

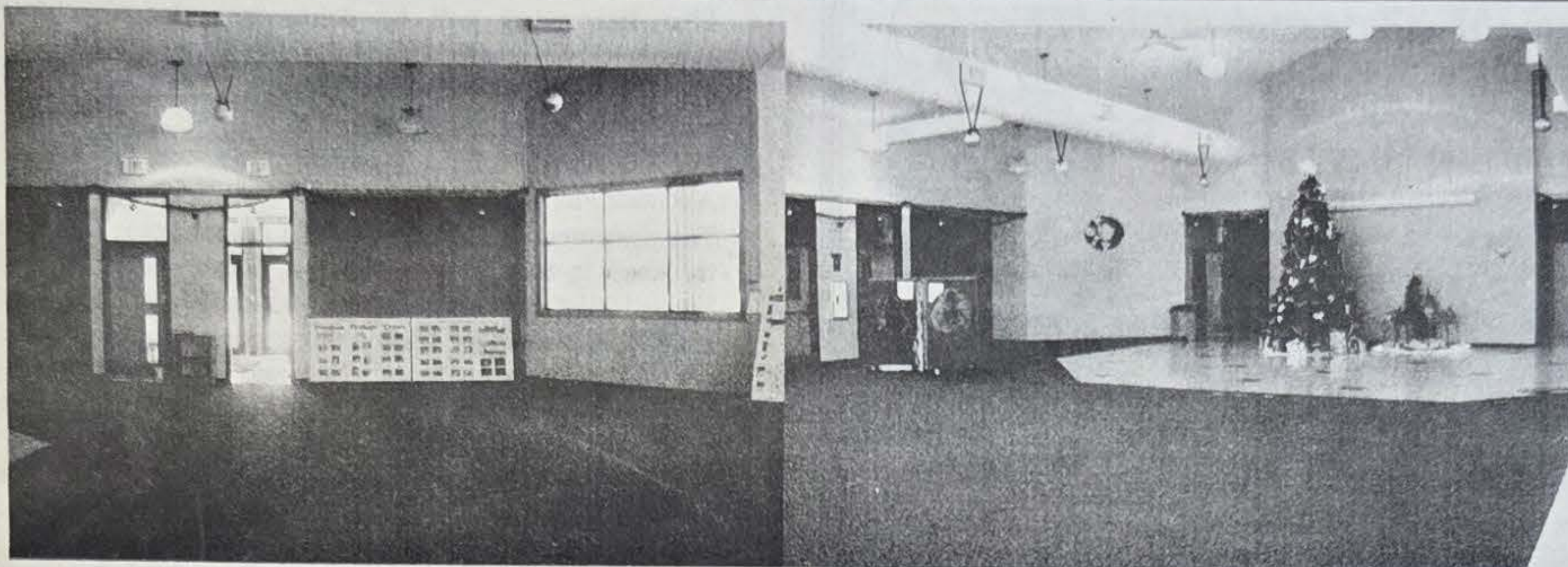
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Hampton Heritage Interpretive Center interiors. Left: Main entrance showing temporary display sitting on floor of alcove where display cases will be placed in the future. Right: Opposite wall and center section showing free standing display by Eagle Scout Aaron Nutt. In the background is another display alcove.

The focus of the Heritage Center is to educate visitors on the historical, ecological, cultural and commercial influences on this area of the Upper Mississippi Valley. There are several ways you can become involved in this interesting, on-going project. First, volunteers are needed to train as guides that will allow the building to be opened during regularly scheduled hours. Those hours will be determined by the number of volunteers that will spend 2-4 hour shifts at the building on a regular basis. Second, displays or display materials are needed that will be on view to the public. Displays will rotated every 2-3 months to keep regular visitors' interest. Organizations and special interest groups or individuals that have such materials and would be willing to create and set up displays should call for an appointment to meet with someone from the Heritage Action Committee to review the materials. Call Village Hall from Noon to 4:30 p.m., weekdays at 755-7165.

INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR

January 26, 2004 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Avenue at 4th Street, in Hampton). **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

If you have ever wanted to have a better understanding on what the implications and criteria are with Living Wills, Advanced Directives and DNR's (Do Not Resuscitate orders), attend this seminar. There will be no high pressure lawyers and no fees.

The guest speaker will be Mary Suhr, Coordinator of Social Services and HealthQuest for Illini Hospital. She will speak about Living Wills and Advanced Directives. Following Ms. Suhr's presentation, Hampton Trustee Kevin Irby will present information on Do Not Resuscitate orders. All of these documents are often mis-understood. Don't wait until you need these documents in an emergency situation to make your wishes known. The new year has started and everyone is trying to get their life in order. Here is a good way to meet your neighbors and ask questions that will clarify these issues for you and your family.

NOTICE: Parking During Snow Removal

There is no parking on any street between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 p.m. on ANY day when there has been snow accumulated to the depth of 2" or more. The presence of Village snow removal equipment or evidence that the streets are being plowed is conclusive that 2" or more of snow has fallen.

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Editorial: Fading Civility

An e-mail joke arrived today about a hurried woman driver who was yelling at slower cars and pedestrians, using profanity, lewd hand signals and beating on her steering wheel in her frustration. She was shocked when stopping at a light, she was arrested and hauled off to jail. Several hours of all the indignities of being "booked" ended with the return of her possessions and an apology from the arresting police officer. He explained that he had followed her for several miles, observing her bad behavior. After reading the numerous stickers on her bumper saying: "God loves you and so do I" and "Follow me to Sunday school", he had come to the conclusion that the car was stolen.

That joke really illustrates that our society has forgotten their manners. Television "comedies" have degenerated into dysfunctional families sniping at each other and making hurtful remarks. How could anyone love Raymond and his cutting remarks? Our humor, music and treatment of our family and friends has turned bitter and aggressive these past few years. Observe for just a few days and you will be shocked at how we talk to each other.

As the new year starts, make yet another resolution but, this time one that will draw positive things to you. Practice old fashioned civility toward everyone. Start slow by just saying "good day" or "you're looking good today" with no qualifiers, no little negative comments attached. The old saying from etiquette books of, "If you have nothing good to say, say nothing" would cure a world of hurt in everyone's life. Graduate to expressing the positive like: "It's been a real pleasure..." or "I value your advice..." with again, no negative qualifiers.

The positive results in the form of friends, promotions and improved relationships will be in direct proportion to the amount to harsh, judgmental attitudes and speech patterns you eliminate in your daily conversations. It is only human to participate in a little gossip but learn to back away from back-stabbing. Enough said.

"Start every day with a smile and get it over with." W. D. Fields

Hampton Village Meeting Notes 12/15 & 1/5/2004

- First Responders will be doing "ride-alongs" with Illini ambulance or rescue squads for first hand experience with emergencies. At this time, the First Responders will be covered by Village insurance.
- Fire Chief Mark Larson promoted Captain Dave Estes to Assistant Fire Chief and Lieutenant Rick Norin to Captain.
- Tax abatement Ordinances 03-11-13 were passed eliminating the need to tax for the following: General Obligation Bond Series 1995A & B, Debt for one Marion Rescue Squad [sold to another municipality] During discussions regarding Ordinance 03-14, Levying taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2003 and ending April 30, 2004, Trustee VanDieren made a statement in defense of her November proposal to lower the tax levy to .7783 instead of .99%. December 4th, the finance committee met to discuss a compromise but voted for their originally proposed .99% rate. Trustee Vandieren stated that according to fiscal mid-year financial statements, with 50% of the year finished, the General fund had only spent 33.15% of their budget, Street 34.12% and Parks only 17.19%. She believed that with the abatement of obligations [payments out of tax revenue] the Village did not need to apply a .99% tax levy. A motion was passed 5-1 (VanDieren voting "Nay") to pass the .99% tax levy.
- A motion was passed to purchase new hoses for the Fire Department trucks not to exceed \$5,500.
- A motion was passed to purchase benches and a bicycle rack for the Heritage Center not to exceed \$5,500. (3 benches have already been paid for with donations).
- Pricing research will begin on purchasing portable generators for use in emergencies that will keep water/sewer pumps and other electrical equipment running.
- Monday Village Meetings that fall on holidays have been re-scheduled to Tuesdays: 1/19 to 1/20, 2/17 to 2/18 and 9/6 to 9/7.
- Graham Lee, Village Attorney will investigate the likelihood of Hampton being involved in the class action suit against the cell phone service companies seeking the refund of fees charged by municipalities for "infrastructure maintenance".
- Price research will begin immediately on snow removal equipment to be used in Heritage park that will maneuver around the building walks, bike path and plazas there.
- The first estimates have been received for repairing the cracks in the floor of the police station that have allowed the floor to drop, in sections as much as 3" and damage interior walls. Additional estimates and alternate repair plans are still being sought.
- Police Chief Larry Hufford has promoted Jack Chick to Sergeant.
- January 21, Hampton will host the NW Municipal League activities at the new Heritage Center.
- Mark Larson, Director of Public Works asked that the Crier remind everyone be reminded:
 - that cars are to be moved off the streets to allow snow plows to do their work Tickets will be issued to those that do not move cars within 24 hours of a 2" snowfall.
 - DO NOT push snow into the streets to clear driveways. Pile snow to the sides of the drive.
 - When leaving Christmas trees out for pick up on the last Monday of January, make sure they are NOT in the street and all decorations and lights have been removed.
- An ordinance was passed creating a new classification of liquor license for caterers servicing the Heritage Center. (Fees remain the same).
- Trustee Carmack, Parks Committee, is trying to set up substantial hours when the Heritage Center will be open to the public but needs area volunteers for this community service. [Call Village Hall at 755-7165 to contact her details on training and scheduling.]
- Two recent rumors were put to rest. A. The Village of Hampton has not purchased any land. B. Trustee Sandy Carmack is NOT moving out of Hampton.

Blood Matters - Continuing our Tradition of Giving

With the annual January observance of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, we reflect on the generosity, dedication, and compassion of the 77,000 blood donors who regularly support Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center and the community blood program.

We thank these donors for taking an active role in ensuring our communities are healthy ones. We are grateful and blessed because they have made a commitment to blood donation and saving lives.

Giving blood is not just something they do - it's part of who they are. They have made it a regular practice, a healthy habit. They are part of a caring minority because, while 60% of the population is eligible to give blood, less than 5% do.

By giving blood to help others, they demonstrate this caring spirit and contribute to a growing culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility in our communities. Because of their dedication, we can ensure our area has a safe, plentiful blood supply. We can ensure blood is always there for the routine surgeries, as well as the unexpected disaster. We can restore countless patients' health and hope.

We applaud all those who give blood, and encourage those healthy, eligible individuals who have never given blood, to start. Every three seconds, someone in this country needs blood. The time it takes for a single donation could mean a lifetime to a patient in need.

The gift of health is one of the most precious that blood donors can pass on to others through their continued involvement with MVRBC. All those connected to the community blood program - blood donors, volunteers, sponsors, media partners, financial contributors, and the community leaders - are part of this giving tradition. We celebrate their spirit of caring and the gift of health they help us bring to our community.

Help us continue this tradition of giving.
Make regular blood donations a part of your life.



David R. Green, President and CEO
Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

PTA Awarded \$500 Grant for Cultural Arts Day

Last spring, the Crier featured this Hampton School event. It combined learning about other cultures and their arts. Holding the program again in 2004 was uncertain at that time. This grant insures the continuation of a very instructive day. We would like to thank the benefactors and let them tell you a little about themselves in hopes that you will support their efforts in the future.

"Since 1964, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend to 'plant the seed of giving' in our community. We are a public foundation serving thousands of people who share a common concern - improving the quality of life in our community. The Community Foundation is a collection of endowed funds established by individuals, organizations and corporations - a community of donors that help our region meet the challenges of changing times." Our grant was received from the Community Impact Fund of the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend. If you would like any further information, please visit their website: www.cfgrb.org Hampton's PTA would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Community Foundation for their contribution to Cultural Arts Day.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY CONTACT NUMBERS

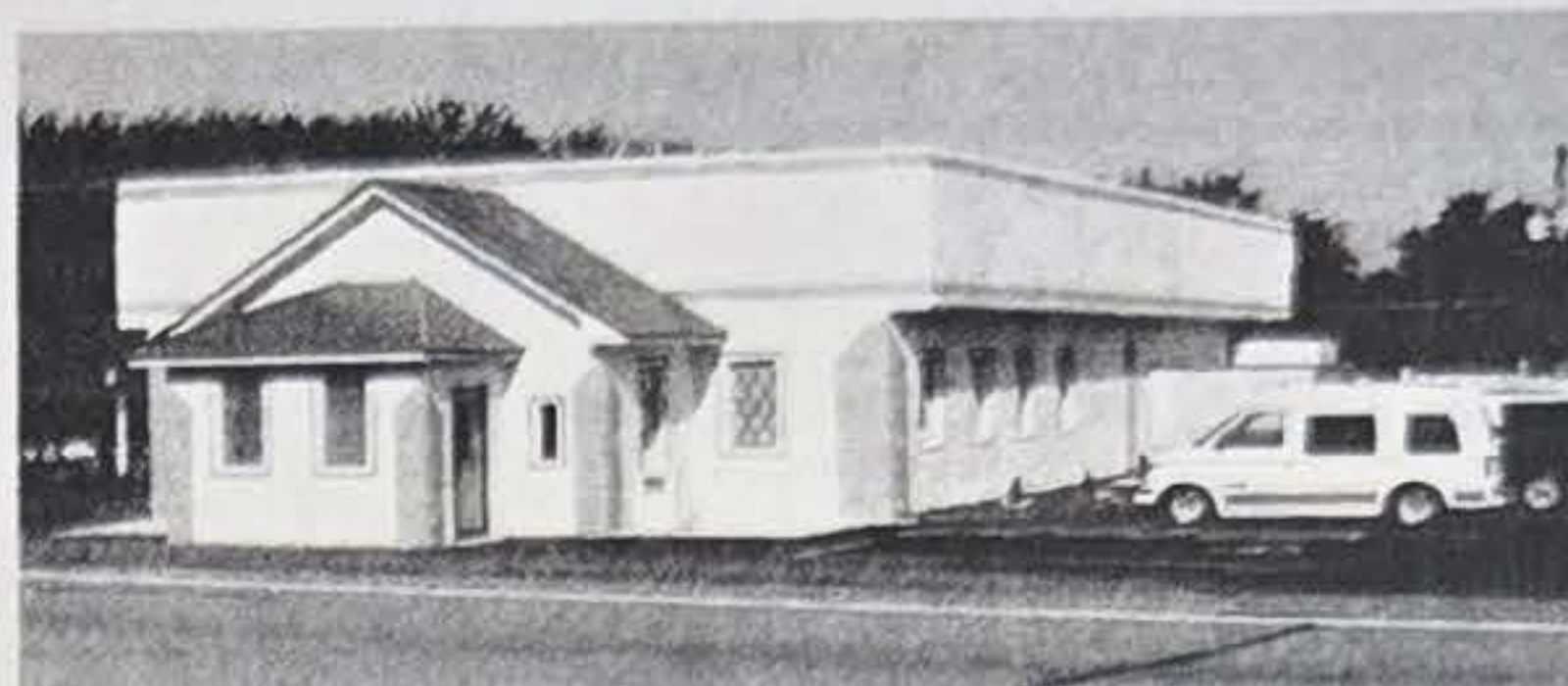
Heritage Action Committee: Sandy Carmak 496-2913
Hampton Historical Society: Rock Nelson 755-0362
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Hampton Boosters: Tere Huber-Burrill 755-7656
Hampton PTA: Danielle Solis 755-5688
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**Local Blood Drive Schedule**

Recent ads have made all of us aware of the need for blood donations at this time of year. Please do not forget the local blood drives:

Rapids City on January 18th. The combined churches of upper Rock Island will hold the drive from 7:30-11:30am on Saturday, January 18 at the Countryside Christian Church.

Cordova First Baptist Church on February 7th 7:30-10:00 a.m.

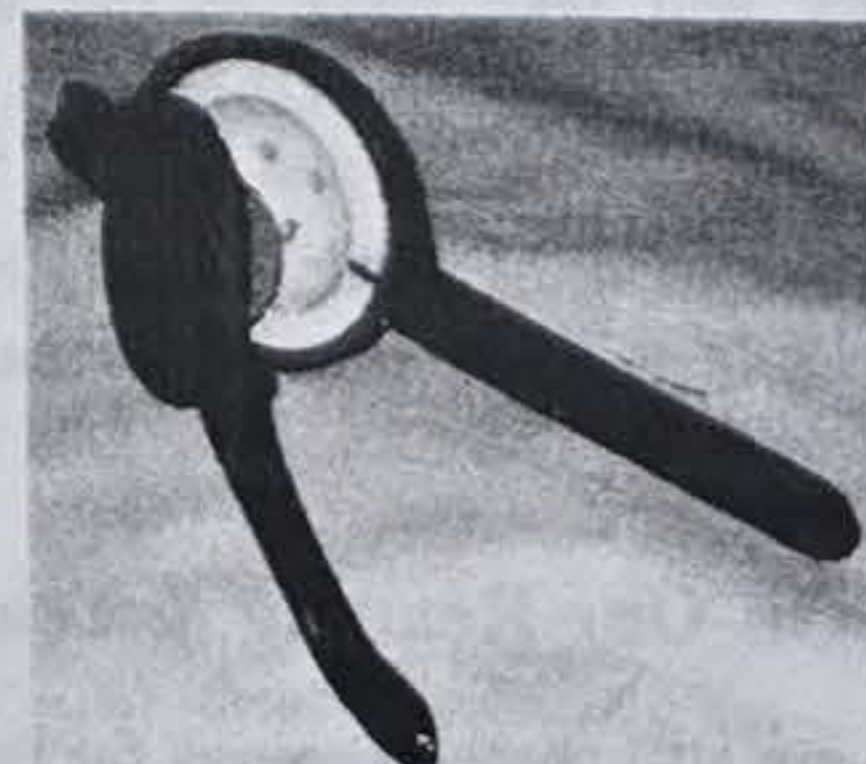
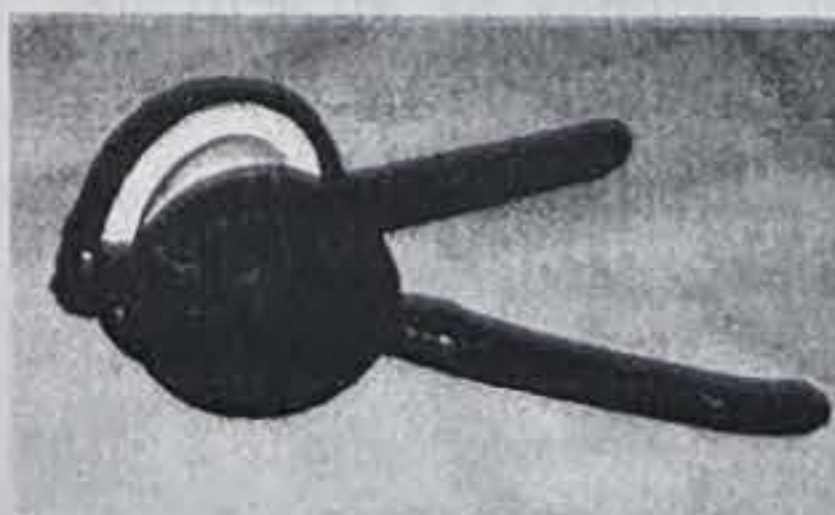
3M Corporation on February 20th 12:30-4:30 p.m. in Cordova

Exelon on March 9th, 9:00am-3:30 p.m. in Cordova

Make an appointment to donate at the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at 3450-38th Avenue in Moline by calling 764-8504 or 797-3415.

Mystery Item of the Month:

This item is made of metal, wood and porcelain. Used mostly in the summer months to make a popular drink, it also was a favorite item used to prepare for entertaining friends. Can you guess what this item is called?



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Area News Briefs

Santa visited the Hampton School on December 8th and liked the kids so much he came back for another visit at Porters on December 16th. Below, Katelyn and Allison Kopatich told Santa their wishes for Christmas.



River Valley Library -P.J. Story Time January 16th.

Bring the kids to the River Valley Library on Main in Port Byron, wear your pajamas, listen to a story and have a snack during P.J. Story Time. The date is **Friday, January 16th**, the time: 6:30-7:00 p.m.. Chalyn Fornero Green will be reading *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. 2 books to be given away at each P.J. Story Night. Call 309-523-3516 for details.

Christmas Walk Follow-Ups:

The Christmas Basket Fund: Monies raised \$1,106.41 plus many toys from the silent auction store displays and carriage ride.

The Friends of the library: \$920.62 for the Heritage Room Fund Country Villa Beauty Salon won the "Best Window" Award

Kevin Anderson of Cordova won the Chili Cook-Off competition

Children crowned Prince and Princess at our Winter Walk:

Princesses: Jessica Short, Madison Rogers, Grace Mercer, Lauren Day, Kayleen Mercer, Aubrey Keegan, Emma Lovett, Karlee Anderson and Alicia Diaz.

Princes: Angel Manuel, Connor Diaz, Fox Knapp, Chase Green, Justin Kelly, Noah Fornero-Green and Ethan Fornero-Green.

Early Event Announcements:

February 16th through March 26th *The Cat in the Hat* in the Library will take place as the winter reading program. This program is in honor of Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday so, all activities will be based on Dr. Seuss books. Stop at the Library for details.

March 27th the Friends of the River Valley District Library will be holding a Taco Dinner so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

One-On-One Reading & Teacher-Directed Tutoring

There are still some openings for the tutoring programs held at the Hampton Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30. If your student learns best with the personal attention in this type of tutoring, call Lee at the Hampton school for details and to sign up. **This is a FREE service!**

Steve Bein Retires

Steve Bein retired in December as Hampton's Fire Chief and said his farewell's to many area residents and firefighters at the annual Firefighter's Chili Supper at the Hampton firehouse.

New Hampton Fire Chief, Mark Larson appointed Dave Estes as Assistant Fire Chief and Rick Norin as the new Fire Captain.



Area Business Briefs

Jimmie Lee's Bar & Grill will be moving from their current location just off Rt. 84 in Rapids City to Main Street in Port Byron. Watch the Crier for additional information.

Blue Moon Crafts, the scrapbooking supply store at 832-15th Avenue in East Moline is closing. Now is the time for schools and/or groups to go in and see Theresa Moon, owner, to get the best deals. Call 755-1240 between 9AM and 5PM. Individuals are also welcome to browse her wide variety of specialty papers, art and scrapbooking supplies.

Vacs 'N' More of 835 15th Avenue in East Moline has diversified and is now stocking an interesting variety of gift and decorative items as well as floor care equipment and repair services.

Griffith's Western Auto just off Rt. 84 in Rapids City has changed only their name to **Griffith's Auto Stop LLC**. The high quality services and personnel will remain the same.

Hampton's mini mall is still under construction and the new businesses to occupy any of the three stores has yet to be formally announced. Keep watching the Crier for further information!

Dieter's Delight The new year brings personal resolutions but few offer us help in keeping our resolve or reaching our goals. It should be noted that the successful Atkins low carbohydrate diet has been noted and is currently featured by a local chain, namely **SUBWAY**. At Ridgewood Shopping Center just off 7th street and Avenue of the Cities or in East Moline (1025-18th Ave.) dieters can find guilt-free eating. Those new "wraps" are worth checking out!

The iron section holds a bowl shaped porcelain insert with holes in the bottom. On the under side of the top/lid is a wooden half circle that fits into the porcelain bowl. This is an antique citrus squeezer. In those days, there were no drink mixes. When lemonade was on the menu, the cook would have to cut lemons in half, place a half lemon in the bowl, close and pinch the handles together to manually squeeze the lemons into the pitcher to make the drink. This type of citrus squeezer was invaluable to the woman preparing specialty dishes for entertaining. Many a lemon meringue pie, lemon, orange or lime gelatin dessert started with such a kitchen tool. You may see this tool at the Britton & Black Museum.

Mystery Item Answer:

Linda Goodman and her husband raise animals on a small farm. They decided to sell some of their goats so placed a "GOATS FOR SALE" sign with their phone number on their fence which faced a busy rural road. They received several inquires the first day so were surprised when no one called after that. It appears their billy goat had eaten off the letter G, leaving the sign to read "OATS FOR SALE". After a good laugh, the couple too down the sign - what price can you put on a goat that reads!

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LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK?

By Dawn Porter, Hampton Library Board

Looking for a good book, but don't have a lot of time to read book reviews? Here are some of my personal favorites for 2003: Peace Like A River by Leif Enger; Rescuing Patty Hearst by Virginia Holman; The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown; Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain; Sandy Koufax: a lefty's legacy by Jane Leavy; Dear James by Jon Hassler. I also enjoyed the Joe Pickett series by C. J. Box and the Deputy Carl Houseman series by Donald Harstad. Most of these books are available at the East Moline Public Library. The three that are not can be sent to the East Moline Library by other Riverbend libraries and picked up at East Moline.

Looking for easy to read book reviews? I like Book Page. It can be accessed at www.bookpage.com or you can get it in its hard copy form at The Bettendorf Library. People Magazine also has book reviews in every issue. I am looking forward to their year-end list of best reads. When I hear of an interesting title I sometimes go to Amazon.com and read their book review of the title. They also give customer reviews.

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Reputation is what you have when you come to a new community; character is what you have when you go away.

Your reputation is learned in an hour; your character does not come to light for a year.

Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a lifetime.

Reputation grows like a mushroom; character grows like the oak.

A single newspaper report gives you your reputation; a life of toil gives you your character.

Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.

Reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; character is what angels say about you before the throne of God.

William Hersey Davis

"Pearls are of no value in the desert."

Hindustan Proverb

"When one has no needle, thread is of little use." Japanese Proverb

"The road of 'by and by' leads to the 'house of never.'"

Spanish Proverb

Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

JAMMIN' WITH JANE

By Jane Nelson

Well a New Year is here and the gray and white days of January begin. We had a great Christmas and I hope you did too. All of our four children, two in-laws and 2 grand daughters were home for several days or several hours. Martha was able to come home all the way from New York City with lots of good stories about her experience teaching in New York City. Marc is back in time for New Year's Eve and also to help shovel the new snow. Of course, all the football helped make the stay a more pleasant experience.

As I was picking up before Christmas I ran across a cookbook of my husband's mother, Anna Matilda Anderson Nelson. It was printed on March 1933 by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Congregational Church of Peru, IL. The beginning statement is a short poem.;

We may live without poetry, music and art,
We may live without conscience and live without heart
We may live without friends we may live without books
But civilized man cannot live without cooks

On the inside page is a recipe for a cake with several Swedish words.

ANNA DANIELSON KEK

1½ cups flour	1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder	2 eggs (eggs)
5 Tablespoons butter (softened)	Milk
Flavor to taste (vanilla 1 teaspoon)	

Put flour in mixing bowl with sugar and baking powder. Take measuring cup break eggs into it and fill up with milk and add to the other ingredients. Lastly add butter and beat. There are no directions for baking so I would bake it for 25 min. at 350°. Also I would use an 8"x8" square pan. Frost when cool with your favorite frosting. The following is a recipe from the booklet.

SEVEN MINUTE FROSTING

1 egg white	7/8 cup sugar
12 marshmallow (cut in small pieces)	3 T water
1 t vanilla	

Put the egg white, sugar and water in a double boiler over boiling water. Beat constantly for 7 minutes. Remove from stove add all the marshmallows cut in small pieces. Beat until the proper consistency to spread.

Years ago when I was in 4H work I made a very great cake and here I found a recipe from 1933

BURNT SUGAR CAKE

½ c shortening	1 ½ cups sugar
2 beaten eggs	1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups cake flour	1 cup milk or water
4 tablespoons burnt sugar	¼ teaspoon salt
2 ½ teaspoons baking powder in ½ c flour	

Cream shortening, add beaten eggs and mix until smooth. Add milk and flour alternately, add burnt sugar, vanilla and then the ½ cup flour with baking powder. Bake either in two layers or in shallow pan 30 minutes at 350°.

To burn sugar

¼ cup sugar in a heavy cast iron skillet over slow fire, stir constantly until sugar is melted and quite brown. Then add ¼ cup boiling water. Remove from skillet and add to cake batter.

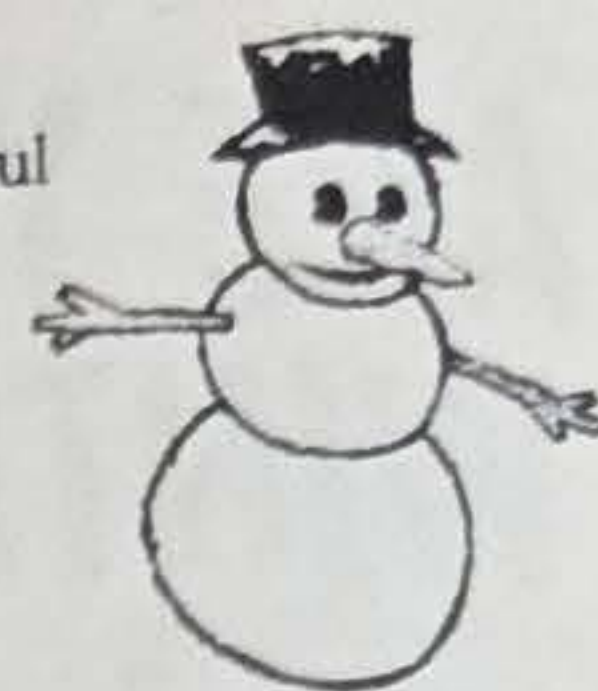
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Powdered sugar, butter, and use some of the burnt sugar and sweet cream to make the right consistency to spread and add vanilla. Beat hard and frost cake.

This recipe is from Mrs. A Seepe. Since we've had snow lately, maybe you would like to make some soup.

SNOWMAN SOUP.

When the weather outside is frightful
Snowman soup can be delightful
It warms your spirit, your heart and your soul
So let it snow, let it snow, let it snow



When you feel a chill it makes you go brrrr!
Add the kisses, Marshmallows, then stir.
Add hot water then sip it real slow
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

In a decorated plastic bag add a package of hot chocolate mix, 20 miniature marshmallows, 7 kisses and a peppermint stick.



In the Glad wrap package, I found a little folder of recipes and one was:

CINNAMON POLAR BEARS

1 cup sugar	1 cup butter, softened
2 ¼ cups all purpose or unbleached flour	1 egg
	1 teaspoon cinnamon

decorations:

powdered sugar

1 Tablespoon miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips

48 red cinnamon candies

1. In large bowl, combine sugar and butter, beat until light and fluffy. Add egg; beat well. Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup; level off. Add flour and cinnamon; blend well. Cover dough with Glad plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour for easier handling.
2. Preheat oven to 350°. For each cookie, shape dough into 1 inch balls; place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten slightly. Shape dough into 3 (¼ inch) balls. Place 2 of the balls above and touching larger ball for ears and 1 ball on top to resemble a snout. Flatten slightly.
3. Bake at 350° for 11 to 15 minutes or until firm to the touch, immediately remove from cookie sheets. Lightly sprinkle cookies with powdered sugar. Press 2 chocolate chips into each cookie for eyes and 1 cinnamon candy for a nose. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

Next month will bring Valentines Day. Of course it is the Sweetest Month so we should have some candy recipes.

"He that blows into the fire must expect sparks in his eyes.

German Proverb

Top Ten Things Only Women Understand

10. Cats' facial expressions.
9. The need for the same style of shoes in different colors.
8. Why bean sprouts aren't just weeds.
7. Fat clothes.
6. Taking a car trip without trying to beat your best time.
5. The difference between beige, ecru, cream, off-white and eggshell.
4. Cutting your bangs to make them grow.
3. Eyelash curlers.
2. The inaccuracy of every bathroom scale ever made.
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Occupation:

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Hymns:

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"
"There Shall be Showers of Blessing"
"The Church's One Foundation"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"There is a Green Hill Far Away"
"Standing on the Promises"
"Open My Eyes That I Might See"
"I Surrender All"
"Send the Light"
"Sweet By and By"
"I've Got A Mansion Just Over the Hilltop"
"I'll Fly Away"
"Revive Us Again"
"Just A Little Talk With Jesus"
"How Firm a Foundation"
"A Charge to Keep, I Have"
"All Creatures of Our God & King"
"Fill My Cup, Lord"
"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"
"Rescue the Perishing"
"When the Roll is Called up Yonder"
"It is Well With My Soul"
"Anywhere With Jesus"
"Rock of Ages"
"Are You Washed in the Blood?"
"Blessed Be The Tie That Binds"
"I Need No Other Argument"
"Whispering Hope"
"Search Me, O God"

One dark night outside a small town, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink it exploded into flames. The alarm went out to the fire departments from miles around. When the volunteer fire fighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, "All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact. The roaring flames held the firefighters off. Soon more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the fire department who could bring out the company's secret files.

From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the near by rural township volunteer fire company composed entirely of men over the age of 65.

To everyone's amazement, the little run-down fire engine operated by this fire department passed all the newer sleek engines parked outside the plant....and drove straight into the middle of the inferno. Outside the other firemen watched as the old timers jumped off and began to fight the fire with a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the old timers had extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas.

The grateful chemical company president joyfully announced that for such a superhuman feat he upped the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave, though elderly, fire fighters. The local TV news reporters rushed in after capturing the event on film asking, "What are you going to do with all that money?" "Well," said Ari Hertzfeld, the 70-year-old Fire Chief, "the first thing we are going to do is fix the brakes on that truck!"

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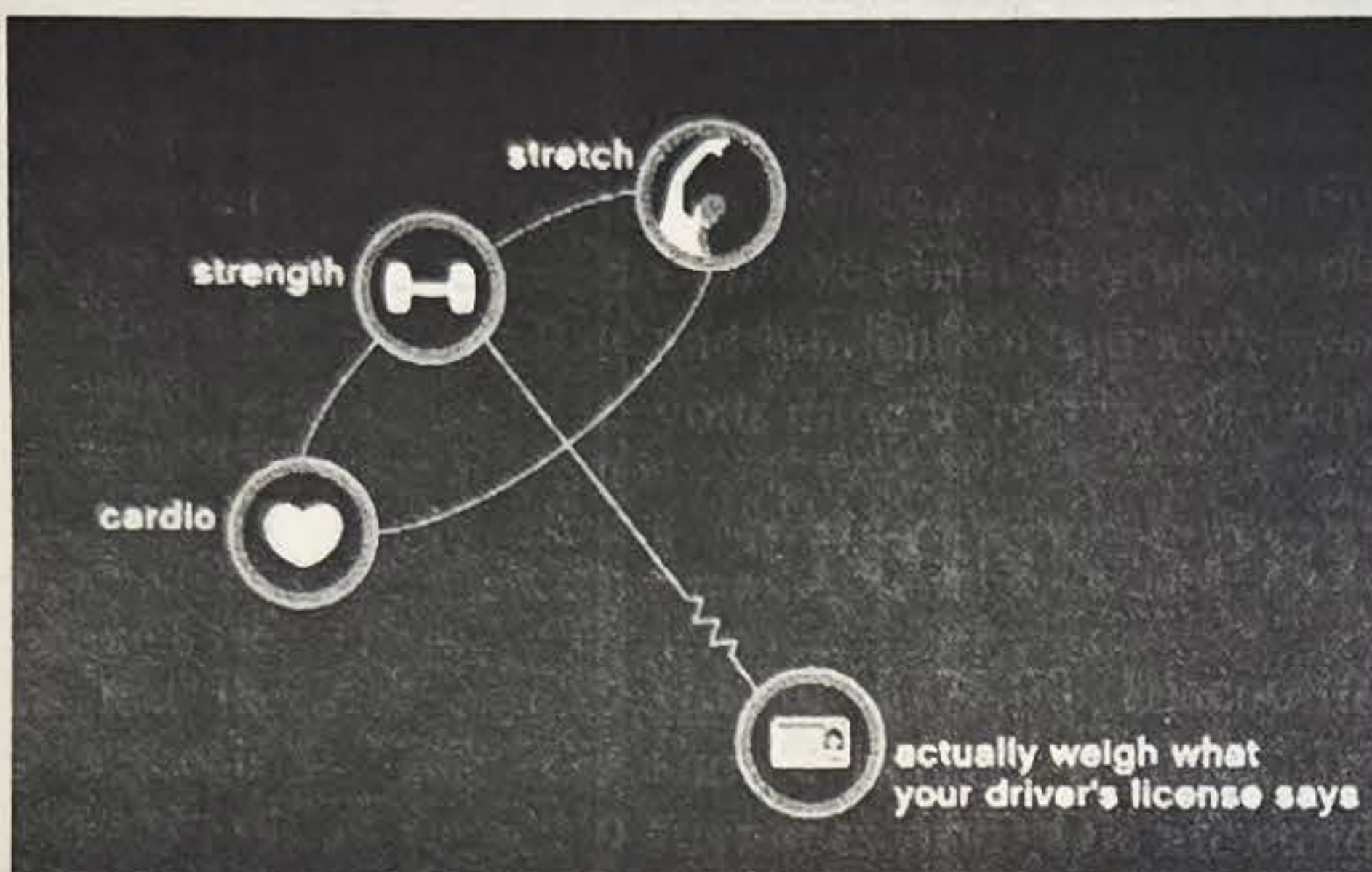


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Origins of American Food Favorites

There will always be conflicting stories about the origin of our favorite "American" foods but many versions identify numerous new food trends as invented for the convenience of those attending local or world fairs and eating on the run as we do today. Here are a few stories we have collected:

- **Hot Dogs:** One researcher claims that the Polo Ground in New York around 1894 was the site of a concessionaire named Harry M. Stevens and that he introduced hot dogs to us. Others argue that it was a sausage peddler named Antoine Feuchwanger who devised the sausage encased in a bun idea as a marketing ploy for his white-gloved customers at the 1904 World's Fair. This idea proved a huge success and started a food revolution here.
- Early in the 1900's, a dentist is said to have developed **peanut butter** as an easily eaten nutritional aid for the toothless.
- According to one story, the forerunner of **ice cream cones** was the creation of a salesman, Charles F. Menches who, at the 1904 fair, gave his girlfriend a bouquet and an ice cream sandwich made with two waffles surrounding the cold treat. The bouquet wet one of the waffles making it inedible so the lady discarded one waffle and formed a cone to hold her ice cream in one hand and her flowers in the other. Nearby vendors noticed her and soon began serving scoops of ice cream in cone-shaped waffles.
- According to Frank C. Tolbert, a Texas Chili expert, it was workers at the 1904 World's Fair that started serving what we know as **hamburgers**. Like the hot dogs in buns and ice cream in cones, customers wanted to eat while they strolled through the parks. However, restaurateur Ken Lassen claims that the hamburger was invented in 1900 when his grandfather, Louis, ground up left over scraps of raw steak, grilled them and served the patties on toast from his lunch wagon in downtown New Haven, Connecticut. A group of sailors found his creation similar to a beef dish served in Hamburg, Germany, hence the name Hamburger. Lassen's tiny eatery, "Louis' Lunch in New Haven" was designated an official city landmark.
- Most historians agree that **potato chips** were invented in 1867 by a chef in a Saratoga Springs, New York hotel.
- The idea of **fried clams** is well documented as originating on July 3, 1916. On that date, a fisherman named Tarr from Gloucester, Massachusetts, visited a raw clam stand which also served potato chips. The stand, located in Essex was owned by Lawrence Woodman who was worried about his poor sales. The fisherman laughingly suggested that if Woodman's clams were as good fried as his "Saratoga chips" were, he would not have to worry about his business. Woodman took the suggestion seriously and soon, the sailor from Gloucester are the world's first order of fried clams.



Random Science Trivia

- If you could trap the energy released by an average sized hurricane, it would be enough to satisfy all U.S. Energy needs for six months.
- When glass breaks, the cracks travel faster than 3,000 mph.
- Gold is so rare that all of the pure gold produced in the last 500 years would fit inside a 50-foot cube.
- At least 100,000 separate chemical reactions occur in the human brain every second.
- About 70% of the Earth is covered with water, yet just 1% of it is drinkable.
- Sound travels through steel 15 times faster than it travels through air.
- Rain contains vitamin B12
- According to a University of Michigan study, men are six times more likely to be struck by lightning than women.
- If you could capture a comet's entire 10,000 mile vapor trail in a container, the condensed vapor would occupy less than one cubic inch of space.
- The Earth moves through space at a speed of 660,000 mph--eight times faster than the speed of a bullet.
- To escape the Earth's gravitational pull, a spacecraft has to move faster than seven miles per second--a speed that would take you from New York to Philadelphia in under 20 seconds.

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A Little About Meteorites

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About 20 million meteorites strike the earth's atmosphere although most of them are no bigger than a grain of sand and burn up while aloft. Around 500 may actually make it to the ground each year. Animals have been killed by them and buildings damaged but only one human, a woman in Georgia, is known to have been injured.

In June of 1908, the famous Tunguska Meteorite hit the earth with the force that flattened the forest for 18 miles around. The noise was heard 600 miles away and people 40 miles away were thrown into the air by the blast of hot displaced air.

In August of 1972, the earth experienced a near miss (37 miles up) by a 1,000 ton meteorite that passed over Montana in a green-flamed streak, brushing the earth's atmosphere and skipping back out into space again. One huge iron meteorite that did hit the ground was found near Oregon City in 1902. It weighed in at 15 tons of solid nickel steel and was displayed as the "Willamette Iron" at New York's Haden Planetarium.

Spectacular photographs of the earth from the space shuttle have confirmed that from Norfolk, Virginia to the Savannah River, the area known as the Carolina Bays are more than three thousand shallow elliptical depressions stretching over an area 400 miles long. These depressions are believed to have been formed when the head of a small comet struck the ground.

If you find a meteorite or any fallen star, keep it! Research labs sometimes pay you for it when authenticity has been established. Check the internet for any of numerous labs to contact for information.

Weather Notes - A Case in favor of the Cold

Studies reported by Marion E. Everhart in a Farmer's Almanac show that the most healthful conditions occur when the temperature is 64° F and the humidity is 80%. The lowest death rates occur under these conditions.

- As temperature drops, there is a decline in deaths. This phenomenon is strongest in summer when a drop of 15 to 17 degrees shows a decline of about 40% in the death rate, while a rise of 9 to 10 degrees results in a 17% increase in deaths.
- Changes in temperature produce the most marked effect in the spring, somewhat less in autumn and least in winter.
- Residents of Yakutsk, in frozen Siberia list more centenarians than in any Soviet city. Yakutsk is one of the coldest communities of any size in the world. The winters are 8 months long and temperatures are often as low as 70° below zero.
- Hens lay larger eggs in high latitudes where the cool season is long. Horses are bigger, faster and more efficient. An average beef cow weights 900 pounds in the northern states of the western plains, from 450 to 600 pounds in the southern parts of the country, and some thing under 200 in Panama.
- The cooler, stormy areas of the world supply most of the world's food. Four-fifths of the world's crops are produced on one-fifth of the earth's surface. Crops are at their best where the weather is changeable because you can count on the skies to deliver the moisture required for the crops, and the climate necessary for higher crop yields.

Here in the Quad cities, we have all the cool weather requirements to be more energetic, live longer, be more productive and raise better crops...If we only learn to appreciate our climate. Nothing against the "Snow Birds" who spend winters in warmer climates but those of us that stay agree with Jean George, author of "Snow is to Live With". "Now it is winter again. I wait for the quiet snow to fall so that I can go walking in it and feel the cold crystals on my cheeks and lips. To me as to the birds and beasts, the snow is as much a part of this world as the night, and like the night is lived with gently. Most people, as they growl and beasts, plants and thinking man who remembers and appreciates his ties to the natural world, snow is not a nuisance but welcome as the rain and the sun."

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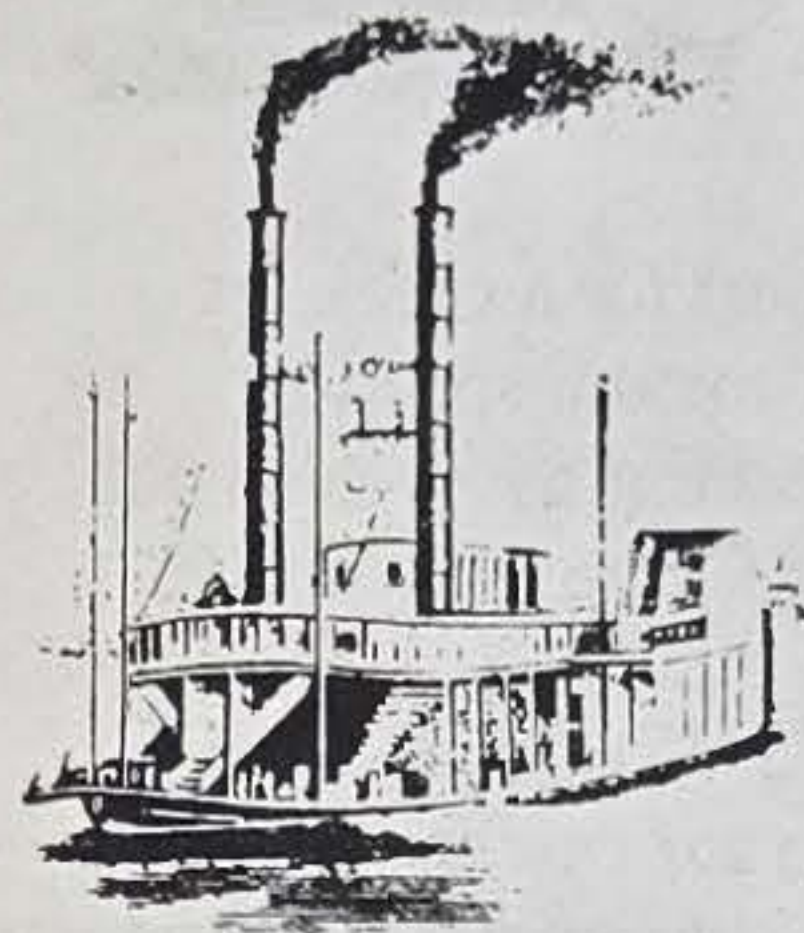
By Rocky Nelson

1811 was a wide and crazy year on the Mississippi. The spring floods had been exceptionally high and the river overflowed many miles beyond its banks. This precipitated an outbreak of sickness that was worse than anyone could remember. During the summer a great comet appeared, night after night. Its tail stretched across the sky and many were convinced the end of the world was upon us. Come fall and it seemed the end was in progress because a great earthquake shook the Mississippi Valley again and again, great cracks opened in the earth and the ground rolled in swells, like the ocean. In other places the muddy river bottom rose and became new land. We have recounted these events in previous columns. But in spite of nature's calamities, the most important event was a strange kind of boat, puffing smoke as it made its way on the river. Steamboats were relatively new, but had been used on the Hudson River for several years. This was their first appearance on the western rivers. Of all the calamitous events of that year, it turned out this was the most important for it opened an era that is not over yet.

The captain of the boat was Nicholas J Roosevelt, great-grand-uncle of future president Theodore Roosevelt. He had a strong interest in steamboats, and in fact, held several patents on their machinery. He set about promoting the building of a steamboat to sail the Mississippi. It was not so easy. The Ohio and Mississippi were very different from the slow moving Hudson, and there was much to learn before a successful boat could be built. Roosevelt went to Pittsburgh determined to learn what was necessary. He built a flatboat, traditional except more elaborate because it was going to be where he spent his honeymoon. So, with his new bride, Lydia, and an experienced crew, he set out down the Ohio in the spring of 1809.

Roosevelt eagerly sought out advice from the flatboats and keel boats he met. They were not encouraging. They said the swift river currents and shifting bottoms would make it impossible for a steam driven craft. Roosevelt was not discouraged. In fact, he was so confident he could bring steamboats to the west that when he found a seam of coal on the banks of the Ohio, he hired men to open up coal mines to provide fuel for the steamboats when they arrived. Doesn't this sound a lot like you would expect from the granduncle of Teddy Roosevelt?

Nicholas and Lydia got to New Orleans but immediately returned to New York by ship. By the spring of 1811 they were again in Pittsburgh building a steamboat. In spite of many difficulties, he got the boat completed and christened her "New Orleans". We



Mrs. Roosevelt planned to go downriver with the new boat but her friends protested because she was pregnant. She paid no more attention to the protests than she had 2 years earlier when they said it was not proper for her to take a honeymoon on a flatboat.

Between Pittsburgh and Natchez, Mississippi there were only 3 settlements of any size: Cincinnati, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; and New Madrid, Missouri. None of them with many more than 2000 people.

The same people who had said a steamboat was impractical on the western rivers now said: "Well, she'll be alright going downstream but against the current she'll never make it". When the New Orleans reached Louisville, the river was too shallow for her. While waiting for the river to rise Roosevelt decided to show some of the skeptics. First a short run against the current and then a longer one to Cincinnati. Before leaving Louisville, Lydia gave birth to her baby. By then the river had risen to a height New Orleans could handle, but just barely. People wanted Lydia and her baby to go around by land but she paid no more attention than before and they accompanied Nicholas in running the Falls of the Ohio. It was a close call but they made it, in some places by a matter of inches.

A few days later they had their first experience with the earthquake. The sickening shaking and trembling of the earth was a foretaste of what was to come. As they came closer to the Mississippi the shaking became worse, land sank into the river, and new land rose to take its place. By the time they reached New Madrid on the Mississippi things were really frightening. This was near the epicenter of the quake (it is called the New Madrid Quake). Part of the town itself sank into the river. Jets of gas and clumps of hot coals were thrown from under the water. Great cracks appeared. A large section of northwestern Tennessee sank below river level and for a while the river below New Madrid ran backward until the depression was filled (today they call it Reelfoot Lake). In spite of all of it, New Orleans finally reached the city she was named for. At the time it seemed a minor occurrence compared to nature's disaster. Now we remember it better than the earthquake for it truly was the beginning of an era.

To be continued in the next Crier

Fitness Quiz

1. How far does the average person walk in a year?
2. What is the only joint of the body with 360 degrees of rotation?
3. How many miles of blood vessels does the human body have?
4. How much air can adult lungs hold?
5. How much skin does the body shed in an average lifetime?
6. Does the human neck have the same number of vertebrae as a giraffe?
7. What is the hardest material in the body?
8. What is the body's largest muscle?
9. How many taste buds are there on your tongue?
10. If you weigh 120 pounds on Earth, how much would you weigh on the moon?

Answers to Fitness Quiz: 1.) 1,000 Miles, 2.) Shoulder, 3.) 93,000 miles of blood vessels, 4.) About 3 liters, 5.) 40 pounds, 6.) Yes, 7.) The enamel on your teeth, 8.) Gluteus Maximus (buttock), 9.) Over 10,000 taste buds, and 10.) 20 pounds on the moon.

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In years past, winter days were anticipated as finally having time for repairing things around the home and buildings. Fishermen repaired nets, farmers cleaned tools and shored up barns and out buildings. When the harvest was complete there was time to mend the linens and create the little luxuries enjoyed throughout the year. Dad might be found carving a set of new wooden cooking utensils, making a new milking stool or rocking chair. Mom would make curtains, decorate some linens or sew new clothes for the family. The entire family and sometimes a visiting/roving artist would mix up some home made paints and transform the home with cheerful stenciled patterns copied from pattern books.

Holiday gifts were simple and utilitarian like paper, pen, ink, and home-made toys. Books were highly prized as entertainment for the entire family as they were read aloud after supper at night.

Avoiding the let-down after the holidays, activities turn to preparations for spring. Window boxes were made and a list of flower seeds were made. Planning the herb and vegetable garden often depended on how well the family liked the preserved items they were eating. Add another row of green beans? Plant another apple tree or put in more pumpkins and onions. Enlarge the root cellar or plan on getting in more flour and cloth next year. Visiting between families or attending church when weather permitted was a treat.

Warding off the winter blahs is as easy as adopting some of that pioneer attitude of using winter as a time to recharge, repair, carefully plan and prepare for the rest of the year's projects.

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When asked which recent commercial job challenged them and which one they took a great deal of pride in finishing well, they named the large addition to the United Methodist Church on 2nd Avenue at 4th Street in Hampton. That addition, (called the Fellowship Hall by most of the area residents) has become a popular place to hold meetings and functions of all types and the work that the Bornhoeft family has done there has made it pleasant in winter or summer.

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Obituaries

Mary L. Harlan, 83, of Milan passed away Tuesday, December 16th, 2003 at Oak Glen Home in Coal Valley. Mary was born March 16, 1920 in Hillsboro, Iowa, to George and Mae Despain Billingsley. She married Carroll Harlan in Davenport. Carroll died in January, 1975.

Surviving are her daughter Sandra Harlan, Peoria, sons, Kenneth of Winfield, AL, Dennis of Orion and Richard of Milan. Among her eight grand children is Hampton firefighter Aaron Harlan. Our condolences to our firefighter and the entire Harlan family.

Janice Louise Thorpe, 63, of Orlando, Florida, formerly of Hampton passed away on Monday, December 1, 2003 at her home.

Janice was born October 20, 1940, in McLeans Borough Township, IL to Marquis H. and Anna Mary Sabel Cremeens. She married Charles Thorpe in 1962 in Moline. She was a former member of the Wildwood Baptist Church

Survivors (and spouses) are her sons, Kevin (Julie) Thorpe and Mark Thorpe, all of Orlando; grandchildren, Zachary, Bryant, Megan and Brooke; brothers, Dewayne (Jill) Cremeens, Rapids City.

Suella Donaldson Sinelli, 59, lost her extended battle with cancer on December 24, 2003 in Sterling Heights, MI. Suella was born November 6, 1944 to Arnold and Cornelia Cox Donaldson, formerly of Hampton.

Suella is survived by her sons Marc and Scott Sinelli and daughter Jana Matthau; her 6 grandchildren, sister Sharon (Mrs. Norman) Muench of Drummond Island, MI and her parents of Dearborn, MI.

In Appreciation & Thanks

Thank you from Elsie Kerschietter to **Bob & Vickie Sewell** for being there when I need you. **Dennis Wingert** for taking care of my lawn and **Larry & Jill Carr** for taking care of my driveway snow.

From all the residents of Hampton to **Steve Bein** who retired as the Hampton Fire Chief in December, 2003. We appreciate you calm and experienced service to our community.

The Hampton Firefighter's Association wish to thank all those that continue to make the Annual Chili Supper such a success. Your continued support is appreciated.

Thanks to **GrishamS 24 Hour Towing** and their driver, **Al Vermast** for quick and friendly service when this editor and her mother were stressed and stranded in Iowa. You are appreciated!

Ha! Caught Ya! December 29, **Darrel Irby** was observed picking up litter and cans along 2nd Avenue in Hampton. Thanks to you and other anti-letter residents like you!

Anniversaries

Best wishes to **Bryan and Angela Cady** from their entire family on the occasion of their second anniversary on February 14th.

Engagements

James Gillespie of Hampton and Charlotte Schmidt of Denver No date has been set as of our print date. Congratulations!

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20 Donna Cady

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Sally

By Franciska Rasumssen

[Editor's Note: 2003 Marked the passing of a great many famous people popular in music, philosophy and entertainment of all types. It was also a year when many neighbors, young and old, left us wishing we had just a few more days with them. The following is our columnist's tribute to a never-to-be-forgotten friend.]



Sewing machine needles, thread, fabric and thimbles were Sally. This was her life and how she supported five children before the days of welfare. Her husband had been killed in an auto accident. We became friends through our children. Her children consider me their second mother. I still have close ties with them and receive calls on Christmas and Mother's Day.

Sally was a strict mother who would not tolerate any nonsense. With five of them, there had to be rules. One night, the oldest son decided to climb out of his bedroom window, down the roof and spout to meet the boys. Sally saw him do this and let him nicely get away. She then called the police. She told them Lee was out without her permission and would be up to no good so, find him...which they did. This little episode put the fear of God, police and mother in Lee for good.

She was my best friend for years. She had diabetes but that did not keep her down. I could always count on Sally for kind words, encouragement, and just plain friendship. I called her every day at noon to see if she was all right and that she did not have a flare up of some kind. She has been gone for sixteen years now but at noon, I still have the urge to go to the phone and talk to my dearest friend, Sally.

A Japanese dignitary was visiting a factory where P. David Jerry, M.D. was a consulting physician in the first-aid room. Just before he arrived, a tour guide had explained to everyone, the importance of a low bow as a sign of respect. So, when the dignitary entered the room and bowed, the doctor bowed lower. He smiled, bent again and pointed to the floor. The doctor bowed even lower, whereupon the dignitary smiled, bowed and pointed downward again. Wondering what he should do, the doctor stooped as low as his back would allow. Then, the tour guide whispered, "You can stop now. He wants you to check his stubbed toe."

"Mardon me, Padam, you're occupewing the wrong pie; let me sew you to another sheet"

This mangled sentence is attributed to the Reverend William Archibald Spooner, father of "Spoonerisms". He was warden of New College at England's great Oxford College. By a simple slip of the tongue, the Reverend became world famous. When he died in 1930, the New York Times printed nearly a full column for his obituary and crammed it with numerous "spoonerisms".

Rev. Spooner was a dignified British Clergyman, a highly regarded scholar who published numerous classical and religious works until, one day, in chapel he calmly announced the name of a hymn. Intending to say: "Conquering Kings Their Title Take", he reportedly said "Kinquering Kongs Their Titles Take" and became a marked man.

The inventive Oxford students quickly preceeded to manufacture other topsy-turvy expressions and in his good humor, the Reverend went along with them by creating more "spoonerisms". At the time of Queen Victoria's Jubilee (50th year as Queen), he is reported to have called out, "three cheers for our queer old dean!". On a visit to the British fleet at Portsmouth, he was quoted as asking to go out and see the "Cattleships and Bruisers". New students were accused of "hissing my mystery lectures".

Today, spoonerisms are a basic in routines for stand-up comedians, in movies and everyday conversations. Here are a few more attributed to the Reverend Spooner, can you figure out the intended phrases?

"A blushing crow"

"I was hocked and shoffified"

"He rode off on his well-boiled icicle"

"Those girls are sin twisters"

"We each had tee martoonies"

"The enemy fled from the ears and sparrows"

Nancy-Jo Wright is a professional clown. While entertaining at one function, an inebriated guest would not stop heckling her and disrupting her act. Finally, she put her arm around his shoulder and said, "Mister, I get paid to dress up and make a fool of myself - what's *your* excuse?" He said not another word.



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"Never be afraid to stand with the minority when the minority is right, for the minority which is right will one day be the majority; always be afraid to stand with the majority which is wrong, for the majority which is wrong will one day be the minority." William Jennings Bryan

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."
"Look in your underwear, Grandma," he advised.
"Mine says I'm four!"

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead. his eyes are closed. Albert Einstein

Winter Precautions:

Check your battery cables NOW. If they are corroded, mix 3 tablespoons of baking soda to a quart jar of water and pour over the connections. This will remove built-up minerals for better connections.

Fill your windshield fluid to capacity and thoroughly wipe-down each windshield wiper blade with vinegar to renew their clean wiping edge.

Double check your anti-freeze. Now that we have had a deep snow, the super cold weather will set in - be prepared.

Winter survival kit: Small warm blanket, jumper cables, flashlight, chocolate bars, chemical heat packs/hand warmers, starter kit good for one cold start using cigarette lighter outlet. "Help!" sign. Salt or sand in containers in your trunk to add extra weight or better traction. A short handled shovel is useful.

SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER EVENTS: January & February, 2004

Open Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Jan. 12: Noon: **Lunch Box Bingo.** Cost \$10.00 per day. Seating is limited so paid reservations must be made a week in advance. Paper bingo follows lunch. Bring your own daubers. Bring canned food item for Quad City Food Pantry, get "Pantry Pack" bingo sheets FREE.

Jan. 23: **Trinity Foot & Hand Care Clinic** From 9 am-Noon **APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED-Notification of Cancellation Required.** Foot Care Costs \$22.50, Hand Care Cost \$7.50 Bring a washcloth and 2 towels. **NOT covered by Medicare or Medicaid.**

Jan. 16 & Feb. 19: **Senior Citizens Catered Dinner** at Noon in January Cost \$6.50. After dinner program and drawings for prizes. Participate in the fun and fellowship. Reservations due by 1/11

Jan. 28 **Lunch and Card Games** Cost \$3.00 Cards & games follow lunch. Paid Reservations by 1/23

Jan. 21 **Senior Citizen's Birthday Party** 1:00 p.m. If your birthday is in November, December or January, you and a guest are invited to your birthday party for refreshments and games. Sign up by January 21, 2004

EVERY WEDNESDAY: T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club IL #450. Weigh-in starts at 9:00 a.m., meeting follows.

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Glad you Asked-Avoiding injury during snow removal chores Answered by: Dr. H. Dan Bobb, of Bobb's Chiropractic Center PC

Fortunately most people today have snow blowers which make it considerably easier to move the snow out of our driveways and sidewalks. Here are some do's and don'ts for this season.

Do wear warm layers of clothes, hat, and gloves. Make sure that your jacket covers your back muscles even when bent over.

Don't expose back muscles to the cold. This will make muscles tight afterwards.

Do use only fresh gas or gas/oil mix for your blower this season.

Do let the blower do the work, direct it.

Don't try to overpower the blower and manhandle it to go where you want. Push rather than pull.

Do bend the knees and keep the back straight when lifting blowers or hand shoveling snow.

Don't overreach when putting a blower in a truck or lifting it into a car trunk.

Do shoveling close to the body.

Do try not to twist when shoveling while bent over.

Do switch sides periodically.

Don't use just your right side to throw the snow.

Do push the snow as often as possible instead of picking it up.

Don't overload the shovel, especially with wet snow. If snow sticks to shovel apply PAM or vegetable spray to shovel.

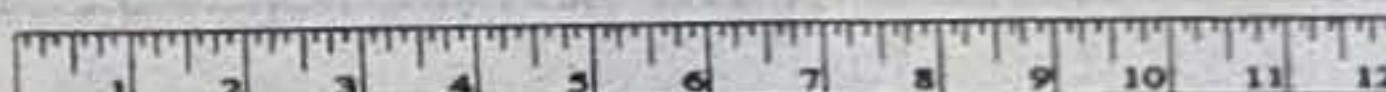
Do buy ergonomic shovels that have bends in the handle.

Don't shovel for more than 20 minutes at a time without a break. Walk around on break.

Don't sit down for long periods when done.

When you are done, treat yourself to a hot cocoa.

Measuring Up



There is very little scientific about the origins of measurements that Americans insist on using to this day. Could anyone have ever guessed how we arrived at these "standard" measurements?

- **FATHOM:** The span of a seaman's outstretched arms: 880 fathoms makes a mile.
- **FOOT:** The length of Charlemagne's foot, modified in 1305 to be 36 barleycorns laid end to end. (What's barleycorn anyway?)
- **ACRE:** The amount of land a yoke of oxen could plow in one day.
- **INCH:** The width across the knuckle on King Edgar's thumb or, obviously, three barley corns. (Barleycorns again!)
- **YARD:** The reach from King Henry I's nose to his royal fingertips, a distance also twice as long as a cubit.
- **CUBIT:** The length of the arm from elbow to fingertip.
- **MILE:** Originally, 1,000 double steps of a Roman legionary. Later: Queen Bess added more feet so the mile would equal 8 furlongs.
- **FURLONG:** The length of a furrow a team of oxen could plow before needing to rest.

ON THE OTHER HAND, a majority of the rest of the world has adopted the metric system. The meter is defined as exactly 1,650,763.73 wavelengths of red-orange light emitted by the krypton-86 atom, or originally one-ten millionth the length of the longitude from the North Pole to the Equator. The meter is exactly 39.37" - or some 118 barleycorns!

Barleycorn: Measurement of 1/3 of an inch. (Barley is a widely distributed cereal grain used in the making of beer, ale and whiskey. If the products of barleycorn were used liberally when developing measuring systems, it's a wonder we ever get anything done!)

Grandma Brown took her two grandchildren to the zoo...They stopped before a huge cage of storks. Grandma told the two youngsters that these were the birds that brought both of them to their mom and dad. The two children looked at one another then the oldest leaned over and whispered to his sibling's ear, "don't you think we ought to tell Grandma the truth?"

Some Gifts for the Griever

F. D. Burton Phillips of Sullivan-Phillips Mortuary, Ltd.

What can I do? This question comes again and again as friends and loved ones try to help a person in mourning through a difficult time.

There ARE things you can do - or rather, gifts that will ease the person's transition through the time of grieving. Consider:

TEARS: Don't be afraid to cry, and let the mourner cry as well. Tears give vent to deep emotions and help the healing process; they don't last forever.

TOUCH: A hand on the arm, a warm hug, even a firm handshake can convey your sympathy and support. Psychologists say the human touch is a source of great comfort to both body and mind.

TALK: Let the mourner say what's in his heart. Be there to listen, and be there to share your own memories of the deceased. Talk heals.

TIME: Stay in touch with the griever over the weeks and months that follow. Let time work its magic, and be there for more tears, touching and talk in the future.

The acute pain comes in the first few weeks, but grief can be a long process, even lasting years for some people. It's important not to "write off" a person's grief just because it's no longer visible on the surface.

These are the gifts you can give to a friend who is struggling to cope with the loss of a loved one. And these gifts bear fruit that comes back in the form of true friendship and appreciation. That's a comfort for everyone involved.

February 2nd is Ground Hog Day. Watch the news reports for the weather forecast according to Punxsutawney Phil, the celebrity ground hog. If a ground hog sees his shadow, there will be 6 more weeks of winter, if not, it will be an early spring. Regardless the reports you hear, ground hog forecasts have proven correct only 39% of the time.

Plan Ahead Community Calendar

JANUARY, 2004

- 12 Hampton School Board Meeting 6:30PM, Hampton School
- 15 Hampton School-Parent Teacher Conferences ½ Day Attendance
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- 19 Hampton - No School - Martin Luther King Day
- 20 Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
- Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall

FEBRUARY, 2004

- 2 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- Ground Hog Day
- 9 Hampton School Board Meeting 6:30PM, Hampton School
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday (Celebrated 2/16)
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
- 17 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
- 18 Hampton School Improvement Day-Early Dismissal 11:30AM
- Spelling Bee-Eagle Ridge/Carbon Carbon Cliff School 6:30PM
- 22 Washington's Birthday (Celebrated 2/16)
- 25 Ash Wednesday

River Valley Library Schedule of Activities

214 S. Main Street, Port Bryon Call 309-523-3440 for details

Rhyme Tyme Story Time - Thursdays at 10:00 am

- 1/8 K is for Kite and Kangaroo
- 1/15 L is for Lion
- 1/22 M is for Monkey Also Chinese New Year
- 1/29 N is for Nest Also Groundhog Day Craft
- 2/5 O is for Owl Also make valentines
- 2/12 P is for Puppet Also make Valentine sock puppet
- 2/19 Q is for Quilt Design a paper quilt square
- 2/26 R is for Rainbow Rainbow in a bag

PJ Story Time Starts at 6:30 Wear your Pajamas!

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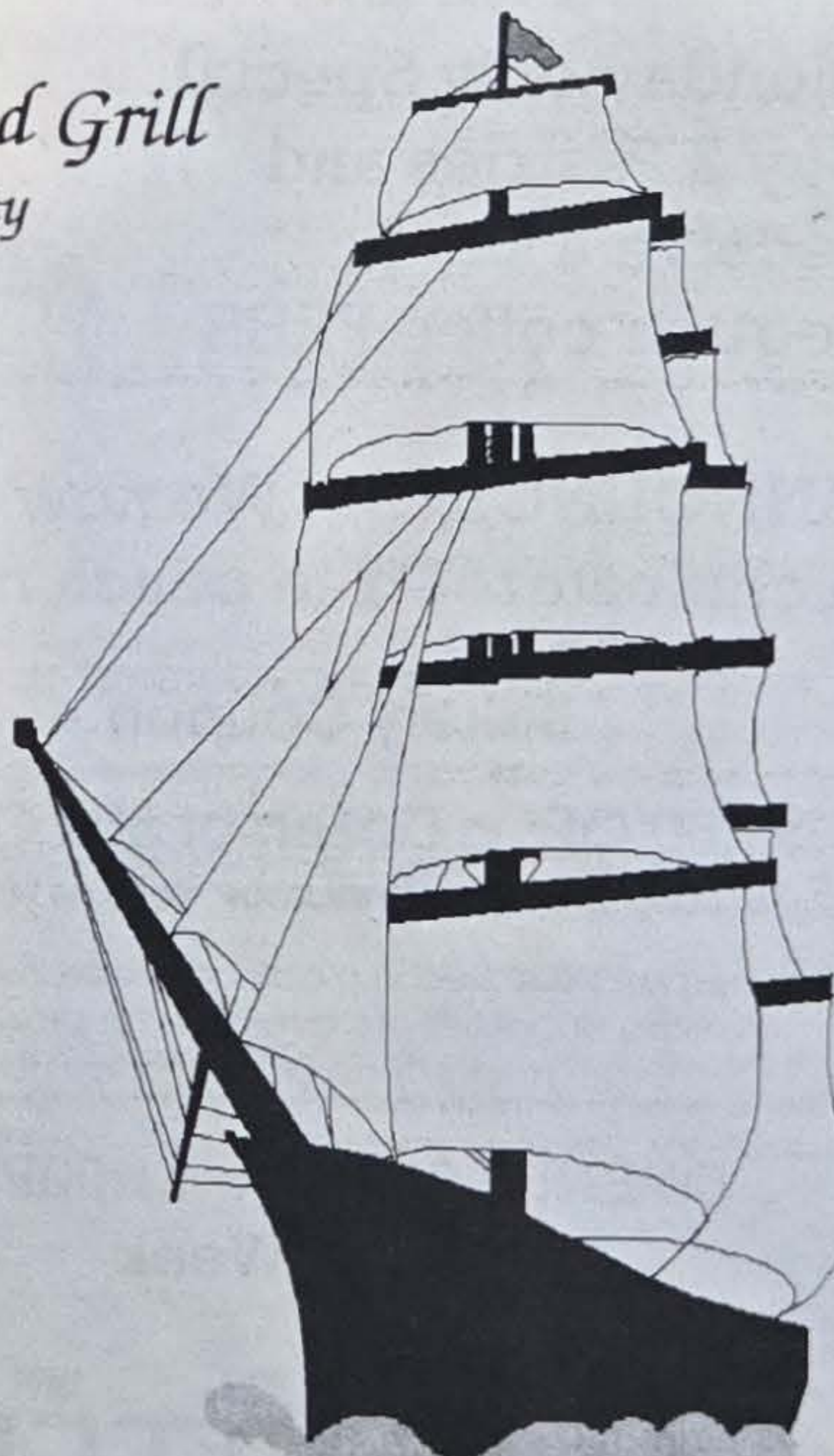
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