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What's Going on at the Hampton Cemetery?

Near the main entrance to the Hampton Cemetery is an area occupied by a cannon, a plaque of the Gettysburg Address, flag pole and a crooked tombstone for an unknown soldier. This memorial area was established about the turn of the century by the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) which was a political party made up of Civil War Veterans. In years past, this area was central to many memorial Day (and later Veteran's Day) ceremonies. Since its completion in 1926, the Soldier's Monument on 1st Avenue has been the ceremonial site.

The cemetery location has been in serious need of repairs for years. The Hampton Historical Society at the request of the Charmian (Cox) Cady estate is currently refurbishing the area and creating a Veteran's Memorial Plaza. Jim Miller of the Moline Monument Company will oversee a poured concrete pad that will mark the area, granite replacement bases for the plaque and cannon, a new flag pole, cleaned tombstone of the unknown soldier and other small items.

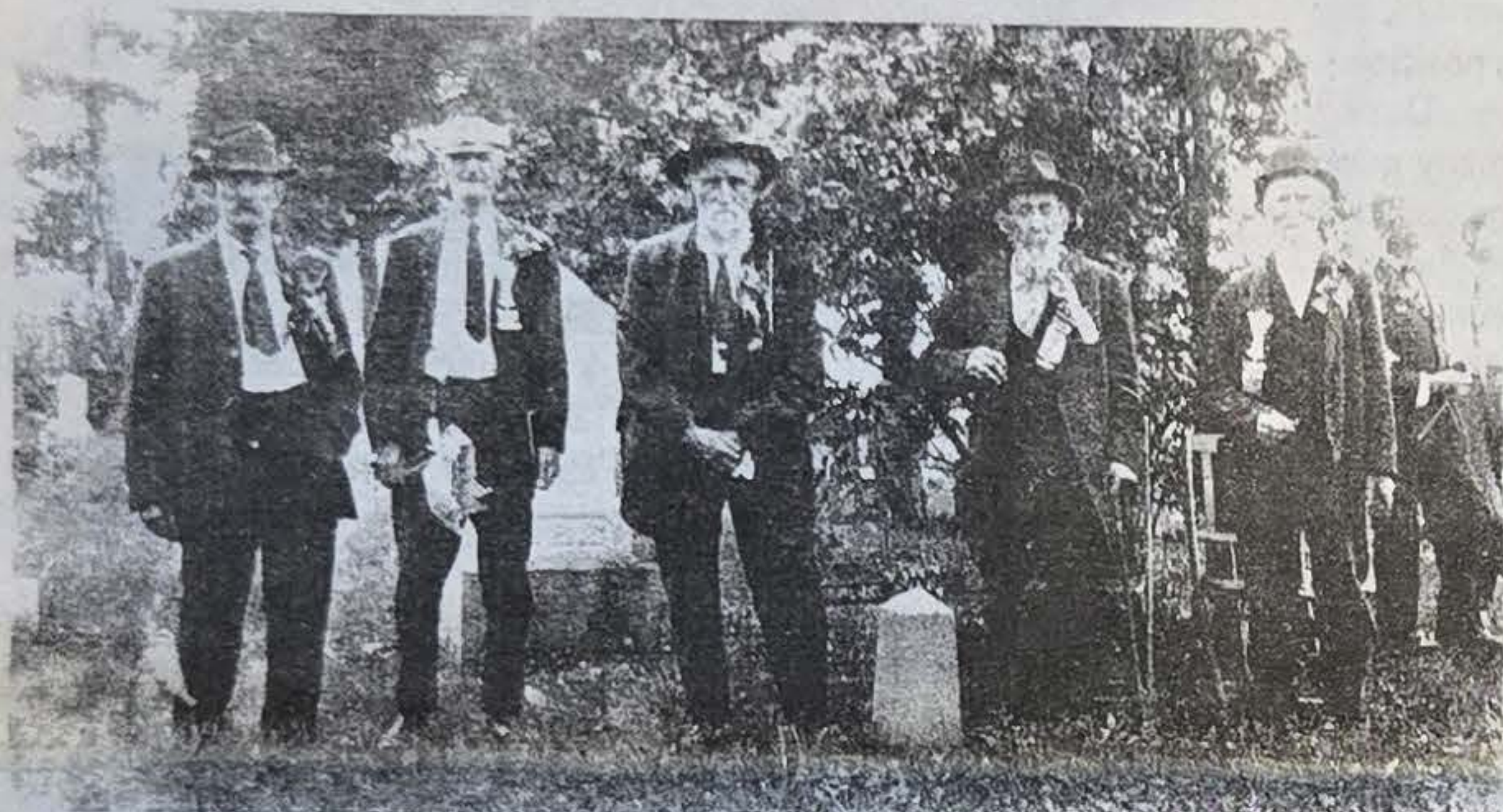


The Historical Society will be adding a pedestal topped by box made by K & D Woodworking that holds a "Book of Remembrance" listing Veterans from the Hampton Area.

It is hoped the area will become a pleasant, quiet place for visitors to look for the names of relatives. You are invited to the rededication of the patriotic plaza which is planned for Veterans' Day November 11th. See the next issue of the Crier for details.

Above: GAR Memorial site as it appeared last winter with crumbling plaque holder.

At left: The five surviving Civil War Veterans from this area during a Memorial Day celebration at GAR site in Hampton Cemetery around 1922



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Editorial: Been there-Done That

It is part of human nature that we adapt to new situations which lead to creating a new "normal" almost every day. In some cases, this is a good thing. We would all like to adapt to being rich, slender or more intelligent. On the other hand, we need a reality check when it comes to our personal attitudes and apply some logic to our adapting ways.

A good example of intellectual adapting is found in Science Fiction shows where the plots and special effects seen just a few years ago seem childish in comparison to what is possible using the computers of today. Gone are the days when we overlook the wires occasionally seen holding Flash Gordon in a flying position.

Personal relationships, the real ones, have suffered too. During the process of selecting our friends or a possible mate many good people are mostly found "lacking" when compared to the constant barrage of well-thought-out-dialog and impossibly steamy bedroom scenes. Although totally unreal, those perfect bodies, perfect timing and consistent positive results have become the new standard of romance. Also, the current situation comedies and reality programming like the Bachelor or The Assistant need your critical evaluation. Neither Trumps management style, the nasty tricks nor the caustic, mean spirited comments of today's comedies are normal or desirable in anyone's life.

A more subtle example are reality shows and "extreme sports" which are getting out of hand. The true challenge is not to do well at a sport or challenge, it is to avoid serious injury. As a participant or viewing audience, we are no longer impressed or entertained by anything but the spectacular, death-defying performance. The more degrading or disgusting the challenge, the better. Why? What is the point? And we thought the Romans were blood thirsty and twisted!

The point is that as we mentally adapt to extremes, we leave behind a little innocence, the ability to wonder at something new or the pleasure derived from turning in a personal "best" performance. Entertainment and news professionals so consistently present us with only the bigger than life situations and people that we often fall into the trap of feeling personally inadequate. Regretfully, it is also human nature to live by comparing ourselves to others so our children adopt an attitude that if they cannot be the very best at something, they refuse to participate in that sport/class/activity. They might begin to lose self confidence because they can't find something that they can do better than what they have seen on television.

The Summer Olympics recently ended after a week of seeing the world's best athletes compete in numerous events. How many of us respect the non-winners for just qualifying for the games?

Perhaps some of our discontent with life is thinking we must always be Number One. The only antidote to mental poisoning is to set some realistic goals and expectations for your entire family. By all means, encourage the best in everyone but allow yourself and others to be a follower in some things, just average in some activities and happy with smaller successes. And what is the result? Contentment with real life.

Beauty Secrets from your Kitchen Cupboards

Budweiser beer conditions the hair

Pam cooking spray will dry finger nail polish

Cool Whip will condition your hair in 15 minutes

Mayonnaise will KILL LICE, it will also condition your hair

Elmer's Glue - paint on your face, allow it to dry, peel off and see the dead skin and blackheads if any

Shiny Hair - Rinse with brewed Lipton Tea

Heavy dandruff - pour on the vinegar!

Hampton Village Board Meeting Notes 8/16 & 9/7/04

- Bid were read for equipment to outfit the new truck. Monroe Truck Equipment was the low and chosen company. (\$14,472.)
 - Nigel Robins, currently building a house at 2nd Ave. & 4th Street was granted, 8/16, variances without application, for setbacks, yard requirements and accessory buildings.
 - Bi-State was granted an extension to 9/30/04 to finish and get the Hampton website up and running.
 - Tom Berg. Hampton School Superintendent spoke on the issue of school consolidation [see article, this issue for details]
 - Announced: Anthony Columbia of Hampton won the bid to purchase the property at 219-2nd Ave. from the city for \$15,100.
 - An Agreement was approved with Ament Engineering for \$5,500 to hand bidding and engineering duties related to the Fire Department Drive and Drain Replacement project.
 - The Final payment to DISCO of \$13,813.23 was approved for the remodeling and repairs at the police station.
 - Charges for \$1,093.95 for the repair of the Heritage Center fire alarms (struck by lightning) was discussed and Trustee Carmack will try to submit this to the Village insurance company. Outcome is yet unknown.
 - Payment to Valley Construction of \$8,530.19 for repair/replace-ment of salt shed floor was approved.
 - Changes and renumbering of lots to the Oak Pointe Addition (formerly called Smith Development). Were approved. Sidewalks will not be required and 3 flag lots will share a common driveway similar to those in other Hampton subdivisions. A request by the builder to waive inspection fees was tabled until a later meeting.
 - Preparation of Heritage Park grounds in order to plant 3,400 native plants on September 18th was discussed.
 - Trustee McKay wanted to Thank MidAmerican for making a second \$250.00 donation to the Village to be applied to the creation of the Village Website.
 - The Auditors attended the Committee Meeting of the Whole on 9/7/2004 and spoke at length about their audit findings and future accounting systems. Some retirement funds appear to be underfunded under the current cash accounting system. By official mandate, all municipalities must use the same accrual accounting system to create uniform records. In order to make this change, the Auditor suggested using Quick Books Pro" as a very reasonably priced program (about \$200) that would make postings less time consuming, more accurate and account transfers easier to identify.
- The largest amount of work to implement the new accounting system will be to identify and assign values to all fixed assets in the Village including streets, land, sewer and water systems.
- Trustee VanDieren requested research be done into financial products that would pay the Village more interest than the current 1.26% on their funds.
 - Trustee Carmack announced that the Village got a \$500 grant from the Quad Cities Conservation Alliance for establishing/ planting a wetlands area in Heritage Park.
 - Painting crosswalk lines on Rt. 84 was discussed and further research into the cost will be presented at the next meeting.
 - The MFT Streets projects are complete. Paving the alley behind the school proved difficult and required additional work and expense. Savings on other parts of the project meant the overall expense was within estimated budgets.
 - DPW Larson replaced the tires on the GMC Truck for around \$250 which did not need board approval. \$1,093.95 in repair parts were purchased rather than replacing the back hoe this year.
 - Robert Gardner of 106 First Ave. was granted a formal variance (Ordinance #04-12) for a deck to be built at the back and side of his house.



Thank You MidAmerican!

The Village of Hampton would like to express their appreciation for the \$250. donations (\$500 total over 2 years) for the creation of the Village of Hampton Website. Thank You MidAmerican!

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BOOK & EAST MOLINE LIBRARY NEWS

By Dawn Porter

STORY TIME: The new story time schedule has been set. Please clip and save the times at the end of this article.

18 SEPTEMBER: The Friends Group is having a Book Sale/Bake Sale at the East Moline Library from 9 to 3. The sale will be located in front of the library or, in case of rain, in the library basement. There will be both childrens and adult books ranging in price from 10 cents to 50 cents. Any one wishing to donate either books or baked goods please call Dawn Porter at 755-8021 and I will gladly pick them up.

06 OCTOBER: at 6:30 the Mystery Discussion Group will present a classic mystery movie. Check the library website at www.rbls.lib.il.us/emp for the title.

09 OCTOBER: from 10:00 to noon come to FALL MAKE IT, TAKE IT CRAFT DAY. No registration required.

23 OCTOBER: Halloween Movie Matinee at 1:00. Refreshments will be served. Call library for movie title.

24 OCTOBER: 1:00 to 3:00 come to the Sunday Spooktacular. Bring all your little ghosts and goblins for an afternoon of fun, games and face painting.

COMING SOON! Teen Reading Challenge October 17th through 30th. Contact the library for more information.

The library, besides the Mystery Discussion Group, also hosts a Sci-Fi Discussion Group which will meet again in November and a Romance Discussion Group. Call the library or check their website for more information.

STORY TIME 10:30-11:00 Each Day

SEPTEMBER: 14, 21, 28 NOVEMBER: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
OCTOBER: 5, 12, 19, 26 DECEMBER: 7, 14

Special evening story time September 22 and October 20th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite bedtime toy!

East Moline Public Library located at 740 - 16th Avenue
For information, Call 755-9614

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.

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- September 16th is the deadline for the 3rd installment payment of **property taxes**.
- **Leaf season** is fast approaching. Having leaves removed as yard waste is the most desirable disposal method. Yard waste stickers are \$2.00 each at the Village Hall or Porters. Pick up now through October 31 is every Monday. Please have closed and stickered leaf bags at the curb by 7AM.
- If you must burn leaves, PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE LEAVES ARE DRY. ALL leaf fires must be attended until completely out.
- You may not burn leaves on school days when children are in school or on the grounds if you live within 1000 feet of any part of the school property (approximately 2 blocks)
- **Use common sense when burning.** Avoid burning even dry leaves on windy days (too dangerous) or on very still days when smoke stays in the neighborhood to annoy neighbors. Keep a hose handy and stay by the fire until it is out.
- **School is in session.** Please drive carefully! Especially during leaf-burning season, watch for kids on scooters and bikes! Parents please make sure your bike riders, scooter users and skaters all wear their helmets!
- Hampton School is collecting empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges. When turned into a recycling company, they earn extra money for the school. Please ask at your job for any empties and bring them to the school. Thanks!
- Remember that **packages for our troops** take a minimum of 3 weeks to reach their destination. Plan, shop and ship early to make sure your packages arrive in good time.



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Making It Happen!

River Reflection movie times and dinners at the River Valley Library in Port Byron

All movies begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoons unless otherwise noted.

Sept. 16 - The Passion of the Christ - The movie tells the story of the last 12 hours of Christ's life starting with the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and ending with His death on the cross. Drama R - 127 mins. The film stars Jim Cavaziel as Christ and Maia Morgenstern as Mary.

Oct. 7- Hidalgo- Viggo Mortensen, Omar Sharif & Malcom McDowell Hidalgo recounts the life of legend Frank T. Hopkins. Western /Adventure Pg-13 136 min.

Oct. 21-Raising Helen- Kate Hudson & John Corbett - After her sister and brother-in-law die in a car accident, a young woman becomes the guardian of their three children. Comedy/Drama Pg.13 119 Mins. A Laugh Out Loud Comedy!

Nov. 4 -TBA

Nov. 18- 12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner & Movie- TBA

Dec. 2- TBA

Dec. 16- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner & Movie- *Elf*- Will Ferrell, Bob Newhart & Ed Asner.

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A Culver City mail carrier complained to his boss that a dog had bitten him on the leg that morning. "Did you put anything on it?" asked his boss. "No", replied the mail carrier. "He liked it just as it was."



TRAPPED!

By Rocky Nelson

We seem to concentrate much attention on Hampton's early days-the steamboat era. This is understandable since the river and steamboats are the basic reason for Hampton's existence. The steamboat era did not last forever. By the end of the Civil War the railroads were already overtaking the steamboats in commercial significance. For Hampton this came as a shift in emphasis and not a decline of business. The focus turned to mining, as coal overtook wood as the fuel for the trains. The early trains had to stop often for wood and for water. In fact, as frequently as every 8 to 10 miles between what came to be called water stops. It is no accident that our towns and villages run about that distance apart, as settlements and businesses grew up at the water stops.

Around 1870 substantial veins of coal were discovered on the bluffs above Hampton and our town gradually turned from a river town in to a mining town. We've discussed the mines, mostly located on the other side of Golfmohr Golf Course, and the hamlet called Happy Hollow that grew up near them. There were at least nine mines in that area, with a narrow gauge railroad going down to what is now East Moline.

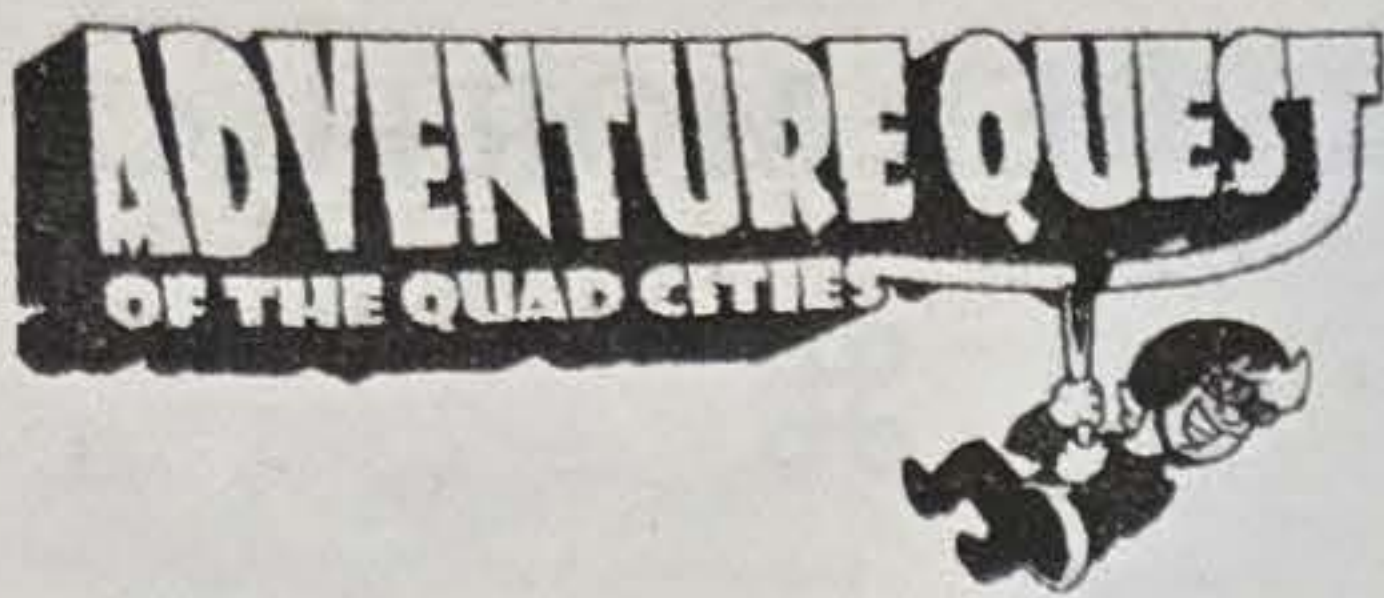
Many of the Hampton citizens were involved in the mining. Actually, the Hampton mines produced more coal than Coal Valley, Carbon Cliff, or the other mining towns in Rock Island County. Mining was a backbreaking, dangerous occupation, totally lacking the romance that surrounded steamboating. All this was emphasized to me recently, I was browsing around Barnes and Noble over on 53rd St, Davenport when I ran across a book. I have previously mentioned my resolve not to buy any more books, but this one had the title: "Trapped" with the sub-heading "The 1909 Cherry Mine Disaster". This caught my eye because Cherry, Illinois is just a few miles from where I grew up 85 or so, miles east of here. Today Cherry is a tiny, tiny, town but I've been through there and seen the big monument erected after the disaster. So, since the book was marked down to \$ 6 from \$ 21, I abandoned my resolve and bought it.

I had another interest in the Cherry disaster. Once, while we passed through Cherry, my father said that he had once considered getting work there. My father came to the US from Sweden in 1904. 1905 was the year the Cherry mine opened. Several of the new Swedish immigrants that my Dad was acquainted with urged him to accompany them and get a job mining. You could make up to \$ 4 a day as a miner, high pay at that time. My father considered it, but working in a hole in the ground held little appeal for an old fisherman, so he stuck with the farm work he had been doing.

The author is Karen Tintori. She says her interest in this event came from a family story that her grandfather had survived the Cherry Mine Disaster. She made a great effort to research the event and has written an interesting, and in some cases, highly disturbing story.

My wife's family, on her mother's side had intimate relationships with mining. They worked the Coal Valley mines. Jane's grandfather, uncles, and great-grandfather all toiled in the mines. Her great grandfather, William Cook, was killed in the mine. He had the job of setting the charges in the evening after the days work was done. That way, the dust would be settled by the time work started in the morning. He went down accompanied by his son (my wife's grandfather Abraham) and set the charges. The man and boy left the mine but the charges didn't go off. William went down again (without Abraham). You can guess what happened. The charges went off, killing the elder Cook. My wife's mother always held it against her father because of his drinking. Her husband George McNeal always said "If I had to work in the dark in knee deep water, and come home to 8 squalling kids, I'd drink too". A pretty concise picture of the life of the miner.

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Be an Oreo Cookie: Make two cardboard circles or use large pizza cardboards. Paint them dark brown to look like OREO cookies. Dress in all white (white stocking cap too if possible). Staple white straps to the dark brown OREO pieces and wear as a sandwich board. Variation: Paint the circles white and go as an aspirin.

Be a Bunny: Start early and take advantage of garage sales to find a large stuffed bunny. Remove the ears and sew them to the hood of a sweatshirt. Tack a large white fabric oval to the front of the shirt and a small "tail" shaped piece on the hem, center back of the sweatshirt. Paint face white, nose edge in pink or black and make stripes like whiskers on cheeks.

Useful Gift Books only Available in Hampton

Thoughtful and unusual gifts for family and friends - especially those that do not live in the immediate area - are hard to find. Mailing expenses seem to climb every year so consider one of the locally produced, easily mailed books that will be appreciated for years to come. Shop early to make sure you have the best selection.

Timeless Recipes A collection of local lore and photos plus tried and true recipes from the best local cooks of today and yesterday. Available at the Hampton Heritage Center or the Hampton Village Hall. \$15.00

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Historical Society Publication #2 Another history of Hampton and the immediate area but written by topic: Elections, Railroads, Churches, Bands, Etc. from the earliest days until 1936. Information taken from the diary of Morris Heagy \$3.00

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Blood is the Heart of the Matter

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood

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Local Blood Drive Schedule:

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

Saturday, Sept. 25: 7:30-10:30 am Orion United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 407-12th Ave, Orion Coordinator: Kathy Curry 309-526-85511 for appointments. Walk-Ins Welcome!

Monday, October 18: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Hampton United Methodist 2nd Ave. at 4th Street, Hampton Coordinator: Denise Braddy 309-496-9655 for appointments. Walk-Ins Welcome!

Wednesday, October 27: 3:30-6:00 p.m. Cordova 1st Baptist Coordinator: Les Johnson 309-523-2192. Walk-Ins Welcome!

Saturday, October 30: 8:00-11:00 am Colona Fire Station Coordinator: Fire Chief Swan 309-792-2793 or Walk-In!

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

Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that only takes about an hour. Donors must be at least 16 years old, in good health and weight at least 110 pounds. A blood donor card or other photo ID is required to donate; 16 year olds must present a signed parental consent form, available from the Blood center or for download from www.bloodcenter.org. Controlled high blood pressure and diabetics are acceptable.

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.

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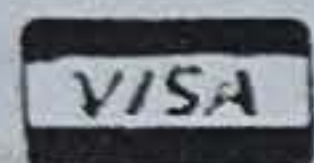
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Area News Briefs

ANNUAL HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY BANQUET

September 15th, 6:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall all will be welcome to the annual Hampton Historical Society Banquet. There will be information on several projects in progress that will further enhance the image of Hampton as well as preserve local history. Please call Jane Nelson for reservations immediately 755-0362.

REMINDER: The third installment on property taxes is due on **September 16th.** Don't be late!

BIOSWALE PLANTING PARTY-Heritage Park

September 18, 8:00 AM in Hampton's Heritage Park will be a planting party. Over 3,000 small native plants will be planted to create a bioswale (natural water filtering/cleaning system that protects our river water). The bioswale will be available for years to come for educational tours and scientific studies. All volunteers from organizations or individuals will be welcome. Bring your small garden tools, gloves, sun block and hats and be prepared to have a great time! Refreshments will be served.



The Moline Monument Company has inscribed the huge rock at the entrance to the drive that leads to the Hampton Heritage Center. Shortly, a light will be added to this area.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Dennis Loomis of the Insurance Audit Service for donating a copy machine, laser printer and other office equipment to the Heritage Center Office. We appreciate your support!

Clichés to Ponder

When people say, "Oh, you want to have your cake and eat it too." Sure, what good is a cake if you can't eat it?

When people say, "It's always the last place you look." Of course it is. Why would you keep looking after you found it?

When ads state "New and Improved!" Which is it? If it is new, there was nothing like it before. If it is improved, there was something like it before.

When waiting for the bus; someone asks, "Has the bus come yet?" If it had, would everyone be standing here yet?

A housefly, escorting her daughter across the head of a completely bald man observed, "How quickly times change! When I was your age, this was just a footpath!"

SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER EVENTS: September/October, 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:

September 13, 27, October 11 & 25: 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.

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

September 29, October 27: **Lunch and Card Games** 11:00 a.m. Donation \$3.00 Cards & games follow lunch.

October 6 11:30 am: **Euchre Tournament** Cost \$4.00 Played according to Hoyle Rules. Men and Women welcome.

October 13 11:30 am: **500 Tournament** Cost \$5.00

October 18 1:00-3:00 p.m.: **Rules of the Road** No Cost or Reservations needed

October 20: 1:00 p.m. **Senior Citizen's Birthday Party** If you are 60 years or more, if your birthday is in August, September or October, you and a guest are invited for refreshments, games and prizes. Reservations are required by October 13th.

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

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Hampton School News

by Tom Berg, Superintendent



- Thank you to everyone for having the children ready for school. Our current enrollment is 220 students, the highest in several years. We have a 2nd kindergarten for the first time in what we believe to be 20 years!
- Our state test scores (ISAT) continue to be outstanding. We had 100% of our 3rd grade students pass the Math test for the 2nd year in a row and 100% of our 7th grade students passed the Science test? Six of our 8th grade students had perfect scores on the Math test.
- We welcomed several new teachers and staff: Elizabeth Johnson, 1st grade, Amy Meeske, 4th grade, Mark Goodwin, P.E., Carrie Henderson, Kindergarten and Sara Youngblood, Language Arts, Rosie Swanson, cafeteria and Jose Espinosa, custodian.
- Grandparent's Day is September 17 and Parent's Day is October 8.
- Our thanks to Cliff Perry, for arranging for the 2nd grade desks to be refurbished at The East Moline Correctional Center.
- Our thanks to Al Kipp for some summer painting and drawing the bus routes.

Special Thank You Note from Elaine Ryerson

"Dear Hampton Friends,

I would like to thank you for making the American Cancer Society "Door to Door" such a success in Rock Island County.

The total for the Village of Hampton was \$1,521.00!

Thank you to the following block workers for helping with this drive and for helping to spread the message on Cancer detection.

Joe Scherschel	Shirley Billings	Nancy Bartscher
Marian Strandgard	Sharon Anderson	Paula Goering
Tony Columbia	Mary Ann LaJoene	Pam Kipp
David Stephens	Ellen Lohse	Ann Beckman
Diane Hamilton		

Sincerely,
Elaine Ryerson
Town Chairman



Church of the Cross Soup, Sweets and Song Event

United Methodist's Church of the Cross will be holding an evening of great food, fellowship and music on **Saturday, October 2, 2004**. Dinner will begin serving at 5:00 p.m. so the musical program may begin by 6:30 p.m. **Although this event will benefit Church of the Cross in Port Byron, it will be held at the Hampton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.** Free Will Donations will be taken on the night of the dinner.



The Barber Shop Quartet, *Gentle Persuasion* will entertain along with *The Associates*, a gospel, instrumental and vocal group. Come prepared for a toe-tapping good time!

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

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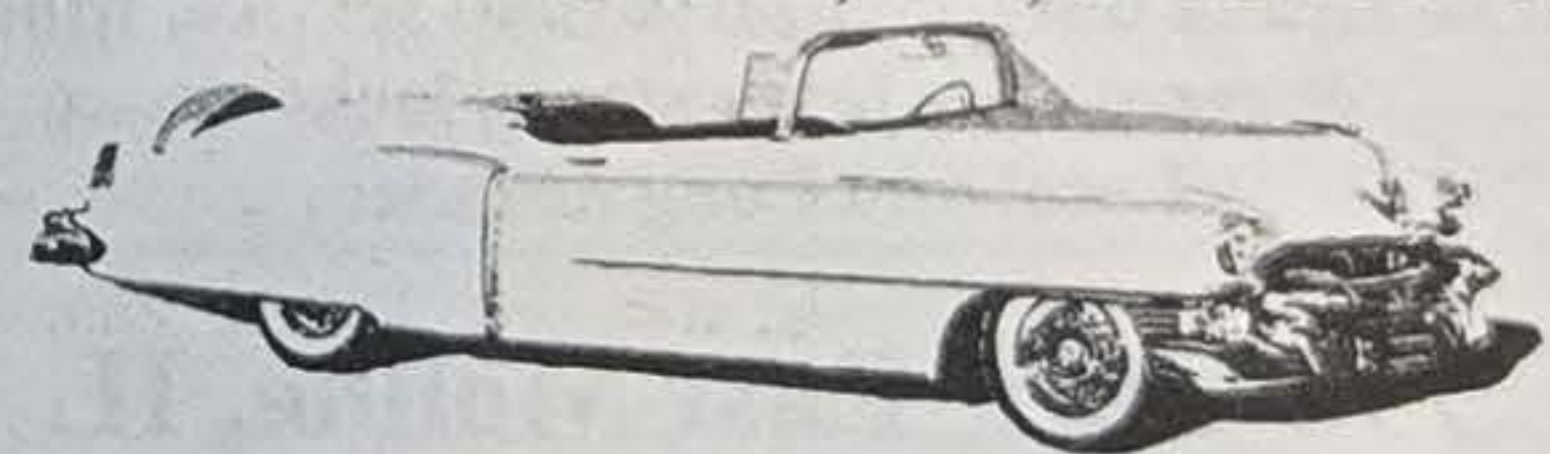
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Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

Moline: September 18, 2004 from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m.. The Union Congregational Church at 1811 53rd Street, Moline will be holding hosting a craft bazaar and offering bake sale items to raise funds for their new addition.

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.

Congratulations to:

Kyle Cameron of Hampton who has repeated his prior performance and was again overall male winner of the recent 5K Run of the Roses at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta in Silvis. His time was 16:39. Congratulations!

To make a long story short—don't tell it.

35th ANNUAL BURGEOO CRAFT FESTIVAL-Utica, Illinois

October 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain or Shine! The LaSalle County Historical Society will hold a lantern walk on Saturday night, October 9th then hold their annual Burgoo Festival on Sunday, October 10th. Over 200 Craft Vendors will be on hand, Civil War Camp, music, clowns and Great Food: Famous Burgoo Stew, pork burgers and steak sandwiches are featured. Tour the one-room school, barn with blacksmith shop too. This fund raiser is held 2 miles south of Route 80 on Rt. 178 in Utica, Illinois. If you'd like more information, call 815-667-4861.

Early Announcement so You Can Get an Early Start! HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

October 16, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds in East Moline. Sponsored by the city of Silvis for **ALL ILLINOIS RESIDENTS**.

Don't miss this opportunity to properly remove household hazardous waste materials from your home. No quantity limits. You'll drive up to the fair grounds and stay in your car.

Please bring: Oil Based Paints, Paint Thinners, Herbicides, Pesticides, Gasoline, Automotive Motor Oil, Pool Chemicals, Cleaning Products, Items containing Mercury (Thermometers, etc.), Lawn Chemicals, /solvents, Antifreeze, Hobby Chemicals, Eye Glasses, Drain Cleaners, Aerosol Paints & Pesticides, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Household Batteries, Old Cell Phones.

Please DON'T bring: Agricultural Wastes, Explosives/Fireworks, Medical Waste, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks, Smoke Detectors, Farm Machinery Oil, Institutional Wastes or Lead Acid Batteries.

If you have questionable items or need additional information, call Mike Boesen, Rock Island County Waste Management Agency at 788-8925 or see www.ricwma.org.

School Consolidation By Tom Berg, Hampton School Superintendent

With the exception of The Hampton School District, all of the schools that feed United Township High School, and the UTHS school district, paid for a study to look at consolidation of all the school districts and UTHS.

The School Board chose not to participate in the study because they were against the concept for the following reasons:

- Consolidation would most likely result in the closing of Hampton School. Certainly no one would promise it would not close.
- Consolidation would not improve student achievement. Hampton students test well above state and area averages in most subjects. No one can make the case that consolidating will improve student achievement. Our 8th grade scores are excellent, indicating those students are well prepared for high school.
- Consolidation would result in an increase in taxation. There is no evidence to the contrary.
- Adding bureaucracy does not automatically mean improvement.
- Consolidation would mean a loss of local control.
- Smaller districts tend to outperform large unit districts.

The study has been completed and the decision of the Hampton School Board not to participate has been more than justified. The essence of the study is to leave the East Moline Elementary School District as is, and create a large middle school or junior high school with anywhere from 400-600 students, close small attendance centers, and increase taxes.

Hampton Elementary School students continue to score above state averages on mandated tests. The Hampton Elementary School District tax rate is the lowest among the feeder districts except for Colona. Our school is growing. We have a sports program in grades 5-8, band in grades 5-8, chorus in grades 6-8, and a music and art program for all students. Our bus routes are approximately 20 minutes long and many students walk to school. For these and other reasons, the Hampton School Board rejects the idea of consolidation with UTHS and the other elementary school districts.

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

THE AGE TEST

Answers on Pg. 12

1. Name the Beatles _____
2. Finish the line "Lions and Tigers and Bears, _____!"
3. "Hey kids, what time is it?" _____
4. What do M&M's do? _____
5. What helps build strong bodies 12 ways? _____
6. Long before he was Mohammed Ali, we knew him as _____
7. You'll wonder where the yellow went, _____
8. Post-baby boomers know Bob Denver as the Skipper's "little buddy". But we know that Bob Denver is actually Dobie's closest friend, _____ G. _____
9. M-I-C See ya' real soon; K-E-Y _____
10. "Brylcream _____"
11. Bob Dylan advised us never to trust anyone _____
12. From the early days of our music, real rock 'n roll, finish this line? "I wonder, wonder, wonder...wonder who; _____?"
13. And While we're remembering rock n' roll, try this one: "War...uh-huh, huh...yea; what is it good for? _____"
14. Meanwhile, back home in Metropolis, Superman fights a never-ending battle for truth, justice, and _____
15. He came out of the University of Alabama, and became one of the best quarterbacks in the history of the NFL. He later went on to appear in television commercial wearing women's stockings. He is Broadway _____
16. "I'm Popeye the sailor man; I'm Popeye the sailor man. I'm strong to the finish, _____ I'm Popeye the sailor man."
17. Your children probably recall that Peter Pan was recently played by Robin Williams, but we will always remember when Peter was played by _____
18. In a movie from the late sixties, Paul Newman played Luke, a ne'er do well who was sent to a prison camp for cutting off the heads of parking meters with a pipe cutter. When he was captured after an unsuccessful attempt to escape, the camp commander (played by Strother Martin) used his experience as a lesson for the other prisoners, and explained, "What we have here, _____"
19. In 1962, a dejected politician chastised the press after losing a race for governor while announcing his retirement from politics. "Just think, you won't have _____ to kick around anymore."
20. "Every morning, at the mine, you could see him arrive; He stood six foot, six, weighed 245. Kinda' broad at the shoulder, and narrow at the hip. And everybody knew you didn't give no lip, _____"
21. "I found my thrill, _____"
22. _____ said, "Good night, Mrs. Calabash, _____"
23. "Good night! , David." " _____"
24. "Liar, liar, _____"
25. "When it's least expected, you're elected. You're the star today. _____"
26. It was Pogo, the comic strip character, who said, "We have met the enemy, and _____"

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all.

On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible and then busied himself with desk work.

When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he took the desk stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Discipline was not a problem from that day forth.

The little pig who in due course became a ham, which was then sliced up into enticing sandwiches by a beautiful young hostess. "He died a gentleman," proclaimed the pig's mourners. "His last act was to give his seat to a lady."

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Kool Aid can be used as a dye in paint also Kool Aid in Dannon plain yogurt as a finger paint, your kids will love it and it won't hurt them if they eat it!

Body paint: Crisco mixed with food coloring. Heat the Crisco in the microwave, pour in to an empty film container and mix with the food color of your choice!

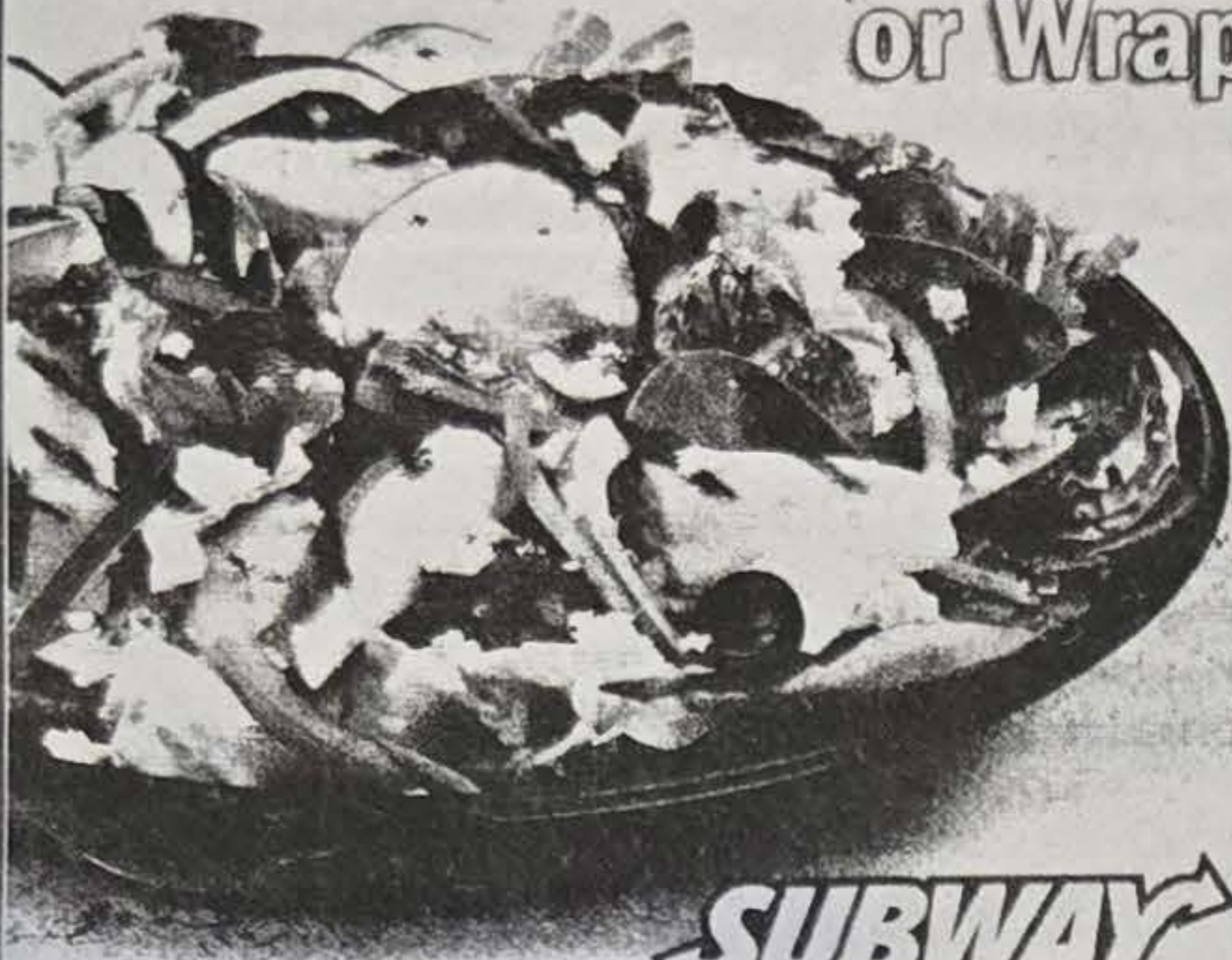
Parodies in English

Slowly read these clever sentences out loud. Do you see the odd twist in word usage? Can you think of any yourself?

- Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
- Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
- Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
- What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)
- In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

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Ah, It's all in the Job Title

A court clerk, obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar" asked a woman "What is your occupation?" The full-time mother didn't know what made her say it, perhaps the superior attitude but the words popped out. "I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations."

The clerk paused, ball point pen frozen in midair, and looked up as though she had not heard right. The woman repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words, then, stared with wonder as her pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official form. "Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?"

Coolly, without any trace of fluster the woman replied, "I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn't), in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, (the whole darned family), and already have four credits, (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hour days, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money."

There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered the Mother to the door. As the woman drove into her driveway, buoyed up by her glamorous new career. She was greeted by her lab assistants - ages 13, 7, and 3. Upstairs she could hear their new experimental model, (a 6 mo. old baby), in the child-development program, testing out a new vocal pattern. She felt she had scored a beat on bureaucracy! And she had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another Mom." Motherhood . . . What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door.

That makes grandmothers "Senior Research Associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations" and great-grandmothers "Executive Senior Associates?" Also, it makes aunts "Associate Research Assistants".

Rainy Day Fun With a Few Cans

Always clean tin cans and smooth any ragged edges.

1. Tin Can Telephones: In the center, bottom of two equal sized cans, punch a hole with a nail. Measure out at least a 6 to 8 ft. length of thin wire. Tie one end around a small metal washer and thread the plain end inside one can and through the hole in the bottom. Next, thread the plain end of the wire through the outside bottom hole and pull it through the can until you can work with the wire. Tie the wire around another small metal washer. Each of two kids take one of the tin cans and walks to separate ends of the room stretching the wire tight. Your old fashioned "telephone" is ready to use. Keeping the wire taut and not draped over furniture. Talk into the can on one end. Put the second can to your ear to hear what is being said.

2. Tin Can Toss Game: Make three small bean bags. If you can't sew, fill three the toes of small (baby) socks with beans or rice and close tops with wire twists AND a rubber band. Line up three or more different sized cans, each a further distance from you than the other. Standing in one place, try to gently toss the bean bags into the cans. As skill grows, place the cans further away or use a smaller can.

3. MAKE A GIFT! String dispenser: Use a can that has a plastic lid. (Pringles, Crystal Light work very well) Remove lid and make a small hole in the middle. Decorate the outside with contact paper, wallpaper, paint, pasted-on pictures. Place a ball of twine inside and pull the loose end through the hole.

Pencil holder: Use a short metal can (baked beans, vegetables, etc). Decorate the outside of the can to match the string dispenser or use anything that takes your fancy. For kids rooms, paint the can white or any solid color and paste stickers on the outside. Cut a sponge or several layers of paper towels to fit inside the bottom as a cushion for pencil and pen points. Empty those junk drawers and put the pens, pencils and markers in your new holder.

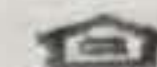
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October 9: Jeremiah & Ann Cady
October 16: Tom and Becky Gould

Jane Cady marks her second anniversary as Editor of the Hampton Towne Crier with this issue. She is still looking for reporters and an assistant editor to learn how the paper is compiled and issued. Please call 752-0627 if you'd like to be a member of the press!

What to do with Rubbing Alcohol

- Collectors know to place alcohol on a cotton swab and use to remove dust and dirt from the grooves in phonograph records without harming the plastic. This also works to clean the tape head on a stereo-cassette player.
- Using shellac and shellac-based primers? Clean your brushes in alcohol to keep them soft.
- You can remove grass and dye stains with safer alcohol instead of spot remover.
- For the best finish, clean a sanded surface with an alcohol-dampened rag before staining or applying a finish.
- Alcohol is a good cleaner when working with silicone caulking around tubs.
- Rubbing Alcohol shines chrome and faucets.
- Wipe the leaves of plants infected with aphids. Dilute the alcohol with water and apply with cotton balls or use a pump spray bottle to control mealy bugs on African violets.
- A cloth dampened with alcohol will remove hair spray build-up on a curling iron.
- Remove old wax from a floor before re-waxing by mopping with a solution of 3 parts water to 1 part rubbing alcohol.



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Results from Blimpie/Crier Summer Helmet Program

The Towne Crier Editor and Blimpie staff spent the summer looking for youngsters in their neighborhoods wearing their bike helmets. Hundreds of miles were clocked in our coverage area and helmets were VERY scarce on our local children.

Parents, PLEASE INSIST that your children wear their helmets when riding bikes, scooters, skate boards and skates.

You hear a lot of talk about helmets saving children's lives and the effect a serious injury has on the family of the child. Spare a thought for the person that has hit and injured a child. Even if they did absolutely nothing wrong, under the law, they will be blamed and their lives ruined. An accident involving a child is life altering for everyone involved. The wearing of a helmet often prevents death or debilitating brain damage so please get serious about insisting on helmets.

Because she wore her helmet and went to Blimpie with her award certificates, Caitlynn Terronez collected a personal reward. Now, she has won 4 Blimpie Combo Meals for her and her family or friends. Atta-Way-To-Go Caitlynn!

Household Tips Using Unusual (Cheap) Products

Kool aid to clean dishwasher pipes. Just put in the detergent section and run a cycle, it will also clean a toilet. (Wow, and we drink this stuff)

Peanut butter will get scratches out of CD's! Wipe off with a coffee filter paper

PAM will lubricates sticking bicycle chains, windows and use on your snow shovel this winter to make the snow slide off quick! Pam will also removes paint, and grease from your hands! Keep a can in your garage for your hubby

Peanut butter will remove ink from the face of dolls

When the doll clothes are hard to put on, sprinkle with corn starch and watch them slide on

Please, No More Chain Letters!

- * I smell like a dog since I stopped using deodorants because they cause cancer.
- * I don't leave my car in the parking lot or any other place and sometimes I even have to walk about 7 blocks for fear that someone will drug me with a perfume sample and try to rob me.
- * I also stopped answering the phone for fear that they ask me to dial a stupid number and then I get a huge phone bill with calls to Uganda, Singapore and Tokyo.
- * I also stopped eating chicken and hamburgers because they are nothing other than horrible mutant freaks with no eyes or feathers that are bred in a lab so that chain restaurants can poison us.
- * I also stopped drinking anything out of a can for fear that I will get sick from the rat feces and urine on the cans.
- * I stopped trying on clothes or using public restrooms because there is probably someone behind the two-way mirror gawking
- * I also donated all my savings to the Amy Bruce account. A sick girl that was about to die in the hospital about 7,000 times. Funny that girl, she's been 7 since 1993...
- * I went bankrupt from bounced checks that I made expecting the \$15,000 that Microsoft and AOL were supposed to send me when I participated in their special e-mail program. But, I am positive that all my problems are the cause of a chain letter that I forgot to pass along so I got cursed!

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you don't send this article to at least 25 people in the next 10 hours, you will be cursed too!

Hampton Cop Shop Repairs Complete

First a crack appeared in the floor of the Hampton Police Station, then the floor on one side began to sink and with that, the inner walls began to pull away from the ceiling. It was time to repair and up-date the building in a most unusual way. Rather than have the expense of tearing down a portion of the building, the front doorway was removed and the interior gutted while the exterior and roof remained intact. Meanwhile, the department continued operations in a trailer in the parking lot. It took DISCO almost 2 months but the improvements in safety and convenience were well worth the effort.



In order to reduce operating costs, the 4 window air conditioners, a central unit was installed, a new bathroom, plumbing and an up-graded, handicapped access sidewalk was also installed. The interior walls were arranged for more convenient offices and the foyer was made more secure. The new ceiling and lighting system markedly improved the working environment. Besides a new outdoor light to shine on the flagpole, old wood had to be replaced. Drivet (textured cement covered board) was used for an almost maintenance-free exterior. An improved drainage systems should avoid the need for similar repairs in the future.



Thank you Quad Cities for making the eleven 2004 clean ups a huge success-we couldn't have done it without you!

Chad Pregracke & the LL&W Team

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ANSWERS TO THE AGE TEST

1. John, Paul, George, Ringo
2. Oh, my
3. It's Howdy Doody Time!
4. They melt in your mouth, not in you hand.
5. Wonder Bread
6. Cassius Clay
7. when you brush your teeth with Pepsodent
8. Maynard G. Krebs
9. Why? Because we like you.
10. A little dab'll do ya.
11. over 30
12. who wrote the book of love
13. Absolutely nothin'
14. the American way
15. Joe Namath
16. "cause I eats me spinach"
17. Mary Martin
18. is a failure to communicate
19. Richard Nixon'
20. Big John, Big Bad John
21. On Blueberry Hill
22. Jimmy Durante - Wherever you are.
23. Good night, Chet.
24. pants on fire
25. Smile you're on Candid Camera
26. he is us

SCORING

- 24 - 26 correct - You're probably 50 + years old
- 20 - 23 correct - Most likely in your 40's
- 15 - 19 correct - Are we in our 30's?
- 10 - 14 correct - Must be in your 20's!!
- 1 - 9 correct - You're, like, sorta a teenage dude?

Tons of Address Stickers? Try these....

- Keep an address sticker inside your eyeglass case. If you lose your glasses, they can be returned to you.
- Place a sticker on canes, walkers for quick return if forgotten while out of the house.
- Use stickers to quickly fill out raffle tickers, coupons or rebate forms.
- Whenever you lend a book, CD, tool or hard to replace item, place a sticker on the item, add your phone number and cover with a piece of tape.
- Make sure you don't need to replace school items by adding a sticker to all of your child's pencils, rulers, crayon box and lunch box.
- Whenever taking a dish to pot luck suppers or parties, place a sticker on the bottom of your serving dishes.
- Place an address label, covered by clear tape on the handles of all your yard tools.
- Kids bikes and outdoor toys all look the same so place a sticker in an out-of-the-way/sight place to make sure it stays in your family.
- When traveling, place an extra sticker on the inside lid of each piece of luggage and add your phone number. As extra insurance for your baggage, also include a note on the top of your clothes using an additional sticker AND the name, address and phone number of the place you will be visiting.
- Halloween is not that far away. If you hand-make treats for children like popcorn balls or caramel apples, please a sticker on each piece of wrapped candy you'll be giving out. Parents will then know that the treat comes from a concerned neighbor.

CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS

"Don't let your worries get the best of you, remember, Moses started out as a basket case"

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

It's easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation leans on the bell.

Nail in the Fence

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scars just like these. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. " A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.

Friends and family members are very rare jewels, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us."

As the years passed, the boy completed his education with honors, started a happy family and was steadily promoted at his job. To this day, his desk at home and at work displays a hefty nail - one is also taped to the dashboard of his car.

Be There-Before, During and After

Submitted by Burton Phillips, Director Sullivan-Phillips Mortuary

How does one offer support and comfort to a friend or loved one afflicted with a terminal illness? SO often, the tendency is to shy away, as we do from any unknown. But reticence is the last thing the patient wants. Rather, he needs human comfort-being there, before during and after this difficult time.

Before death, the patient needs to see his friends consistently. He needs friends who will listen more than talk, who will let him vent whatever feeling s and insights he is experiencing. Follow the patient's agenda as you spend time with him; do not force him to talk about his illness, but be alert to clues that he needs to bring it up.

During the actual time of the passing, be there to provide small comforts, it is most important to touch the patient, and to talk to him. Even highly sedated patients can hear and feel. Reminisce, gossip, tell the patient what is going on in the world. Prayer can be a meaningful and powerful source of support and comfort.

After the death, be there, too for the family and friends in their time of grief. A hug, a handshake, a few shared tears make all the difference for those just beginning their journey of mourning.

We welcome your questions, comments or suggestions.

Vincent Van Gogh's (Van Go) not so famous Relatives

Verti Gogh - His dizzy aunt
Gotta Gogh - His brother best known for eating prunes
Stopn Gogh - His brother who worked at a convenience store
U Gogh - His grandfather from Yugoslavia
Hue Gogh - His brother who bleached his clothes white
Chica Gogh - His cousin from Illinois
Where-diddy Gogh - His uncle, the magician
Amee Gogh - His cousin from Mexico
Gring Gogh - The Mexican cousin's American half-brother
Wells-far gogh - His nephew who drove a stage coach
Cant Gogh - is constipated uncle
Tang Gogh - His aunt who taught ballroom dancing
Flamin Gogh - His uncle the bird-watcher
E Gogh - His nephew the psychoanalyst
Man Gogh - His cousin that raised fruit
Way-To Gogh - His aunt the motivational speaker
Poe Gogh - His bouncy little nephew
Go Gogh - His sister who loved Disco Dancing
Winnie Bay Gogh - His niece who travel the country in a van
There the Gogh! - that's all Vincent's relatives

Birthdays

Belated Happy 1st Birthday to Connor Koberlein on 8/30/04

September

11 Melissa Gould Happy 21st!
12 Jessica Cady
14 Cis (Cox) Donaldson
14 Madeline Conway
16 Martha Nelson
18 Jeremiah N. Cady

October

4 Jane Cady
16 Elizabeth Parks
20 Lisa Gillespie
25 Ralph Cox
29 Denny Gillespie



Elizabeth Parks will celebrate her 85th birthday on October 16. She was born in Annawan, IL.



Madeline Conway

In 1937 she married Walter Van Norway who passed away in 1988. Elizabeth retired from the East Moline State Hospital. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hampton. Her children are Carolyn (John) Larrison of Hampton, Annette (Archie) Reeves, East Moline and Kathryn (Michael) Claus of Cordova. There are eight grand children and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Weddings and Engagements

Hufford-Estes: September 18, 2004 Brianne Huffman and David Estes are to wed in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Moline. Our best wishes for the future!

Michaelson-Churchill: Two Hampton residents announce their engagement. Shannon Marie Michaelson, daughter of Joel and Vivian and Bradley Kenneth Churchill, son of Dick and Linda are engaged and plan to marry October 2, 2004 in the Zion Lutheran Church of East Moline. Our best wishes for the future!

Retirements



Rick King retired from Case/IH on August 20, 2004 as one of the last group to retire before the plant closed.

On his final day, Rick was presented with 32 roses representing his 32.9 years in Department 41 (Welding) and delivered to his home in a limo.

Rick's family wants all to know how proud they are of him.

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Plan Ahead Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER, 2004

- 13 Hampton School Board Meeting 6:30PM at School
- 15 Hampton Historical Society Membership Banquet 6:00
- 16 3rd Installment Property Taxes Due
- Fire Rescue Auxiliary 6:30 p.m.-Hampton Firehouse
- 17 Grandparents Visiting Day at Hampton School plus
Early Dismissal at 11:30 am
- 18 Planting Party at Heritage Park, Hampton 8:00 am to ?
- 20 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- Fall Photos and Volleyball Pictures at Hampton School
- 21 Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
- 24 Progress Report issued-Hampton School
- 25 Hampton Apple Festival 1PM at B&B Museum
- 30 PTA Open House at Hampton School 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER, 2004

- 4 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 8 Hampton School-Parents' Visitation Day 8:30-11:30
Early Dismissal at 11:30 for School Improvements
- 11 Hampton School Board Meeting 6:30PM at School
- Columbus Day-No School at Hampton
- 18 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 19 Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
- 22 First Quarter Ends at Hampton School

JAMMIN' WITH JANE

By Jane Nelson

Happy September to you all. Today Jan Corsaro and I put 121 apple dumplings in the freezer for the Apple Festival at Brettun and Black's Store on September 25, 2004. All of you that are members of the Hampton Historical Society are welcome to come to my house at 7:00 p.m. to help wrap the desserts for the Festival. Also if you are cooking any desserts please bring them to my house so we can put them in serving dishes and cover them with plastic. It is very difficult to cut and serve at the building.

Because I am busy preparing for the Golf Cart Days and the Apple Festival, I am writing a shorter column but am including the recipe for my Zucchini Pickles that you can buy at Brettun and Black's Store.

ZUCCHINI PICKLES

3 lb. medium zucchini	2 small onions
1/4 c pickling salt	3 c cider vinegar (5% acidity)
2 c sugar	2 t mustard seed
1 t celery seed	1 t turmeric
1/2 t pickling salt	

Wash zucchini. Thinly slice zucchini and onions (use food processor or slice by hand). In a large bowl place zucchini and onions. Add water to cover. Sprinkle with 1/4 c pickling salt between layers before you add the water. Cover and let stand 2 hours. Drain well. In a 6-8 Qt saucepan, combine the rest of the ingredients with the drained zucchini. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stir occasionally. Boil 5 min. Stir often to prevent sticking. Pour into hot pint jars leaving 1/2 inch head space. Carefully run a non-metallic utensil down inside of jars to remove trapped air bubbles. Place hot lids on jars and screw bands on firmly. Process in boiling water canner for 15 min. Makes 4 pints.

My UT Class of 1950 mate Beradine McGee from Colona gave me this recipe for a great Pumpkin Cake made with Splenda. She got it from her friend Lola Odendahl.

PUMPKIN CAKE

1- 29oz can pumpkin	4 eggs
1- 13 oz. can evaporated milk	1 1/2 c sugar(Splenda)
1 t ginger	1 t cinnamon
1/2 t nutmeg (I would probably use cloves)	
1 pkg. yellow cake mix	1 cup chopped pecans
1 c melted butter of margarine.	

Preheat oven to 350°. Beat together pumpkin, eggs milk, sugar and spices. Pour into ungreased 9x 13 pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix and nuts on top. Pour melted margarine over all and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Serves 15 to 20.

Then at the Cook and Cooke reunion, my Mother's Family, my second cousin Pat Cooper brought these great mushrooms. Of course, I ask her for her recipe. The good cook she is, she had the recipe in her head. She didn't tell me how many mushrooms but she had a small cookie sheet full.

STUFFED MUSHROOMS

8 oz pkg. cream cheese	1 pkg. Louis Rich Crab meat
1 pkg. Ranch dressing mix	Onions to taste. (I would say
1/3 c chopped fine I would probably add a little garlic too.	

Mix all together and put into a cookie or frosting decorator and squirt into the mushroom caps. Bake 1 hr at 350 degrees.

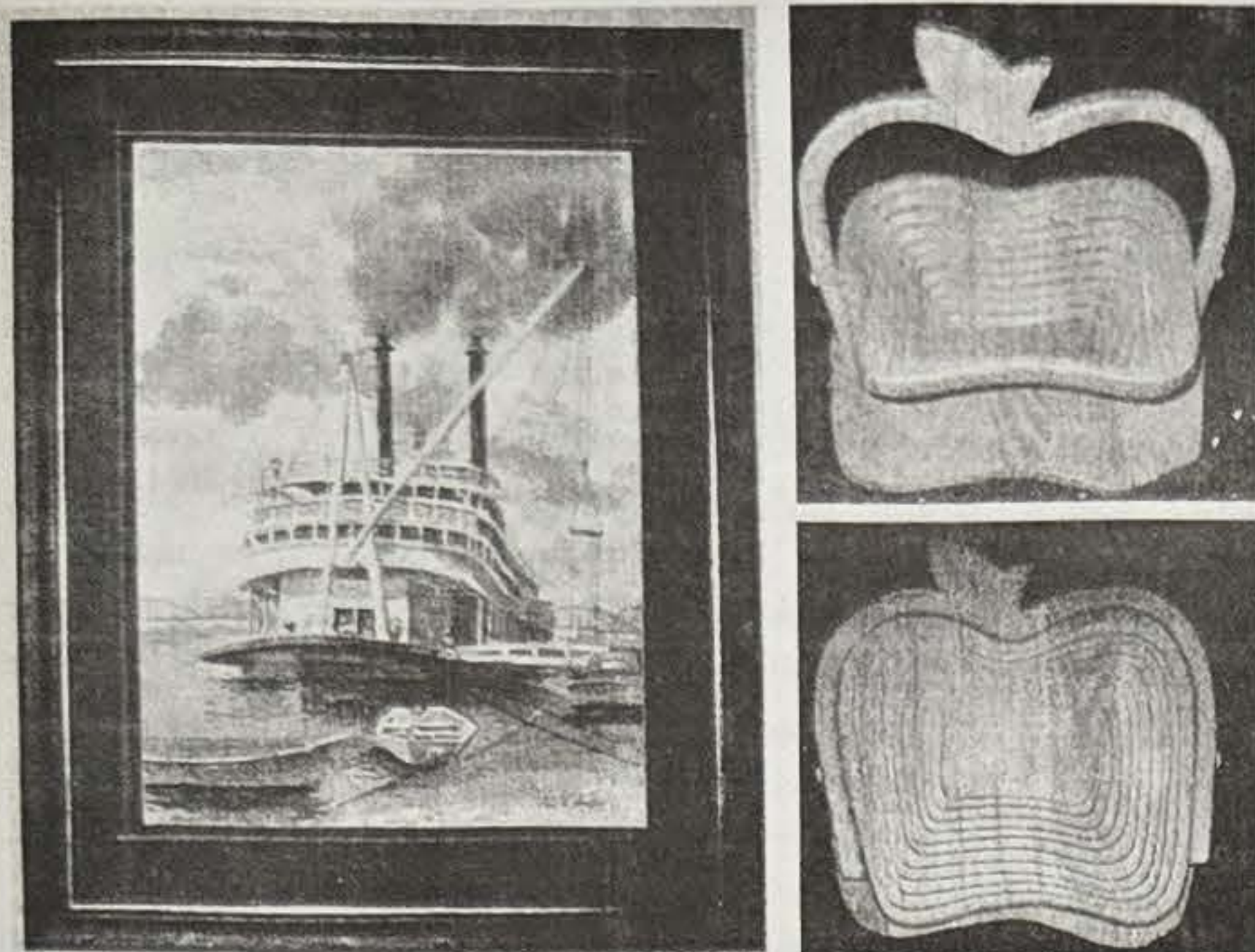
Have a great September. All of you come to the Apple Festival Saturday, Sept 25th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Wake up in a happy moooooo-d.
Don't cry over spilled milk-you'll have more in a little while.
The grass is greener on the other side of the fence - keep moving.
Turn the udder cheek and moo-ve on.
Seize every opportunity and milk it for all it's worth!
It's better to be seen and not herd.
Honor thy fodder and thy mother and all your udder relatives.
Never take any bull from anybody.
Always let them know who's bossy.
Black and white is always an appropriate fashion statement.
Don't forgot to cow-nt your blessings every day.

Peace starts with a smile.

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. 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.

RAFFLE ITEMS ADDED: A fragrant "apple pie" candle with ceramic shade, ceramic apple shaped dish filled with goodies and a ceramic pie keeper.

See 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 p.m. During the week, for tickets, call the Crier office at 752-0627, Jane Nelson 755-0362, Bev Coder at 755-6265 or any Society member. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn on September 25th. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

HERB OLTMAN APPRECIATION DAY-Brettun & Black Store Museum

September 19, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Brettun & Black Store Museum, the Hampton Historical Society has declared a Herb Oltman Appreciation Day. Herb was a great supporter of the Society and the Museum now displays many items that Herb contributed to help preserve local history. All are welcome to see the display of Herb's items, visits with Family and Society members and take museum tours. Refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL APPLE FESTIVAL-Brettun & Black Store Museum

September 25, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Come one-Come all to honor the history of apples in our area. Your entire family will find everything you can possibly make with apples (Stone Grown ones in over 50 varieties are featured). By the piece in the lower level cafe or take home whole pies, cakes and healthy snacks from the first floor bakery. The best apple butter in town, jelly and pickles are also available. Again this year, games for the kids and raffle drawings. Demonstrations of the antique apple cider presses and of course, bring your cameras and take your picture with one of the funny photo boards.

New Pink & White M&M's

The maker of M&M candies has teamed up with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to raise funds through the sale of their new "pink & white" M&M candies.

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Please pass on to all your family and friends. -- Thank you.

Professor to Dean: "Of course I remember Jones. He took my course for his first siesta here."

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AUTUMN and MIGRATIONS

By Franciska Rasmussen

While out in the yard talking to the neighbors a flock of migrating geese flew over which brought the comments of an early fall, the leaves coming down, the need to rake them and the smell of the burning leaves.

With these thoughts came the memory of another migration years ago. My son Gary was about 3 years old and was playing in the yard. All of a sudden he was screaming and pounding on the door. I went there and let him in trying to find the reason for the screaming. He looked all right, no bumps, bruises or blood—so what was the matter? When at last I had him quiet enough to talk to me all I could hear was, "the OOK OOK BIRDS will get me!" I started to go outside and he said, "no-no! They will get you too!" and hung on to me.

I did at last get to step outside and what I saw was like a big black blanket covering our yard, the empty yard next to it and my parents yard. When I looked across the road that neighbors yard was also covered. The noise was something I had never heard before either. It was like a thousand people trying to talk at once. The cause of the black blanket and noise was hundreds (seemed like thousands) of black birds taking a rest and a snack before going on South.

I went back outside and tried to shoo them off but it did not work. Some would fly up and others would take their place.

By now you are wondering why Gary called them the "Ook-ook Birds". On T.V. around 4 P.M. on W.H.B.F. was a program with Grandpa Happy who had a black bird hand puppet he called MR. OOK-OOK BIRD. Gary loved the program and would watch it every afternoon. That is till the birds came to visit. After that he would not watch it any more.

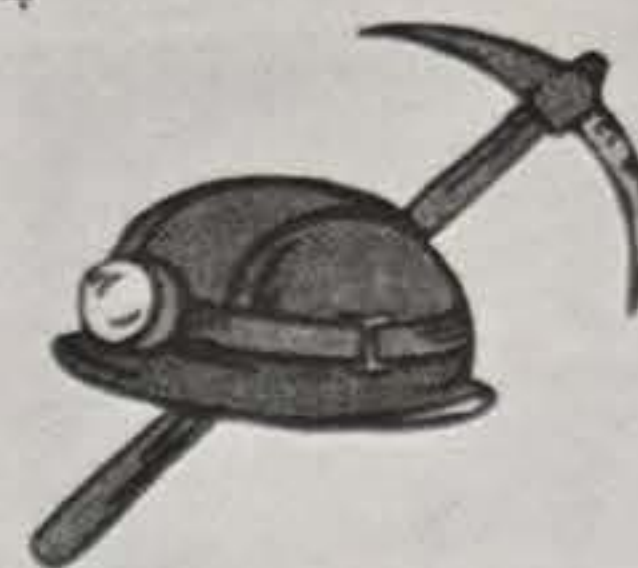
We have a little family saying when someone leaves: "Don't let the OOK_OOK BIRDS get you!" So I will end this by saying to you also. DON'T LET THE OOK-OOK BIRDS GET YOU. HIDE.



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But to return to the Cherry Mine: Saturday, November 13, 1909 was a routine day, ending the week. Four hundred eighty men went to the mine that morning carrying their round lunch pails. The mine they were entering was considered the most up to date and safest mine in the United States. It had electricity, sumps so miners didn't have to wade in water, and the latest in mining equipment. The mine was huge. There were 3 levels, each with many corridors, stretching literally for miles. There was a huge fan to provide air. There were stables on each level to accommodate the 70 mules that pulled the coal cars in the mine. The second level had the most activity with the third level with only about 160 workers. In spite of being up to date, miners virtually worked in the dark. The mine provided lamps which they called grease lamps because they burned a form of grease. There were gasoline lanterns at places in the corridors. The electric lights



were mostly in the mule stables. Every day around 11 AM the mine cages brought down feed for the mules. One of the cages on this day had six bales of hay standing on end and being lowered into the mine. What happened is not entirely clear, but somehow the hay caught fire. It was not unusual to have fires in the mine but the men were used to coping with them. Also, baled hay was almost impossible to ignite because of its close packing. But somehow on this day it got away from them. There was no panic and they treated it as a minor irritation. In most parts of the mine work continued as usual. After awhile smoke started to show on the surface. The ventilating fan was turned off, hoping the lack of air would extinguish the flames. It didn't work. They tried reversing it. That made things worse. Parts of the mine started becoming smoke filled and dangerous. Ultimately, it was decided to bring out the workers. It was not easy to get 480 men out in a hurry. It was not easy to get word to workers in the far reaching parts of the mine. The mine became filled with smoke, the limited air became almost liquid. Descriptions of that deadly smoke are one of the disturbing parts of the book. By night they had gotten less than half of the miners out. There are many descriptions of the bravery of men who went down into the mine numerous times, especially one group of 8 men who, on one of many trips failed to give the signal to raise the cage. Finally, they brought it up without the signal (against the rules). When it got to the top all 8 of the heroes were dead. The order was given to seal the mine. So they did it. In Cherry, virtually every inhabitant either worked in the mine or were in a miner's family. Deputies, police from several towns, and the next day National Guard tried to keep people away from the mine. A few days later they opened the mine. Some of it was still burning, even igniting the coal itself. They were able to go down in some parts of the mine. It was hoped that some men survived by going into the deepest parts of the mine. The rest of the week men went down to search for survivors. By then they had brought oxygen masks and other equipment. On Saturday, November 20, a week from the start, 20 men were found living. They were brought out but one man died later.

So that was it. 257 men dead. Nearly 500 children, 470 under 13 had lost their fathers. Thirty-three babies were born in the following months. There were great repercussions afterward. The Federal government started the Bureau of Mines. Laws were passed and there was a great deal of finger pointing concerning blame.

They have a list of the casualties with their jobs, their pay, their dependents. I get a funny feeling reading it. My father's name could have been on it. If it had been, I wouldn't be writing this now.

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Election Judges and Pole Watchers

Well, the conventions are upon us and campaigning started in earnest. Election Day, November 2, 2004 will be upon us before we know it.

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Election Judges work for and are paid by the voters and local government. A Judge is trained in the total physical voting process and all the rules of operating during a voting day as well as the rules of who may vote and handling ballots. The training is mostly common sense and requires either attending a class at the Rock Island County Courthouse and/or watching the training on a video tape followed by a short test. Once certified, you are assigned a poling place nearby for the day. An Election Judge is Paid a set fee for the day by the Rock Island County offices regardless of political party.

At least one Republican and Democratic Election Judge is to each poling place. There is no limit to Pole Watchers.

Election Judges jointly set up the poling place before opening to voters. All materials provided by the County are inventoried by the two Judges and they administer an oath of office to each other before setting up the poling place with flags, signs, booths, ballot boxes and tables. They jointly announce the opening and closing of the poling place. Pole watchers may or may not have the same training but check the poling place for illegal campaigning signs and monitor through the day to make sure Judges are not verbally campaigning or steering voters to one candidate or another.

During the day, Judges assist those with physical disabilities, test voting machines, demonstrate the proper operating of a voting machine to any and all voters. As a voter enters, their name is announced, their voter's card is found and signed by the voter. The Judges verify signatures and identity then give a ballot card to the voter OR, since Judges are trained in all the rules, they may challenge a voter that does not have proper registration, etc. In the case of any irregularities or questions, the Judges contact the County Clerk's election office for resolution.

At the end of the day, both Judges close the poles then process the ballots before sending them to the County Clerk's Office for final counting.

If you received a fold-over mailing from Richard "Dick" Leibovitz, Rock Island County Clerk, you received a new voter's card because your poling place has change PLUS you already have an application to serve as an election judge. If you didn't get that mailing, call the Rock Island Clerk's office for an application.



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- A midget fortuneteller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
- Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
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THE MAGIC ROCKER

By Mary Lou Schaechter

After recovering from a heart attack, Grandpa Ed Ruefer usually sat in his rocker by the big window in the front of his home. It was perched at the top of a bluff overlooking the Mississippi. Looking out the window we could see cars and trucks whizzing by on the highway, see the trains streaming by and hear them blow their steam whistles for every crossing. On the Mississippi River we would observe towboats, excursion boats, fishing boats, and both large and small pleasure boats zigzagging in the water.

His grandchildren thought the rocker was magic. Made of wood with a leather seat, it was so big that Grandpa could sit in it with a grandchild tucked under each arm and a smaller grandchild on his lap. A favorite pastime was counting out loud, the number of engines and railroad cars in each train. In spring and fall we would watch the migrating waterfowl.

One of the most exciting times was when the ice on the river broke up. Large chunks of ice would be squeezed until they flew upward with a loud noise like a cannon. Some flew upward about 100 feet, almost as high as the home before they fell back onto the other ice.

If Grandpa walked away from his rocker, someone else would immediately sit in it to relax. Sometimes children would rush to sit in it and rock. Rocking as hard and fast as possible would make the chair almost tip over backward. Climbing out of the magic chair later, children were as thrilled as if they had ridden a roller coaster.

Years passed, my grandparents and the home are just memories. When he was a teenager, one of the grandsons who was just a toddler when Grandpa died, turned to his Dad and asked, "Dad, who was that old man who used to hold me on his lap in a rocker and watched trains?"

Memories are priceless.

American Cancer Society
Encourages Both Men &
Women Get Screened;
African Americans at
Increased Risk



Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States, claiming more lives than either breast or prostate cancer. This year, more than 7,500 new colorectal cancer cases will be diagnosed in Illinois, and nearly 3,000 will die.

What many Americans do not know is that colon cancer is one of the most preventable types of cancer. Studies show early detection and treatment of colon cancer can reduce deaths from this disease, yet only 38 percent of colon cancers are detected in the earliest and most treatable stage. People whose colon cancers are found at an early stage have five-year survival rates of 90 percent. For colon cancers found at a later, more advanced stage, the five-year survival rate drops to less than 10 percent.

While men and women are equally affected, African Americans—a population group experiencing the highest death rates from colon cancer of any racial or ethnic group in the United States—are at increased risk and are more likely to be diagnosed when the disease is at an advanced stage.

"Colon cancer doesn't have to be as deadly," says Clement Rose, MD, vice president of the American Cancer Society, Illinois Division Board of Directors.

"While many Americans resist the idea of getting screened for the disease, reliable testing options currently exist to find and remove precancerous colon polyps before they develop into a serious health problem—if only people would use them."

A new state law went into effect January 1, 2004, requiring health insurance companies to cover all colon cancer screenings in accordance with the American Cancer Society guidelines, including colonoscopies.

The guidelines recommend that after age 50, all men and women begin regular colon testing, including undergoing a colonoscopy every 10 years. Other screening options recommended by the Society are a yearly fecal occult blood test (FOBT) and flexible sigmoidoscopy or double contrast barium enema every five years. Since personal risk varies, it is important to consult with your doctor to make an informed decision about when to begin testing and the most appropriate testing method.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. For the most up-to-date cancer-related information, visit www.cancer.org or call 1-800-ACS-2345 any time, any day.

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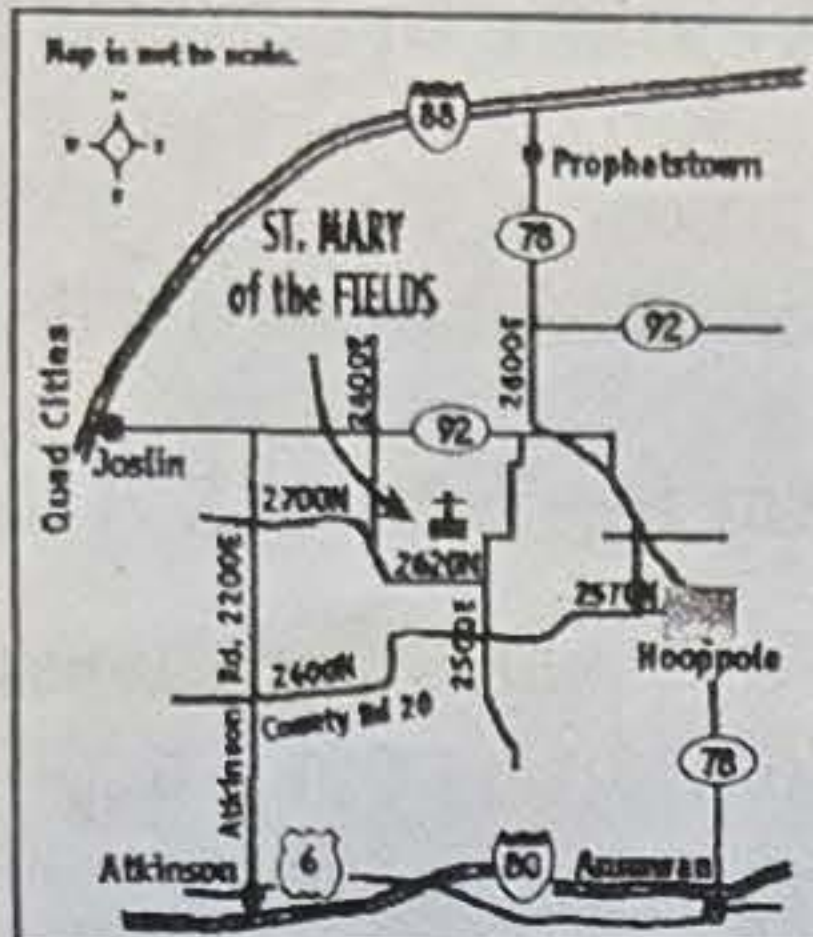
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Special Holy Hour will be observed between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on October 10th. Father Timothy Sauppé's Mass will be dedicated to our Lady of the Unborn and the victims of abortion, the living as well as the unborn. The Rolle Bolle Rosary Procession will be held during the Holy Hour.

After the Holy Hour, attendees may socialize during drawings for raffle items including a statue of Divine Mary, a Jesus and Mary plaque and a music box depicting Jesus with Mary.

You'll see a new sign on the church encouraging all to "Pray-Pray-Pray the Rosary" to remain spiritually in tune.

As the seasons change and schedules become more crowded, consider visiting St. Mary of the Field for the Holy Hour or any day. It is a nearby, peaceful place to settle your mind and get your life back on track during these troubled times. All are welcome regardless of their religious affiliation.

About Ammonia

- If you want to keep dogs from getting into garbage cans, soak a rag or an old sock with full-strength ammonia and tie it to the handle of the lid.
- Get scorched spots off pot bottoms with ammonia.
- Clean golf balls by soaking them in 1 cup water to which ¼ cup of ammonia has been added.
- Equal parts of ammonia and turpentine will take the paint spots out of clothing, no matter how long the paint has been dry. Saturate the spot several times then wash in warm soap suds.
- Clean combs, brushes and jewelry with equal amounts of ammonia and water.
- For windows that sparkle, wash with ½ cup of ammonia per quart of water, plus 2 tablespoons of white vinegar.
- As a laundry booster, use 1 cup of ammonia per load and use only half the usual amount of detergent.
- Save the elbow-grease when cleaning your oven. Warm the oven, turn it off, then set a small bowl of ammonia in the closed oven overnight. Wipe off oven walls and floor the next day. If you have baked on grease or spills on oven shelves or cooking sheets, seal them in a large plastic bag overnight with several cups of ammonia. In the morning, the shelves and sheets will be easily cleaned in hot soapy water.

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Hampton Students Selling Entertainment 2005 Books

The students of Hampton Elementary School are selling the Entertainment 2005 "Great Savings" Books again this year. Each book contains hundreds of discount coupons for QCA businesses.

In one night, you can easily recoup your initial \$25.00 investment for the coupon collection. The book also acts as a directory of the very best in dining, (casual and fine at family restaurants, gourmet eateries and even carry out places). Attractions like live shows, concerts, sporting events, movies and other family activities are also represented. Realize half price rates at area hotels and reduced rates for airfare, cruises and car rentals. Home improvement and automotive products and services are also included so the books are well worth the price of \$25.00 (which is paid at time of ordering.) Soon after September 18th, you'll receive your book.

The proceeds from the sale of these books will go to students activities and needs that the school budget just could not be stretched to cover. Please stop any of the older Hampton School students and ask them about ordering the books. They make a wonderful gift for a family that will "keep on giving" through the end of 2005. Time is short so find a student quick or call the school at 755-0693 for details.

Block Party (The Great Give-Away)2004

Wildwood Church is bringing the surrounding communities together at our 2nd annual Block Party! All are welcome-free of charge!

The Party is held on our 14 acre grounds on Saturday, September 18 from 11am to 3pm. Wildwood is located at 18717 Hubbard Road, East Moline. (2 miles past Stone's Apple Barn, 1 mile past Golfmohr Golf Course). Rain date is September 19, 3-7pm.

Featured on the grand stand will be acrobat, Henry Morse, a.k.a., The Great Benafuchi, from Connecticut and Wildwood's praise band, Soul Purpose, led by Dale McCauley.

Many are inviting their neighbors to celebrate the last days of summer. We have a number of people doing all the fixin's - for free. The day will include inflatable games, small carnival games for children, crafts, cooking demos, magic shows, story telling, the wordless book, and a car show.

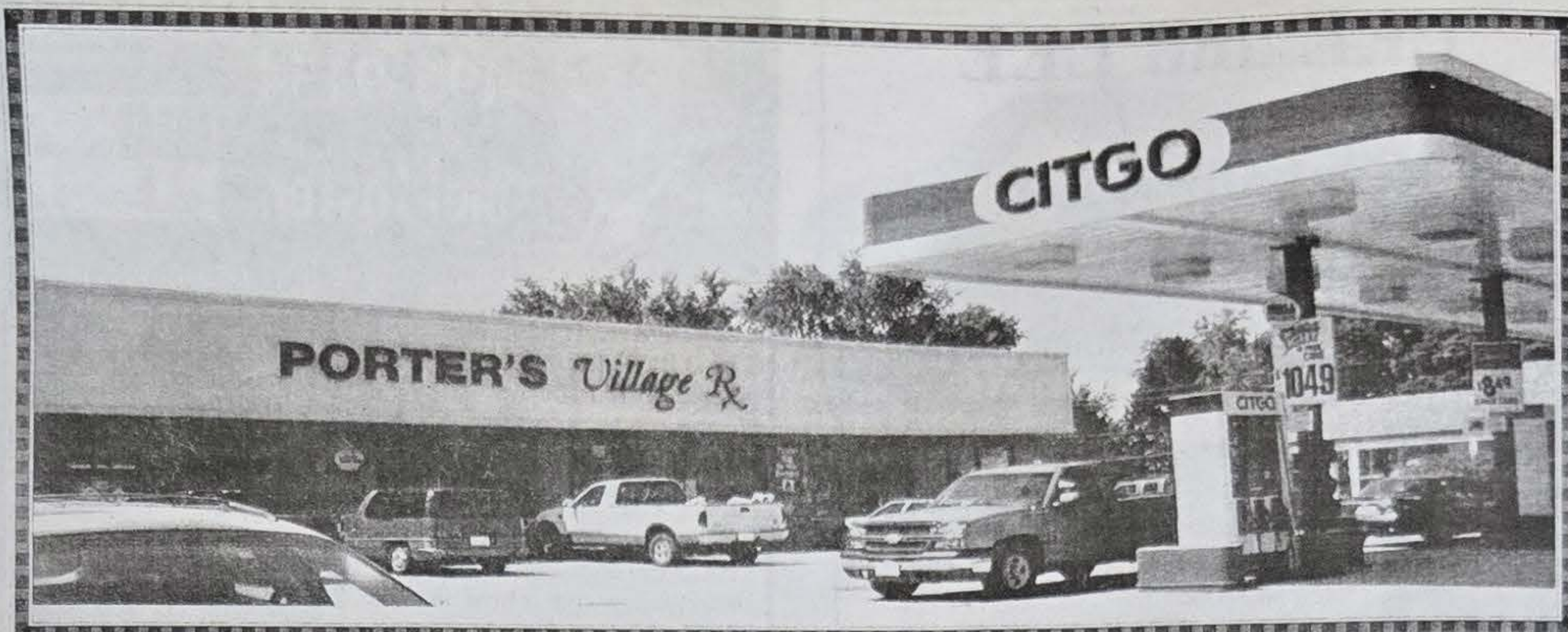
Wildwood has many diverse and talented people. Over twenty booths will highlight the ministries of the church. Woodcarvers will display their creations led by Roy Carr. A health tent will be provided by Tammie Lockett our very capable Church Nurse. She will take blood pressures and discuss health questions.

A wonderful group of motorcyclists will bring their motorcycles and offer you a ride. Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) will be represented by Don and Donna Curtis from Wildwood.

The support group DivorceCare, lead by Al & Cindy Knott, which is offered on Tuesday nights will also have a booth with information about this ministry.

SOLOS, Home and Mission, The Second Half, Golden Girls, Hammers for Him and Adventure Club for children have blessed our church to serve others. Each of these groups will have information to distribute telling about their activities. Expect tours of our new gym that will be completed late April 2005.

To further help serve our community a big give-away will offer free "in good condition" used items; even cars donated by Reynolds Ford and Green Chevrolet! The Lord has been so good to us we wanted to provide a fun day for the surrounding communities to enjoy with their neighbors and friends.



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