

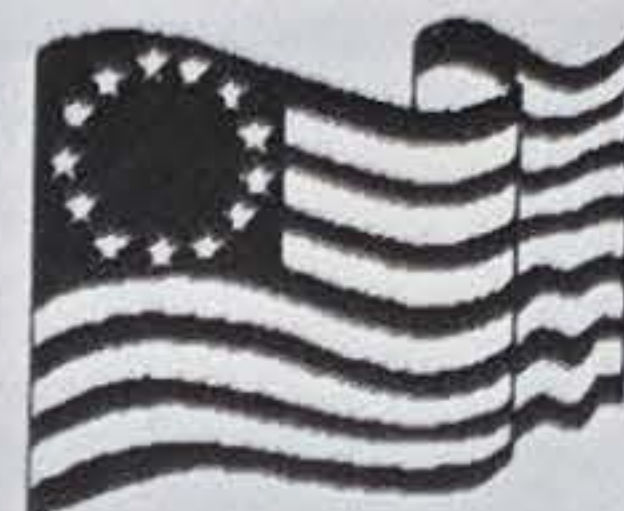
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American Cancer Society's
Relay for Life's All Night
Cancer Awareness and Fund-
Raiser Event Starts this Friday,
August 13th & 14th.

The American Cancer Society will again hold their team event to fight cancer on Friday, August 13th and Saturday, August 14th. Teams will walk or run in our coverage area at: Augustana College in Rock Island. This year, members of teams will walk or run in relay fashion overnight to raise money for the research, education, advocacy and patient service programs of the American Cancer Society. Come, camp out and stay for the entire event! Team campsites can be decorated and identified in any way. Cheer on your chosen team with imaginative signs to build enthusiasm.

What's Happening When:

Friday, August 13th At Black Hawk College & Augustana:

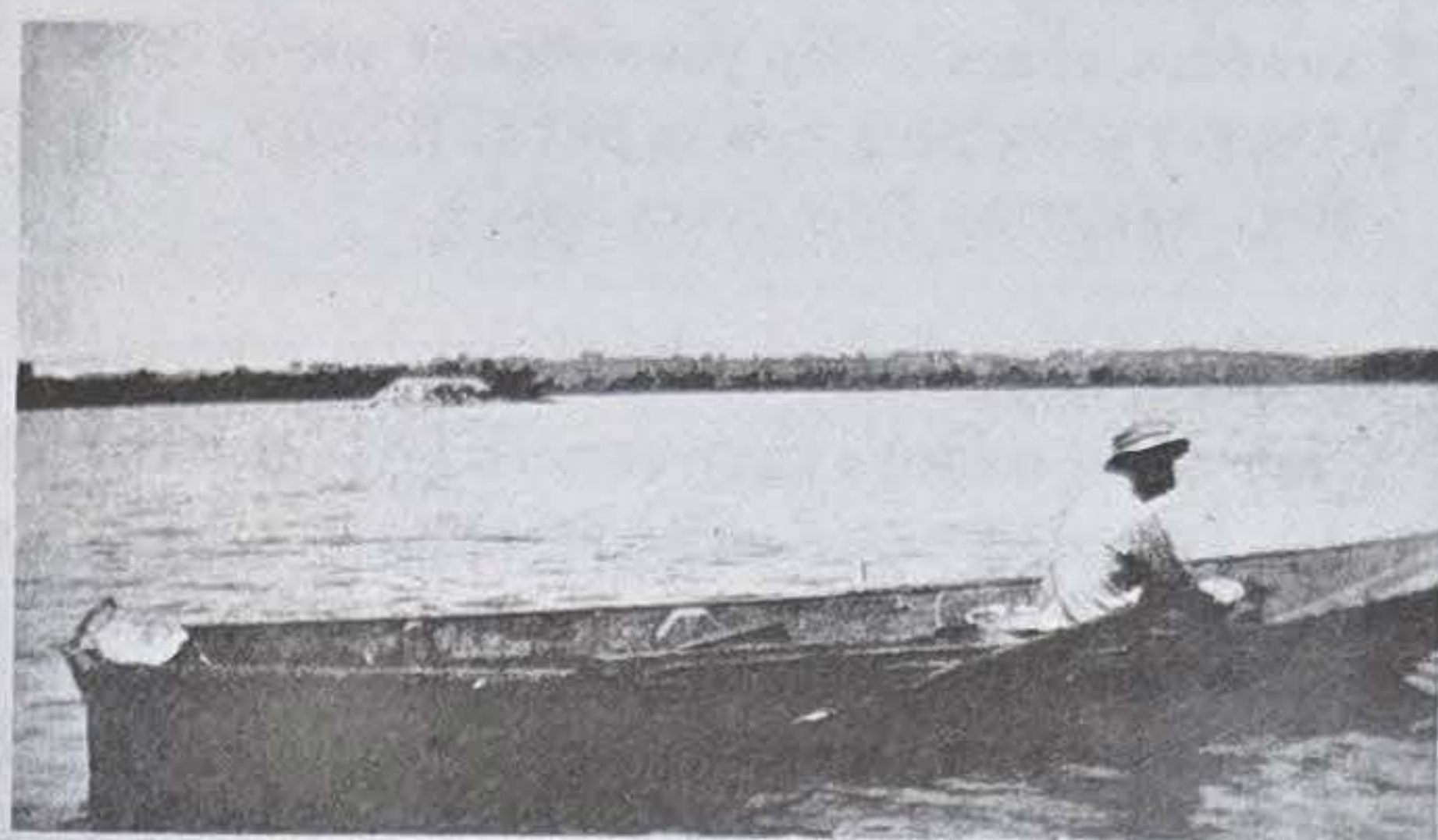
6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies

9:00 p.m. The Luminary Ceremonies

Entertainment planned for Black Hawk kicks off at 5:00 p.m. and runs throughout the night. Live Jazz-"Smooth Case", a "Beauty" Pageant, DJ's- Q.C. Style, Live Band-"Small Hand Sam", "Comedy Sportz", Karaoke and an open swim in building #3 at 5 a.m. Closing Ceremony Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Entertainment planned for Augustana kicks off at 5:00 p.m. and runs throughout the night. On the main stage: Shakespeare Jones-Eric, National Anthem-Chris Scott, Austin Vallejo, Pevenfie-Dane Howell, Irish Kin, a Talent Show and B-100 Radio, Mardi Gras Parade, Youth Dance-House of Cards, Will Trotter, Extreme Melody-Rob Baner, Sue Medinger. On a side stage there will be Kid's Improv Games with Shannon Welling, Interpretive Dance, Comedy Sportz. Also expect to hear Amazing Grace played on bagpipes, some Reflective music on CD and at 7:00 a.m., Wake-Up Exercises-Debbie Bahman. Closing Ceremony Sat., 8:30 a.m. Some teams at both locations have organized raffles as their fund-raiser and drawings will be held throughout the night.

Will you participate in the relay and/or be a supporting spectator or a sponsor for a team? The Hampton volunteer to contact for information: **Elaine Ryerson** Call her at 496-9224. If you have further questions, please call out local American Cancer Society Office and talk to **Cassandra Bowyer** 794-0601



**LIVING
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**Living Lands & Waters
Announces River Clean-up
Portion of Xstream Clean-up**

Living Lands & Waters is seeking volunteers to clean up riverbanks on Quad City Area shorelines of the Mississippi River. The event is in collaboration with the Xstream Cleanup, a cleanup of over 15 area streams and waterways in the Quad Cities on Saturday, August 28.

"This is an unprecedented event for us," Pregracke said, "to have hundreds of volunteers focusing on different community waterways throughout the entire month of August is remarkable."

Volunteers may call coordinator Laura Lopez at Living Lands & Waters, 309-496-9848 for specific details about each of the Quad City Area river cleanups. Times, directions and locations are also Living Lands & Waters website, www.livinglandsandwaters.org.

Mississippi River cleanups will be held in the following communities:

Rapids City Sat. 8/14 9AM-1PM Lunch provided Boat Launch at Shulers Shady Grove

Hampton Mon. 8/16 5PM-8PM From the Empire Park Boat Launch North

East Moline Wed. 8/18 5PM-8PM From the Empire Park Boat Launch South

Moline Sat. 8/21 9AM-1PM Lunch Provided ROCK RIVER, South on 41st Street off of John Deere Exp. Turn left on 49th Ave., right on 48th to the river.

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Business Parable

A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold, the bird froze and fell to the ground in a large field. While it was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on it. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, it began realize how warm it was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him!

Management Lesson:

- 1) Not everyone who drops dung on you is your enemy.
- 2) Not everyone who gets you out of the dung is your friend.
- 3) And when you're in deep dung, keep your mouth shut!

Editorial: Don't wait to be asked

This issue is filled with things to do and many of them have some sort of volunteer angle: Relay for Life to fund research, cleaning up our river, blood drive schedules or activities enjoyed by us all because volunteers are behind the scenes doing the work.

If you are like many these days and don't want to be pestered to volunteer or avoid long term commitments, be what motivational speakers call "self actuated". The only way to get the benefits of volunteerism with no strings attached is to do what you can, where you can, without being asked and not expecting any recognition for what you have done. It goes hand in hand with the philosophy of committing "Acts of Random Kindness".

Examples:

- Don't wait for a blood drive. Call the regular collection center, make an appointment and give a pint of blood. Take a friend.
- Don't wait for Chad Pregracke to stage a river clean-up in your area. Or your town to call for a clean-up day. Hold one of your own as a solitary or family project. Even a random half hour helps.
- No organized programs are needed for us to check in on elderly neighbors in bad weather or offer to mail letters for them.
- Is your alley or street messy on garbage day with bits of dropped paper and wind-blown garbage cans? Walk down the block and put things right.

Why wait to be asked to volunteer? Walk right up and tell a leader or organization that you have only so much time-what can you do for them? Two situations that really don't reflect well on residents are 1.) people saying they are bored, with nothing to fill their days but rarely get involved in their community and 2.) those that complain about conditions/organizations/events but refuse to step up to the bar to make things better by participating.

If you prefer the structure of group activities, you may retain control of your schedule if you make first contact with organization that interest you, state what you are willing to do then ask them if you can help them on your terms.

Municipal projects, libraries, museums and schools are all greatly in need of cheerful volunteers. They have, for the most part burned-out their few key people and are too discouraged to campaign for new volunteers. To share the load is to lighten it for everyone so please, don't wait to be asked.

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Business Parable

A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day.

A small rabbit saw the crow, and asked him,

"Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day long

The crow answered: "Sure, why not.

So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested.

All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Management Lesson:

To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

Give These Folks What You Can't Use

Hampton School is participating in a recycling program called "recycling For Kids". Recycling for Kids is a program that teaches children the importance of recycling while earning funds for our school. Millions of cartridges were dumped in landfills last year. Inkjet and laser toner cartridges are found in fax machines, copiers, home and business printers.

Parents, please ask your employer to donate their empty cartridges to our school. You can bring them in from work or if the business uses a lot of cartridges, the recycling company (Advantage Cartridge) can provide a pick up or shipping instructions so there is no inconvenience to you.

Also, please ask relatives, friends and neighbors to save their cartridges too. Keep recycling all year by saving cartridges in the summer and over the holidays.

Last year with no publicity, we received \$174.45 from recycled cartridges so please give us what you cannot use - your empties

The Hampton Historical Society relies on sales of items at the Brettun and Black Store Museum for a majority of their income. During bike-path-related events like Ride the River or the Golf Cart Tour and Apple Festival in September rely on sales to fund historical preservation projects. Our Home Economist Jane Nelson (Jammin' With Jane) is responsible for a majority of the edible items we see and all of the delicious canned items sold at the museum.

Jane is asking for your excess garden items that can be frozen for later use in pies, made into preserves, pickles and canned. Any type of fruit (even wind-fall apples might be used for apple butter dried apple chips or applesauce), cucumbers, zucchini, peppers, tomatoes, etc. If you have anything to share, please contact Jane at 755-0362 or leave produce on their porch at 431 2nd Avenue in Hampton (Yellow house at 2nd Ave. and 5th Street).

Thank you in advance from Jane and the Historical Society!

Don't know what to do with all those pint canning jars you've accumulated? Jane Nelson would love to have them! See above for phone and address. Thanks!

Remodeling Wisdom

A little "seniorizing" when doing even the smallest remodeling job will pay off in the future. Almost everyone will personally experience some type of physical limitations in the future or care for elderly loved ones. Seniorizing, which goes beyond easy-cleaning-windows, it encompasses structural changes and hardware that make life easier plus increase the resale value of your home.

Large remodeling project structural seniorizing include:

- Extra wide doors (38" or wider) to accommodate future walkers or wheelchairs. Best: If construction is new, consider sliding "pocket" doors that are easy to open, space savers and visually increase the size of any the room.
- Extra wide stair cases. Begin with banisters on both sides of the stairs. Late installation of a chair lift is easy and less expensive.
- Eliminate the bath tub and create a "shower closet" with built in bench, tile floor and wall and an extra wide opening. Multi-level or hand held shower head attachments with flipper shaped controls (vs round handles) offer unassisted showering.
- Plan space on the ground floor for at least one bedroom and bath.
- Higher toilets and flipper shaped sink handles.

Small remodeling/decorating/replacement projects include:

Kitchen: Pull out shelving in ALL lower cabinets and pantry unit. Pull out cutting board, Easy-grip cabinet hardware, Faucet that pulls out to use as a sprayer, flipper shaped faucet handles, under cabinet lighting, extra electrical outlets by counters

Any other room: Remote control light/fan ceiling fixture, light switches by each entrance to any large room, On/Off switches at top and bottom of staircases that control stair lighting. If ceilings are extra tall or in any stair well, plan wall sconces for lighting instead of ceiling fixtures where bulbs are hard to replace. Add extra outlets everywhere and consider "4-plus" outlets where TV, entertainment or computer centers might be located. Remember that electrical outlets in such areas may also be placed higher on the wall (34-38" from the floor-especially in basements). Replace all door knobs inside and out with flipped shaped handles. Add grab-bars in bathrooms, powder rooms or and at exterior steps if hand rails are not present (even one step up can need support!).



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New convenience and seniorizing items are coming onto the market every year so buy a few remodeling and decorating magazine to find items for hands and eye sight that eventually grows weak and steps that falter. You'll be glad you did.

Hymns Heard at The Old Folks Home:

Just a Slower Walk With Thee
It is Well With My Soul But My Knees Hurt
Nobody Knows the Trouble I have Seeing
Precious Lord, Take My Hand, and Help Me Up
Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One by One
Go Tell it on a Mountain, but Speak Up
Give Me The Old Timers' Religion
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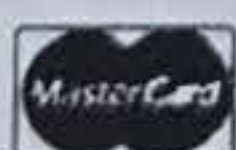


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National Grandparents Day originated with Marian McQuade, a house-wife in Fayette County, West Virginia. She wanted to champion the cause of lonely, elderly people in nursing homes. Her objective was to persuade grandchildren to keep in touch with their grandparents and hopefully tap into their wisdom.

This holiday, formalized in 1978 by President Carter, highlights the need to preserve family heritage while grandparents can still contribute oral history and record their memories.

If you are lucky enough to have grandparents, contact them on this special day, ask questions about their past and record any information for future generations.

National Grandparents Day is September 12, 2004, the first Sunday after Labor Day.

Congratulations Graduates

Timothy Lee Gillespie, son of Dennis Gillespie, Grandson of Harriette (Cox) Gillespie of Hampton, graduated St. Ambrose University on July 31, 2004 with a double major. For both his Bachelor of Arts and his Bachelor of Science in Math degrees, Tim graduated summa cum laude.

He will continue his education on a full scholarship at the University of Iowa, Iowa City where he will also be a teaching assistant.

Daniel W. Cady, son of Jeffery Cady, Grandson of Charmian (Cox) Cady of Hampton graduated July 29, 2004 from Officer Candidate Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He has obtained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Currently, Daniel has been assigned to and temporarily joined a unit that has just returned from a year in Iraq. This fall, he will be continuing his specialized education to future duties with the Army Corps of Engineers. Below, his father, also an Army vet had the honor of pinning on Daniel's bars after his graduation.



A Great Sermon

A young preacher was asked by the local funeral director to hold a grave-side burial service at a small local cemetery for someone with no family or friends. The preacher started early but quickly got himself lost, making several wrong turns. Eventually, a half-hour late, he saw a backhoe and its crew, but the hearse was nowhere in sight, and the workmen were sitting to one side, eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Taking out his book, he read the service. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he was returning to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say: "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

Lady to Pollster: "My opinion is that whoever is elected, my husband will be furious."

Better Butter/Margarine Tips

With the cost of milk so high, butter prices are out of sight. The selling prices of margarine have also risen to take advantage of those who refuse to "live without". Here are a few tips:

Never be surprised by a puddle of melted butter on the counter. Put stick butter in the cover of your butter keeper and use the flatter bottom tray as a lid. Warm day or heated kitchen, any melted butter is usable.

Always scrape the inside of the stick wrapping for an additional teaspoon or so of butter.

Buttering Corn on the Cob - Four Techniques

1. Use melted or semi-melted butter and a pastry brush.
2. Heavily butter a slice of soft bread, hold it in your palm and run/twirl the corn across the bread.
3. Melt pats of butter on top of hot water. Dip cooked corn in water and slowly withdraw. Butter clings to cobs.
4. Use the top of your butter keeper to hold hot cob in its narrow, confined space. Partially unwrap a stick of butter and run it across exposed portion of cob, turn and repeat until the cob is buttered. Any excess melted butter runs off and is salvaged in the bottom of the container.

Obituaries

Helen Betty Peterson Laleman, 82, passed away July 14, 2004 and was buried at Hampton Township Cemetery.

She was born July 29, 1921 in Hampton, daughter of Harry Barnhart Peterson and Minnie Louella Hayes Peterson. She married Joseph Laleman on August 15, 1939 in Davenport. He preceded her in death June 23, 1996.

Helen was a homemaker, upholstering furniture and sewing as well as writing and publishing her own book about growing up on a farm ("Good Times & Sad Times"). She was a dedicated mother and an excellent cook.

Survivors in this are include her daughters, Marie (Warren) Trich, Patricia A. (Ben) Roush; sons Roger A. (Brenda) and Joseph P. (Barbara) plus 19 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mildred "Midge" Anita Lee, 89 of Hampton passed away August 4, 2004 and was buried in Hampton Cemetery.

Mildred Ferman was born May 15, 1915 in East Moline, daughter of Grover and Virgie Rose Ferman. She married Joseph Lee on August 11m 1934, in East Moline. He died March 26, 1984.

Survivors in this area include her son Robert (Carol) Lee, Grandchildren Kimberly Gibbs, Mark (Judy) Johnson, Kay (Dr. Curt) Rexroth, Rhonda (Craig) Brooks, Susan (Chris) Mekus and Brian (Lisa) Lee. She also has 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by daughters JoAnne Lee Cooper and Joyce Lee Johnson, seven brothers and sisters.

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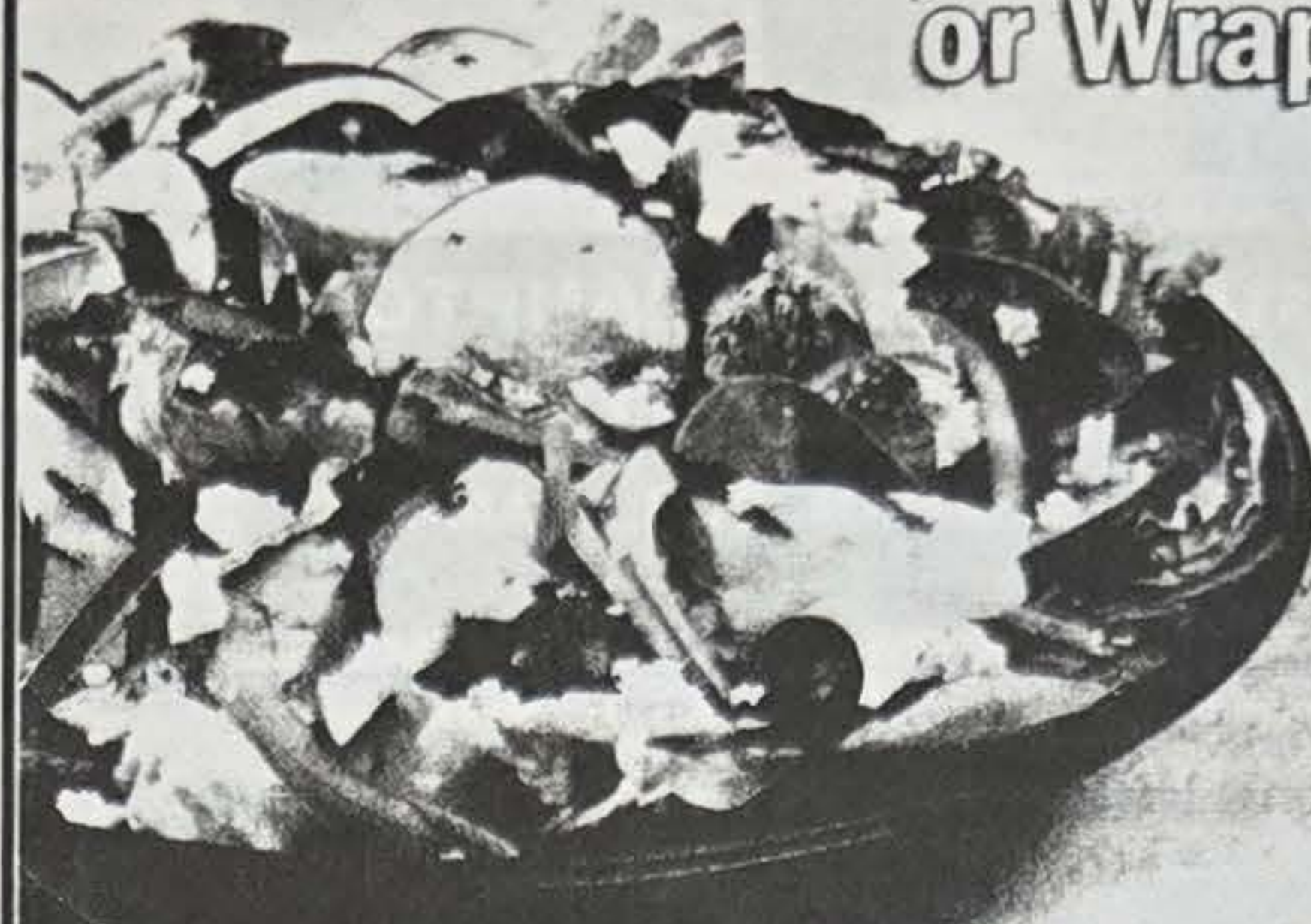
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Note from your Editor: New England no longer has the franchise on the charm of bell ringing choirs, you may now enjoy them right here in the Quad Cities - if more people are willing to take part in this fascinating musical activity.

Each brass or electronic bell rings only one note. Chime or Bell Ringing Choirs traditionally assign each ringer 2 or more one-note bells which are rung individually or in unison, by hand, in a sequence to create music. These Choirs create a visual treat while they greatly enhance any service. In New England, Choirs compete, join together for special events and create numerous friendships among their members.

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Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
Why do 'tug' boats push their barges?
Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
Why is it call "after dark" when it really is "after light" ?
Doesn't 'expecting the unexpected' make the unexpected expected?



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Special Note: Due to the death of Rosalie Jensen, the board has voted to disband the organization called "The United Township Seniors". The board also voted that any accumulated funds be given to United Township High School where the organization was founded and because of their continued support.

It should be noted that the UT Seniors organization held many of their activities at the East Moline Township Senior Center. **The Center activities will continue to be held and all are welcome to attend regardless of the town of residence.**

Beckman Family Travels the World

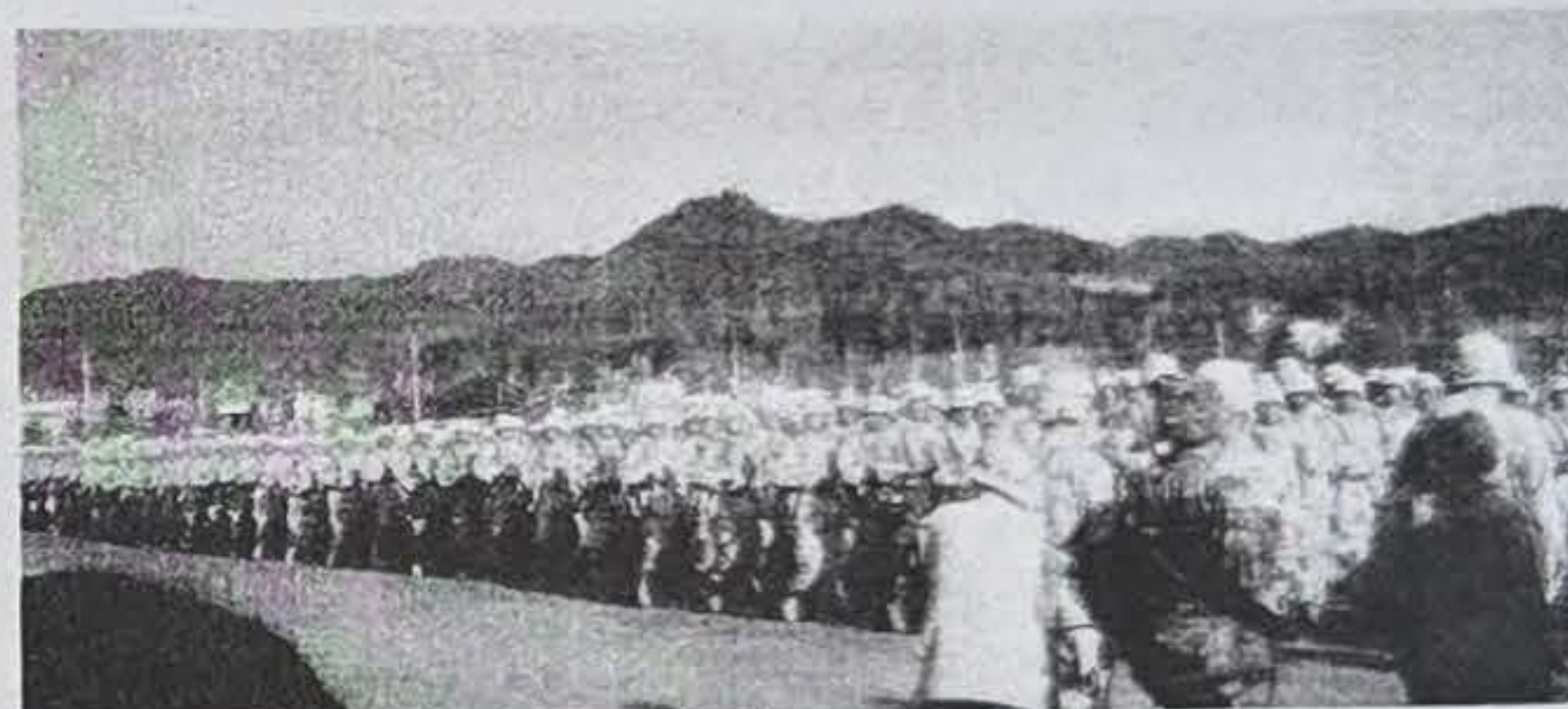
By Phil Beckman



Major Ivan Beckman

The 2nd Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division consisting of 10 Battalions and 4200 soldiers is being re-deployed from Korea to Iraq. Major Ivan Beckman, son of Ann and Phil Beckman of Hampton, serves as Executive Officer for the 44th Engineering Battalion.

The 44th Engineer Battalion has been deployed to Korea since the invasion led by General MacArthur in 1950, the longest deployment of any unit. They will make a second historical record as being the first unit ever re-deployed from Korea to another theater of engagement and the first since the re-deployment of the Third Army led by General Patton in WWII.

Pass and Review of 2nd BDE of 2nd ID, 2 Aug 04

They are leaving behind Camp Howze, which is built on the side of a mountain near the 38th parallel separating North and South Korea where they have served with distinction. Their Iraq location will be confidential but is in the general vicinity West of Baghdad. Their mission is to serve in support of Iraq and generally provide stability and security to the region. They have completed some three weeks of intensive training and have been commended for their state of readiness.

The farewell parade in Korea that included a "Pass and Review" was held on August 2, 2004 with various American, Korean, and United Nations dignitaries in attendance. Ann & Phil consider it an honor to also be in attendance at the ceremonies during their visit to Korea.

Ivan's wife, Haerin, and their daughter will remain in Korea during the redeployment. The mailing address for Ivan will be "Maj. Ivan Beckman, HHC 44th EN BN 2d ID, Unit #15392, APO AE 09395-5392."

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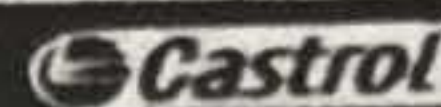


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RELAXING MESSAGE

By Franciska Rasmussen

Recently while at the beauty I saw a sign that read Chair Massage \$5.00. This triggered a memory I'd like to share with you.

My daughter Colleen has had a lot of vision problems, 9 eye operations and has lost one eye which was replaced with a glass one.

She and her family lived in the Chicago area. On a visit to a neighborhood beauty shop Colleen was seated by a young man who started messaging her head and when asked what he was doing told her he was helping her relax. "No, No, Stop---You can't do that, my eye will come out" Colleen told him but he ignored her and kept on with the message. Just about then he started a movement by her temples and worked the muscle that held the glass eye.

Yes,--you guessed it --the eye came out and rolled down her cape. When he saw this he went ballistic ,started yelling and jumping up and down. He kept saying "her eye--her eye" but when any one looked there did not seem to be to be anything wrong with Colleen's eyes as she had put the glass one back in. He then disappeared.

Colleen waited and waited for him to return and finally asked for her operator. She was told that some one else would finish her since he took ill and had to go home. Well I guess so-----I'd go home too if I made a lady's eye pop out.

So the moral of this little story is if you have a glass eye --be careful about having a massage.



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September 24: 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

August 19 & September 16: 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!

August 25 & September 29: Lunch and Card Games 11:00 a.m. Donation \$3.00 Cards & games follow lunch.

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Explore the Reading Trail Summer Reading 2004 River Valley Library in Port Byron

This year's program took us back to the old west and to the time of Lewis and Clark. Our library decorations reflected this period, with maps of the travels of Lewis and Clark to the old west style jailhouse to our camp-fired sleeping area.

Our 2004 summer reading program results are as follows:

212- signed up, 124 finished
The finishers read 3,352 books.
Pre-1st grade read 2,271 books
2nd grade -5th read 818 books
6th-8th read 258 books

Top reader in each age or grade group was:

Pre- Madison Rogers- 53 books
Kindergarten- Zach Bergland 41 books
1st Emma Jacobs 47 books
2nd -Andrea Noel 30 books
3rd Amanda Brummet 19 books
4th Mari Levy 18 books
5th Tie- Victor & Abe Levy 27 books each
6th - Rusty Burt 17 books
7th - Chris Levy 29 books
8th Joanne Sallows 17 books

Congratulations to all our participants!

Summer reading ended with a trip to *Adventure Quest* in Rapids City this year. A big thanks goes to Dale Morris and his staff for supplying us with lots of fun. The participants were treated to an afternoon of zip line rides, hayrack rides, panning for gems, a trip through the corn maze and a lovely walk down the butterfly trail. We ended the day by jumping in the balloon castle and having fishin n' pole treats with juice pouches. This was a great family outing, everyone had fun!

We also had two teen volunteers this year to help with our summer reading program they were: Lindsay Probizanski, and Brittany Utley, thank you both for volunteering your time and talents.

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Deke Carls, Sarah Simpson and Dunnie, a chestnut trail horse were a big hit with patrons at the River Valley District Library. Their visit was related to the "Explore the Reading Trail" activities. The theme for this summer was "back to the old west and to the time of Lewis and Clark."

School Notes

- The first day of school for the students is August 25, 2004. School will be in session from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- August 26th & 27th school will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m.
- There will be an announcement made on August 27th regarding whether school will begin early the following week. It all depends on the weather and the heat.
- The buses will change their schedule to accommodate the time changes therefore; the buses will begin their routes at 7:20 and be at school at 7:50 a.m.
- We will have two buses this year. Once regular time begins the bus schedule will return to picking up the students beginning at 7:50 and having them at school by 8:20 a.m.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it.
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Silvis Moonlight Parade August 28, 2004

The festivities planned in Silvis all day Saturday, August 28th will begin around 10AM and have been expanded since last year's Parade. The primary activity will be up and down First Avenue in downtown Silvis with parking on the side streets.

Plan to spend the entire day and bring the kids because there will be a special area for them featuring hands-on fun like sidewalk chalk contests, a dunk tank and inflated amusements. There will also be an arts & Crafts fair and an Antique & Restored Car Show.

Food Booths of all types and music will be found throughout the area all day. Everything kicks off around 10:00 a.m. The Moonlight parade start is anticipated at 8:45 p.m. and will be followed by a fireworks display.

There will be more details in the next issue of the Crier but mark your calendars now and invite some friends for a great event that is close to home!



Overheard in a Courtroom....

Q: She had three children, right?

A: Yes

Q: How many were boys?

A: None

Q: Were there girls?

Q: You say that the stairs went down to the basement?

A: Yes

Q: And these stairs, did they go up also?

Q: Have you lived in this town all your life?

A: Not yet.

A Texas attorney, realizing he was on the verge of unleashing a stupid question, interrupted himself and said, "You honor, I'd like to strike the next question."

Q: Do you recall approximately, the time that you examined the body of Mr. Edington at the Rose Chapel?

A: It was in the evening. The autopsy started about 8:30 PM

Q: And Mr. Edington was dead at the time, is that correct?

A: No, you stupid, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy!

If the garbage workers in your community ever go out on strike you might like to know how a wise New Yorker disposed of his refuse for the nine days the sanitation workers were off the job one summer. Each day he wrapped his garbage in gift paper. Then he put it in a shopping bag from an up scale store. When he parked his car, he left the bag on the front seat with the window open. When he got back to the car, the garbage always had been "collected."

Port Byron: August 13-15, 2004 - Great River Tug Fest

Friday August 13th: 3:00 p.m. til ?

Arts & Crafts and Kids Barrel Painting - Main St.

Cheerleaders & Queen Pageant - Stages

Fireworks on the river front start 9:30 p.m.

Saturday August 14th:

7-11: Firemen's Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station

7:30: Flag Raising

8:00: Kids Fun Run then Tug Run - Dorrance Park

9:00: Arts & Crafts, Kid's Game - S. Main Street

11:00: Kid's Tug of War Across from Library-Main St.

1:00-3:00 p.m.: Tugs of War, Awards, Prince & Princess Pageant, Karaoke, Live Music

Sunday, August 15: Golf Tournament at Byron Hills Golf Club

There is only one tug-fest across the Mississippi and that's the competition between Port Byron, Illinois and LeClaire, Iowa. For two hours, all river traffic comes to a stand still while a 2,400 Ft., 680 pound rope is stretched across the river. Then the fun starts! FREE shuttle bussing from the PB Methodist Church and the Riverdale High School on Friday 6 p.m.-11 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. For more details see www.tugfest.org

RiverAction Happenings

August 21: Venetian Night Lighted Boat Parade, viewing locations in Moline, Bettendorf and Davenport. Approx 8:45 p.m. For details, call 309-786-5980

August 27-29: River Rockin' Ribfest Fri & Sat 11 am-midnight, Sun. 11 am-5 p.m., LeClaire Park in Davenport For more details call 563-322-1706 or see www.downtowndavenport.com

September 2: Senior Citizen RiverWay Golf Cart Tours. This is an area favorite. Senior Citizens choose between several tour routes that follow the bike path. For a fee, usually \$5, seniors ride open golf carts along the route that they choose. The Hampton and North route is very popular due to the open views of the river and the stop at the B&B Museum for goodies. For more details, call 563-322-2969.

September 11: QC Symphony Orchestra Riverfront Pops Concert. Gates open at 3 p.m., concert begins at 6:30 p.m. in LeClaire Park, Davenport. Information 563-322-0931 or www.qcsymphony.com.

More Lawyer Jokes 'n' Quotes

Q: Do you know how far pregnant you are now?

A: I'll be three months on November 8.

Q: Apparently, then, the date of conception was August 8?

A: Yes.

Q: What were you doing at that time?

Q: Mrs. Jones, do you believe you are emotionally stable?

A: I used to be.

Q: How many times have you committed suicide?

"So, you were gone until you returned?"

"You don't know what it was, and you didn't know what it looked like, but can you describe it?"

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August

- 5 Carol Lockhart
- 10 Mary Ellen McNeal
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- 16 Amy Corso Priest
- 25 Tom Gould

September

- 11 Melissa Gould Happy 21st!
- 12 Jessica Cady
- 14 Cis (Cox) Donaldson
- 16 Martha Nelson



Melissa Gould

Wedding Congratulations:

Baldrige-Beckett: Jennifer Lyn Baldrige and Nicholas Michael Beckett were wed in the Tanglewood Hill Chapel, Bettendorf, Iowa on August 7th. Jennifer is the daughter of Randy and Georgia Baldrige of Hampton. Nicholas is the son of the late Leonard Jr. and Laurie Beckett of East Moline, Illinois.

Weis-Nelson Abbey Kay Weis and Barry James Nelson, both of Minneapolis, MN announced their forthcoming marriage on August 13, 2004 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline. Abbey, who graduated from Moline High School and Luther College in Decorah, IA is the daughter of Laurie Weis of Hampton, Barry is the son of Brad and Donna Nelson of Lyle, MN. Laurie now teaches English in South St. Paul.

Happy Anniversary to:

Dan and Ellie Kosminsky on August 18th
"Bud" and Cis (Cox) Donaldson on August 31
Marvin & Judy Eimen on August 31
Lauren & Scott Stirrett of 108 S. Barrington Dr. in Hampton on
 Happy Second Anniversary on September 1st
Fred and Delores (Hultgren) Beyhl who celebrated their 60th on
 July 28th.
Weber and Veramae (Hermanson) Ziegler who celebrated their
 50th on August 8th.

River Valley District Library in Port Byron to begin "Rhyme Tyme Story Tyme"

Starting September 9th, the River Valley District Library in Port Byron will start their fall season of reading for kids. Time is 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. every Thursday.

Each week, books are read for a different letter of the Alphabet. After the Welcome to Story Time day on September 9th, The series will begin on September 16th with "A is for Airplane". For details call them at 309-523-3440.

This is Skin Cancer Awareness Season

Here are a few cautions from the American Cancer Society:

- Avoid the sun between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Wear sun-protective clothing such as long sleeves and a hat with a wide brim that shades the face.
- Wear sunglasses
- Use sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 15 but try higher
- Avoid artificial sources of ultraviolet light such as sun lamps and tanning booths.

Adopting sun safe habits doesn't take a lot of time and it can be lifesaving. Melanoma is one of the most preventable forms of cancer and the second leading cancer among 13 to 30 year olds although it occurs at all ages in both sexes regardless of health, physical condition or skin complexion. More than 1,400 new cases of melanoma will be diagnosed this year in Illinois and more than 290 will die. The vast majority of these cases are due to unprotected and excessive ultraviolet radiation exposure.

Early detection of skin cancer improves survival because surgical treatment in the early stages can provide a cure. A monthly 10 minute skin check can help. The most common site of cancer for both sexes is the midsection. Other common sites are the leg and hip area. The most likely sites for Melanomas to develop are from pre-existing moles, freckles, blemishes, birthmarks and other pigmented areas. Sun exposure is believed to be a factor in about 70% of new melanomas but they may occur anywhere, even on the scalp.

Among African Americans, the average lifetime risk is about 15 times lower than in the white population. Melanoma is uncommon in children under age 12. Melanoma occurs equally in both sexes but males have a higher death rate (probably because they check their skin less frequently).

The average lifetime risk of developing melanoma in the light skin complexioned population is about 1 in 70 but may be much higher if ANY of the following risks factors are found:

- 50 or more ordinary moles
- Any atypical (suspicious) moles, even one (See below).
- A history of blistering sunburns, especially under age 20
- Sun sensitive skin which burns or freckles easily
- Personal or family history of any type of skin cancer
- Sporadic exposure of normally covered skin to strong sunlight
- Use of tanning beds or lamps

Characteristic mole feature chart for self-examinations:

Mole Feature:	Ordinary	Atypical/ Suspicious
Shape:	Round or oval	Irregular
Border with Skin:	Sharp, even	Uneven, fuzzy
Color:	Uniform brown	2 or more shades of brown or pink
Diameter:	Less than 1/4"	1/4" Or larger
Surface Texture:	Smooth or "Cauliflower"	Pebbled or bumpy
If mole is raised:	Even dome shape	Flat edges with "fried egg" center

Melanoma is a serious form of cancer yet the most preventable with just a few precautions and a few minutes of your time each month.

Make a point of assisting family members and loved ones by doing frequent skin checks all year long. If you have the slightest suspicion that a mole or spot could be a melanoma, don't wait. See a professional immediately.

Groaners

- Two peanuts walk into a bar. One was asalted.
- A jumper cable walks into a bar. The barman says "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
- A sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says, "Sorry we don't serve food in here."
- A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

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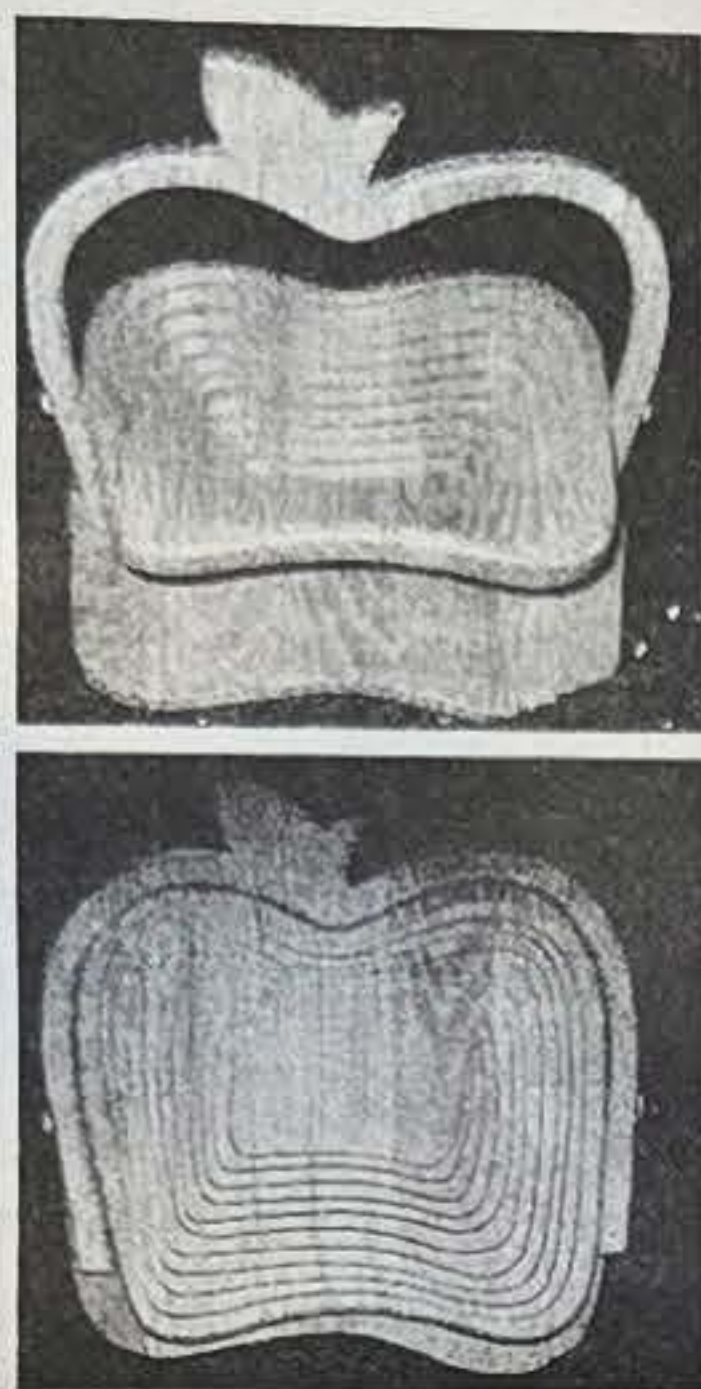
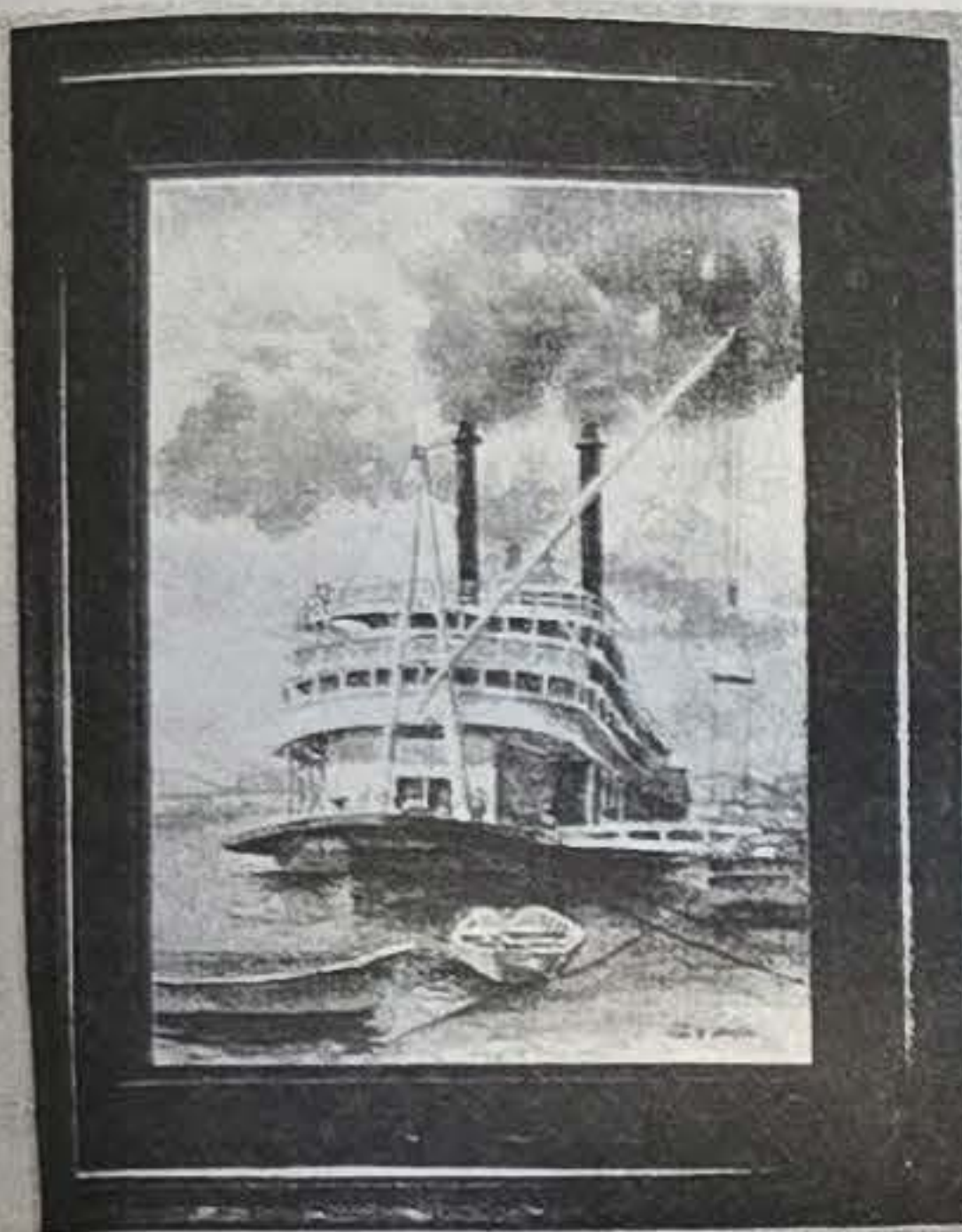
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Area News Briefs

Get your tickets NOW for the Annual Apple Festival Raffles!



Among other items are those above. The framed, Paul N. Norton print measures 26.5" H X 20" W overall. Paul N. Norton (1909-1984) of Davenport is a local but nationally known watercolor artist. His work hangs in the US Capitol Building, White House and the Iowa Governor's Mansion. In keeping with the year of the Grand Excursion and transportation themes, this steamboat print is of the Gordon G. Green. Matted prints of Mr. Norton's local railroad stations are on sale at the Brettun & Black Store Museum in Hampton.

Another of the raffle items is a useful work of art in wood. This oak Apple folds flat when not in use but, lift the stem and an apple shaped bowl appears. According to artist Brenda Pfau of K&D Woodworking, this is a very difficult project so this extra large size is rarely seen.

You may see both of these items at the Brettun & Black Store Museum at 1st Avenue and 6th Street in Hampton any Saturday or Sunday from 2:30-4:30 pm. During the week, call the Crier office at 752-0627 to make sure we're here and come to the office to take a look or purchase raffle tickets. Not pictured here is a red ceramic, apple-shaped bowl to be filled with fresh goodies the day of the Apple Festival on Saturday, September 25th. For tickets, you may call the Crier office, Bev Coder at 755-6265 or drop by the museum on the weekends. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn on September 25th. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Historical Society Gathering

The Hampton Historical Society will be holding their annual banquet on Wednesday, September 15th at the Methodist Fellowship Hall in Hampton. For tickets and reservations, please call Jane or Rocky Nelson at 309-755-0362 no later than September 13th. The dress is casual, the food savory and a guaranteed good time had by all. The banquet is for current members and individuals or entire families interested joining or in just finding out exactly what our historical society does for the area. You don't need to live in Hampton to belong to the society.

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Bids must be on the form provided by the Village of Hampton which may be obtained by stopping by Village Hall or calling 309-755-7165. Property Description is as follows:

Address: 219 2nd Avenue, Hampton, IL
Buildable lot with sewer and water hook-ups in place
60' x 130' Lot (No structures on lot)
River may be viewed only across alley and neighbors side yard.
Minimum/Opening Bid is \$11,000.00

All bids will be opened at Village Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 2004.

Take Pride in your Town-Cut Down Those Weeds!

This time of year, the river communities in the Crier coverage area get to looking very lush... and a little seedy. Weeds spring up around fences, street signs, railroad tracks and in the alleys. Please take an objective look and get rid of weeds - even if they are not strictly on your property. It only takes a minute with a string trimmer or pulling to beautify. **Remember that weeds removed before they go to seed makes it easier on you next year!**

A youngster spotted a deer and asked the keeper, "What kind of an animal is that?" "What," teased the keeper, "does your mother call your father every night? The youngster, startled cried, "Don't tell me that's a skunk!"

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Still Lots to Do as the Seasons Change

Trying to squeeze the last bit of fun out of the season? There are so many neighborhood festivals and parades that you could spend every weekend attending them. This issue is filled with up-coming events and even some volunteer opportunities like Relay for Life and Living Lands and Waters' river clean-up projects.



Above, Taylor & Kyleigh McLaughlin and Zack & Gabby Clark enjoy a round of mini golf during their school vacation. (They are the grandchildren of Carl & Sandy Clark)

Lots of friends make quick trips to the QCA for large events but where can you take them for brief but interesting visits?

Kids love the animals at **Stones Apple Barn** on Hubbard Road and the adults are always pleased to stop in the Barn for some Stone Grown fruit. In a few weeks when the "pick-your-own" season arrives, Vince Bull, the Manager tells me there will be beautiful Clydesdale horses pulling a wagon that for a little extra will take you on a ride around the orchard. Watch the daily papers for the start of Stone's pick-you-own days and hours.

The Brettun & Black Museum on 1st Ave & 6th St. in Hampton is open Saturday & Sunday 2:30-4:30 and on September 25th, you'll find the Annual Apple Festival going on. If you have a large group and want private tours, just call Rock Nelson, Historical Society President at 755-0362.

The Hampton Heritage Center is open August 15th through 31 as follows: Sundays 8/15 & 29: 2-6 p.m., Mondays 8/23 & 30: 1-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays 8/17, 24 & 31: 1-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays 8/18 & 25: 9 am-4:30 p.m., Thursdays 8/19 & 26: 1-4:30 p.m., Fridays 8/20 & 27: 9 am-11 am.

There are movies being shown at the **East Moline and River Valley (Port Byron) Libraries** so call them for details. In Port Byron, the "Drive In" movies are Saturdays, starting around 8:30 p.m. and are shown in the parking lot or inside if it rains. They also have "River Reflection Movies" on Thursday afternoons inside the Library throughout the fall. Call 309-523-3440 for movie titles showing in Port Byron and 309-755-9614 for East Moline titles.

Make the rounds of Antiques and Collectible outlets. See the article in this issue "To everything there is a time, there is a season..." for locations and phone numbers.

This slick guy broke into the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, swiped a painting and was making his getaway in a rusty, ancient van that should have been in the junk yard.

Crossing the Brooklyn Bridge, the van conked out and the police quickly handcuffed the thief. The officers found the missing painting in the back of the van and curiously asked the guy: "Why would a sophisticated art thief like you try to make his getaway in a piece of junk that was falling to pieces?"

The thief shrugged and replied: "I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the VanGogh".

HEALTH CLUBS

Advice from your local Better Business Bureau

If one of your new year's resolutions was to get more exercise, you may be considering joining a health club. The benefits of regular exercise are well-proven, however, choosing a quality health club requires caution. The following guidelines can help.

1. Shop around. Ask friends, coworkers, and your physician for recommendations. Call several clubs to find ones that match your interests and budget. Check with the Better Business Bureau for reliability reports on clubs you are considering.

2. Visit the club at the time of day you will use it. Talk to members and staff and determine the following:

- Are the hours and location convenient?
- Does the club have facilities and services that suit your needs?
- Are the equipment, exercise areas, and locker rooms clean and well-maintained?
- Is the facility overcrowded? Does the club limit new membership to prevent future crowding?
- Is the atmosphere friendly?
- What are the qualifications of the staff? Do they have appropriate education and training?
- Do they take an interest in and assist with individual goals and progress?

3. Carefully consider the contract. Take a copy home to read thoroughly before signing. Stay away from clubs that pressure you to sign on the spot.

- Does the contract list all services and facilities? All oral promises should be written down.
- What is total cost and payment schedule, including enrollment fees and finance charges? Do some services cost extra?
- How long is a membership term? A short-term membership is usually best in case you find yourself unmotivated or the club closes.
- Does the contract allow for a try-out period? Will the trial fee be applicable to longer-term membership?
- What are your cancellation and refund rights if you move, become disabled, or the club closes?
- Does a three-day cancellation policy apply if you change your mind shortly after signing up?
- Make sure the club has met state bonding and licensing requirements.

4. Finally, never sign up with a club that has not yet opened despite any special discounts. And beware if the club asks for your credit card number or deposit check before you have read the contract.

Next time you think your hotel bill is too high...you might want to use this logic!

A husband and wife are traveling by car from Key West to Boston. After almost twenty-four hours on the road, they're too tired to continue, and they decide to stop for a rest. They stop at a nice hotel and take a room, but they only plan to sleep for four hours and then get back on the road.

When they check out four hours later, the desk clerk hands them a bill for \$350. The man explodes and demands to know why the charge is so high. He tells the clerk although it's a nice hotel, the rooms certainly aren't worth \$350. When the clerk tells him \$350 is the standard rate, the man insists on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appears, listens to the man, and then explains that the hotel has an Olympic-size pool and a huge conference center, shows for which the hotel is famous. "But we didn't go to any of those shows," complains the man again. "Well, we have them, and you could have", the Manager replies.

No matter what facility the Manager mentions, the man replies, "But we didn't use it!" The Manager is not moved, and eventually the man gives up and agrees to pay.

He writes a check and gives it to the Manager. The Manager is surprised when he looks at the check. "But sir," he says, "This check is only made out for \$100."

"That's right," says the man. "I charged you \$250 for sleeping with my wife."

"But I didn't!" exclaims the Manager.

"Well," the man replies, "She was here, and you could have!"

McCarty's Autopro Shop in Rapids City



Whenever you head north on the Great River Road (Rte. 84) and you'll easily spot McCarty's Autopro Shop on the frontage road just as you enter Rapids City.

Jim McCarty started out in East Moline but quickly decided he'd rather be in control of his own destiny by owning a business tailored to his interests. About 10 years ago, he and wife Tina (of T's Trinkets & Crafts), opened up their shop and started building a great reputation for keeping up to date with all the changes made in the automotive industry.

Mechanical repairs, alignments and air conditioning service is the combination of specialties they offer to fleet or private car and truck owners as well as municipal vehicles. McCarty's is a computerized shop where Jim and his mechanics have all the technical manuals, tech bulletins and re-call information for easy reference instead of the stereo-type garage that relies on dog-eared paper manuals.

Vintage car are frequently brought in for engine work and Jim remembers an especially great one from a 1969 Charger with a hemi. Although most "street rod" owners prefer to tinker with their own engines, they trust McCarty's to keep their chaises in perfect alignment. (I'm told street rods are pre-1949 cars that are "souped-up" and often raced or taken to auto shows. Don't ask this editor to explain a "hemi").

Jim has invested in several technical servicing systems that really benefit car and truck owners that regularly maintenance their vehicles. The first is called MotorVac which is a carbon cleaning process and not that common. The system removes all the sticky carbon residue from your engine including fuel jets, so the it runs smoother and your mileage is better. The second is his TransTech Transmission Service. Manufacturers recommend that every 30,000 miles or so, you drain, clean and refill all the fluids in your car. TransTech thoroughly eliminates dirt and old fluids from a transmission (not just drains it) which saves wear on the parts.

Outside of an engine, having a transmission replaced or repaired is the most expensive thing that can be done to a car.

A home oil change might be within your skill range but for total engine and transmission peak performance, it is far better to have a professional like Jim McCarty keep your systems maintained for you. He is ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Certified, experienced and local.

You'll usually meet Tina in the front office when bringing in your car or making a call but stop and take a look around that space. You'll be pleasantly surprised to find her "Trinkets and Crafts" sales area filled with such unusual gifts and decorative items that it's worth a trip just for a look at what's new on the displays. (Right now, you'll even find a bargain on Electric "Freedom Scooters" at the best price in town.)

When you need engine repairs or maintenance, drop into the McCarty's Autopro Shop and support this family owned and operated local business.

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It is obvious how much volunteers contribute to the communities and institutions that they serve. We all know that hospitals, schools, libraries and museums would be crippled without the assistance of their unpaid workers.

What is not so obvious are the rewards that volunteer duty brings to the individual who is doing the work. Volunteering is not one-sided; it benefits both parties. That is of particular interest to retired and semi-retired people who are becoming more active in volunteer work nationwide.

A recent study by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services showed that volunteers enjoy a highly positive outlook on life. This philosophy of "Be active" and "Keep a good attitude" promotes one's personal health as well.

For those who take the time to volunteer at something they enjoy, the work provides great personal satisfaction. Moreover, if you choose an activity you are not completely familiar with, volunteering can be a fine learning experience and an opportunity for personal growth. It can even lead to a new career. Many's the entrepreneur who learned a new skill while "moonlighting" as a volunteer and also working a full-time job.

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Hampton Story Time

By Dawn Porter

On Friday, July 30th, the children at Patty's Home Daycare on 2nd Avenue in Hampton were treated to a surprise visitor. Peabo Porter came for a visit. Peabo is a 9 year old standard Poodle belonging to this writer and her husband, George Porter, of Hampton.

Every Friday I go to Patty's Home Daycare for story time. On July 30th we read stories about dogs in general and Poodles in particular. Needless to say, Peabo was a big hit with all the kids.



Those pictured are: (back row) Tristan Martin, Patty Severtsgaard, Julia Severtsgaard, Emma Kindred, (front row) Peabo Porter, Jordan Leiner and Madison Severtsgaard.

Plan Ahead Community Calendar

AUGUST, 2004

- 16 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 16 **2nd Installment Property Taxes Due**
- 17 Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
- 19 Hampton Auxiliary 6:30PM at Hampton Firehouse
- 23-23 No School-Hampton -- Teacher's Institute
- 25 Hampton School Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 26 Hampton School-Hot Lunches Start
- 26-27 Hampton School Student Classes 8AM to 1:30PM
- 27 Hampton School Hours decided for next week of classes

SEPTEMBER, 2004

- 2 Seniors Golf Cart Tour passes through the area
- 6 Labor Day-No School
- 7 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 12 Grand Parents Day
- 13 Hampton School Board Meeting 6:30PM at School
- 15 Hampton Historical Society Membership Banquet 6:00
- 16 **3rd Installment Property Taxes Due**
- 20 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 21 Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
- 25 **Hampton Apple Festival 1PM at B&B Museum**

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Myron Cohen tells about the lady who was asked, "Sadie, if you found a million dollars in the street, what would you do with it?" "That Depends," answered Sadie. "If I found out it belonged to somebody very poor, I'd give it back."

To Every Thing There is a Time, There is a Season.....

Cycles are just a fact of life. The seasons, life, economies and the Stock Market all go through cycles and within each cycle is a built-in schedule of when to act or not act. When the Stock Market is down is usually the time to buy stocks. The same holds true for antiques and collectibles of all types. Talk to a variety of dealers you'll find that **now is the time, the season for bargains.**

There are two traditional, retail antiques dealers that have been in the Crier before. The first is **W-V Antiques** at 94-10th St. in Carbon Cliff. Web and Vera Ziegler have converted a large house into an enormous display of antiques of every kind. Glass, furniture, gadgets, toys and more. Many of the Mystery Items of the Month were discovered at W-V. Easy-to-find, free standing dealers are experienced and have the space to properly display more items in each category so a special trip is well worth the time. Call them at 309-796-3574 for hours and inquiries.

The other traditional, retail dealer we know is the **Victorian Shoppe** at 833-15th Avenue in East Moline. Here is a compact shop amidst other types of stores in a business district you might visit for craft supplies, decorative accessories, vacuum clean repairs or a hair cut. In other words, Pat and Joyce Danley, shop owners, have made it very convenient to drop in frequently while you are out doing errands. They have not limited your choices by specializing in one particular category but offer an interesting mix of antiques and classy, collectible "junque" that make each visit an adventure. Call them at 309-792-9524 for hours and inquiries.

The Crier coverage area also boasts two unconventional ways to get involved in the search for antiques bargains and collectibles. The first is the **Port Byron Country Mall** which opened earlier this year. It's at 1006 North High Street (Rt. 84). Here you'll find a huge parking lot next to a building that houses smaller booths, each representing the offerings of a different seller. When individuals don't have enough items or experience to start a store or the personnel to man it, they may rent a booth at this new type of mall to display their gems while all share the expenses of running the building, etc. The booths constantly change so every visit is like an entirely new store. Collectibles like LP records, books, milk glass, vintage wall decor or kitchen gadgets and cookbooks are sprinkled throughout the booths. Antique furniture, wooden toys, comic books and linens are also on display. The next time you go to the new Dollar General in Port Byron, go next door and check out the **Country Mall and take some friends.** Call 309-523-3455

The final outlet type is cyberspace. For quite a while, **Antiques by Evelyn** advertised as a retailer on 15th Avenue in East Moline but last summer, Evelyn Phillips took the leap and became a cybershop. She has already earned a great reputation for honest bargains on vintage, costume and unusual jewelry and some smaller collectibles.

There are two ways to see photos of the things Evelyn has to offer. The first is her website www.antiquesbyevelyn.com where you will find more than 35 categories to choose from. Second, on the website home page you can click on the eBay Logo. This will take you directly to a gallery of all auctions she has on eBay. To get back to the website, just click BACK on your browser. It will take you immediately back to the website. However, if you prefer to go directly to eBay, type in www.ebay.com and at the top click on "SEARCH", and then "Find Members" and type in **qcelp**, which will also take you directly to her gallery of auctions. Looking for something special? Send Evelyn an e-mail at elp@antiquesbyevelyn.com.

The big question is why even get involved in antiques or collectibles? First of all, let me beat my anti-mass marketing drum. Shopping at any of the above is a way to express your individuality in everything from decorating your home to giving gifts and support your local businesses. You are not limited to the 10 designs and 4 colors carried in the giant retail stores or the sometimes poor quality there.

Antiques and collectibles allow you to honor a friend or loved one with a thoughtful and unique gift. Nostalgia never dims you know. Gifting antiques and collectibles also stops today's embarrassing practice of price comparisons when exchanging gifts. Best of all, visiting stores like those above are a form of entertainment for you and your friends!

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We all know that one of the best places to find delicious home-made baked goods is at a church bake sale so don't skip this sale! **Good news for local crafters!:** All those that wish to have a reasonably priced space to sell their crafts, are welcome to participate in this Bazaar. Booth/table spaces are only \$12 each or two for \$20.00 so call 797-4553 as soon as possible for more information and to reserve space. Spaces are outdoors.

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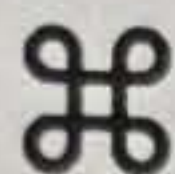
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Saturday, August 28: 8AM-11AM Zion Lutheran Church, 1728 Hubbard Road East Moline Coordinator: Connie Goldasich

Thursday, Sept. 16: 9AM-3:30PM Exelon Nuclear, 22710-206th Ave. N., Cordova Coordinator: Linda Stoermer 309-227-2000 X2504

Monday-Friday: MV Regional Blood Center, 3450-38th Avenue, Moline, IL 309-764-8504

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To Schedule an appointment, call at 1-800-747-5401 Ext. 261 or log on to www.bloodcenter.org. Walk-in's are always welcome! Every donor will be mailed a free post-donation cholesterol screening.

Things you Learn by the Time You're Fifty

1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meetings."
3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
4. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.
5. You should not confuse your career with your life.
6. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
7. Never lick a steak knife.
8. The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.
9. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight saving time.
10. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
11. There comes a time when you should stop expecting others to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age eleven.
12. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.
13. A person who is nice to you but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person. (This is very important. Pay attention. It never fails.)
14. Your friends love you anyway.
15. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.

Hampton Village Board Notes 7/19 and 8/2/2004

- . The computer at Village Hall will be replaced. Funds were budgeted for this purpose.
- . An additional \$4,650 was added to the repair/remodeling project at the Police Department to cover replacement of decayed exterior wood and for a light to shine on the flag.
- . Another hand-held police radio will be purchased with funds donated to the Police Department by a resident of Rapids City.
- . Parts to repair the fire alarm system for the Heritage Center (struck by lightning) have been received but not installed as of 8/2.
- . Moline Monument Company has yet to do the etching of the park entrance sign.
- . As the low bidder, Valley Construction was awarded the contract for replacing the floor in the Salt Storage Shed. The \$9,430.00 will be from Motor Fuel Tax Funds.
- . Orchard Park L.L.C. was paid \$18,113.28 as distribution from TIF III.
- . From TIF III, Hampton School will be reimbursed \$1,268 (15% of expense) for a Hampton special needs child to attend school in Silvis.
- . The Fire/Rescue Department has received a new, automatic defibrillator and is currently conducting training.
- . No Parking signs will be installed on 10th Avenue and 9th Avenue Court.
- . Expenses to repair water tower damage from a lightning strike will be submitted to the insurance company.
- . 7/19 Discussions were held with on, but action taken on the following: 1.) Hampton residents upset by the Village buying a memorial tree for Oscar Ellis III, a non-resident (subsequent action: tree purchased and planted)
- 2. Home owner questioned building inspector's authority in granting variances, not referring builders to the zoning board and apparently not enforcing building ordinances.
- 3. President Newberg wanting a review and possibly increase fees for some Village services as Moline and others are increasing theirs.
- . Final "sign off" on the Cherry Hill Development has been tabled until a street cracking problem has been inspected.
- . Brandt Construction of Milan, as low bidder, has been awarded the contract for street repairs (bid \$43,498.50). Trustee Irby would like to see and finish/ending date added to the contract to avoid delays.
- . Accessory equipment for the new truck and the repair or replacement of the old back hoe have not been decided yet.
- . Bi-State failed to meet the extended deadline for completion of the Hampton website.

- . Property owned by the Village at 219 2nd Avenue is to be sold on a bidding basis. [See separate notice, this issue.]
- . Heritage Center now open selected hours and days. Ruth Spear arranged for the donation of a computer, printer and copier from a generous company [to be named in our next issue]. The equipment will be installed in the Heritage Center and she will work at the center part time so the public will have access to the building. She is also trying to schedule volunteers to cover additional hours and needs more people to call her if they can spare several hours at a time to monitor the Center.
- . The long delayed inscribed memorial bricks should be finished by a second company sometime in mid-August.
- . School Superintendent Tom Berg will be invited to speak to the Board about school consolidation. Mike Toalson related that if Hampton, a solvent school were to combine with another school, Hampton would take on the debts of the other school and Hampton property Taxes could go up as much as \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.
- . The locking, emergency-vehicle-only gate into the Marina development from 8th street needs to be inspected to make sure there will be clearance for fire engines to turn and enter without damage.
- . Trustee Irby and the Village Engineer described a computerized mapping system that would be useful in planning capital improvements to the Village streets, sewers and water systems in the future. Trustee Irby believes that a 1, 3 and 5 year plan for these improvements and replacements should be drawn up now and money set aside for them starting now.
- . The purchase of 20 water meters, not to exceed \$4,000 was approved.
- . Starting September 15th, Village personnel will be attending seminars on TIF districts and other topics held at the Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago.



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By Dr. Dan Bobb, Bobb Chiropractic Center P.C.

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Not wanting to miss the vital organ and become a vegetable and a burden to someone, she called her doctor's office to learn her heart's exact location. "Since you're a woman," the doctor said, "your heart is just below your left breast. Why do you ask?"

She hung-up without answering.

Later that night, Mildred was admitted to the hospital with a gunshot wound to her knee.

Then there was a tramp who hollered for help when a watchful bulldog clamped his jaws on his posterior. "Call off your dog," pleaded the tramp to the farmer who appeared to investigate the cause of the commotion. "I can't," answered the farmer - not too unhappily. "His name is Sick'm."

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BOOK & LIBRARY NEWS

By Dawn Porter

For August and September events please call the library at 755-9614. You can also access the library's web site at www.rbls.lib.il.us/emp

Bestsellers Club: Sign up for the Bestsellers Club and the new titles by your favorite authors will automatically be put on hold for you. Some bestsellers with new titles this summer include Karen Joy Fowler, Philip Craig, Catherine Coulter, Amanda Quick and Linda Barnes.

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Recommended reading: Our titles this month are both recommended by Cynthia Coe, Director of the East Moline Public Library, in the EMPL MEMO. The EMPL MEMO is the library's newsletter. Copies are available at the library. This newsletter is a great source of new books (adult and children) new movie titles, music titles, discussion group info and the library calendar. Our first book, *Pompeii* by Robert Harris (F Har), was recommended to Cynthia by a library patron. Cynthia really enjoyed it; recommended it to me and I really enjoyed it. It is written from the point of view of the Aquarius (the engineer in charge of the aqueducts). The water has stopped flowing and he must journey to Vesuvius to find out why. Some of the language is vulgar in this historical novel, but *Pompeii* in 79 A.D. was sometimes a vulgar place. A non-fiction page turner is another new favorite of Cynthia's. *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson (364.1523 Lar) chronicles the building of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 and a serial killer who struck before, during and after that fair. I have not read this one yet, but I intend to soon.

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!

Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?

TO OUR READERS: Rock and Jane Nelson (Jammin' With Jane) are on vacation from the paper this month. Mary Lou Schaechter, a member of the Historical Society performs a great service for future researchers by retyping very old articles and miscellaneous documents into her computer to preserve their contents. You have met Mary Lou in the Crier for the past several months via her stories. The following is one of her historical projects. You'll also note that her nostalgia piece has a delicious recipe included. Jane and Rock should return next month.

OCT. 27, 1881: WHEN LUCK RAN OUT FOR THE JENNIE GILCHRIST

It was the night of Oct. 27, 1881, and the steamer Jennie Gilchrist – owned and operated by prominent Rapids City mine owner H. M. Gilchrist – had just docked in Rock Island after hauling coal downstream from Rapids City.

Newsmen of that era reported the \$7,000, 100-ton steamer was reloaded with \$4,000 worth of flour, furniture and general merchandise to be shipped upstream.

Capt. Pat Maines stood chewing his pipe stem as his crew prepared to pull away from the Rock Island riverbank. His muddy deck hands, soaked by rain that had poured since noon, had fastened an empty quarry tow to the side of the sidewheeler and were preparing to shove off.

LOUD LAUGHTER echoed from the main cabin and, as Maines stood with the rain running from his hat, he peered through the window at passengers huddled around an iron heating stove in the smoky room.

The poor ladies, he thought, with their fancy dresses. The river bank was a quagmire of clay, and the hems of their frills hung muddy below their wool capes.

The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. James Trevor, were the only ones laughing. Her long curls were lit by the lantern light, and her husband's coat was wet.

Johnny Gilchrist, son of the boat's owner, was trying his best to meet the passenger's needs. He might make a good hand yet, thought Maines.

William Wendt and his wife of LeClaire, Iowa, were also in the group. Maines thought her a striking woman.

HENRY THOMAS, member of a pioneer Hampton family, had joined the passengers at the last minute. Had the Jennie Gilchrist not been late leaving because of taking on the tow, he would have missed the trip entirely. Traveling by riverboat, he thought would be safer than riding a horse on muddy roads from Rock Island back to Hampton.

It was 10:30 as the Jennie passed through the raised bridge span between Rock Island and Davenport. The boat rode low in the water and moved slowly against a torrent of water fed by the rains. Ten minutes later, the boat was about 1,000 feet upstream from the bridge.

MAINES' TEETH were cutting into the pipe stem by now, as he strained to see the turning point to drift into Stubb's Eddy in Davenport, where he was to leave the tow. He would have to take his approach from slightly upstream to allow for the current.

Maines, at the wheel, felt the silence in the engine house before he noticed it. He knew instantly an engine had gone dead – and seemed to be revived immediately. He left young McCabe at the wheel and headed for the engine house.

THE BOAT was gaining speed as the current took hold of the helpless craft, swinging it around with the tow following back toward the bridge under which it had just passed.

Darkness and torrential rain kept passengers in the cabin – and most unaware of the danger.

As he passed the cabin, Maines saw Wendt step out. "Need some help?" he asked. Wendt was a seasoned river traveler, and had noticed the problem immediately.

"See if John McCabe needs some steadying in the wheelhouse," Maines shouted, racing toward the front of the boat.

By this time the boat was closing fast on the big bridge piers. As the front of the boat hit the piers, panic gripped the passengers. In the darkness and rain some managed to get over to the side to jump from the boat to the barge.

As the boat hit the bridge, John McCabe was alone at the wheel. Wendt had sensed the danger and left to help his wife. He searched along the rail, calling her name in the darkness, but the wind carried his cry far downstream.

HIS WIFE, floundering in the water, did not hear his call. But Charles Faulkner, night captain of the Davenport police, who was near the river bank, did.

Capt. Faulkner said later, "I heard a man's cry and the whistle of distress from the Jennie Gilchrist. I ran to the old Fire King's hose house and pulled the bell rope until some fellow came around. I told him to keep ringing that bell.

"When I got out in the river fairly well, I yelled, 'Is there anybody here?' I heard a faint, 'Yes,' and pulled in that direction. Soon I could see the head of a woman who was keeping afloat with the help of a board which she held under her chin.

"JUST AS I got near her, my boat hit a barrel and my lantern fell into the river. I yelled for help and two fishermen, Charles and Christian Monroe, came over where I was."

"Each of the Monroe brothers had a skiff, and after quite a bit of trouble, because it was so dark, we managed to get the lady into my boat."

"I couldn't land near them because it was so stormy. I drifted down the river and finally got to land at Cook's Point. I then telephoned and had a hack come down and take the rescued lady to my home.

She was Mrs. William Wendt of LeClaire, sister-in-law of the Cordova fisherman, Charles Wendt."

SOME OF THE others on board were not so fortunate - ten passengers and crewmen died.

They included Henry Thomas, who had escaped the muddy roads only to die in the muddy river, and Jake McCabe, the young crewman.

At a hearing later, Falkner said he thought the accident was due to the slipping of the Gilchrist's engine caused by too heavy a load and too big a tax on his engine.

But Maines was censured by the coroner's jury, who contended that he shouldn't have attempted to make the rapids in such a storm with such a heavy load.

The above article was copied from a very old, yellowed newspaper clipping. There is no indication of newspaper name or date published. Mary Lou Schaechter

Note from Rocky Nelson: Henry Thomas was doing the people of Hampton a favor by going for the mail that had not been delivered for quite some time. Mail delivery by train was impossible as the tracks were under water down by Campbell's Island.



Come away into a quiet place by yourselves and rest a while. Mark 6:31

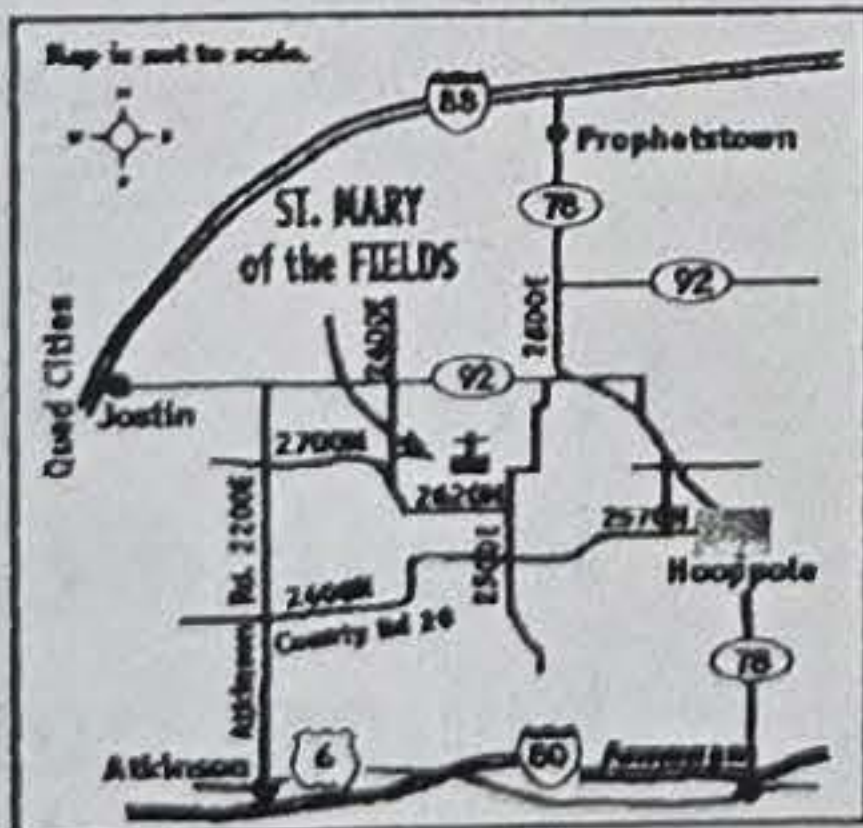
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If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?

Why is bra singular and panties plural?

Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?

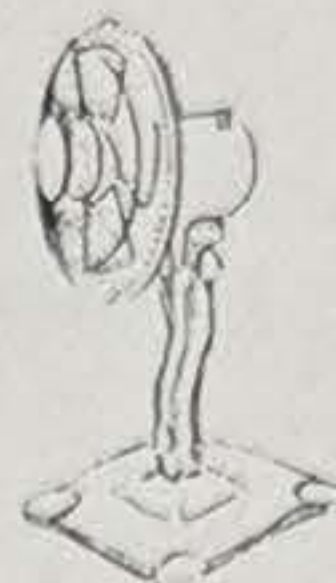
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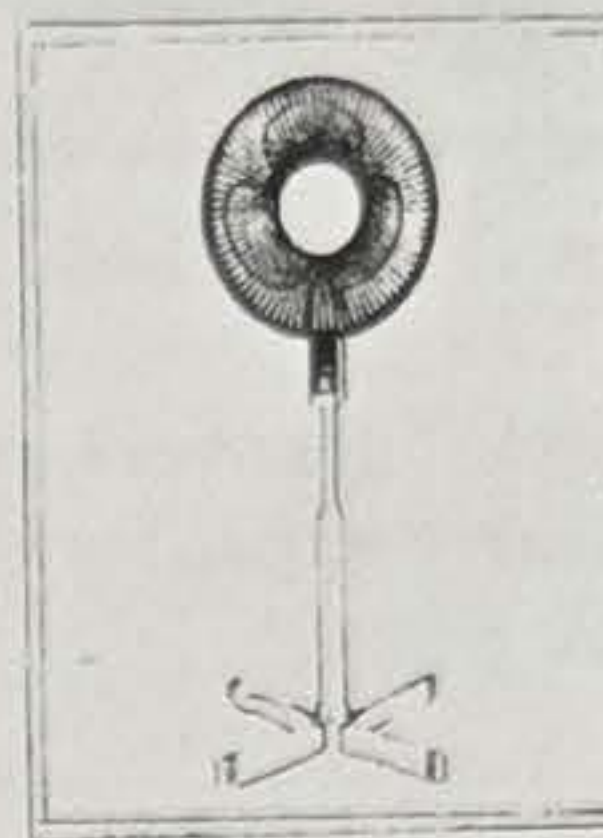
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THE "PERFECT" BREAKFAST

By Mary Lou Schaechter

My mother liked rich foods. Correction: My mother LOVED rich, sweet foods. She was a wonderful cook and often made sinfully delicious desserts.

Whenever she received money as a gift for her birthday or Christmas, she would buy ingredients for many of her favorite foods and make them all on the same day. For a day or two we would only eat desserts for all three meals. My sister and I thought these were the best meals possible.

One weekend Mom made many super sweet desserts. Our Monday breakfast was Banana Nut Bread, Banana Creme Pie, Chocolate Cake, Brownies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Cherry Pie, and Old Fashioned Fudge. We joyfully ate and ate, feeling very lucky.

My teacher decided to teach a course about good nutrition. She asked each child in my class to write a list of what he/she had for breakfast that day. Happily I wrote my list, remembering how good it tasted. Surely this was a "perfect" breakfast.

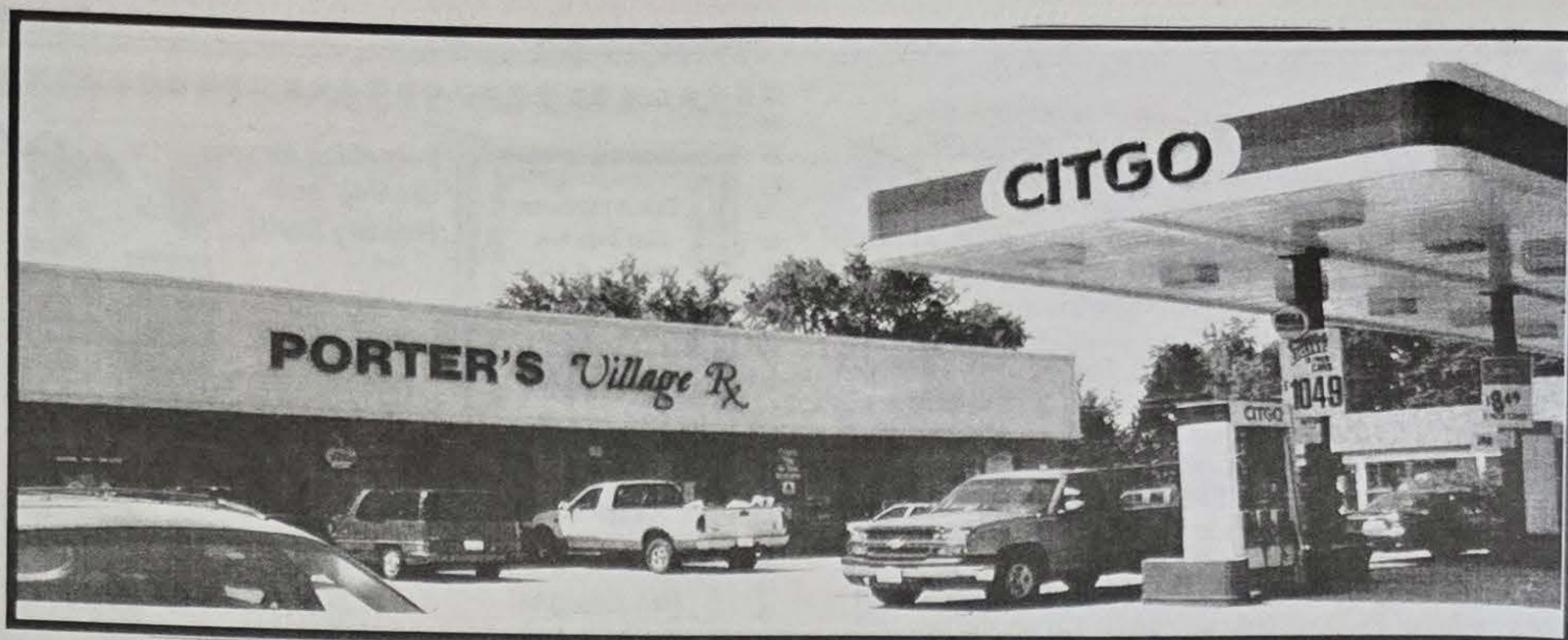
My teacher read out loud to our class the best and the worst breakfast. I happily thought surely mine would be the best, but she read mine as the worst. I could not believe it. How could any breakfast be better than mine?

When Mom came to pick us up in the car, she was both upset and angry with me since the teacher had phoned her. She scolded me all the way home and I learned not to tell anyone anything about how we lived. To this day I rarely speak of it. Because I think you might enjoy hearing about this, I am sharing it with you.

VERDA RIEKE'S BANANA NUT BREAD

2 cups flour
Pinch of salt
3 bananas, mashed
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup shortening
2 eggs
1/4 cup nuts
Cream shortening and sugar. Add both eggs and mashed bananas. Add dry ingredients. Add nuts. Bake at 350° 45 to 60 min. Insert toothpick in center of loaf to be certain it is done.

I went to a seafood disco rave last week.... and pulled a mussel.



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