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Hampton's 8th Grade Graduates



Saturday, May 8 the funeral procession of Landis Garrison stretched for miles with fire engines, rescue squads, police and sheriff's cars, ambulances and automobiles from departments throughout the area. A rescue squad bearing Sgt. Garrison passed the patriotic murals and flags on McKay's Plating then turned off Rt. 84, climbed the hill and passed by the Hampton Police Department. **More on Page 14.**

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Hampton's Bob Gipson holds his 31st Science Fair

Grades 3-8 participate in the annual Science Fair which is funded by McKay's Plating and Metrobank. Guest judges determine first and second place trophy winners in each grade then three overall trophy winners who also received a check. Awards were:

Grade:	First Place:	Second Place:
3	Becca Kosminsky	Laura Burrill
4	Stephanie Milefchik	Taylor Whitmire
5	Mitchel Wright	Tyler Whitmire
6	Brian Newlon	Courtney Terronez
7	Andy Wright	Jessie Larrison
8	Lena Smith	Lisa Schippers

Overall:
 Second Runner Up: Brennen Burklund, 5th Grade (\$25.00)
 First Runner Up: Nikki Beals, 6th Grade (\$50.00)
 Overall Winner: Charlie Jordan, 7th Grade (\$100.00)



Former Hampton Students do well at UT High School

New Members inducted into the L.O. Dawson Chapter of the National Honor Society on May 3, 2004:

New Sophomore Members:
 Elizabeth Cook, Olivia Husman, Cara Neary, Megan Reisenbigler and Laura Schippers

The Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, in their 45th annual event awarded scholarships to the academically highest achieving and most active seniors at United Township High School. Additionally, the organization recognizes all freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in the top ten for their hard work.

Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors
Ashley Clark	Olivia Husman	Amanda Chaffee
Stefan Escontrias	Cara Neary	
Jerone Harms	Laura Schippers	

First place in Mathematics: Jonathan Hood, Senior

It should be noted that of a total of 58 honorees this year, 8 of them graduated from Hampton. Congratulations Students!

Hampton and Port Byron held All-Town Yard Sales

The spring season usually kicks off every April with town-wide yard sales and Port Byron and Hampton are keeping up the tradition. Port Byron's sale (even the River Valley Library participated!) was the first weekend in May and Hampton's was the second. The Rotary Club participated by setting up in the parking lot for the Port Byron Country Mall with a tent full of sale items and grilling the best pork chop sandwiches around! It is no wonder these types of community-wide sales are so popular!



Plan Ahead Community Calendar

MAY, 2004

- 15 Brettun & Black Museum clean-up/Set-Up Day 10a.m.-Noon
- 8th Grade Dinner/Dance-Methodist Hall Hampton
- 17 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 18 Hampton Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM Firehouse
- 19 Hampton School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at School
- Historical Society Regular Meeting at B&B Museum
- 20 8th Grade class trip to Chicago
- 21 Hampton-NO School-Teacher Institute
- 25 Hampton School Field Day* Tentative
- 26 Hampton School Awards Day* & 4th Quarter Ends.
- 27 Hampton School Kindergarten Graduation 10:30 am
- Hampton School Last Day of School *Tentative
- 28 Hampton School 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Traditional Memorial Day
- 31 Memorial Day Observed
- Memorial Day Service-10AM Hampton Soldier's Monument**
- Brettun & Black Museum Opens for the Season

JUNE, 2004

- 7 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 14 Hampton School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at School
- Flag Day
- 15 Hampton Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM Firehouse
- 17 Hampton Fire Auxiliary Meets 6:30PM Firehouse
- 20 Father's Day
- Ride the River
- 21 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 24-7/4 Grand Excursion Days

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Lynn Harold Hough

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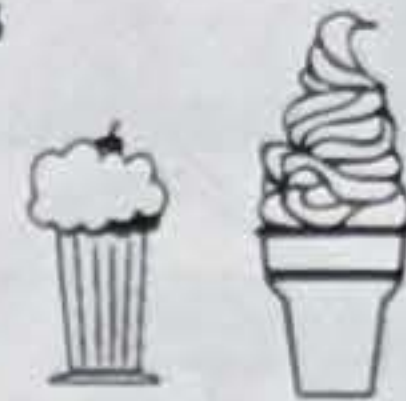
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Hampton's graduating kindergartners



Country Proverbs

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
Meanness don't happen overnight.
To know how country folks are doing, look at their barns,
not their houses.
Never lay an angry hand on a kid or an animal, it just ain't helpful.

"I'm planning a salary increase for you," the boss told an employee.

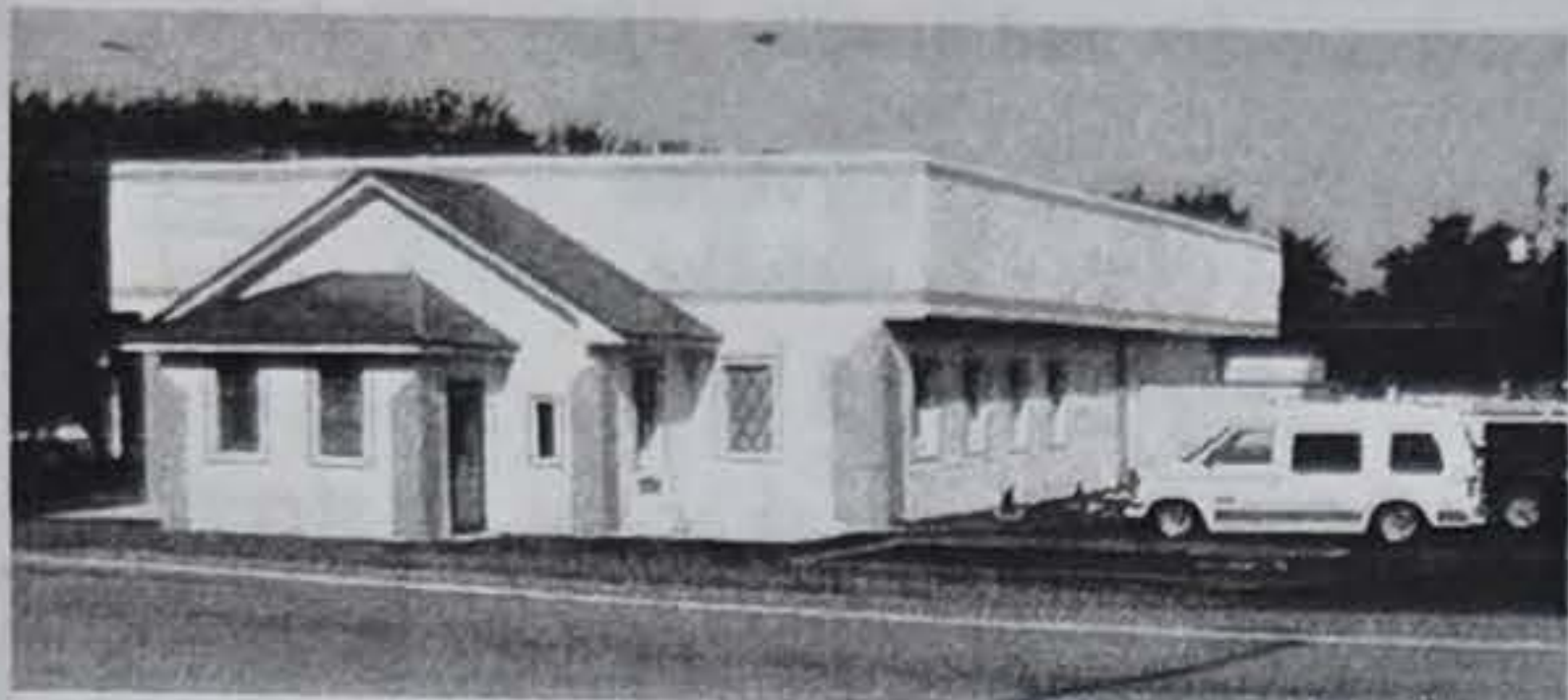
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WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM

By Franciska Rasmussen



Spring and Fall used to be the times that the carnivals and circuses came to town when I was a little girl. About six blocks from my home was a large open field and this is where the tents were set up.

This one Spring when I was about 5 years old the circus that came that year had a wild west theme with all the horses, cow boys, Indians and even buffalo. This did not mean much to me because at 5, I had not been to a circus and did not know what it was all about.

It just so happened that three of the buffalo decided to roam and escaped. At this time there was no TV and very few radios. People needed to be notified so teams of young men went door to door telling everyone to stay in side and keep all children in doors also till the critters were rounded up.

This did not sit very well with me as I wanted to go out and play and what the heck was a buffalo any way? My mother did her best to explain to me about the large beasts that were even larger than horses. If I was good I could look out the windows. Yeah Sure—what could I see looking out a window on 10th. Ave. in East Moline.

As luck would have it I heard a lot of yelling and men were running up and down the street. Then there seemed to be some things that were big and brown out there too. All of a sudden the brown things came toward our house and started to go between ours and the neighbors. I stood at the window and one of them brushed against it which frightened me. If the window had been open I could have touched it.

Next came men on horse back with ropes and all. The buffalo were not ready to go back to the circus so they gave the cow boys a good run for their money. The round up finally came between Watertown and Hampton. The circus finished it's time there and moved on. At last I was let out to play but I kept looking for more buffalo. I don't look for them now a days but when I get into my change purse and count change the Mr. Buffalo on the nickel brings back memories. He has stayed on there a long time hasn't he? I guess his roaming days are over.

Turn signals are for everyone's safety!

It might be interesting to learn how many accidents could have been avoided had intentions been made clear by using turn signals. At the request of some Crier readers, this comes by way of being a reminder to us all to use signals in these situations:

- When pulling away from a curb
- When merging with traffic
- Whenever making a turn
- When changing lanes
- When double parking for even the shortest time. (If you don't have double flashing hazard lights, use a turn signal)

Using turn signals at all times is just as important as using child safety seats or seat belts. Making sure you have visible turn signals is also key to safety. This time of year, our cars are splattered with mud and salty water. If your schedule doesn't allow you to go through the car wash frequently, at least use a wet towel to wipe off the lenses of your turn signals front, back and side.

Have a family member stand outside the car and test the signals front and back and the flashers if you have them. No one around? Pull into the garage, turn on the signals and watch for the reflected blinking signal lights. If they don't all work, replacement bulbs are inexpensive and a snap to change. I just learned that when the sound of the turn signal becomes very rapid, you probably have a burned-out bulb.

FOR THE KIDS & ALL PEDESTRIANS: When walking, using a skate board, skates, scooters or bikes, watch the turn signals on the cars! Be aware of where vehicles are going and stay out of the way. No matter who has the legal "right-of-way", a car or truck is really, from your unprotected position, a heavy, moving, weapon that can cause you a lot of grief. Be alert, watch for signals and at odd intersections, don't trust signaling cars. Wait for the lights to change or ALL the vehicles to be at a safe distance.

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Kerry Sansale Jr. and Angela Rinehart became engaged in December, 2003. They hope to have an outdoor wedding in June of 2005. Watch future Criers for the exact date. Angela is the daughter of Silvia and Ronald Stegall of Morrison, Illinois. Kerry, a life-long resident of Hampton is the son of Judy and Kerry Sansale Sr.

Congratulations-Military:

Congratulations to Daniel W. Cady who, on April 22, 2004 graduated from training at Ft. Leonardwood in Missouri. He received the Battalion Commander's Award as one of the top trainees.

NOTE: Birthday, Anniversary, Obituaries for area residents, engagement, wedding announcements and announcements of upcoming events sponsored by not-for-profit organizations are all **free in the Crier**. We only ask that you meet the issue deadline of the 6th of each month. The Crier mails on or about the 15th of each month so plan your publicity accordingly. Any questions-Call Jane Cady, Editor at 309-752-0627. Sorry, the Crier does NOT print classified ads.

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Chad Pregracke Honored as a Rising Star of the Future

Chad Pregracke, 29, of Hampton was the recipient of the Quad-Cities Area Leader's Under 40 award during the Black Hawk College Foundation's annual ceremony held April 29, 2004.

The BHC Foundation created the program to honor individuals who have demonstrated leadership ability in his or her chosen profession, achieved notable career success, and made a significant volunteer commitment through their community service.

Mr. Pregracke is known world-wide as the President and founder of Living Lands and Water. Ana Kehoe, a BHC alum nominated him for his work through his non-profit organization that aids in the protection, preservation and restoration of this nation's rivers and for stimulating similar efforts in other countries.

The latest project, Riverbottom Forest Restoration will be an effort to replant nut and seed trees along the shorelines and islands of the Mississippi to rebuild habitats and vegetation. Should you hear the call for volunteers from the Living Lands and Water organization, we encourage you and your entire family to respond.

Dan Oltman Designated MASTER TEACHER 2004

Dan Oltman, formerly of Hampton, now a Math and Science teacher at Riverdale High School in Port Byron was recognized for his commitment to excellence in education during his 31 years of teaching.

The Dispatch and The Rock Island Argus sponsor a program each year where outstanding teachers from kindergarten through high school may be nominated from area school districts. This year, 80 nominations were received (only 6 from high schools) and of the 23 chosen, only 4 were men.

Dave Williams, when nominating Mr. Oltman, related the high regard which graduates hold for his teaching methods as his high expectations of students proved critical to their college preparation and success. His popularity was further enhanced as a volleyball coach then as a "volleyball official."

For the majority of us who had a difficult time grasping the principles of high school math or science, it requires a passionate, persistent teacher just to "get through" to teenagers. For any math and science teacher to receive special recognition by students and adults, is certainly special. Congratulations Master Teacher!

Nathan Ross Received John Deere Harvester Works & UT Special Recognition Awards

Nathan Ross, son of Pastors Howard and Toni Ross, has received previous awards and honors including the Exchange Club Youth of the Month, President's Award for Educational Excellence and the PSAE Award for Exceeding Standards. While in high school, he was a member of FCA the ROK group, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Jazz Choir, the Math Team and the Marching Band. Outside of school his numerous activities center around serving his community through participation in Hampton United Methodist Church programs and volunteering in charity events as he did in the Relay for Life as a team captain.

During the nomination process, his reliability, support of and cooperation with other student's, his desire to achieve and do well were highlighted. All of his activities and positive attitudes will insure that continuing his education, planned at the Iowa University in Civil Engineering, will be a great success. It is hoped that he will continue to live and work in the QCA after graduating. Congratulations Nate.

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The waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, asks the cook, "This guy out there just ordered three flat tires and a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards. What does he think this is, an auto parts store?"

"No," said the cook, "three flat tires means three pancakes and a pair of headlights is two eggs sunny side up and running boards is 2 slices of crisp bacon."

The waitress thinks about this and then she spoons up a bowl of beans and gives it to the customer.

The guy said, "What are the beans for?"

The waitress replied, "I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might want to gas up."

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A short time afterwards, a golden retriever dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it and whined. Getting the idea, the receptionist got the office manager. The office manager looked at the dog and was surprised, to say the least. However, the dog looked determined, so he led him into the office. Inside, the dog jumped up on the chair and stared at the manager.

The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you have to be able to type." The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to type out a perfect letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager and gave it to him, then jumped back on the chair.

The manager was stunned, but then told the dog, "The sign says you have to be good with a computer." The dog jumped down again and went to the computer. The dog proceeded to demonstrate his expertise with various programs and produced a sample spreadsheet and database and presented them to the manager. By this time the manager was totally dumbfounded! He looked at the dog and said, "I realize that you are a very intelligent dog and have some interesting abilities. However, I STILL can't give you the job."

The dog jumped down and went to a copy of the sign and put his paw on the part about being an Equal Opportunity Employer. The manager said, "Yes, but the sign ALSO says that you have to be bilingual."

The dog looked at him straight in the face and said, "Meow."

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Henry David Thoreau

When a Minnesota television station converted to a computerized weather system, the story is told that the owners felt that giving the computer system a name might make it more acceptable to their viewers. A contest was held that generated thousands of entries. The winner was "Howell D. Weatherbee".

Children and How They Grieve

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

It is well-documented that children experience grief in many respects the same way adults do. That is, they go through the same stages of mourning: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and finally, acceptance - upon the death of a friend or loved one. The difference, of course, is that youngsters may not understand the facts of death, and as a result may be confused about just what is happening.

What is not as well known, is that children may feel actual grief not only after a death, but whenever they experience a significant loss. This is true when a close friend moves away; when parents divorce; when an older brother or sister goes away to college; when a pet runs off, or even when a favorite toy is lost or stolen.

Psychologist and author John Rosemond points out that parents can help a child to learn how to cope with "real" or serious grief by helping them through these instances of less extreme mourning. "All it takes" he writes, "is for someone to help (the child) express and understand his/her feelings."

We would like to suggest a way to preserve your memories of a deceased loved one. This is a method that works especially well for young children, whose memories are so fleeting. It is called a "Memory book", and here's how it works. Get a big scrap-book and, together with the child, put together some remembrances of the person you have lost. You might put in some photographs from a favorite vacation or backyard barbecue; perhaps tickets from a baseball game or the theater. Whatever reminds you of the person is appropriate.

Then, encourage the child, while his memory is still fresh, to write down his thoughts and feelings about the person. For example, if it is a grandparent who has died, the child might write about his visits to Grandma and Grandpa's house and what he did there. (If the child is too young to write, ask him to tell you "stories" and you write them down.)

Not only does the memory book preserve these cherished memories as the child grows up, but it encourages the kind of dialogue so important in coming to terms with a death. "Talking it out" is the first step in the healthy process of grieving-and healing-for children and for us all.

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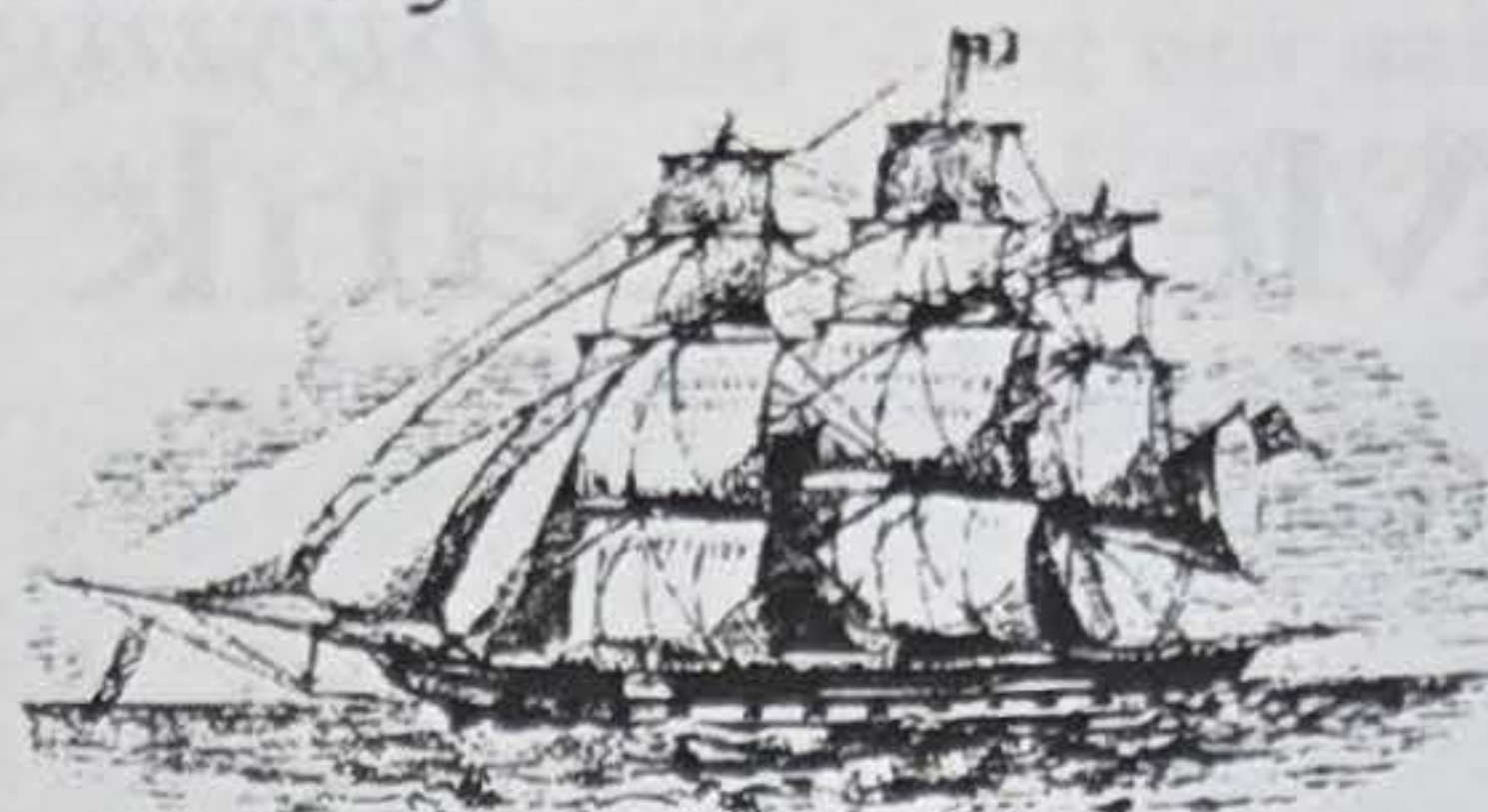
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ICE CREAM PAYDAY

By Mary Lou Schaechter

Again and again we run to the front lawn and watch in vain for Grandpa to turn the car from the highway into the long, winding driveway that leads up to the house.

Anxiously I turn to my Aunt Marilyn and ask, "Is it hot enough today?" "I think it is, but we'll have to wait until he gets here to find out," is her reply. I know it is Grandpa's payday, but would he think it is hot enough? My mouth is watering as I remember other steamy, hot paydays and Grandpa's triumphant arrival.

At last, we see the car turn in and we run to the top of the drive to welcome him. In his arms he is carrying a big, lumpy brown paper bag. Hurrying into the house, he is laughing at us as he walks. We follow into the house, getting as close as possible to him, sure that we know what he is carrying.

We are right! The bag is full of pints of ice cream of various flavors. Grandma is taking a big knife and cutting a few pint boxes in half. My aunt and uncles each choose a full pint, but my sister Judy and I each are given a half pint. Rushing outside with our ice cream and spoons, we let the cold ice cream melt down our throats, savoring each spoonful. What a treat on a hot day of summer!

All too soon our ice cream is gone and we lie on the lawn, relaxed and full. Hot ice cream paydays are the best.

In-Appreciation

The free-for-pick-up copies of the last issue were distributed by a number of volunteers. We would like to express our appreciation to those that made the deliveries as well as those that called to volunteer in the future. **Harry Sedgwick** (who delivered the lion's share of the last issue), **Julia Short**, **Dawn Porter** and **Pam Hofstetter**. As always, thanks to **Rick and Harriette Gillespie** who help process the thousands of papers for mailing and helps me haul it from Davenport to Hampton then to the post office each month.

The Regers of East Moline and the entire Kyle Chaney family would like to express their appreciation to the **United Methodist Women** for their sympathetic services on April 29th and always.

Crier columnist Franciska Rasmussen would like to thank **Kimberly Clark**, for running errands and cheerfully offering to help her while healing from shoulder replacement surgery. Franciska is especially appreciative since Kimberly helps her after a full day of working as a Cordova mail carrier.

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Mystery Item of the Month

This metal and wood item can be found at the Brettun & Black Store Museum when it opens on Memorial Day.

The mystery item was a popular labor and time saving devise in the days before mechanized farming. This item was generally used only in the spring and was considered indispensable to early farmers and gardeners. Although a very important tool, it was simple enough for children to use.

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Be Cautious of Spring Scams

Advice from your Better Business Bureau

Springtime seems to be the right time for sprucing up your home. It's also a time when con artists prey on homeowners, especially elderly homeowners. These con artists may show up at your door offering a variety of products and services from household products to magazines, from tree trimming to roof repair. Some may offer to pave your driveway with leftover materials from a previous job, mow your lawn, or remodel your home for a very low price. Oftentimes these fly-by-night operators may drive vehicles with out-of-state license plates, or set up temporary offices from which they can move quickly once authorities start looking for them.

Before you pay anyone who uses this type of approach, and especially **before** you allow any unknown individual into your home, the Better Business Bureau suggests that you do the following.

- Obtain the name and address of the company that person allegedly represents. If the person does not represent a known business and the circumstances suggest an itinerant contractor or sales representative, ask for references and contact each one.
- Get all details of the offer in writing and carefully review it. Make sure you understand everything in the contract. Any verbal promises should be included in the written contract.
- Make sure the salesperson has provided you with the proper "notice of cancellation" form as required under the FTC's "Three Day Cooling Off Rule" for contracts signed in the home.
- Verify that the contractor is properly licensed, bonded, and insured.
- Determine how long the company has been in business and call your Better Business Bureau to determine the firm's customer experience record.
- If you've checked references and the company's reputation, and you decide to hire the company, make the check payable to the company and not to a salesperson or any other individual's name. **DO NOT** pay in cash.

Remember, any legitimate company that wants your business will be more than willing to allow you the time to "check them out". Don't fall prey to high-pressure sales tactics such as "this is the only chance you have" or "by tomorrow the extra materials will be gone". If you have an expensive repair, be especially cautious of these offers. Obtain bids from several companies. Don't always go for the lowest bid. In many cases, you will get exactly what you pay for.

"If one sets aside time for a business appointment or shopping expedition, that time is accepted as inviolable. But if one says, 'I cannot come because that is my hour to be alone,' one is considered rude, egotistical or strange. What commentary on our civilization."

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Firefighters Volunteer to Man the "Smoke House" at The Annual, Hampton School's PTA Sponsored Carnival

You may think that joining a volunteer fire department means just taking a little generic training then responding only to local fires. It is really so much more. The training offered to the volunteers is invaluable to their families and to themselves in the future. Much of the information is how to avoid fires and dangerous situation by understanding building construction and potential hazards. Emergency first aid and "First Responder" training that is routinely offered safeguards lives wherever you go throughout your life.



An additional volunteer opportunity comes with the positive image of all firefighters-public relations and safety education. In order to enhance the educational efforts with children, several local fire departments share a partial model house on a flat bed trailer and a smoke-making machine. That equipment is taken to special events, manned by local firefighters and used to educate children and allow them to practice what they should do in case of fire.

Thanks to Mark Larson, Hampton Fire Chief and Firefighter Jamie King that manned the "smoke house" during the PTA Carnival on April 24th.

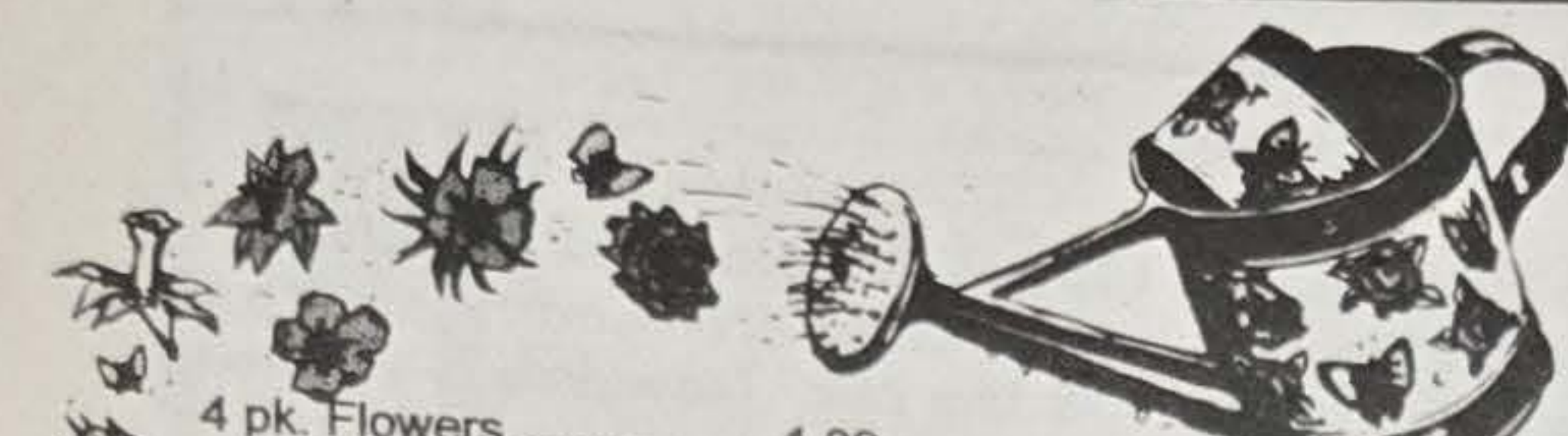
Volunteer Firefighters needed in Hampton

The Hampton Fire Department needs volunteers that can respond to local emergencies during "regular working hours" (8am-6p.m.) when a majority of residents are at their workplaces out of the area.

Please call the firehouse non-emergency number (755-6182) or attend any Tuesday night training meeting at 7 p.m. for details. Men or women, if you have taken early retirement, are self-employed or work 2nd or 3rd shift, please consider becoming a volunteer firefighter and/or "First Responder".

"It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation. He who has never failed somewhere, that man cannot be great. If it be said that continual success is proof that a man wisely knows his powers, it is only to be added that, in that case, he knows them to be small."

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May

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10 Marc Sinelli
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15 Tom Gillespie
21 Charlotte Schmidt
22 Martha Rose Hayes
23 Becky Gillespie Gould

June

13 Ken Pfau
14 Jeff Cady
20 Vanessa Gillespie

Floy Hull



Jeff Cady with Grandson Gabe

B&B Museum getting ready for May Meetings and Opening Day



The Roger Land Construction Company of Moline has just finished refurbishing the raised board walk in front of the B&B museum on First Avenue in Hampton. The solid walk will be most welcome during the expanded Memorial Day festivities this year.

Oltman Auction and gifts to the B&B Museum



For the first time in years, Hampton saw its first auction in the historic district at the home of Herb Oltman who passed away last February. Herb was a familiar and popular Hampton resident who was a supporter and member of the Historical Society. The Society would like to thank Herb's family for donations to the Brettun and Black museum. All may visit the B&B on First Avenue during the summers on Saturdays and Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m..

MEMORIAL DAY IN HAMPTON:

Beginning 10:00 am Gathering at the Soldier's Monument on First Avenue next to the Village Hall. Presentation of flag and pledge. A few brief remarks made by guest speakers. Fresh flowers are passed among those attending and all walk down to the shore behind the museum where the flowers are thrown in the river in tribute to those that served or died upon the water. Everyone then gathers in front of the museum where the names of veterans are read out and Taps is played.

The Hampton Historical Society welcomes everyone for opening day refreshments, a short appreciation speech to honor Ann Eliza Haertjens for her gift of paintings.

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The question is not what a man can scorn, or disparage, or find fault with, but what he can love, and value, and appreciate. John Ruskin

Area News Briefs

The Silvis Garden Club Welcoming New Members

The Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the McGehee Center in Schadt Park. The address is 4th Avenue at 12th Street in Silvis, Illinois.

The purpose of the group is to demonstrate and encourage gardening in the Silvis area. Beginners or experienced gardeners that would like to meet and share this grand past time, call Mary Teager at 309-792-2512 for further details.

Blood Center Volunteers Honored

May 1st on board the Celebration, those that volunteer their time at the local Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Centers were honored.

The MVRBC wanted to recognize area volunteers for the number of hours and years of service contributed to the community blood program. Awards were presented to the volunteers who then enjoyed the cruise and entertainment on the Mississippi River.

Over 300 people volunteered for 34,611 hours of service during 2003. They work side by side with the staff and can be found on mobile operations or in the centers sealing and issuing bags, serving refreshments, registering donors, packing plasma, preparing mailings, delivering and picking up blood from mobile sites and service hospitals throughout MVRBC's 34-county service region.

May 7th, MVRBC, at Circa 21 in Rock Island, honored 60 area high schools and the hundreds of high school-aged blood donors for hosting blood drives during the 2003-04 school year. The high school program is sponsored by Crown Trophy, of Bettendorf, Great Company 105/B-100 and the Quad City Steamwheelers.

With L&M, Roseville and Washington yet to complete their blood drives next week, these students collectively contributed 7,415 units of blood to their community blood program. A new record for the high school program. Riverdale student Kyle Simpson will receive his gallon grad award for donating 8 times before graduation.

Sailing and Rowing Classes

Sailing classes begin June 7th and will be held Monday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m. through July 1st at the Lake Davenport Sailing Club, E. River Drive and College St. in Davenport. Participants will receive 24 hours of land and on-water instruction. Participants must be 14 or older and provide their own Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices. Course fees are \$60 for youth 14-18 and \$110 for adults 19 and over. A 1 year Sailing Club Associate Membership is included.

Rowing classes also begin June 7th, and will be held various evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. for four weeks at the QCRA Boathouse, 17th St. & River Drive, Moline. Course fees are \$45. for youth 15-18 and \$125 for adults 19 and over. Call 563-762-6030 for schedule. Participants must be 15 or older and be able to swim, lift 30# overhead and have good hip and knee flexibility. Youth fees are underwritten by the RiverWay 2004 Project, encouraging participation by making fees more affordable.

Ecology Related Events sponsored by RiverWay

May 25th: Scot County Snap Shot Sampling. Volunteers are needed to monitor water quality. Call Sara Kosieracki at 563-391-1403 Ext. 3 to sign up and for details.

June 4th and June 18th: There will be frog surveys at Nahant Marsh at dusk each day. Call 563-323-5196 for details.

More Country Proverbs

Teachers, Moms, and hoot owls sleep with one eye open.
Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.
Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.
Two can live as cheap as one if one is a horse, and the other a sparrow.
Don't corner something meaner than you.
You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar, assuming you want to catch flies.
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Shopping Trip to Chicago

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River Valley Library now offering MOVIES!

River Valley Library show a movie on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month October-May for adults. Free pop and popcorn at every movie.

May 20: 1:00 p.m. Cold Mountain

Sunday, May 16th is Chick Flick Sunday!

Ladies, join us at 2:00 at the library for *Calendar Girls*. Bring a snack to share and bring a friend!

Call Cathy: 309-523-3440 or drop in to sign up for the Sunday fun.

Thanks to all who donated time, talents or food to the Friends of the River Valley Taco Dinner fundraiser. A big thanks to Tyson Foods for their donation of 80 pounds of ground beef. It was a great success and about \$500.00 was raised for the cabinet fund.

Come join Friends of the RV Library the **1st Friday** of every month at 9AM with your stamps and ink pads to have some fun.

Annual PTA Carnival at Hampton School Fun for All



Popular Bounce House and food in the gym and the putting game in a classroom.

The PTA sponsored annual spring carnival took place on April 24th. Board members, school staff, parent volunteers and local residents made sure the children had a great time. Adults joined the fun at the cupcake walk in the raffle item room and in the gym where lunch items were dished up by Board President Randy Baldrige and volunteers served home baked desserts. The proceeds of the carnival support PTA events and projects for the students.

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Coffee at United Methodist in Hampton

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. the Fellowship Hall at the Hampton United Methodist Church will greet you with morning coffee. Come a little early on Sundays to greet your friends and neighbors before the services.

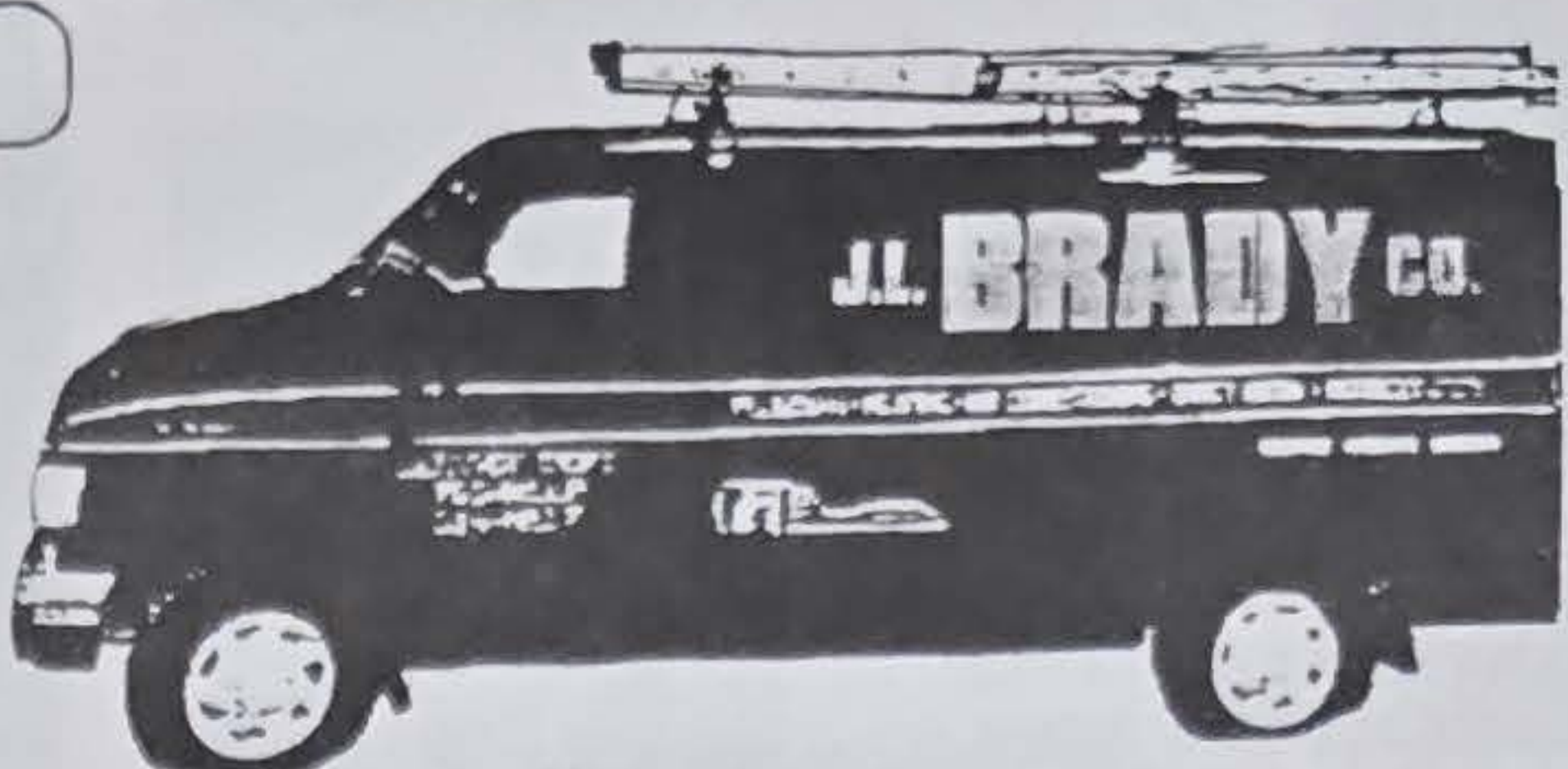
Every TUESDAY from May 25th through September 7th, the Fellowship Hall will host a "Community Coffee House" from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. **Everyone is welcome!**

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OUR HAMPTON HEROES

By Rocky Nelson

The month of May is very significant to Hampton Historical Society. It marks the start of a new season, which begins on Memorial Day. We hope you will attend our traditional Memorial Day ceremony held at the Soldier's Monument on First Avenue facing the river. This year it's May 31 beginning at 10:00 AM. Hampton can be proud of the fact that we are one of the few communities that still do this. We can be even more proud of the Hampton boys that have served their country in every war since the War of 1812.

Memorial Day was originally meant to honor Civil War veterans but later came to include veterans of all wars. There are 60 Civil War veterans buried on the bluff. The names are read every Memorial Day. Included is one unknown soldier, buried near the cannon. Why an unknown soldier? We don't know, but we think it appropriate to focus just as much attention on the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. All we know about our unknown soldier is that he was in the 1st US Cavalry.

Another Civil War grave is that of Henry Arcularius. He was a member of a very significant family, in our town. The family home is just over the bluff. If you are going toward Babcock/Meersman Additions, at the foot of the hill look to your right. You'll see a large old farm house. It's not so hard to imagine young Henry playing in the yard and in the woods out back. Another timber is very significant to Henry Arcularius. This one is far away, in the Northern part of Georgia. In September of 1863, young Henry marched with the 89th Illinois Infantry as part of McCook's division of the Army of the Cumberland. The Union general, William Rosecrans had campaigned all summer against his Confederate counterpart, Braxton Bragg. Rosecrans, with some creative strategy had forced Bragg out of Tennessee without a pitched battle. He proceeded into Georgia, cautiously, through heavily timbered, sparsely settled country. He didn't know it but Bragg was drawing him into a trap. The two armies stumbled into each other near a sludgy little creek called Chicamauga. Neither general had planned to fight in this difficult ground but great battles sometimes just happen, without intent.

September 18 it started. The country was so heavily wooded that the officers had little control and the fight deteriorated into a struggle between individual groups of soldiers. It was on this day during fierce but indecisive battle that Henry Arcularius was killed. Apparently his parents had his body transported home to Hampton for burial. Not unusual in the Civil War, but the only one in Hampton as far as we know. The next day Rosecrans would commit a major strategic mistake that allowed the Confederates to break through and route 2/3 of the Union army. The remaining 1/3, commanded by George H Thomas, refused to be routed and though beset by assault after assault, in the end fighting with bayonets. Thomas withdrew the next day so the rebels could count it as a victory, but at terrible cost. It gave Thomas his famous nickname: The Rock of Chicamauga.

If you visit Hampton Cemetery on Memorial Day you might notice two flags by the Monument, not decorating graves. They are placed there at the request of Maniel Smith, another veteran of the 89th in honor of two "buddies", Moses Beaver and Elijah Youlin, who fell at the battle of Stone River and are buried on that field. Stone River is sometimes called Stone's River, or Murfreesboro, take your pick. It is also referred to as the New Years Eve battle because it took place December 31, 1862 - January 2, 1863. Rosecrans was in command (this was 9 months before Chicamauga) and Bragg was the rebel commander. Both armies were ready to go into winter quarters, Bragg at Murfreesboro, Rosecrans at Nashville. Rosecrans decided to make one more move against Bragg. He moved south and engaged the enemy with his army astride Stone ('s) River. Fierce fighting ensued on the last day of 1862, and some more on the first day of 1863. The Federals got the best of it but suffered heavy losses, among which were Beaver and Youlin.

There are some others, not buried in Hampton, but from our town and representing it where they rest today. Andersonville was the name of a huge prison camp near Plains, Macon County, Georgia. Over 30,000 Union prisoners were held there under unbelievably horrible conditions. Disease killed more men than those killed in any battle of the war. In the National Cemetery there, lie three Hampton boys, again from the 89th.

In grave # 3123, lies Josiah Dudley. He held the rank of Corporal. He died July 10, 1864 of anasarca (dropsy, an accumulation of liquid in the body. Thank God for the Unabridged Dictionary) It doesn't say where he was captured but Chicamauga is a good guess.

In grave # 11921 lies James Bowser, private, died September 19, 1863. Cause of death is listed as scorbutus (scurvy, a disease caused by insufficient fresh vegetables in the diet) He is listed as captured at Chicamauga.

The third, in grave #2637 is Franklin S. Merrill, sergeant, died June 29, 1864 of scorbutus. No record of capture but likely Chicamauga. In the 1860 census he is listed as a farmer with a wife and two children.

So our little town has had its share of heroes. Lets think about that on May 31st. These men died for their country, but they also died for you.

Below is a wonderful poem Audrey Hepburn wrote when asked to share her "beauty tips". It was read at her funeral years later.

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it
once a day.
For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.
People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed,
revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone.
Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one
at the end of each of your arms.
As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands;
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Unexpected Remodeling for Porter's Village Rx

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No one was hurt in the accident. The car was a large model so protected the driver and passengers. Luckily, the cashier that, just a few days before, would have been standing right where the car broke through the wall, was working on in the new check-out area.

June Bug Jog comes to Hampton's Heritage Park

June 5th, the 5K evening run & competitive walk will be held in Hampton's Heritage Park just off Rt. 84. The kid's race (ages 1-10) begins at 6 p.m., the Adult's at 7 p.m.. Awards and medals will be given and profits go to local charities. For entry fee information and details, drop in to Quinn's Hardware or Blimpie for entry forms. Both are just off Rt. 84 in Hampton. You may also register from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the south end of Heritage Park.

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Hampton Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast a great success!



From 7AM to noon, the Hampton Firefighters served pancakes, biscuits and gravy and eggs for their friends, neighbors and supporters for all over the area. Many lingered to take a closer look inside and outside the Heritage Center just off Rt. 84. The setting could not be better on a bright and sunny morning. Most lingered to take in the details carved into the Hampton Ginkgo tree. Moving the breakfast from the firehouse to the new center was appreciated for the large paved parking lot as well as the scenery. The Firefighters Association would like to thank the Village for allowing the use of the new Center for this event and especially, thank you to all the supporters that attended the breakfast.

Obituaries

Gwenola Wiltamuth Mohr, 82 of East Moline passed away on April 10, 2004. Entombment was in St. Mary's Mausoleum in East Moline.

Gwenola Florence Wiltamuth was born August 14, 1921 at the family farm just east of Hampton to Edward and Eleonora Struss Wiltamuth. She married John Mohr December 29, 1942. John preceded her in death in 1976.

Gwenola graduated from UT and attended the American Institute of Commerce. She worked at the Port Byron State Bank and retired from International Harvester in 1976 and participated in their Retirees, the University Extension Happy Hollow Group, The Illini Hospital Auxiliary, the Kings Daughters, Moline Elk Ladies and a Ceramics Group.

She will be missed by her numerous local friends and relatives and those living from Washington DC to North Carolina.

Mary T. Kirk, 80, of Hampton passed away April 16, 2004. After services at St. Mary's Catholic Church, she was buried in National Cemetery, Arsenal Island.

Mary Teresa Hava was born February 10, 1924 in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of Albert and Katherine Veselenak Hava. She married William F. "Scotty" Kirk May 27, 1944. He died January 27, 2003.

Mary was employed at Westinghouse and at Esskay Meat Packing Co. in Baltimore. She has been a member of the St. Mary's Women's Circle and enjoyed bowling while in both women's league and a mixed league.

Mrs. Kirk is survived by her daughter, sons, grandchildren, great grand children of this area and a brother, Albert Hava of Baltimore.

Nancy A. De Meyer, 45 of Hampton lost her 6 year battle with cancer on April 27, 2004. Services were held at St. Mary's before burial in the Hampton Cemetery.

Nancy was born November 15, 1958 to Dwight and Gabriella Lambrecht Dopler. She married Terrance "Terry" De Meyer August 5, 1977.

She worked at Nomura Enterprises and JTM Concepts both in Rock Island. She could be seen around town enjoying motorcycle rides with her husband or in her garden. Nancy was awaiting the birth of her first grandchild due in November.

Nancy is survived by her husband, daughter Terran, son Tyson (Laura) of Colona, her parents, sisters and extended family throughout the immediate area.

Doughnut Holes

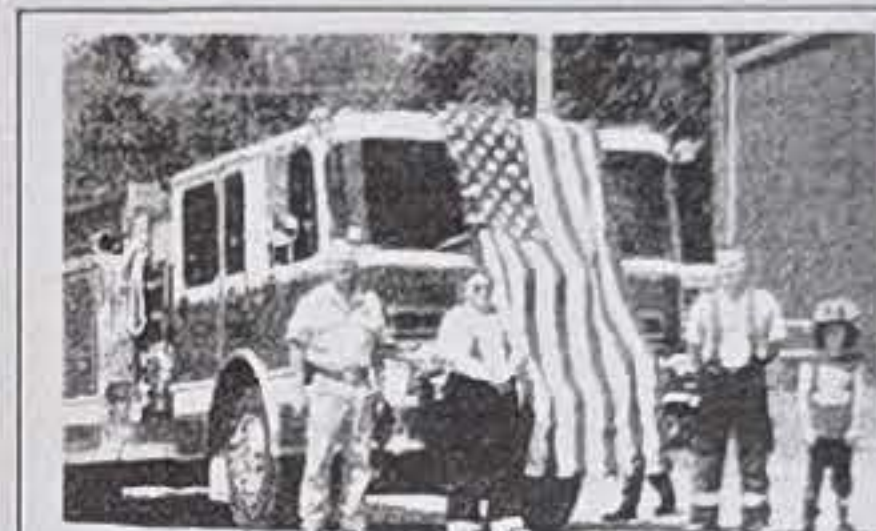
Since time began, women have been cooking bread-like items with a hole in the center because cooking is more even. A simple stick or fancy cooking utensil can be run through the center and the item removed from hot water, fire or grease. For those that will not give the ladies the credit for common sense cooking, there is also one legend that gives credit for the American style doughnut, with a hole, to a Maine sea captain named Hansen Gregory. When his sailors were on duty at the ship's wheel, they could eat and slip extra doughnuts over the spokes of the ship's wheel.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
Elizabeth Bibesco

Ladis W. Garrison, 23, of Rapids City lost his life in an gun accident while deployed in Iraq on April 29, 2004. He was a member of the 333rd Military Police Company stationed for nearly a year in Iraq. At the time of his deployment he was a member of the Port Byron Fire Department and was a part-time Hampton police officer taking additional fire and police training.

Landis was born in Moline on January 8, 1981, son of Randy and Leah Garrison of Rapids City. He graduated Riverdale High School in the class of 1999 and from boot camp and AIT at Ft. Leonardwood on March 31, 2000, Company A 795th MP Battalion. This popular area resident served as security for several airports and with the 333rd Army National Guard-Police Company, completed additional training in Germany and Nicaragua.

Mr. Garrison's life was a model of volunteerism and service to his community and country. Our condolences to Sgt. Garrison's extended family, co-workers and numerous friends.



Births

Bob and Sue (McKay) Collard, former Hamptonites, announce the birth of their first grandchild - **Michael Alexander** - on April 28. He was six weeks early and weighed 4 pounds, 2 ounces and is still in the hospital but doing fine. His proud parents are Trisha Richey and Michael Collars.

SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER EVENTS: May/June, 2004

Open Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM Paid reservations for the following special events must be received at least a week in advance:

June 14 & 24: 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.

May 28: Trinity Foot and Hand Care Clinic From 9:00 a.m. to Noon. An Appointment is required and advance notification of any cancellation is required. Bring a washcloth and 2 towels. NOT covered by Medicare or Medicaid. Foot Care Cost: \$22.00, Hand Care Cost \$7.00

May 20 & June 17: Senior Citizens Catered Dinner 5:00 p.m. Cost \$6.50. After dinner program and drawings for prizes. Come participate in the fun and fellowship!

May 26 & June 30: Lunch and Card Games Donation \$3.00 Cards & games follow lunch.

June 2: Euchre Tournament 12:30 p.m. Cost \$4.00. Played according to Hoyle Rules. Men & Women welcome

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Don't mess with seniors....

An old farmer in Georgia had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice; picnic tables, horseshoe courts, basketball court, etc. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw a bunch of young women skinny dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end of the pond. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked. I'm here to feed the alligator."

Moral: Old age, experience, and cunning will triumph over youth and enthusiasm every time.

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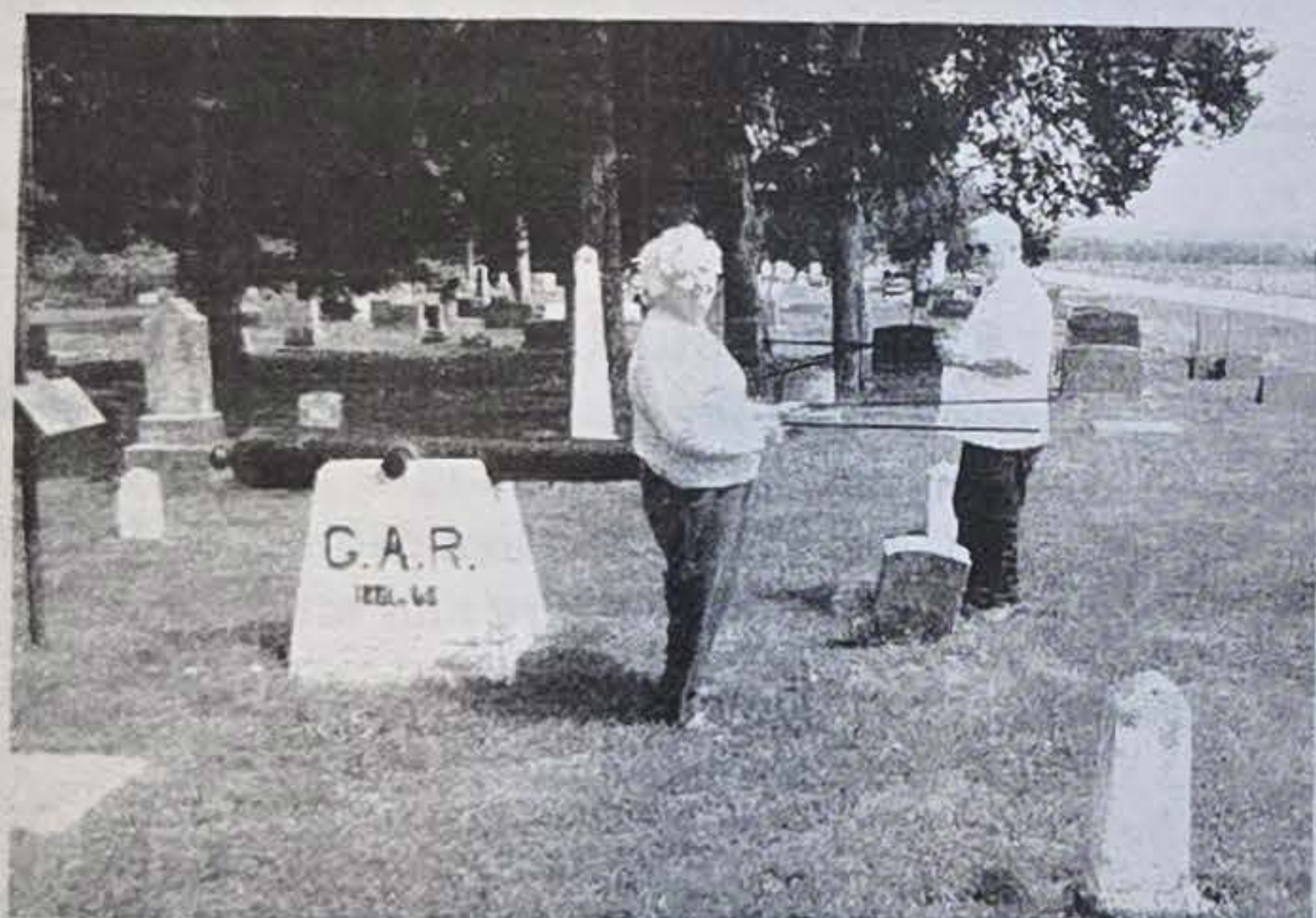
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What's Going on Here?

In January, Charmian Cady passed away and at her request, the Hampton Historical Society will oversee refurbishing the GAR section at the entrance to the Hampton Cemetery as her memorial. The GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) was a political party made up of Civil War veterans. Their numbers gradually dwindled but the monuments they set up remain to mark their patriotic contributions to the community.

The GAR section, marked by four short obelisks, contains a cannon, flag pole (dedicated by the American Legion), a large metal plaque of the text of the Gettysburg Address and a headstone representing the grave of an unknown soldier.

Herein lay the mystery in this restoration project. Was this a real grave? Before work could begin, the Hampton Historical Society needed to determine if and where the body of an unknown soldier was laid to rest. No one has been able to verify the stories from just after the Civil War that the GAR would send the body of an unknown soldier and a tombstone to any authorized group that would like to have an honorary grave in their cemetery. If this tale proved true, work would have to be done so the body wouldn't be disturbed.



Jane and Rocky Nelson, both using two long, thin wires held loosely in each hand. When the wires move of their own accord and cross, the body lay below. In this case, the soldier is on Rocky's side of the tilted tombstone.

Jane and Rocky Nelson, our local witching experts were called on April 29th to solve the mystery. The results: The tombstone would normally be near the head of the body but through the years, the stone had apparently been placed at the foot of the grave with the writing facing away from the soldier..

Watch future issues for reports on the Moline Monument Company and Hampton Historical Society's progress at the site. Dedication of the site is planned for Veteran's Day, 2004.

About 40 white-haired veterans dressed in full military uniforms from various branches of the service in order to participate in their city's annual parade. Their younger commander barked his orders: shoulders back, heads up and no turning around or breaking ranks during the parade.

The veterans marched ramrod straight, eyes looking forward and ignored greetings from friends along the way. Suddenly a tiny voice called out, "Look Mommy, there's Grandpa!". As a unit, all heads turned.

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When has lasting greatness ever been achieved by one who sought greatness for itself rather than allowing it to move quietly upon him as he worked for others? What did Dooley, or what did Rusk, or Kendall or Schweitzer set out to do but help his neighbor in the way he knew best?

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JAMMIN' WITH JANE

By Jane Nelson

Well we are back safe and sound from New York City. We had a grand old time. We stayed in three bed and breakfasts. In New York City we stayed in Marc's ex-wife's apartment. She has a good friend she stayed with for the four nights we were there. We somehow never got time to see Martha's school or apartment. Martha seemed in good spirits and is taking a shot everyday for the MS. I talked to Marc last night and he thinks we should all go to Sweden. You know Rock, my husband is a 100% Swede and has several relatives still in Sweden. I think that might be next summer's project. Needless to say I came home with no recipes or food related stories.

Since the theme this month has a flavor of the Civil War, I thought about a little book I just sent for, "Civil War Cookin' Stories, n' Such" by Darlene Funkhouser and published by Quixote Press 1854, 345th Ave., Wever IA 52658. The phone is 800 571 2665. It has 129 recipes.

First I thought you would like to know the type of equipment they had for cooking. You can bet it was not a George Forman Grill! When camp was set up, a small pit was dug and filled with coal or wood. A gridiron was set over the coals or the wood. This gridiron held pots, pans, coffeepots, skillets or the good old Dutch oven:: Dutch ovens were the true stars of any camp. They were versatile, and indispensable. Temperatures in a Dutch oven were regulated by how hot the coals in the pit were or the height of the flames from the wood fire... Dutch ovens were used to roast, bake, fry, simmer, or to make stews or soups. Cooks could get along without almost any other type of cooking equipment, but they could not do without their Dutch oven.

When I was teaching I taught a unit on outdoor cooking and, since we are not campers I didn't know too much about it. So a man that taught boy scouts how to cook came and demonstrated for my class. He made a recipe very similar to one in this book.

COBBLER

Cobblers could use different types of fruit:: blueberries, strawberries, peaches, apples, cherries, but the favorite fruit was blackberries. Two or three different kinds of fruits could be blended together and used in the same cobbler. No cobbler has ever suffered from having too much fruit.

There were three equally good ways of preparing fruit cobblers:

1. Some folks like to put a layer of pastry on the bottom of a pan (using half of the pastry dough) and the other half of the pastry over the fruit.
2. Some cooks mixed the dough and fruit together.
3. Other cooks put the fruit in the pan and then place dollops of dough over the fruit

Recipe for number one:

Fruit- judge the quantity; 2 quarts blackberries, or 2 pints of blueberries, strawberries, peaches or apples sound about right, but it really depended on how much fruit was available.

¾ - 1c sugar (to combine with sugar)

2 c flour

1 t salt

2/3 c plus 2 T lard

4 to 5 T very cold water

Sift together flour and salt. Cut lard into flour until mixture looks like coarse meal. Sprinkle water one Tblsp. at a time over surface of the mixture; stir with fork until dry ingredients are moistened. Shape into a ball and keep as cold as possible.

Roll or pat dough out to a ¼ in thickness. Place one-half of the dough on the bottom of a lightly greased baking pan. Spread combined fruit and sugar over the pastry. Lay the other half of pastry over fruit; brush lightly with butter. Make a few steam slits in pastry, and bake at 375° for 20-25 minutes(until top is a light golden brown.

Recipe for number two

Fruit

1 ½ c flour

1 c sugar

1c milk

Butter(not lard) the size of an egg

Melt butter, pour into large bowl. Add remaining ingredients, pour into lightly greased baking dish, and bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes (until lightly browned).

Recipe for number three:

Use the same recipe as for number two, but put fruit and sugar (combined) into a lightly greased baking pan and drop dollops of batter over fruit. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes (until pastry is lightly browned).

I make something very similar with a can of pie filling and top with Bisquick shortbread dough.. You can do any of the three methods. The person that demonstrated using the Dutch oven did about the same thing. He put it in hot coals and put a lid on the kettle and put coals on the lid.

He made one other recipe. Using squares of heavy duty aluminum foil fill with a piece of round steak, cut up potatoes, carrots and onions. Use a little salt and pepper. Fold with a drugstore wrap. Put in hot coals or your oven for about one hour at 350°.

Next month, the summer fruits should be readily available so you'll find different ways to make the best fruit pies for all your summer get togethers.

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Confused Confucious Sayings:

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Man with one chop stick go hungry
Man who eat many prunes get good run for money
War does not determine who is right, war determine who is left
Wife who put husband in doghouse soon find him in cat house
Man who drive like hell, bound to get there
Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement.

More Country Proverbs

Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.
Keep skunks and lawyers at a distance.
Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.
A bumble-bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.
Trouble with a milk cow is she won't stay milked.
Don't skinny dip with snapping turtles.

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Grave of the Unknown Soldier in Washington D.C.

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face, and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5'10" & 6'2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30"

Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way.

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

You may also be interested to learn what the guards did during Hurricane Isabel. Yes, they continued their vigilance!

A few more country proverbs

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

Don't go huntin' with a fellow named Chug-A-Lug.

You can't unsay a cruel thing.

Every path has some puddles.

Don't wrestle with pigs: you'll get all muddy - and the pigs will love it.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

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A Wonderful One Day Get-a-Way to Kalona, Iowa

On June 25th, take advantage of traveling with local friends on a one day get-a-way to Kalona, Iowa's Amish Community.

While there, shop downtown Kalona, visit a museum, a cheese factory, numerous gift shops and enjoy a full-course dinner in a rural Amish home.

- The bus will leave Church of the Cross (22621 - Rt. 2 and 92, Port Byron, IL at 7:30 am.
- Estimated return at 5:00 p.m.
- Cost \$60.00 which covers transportation, meal, guide, and a snack upon arrival in Kalona.
- Reservations must be received by June 9th.

Contact any of the following for details or reservations:

Diana O'Hara (523-2265), Judy Bell (496-2113) or Marilyn Nightingale (792-0346)

Mystery Item Answer: This intriguing tool is used to evenly plant seeds. Go back and study the photo. The long, narrow storage compartment was loaded with seeds and the lid closed. To plant the seeds, the tool was used just like a cane. Holding the wooden handle, with the seed box facing forward, the farmer would take measured paces down a plowed row. The "foot" on the bottom is connected to a spring device which briefly opens the seed box to allow a single seed to drop into a hole. With a rolling gait, the farmer would get into a rhythm that rapidly planted a field in evenly spaced rows. Another person could walk behind the farmer and push soil over the planted seed or one person could perform both functions by planting one row and covering the previous row's seeds with their foot.

From the late 1840's until well after the Civil War, 100 pound sacks of seeds were sold at the Bretton & Black Store on First Ave. Farmers transported those seeds long distances so they were not to be wasted by poor planting techniques. Imagine the back strain of bending over to drop seeds one at a time into rows or the difficulty of standing straight and trying to drop seeds evenly on a windy day. Placing seeds too close together reduced the crop yield. Planting tools like our mystery item saved time, reduced waste and allowed the maximum yield per acre by even spacing.

Blimpie and the Towne Crier Announce new Incentive Bike Helmet & Litter Pick-Up Program

The objective of the program is to reinforce the Crier's anti-litter philosophy and make sure the kids stay safe this summer by wearing their helmets.

Mystery spotters will be circulating throughout the northern QCA area with supplies of special coupons. Whenever a Mystery Spotter "catches" a child picking up litter OR wearing their bike helmet while riding a bike, on a scooter, in-line skating or on a skate board, they will be awarded a Blimpie Bear "Att-a-Way to Go" Coupon.

For each four (4) coupons accumulated and redeemed while dining at Blimpie at 501 S. State (Rt. 84) in Hampton, one of these free food item may be chosen: Giant Cookie (any variety), piece of Strudel, piece of fresh fruit, medium drink or bag of chips (any flavor).

The program will be in effect from June 1 to September 1. All coupons must be redeemed by September 15th. During the program, names of all children "caught" picking up litter and/or wearing their helmets will be published in the Towne Crier in the "Blimpie Bear Att-a-Way to Go" section for the month.

During the program, each time a set of 4 coupons is redeemed for a food item, one coupon with the child's name will be put into a drawing. On September 2, a drawing will be held and four Blimpie complete meals will be awarded to the family of the child whose name is called. The more coupon sets redeemed, the more chances to win a great Blimpie meal for the entire family!

River Valley Library summer reading program will begin on Monday, June 7 with sign-ups from 1-8:30 p.m.. Please stop in the library to pick up your information packet that day, no early packet pick-up. We will continue to sign up all week - during regular library hours. Our program runs June 7th to July 9th for age 3 years - 8th grade. We also offer an adult reading program from 9th grade - adults.

Each weekend during our summer reading program, we will offer an outdoor youth/family movie at 8:30 p.m.. The summer movies will be shown as follows:

6/5: Disney's Tom & Huck (Part of Grand Excursion Program)
6/11: New Disney release - Peter Pan
6/19: 50 First Dates
6/25: Teacher's Pet
7/2: Haunted Mansion
7/9: Chasing Liberty
7/17: Miracle
7/23: Stellanina & Ms. Spiders Sunny Patch Kids

Dennis Warner, folk singer will perform at the River Valley Library on June 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Warner will entertain all ages with his wonderful, fun, folk songs as he encourages young audiences to participate. The children always have a good time. We will also have a hot dog roast and minnow races that evening. Minnow races are from 7-8:00 p.m.

Hampton Village Board Notes 4/19 & 5/3/2004

- New Petty Cash policy requiring use of tax exempt number and receipts for all purchases was passed.
- The budget and salary schedule for the village for the fiscal year May 1, 2004 - April 30, 2005 was presented for approval. Trustee VanDieren stated she thought the phone allowances for Trustees was excessive and wanted them removed from the schedule. Attorney Lee advised that any change in the allowances for Trustees would have to be done by a separate ordinance and the amount cannot change during their term. The Budget and Salary Schedule was carried 5-1 (Trustee Irby voted "Nay").
- The MABAS 39 Mutual Aid Agreement (between local fire departments during emergencies) was approved unanimously.
- A zoning variance request for 3 Orchard Park lots to allow a 5' variance to the front building set back was approved. The request was made due to lot configurations in steep terrain.
- The property tax levy for 2003 (to be collected in 2004) was approved 5-1 with Trustee Irby voting "Nay".
- Two new squad cars have been delivered to the Village. \$1,100 was approved for new light bars. The light bar purchase was questioned by Trustee VanDieren. Chief Hufford stated that new bars had not been purchased since he worked for Hampton. The ones in use now were used ones he got from the state police.
- The purchase of two new radios for the squad cars at \$575 each was approved to be paid from the DUI Equipment Fund.
- Trustee Carmack will contact Downing Architects about different light fixtures for the exterior of the Heritage Center as replacement bulbs for the current ones are too expensive.

- 4 Memorial plant beds have been purchased and trees from the RI County Soil & Water Conservation Dist. were planted. Trustee Carmack is gathering bids for the plants needed in the park.
- Discussion was held on the responsibility and liability of home owners and the village to care for trees near the streets.
- A home owner will be billed \$175 for plumbing services since the problem was in the home owner's pipes, not village equipment.
- Village Attorney Lee is trying to locate & notify the owner of the property next to the rail tracks to remove piles of used rails and ties front the 200 block of South State Ave.
- Marina workers will be warned to slow vehicles going through the maintenance entrance off 8th street because it is creating dust problems for residents.
- April 19th, a public hearing was held regarding the proposed budget. Jane Cady asked is over \$14,000 budgeted for telephone was too high and if they had the best phone plan and if the \$2,640 as telephone allowances paid to board members, police chief, treasurer and plumbing inspector was included in that figure. She was told the dollar amount was not unusual and included telephones and pagers. A new telephone provider had just started with the Village and should reduce the annual charges. She also asked for more information on the \$8,000 budgeted as "Salaries" for the Heritage Center. Trustee Carmack stated in the May 3 meeting that Deb Clark was contacted for her cleaning services for the Center on an as needed basis and that \$8,000 was for cleaning of the Center. Ms. Cady asked what more would require an architect's services for another \$6,000. She was told that some work to be done last fall needed to be inspected by the landscape architect. For those interested in review of the complete budget: It may be viewed at Village Hall from Noon to 5 p.m. week days. Also, each Trustee has a copy of the detailed budget as does the Crier Office. Call the Crier office for an appointment.

Village of Hampton - Budget vs Revenue Summary May 1, 2004 - April 30, 2005

FUND	EST. BEGIN BAL.	EST. REVENUE	BUDGET	EST. END BAL.
E.S.D.A.	\$39,000	\$394	\$500	\$38,894
Police	\$0	\$214,675	\$348,609	\$(133,934)
Fire Department	\$0	\$149,845	\$290,041	\$(140,196)
SS & Medicare	\$0	\$20,993	\$23,299	\$(2,306)
I.M.R.F.	\$0	\$19,779	\$26,083	\$(6,304)
General / Admin	\$150,000	\$425,457	\$208,043	\$367,414
Streets	\$0	\$257,536	\$331,097	\$(73,561)
Parks	\$0	\$3,100	\$34,330	\$(31,230)
Heritage Center	\$0	\$13,000	\$47,700	\$(34,700)
Total General	\$189,000	\$1,104,779	\$1,309,702	\$(18,923)
MFT Fund	\$212,000	\$47,300	\$200,000	\$59,300
TIF Funds	\$60,000	\$550,000	\$520,203	\$89,797
Public Works	\$80,000	\$390,345	\$410,434	\$59,911

BOOK & LIBRARY NEWS

By Dawn Porter

Lots to look forward to this summer at the East Moline Public Library:

June 3rd at 6:30 the Mystery Book Discussion Group will gather at the library to discuss this year's Agatha Award nominees. Check out the titles at www.rbls.lib.il.us/emp and click on mystery group. On **June 4th** the Friends group will open their 2004 outdoor movie season with *Showboat*. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Pop and popcorn will be on sale. On **June 11th** Friends will air *Apple Dumpling Gang*. Both shows begin at dusk.

On **June 5th** from 11:00 - 1:00 the library will have Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Day. This year's program is entitled *RIDE THE READING TRAIL*. Reading programs for adults, young adults and children will run from June 5th to July 17th. Events on June 5th will include games, food, rides and face painting.

June 8th from 10:30 - 11:30 is Make-it/take-it craft day; **June 15th** is Project S.M.A.R.T. Bus at 10:30; **June 16th** at 6:00 - 7:45 is Blanket Tying (registration required); **June 17th** from 2:00 - 3:00 is a magic show. Story teller Leanne Johnson will be at the library at 10:30 on **June 21st** and Niabi Zoo will visit from 1:00 - 2:00 on **June 24th**. On **June 29th** the Mississippi Blood Bank puppets will perform at 10:30.

Area libraries are participating in special programming to celebrate **The Grand Excursion**. The program runs from **May 15th to June 22nd**. Visit the library for more information.

Recommended reading: *The Probable Future* by Alice Hoffman. Characters in this novel deal with a haunted past and a current murder. The women in the Sparrow family each acquire a special gift on their 13th birthday. How the most recent teen in the family will deal with her gift is the driving plot of this book. What I enjoyed most about this title is I didn't feel as though I was reading a book. I felt as if some one was telling me a story. Big difference. I look forward to reading other novels by this author.

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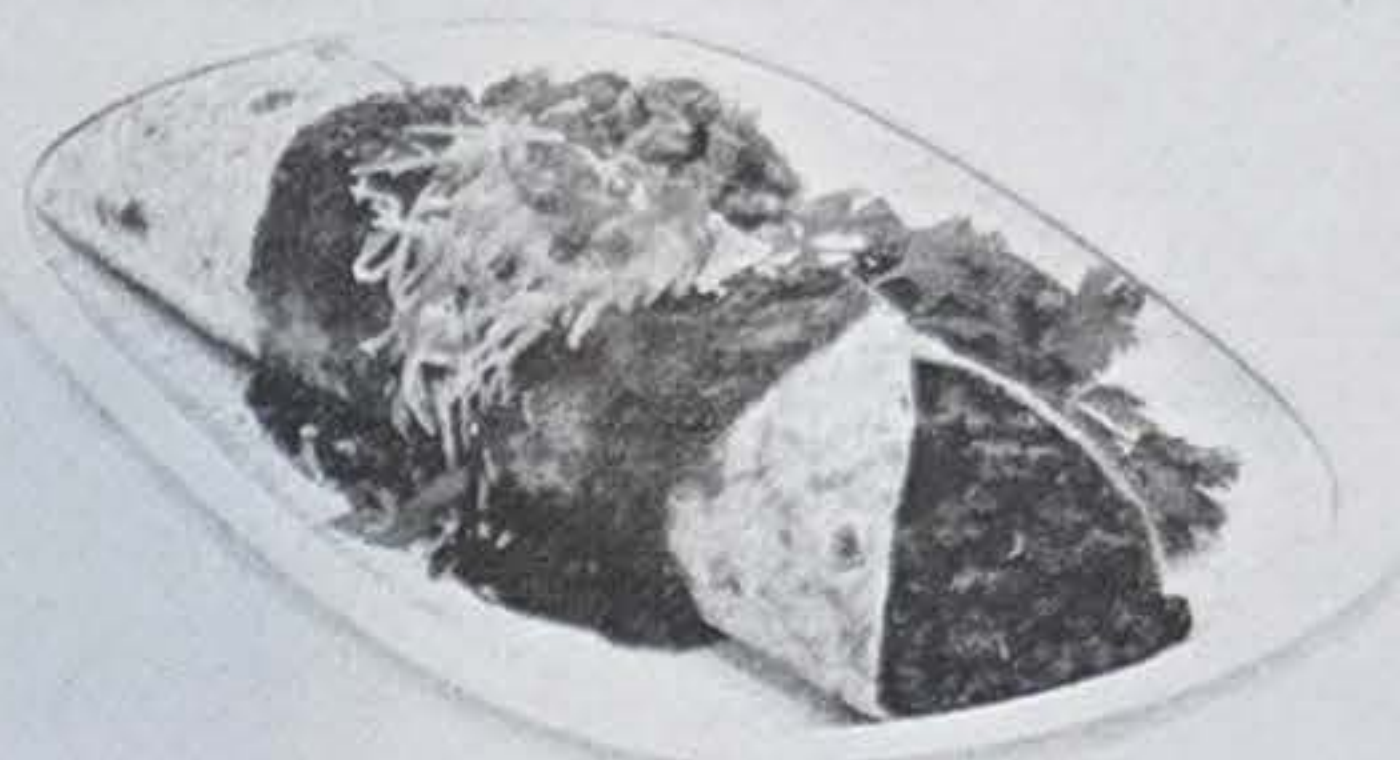
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Hampton Man Hits the Jackpot!

Duane DeCrane of Hampton and his wife Carla visit the Isle of Capri Casino in Bettendorf several times a month for a little entertainment but never expected to win the big bucks. On a Sunday in mid-April, Duane, who likes to play a variety of machines but favors the 25¢ "Wheel of Fortune" watched the numbers and was astonished when all the bells and whistles went off. He had won a total of \$771,578.74, the biggest pay out the Isle of Capri has made.

Mr. DeCrane, a retiree explained that the pay off will not be in a lump but be spread over a 20 year period. That's \$38,578.94 per year for 20 years supplementing his retirement income. Rather than go hog wild, he plans a welcome but sensible purchase of a new Ford truck. Congratulations Duane!

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