes. Each 1,200 to 1,300 Sq. ft. home will be 3 bedrooms with basements and garages. It is anticipated that this revised plan will be approved and the building permit fees waived for these new homes.

EARLY NOTICE!

The fall Hampton-Wide Yard Sale will take place on October 3rd and 4th. OK Hampton residents, you have probably read the editorial in this issue advising everyone to clean-out, clean-up, organize and simplify their homes. Take advantage of this popular yard sale event to ease your budget and relieve your over-crowded storage space. **Start evaluating and setting items aside NOW!**

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Sports Trivia

Auto Racing: The first stock-car race was held in 1900; the first race at Indianapolis Speedway was held in 1911.
Basketball: Invented in 1891 by James Naismith of the Springfield, Massachusetts, YMCA. The First tour of the Harlem Globe Trotters was in 1927.
Bicycle Racing: The first recorded contest was in Springfield, MA in 1883. The 1st Tour de France 3,000 mile race, was held in 1903.
Bowling: Began in Egypt in the 6th century B.C. but was brought to America by the Dutch in the 17th century.
Football: The first official game, Princeton vs Rutgers, occurred in 1869. Walter Camp, the Yale and Stanford coach is known as the father of today's game which was derived from soccer and rugby.
Golf: Originated in Scotland in the 15th century. It was outlawed for many years because it interfered with army archery practice.
Handball: Originated in Ireland in the 10th century.
Ice Skating: First US skating club formed in Philadelphia in 1849. Figure skating was introduced in Vienna by Jackson Haines, an American in 1864.

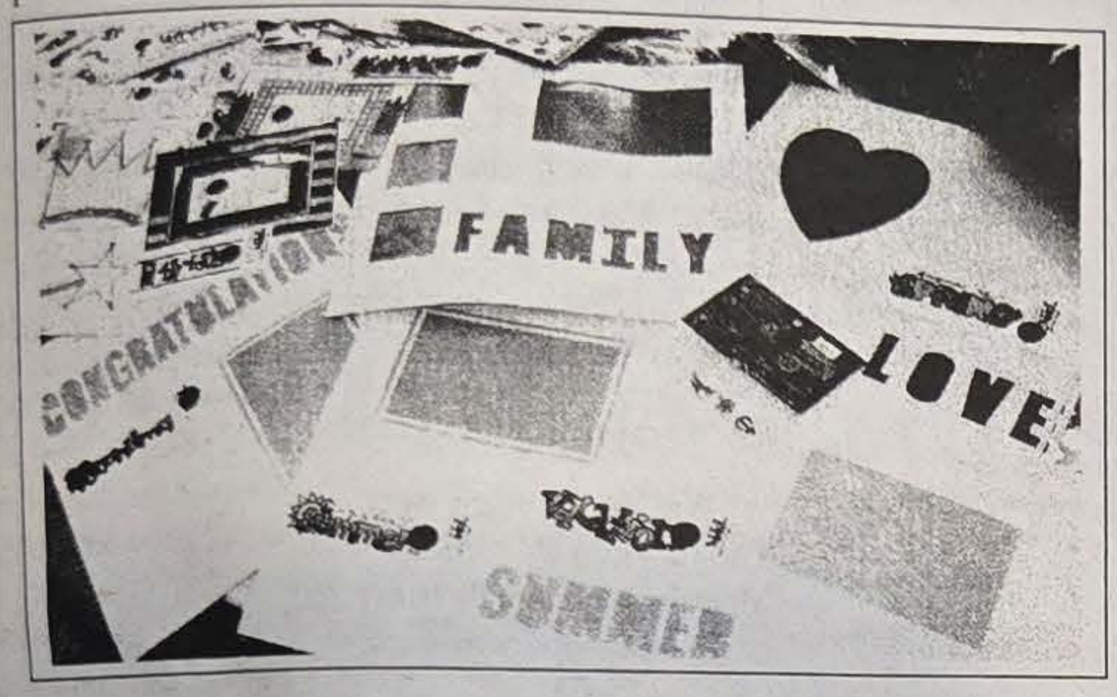
Today's Fastest Growing Hobby

The hobby known as "scrapbooking" is a natural outgrowth of increased photography using digital equipment plus interest in genealogy and preserving family histories using acid free supplies.

Truth be told, scrapbooking is very popular among those that have little training in creating original artwork but have organizing skills and creative minds. This hobby has something for everyone.

Forget all preconceived ideas associated with scrapbooks done on cheap, pulpy paper or pasting memorabilia with tape or those pointed photo corners. Modern scrapbooks using decorative, acid free papers that become showpieces while preserving photographs and documents. Creating display pages for a book or for framed wall decor, scrapbooking is an absorbing and useful hobby. Here's how the basic process works:

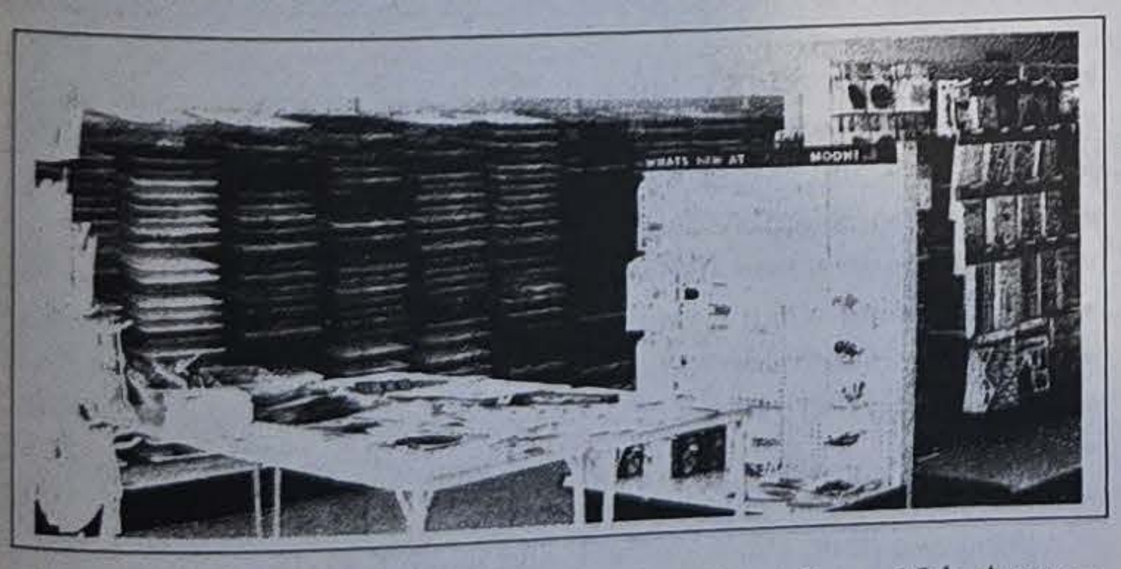
Begin with a plain or patterned sheet of acid free paper, a selection of photographs, letters and small documents. Now the fun begins. Choose a theme then select from hundreds of pre-printed accessory pieces to create the display. Those accessories include stickers, die-cut drawings and paper shapes, decorative strips, punches and even 3-D ornaments and small frames.



The challenge is one of choosing the best accessories and assembling them into a unique presentation suitable for passing *along to* future generations. Every birthday, wedding, anniversary, graduation *and* party becomes a topic to immortalize via scrapbooking. Keep the pages for your own collection or give them as gifts.

First example: Vacation photos, ticket stubs and tourist pamphlets from your Caribbean Cruise. Start your layout on a background sheet printed to look like ocean water. Frame your keepsakes with sand dollars, starfish and nautical designs. Did you bring back a bit of sand? Add a scenic background photo covered by the a 3-D shaker box that will hold and identify the origin of your sand for generations.

Another example is to collect photographs of one person from infancy to the present. Label a page or two with the person's name (yes, precut letters are readily available). Surround the photos of the person with things that interested them at the stage of their life pictures. Baby toys, pets, then, school and sports items, military service, marriage, and holidays. Lead a future generation through a lifetime with visual clues to the character of the person in the photographs. (These pages are especially important for a grandchild who has not had a chance to know their grandparents).



This article was inspired after visiting one of our 15th Avenue, East Moline advertiser, Blue Moon Crafts. We noticed changes in the store so went in to talk to the enthusiastic store owner, Teresa Moon. She has been converting her store into the most reasonably priced scrapbooking supply outlet in the QCA. Not only did she start stocking the very latest accessories, she has created a work room where her customers can work uninterrupted and trade the latest ideas on layouts, displaying pages or using scrapbooking techniques to make unusual items.

September 8-13, Blue Moon will be holding their grand opening as the best scrapbooking supply outlet in the area. Prizes, contests and specials will be offered then but browse the store now and you'll find they really are the lowest in the area. Bring your ideas for a new name for the store too. See the Blue Moon ad in this issue for location details.

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More Sports Trivia

Roller Skating. Developed in Holland in the 18th century as a warm-weather substitute for canal skating.

Rugby: Probably originated at Rugby School, England during a soccer game in 1823. A frustrated player snatched the ball and ran with it.

Skiing: Developed as a means of transportation in the 4th century B.C. Skiing became a "sport" in the 19th century. In 1924, the Federation Internationale de Ski was formed and the first winter Olympics held.

Soft Ball: Developed in Chicago in 1888. It was originally called "kitten" or "mush" ball.

Squash Racquet: Devised in the Harrow School, England in the 1850's and reached the US in the 1880's.

Surfing: The Oldest American sport, it originated in the Hawaiian Islands. Surfing reached the US mainland in the 1920's.

Swimming: The first English competition was held about 1837. The English Channel was first swum in 1875. The Australian Crawl was introduced in the 1890's. Fancy diving began in Sweden and Germany in the 17th century.

Tennis: Began in its present form in the 1870's. The first Wimbledon Championship was in 1877, first Davis Cup in 1900.

Water Skiing: Developed in southern France and Minnesota in the 1920's.

Illinois Newspaper Project

Locating, identifying and microfilming local newspapers in public or private collections as a primary source is the project's objective. It is funded by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and is part of a larger, national program administered through the Library of Congress. The data base created will allow researchers to find material all over the country. The U of I at Urbana-Champaign Library is Illinois' base for the project. Project personnel will be in the area in August & September.

Contact the Crier about QC newspapers from the past, especially if you know where collections may be located. We will pass the information along to the project.

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Plan Ahead Community Calendar

AUGUST, 2003

16 & 17 Family Heritage Days. Brettun & Black Museum, Hampton 2:30-4:30
18 Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM. Village Hall
19 Hampton Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
First half day of School Dismissal 11:30 AM- Hampton School
20 First full day of School-Hampton
23 Silvis Moonlight Parade Day
24 Port Byron's 175th Founder's Day Celebration
26 Women's Equality Day. 19th Amendment passed 1920

SEPTEMBER, 2003

1 Labor Day. National Holiday - No School
2 Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM. Village Hall
3 Celebrate Treaty of Paris signing 1783 which formally ended our Revolutionary War
8 Last day to submit items for next issue of the Crier
Hampton School Board Meeting. 6:30PM at School
15 Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM. Village Hall
16 Hampton Fire Dept. Business meeting 7PM. Hampton Firehouse
17 Citizenship Day. (US Constitution approved by Philadelphia. PA Convention in 1787
Hampton Historical Society Banquet 6:30 PM. Location TBA
18 Fire/Rescue Auxiliary Meeting 6:30PM. Hampton Firehouse
20 Annual Apple Festival 1-4:00PM at Brettun & Black Museum
22 & 23 ITBS Testing-Hampton School

OCTOBER, 2003

3 & 4 Hampton-Wide Yard Sale 8:00AM to ?
6 Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM. Village Hall
13 Hampton School Board Meeting. 6:30PM at School
Columbus Day-No School in Hampton
15 Early Dismissal 11:30 AM-Hampton School Improvement
17 End of 1st. Quarter-Hampton School
20 Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM. Village Hall
21 Fire Department Business Meeting. Hampton Firehouse 7PM
22 & 23 Hampton School ½ Day attendance - Parent/Teacher Conferences
23 Fire/Rescue Auxiliary meeting 6:30PM. Hampton Firehouse
31 Halloween Parade. 1:00 in Hampton

Common entertainment includes playing cards. However, long ago, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the "ace of spades." To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."

THE DEATH OF MR. CIGARETTE

The Day was a sad one
So Full of gloom,
The Hearts of many
Had a feeling of doom.

To some it was the
Death of a friend,
One that they clung to
Right to the end.

The funeral place was
Hung in somber array,
Mr. Cigarette was laid out
In a smokeless ask tray.

Over on the left I saw
The pipe family there;
The clays, corn cobs, meerschaums
Together, dressed with care.

Looking around some more I saw
The best of the Cigar clan;
White Owl, Dutch Masters, Muriels
Garcia Vega and El Roi Tan.

When it came to Cigarettes
They were there in force.
I tried to name the various brands
But it was difficult, of course.

Way in the back were
The tobacco Boys, Red Man
Copenhagen, Mr. Peerless and
Prince Albert in a can.

Then came the eulogy by
The Marlboro Man.
It was just beautiful
Till his coughing began.

Yes, it was a sad day and
From many I heard,
"Ol Cig was a good buy
Till the world got the word."

So if from this any
Lesson you learn
Let it not be
BURN BABY BURN!

By Franciska Rasmussen

If Dogs Were Teachers

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure joy.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout, run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

And MOST of all...

- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle.

Labor Day - A Most Unusual Holiday

The actual founder of Labor Day has been in dispute for years. It could have been Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor. Others claim Matthew Maguire, a machinist who later became secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of machinists in Paterson, New Jersey came up with the idea. Regardless of the founder, this unusual holiday has been celebrated for well over 100 years.

Samuel Gompers, founder and long time president of the American Federation of Labor described this holiday best. "Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country. All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race or nation." As a creation of the labor movement this holiday is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It is a yearly national tribute to the contributions of workers that have made the strength, prosperity and well being of our country envied by the entire world.

Like most holidays, Labor Day started in one small area, spread to other states and finally was formalized by state legislation until it was declared a national holiday. New York City, as part of their Central Labor Union held the first celebration on Tuesday, September 5, 1882. By 1884, the first Monday in September was selected for the event by the Central Labor Union but they started recommending that numerous other unions also take up the "workingmen's holiday". The idea was readily accepted.

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. The first state bill was introduced in the New York legislature but the first to become a law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. Numerous other states with industrial centers quickly adopted the observance as labor unions were formed throughout the country.

Street parades to exhibit the "esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" were followed by festivals for the benefit of workers and their families. Of course, they also provided the perfect opportunity for organizers and local politicians to deliver speeches promoting their local objectives. As radio and television altered the nation, it also altered the Labor Day celebration. Designating a Monday insured a three day weekend which allows travel and final good weather activities. The speeches are broadcast but workers need not be present so are free to commemorate as they please.

While you take September 1st off this year, remember that this is a holiday like no other in the world. We are celebrating ourselves as a nation, our collective achievements and giving thanks for the freedoms that made them possible.

"You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take."
Wayne Gretzky, Hockey Player

A GOOD PUN IS ITS OWN REWORD

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
Reading while sunbathing makes you well-red.
When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
What's the definition of a will? (Come on, it's a dead giveaway!)
A backward poet writes inverse.
In a democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
If you don't pay your exxorcist, you get repossessed.
When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
Every calendar's days are numbered.
A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
A plateau is a high form of flattery.
The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
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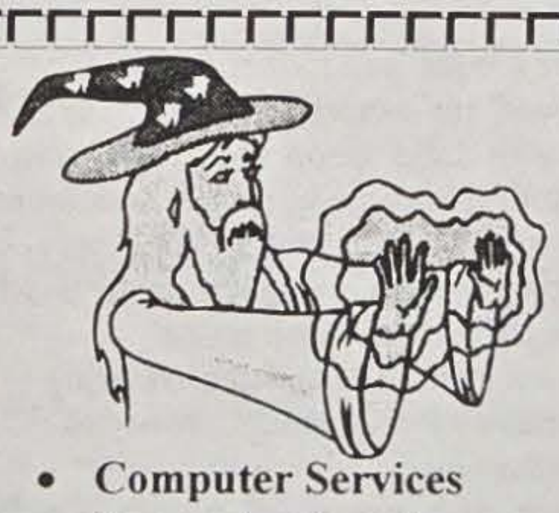
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Wood You Like to Know?

By Ken Pfau of K&D Woodworks of Hampton

When a homeowner first begins pricing their plans for kitchen remodeling they are often so discouraged they decide to live with a bad situation. This is not always necessary because new techniques in cabinet refacing can economically update a kitchen.

Once serviceable but outdated cabinets that are too dark, too light or have an unwanted door style can be transformed without the expense of totally replacing cabinets, only refacing them. The following process is applied to existing units as long as they are solid and in good shape.

A ¼" plywood "skin" is applied to the face frames and sides of existing cabinets with solid wood on exposed corners. Drawer fronts and doors are replaced with solid wood doors and drawer fronts. To further customize your remodeling project, additional decorative mouldings that are crafted from solid wood may be added. When the project is complete, your original cabinets will have a clean, updated look in a style that suits your decor.

Depending on the number of cabinets to be updated, refacing instead of totally replacing cabinets may save enough money to afford new sinks, countertops or flooring.

Whether remodeling for your own use or in preparation for market-ing a home, consider updating the kitchen with a "Reface Lift" as part of your initial planning.

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Sophia Loren, Actress

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A Good Story, a Good Idea

A plumber was hired to help a man restore an old farmhouse and he had a really rough first day on the job. First, a flat tire made him lose an hour of work then, his electric drill quit and when the day was over, his ancient one-ton truck refused to start.

His employer drove the man home and was invited in to meet his family so they could thank him for his kindness. As both men walked toward the front door, the plumber paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. Upon opening the door of his house, the plumber had undergone an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss before everyone sat down for a cool drink and a brief conversation.

Afterward, when the two men walked out to the employer's car, they passed the tree and the employer's curiosity got the better of him. He asked the Plumber about what he had seen him do.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So, I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then, in the morning I pick them up again. Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

If you have no tree, a bush will do, if no bush is handy, put up a symbolic coat hook by the door as a reminder to keep negatives out of your home.

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what was considered important to the people. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs and bars who were told to "go sip some ale" and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. "you go sip here" and "you go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and thus, we have the term "gossip."

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Bottle Caps: To keep caps of glue or nail polish containers from sticking, coat the screw threads inside the cap with soap.
Broken glass: Pick up bits and pieces safely, rub a damp bar of soap over the area where glass has splintered. Shave off the surface of the soap to which the glass has adhered, wrap shavings in newspaper and discard.
Buttonholes: To prevent buttonholes from raveling in sheer material, rub the area with moist soap and allow to dry before cutting. Before cutting buttonholes with a razor blade, place a bar of soap under the fabric to save the table surface.
Candles: To prevent candles from smoking and make them last longer, coat with soapsuds by rolling them between well-lathered hands. Don't touch the wicks. Let them dry before lighting.
Drawers: To make drawers slide more smoothly and quietly, rub both sides and the underside with soap.
Fingernails: To prevent dirt from outlining the inside of your nails when working outdoors, scrape them first over moist soap to fill the space between nail and skin.
Hinges: To stop hinges from squeaking, wedge moist soap between the frame and the hinge, work the door back and forth; also rub soap directly into the hinge.
Hose and inner tube leaks: To locate a leak, apply soapsuds to the surface. Telltale bubbles will reveal the leak.
Locks: To loosen a stiff door lock, lubricate the key by rubbing it with soap.
Machine stitching: To run plastic material smoothly through a sewing machine, rub dry soap under the pressure foot before stitching. To machine stitch smoothly such heavy fabrics as canvas, duck or denim, first rub soap along the seam lines.
Mirror Steaming: To prevent a bathroom mirror from steaming over, rub it with soap and then polish it.
Nails & Screws: Plunge them into a bar of soap so they'll go into wood or plaster easily.
Odors: To prevent musty odors, store unwrapped soap in drawers, closets and empty suitcases until needed.
Paint splashes: To protect windowpanes, doorknobs, hardware, glass doors and switch plates when painting, coat them with soap or heavy soap suds. The paint splatters will settle on the suds and both can be washed away together.

Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

Well July has been a lovely month, I only hope August will be the same. I used to dread August because it was always hot and before we had central air, my kitchen was not air-conditioned. August is always the month when canning is in full swing. We still do some – we always do apple butter, when we peel the apples for dumplings (The Apple Festival is September 20 at Black's Store 1-4 p.m.). In fact we are in the process of doing that right now. Also if I get cucumbers I make several kinds of pickles. If some one gives me peppers I do pickled peppers. Cliff Coder has been known to leave a sack or two on my porch of cucumbers and peppers. Harold Newberg also contributed several sacks last year. I also bought some lovely cucumbers from Eugene Mohr and have some ordered for next Tuesday. He is very generous and the price is right. Rock, my husband, usually manages to make 30 or 40 pints of tomato juice. Now I bet some of you are saying: "Canning, what is that?"

I found a very interesting article on the history of canning in the "History Magazine" for September written by Jeff Chapman. You may not recognize it, but November 30, 1858 is among the most widely reproduced dates in all of human history. Long prior to that date, people had sought efficient methods to preserve food and keep it from spoiling. Drying, smoking, and salting were the only effective methods until Frenchman Nicolas Appert's 1810 discovery of a technique for preserving certain foods in hermetically sealed glass containers. This happened because Napoleon needed a safe way to preserve food for his Army. In the same year, Englishman Peter Durand patented a design for preserving foods in sealed iron and tin cans. Unfortunately both methods were complex and better suited to industry than to home use.

The world of food preservation changed in 1858, when 26 year old New York tinsmith, John Landis Mason filed a patent for an "Improvement to Screw-Neck- Bottles". The patent described a mold for a thick glass jar that could be sealed by simply screwing a metal cap onto the jar's specially threaded neck without any need for soldering. One of his big competitors was the Ball Brother's Co. who first introduced the first fully automatic jar manufacturing machines. The first color was amber, then light green and a darker blue green , then last the clear glass. Next step was the more sanitary two piece lid. Mason and Ball jars are highly collectible. You may see many of these jars on the shelves at the Brettun & Black store museum on First avenue, Hampton.

Here are a few recipes of the things I can each summer. However, I now use Ball mix for pickles. You need to be so careful of additives to salt and water that it sometimes makes it impossible to get a nice crisp pickle. I have best luck with Bread and Butter and Zucchini pickles.



ZUCCHINI PICKLES

3 lbs medium zucchini
¼ c pickling salt
2 c sugar
1 t celery seed
½ t pickling salt
2 small onions
3 c cider vinegar
2 t mustard seed
1 t turmeric

Wash zucchini and slice as thin as possible, also the onion. Place both in a large bowl cover with ice water and sprinkle with the ¼ c pickling salt. Mix well and cover and let stand for 2 hours. Drain well. In a 6-8 Qt saucepan, combine zucchini mixture with all remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil over medium high heat, and stir occasionally Boil about 5 minutes. Stir often to prevent sticking. Put into hot pint jars leave ½ in space. Run a plastic knife down the side of the jar to get excess air out. Seal and process in a hot boiling water bath 15 min. Should make 4 pints.

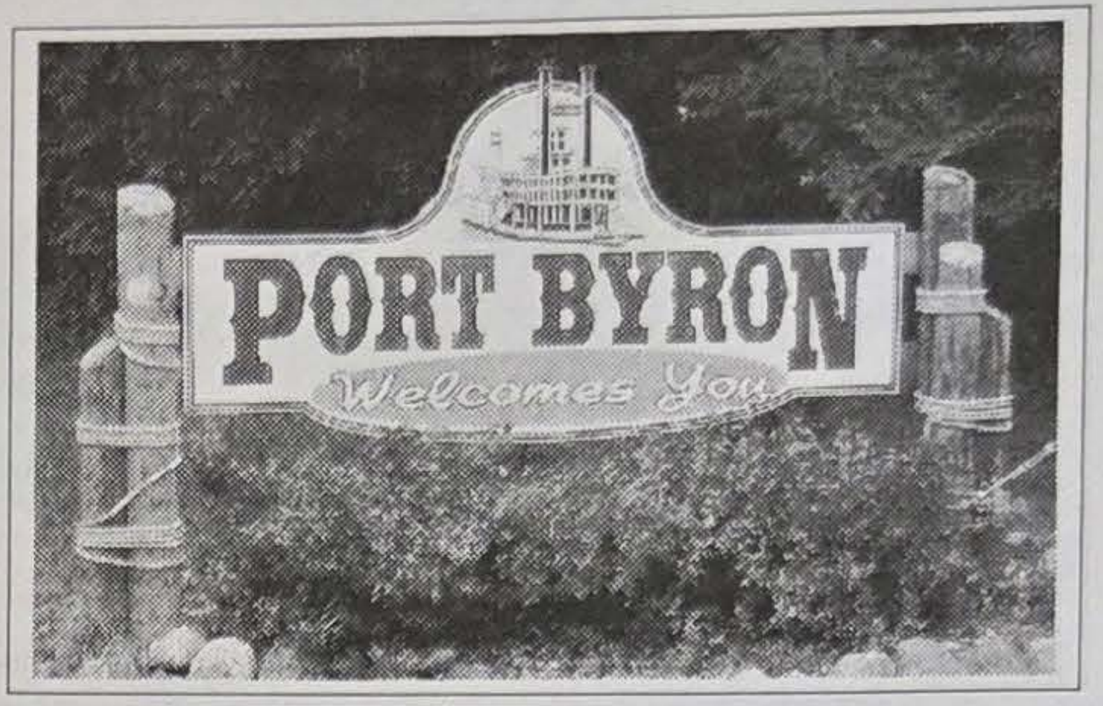
PICKLED PEPPERS (This is Mrs. Ivy Cox's recipe.)

2 quarts water
1 t salt per quart
1 quart vinegar
Peppers enough to fill 4-6 pint jars*

Cut peppers in quarters and pack into hot, sterile jars. Pour the hot liquid over the peppers and seal jars. I would process for 5 min.
* If you have brine left over, keep it in a sealed jar in the refrigerator until you have more peppers, just heat the brine and use as above. Use peppers of different colors or add hot peppers for additional flavor. These peppers are great toppers for sandwiches.

I have several other recipes. I have one for Bread and Butter Pickles but I have been using the one on the Ball mix. When we make tomato juice we use onion , celery and green pepper. It tastes a little like V-8. We really like it in Chili. I also use a mix for salsa, spaghetti sauce and pizza sauce. Since we don't have a garden anymore I usually don't have enough tomatoes to do this. Well I hope you all try your hand at canning. I should have about 30 jars of apple butter to can this evening.

Port Byron Invites You to Celebrate on August 24th



To celebrate Port Byron's founding 175 years ago, a day full of activities is planned. All the local churches will participate in services followed by an "I Love My Car" show, a picnic, live music, a civil war reenactment, a salute by the Legion, children's games and craft shows.

A special cemetery tour will be given by Dean Jensen or you might like to take a self-guided house tour or a carriage ride. Throughout the day, displays will be featured of Port Byron Historical Society collections, paintings and products by local artists

Bring your lawn chair and picnic lunch and plan on spending the day with your friends, neighbors and guests on the banks of he mighty Mississippi.

Blood is the Heart of the Matter

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center has been selected as one of 13 test sites to conduct West Nile Virus (WNV) clinical trials this summer, utilizing the Roche Diagnostics TaqScreen system. Testing began on June 23rd. This test detects the presence of the virus rather than waits for the body's immune system to respond and produce measurable evidence of infection.

MVRBC is participating in this clinical trial because transfusion -related WNV occurred in 23 of 4,000 cases during last year's epidemic, and there is concern WNV activity will be extensive during the 2003 mosquito season.

WNV is a mosquito-borne flavivirus, which infected about 600,000 people during 2002. Less than 1% of those infections were associated with serious illness. The testing will identify the presence of WNV before blood is used in a transfusion.

Local Blood Drive Schedule:

Aug. 16: Rotary at St. John's Catholic, **Rapids City** 7-11 am
Aug. 23: Zion Lutheran, **Hampton/E.M.** 8-11:00 am
Aug. 30: Fire Station, Morton Dr., **East Moline** 10:00-1:00 p.m.
Sept. 2: Fire Station, **Carbon Cliff** 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Sept. 10: **Cordova** Power Plant-Public welcome, 9 am-3:30 p.m.

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The husband said, " You are in charge of the cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No you should do it, and besides it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, " I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and shows him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says .....

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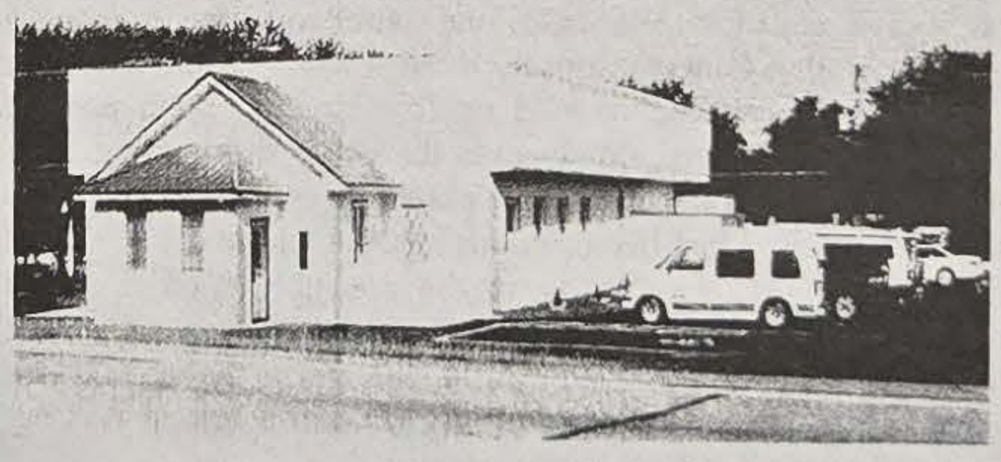
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The New Horizon Restaurant is a Welcome Addition to Hampton

Mid-July saw the long awaited opening of a new restaurant in Hampton. Years ago, just off Rt. 84 at 4th Street in Hampton we lost our only full service restaurant to fire. For years, the empty parking lot remained a constant reminder of the loss. In late 2002, plans were drawn up and building began on a new place but the progress was much too slow for the local residents.

During the building process a LeClaire, Iowa resident, Zoro Saliu drove through Hampton and spotted the building and it's "For Sale" sign. Mr. Saliu, who has owned or operated restaurants in DeWitt and Maquoketa, Iowa in the past decided to purchase the building from the former lot owners/builders and set up his own place. Rather than establish a specialty place with a limited menu, the new Horizon Family Restaurant opened with a full, reasonably priced menu offering items for breakfast, lunch or dinner plus a varied dessert case. Even if you come in alone, you'll be among friends as Mr. Saliu employs about 20 local people at the Horizon.



The open floor plan with flexible seating can accommodate groups in their smoking or non-smoking sections so the Horizon has become a popular place to meet friends for a "sit down" meal.

The kitchen produces fresh home-made style meals and two different soups each day. When you walk in, there is a board listing the day's special entrees and starting the first week of August, there will also be breakfast specials every day. Fridays and Saturdays, Prime Rib is on the menu and Friday also offers you all-you-can-eat fish.

The Horizon will be open for the Labor Day Holiday so make it a part of your weekend plans with friends and family.

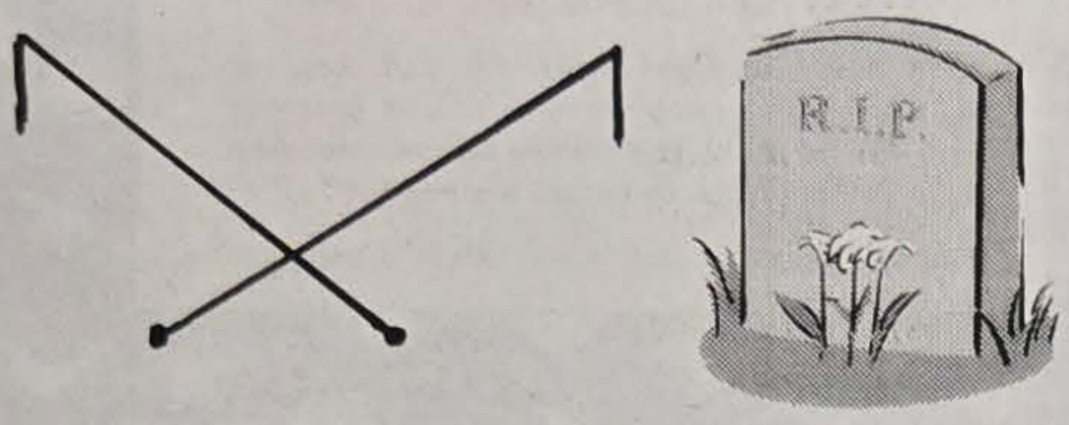
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Grave Witching

By Rocky Nelson

I have always been a skeptical person. Growing up I was always questioning things most people accepted on faith. Perhaps that is why I majored in chemistry and mathematics, fields where skepticism is an asset. My skeptical nature had a severe test recently. It happened at (of all places) a genealogical society meeting.

Jane and I are members of the Black Hawk Genealogical Society of Rock Island-Mercer County. Our July meeting was held at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Rock Island and the subject was "Grave Witching". I wasn't exactly sure what that was but it didn't sound like something I would buy into.

It turns out that "grave witching" is the technique of finding the location of a grave using the same method that is sometimes used to find water, sometimes called "dowsing". This didn't reassure me because when I was a kid, a neighbor hired one of those to find where to dig a well. They dug where he said and guess what? No water. He came back and dowsed again and found another spot. They dug another well. No water. They finally drilled a deep well in a different spot. I was prepared for something like this to happen on our grave search. We held one wire rod (made from a straightened clothes hanger) loosely in each hand. They had right angle bends near one end to hold on to. Holding them pointed straight ahead you walked slowly over the grave site holding them parallel to the ground and when you passed over a grave the wires crossed each other. I had been anxious to try it and to my complete surprise, it worked! Everybody in the assembly tried it and it worked for all of them. We were told if you held only one rod it would turn to the right if the body was a man and to the left if it was a woman. Trying it, it worked but the direction it turned was not always as that indicated on the grave marker.

The next night we were talking to our neighbors Marshall and Bobbie Beals. Marshall was like me. He scoffed at the idea. We all piled in my car and went up to Hampton Cemetery and Marshall became convinced, as I had been, that the thing worked. The next night James, the Beals' son was over and we did the same thing with him, and he came away admitting that it worked, which shows that even a West Point graduate can be convinced. We fooled around "witching" around the neighborhood. I found where the old septic tank was in our yard, where the outhouse that we burned the summer of 1960 when we moved to Hampton, and the spot where our little poodle, Peanut, was buried nearly 20 years ago. Marshall found his gas line, checking on it by crossing it in several different places. It worked every time.

Now the problem becomes not whether it works but why it works. I went to the handy, dandy, internet which usually solves all problems but for this one there was no really credible explanation. There was one highly controlled scientific study done in Germany in 1986 at a cost of $ 250,000. This dealt with searching for water and the Munich physicists concluded that dowsing did not work. There were several other sites out of over 3000, that described where this had been successful but they were not controlled experiments. It is an old, old technique with evidence that it was used in Europe 5000 years ago. Some say it works because disturbances on the earth that are buried disturb the earth's magnetic field. Could things as small and simple as graves, or gas lines disturb the massive magnetic field that surrounds the earth? It seems hardly credible. Others say there is some sort of psychic field that has not been discovered yet. Even less credible.

So there we have it. It is so simple. Try it yourself. Straighten out a couple of coat hangers and you have all the equipment necessary. Then you can go "grave witching" in the cemetery or in your back yard if you prefer. You'll be surprised. I believe Shakespeare was right when he said: "There are more things in heaven or earth than are dreamed of in your philosophy".

Postscript to Hampton Grade School students: wouldn't this be a neat topic to do next year's science project on?

"To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe." Marilyn vos savant, Columnist

Glad you Asked - What is TIF?

By Kevin Irby, Village of Hampton Trustee

We have all heard and read about TIF. But what is it? TIF is the acronym for **T**ax **I**ncrement **F**inancing. TIF has its pros and cons and depending on who is looking at it will depend on whether it is viewed as good or bad. This article is an attempt to briefly explain the very simplistic version of what is TIF and how it works.

Every property has a value for the most part. That value is used to figure a tax on the property. For example, a vacant property would have less value than a piece of property with a home on it, in most cases. When a community decides to implement a TIF area the amount of tax that is paid on the property prior to being placed in the TIF is considered to be the "base tax". After the property is officially in the TIF area there is still a property tax associated with it but when the property tax increases then the amount over the base tax is called the "increment". Using an example with easy round numbers, if a property pays $1,000 a year in property tax prior to being placed into the TIF area $1,000 would be the base tax. In the first year of the property being in the TIF if the property tax went up $300 then the total tax paid that year would be $1,300, with the increment being $300. The property owner still writes the check out for the property tax at $1,300 and sends it to the County. The County takes $300 off the top and takes the $1,000 base tax and distributes it among all the taxing bodies listed on the property tax statement. The increment ($300) then goes to the community to be placed into an account for the community to use for TIF related projects such as improvements to infrastructure, etc.

A State Statute binds the rules that govern TIF. The length of a TIF is 23 years but can be extended. The use of TIF was designed originally for commercial and industrial redevelopment but was also written to address redevelopment for residential areas. A developer is entitled to receive TIF funds for percentages of eligible expenses as defined by the statute. This is supposed to attract developers who want to build up an area that may not otherwise be developed due to the conditions of the property or the possible extreme costs associated with just getting the property suitable for development. Also any money that is left over in the account at the end of the TIF is given back to the County where it is redistributed to all the taxing bodies.

Probably the greatest downside to TIF is that all the taxing bodies on the property tax statement only receive the amount of money calculated on the base tax and not the increment throughout the life of the TIF. So even in the twentieth year of the TIF when property taxes have continually gone up, only the base amount is being distributed to the taxing bodies and not the increment. This in turn may cause the taxing bodies to increase their tax rates in order to off set the actual dollars lost from the increment they would not be getting. The trade-off is that when the TIF has expired, hopefully with all the new development that has been brought in, everyone would benefit.

East Moline FunFest and Update on Uncle Frog-USA

East Moline, along 15th Avenue is THE place to be on Friday and Saturday , August 15th and 16th. It's a treat to have all the activities so close so take advantage of these because there is truly something for everyone during this weekend. **Live Music:** Friday from 5:00-7:00p.m. provided by Q106 Friday Fest with free food and Miller Beer Specials. From 7:00-12:00 p.m. Shane Johnson's Blue Train will perform. On Saturday from 4:00-7:30 p.m., see Bump City and from 8:00-12:00 p.m. Smooth Groove will appear. **The Car Show** accompanied by 50's and 60's music by 3D Sound Company will feature cars of all ages and descriptions. Judging by participants between 12:00 and 1:00p.m. with presentation of awards at 3:00 p.m.

Full Fest on Saturday 9:00-4:00 p.m., visit food booths, kids carnival attractions, take fire truck rides, have your face painted and watch demonstrations. There will be a D.A.R.E. shoot-out and games for the kids. Adults will enjoy strolling 15th Avenue browsing through the Arts, crafts, antique and flea market booths. Bring your camera and pose with the numerous East Moline Centennial Frogs in the Fun Fest area. Do not pass up the opportunity so admire Uncle Frog USA outside the post office!



Saturday is the crowning of the Centennial Queen and King (from among E. M. residents ages 15 to 19) **Prince and Princess** (from among E. M. residents ages 6 to 10) and **Duke and Duchess** (from among E. M. residents ages 11 to 14). Application/entry forms with the rules and regulations can be picked up at MetroBank locations in East Moline, the City Annex Building or Manor House Designs on 15th Avenue. Completed forms must be turned in to Manor House Designs. Phone 752-0025 for details.



Uncle Frog USA shown at his summer home in front of the East Moline Post Office with his creator, Bonnie Grebner. Uncle Frog will be there until September 20th when he will be auctioned at Short Hills Country Club. Bonnie's sponsors are Robert A. and Patricia K. Hanson Foundation, Centennial Contractors and Walter D. Laud, Inc.. Proceeds from the sale of Uncle Frog USA to benefit the Quad City Symphony.

At local taverns, pubs and bars, people drank from pint and quart sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in "pints" and who was drinking in "quarts." Hence the term "minding your "'P's and Q's."

Shame on you!
In mid-July, Quinn Hardware had an unusual theft. An outdoor aggregate bench was stolen and some used lawn furniture left in it's place. The police have been contacted. Shame on you!

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Mystery Item of the Month Answer
This tool is used to fashion hand-made "hooked rugs". Thick yarn (much heavier and more coarse than what you would use for clothing) was threaded through the metal loops and the pointed tip. The tip was repeatedly punched through a canvas or coarse net fabric to make area rugs. On the "right side", a series of loops would form a background and patterns or floral designs. This tool replaced thick needles and sped up the process that made this a popular hobby for homemakers. This tool allowed the user to adjust the length of loop to very the design. These hand-made rugs are highly prized by collectors as they were practical works of art. You may see this collectible tool at W-V Antiques in Carbon Cliff.

Obituary: Charles Lamb

Long time Hampton resident, Charles H. Lamb, 85, passed away July 8th at Illini Restorative Care in Silvis. East Moline American Legion Post 227 and VFW 2056 conducted military honors at the funeral. Charles was born in Cordova of Ora and Gertrude Tucker Lamb and married Reba Miller in 1940 in Rapids City. Our condolences to his family.

Traditional games Trivia

Backgammon: Began in the third millennium B.C. in Mesopotamia.
Billiards: Although the origins are obscure, the game was popular in England during the 14th century. The first US championship was in 1863.
Bridge: Devised from Whist in 1905. Auction Bridge began in 1914 and Contract Bridge in 1926.
Cards: Originated in the Orient; known in Europe in the 14th century. The modern deck was devised from tarot face cards and was probably a flattened version of chess pieces.
Checkers: Known in the 2nd millennium B.C. in Egypt. The first written reference was by Torquemada in Spain in 1547.
Chess: Probably originated in India around 500 A.D. It was played blindfolded by the Arabs in the 11th century.
Dominoes: First written reference was in Italy in the 18th century. The pieces were flattened dice.
Parchesi: Originated in India in the 16th century. Emperor used slaves as pieces on palace pavement patterns.
Table Tennis (Ping-Pong): Developed by the British army in India during the 1890's. The term "Ping-Pong" began in 1902.
Whist: Grew from a 16th century English game called "trump". Whist means *silence*.

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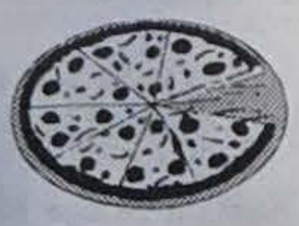
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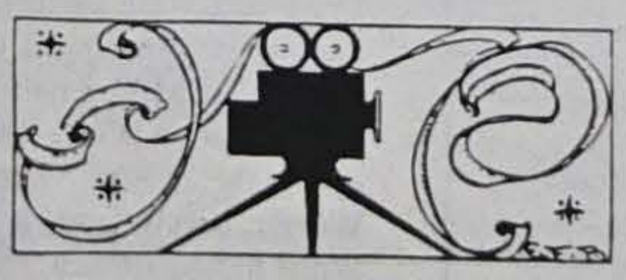
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