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Hampton Firefighters Going All Out

Advance notice: May 7th the Hampton Firefighters Association will be making additions to their annual Pancake Breakfast. The All-Hampton Yard Sale will also be held on May 7th so the Pancake Breakfast should make it easy to have a bite to eat then Shop the sale in Hampton.

Again this year, the breakfast is planned for the Hampton Heritage Center. The big news is this year's raffle items- WOW!

**A John Deere LT180 Riding Mower
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Tickets are \$20 each and **only 500** will be sold so get yours NOW. Any member of the Hampton Fire Department will have tickets. With only 500 being issued, the odds of winner are great!

The Firefighters will have the mowers on display at Porters and you may purchase tickets there on the weekend.

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Call to Help a Neighbor

From 8AM-8PM, Saturday & Sunday, March 12 & 13, there will be a fund raising/moving sale at the home of Vicki and Don Duffy at 200 2nd Ave., Hampton. All types of household goods will be for sale. If all items are not liquidated, the sale will be continued March 19 & 20.

Vicki and Don Duffy have been familiar faces around Hampton for years. Many know Vicki from working at Porters. Don in recent years could be seen around his home in a wheelchair.

It all started with Don getting Meningitis back in the 1990's. He no sooner recovered from that than he was crushed in a terrible truck VS auto accident in January, 1996. After numerous surgeries, he ended up in a wheelchair. Since then the medical bills have become overwhelming. Just when hope stirred, brain surgery and more hip surgery was needed and a serious bout with blood poisoning took hold. Now, another drug-resistant infection has held Don in a nursing home for the past 15 weeks.

Paying for Don's illnesses is forcing the Duffy's to leave their home for a much smaller place which cannot accommodate everything from their house. The funds raised are urgently needed for Don's mounting medical bills.



Our neighbors have hit a rough patch so let's see what we can do to help. Come to the sale and bring a friend! 200-2nd Ave. in Hampton. Car mechanics come early for best selection of tools!

Sunday, April 3rd, Daylight Savings Time Returns!

On Saturday night before you go to bed, advance your clocks one hour. You will miss out on an hour's sleep so plan ahead for extra sleep before returning to school or work!

**If a citizen of Iraq will risk their life to vote,
can we Americans stay at home on April 5th?
Please exercise your right to vote!**

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Editorial: Preserving The Joy "Snail Mail"

You probably expect something political in this column since elections are so close but you've already been urged to vote. This month, I'd like to urge you to save an important traditional form of communication - mail, or "snail mail", if you are computer literate.

In our society, the faster an item is made, the faster it is discarded. The mass produced is considered of lesser value. Don't believe it? What do you keep?

People value craftsmanship, the hand-made and the scarce. Hand-written letters are beginning to be counted in this category. I can't think of anyone that regularly saves quickly created e-mails on paper to carry with them and re-read at a later date. Outside of a legal document or travel arrangements, few e-mails are valued by the receiver. On the other hand, it is a thrill to receive a real, honest-to-goodness letter that someone took their time to hand-write for just one individual. Those are "keepers" because like hand crafted furniture or quilts, thought and valuable time went into their creation.

Having been associated with the Historical Society for years, I've come to value the letters that survive in family archives because they are first hand accounts of current events that can be found nowhere else. Our family has saved numerous letters detailing wheat field fires, the centennial celebration, grasshopper plagues, learning to use the telegraph and expressing the loneliness of pioneers traveling west. The letters were written in one direction then afterthoughts or the end of a paragraph written in another direction to save paper; a few had decorative drawings. All were "snail mail" from people who valued each other.

Choose just one person in your life that you value and send them a hand-written letter. Take several days, writing a little each day. Fill the envelope with news clippings about the family or a school photo. Share some everyday events with the comment that you were just thinking of them. Calls and e-mail are quicker but the minute they are finished, that person is "turned off" in your mind like an obligation met, a task complete. Friends and family are not tasks or obligation to be rid of quickly so we can jump into something else that crams our life with activity. "Send unto others what you'd like sent to you."

Take the challenge, write a letter, post card or use a blank note card - NOT a mass-produced card you just sign with your name. Do you remember how good it felt to get a "real" letter? Give that feeling of anticipation to another. Slow down a little and savor a positive relationship by hand-writing a letter, it is the greatest compliment you can pay a person these days and a tradition well worth keeping.

- How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
- Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?



Village of Hampton Treasurers Report

Budget #	FUND	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance	Ending Cash Fund Balance
B 1	General	\$29,380.84	\$91,531.48	(\$18,921.89)	(\$5,402.71)	\$96,587.72	
B 4	E.S.D.A.	\$38,715.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,715.92	
B 6	Police Protection	(\$143,531.59)	\$8,544.26	(\$16,078.46)	\$0.00	(\$151,065.79)	
B 6a	Police Protection - DUI	\$758.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$758.65	
B 6b	Police Protection - Forfeiture	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
B 8	Library	\$559.16	\$126.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$686.02	
B 9	Fire Protection	(\$34,902.43)	\$0.00	(\$5,975.39)	\$0.00	(\$40,877.82)	
B 10	Social Security	\$6,795.69	\$0.00	(\$1,560.08)	\$0.00	\$5,235.61	
B 11	IMRF	\$12,502.86	\$0.00	(\$1,897.46)	\$0.00	\$10,605.40	
B 12	Capital Outlay	\$310,434.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310,434.09	\$271,079.80
B 15	TIF 1	\$217,482.37	\$153.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$217,635.44	Total Below is Cash
B 16	TIF 2	(\$108,941.44)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$108,941.44)	on Hand for all TIF's
B 17	TIF 3	\$90,265.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,265.83	\$198,959.83
B 20	Motor Fuel Tax	\$252,883.87	\$4,157.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$257,041.38	\$257,041.38
B 39	Public Works - Water/Sewer	\$61,473.36	\$22,587.45	(\$20,955.07)	(\$831.45)	\$62,274.29	\$62,274.29
B 45	Meter Deposit	\$26,520.17	\$54.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,574.34	\$26,574.34
B 54	Heritage Center	\$97,393.52	\$823.79	(\$1,314.61)	(\$49,482.43)	\$47,420.27	\$47,420.27
TOTALS:		\$857,790.87	\$127,978.59	(\$66,702.96)	(\$55,716.59)	\$863,349.91	\$863,349.91
Metro Interest Rates		Checking	Savings				
General		0.50%	1.79%				
TIF			1.77%				
MFT		0.50%	1.77%				
Public Works		0.50%	1.77%				
Meter			0.75%				
Heritage		0.51%	1.01%				

Month Ending - January 31, 2005

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

Hampton Village Board Notes 2/7 and 2/22/05

- Mr. John Farrell's written request for TIF funding to build along Route 84 was forwarded to the Village's TIF attorney for preparation of a development agreement.
- No action was taken on a bill for \$2,375 for the creation of the Hampton website because Bi-State did not meet the deadlines.
- Timothy Saathoff was hired as a part time officer. (He worked in Hampton before becoming a full time officer for Moline)
- The First Responder Program started February 8th.
- One of the Police cars was damaged in an accident with a deer. The Public Works department repaired the vehicle.
- The Village donated \$50 to the School's Shoot-A-Thon
- Village Engineers, Ament, Inc. will be making a proposal for aerial mapping the village.
- Barrington Drive drainage problems and water main breaks were discussed at length.
- A motion was passed for Tri-State Fire Control to inspect and maintain all the fire extinguishers for the Village.
- The hiring of Robert Blanchard as a full time Public Works employee effective January 31, 2005 was approved retroactively.
- Assistant Fire Chief, Dave Estes reported that Hampton did not get the Homeland Security Grant this year but will apply next year.
- A formal purchasing policy was approved that included purchase order policies and authorizing credit cards for Village officers and department heads.
- A motion was passed to purchase 2 sets of turnout gear and books for the fire department for \$1,600.
- A motion was passed to purchase a new radio for the rescue squad for \$500.
- A motion was passed to put out ads asking for bids to completely replace not just resurface) the fire house driveway/apron. The drainage problems around the firehouse will be addressed/repared with MFT funding. Trustee Vandieren voted no.
- Police Chief Larry Hufford will be retiring April 30th. Advertising will begin for a replacement.
- A motion was passed to purchase 4 new tires for Village equipment in the amount of \$510.00 and to pay fees to dispose of 21 old tires. Total of \$575.00 approved.
- A motion was passed to purchase a gas powdered power washer for use all over the village and new mower blades not to exceed \$1,000.
- Citizen complaints of snow plow damage to street were discussed.
- A motion was passed for \$325.00 to create an opening in a long wall in the maintenance shed.
- A motion was passed to pay \$9,259.71 in Engineering fees for Oak Pointe development from the sale of property on 2nd avenue and the remaining \$3,130.21 from that sale to be transferred to the General Fund.

Christine Lage, Treasurer

SANDRA CARMACK RUNNING FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Experience, integrity and dedication are the qualities that incumbent Trustee Sandra Carmack brings to the table. "Sandy" as most of the residents know her, has lived in the Village for 30 years, raised 3 children, and decided to get involved in local government in 1989. The last 16 years have been a learning and rewarding experience for her. Sandy served 8 years as Chair for streets, 4 years in public works and is currently head of parks.

Sandy played an instrumental role in getting grant money to create a bio-swale and proposed lookout area for the Heritage Center. According to Trustee Carmack the Center is continually evolving, display cases will be built this year, the memorial gardens are thriving and bookings are steady.

Sandra plans to continue working with her fellow Board members to keep taxes low, encourage growth through development and annexation and provide a high level of municipal services to the residents. Sandy will resume seeking grants and is currently working with Trees Forever to continue plantings in the park

Junior Achievement Needs Volunteer Instructors

Junior Achievement is in need of volunteer instructors for the Hampton School's 7th and 8th Grade. Each grade meets from 1:25 to 2:15 p.m. one day a week for 8 weeks. The lessons are prepared for the instructor and all materials are provided.

Junior Achievement fills a gap in our children's education by teaching them about controlling their personal finances and the principals of American business (how businesses are started and operated in America). This is important practical information that our children need for a better future.

Anyone interested in helping here in Hampton, John Deere, Wilson Middle School or St. Mary's in East Moline should call Chery Heriford at Junior Achievement 736-1630. No experience Necessary!

Advance Notice of a Rummage Sale

April 22 & 23, Church of the Cross will be holding a Rummage Sale 8:00 am. to 4:00 p.m.. You are invited to visit the refreshment stand at any time during the day where they will be serving hot dogs, sandwiches and beverages.

If you would like to contribute any items to the sale, they may be dropped off at the church at 32621 Route 292 (Ill. 2 & 92) in Port Byron or call the numbers below to make arrangements to have your contribution picked up.

Diana O'Hara, 309-523-2265 or Eileen Nelsen, 309-523-3181

'Barn-A-Holic' Speaks in Cordova

The Cordova Library is excited to welcome Kendall Starek of Ackle, Iowa to Cordova on March 24th for an evening program on barns. Mr. Starek, a biologist and self-proclaimed "barn-a-holic" has been photographing barns for 30 years. His collection of 30,000 images (digital, print and slides) continues to grow at the rate of 2,000 per year.

As a member of the Iowa Barn Foundation, Mr. Starek is dedicated to preservation, restoration and documentation of Iowa barns. He is also co-chair of the Harden County Barn Survey, with a goal of photographing all standing barns and collecting information about the barns that are no longer surviving.

Plan to be there at 6:30 for an evening celebrating the American Barn with slides and other memorabilia. Contact the Cordova Library for further information.

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----- William Faulkner

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March 13th-Grand Opening-River's Edge Fellowship

There couldn't be a more beautiful location to meet for worship. Highlight your week with a Sunday morning of peace at the river's edge beside rolling open park. Come to the Hampton Heritage Center, Heritage Park just off Route 84 on the south border of Hampton. Ample parking with handicapped access to the building or, come via the bike path.

To celebrate our March 13th Grand Opening, all are invited to share the fellowship at a free pancake breakfast (served from 8:30-10:00 am) then, join the non-denominational worship service from 10:00-10:45 am.

River's Edge Fellowship Services for Easter and every week begin at 9:30 am with coffee and donuts followed by worship beginning at 10:00 am.

...The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%
...The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
...The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400
...The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David
Hearts - Charlemagne
Clubs - Alexander, the Great
Diamonds - Julius Caesar

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.
---Benjamin Franklin

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Irish Amer - I - Can

I went to Irish festivals and sang of *Mullingar*
And *Four Green Fields*, *The West's Asleep*
And *Johnson's Motor Car*.



I bought an Irish video to look at who I am...
While I am here, my heart is there
Irish Amer - i can

My mind so swiftly flew the span of distance, time and place
And I was once again among the
Kin who are my race.

I traced my Irish heritage to find out who I am ...
While I am here, my heart is there
Irish Amer - i can

The castles fair, heather sweet, the fields of Celtic stone
Assure me of the inner strength
Still surging in my bones.

I took a course in Gaelic to give voice to who I am
While I am here, my heart is there
Irish Amer - i can

I flew away to Erin, held captive by the lilt
Of velvet words in pubs at night
That probed into my guilt.

I used to buy the guns of war, validating who I am
While I am here, my heart it there
Irish Amer-i-can

I do not longer feel the gage of hatred forged in pain.
Deep within, I know at last
Tranquillity must reign.

I wave now the flag of peace and know just who I am
While I am here, my heart is proud
Irish Amer-i-can!!

Colleen Moore Poncin

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"All art is but imitation of nature."

----- Seneca

Junior Girl Scout Camp

April 8-9, a "New Natural You for Spring!" camp will be held from 6 p.m. - 9 am at Nahant Marsh. This is a Junior Girl Scout overnight camp. Experts will help girls complete their "Looking Your Best" badge by discovering organic foods and nutrition, natural skin care and hair care, health and nature. Space is limited so call 563-323-5196 for information and registration. Cost is \$12.00

Hampton School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Hampton School has announced its 2004-2005 second quarter honor roll students for Junior High:

Eighth Grade: Nick Armstrong, Elsie Beck, Nikki DeCrane, Becca Hasdindra, Austin Hubbard, Sydney Jordan, Jessica Larrison and Andy Wright.

Seventh Grade: Nikki Beals, Nick Clark, Charlie Jordan, Collin Leigh, Brian Newlon and Jonathan Tapia.

Sixth Grade: Mitchell Beck, Brennen Burklund, Jacob DeJaegher, Bailey Escontrias and Mitchel Wright.

Those receiving "Honorable Mention" are:

Eighth Grade: Ricqui Diaz, Justine Kyle, Jessica Marberry and Shane Erickson.

Seventh Grade: Michael Crabtree, Catlin Lattner, Tricia McCannon and Carlyn Pangelinan.

Sixth Grade: Maggie Bushong, Emily Hubbard, Josh McKay, Brittany Weber and Tyler Whitmire.

Hampton School Spring Events:

March 17: Sports Banquet at 6:00 p.m.

March 30: Meet the Candidate Night for School Board and Village Board Candidates. Informal! No speeches, just meet and mingle. Ask questions, get to know ALL the candidates. 7-9PM

April 4: PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 5: School Board and Village Board Elections

April 6: Spring School Pictures

8th Grade Placement Testing for U.T.

April 11: School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 14: Kindergarten Round-Up 1:00 p.m.

Pre-Schoolers visit the classrooms and get to know their surroundings before they enter kindergarten.

April 15: Teacher's Institute - NO SCHOOL

April 16: PTA School Carnival 4:00-7:00 p.m.

April 27 & 28: PTA Book Fair

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her 1ST football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench...

After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants & all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"

Well, I saw them flip a coin & one team got it & then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: "Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback! HEL-LLLO! It's only 25 cents!"

**RICHARD VERSHAW
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE**

Hello, my name is Richard Vershaw a 39 year old construction/laborer and lifetime resident of Hampton. I attended Hampton Elementary School and am a graduate of UTHS. My wife Theresa and I decided that raising our girls Krystal, Kambra, and Korynn in a small town with a true community minded atmosphere was important to us. We have enjoyed each day here.

My background in construction will be a useful tool in any future housing development, street projects, and zoning issues that arise. I would like to incorporate more community activities such as "Hampton Days". Family values and memories are created by these types of events. I feel that one valuable resource we have to hold such events is the Heritage Center. Programs for the school kids such as dances, summer day camp and other curriculum would be beneficial to the students. The seniors in our village should also be included in activities such as exercise programs, board games, shared reading/ learning with the school children or maybe just a cup of coffee while socializing with old friends.

I believe Hampton has a bright future. We continue to grow through business and housing yet we have kept our small town feel. This is what makes people want to live here and stay here even after their children have grown. I would like a chance to keep Hampton moving in the right direction. Please vote on April 5!

Sincerely,
Rich Vershaw

Try a Bit of Humor

Submitted by F. D. Michael J. Ellis, Sullivan-Phillips Mortuary

You have just lost a loved one - either a family member or a dear friend. Right now, you think that the grief will go on forever - that you will never smile again.

Many of us who are directly involved with the death-and-dying process have long understood that the pain of bereavement, and the feeling that grief is forever, can be softened - made bearable, if you will - with a bit of humor. Whether it comes from remembrances of funny situations with the deceased, or just from some pleasant memory, laughter can help. It won't necessarily mend a broken heart, but it can help to life a tiny bit of the sadness.

I am reminded of a viewing held several years ago. The deceased was much loved; the entire atmosphere was one of doom and sadness - and one of the daughters was having an especially hard time coping with her dad's death. She had not even been able to cry.

A very old and dear family friend approached her and began telling some very funny stories that had happened to the two of them as children. Before long, they were both laughing so hard they had tears in their eyes. Later, I heard the daughter thank the friend-through the laughter, she was finally able to let the tears flow.

From that point on, she was able to gradually work her way through her grief.

As we said before, laughter or a smile will not "mend" a broken heart; but it will certainly ease the burden of having one.

We invite your comments and question at Sullivan-Phillips on this or any other subject we cover in this column. Just call us.

- ☐ Does a clean house mean the computer in it is broken?
- ☐ Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?
- ☐ Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
- ☐ Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
- ☐ Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

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**UPCOMING
SPECIAL EVENTS**

- March 19: Trivia at the Civic Center (call 563-289-3316 to reserve a table)
- April 15: Jazz on the Bluff, Welcome Center
- April 30: Trivia at the Civic Center
- May 13-15: May Market Days - Sidewalk sales, city-wide garage sales, live music & much more

- Antiques
- Distinctive Shops
- Lodging
- Buffalo Bill Museum
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- Beautiful Riverfront
- Mississippi Valley Welcome Center
- Fine & Casual Dining
- Shopping & Brunch on Sunday
- And much more!



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Obituaries:

Hazel M. Welsh, 79 of Hampton, passed away on February 3, 2005. Graveside services and burial was at Sunny Side Cemetery in Milton, IA.

Hazel Marie was born November 15, 1925 to Hilmer and Florence Black Carlson. She married Tony F. Welsh on November 15, 1946 in Milton. He died on 8/18/1999.

Hazel had been a swimming instructor for the YWCA in Rock Island for 20 years. She was also employed at the Rock Island Arsenal during WWII.

She is survived by her sister, JoAnn Rood, a brother and sister-in-law Charles and Betty Carlson of Hampton and four nieces.

Greta Janneta Mullins Natwick, 91, formerly of Hampton, passed away on February 17, 2005 in Kirksville, MO.

Greta was born November 17, 1913 to Ollie and Josephine Yore Mullins. She married Albert Natwick, June 14, 1968. He died 6/13/1991

Greta lived most of her life in the QCA and was employed at John Deere. She had lived in Kirksville for the last two years.

Editor's Note: Just before this issue was due at the printer, we heard that **Sue McBride** passed away on Saturday, March 5th. We have no detailed information of her life at this time other than she was Hampton's Village Clerk for many years. In the next Crier, we hope to give you more details. Our condolences to her family.

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More Snappy Come-Backs

- The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- It IS as BAD as you think, and they ARE out to get you.
- Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.
- Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!
- Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.
- Procrastinate Now!
- My Dog Can Lick Anyone.
- I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?

Wildwood Baptist Church Special Activities

March 25th - 7:00 p.m.: Good Friday Communion Service

March 29, Easter Worship Services 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Special Music, Celebration Choir, Praise Team, message by Pastor Scott 9:45 am: Breakfast. Each family is asked to bring eggs and rolls enough for their own family. Also, please bring eggs the week prior to Easter and place in refrigerator in kitchen marked "EASTER". Everything else is provided.

April 17th - 11:00 am - **Family Life Center Dedication**

No 8:30 am Service on April 17; Sunday School & ABF's usual time) 11:00 am in the gym: Special music, Celebration Choir, Praise Team, special message by Pastor Scott

The public is invited to join the festivities and celebration of the completion of our Family Life Center. It will be a wonderful day that we all have been looking forward to! We are located at 18717 Hubbard Road, East Moline. Phone 309-496-9397 or contact us at wildwood@wildwoodchurch.com

Get Ready for the All-Hampton Yard Sale

Start your preparations now to have the best yard sale ever! **May 6 and 7** from 8:00 am to ? is the designated date for the All-Hampton yard sale. Sometimes, there are only a few items that you would put in a sale and it's too much bother. Please consider donating items in good condition to the Fire/Rescue Auxiliary's yard sale by contacting any member of the Auxiliary or calling the Hampton Towne Crier Office 10 am-4pm Monday-Friday at 752-0627.

Great Time Had By All

On February 12th, friends and family of Ann Eliza Haertjens gathered at the Methodist Fellowship Hall for her 95th Birthday breakfast. The Women's Society served egg casserole and ham breakfast with tasty breads and rolls. After the traditional "Happy Birthday Song", the tables were turned on all those attending. A friend of Liza's who, for many years lead a choir/singing group that included Liza, entertained every one with a strong, steady voice. What a treat! The entire group joined in on favorite tunes and hymns.



"Each small task of everyday is part of the total harmony of the universe."
----- St. Therese of Lisieux

Chalk it up to...

- . Hide a hairline crack in a plaster wall until you're ready to paint or repair a small hole by snapping off a piece of chalk in a hole then, spackle and paint.
- . The day before washing, heavily chalk a dirty collar over a stain. The chalk will absorb the oils that hold the dirt in and the washing will remove the chalk.
- . In a damp closet, expose a dozen uin a string bag.
- . Keep pieces of chalk in a toolbox to absorb moisture and keep tools rest-free. They'll be handy when you need them for marking.
- . Rub chalk on the blade of a screwdriver to keep it from slipping.
- . Shine small metal pieces/areas by rubbing with chalk.
- . In the sewing and craft area, use chalk to mark the "wrong" side of fabrics for quick identification.
- . For the super organized, chalk a line around all tools that hang in your garage or workshop to make sure everything is properly stored after use.
- . Dull needles may be sharpened by rubbing on a piece of chalk (rub, don't stab the point into the chalk).

East Moline Library News & Activities

Saturday, March 19 - Come to the Saturday Matinee starting at 1:00 p.m.. "The Incredibles" Popcorn and Juice will be served.

Did you know that the library offers book discussion groups? Please join us and share your knowledge and interests.

April 6th at 6:30 p.m., the Mystery Discussion Group meets to discuss Margaret Truman mysteries and to vote for the Edgar nominee for Best Mystery Novel of the year. For details see: www.rbls.lib.il.us/emp/mystery.html

March 15 and April 19, 3:00-4:00 p.m., the Romance Discussion Group meets. If you would like to participate in the Romance Readers Group but are unable to attend the meetings, please contact Amy at the library or send us an e-mail at: amiller@libbyrbls.lib.il.us

Saturday, April 16th from 10:00-12:00 is our Spring "Make-It-Take It" Craft Day. Please join us! No Registration is required.

STORY TIME:

Tuesday mornings from 10:30-11:00 am is story time. Time to exercise imagination and foster the love of reading. Join us on any or all of the following dates: **March 15 & 22, April 5, 12, 19, 26.**

Campbell's Labels for Education

Whenever you have soup, save the labels for the library. We collect labels all year long and trade them in for items needed by the library. An updated list will be available soon with all the labels we collect but don't hesitate to save ALL Campbell's labels for us. Thank you in advance for your labels!

Donate your hard back books, gently used paperbacks, audiobooks, music CD's, videos and current year magazines to us. Shop for very reasonable priced replacements on the book sale table located by the elevator in the adult library. Children's books are upstairs in the firehouse. Donations may be dropped off at the library during regular hours.

The Friends Group is selling the popular book *East Moline: A Centennial History 1903 - 2003* for \$20.00. Order forms are at the library or can be accessed on-line through the library home page www.rbls.lib.il.us/emp.

Dawn Porter reported that during a recent trip to the library she inspected their reference book section. Reference books cannot be checked-out; they must be used at the library. Some interesting titles are: *2005 NY Times Almanac*; *Movie Thesaurus* (the only book you will need to find the movie you want); *Poets Market - 1800+ Places To Publish Your Poetry*; *Writers Market-8000+ Book & Magazine Editors Who Buy What You Write*; *The Ultimate Trivia Encyclopedia*; *2005 Toll-Free US Directory*. She particularly liked *Detecting Women* and *Detecting Men* and *What Mystery Do I Read Next*. Check out the selection next time you are in the library or go to the on-line catalog and do an advanced search (material type - reference material).

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These friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him .. A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis



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- My Wife and I have a child attending Hampton School

Plan Ahead Community Calendar

March, 2005

- 14 Hampton School Board 6:30 PM, at School
- 15 Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
- 17 Hampton Fire/Rescue Auxiliary 7:00PM at Firehouse
- St. Patrick's Day
- Hampton School Sports Banquet 6:00 p.m.
- 18 School Improvement Day & Third School Quarter Ends
- Early Dismissal at 11:30 am
- 20 Palm Sunday
- 21-28 **Spring Break** at Hampton School
- 21 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 25 Good Friday
- 27 Easter Sunday
- 30 Meet Hampton's Candidate Meeting at the School 7-9 p.m.

April, 2005

- 3 **Daylight Savings Time Begins-Turn Clocks ahead 1 hour!**
- 4 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 5 **ELECTION DAY**
- 6 School Pictures Day
- 11 Hampton School Board 6:30 PM, at School
- 14 Kindergarten Round-Up 1:00 p.m. at Hampton School
- 15 **Income Taxes are Due**
- Hampton Teachers Institute-No School at Hampton**
- 16 PTA School Carnival at Hampton School 4-7:00 p.m.
- 18 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Passover Begins at Sundown
- 27-28 PTA Book Fair at Hampton School

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

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Learn about the local Kiwanis

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Special Olympics" (Track meet, Bowling Tournament)
Spastic paralysis research - Carbon Cliff Meal-Site
QC Children's Therapy Center - EM-Silvis Libraries
UTHS Sports - EM-Silvis Kiwanis Scholarship
QC Food Pantries - Project Graduation
Relay for Life - First Day School Fund
Holiday Food Baskets - Kiwanis Int'l. Foundation

Many of the club's projects are linked to young children: "Priority One". This initiative focuses on the needs of young children in pediatric trauma and issues of safety, childcare, early development, infant health, nutrition and parenting skills.

Kiwanis International, founded in 1915 and headquartered in Indianapolis is a thriving organization of service and community-minded men and women who support children and young adults worldwide. More than 8,000 Kiwanis Clubs in more than 70 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues.

The East Moline/Silvis club, chartered in 1954, meets Monday evenings at Illini Hospital at 6:00 p.m.. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Zobeida Laufenberg at 309-792-3131

A stranger stopped by a field to watch a farmer plowing because he was using one mule but kept yelling: "Giddy up, Pete! Giddy up, Tom! Giddy up Barney and John!"

The stranger finally asked the farmer: "How many names does that mule have?"

"Only one", the farmer replied. "His name is Pete, but he doesn't know his own strength, so I put blinders on him. Then I yell a lot of names at him and he thinks there are other mules helping him!"

Hot Bricks

By Mary Lou Schaechter

Oh, no! Grandma is lining bricks up on top of the wood-burning cook stove in the kitchen. That means it will be below zero tonight. Grandma tells my aunt and me to put on our coats, go upstairs to the bedrooms, plump up the feather ticks, and add extra blankets to the beds.



Trudging up the stair, watching our breath turning to fog in the cold air, I remember a warm summer day when we repaired the feather ticks. What fun! Whenever we plucked ducks or geese to sell at the local grocery store, we saved the down in big sacks. Last summer we took the feather ticks out on the lawn, opened one end and stuffed handfuls of down into the ticks until we could not fit another handful. Grandma sewed the ends closed. The lawn was white with feathers that escaped and our hair and clothes were sprinkled with bits and pieces of feathers.

Upstairs we hear the trains rumbling along the railroad tracks by the Mississippi. The cold, crisp air increases the lonely, haunting sound of train whistles screaming warnings at crossings.

Carefully we shake the ticks and level them off with a broomstick. After replacing the usual blankets we add extra wool quilts Grandma had made of worn-out wool clothing. Out of the storage room we drag the "horse blankets" made from the hides of horses and ponies that died. Each bed is covered with one of the heavy horse blankets. I sneezed as we made up the last of the beds as the horse blankets were very dusty. My bed was covered by a blanket made from "Blackie", a Shetland pony, and its coat was long, black and shaggy.

Getting ready to go to bed, we stand by the cook stove and put on flannel pajamas, two pairs of socks, our coat and a stocking cap. Taking a hot brick wrapped in a towel, we run upstairs. We put the bricks in our beds where our feet will be. I climb on a chair and carefully step into the bed, being careful not to push down any edges of the feather tick, lay down and pull the blankets completely over my head. With my finger I make a little path for air to reach my nose and mouth so I can breathe. That hot brick feels so good by my feet, but I still shiver until the blankets are warmed by my body heat.

Nothing could be better than a warm brick, a feather tick, and dusty "Blackie".

Birthdays

March, 2005

2 Julia Severtsgaard
5 Stacey Graham
9 Bobbi Hansen
Bill Williams
12 Mary Johnston
13 Franciska Rasmussen
(Our Columnist)
Lisa Hansemann
Dawn Reader
Don Isenberger
14 Shirley Bideaux
Pearl Marvin Johnston
Mickey Quinn
VanDieren
17 Marilyn Ford
Nightengale
18 Val Weiss
19 Isabella Caras
20 Heather Allen
Jacob Daniel Franklin
Robert "Smokey"
Hansemann
23 Michael Cady
Roger Braddy
Miles Wallingford

March, 2005 Continued:

24 Aaron Harlan
Gina Henrichs
25 Rex Andrew Larson
Nancy Gardner
26 Abby Gardner
Weatherington
28 Lindsey Bideaux
29 Laura Muench
30 Cheryl Reader McCoy
Sue McCoy

April, 2005

3 Brian Muench
4 Myron Erickson
10 Lindsay Gillespie
Elaina Victoria Ward
Merlin "Rocky" Nelson
11 Bonnie Grebner
12 Judith Cox Eimen
23 Kirk Gillespie
Jane Nelson
29 Arnold L. "Bud"
Donaldson
Bernadine Daniels

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Folk Remedies #4 - Miscellaneous Remedies

For Hay Fever or a Stuffy Cold: Mix 1 tablespoon of horseradish with 1-2 tablespoons of honey and take several times a day. Both ingredients kill bacteria and the horseradish forces the sinuses open and breaks up the mucus.



Licorice root has been used for asthma symptoms since ancient Greeks brewed it into a healthful tea. Today, health food stores sell licorice root. Limit yourself to 1 or 2 cups daily, no more as large doses of licorice may cause high blood pressure in some people.

For constipation: Mix 1-3 tablespoons of honey into a glass of warm water and drink it down. It is gentle and you avoid becoming dependent on laxatives.

Unproven as yet but old folks recommended taking 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon every day to control blood sugar and avoid diabetes. Supposedly, cinnamon helps fat cells recognize and respond to insulin better. Sprinkle on cereals, into beverages and on desserts but still eat a sensible diet.

Ward off food poisoning: If you suspect something you've eaten might be tainted, don't wait. Mix 2 teaspoons of apple cider vinegar in a large glass of mineral water and drink immediately. The vinegar could kill off most of the bacteria before it was too late.

Painful swollen gums: place a warm, moist tea bag against gums for 15 minutes, 4 times a day for 3 to 4 days. The tea bags are a natural poultice that should reduce pain and swelling.

For tension headaches: Mix peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil and rubbing alcohol. Gently sponge over your forehead and temples avoiding your eyes. Keep some of this mix in your refrigerator for quick use. Buy the oils at the health food store.

Attention Garden Enthusiasts

The University of Illinois Extension will be holding a **Home Horticulture Series**. They will meet Mondays March 14 through April 25th at their extension offices, 4550 Kennedy Drive in East Moline. The following are the classes offered:

3/14: Landscaping with Trees & Shrubs
3/21: Get Your Garden Off to the Right Start AND Backyard Gardening Without Pesticides
3/28: Growing and Grooming Roses
4/4: "Our Sweet Pollinators"
4/11: "An Eye on Iris" AND Bonsai
4/18: Home Grown African Violets AND Orchids for Everyone
4/25: The Conifer Store AND Creating a Hypertufa Trough
Class times are all 7-9:00 p.m. Each evening is \$6.00 or \$30.00 for the entire series. See www.extension.uiuc.edu or Call 309-796-0512. Registration forms are available at the East Moline Library.

For a Healthier Life and Community

The American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area has issued their new schedule of **health and safety classes for Spring, 2005**. Classes include these and more:

CPR for adults, infants and children
First Aid and Universal Precautions and Pet First Aid
Babysitting classes
Bloodborne Pathogens: Preventing Disease Transmission
Recertification classes and ones for instructors

The calendar is extensive so visit the East Moline Library for a booklet with complete information and registration forms or see www.qcredcross.org or call 309-743-2166. The Red Cross Offices are at 1100 River Drive in Moline. General Classes Fees: Initial Class \$25, 2nd class is \$15, each additional class is \$10.

- Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- How is it possible to have a civil war?
- If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown, too?
- If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have "S" in it?

Vote
April 5th
for
Jane E. Cady
Village Trustee



If you are a regular reader of the Towne Crier, you know me and of my love for Hampton past and present. As your volunteer Editor, I have implemented new ideas resulting in consistent improvements.

Returning home to Hampton in 2001, I've enjoyed getting to know many residents through volunteering in the Fire Auxiliary, Historical Society and working to keep this newspaper going.

Regular attendance of village and school meetings plus local events has kept me current with plans around town. I am a solid supporter of local businesses, our school and child safety programs. Even without my costume, area children call me "the museum lady" from presentations given during class tours and visits to the Bretton & Black Store Museum.

If elected Trustee, I will work to increase educational programs at our Heritage Center. With resident input, I will work with the other trustees to form comprehensive long range plans for all aspects of development and an emergency preparedness manual. I believe our ordinances should be enforced for all residents equally from building regulations to weed and noise control.

The years living in the Chicago area were spent working in accounting, advertising and buying at Montgomery Ward headquarters, as Merchandise Manager for the Plywood Minnesota chain of remodeling stores and as a small business makeover consultant. I also ran my own nationwide marketing and training company. I'd like to apply all this experience to being an innovative Trustee for Hampton.

Jammin' With Jane

by Jane Nelson

Sue Gorge, a friend and owner of the ceramics shop I frequent gave me a recipe that has been in her family a long time.

GRANDMA'S POP CORN

3c powder sugar 2 T butter
2 T water 2 qt popped pop corn

Bring the first three ingredients to a hard boil, 250 degrees. Pour over 2 qt. popped corn. It is better if one person pours and one person stirs very quickly. If you use a little dye in the syrup mixture you can tell if it is all coated. Sue uses blue. You can also double the batch. It sounds like glorified kettle corn.

Bobbie Beals gave me the following recipe she brought to the Hampton Historical Society meeting in February. I brought apple Dumplings so see what you missed out on by not coming to the meeting. All members were invited in the newsletter and everyone else in this paper. You could have had an apple dumpling for free. Our next meeting is May 18, 2005. The meeting is at 7:30 at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. I could make dumplings again. You can try Bobbie's Cookies and bring some.

SUGAR COOKIES

1c Hellman's Mayonnaise 1c sugar
1 t vanilla 1 t baking soda
2 c flour

Mix Roll in small, size of walnuts, balls and roll in sugar. Dip fork in sugar and flatten balls. Bake 350° about 10 minutes or until brown around the edges. It makes about 3 dozen.

A tip I heard: heat canned frosting in the microwave until liquid. I think about a minute. All microwaves are different so you need to experiment a little to get it right. You can dip the cookie or pour a little on top. It will make a thin glaze. I always seem to have several partial cans of frosting in the refrigerator.

Rock and I made an interesting casserole for supper the other night. It was from a "Taste of Home" small booklet Casserole Cooking.

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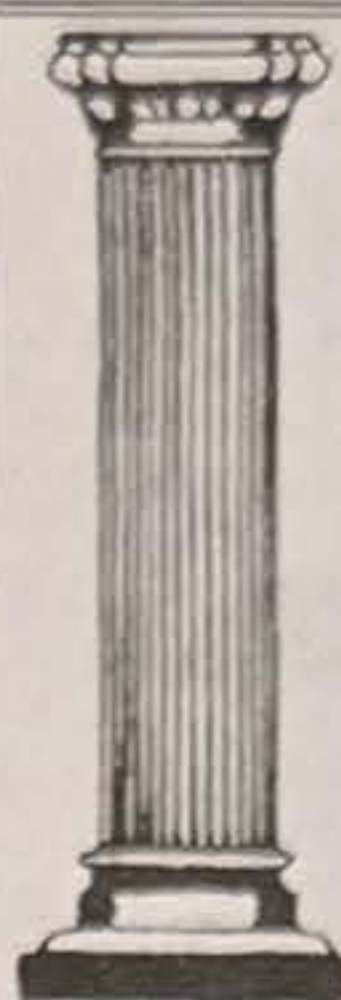
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While talking to my friend Mary about what to write for this month's Towne Crier paper she told me one of her favorites of my writings was about "Pretty Kitties. I told her I may have had it printed before. To which she replied "There are so many new readers of the paper now and I am sure they will like it and for those who read it before, they won't mind reading it again-----So here goes.



PRETTY KITTIES

By Franciska Rasmussen

When I was a child I enjoyed fishing and it was a special treat to go fishing with Dad. Just the two of us and the worms and minnows. Usually I caught the first fish. Looking back I am now wondering did I really or did Dad not put bait on his hook??

Well I caught the first fish and got into the snacks (lunch was still a while away) so I went exploring. I heard some noise I could not identify and came upon some pretty kittens. Oh I loved the sight of them. We were a dog family and I never had anything to do with CATS or KITTENS. I spent a long time playing with them.

When it was near time to go I had a little talk with me and decided the kittens should go home and be part of our family. They would just have to get used to CATS. I got the kittens into the car and hid them as best as I could.

Dad took a different road home. It was full of rocks and pot holes. Soon there was a terrible smell in the car and Dad said "What did you do?" I did not know what he was talking about but the smell was getting to me also.

The car was stopped and the kitties were discovered. They were thrown out and when I started to cry Dad said "Why in the world did you think you could bring home skunks?? "Skunks---what are skunks "I asked. I was told those black and white things with the bad smell are SKUNKS.

On our return home we were not allowed in the house. Mom made us take a bath in the big galvanized tub in the garage, Dad first and then me. I had to set in my swing till Dad was finished and more hot water was carried for my bath.

Today they say ketchup is used to remove the ugly odor. Maybe we didn't know about ketchup but I found out about SKUNKS in a big hurry.

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 years old and we don't know where she is!



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rates in the country," --Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC.

Election Days in Old Hampton

By Rocky Nelson

The village election takes place in another month. Thought I would take advantage of the election being on everyone's mind and provide a bit of history, courtesy of Morris Heagy's "Recollections". Heagy and his father were very interested and involved in local politics. Lets take a step back into the Post Civil War Era and see how they elected their village government.

At general elections in those days, all of Hampton Township voted in the village of Hampton—Carbon Cliff, Rapids City, Barstow, and Watertown. Notice no mention is made of Silvis or East Moline. Where Silvis is today is where George Crawford raised watermelons. Where East Moline is today was a place called Port Byron Junction with two depots, one house and a frog pond.

Heagy's first memories are of the voting taking place in what was called the old Town House that stood just south of the school house. It was a one story brick building which had originally been a school house. It had solid board blinds at the windows to keep the kids out. It needed them because the kids played around the place when not in school. It was a great place to play "Andy Over". How many readers have ever played that game? It required a low building and you would roll a ball over the roof yelling "Andy Aye Over" and the kids on the other side would try to catch it. If they did they would run around the building and throw the ball at one of the kids on the other side. If they hit him (or her), that player would have to be on their side. Good game. In my day (1930s and 40s) we played at Eden Center School over the coal shed. But I digress. Let's get back to elections.

Men (no women allowed to vote) would go to the polls to vote but they didn't hurry back to work. They made a holiday of it and stuck around all day long. Heagy said his mother was prepared to have visitors for dinner. Some of them would include Shop and Ship Silvis, George Church from Carbon Cliff, Sam Wainwright from the Bluff, R M Mitchell from Rapids City and usually others.

This was before secret ballots. The political parties printed their own ballots and distributed them to their voters. Everybody knew what ballot everybody else took and what party they belonged to. Straight ticket voting along party lines. Independent voters were rare and there was no provision made for them. There was a floating vote that went the way it got most out of it whether it be money or beer. Political arguments were many and spirited. The Civil War had not been over very long and feelings from it were a factor. In township elections the voting was more for the man rather than the party, and for school directors, it was every man for himself.

Heagy describes in some detail an election held in 1890 or 91. It seems that H O Norton had been Village President (mayor) for many years and had run the village pretty much as he pleased. Some of the young men (Heagy among them) got tired of the one man rule. The night before the election some of them gathered in Heagy's Store complaining that Norton would probably win the election. Somebody thought it might be possible to defeat him. They looked at the list of eligible voters. There were only about 90 of them. After a careful canvas of the list it was detected that there were about 50 who could possibly persuaded to vote for someone else. They decided to run Morris Heagy for mayor and Henry Nichols for clerk, with three others of there group for trustees. They cut up some paper and made ballots with their names on them. The scheme was that the ballots would be distributed to those they were pretty sure would vote their way. By now it was the middle of the night. The voter list was divided up and they went around to get the prospective voters out of bed, give them a ballot, and made them swear to keep it secret.

When Heagy went to vote in the morning he asked the election judge, Bill Edleman, how the election was going. Bill said "somebody is elected but I don't know who", meaning there were enough voters to make the election legal. When the ballot box was opened it was found that the conspirators had been elected—to a man. Not a single one of the midnight contacted voters had spilled the beans.

So Heagy was mayor and the council split 3 on his side and 3 against. For the first 3 meetings every vote was 3-3 with Heagy the tie-breaker. Then, at the next meeting Bill Mohr, one of the holdovers said: "That's enough of this damn foolishness, lets attend to business." From then on they got along fine. Norton never forgave Heagy for the chicanery, but it was all strictly legal. With that, be sure to vote in the April election.

**JIM GARRISON (INCUMBENT)
FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE**

My wife Marcia and I moved to Hampton in 1977, watched our daughters Paula and Lisa grow-up and now after 28 years we are happy to spend our retirement years here. I graduated from Alleman High School, attended Black Hawk College and am a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Recently I retired from Case I.H. and lately started working part time at East Moline Feed.

Over the last 20 years I've served in many capacities for the village as a Lieutenant in the fire department and then as interim fire chief, zoning board member, and village trustee. My last 2 terms have been spent as Chairman for public safety. Residents can be assured that both the police and fire departments are running smoothly, training standards are high and equipment has been well maintained and modernized. The Village is fortunate to continue contracting with Rapids City and the Lookout Center for police protection. These contracts provide a great deal of revenue.

There have been many changes in the Village during the time I have served from the upgrade of the water tower to the completion of the Great River Trail and Heritage Center. Taxes have stayed low, the Village is solvent, and enrollment at the school has increased. It is important for residents to realize that the Village can't progress without growth. The addition of new housing developments and business will continue to make Hampton flourish. I would like to continue working for and with the residents of Hampton to insure its prosperity.

How Cotton Became King

March 14, 1794 is listed as the patent date for the Cotton Gin invented by Eli Whitney. No one could have predicted that a revolutionary labor saving machine to remove seeds from cotton bolls was planting one of the seeds of the American Civil War.

Born in Westborough, Massachusetts on December 8, 1765, young Eli remained on his father's farm during the revolution mending machinery, repairing violins for neighbors, making canes, hatpins, nails and visiting machine shops throughout the area. All the while, he trained to attend Yale. He eventually worked his way through college doing odd mechanical repair jobs and doing some Teaching.

After college, Eli started south to a tutoring job in Georgia. When he arrived, they had hired another man and he was without much money, a place to stay or a job. Fortunately, he had a friend in the widow of General Greene who convinced him to stay in Savannah and teach her children and prepare them for further education in the law. During this time, Eli was always doing mechanical repairs and inventing labor saving gadgets for the widow.

Economic growth in the south was hampered by the speed at which cotton could be picked and the seeds removed to make it ready for the cloth mills to spin and weave. Before the 1800's cotton was a luxury fabric because its creation was so labor intensive. Plantations left land unplanted because each of their slaves could only pick and process one pound of cotton per day.

The Widow Greene convinced Eli that he was a better inventor than teacher and to turn his attention, full time to creating what the south so desperately needed: a machine to remove seeds from cotton. In this era, Americans were known for their inventiveness and Eli Whitney proved them right. Whitney began by studying the cotton picking and processing methods of the slaves then began his designing. He had to make his own tools to form parts and wire. Several months later, the model was ready.

Mrs. Greene was so excited about Eli's invention that she insisted he show her plantation owner friends the working model before he could patent the machine. Reports spread quickly and it wasn't long before someone broke into his workshop and stole the working model. Predictably, knock-off versions of Whitney's machine began to appear throughout the south.

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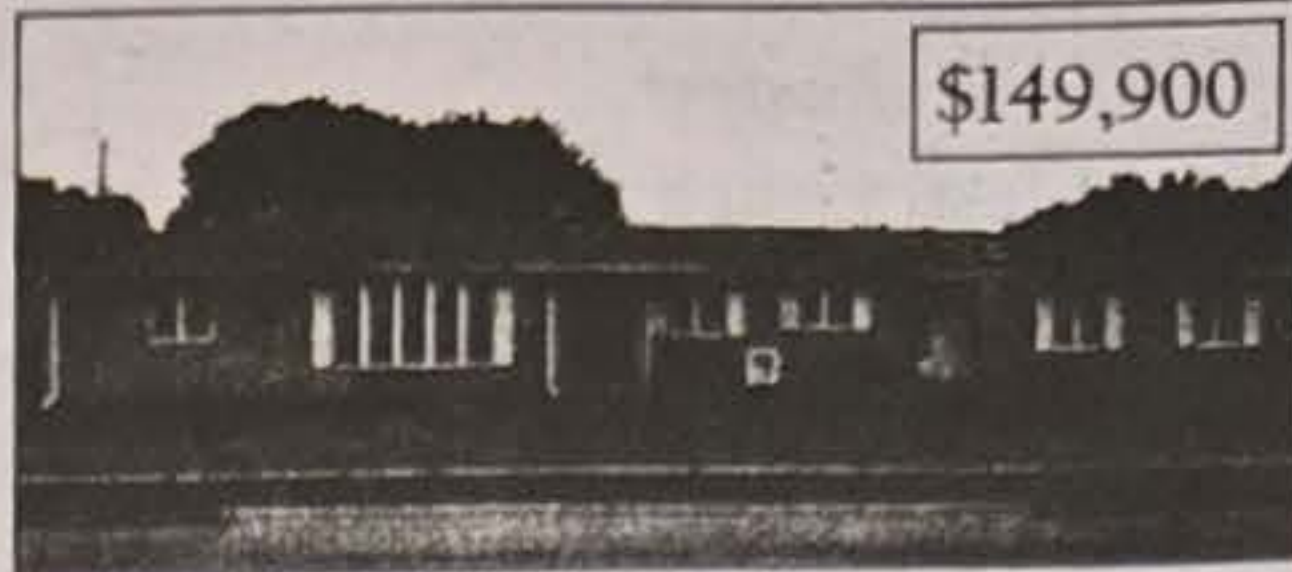
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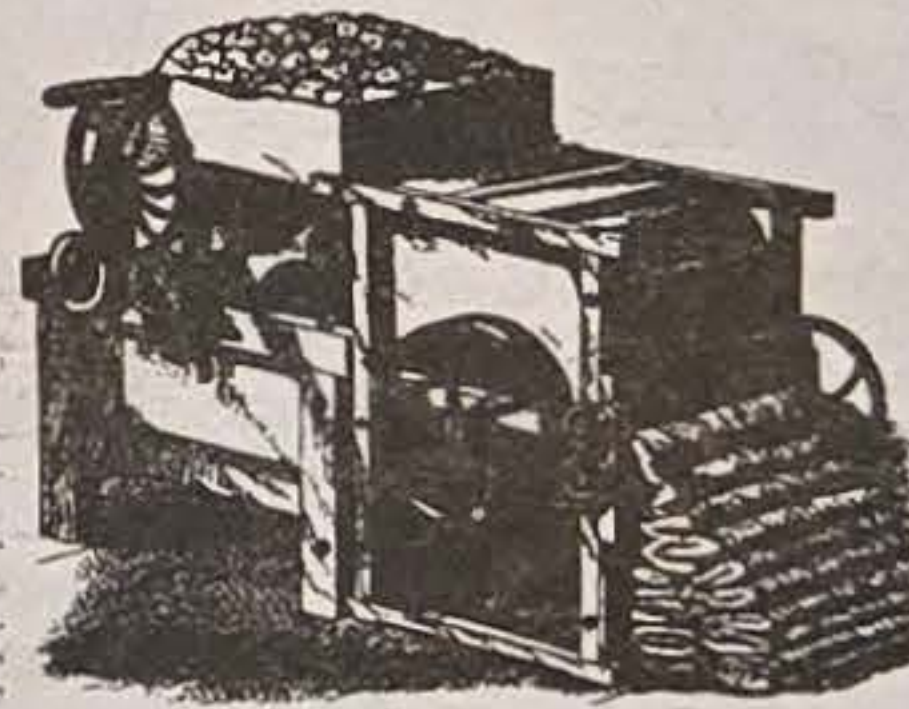
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For years, Whitney tried to get compensation for inventing the Cotton Gin but in the end, the Georgia courts settled in favor of those that stole his invention. The Legislature of South Carolina, 11 years after the model was made, purchased his patent for \$50,000. With that money, Whitney moved to New Haven, Connecticut to create the perfect poetic justice. He started a hugely successful firearms manufacturing business. He became wealthy because he improved the machinery involved and created a system of inter-changeable parts that did not require a gunsmith to make arms one-at-a-time in his factory. All types of manufacturing in the north began to use his systems. Although Whitney passed away in 1825, undoubtedly, Whitney's business helped supply the northern armies during the Civil War that was to come.

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- Keep ALL chemicals and medicines locked up.
- Keep items in original containers.
- Do NOT put decorative lamps and candles that contain lamp oil
where children can reach them. Lamp oil can be very toxic if
ingested by young children.
- Clean out the medicine cabinet periodically and safely dispose of
unneded and outdated medicines.
- Always leave the light on when giving or taking medicine.
Check the dosage every time.
- Avoid taking medicine in front of children. Refer to medicine as
"medicine," never "candy".

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ITALIAN POTATO CASSEROLE

"After one taste, you'll see why this dish won grand prize in a
local newspaper's cooking contest. It's a yummy variation on
traditional shepherd's pie. I'm asked to share the recipe every time
I make it and I am always happy to do so" Jackie Jocaby from
Gettysburg PA

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| 1 lb bulk Italian sausage | 3 cups mashed potatoes* |
| 1 c chopped onion | 3/4 c chopped green pepper |
| 2 cloves garlic minced | 1 T vegetable or Canola oil |
| 2 c sliced fresh mushrooms | 1 t basil or Italian spice |
| 2 c chopped fresh tomatoes ** | 1/4 t salt |
| 1 can (2 1/4 oz) sliced ripe olives drained | |
| 1/8 t pepper | 1/4 c grated parmesan cheese |
| 1 T chopped fresh parsley or 2 t dried | |

*We used instant potatoes. I think it would be good with thin
sliced potatoes boiled 5 min.

**I used canned tomatoes but I think the fresh would be better)

In skillet, cook sausage until no longer pink; drain. Place in a
greased 9 in square baking dish. Top with mashed potatoes. In
same skillet, sauté onion, green pepper and garlic in oil for 5
minutes or until vegetables are crisp tender. Stir in mushrooms,
tomatoes, olives, and spices. Spoon over potatoes within 1 in of
edge of dish. Sprinkle Parmesan and parsley on top. Bake
uncovered 350° for 35 minutes or when top is lightly browned. 4-
6 servings.

Annual Neologism Contest-From the Internet

Once again, The Washington Post has published the winning
submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to
supply alternate meanings for common words. The winners are:

1. **Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you
have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you
absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (n.), olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence** (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you
are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle** (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. **Rectitude** (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by
proctologists.
13. **Pokemon** (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. **Oyster** (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with
Yiddishisms.
15. **Frisbeetarianism** (n.), The belief that, when you die, your
Soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Remember I before E, except in Budweiser. ~Professor Irwin Corey

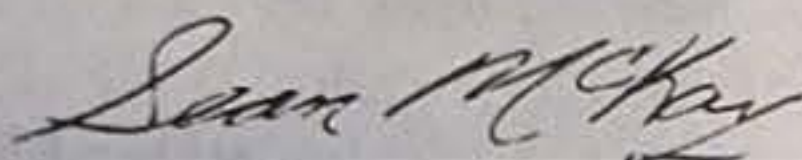
SEAN McKAY FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Hampton has become the location where couples start out, raise their children and retire. That is why it was an easy decision for my wife Debi and I to move here to raise our sons Ben and Josh. After living here for more than 30 years I'm proud to say Hampton is still a quiet river community where people continue to share strong family values.

I was elected to the Hampton Village board in April of 1999 and have served on the public safety committee, public works committee and as chairman for administration, insurance and code enforcement committee. In that 6 years the Village has stayed in the black, taxes are low, new homes and businesses were and are continuing to be built. We have used good management skills by not raising water and sewer rates while still being able to improve the water tower capacity. These accomplishments were made due to the trustees that made informed decisions.

As Village President I plan to provide strong leadership with fresh new ideas. I will maintain an "open door policy" and listen to all concerns and constructive criticisms. The Village has been fortunate to hire employees with high standards of professionalism and will continue to do so. Keeping Hamptons integrity, smart financial decisions, maintaining a safe environment for residents and continued controlled growth are the key factors that make Hampton a progressive community. Your vote will make a difference on April 5th.

Sincerely,



Word Play

- Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.
- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- A lot of money is tainted; it taint yours and it taint mine.
- A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
- Those who get too big for their breeches will be exposed in the end.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.

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March 14 & 28 and April 11 & 25: 11:00 a.m.: **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. If you bring a canned food item(s) for the Quad City Food Pantry, you'll receive "Pantry Pack" bingo sheets FREE.

March 25: 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

March 30 and April 27: Lunch and Card Games 11:00 a.m. Cost \$3.00 Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

April 6: 11:30 a.m.: **Euchre Tournament** Cost \$5.00 Played according to Hoyle Rules. Men & Women welcome.

April 13: 11:30 a.m.: **500 Tournament** Cost \$5.00

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All are welcome at the South Moline Township Senior Center. You do not need to live in Moline, East Moline or Silvis. Residents of all the local communities are welcome. Please visit the easy-to-find building and check out the facilities. We welcome the opportunity to become your meeting place to share good times!

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River Valley District Library News and Activities

March 17 at 1:00 p.m. River Reflection Movie will be shown in the upper level. Come for a good time, free popcorn and soda will be provided. Movie is "Shall We Dance".

March 19 at 2:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt for children 3 years to 4th grade but you must sign up at the library in order to hunt!

Winter Reading Program continues through March 16th. The program will wind up on **Saturday, April 2nd** (4/3 rain date). On Saturday 4/2 at 3:00 p.m., a Books on the Bayou Parade will be held on Main Street. Come for Beads, candy, trinkets, music, floats and much more!

Families, clubs, organizations (civic or church groups) are invited to join the fun. Floats are not necessary and don't forget to "Throw me something mister!" **HURRY! Deadline to sign up your entry is march 18th! Call the Library for details.**

PJ Storytime at the Library is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday March 18th and Friday, April 15th. Bring the kids for a story, a treat and a chance to win the book that was read that night!

Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, April 2 from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Join the fun at the parade on Main Street at 3:00 p.m. then stay for dinner. (Carry out will be available). Dinner will consist of: Tossed Salad, Spaghetti w/sauce, bread, dessert bars or cookies.

April 23rd is the All Port Byron Yard Sale

Pilates Exercise Sessions in the upper level are still available on Thursday evenings, March 17, 24 and 31 at \$7.00 per session. Call Stephanie at 309-523-2428 for more information.

Yoga Exercise Sessions in the upper level are held Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at \$8.00 per session. Call Sally Goodman at 309-737-2496 for more information.

April 7 at 6:00 p.m., Julie Martens, a representative from Greatest Grains, a health food store in Davenport, will be speaking on the benefits of eating food grown naturally. The meeting will be in the upper level meeting room. Community members will also be present to explain what a food co-operative is and how you and your family can benefit from shopping through these health-conscious organizations.

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I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Harold the computer guy, to come over.

Harold clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. He gave me a bill for a minimum service call.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An, ID ten T error? What's that ... in case I need to fix it again?"

The computer guy grinned.... "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?" "No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out." So I wrote out I D 1 0 T I used to like Harold...

An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road. A cop pulls him over. "So," says the cop to the driver, where have ya been?"

"Why, I've been to the pub of course," slurs the drunk.

"Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening." "I did all right," the drunk says with a smile.

"Did you know," says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?"

"Oh, thank heavens," sighs the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

- ❑ Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough money to begin with?
- ❑ Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- ❑ Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Mickey Quinn VanDieren - VILLAGE PRESIDENT

While I have been in office as your Trustee, I have chaired the Public Works Committee and served on both the Streets and Finance Committees. Our water and sewer rates have not risen in the past two years. Streets are gradually being resurfaced. When a property tax rate was proposed for 2003-2004, I presented, at a board meeting, a tax analysis graphically itemizing areas that could be reduced. After a Finance Committee meeting, a compromise was reached well below the proposed rate. Additionally, in my financial studies, I have learned and used the new state mandated accounting method that Hampton is required to adopt this year.

As a former educator I am acutely aware of the necessity for the Village to become partners with School and Library Districts to benefit our children. The potential of our entire community will be enhanced when all local organizations participate with the Village in generating a shared vision for our future development.

My background in business, educational administration and volunteering will assist me in understanding citizens' needs and overseeing board committees for the betterment of Hampton. I am receptive to new ideas that make a genuine contribution to the Village and can be economically implemented on your behalf.

My husband John and I have four grown children. My family is supportive of my efforts to run for president and I look forward to the election on April 5th.



**VOTE
APRIL 5th**

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says "I've lost my electron." The other says "Are you sure?" The first replies "Yes, I'm positive."

Last Glimpse of Eagles for This Year

Its time to say farewell to our annual visitors, the bald eagles. The best eagle watching takes place between mid-December through February and a little bit later if the weather stays bitterly cold up north. You'll see them near the open water of the river where they fish. Fish are momentarily stunned when they drop through the local dams so the eagles roost just off shore near the locks.

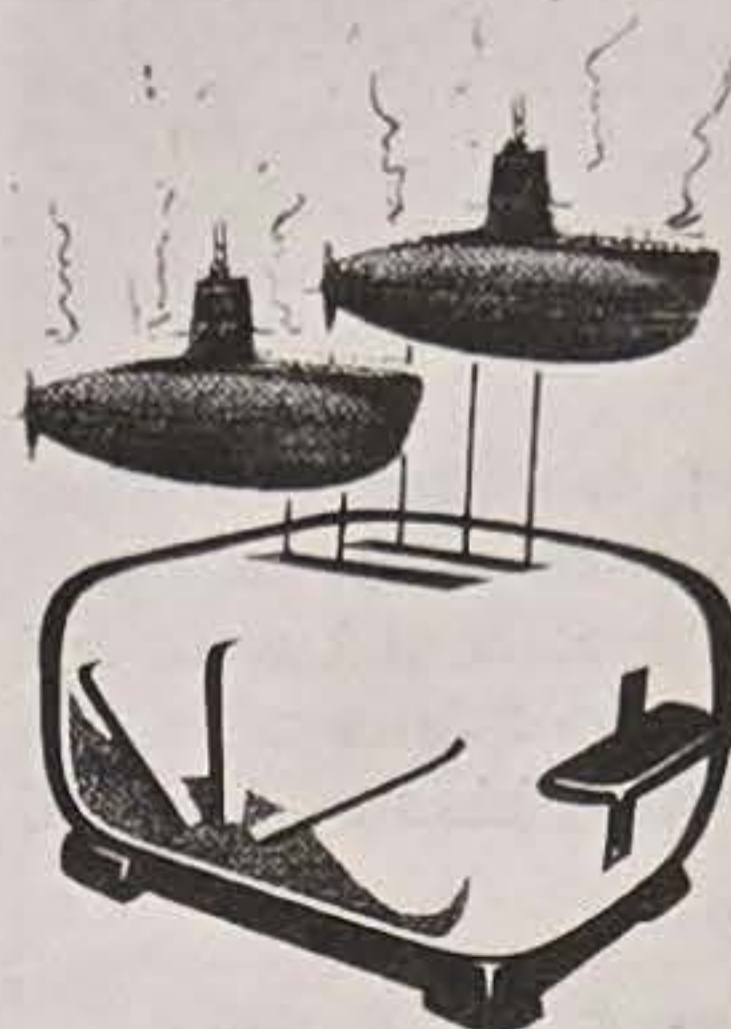
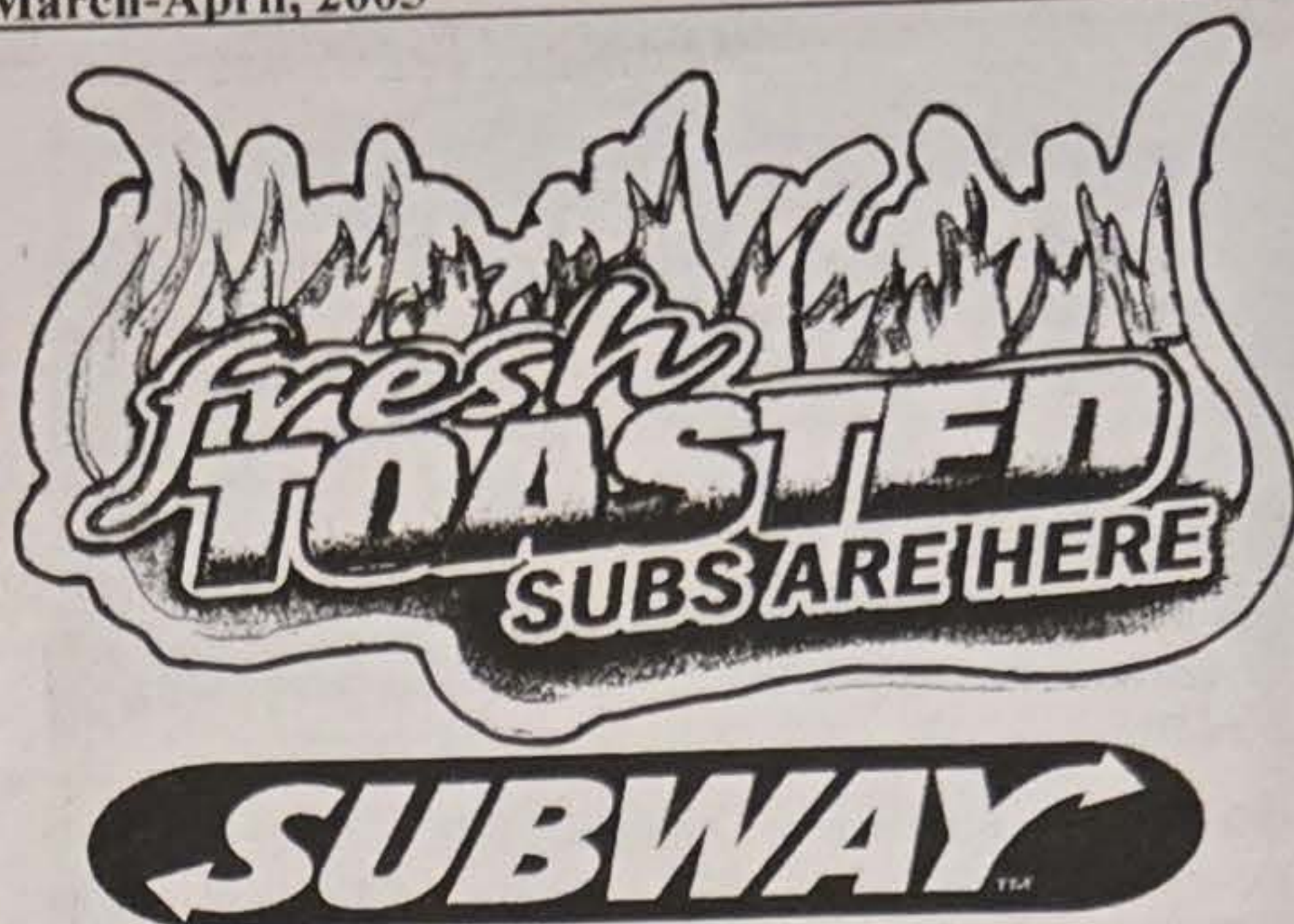
Bald eagles start life with all brown coloring then develop a cap of white feathers on their heads and tail only after they're about five years old. The adult birds wing span is from 6 to 8 feet so they are to be respected while you watch them.

Eagle watching etiquette includes NOT approaching the birds so that they are disturbed. Keep at least 300 feet away and remain close to your car or a blind and watch them with binoculars or through a camera lens. Do not try to make them fly as this burns up badly needed energy. When they fly above the open water and catch a fish, they generally land on a near by ice flow to eat. Leave your car radio off, keep your voice down and listen for the eagles to "talk to each other". There is no sound like it!

It is estimated that there are close to 3,000 Bald Eagles wintering along the Mississippi from St. Paul to St. Louis. Their numbers have been increasing since the banning of DDT, decreased use of lead shot and education about their habits.

To protect the eagle population, the Quad City Conservation Alliance and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers carefully monitor the habitat and population growth in this area. There is also an Upper Mississippi Valley Bald Eagle Preserve just off Route 84 and Illiniwek Forest Preserve, both in Hampton, that offer a safe environment for the birds when not fishing or roosting along the riverbank. It is not unusual to see groups of eagles "playing" in the wind currents above these safe areas.

Numerous "watches" and programs are planned around the yearly bald eagle visits. Next January, we will print a schedule of local events and remind you of how you may help in conservation efforts by participating in an eagle count. For now, enjoy the experience of living with eagles before they travel north.



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A very good book on golf tips recently released. Below are the chapters in the book.

1. How to Line Up Your Fourth Putt
2. How to hit a Nike from the rough when you hit a Titleist from the tee.
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4. How to get more distance off the shank.
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9. Why your wife no longer cares that you birdied the 4th.
10. How to let a foursome play through your twosome without getting embarrassed.
11. How to relax when you're hitting five off the tee.
12. When to suggest swing corrections to your opponent.
13. God and the meaning of the double bogey.



Anniversaries

Helen and Fred Ross of Hampton celebrated their March 1st, 25th anniversary with a Saturday open house. They married in 1980. Todd & Ann Ross, Sandra & Mark Rice, Mark & Laurie Vanderboom, Tony & Ruth Boom, Sherrie & Mark Copeland and Julie & Mike Gray and all nine grandchildren helped them celebrate. Belated Happy Anniversary!

Roger and Susanne Greene of Hampton will be celebrating their 17th anniversary on March 12th. Roger is a candidate for our School Board elections on April 5th. Happy Anniversary!

Merlin and Fern Nelson of Des Moines will be celebrating their 10th anniversary on March 15. Merlin is the son of Merlin "Rocky" and Jane Nelson of Hampton. Happy Anniversary!

Myron and Mindy Erickson of Chicago will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on March 18th. Mindy is the daughter of Merlin "Rocky" and Jane Nelson. Happy Anniversary!

Engagements Announced

Lisa D. Patton of Hampton and Chad A. Jasper of Moline have announced their pending wedding on June 4th at the Salem Lutheran Church in Moline. Lisa is the daughter of Eugene and Angela Patton of Hampton and Chad the son of Arnie and Chris Jasper of Moline. Congratulations and Best Wishes for a long and happy life together.

Retirement

Burton M. Phillips, Owner and Funeral Director of Sullivan-Phillips Mortuary, Ltd. in East Moline has retired.

Mr. Phillips has been the primary funeral director of the former Sullivan-Esterdahl Mortuary since 1980 and owner since 1991.

During those 25 years, Burt has seen many changes in the industry and helped local residents bring about major ones in attitude. Due to his kind and realistic counseling, today's families frequently make pre-arrangements for funerals, and have turned their focus to celebrating the life of a loved one instead of inconsolable grief.

The fine services offered by Sullivan Phillips will continue under the owner, Director Mike Ellis.

We wish Burt the very best as he starts his well-earned retirement.



Hampton Chief of Police, Larry Hufford has announced his retirement as of April 30th. He might think he's getting off with the brief announcement here but all well read more about his interesting career in law enforcement in the next Crier.

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were stand-ing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because", he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Happy 40th Anniversary to TOPS Chapter IL450

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit organization engaged in research and group activities in weight control. For men and women age 7 and up, there is no more economical way to become healthy. TOPS doesn't sell or require the purchase of any special foods or supplements. TOPS emphasizes weight loss without fads or chemicals. Group support, encouragement, personal responsibility and education on healthy living have been proven as the best way to successful weight control for life.

Although the 57 year old national organization, based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin boasts 300,000 members in the US and Canada, there are currently 16 members in our local chapter. Two members have become KOPS (those who have met their weight goals and Keep Off Pounds Sensibly). Members may remain in TOPS for life. The friends made and the weekly weight checks keep members focused on healthy while having a good time.

If you've tried all the fads, try taking off excess weight sensibly by joining TOPS. Annual dues are only \$20. Meetings are held each Wednesday at the South Moline Township Senior Center at 637- 17th Avenue in East Moline. Meetings start with a weekly, (accurate) weigh-in 9:00-9:30 a.m. followed by a program put on by fellow members about food, exercise or professional speakers on health issues. Weekly weight-loss contests keep the meetings lively. Come to the next meeting and bring a friend!

Blood is the Heart of the Matter

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center



Our local military personnel are often regular blood donors. When these generous givers are deployed the blood supply is interrupted. It is critical that more citizens give on a regular basis to compensate for what would have been given by the military. Did you know that military returning from abroad must wait a year before they can donate blood? That means that a person that gave blood 4 or more times a year would be unable to donate for up to 2 years.

If we are to support our troops and keep our community's blood supply at safe levels, more people need to become donors. If you belong to an organization that would like to sponsor a blood drive, call Devin Gay at 563-823-4120.

Local Blood Drive Schedule:

Tuesday, April 26 at Riverdale High School -Port Byron, IL

This drive has a goal of 130 units so please plan to attend this drive. It will be held in the gym. Contact Michele Hemm at 309-523-3181

Monday-Friday: MV Regional Blood Center, 3450-38th Avenue, Moline, IL 309-764-8504 Walk-ins are always welcome!

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 or log on to www.bloodcenter.org. Walk-in's are always welcome!

A Bottle Of Wine

For all of us who are married, were married, wish you were married, or wish you weren't married, this is something to smile about the next time you open a bottle of wine:

Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride.

With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car. Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally.

"What's in the bag?" asked the old woman.

Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband."

The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said, "Good trade."

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STEVEN J. BALLARD
BLACK HAWK COLLEGE TRUSTEE

PERSONAL

Married to Jan; Four Boys; Grandfather; Lifelong resident of Black Hawk College District #503

EDUCATION

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 Phi Theta Kappa - Lifetime Member

QUALIFICATIONS DESERVING OF YOUR VOTE

CURRENT - BLACK HAWK COLLEGE TRUSTEE
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 Past Board Member WQPT (PBS - Public Television Station) 1999-2001

CURRENT - ELECTED ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD MEMBER
 (2002) - Dist. 10

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POSITIONS

CURRENT—Assistant Warden of Programs—East Moline Correctional Center
John Deere Harvester - (Currently on Leave of Absence)
 United Way Campaign - John Deere Harvester Loaned Executive 1996-97-98
 -- Labor Participation Committee 1996-1999

UAW Local 865 - Current member in good standing
 Current Precinct Committeeman South Moline 22—Elected 2002; Appointed 2001
 Past UAW Quad City Regional CAP Council President

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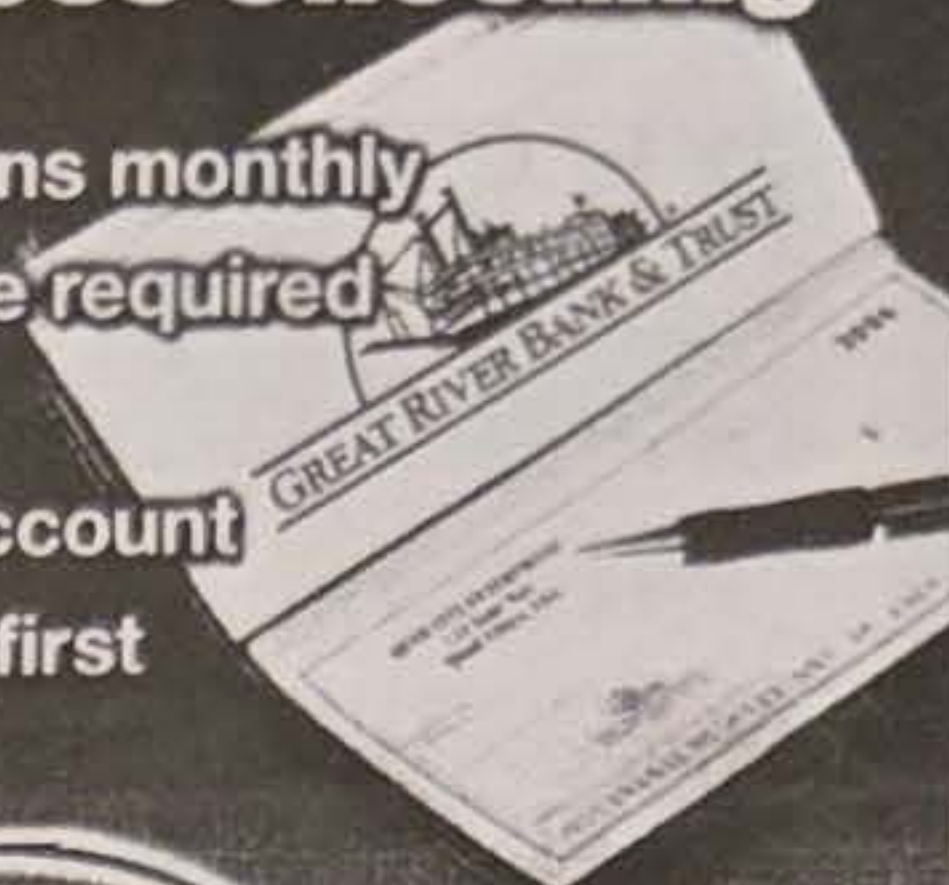
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March Through History

The following are anniversary dates for the month of March. As you read these, you'll get a sense of how much we've changed as a nation.

- 1775: Patrick Henry made his famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech at the Virginia Convention that was a prelude to our American Revolution.
- 1805: Ohio, as the 17th State, was admitted to the Union
- 1822: False Teeth were patented
- 1845: The Life Boat was patented in America and a Londoner patented the "rubber band".
- 1904: The US War Department begins returning flags and banners captured during the Civil War. After both sides fought in the Spanish-American War side-by-side, it was deemed that the conflict between the states was truly over.
- 1910: Campfire Boy and Girls organization was founded
- 1912: Juliette Low founds Girl Scouts of America
- 1931: The *Star Spangled Banner* designated as our National Anthem
- 1965: Martin Luther King Jr. leads a march of 3,200 people from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.
- 1975: Construction began on a 48" wide pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez Alaska. By 2004, 550 billion gallons of crude oil had passed through the pipe.

- Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
- What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
- If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
- Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

- If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?

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About Town News Briefs

PTA Carnival Volunteers are needed

Saturday, April 16th at the Hampton School, the PTA will hold their annual spring carnival. There are numerous activities that need adult supervision and participation and there are rarely enough volunteers to cover all the posts. Please consider helping the kids have a day to remember! Call Carla Osborne, PTA President for time and location of preliminary meetings and how you can help the PTA and the students. Call: 496-9722.

Free Income Tax Preparation Assistance at the South Moline Township Senior Center EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY from February 1 to April 14, 2005 1:00 to 4:00 p.m..

The services are administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS for ALL TAXPAYERS with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Please bring the following with you when you come:

- Current year's tax return forms and preparation booklets
- Copy of last year's income tax returns and supporting documents;
- W-2 and W-2p forms from each employer, if you earned a salary; unemployment compensation statement; SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security
- All 1099 Forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-Misc, etc.) showing interest and/or dividends and original purchase price of sold assets.
- 1099-R form from the payer of your pension or annuity
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid or withheld
- Child care provider information (name, employer, ID SS #)
- All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions
- Social Security Numbers for all dependents.

"Meet ALL the Candidates" event for Voters

The Hampton School Board is sponsoring an informal gathering at the Hampton school gym on Wednesday, March 30th from 7-9:00 p.m. Village Board candidates for President and Trustee and those running for members of the Hampton School Board-District 29 will be invited to attend. No speeches or debates are planned! Campaigning is minimal because there are no political parties in Hampton so this is one of the few ways voters have to personally meet those that so greatly influence their lives.

This is a social gathering where you may ask anyone running for any office about issues you think are important and find out where each candidate stands. Refreshments will be provided and everyone is invited to drop in for as long as their schedule allows.

Adult Softball Teams Forming Now

The Hampton Township Adult League is looking for adult, coed softball teams for their spring season.

Although the regular season begins in June, games will be played on Friday nights beginning April 15th at Illiniwek Park just off Route 84 on the north side of Hampton.

Fee is \$125.00 PER TEAM. For more information, contact Nick DeBailie at 309-269-3187 or Bryan Stone at 309-755-5499.

I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

First Baptist Church of Cordova Cookbook

Do you need to purchase a gift? The First Baptist Church of Cordova is selling a cookbook. "Treasured Recipes" makes an excellent graduation, wedding, shower or birthday gift. Call Eleanor at 654-2430 to make your purchase. \$10 per book

Zion Lutheran Church Special Events Schedule

Thursday, March 24th: Maunday Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25: Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26th: 10:00 am, children ages 10 and under will be welcomed to an Easter Egg Hunt at Zion Lutheran Church, 17268 Hubbard Road, East Moline. There will be special prizes for specially marked eggs.

Sunday, March 27: Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Breakfast at 7:45 am

Easter Service at 9:00 am

Zion also has a new cookbook for sale. Cost is \$8.00, available at the church office between 8:30 am-1:00 p.m. Copies may be sent to you for a fee of \$10.00. Prepayment is appreciated for mailed copies.

Rain Barrel Sale

March 26th at the Moline Public Works, 3635 - 4th Avenue, there will be a rain barrel Sale sponsored by RiverWay. Volunteers are needed to help at the sale. Each 60 gallon barrel is \$55.00. Call 322-2969 for details.

Spring Break Day Camp

March 29 and 31, a Spring Break Day Camp will be held at Nahant Marsh from 8:30-12:30 am. Programs target students 6-10 years old. Class size is limited to 12 participants per session. Dress for the outdoors. Payment secures your enrollment. \$2.00 per child. Call 563-323-5196 for details.

Soon to Be Classic Clichés

- FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION. It comes bundled with the software.
- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead.
- A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
- HAM AND EGGS - A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
- The trouble with life is there's no background music.
- The original point and click interface was a Smith and Wesson

A couple couldn't make it into the hospital for the birth of their baby which was delivered on the hospital's front lawn. A week later, the young father returned to the finance office and insisted on seeing the doctor. When he arrived, the father objected to the \$125.00 delivery room fee. So, the doctor changed his bill to read: "Greens Fee, \$125.00".

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- If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

Snappy Come-Backs

- Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
- You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
- Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
- Quoting one is plagiarism; quoting many is research.
- I'm not a complete idiot -- some parts are missing.
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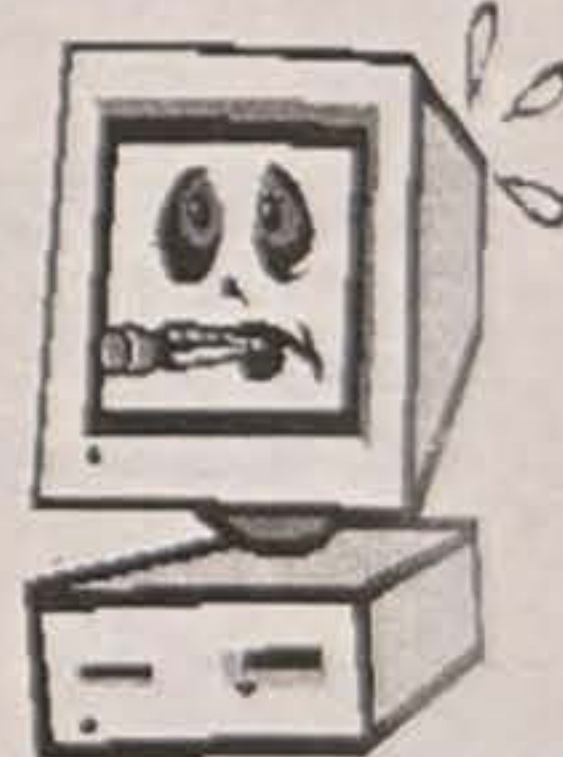
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The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

- ❑ Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?
- ❑ Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- ❑ Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
- ❑ Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- ❑ Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?
- ❑ If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads Low Bridge Ahead. Before he knows it the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The driver gets out of his car and walks around to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?" The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."



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