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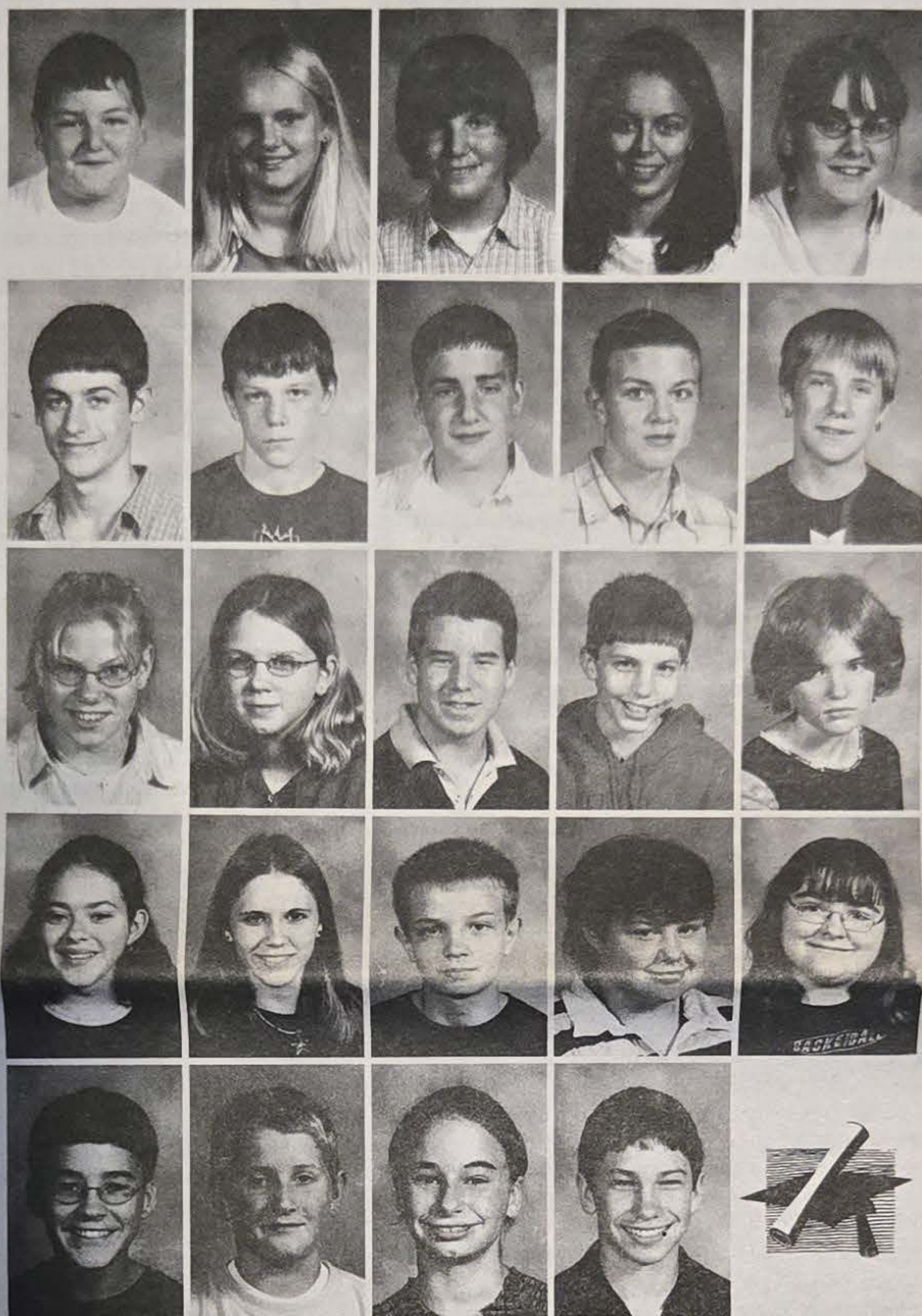
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be seen again in the future*



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Congratulations to The Following Hampton Kindergarten Graduates!

Mrs. Bartscher's Class:

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Ryan Buskirk
Kelsea Caras
Riley Carizey
Jacob Carroll
Sarah Fisher
Lily Gallegos
Kristen Harker
Emma Hart

Christopher Harvey
Emily Jones
Emmanuel Ochoa
Jennifer Osborne
Tyler Passno
Paige Pustelnik
Cooper Schou
Karlee Stapf
Marcella Williams

Miss Henderson's Class:

Caleb Bahr
Alex Carr
Lenae Clayton
Alyssa Davis
Adrienne Evans
Vianka Herrera
Emma Kindred
Tristan Martin
Madeline Neumann

Paige Neumann
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Editorial: Definitions and Expectations

The last school board meeting impressed me with the need for formal character definitions and expectations in our lives. Randy Baldrige, the Board President, began the meeting with remarks about the character of Hampton's Board of Education and School that defined the future for the new and current attendees. His remarks, in part, explained the success of our small school. "We are a school, a Board of high expectations." He went on to explain that the school expects (not hopes or asks), students to behave in class, to respect themselves and others, parents to participate in their children's education and the kids to apply themselves to their studies in order to show improvement in their skills. The only purpose for the "high expectations" were to define and focus efforts that would insure a better life for the students.

By formally defining character and expectations, goals are created. Everyone automatically knows what to do. The same principle applies to organizations, towns, families and individuals. Stephen Covey, the motivational expert, writes that defining a family with as few as three formal characteristics, having high expectations to live up to the chosen characteristics can make life less stressful for every member of the family. As my siblings and I grew up, we knew that wherever we lived, we were representatives of an extended clan defined as: "helpful, people of integrity and creative/inventors". Each clan member exhibits these characteristics according to their natural abilities and circumstances however, co-workers would include the same three characteristics if asked to describe anyone from my extended family.

Life was easier "way back when" because families defined themselves better than they do these days. Children were allowed to be "mediocre" in some things just for the enjoyment and to participate without competing to be the leader. All they had to do was remain true to how family defined itself. From trying to meet the internal family expectations, a community gave the family a reputation. "That's the smartest family around but Joe there is the musical one" or "You can always count on that family to help in an emergency." Being all things to all people; to excel in everything DOES make you master of none. It only generates unnecessary stress. Defining limits what you have to live up to and focuses energy that generates success.

Communities are no different. Actively choosing a theme, a character that will define expectations of local residents increases the quality of life for everyone. Malcolm Gladwell in his book "The Tipping Point" mentions the "broken window" theory. In a neighborhood, a building stands vacant and someone breaks a window. Within a short time, all the windows are broken. The unspoken excuse for bad behavior/lowered expectations is "everybody's doing it." Soon, all the vacant buildings have broken windows and are used by undesirables who further lower the expectations of the area until crime and broken windows, even in occupied buildings are common.

In a neighborhood, "broken windows" can be junky yards, neglected pets, unsupervised children playing in busy streets or run down houses. The theory can also be positive as in Hampton's historic district where property is being renovated and pioneer houses preserved. It is hoped that the trend of uncluttering, beautification and preservation continues because expectations are rising for that area.

Can you recognize the definitions and expectations generated by these phrases and name the organizations? "To serve and protect", "Be all that you can be", "Quality is Job One".

Did you know that years ago Hampton was given the Governor's Award for Volunteerism? We don't talk about it enough but Hampton School's athletic coaches, reading and homework tutors at the churches, the Brettun & Black museum docents, our fire/rescue department and even this newspaper is run by volunteers. (To all of our readers: Rise to the high expectations of the northern QCA river communities and get involved in something worthwhile as a volunteer.)

From schools and school boards to families and individuals and finally to entire communities, definitions of desired characteristics and the level of expectations need to be formalized and shared to improve the quality of life for us all. What are your personal defining characteristics? How would you define your own family as a unit? Can you objectively look your neighborhood? Are your expectations high enough? What are you going to do about it?

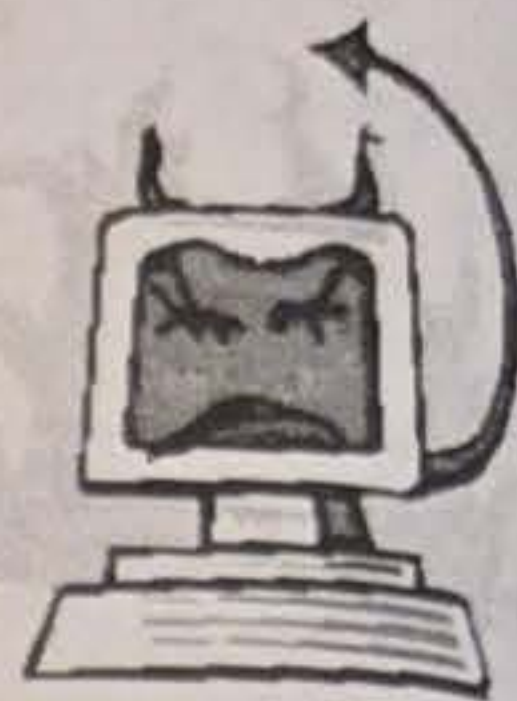
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This issue of the paper comes to you only after the PC Wizard worked their magic on the Crier computer. The box, obviously possessed with evil spirits, crashed about 12 hours after the deadline for this issue. When your editor tried to fix it herself, she managed to loose many of the photographs and e-mails sent by readers wanting information included in this printing. My sincere apologies if your information or photo does not appear as you expected.



There are few words that express my appreciation of the experts at PC Wizard that managed to banish the evil spirits and get the computer up and running. They managed to save a majority of the information and programs that I hadn't already zapped. Thanks to Don Isenberger and the PC Wizard crew!

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

Hampton Village Board Notes of 4/18 and 5/02/2005

- Motion to contract Bi-State Regional Commission to complete a community comprehensive plan for the city of Hampton was tabled until proposals / drafts from other companies can be reviewed. To save money a suggestion was made to use Augustana students.
- Motion passed to purchase replacement mower blades and filters to keep in stock to avoid paying higher prices and shipping fees when last minute orders are placed. Anchor Lumber is giving the Village a 15% discount for the parts. Purchase not to exceed \$375.00.
- Motion passed to purchase a new Mig Welder for the Maintenance Department to avoid outsourcing jobs. Purchase not to exceed \$1,500.00.
- The Engineering firm of Shive-Hattery has been retained as City Engineers for the city of Hampton. Effective now, Hampton Village Attorney to review contracts.
- Discussion to clean up area across from the Mini Golf site, zoning questioned. Suggestion made to rezone the area and contact the property owner(s) to dispose of and/or clean up machinery and vehicles on site.
- Omni Bus Agenda approved.
- Motion passed to purchase new Water Meter Transmitters. Purchase not to exceed \$2,000.00.
- Motion was passed to include a notice / reminder to residents to clean up yards and keep pets from running loose. Notice / reminder will be included with the next Village Water bill.
- Alliance Concrete will begin replacing the driveway at the Hampton Fire Department. Work will be done in two stages to allow the drive to remain serviceable to the community.
- The Illini EMS is up and running.
- Motion to approve proposal from Kent Klauer CPA for FY 2005 Audit Services tabled to discuss rates.
- Motion to approve proposal from Cintas for entry rugs and Janitorial Services at the Heritage Center was tabled.

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Village of Hampton Government Changes

At the Regular Village Board Meeting held on May 2, 2005 appointments and committee assignments were as follows:

Name	Term	Title
Michael Toalson	4 years	Village Clerk, Collector & Collector-Water.
Ruth Speer	4 years	Deputy Clerk
Christine Lage	4 years	Treasurer
Michael Kellums	4 years	Supervisor Public Works
Robert Fuller	4 years	Chief of Police
Mark Larson	4 years	Fire Rescue Chief
Village Attorney	4 years	Clayton Lee
Kathleen F. Orr	4 years	Special & TIF Council

Committee Name (All appointments are for 2 years)

Chairperson Members

Administration, Insurance and Code Enforcement

Mickey VanDieren Kevin Irby, Jane Cady

Public Safety (Fire & Police Departments)

Jim Garrison Janet Norin, Kevin Irby

Parks & Recreation

Janet Norin Jim Garrison, Richard Vershaw

Streets, Alleys & Drainage

Kevin Irby Richard Vershaw, Mickey VanDieren

Finance & Grant Administration

Jane Cady Jim Garrison, Mickey VanDieren

Public Works (Water & Sewer)

Richard Vershaw Janet Norin, Jane Cady

Heritage Center Committee - 4 Year Appointments:

Janet Norin, Chairperson Janice McKay, Jeanne McKay, Sandra Carmack, Darrell Johnson, Arlene Johnson

Zoning Board of Appeals - Terms Vary

Sandra Carmack (1 Yr.), San McKay (1 Yr.), Robert Moseley (2 Yrs.), John Wright Chairperson (3 Yrs.), Dennis Gottwalt (4 Yrs.), Patrick Roberts (5 Yrs.), Jeanne McKay (6 Yrs.)

Miscellaneous Appointments

The Village Board of Trustees will act as the Planning Commission



Village Clerk, Michael Toalson administered the oath of office to each Trustee and to Hampton's new Police Chief, Bob Fuller.

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Thank You!

The Hampton Fire Auxiliary would like to thank all those that so generously donated items for the Bunco Night at the Firehouse raffles, the Mother's Day Gift Basket Raffle (See "Winners" in this issue), and the Father's Day Gift Basket Raffle (The winner will be chosen June 18th).

Barb Anders

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Linda DeWitt

Nancy DeWitt

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Subway, 1025 18th Ave and 681 Ave. of the Cities, East Moline

Trinity Emergency Room Physicians, 2701 17th St., Rock Island

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Continued Thanks to **Kim Whitaker** who has volunteered to take the Hampton Village Board Meeting Notes. (Her notes are printed as received to maintain objectivity of reporting in the Crier).

Thanks Hampton Historical Society, for leading the project to refurbish, restore and enhance the Veteran's Memorial in the Hampton Cemetery. (At press time, the work is STILL incomplete but the rededication service is planned for Memorial Day at 2:00 p.m.)

Also, thanks to **Bill Beals** of the Society for arranging for the new tourist directional signs on Rt. 84 pointing out the Brettun & Black Museum. (Hampton is the only river community to have a true museum and invite students for educational visits.)

Thanks to **Rick and Denny Gillespie** who puzzled out what was needed to get the Hampton Cemetery project on track. Also thanks to **Matt Haverland, designer for Freelance Landscaping and Garden Center** for his patience, flexibility and extra efforts.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

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Another Dog Tail

By Franciska Rasmussen

My daughter, Colleen and her husband Rich worked for Blue Cross and rode the train in to work in Chicago when they lived in the suburb of Matteson.



Most of you know that my son-in-law is blind and has a leader dog. Colleen would drive them to the train station where Rich and Isaac (his guide dog) would take off as soon as the van was parked. Isaac and Rich has a pretty good gate so no way could Colleen keep up with them. The scene was the same on the trip back home.

On one particular day on the return trip Colleen got to the van and Rich was not waiting in the passenger seat as usual and Isaac was not there either. Colleen looked and looked but could not see them --- perhaps Isaac could not wait till he got home and needed to "go to the bushes".

They were nowhere to be seen so she walked around the van to find parked right beside her, an identical van only a different color. You guessed it -- in the passenger's seat sat Rich. Colleen opened the door and told Rich to get out because he wasn't in the right van. "Oh yes I am because my automatic lock release opened the door when Isaac brought me here. I guess he knows out van by now!" Yes, he knew the van but dogs are colorblind so he put Rich in what appeared to him to be the right van.

Colleen finally convinced Rich to get out of the other van and was getting Isaac out of the back seat when she noticed long blond hair on the black upholstery. (Isaac was a beautiful yellow retriever).

After getting the two of them in the right van, Colleen was going to write a note explaining the blond hair so some fellow wouldn't get in trouble with his woman. Yep, blond hair on the black back seat would be hard to explain. She then thought better of it after she realized that anything that happened in the future to that van would be blamed on them since their automatic lock release opened that van.

Now, when entering the parking lot, Colleen looks for that van so they can park as far away as possible.

Criminals in Your Neighborhood?

To find out if an offender is in your neighborhood, go to <http://www.criminalcheck.com/> and enter only your zip code in the space indicated. Names, if any will be listed. Everyone that has "paid their debt to society" deserves a second chance but you need to be aware and alert to protect your family.

Too many couples marry for better, or for worse, but not for good.

A Revolutionary Invention!

By Rocky Nelson

In this issue of the "Crier" we'll devote this column to one of the most remarkable and useful inventions of all time. One that revolutionized the field of communication.

For many centuries mankind communicated with others some distance away by messenger. Sometimes the messenger carried written communications (that is, after writing was invented). In 1636 king Charles I of England, opened the royal mail to private letters. If a letter was sent the charges (we call it postage now) were paid by the person receiving the letter. In 1650 the thing was improved by the invention of the post mark, the date the letter was mailed. This kept the postal people from being blamed for tardy mail.

Most letters back 350 years ago were written on large sheets of paper that folded into small packets, which were sealed with a drop of wax. The folding was careful to expose a blank page where the name and address of the recipient was written. Envelopes were rarely used, for one reason that they were not needed, and for another that they added weight and cost more. The recipients were charged by weight and also by how far the letter had to travel. Even English bank notes were sent in this way. They were printed on only one side and people had not heard the admonition about not sending cash through the mail.

One day in the 1870's, the British social reformer and educator Rowland Hill was watching a heart-rending scene. A young servant woman pleading with a postal employee over a letter from her fiancé. The letter had postage due of a shilling and the woman wept because she couldn't pay. It appeared to Hill that the woman was looking at the letter like she was trying to read it telepathically, and Hill felt so sorry for her that he paid the shilling. Instead of being grateful the girl seemed extremely nervous. It turned out she didn't want the letter, only to see the outside. The letter was blank. The outside contained some markings that enabled the couple to communicate for free.

Hill was a bit annoyed but thought about the incident. It was true that postal costs were high and were tied to a complex system according to weight and distance sent. The Post Office department wasted much time and money carrying letters that were never claimed because the recipient couldn't or wouldn't pay the bill. Hill had an idea. Tax, in the form of revenue stamps were attached to many items. Why not use this device for mail?

In 1837 Hill presented a proposal to Parliament to reform the British postal system. His system called for half-ounce letters to be sent anywhere in the country for only a penny. So there was the revolutionary idea—the postage stamp! It offered great advantages that cut across social class. The rich could save money on postage and the mail would be affordable to the poor. There was opposition. Many said the post office would go bankrupt with such small rates but the increase in volume took care of that, jumping from around 75 million letters in 1839 to 168 million in 1840. The first postage stamp was called the "penny black" issued May 1, 1840. Soon a "two-penny blue" was issued. They pictured a profile of Queen Victoria. Since so many stamps had to be used to send a heavy letter, soon stamps of larger denomination came on the scene. The new idea spread like wildfire. Other European countries picked up on the idea of the postage paid by the sender. Most 19th century designs were unimaginative and tended to be portraits of rulers or symbols.

Postage stamps were adopted later in the US. There was a deep-seated dislike of stamps going back to the hated stamp act that helped bring on the American Revolution. It wasn't until 1847 that the US government turned to a postage stamp mail system, issuing a 5-cent stamp depicting Benjamin Franklin and a 10-cent stamp with Washington's visage. Before that some postmasters, seeing the advantages of the system, issued their own stamps. These are called "Postmaster's Provisionals" and are much sought after by collectors. Today, stamp collecting is a big business. Many of us, including this writer, collected stamps as kids, and substantial numbers kept on into adulthood. The Post Office Department discovered that there is a market for stamps if they were pretty or interesting enough and issues many varieties today.

So, when you buy your next stamps from Tammy or Hope down at the Post Office, reflect on this "revolutionary invention".

On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past - but never the present.



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Plan Ahead Community Calendar

May, 2005

- 16 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 17 Hampton Fire Dept. Business Meeting
- 18 Fire Auxiliary Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
- 24 Hampton School Spring Concert 6:30PM at the school
- 30 Memorial Day – Services at Hampton's Soldier's Monument
At 10:00 AM Brettun & Black Museum opens after services
Dedication of Hamptons' new Veteran's Memorial Plaza
located at the Hampton cemetery entrance at 2:00PM

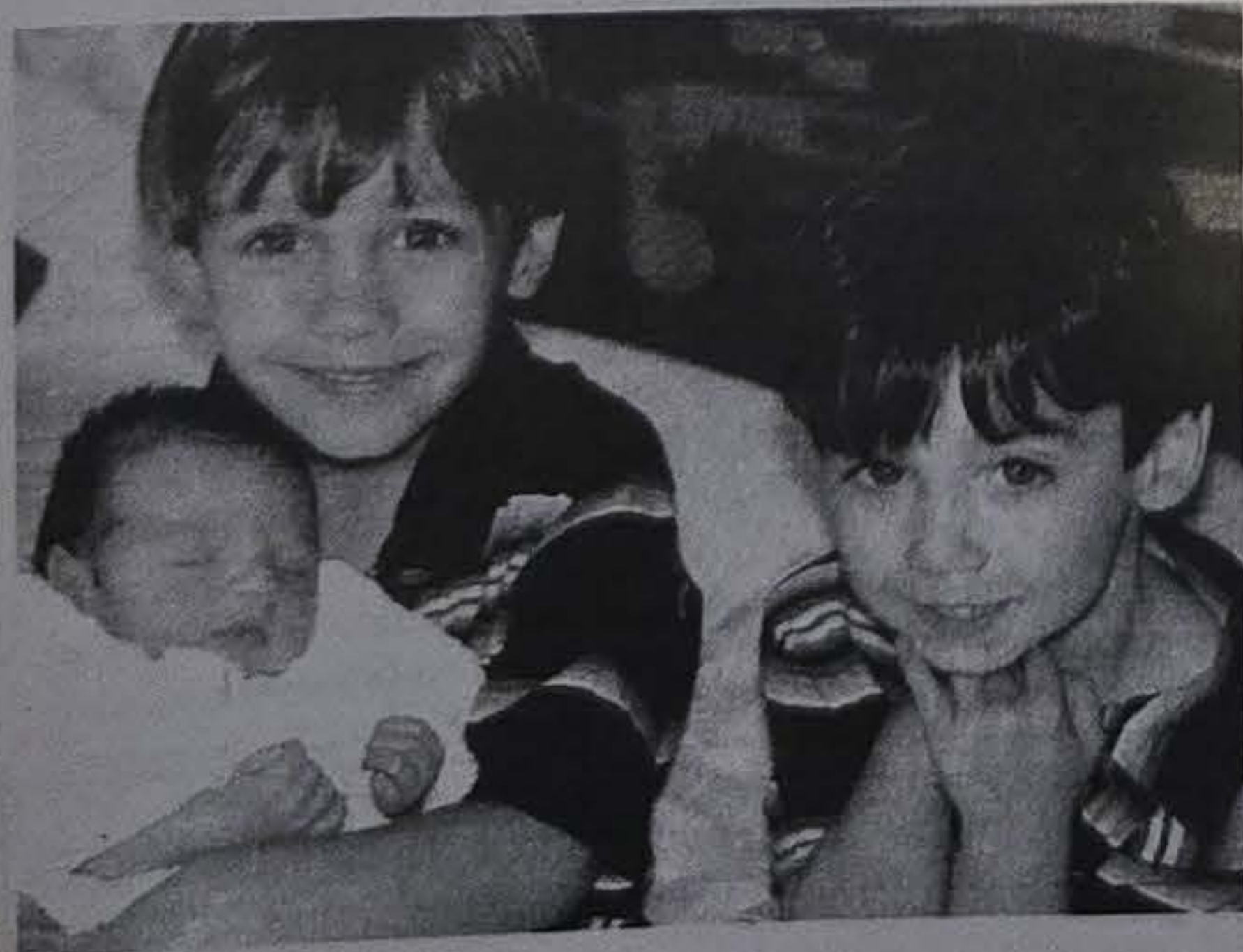
June, 2005

- 1 Hampton School: Jr. High Awards Day 8:45AM
- Hampton School: Kindergarten Graduation 10:00AM
- 2 Hampton School, last day of school – attendance only 1 hour
- Hampton School, 8th Grade Graduation 7:00PM at school
- 6 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 13 Hampton School Board Meeting 6:30PM at the school
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Drawing for Auxiliary's fundraising Father's Day basket
- 19 **Father's Day and Ride the River Day**
- 20 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
- Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 21 Hampton Fire Dept. Business Meeting

Birth Announcements

Colin Andrew Manion, a son born to Dan and Sarah Manion of Hampton was born April 19th. Colin weighed in at 7 lbs, 11 oz. and was 20" long. The proud grandparents are Mike and Mary Ann Ferrettiof Port Byron, Illinois.

Braeden Nelson Beaman, a son born to John and Summer Beaman of Mission, Texas was born March 11th. Braeden weighed in at 6 lbs., 4 oz. and was 19-3/4" long. His proud brothers Bryce and Breckin were part of the welcoming party when he came home with Mom and Dad.



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7th Annual June Bug Jog is Saturday, June 4th

The 5K Evening run & Competitive Walk will take place in the Hampton Heritage Park just off Rte. 84. Kids race (ages 1-10) will begin at 6:00 p.m. and adults at 7:00 p.m. The course is flat, along a scenic river route with water stops and traffic control. Blimpies Sandwiches will be available in the park. Pre-Register and pay entry fee by May 23 (Forms at Blimpies on Rt. 84, Hampton). For information, call Evelyn Watkins, Race Director at 309-496-9515 or 563-505-5074 or see www.RockRiverStriders.com for details.

East Moline Library News & Activities

Land Donation Enables Future Expansion

Thank You to the Greifman Real Estate Development Company for donating the 40'x120' lot west of the building to the Library. This will enable expanding the facilities in the downtown area where citizens have said they want the library to remain.

Thank You to Rick Lester and the EM-Silvis Soccer Club for their generous donations of DVD's and VHS Tapes.

Teen Summer Reading Program June 4 to July 23

Lots of fun this summer for teens. Read at least 15 minutes a day to reach 630 minutes in 6 weeks to be entered for the grand prize. Earn bonus hours and prizes along the way. Enjoy pizza judging, retro video game contest, teen trivia and "computer in a pocket".

2005 reading program for all ages

June 4th from 11:00 AM -1:00 p.m. is the kick-off. There will be a fun house, food, face painting and registration. Super heroes Powered by Books is the theme.

Only At your EM Library:

May, 2005 # Registration Required

- 19 Instruction on Microsoft Word 10-11:00 #
- 24 Friends Board Meets 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Library Board Meets 4:00 p.m.
- 26 Instruction on Microsoft Publisher 10-11:00 #
- 30 CLOSED for Memorial Day

June, 2005

- 1 Mystery Discussion Group Meets 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Summer Reading Kick-Off Day 11-1:00 p.m.
- 7 Art with Jessi & Michelle 2-4:00 #
- 9 EM Fire Department 10-11:00 Call for details
- 10 EM Fiesta Downtown 6-11:00 p.m.
- 11 Movie Night at the Library (Dusk) "Lemony Snickett"
- 13 Project S.M.A.R.T. BUS 10:30 AM
- 14 Art with Jessi & Michelle 2-4:00 #
- 16 Friends Board Meets 7:00 p.m.

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.

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Hampton Historical Society

May 18

The regular Spring Meeting of the Hampton Historical Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Hampton Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The Society is growing and moving projects into the community in general. The Brettun & Black museum has been receiving historical material that will be on display this year after opening day on May 30th.

Everyone is invited to this meeting to ask questions on the Society activities and to hear plans for 2005 and beyond.

A foolish husband says to his wife, "Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin', and scrubbin'. No wife of mine is gonna work."

Take Steps to Supplement Your Retirement Plan

Submitted by Mark Judy,
Edward Jones, East Moline



If you follow the news - or even if you don't - you're probably aware that the country is debating the future of Social Security. However, this discussion, while important, may be obscuring another key issue - namely, that many people are finding their employer-sponsored retirement plans are falling short of providing the expected level of benefits. Clearly, this is a huge problem for retirees - and a scary prospect for workers. Consequently, if you are in this second group, you will want to act now to bolster your retirement savings. Before we look at some moves you can make, let's review two factors behind the current concerns in company-funded plans:

- **Economic pressures** - For a variety of reasons, pension plans are becoming more expensive for companies to fund; consequently, some plans go underfunded. As long as a company remains solvent, its pension plan - even an underfunded one - will pay out full benefits, but the financial pressure on the company to fully fund the plan is enormous, and can cause a drag on earnings. If companies are in danger of insolvency, they may not fund their pensions at all. When a company terminates its plan, participants still won't lose their benefits, but they will lose out on potentially valuable future accruals, which typically correspond with age and length of service.

- **Switch from "defined-benefit" to "defined contribution"** - In 1979, more than 80 percent of workers covered by a company retirement plan had a "defined-benefit" plan - that is, a traditional pension that paid monthly benefits based on years of service. But by 2001, this percentage had dropped to just over 40 percent, according to the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, as companies began offering "defined contribution" plans, such as 401(k)s. This shift from "defined benefit" to "defined contribution" means that employees are now much more responsible for planning and saving for their own retirements.

What you can do

You cannot control "big-picture" events, such as a plan termination or a switch to another type of retirement plan. You can take steps to boost your retirement savings inside and outside your plan. Here are a few ideas:

- **Prioritize and quantify retirement goals** - Whether you plan to spend your retirement years traveling, volunteering, pursuing hobbies or even opening a small business, rank your retirement goals in order of importance and determine how much they are likely to cost. You may want to get help from a qualified financial professional.
- **"Max out" on your IRA** - Try to fully fund your Roth or traditional IRA every year. A Roth IRA grows tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions; a traditional IRA's gains and earnings grow tax deferred.
- **Consider delaying early retirement** - If you enjoy your work, consider extending your career by a couple of years, or take advantage of "phased retirement." You'll be able to contribute more money to your employer-sponsored retirement plan.
- **Increase 401(k) contributions annually** - Try to increase your 401(k) contributions each year, especially if you get annual raises.
- **Don't "overload" on company stock** - Avoid putting too much company stock into your employer's retirement plan; you could incur significant risk if your company goes through some ups and downs. Most financial experts recommend limiting company stock to 10 percent of your retirement plan assets.

You can't always predict what will happen with your employer-sponsored retirement plan. But by following your own savings and investment strategies, you can go a long way toward achieving the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

Few of us are ever satisfied when we get only what we deserve.

QCTRADE.COM, the Quad-Cities newest online marketplace, offers customers three different ways to post their items online: auctions, fixed price (like classifieds), and straight trades (like a swap meet). And, with free registration, free listings, and no final value fees they are being hailed as a real improvement over the other local online marketplaces.

"The Quad Cities needs a website where people can buy, sell, or trade for free," said Murray. "We truly believe that everyone should have the opportunity to sell online for free and have no intention of ever charging the community for insertion, re-listing, or final-value fees. People shouldn't be penalized for actually selling their item!" The site does offer its customers the ability to promote their listings to areas of the site like the homepage, through an online store, or for higher placement in category search results.

Customers who register before June 1 will receive a Platinum Membership (6-month subscription) for free. This membership enables customers to put their listings on the homepage, feature in the gallery, open a marketplace store, or have their items listed higher in the category search results all for free. This no obligation offer is a free gift for being one of the first to join QCTRADE.

The site is owned and operated by two entrepreneurs, Scott Fairley of Moline and Bill Murray of Los Angeles (Mr. Murray is the webmaster for Variety.com). Both men have strong ties to the community and would like to expand the site to serve both local businesses and the community at large.

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A wise person, even when silent, says more than when a fool talks.

Hidden Preservation Efforts, The Foundation of our Historical Records

Everything is more complicated than it looks at first glance. The local Historical Societies and their work is just one example. Until you start looking for original material for a school assignment or a newspaper article like this one, you'd never guess what a wealth of information that has been carefully preserved by volunteers and local organizations. Old maps, letters, diaries, accounting journals and photographs are just a part of what local historical materials are available for research in our area. Many hours have been spent by volunteers in the northern QCA river communities learning how to preserve those records for future generations. The only formal museum in the area happens to be in Hampton. Brettun & Black's is an mercantile store sitting right at the river's edge by the bike path that has been brought back to life as it was in 1849. It is a huge responsibility and financial burden accepted by the Hampton Historical Society to enrich the community and act as a repository of historical records and artifacts from all of the small river towns.

Currently, Mr. John Pischke, a limestone mason from rural DeWitt, Iowa is working to preserve the museum building itself. Most would have thought the foundations would last for years with a little concrete squished into areas where flood water and erosion had left widening gaps. The Society has learned this is not true.

At a March HHS meeting, Mr. Pischke, a certified 19th Century Limestone Building Restorationist was the speaker. His background as a former educator and history major brought him to attempt to revive the nearly lost and dying art of stone masonry. All of his procedures, methods, tools and materials meet historic specifications so his finished projects are as solid and look as they did when new. He has to his credit a long list of projects on the National Register of Historic Places in Illinois and Iowa.

The multi-layered foundations of the museum are in the process of being restored, the windows in the lower level are no longer falling out. It is a painstaking process even when done by a certified professional. Starting on Memorial Day, after the observances at the Soldier's Monument (beginning at 10:00 am), and ending at the museum, you will be able to see the fruits of Mr. Pischke's labor.



John Pischke, working in the lower level of the Brettun & Black Museum's limestone foundation.

The Hampton Historical Society remains the keeper of local materials and is always looking for new individuals or families as members that are interested preserving the past in a progressive Community. The museum is open from May to October on Saturdays and Sundays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Anyone interested in a tour at another day or time may call any of the numbers posted in the museum window and a HHS member will join you there for a tour. School, organizations and clubs are also invited to call for an appointment to tour the museum.

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation.

As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son.

"Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; do your best. Just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your new wife."

Ask the Chiropractor

By Dr. H. Dan Bobb D.C.

Question: I read that Chiropractic care can save you money on other health care costs, how is that possible, and how much does chiropractic care cost on average?

J.L., Port Byron, IL

Answer: To understand how Chiropractic care reduces overall costs to health care you must get the big picture. First, Chiropractic utilizes the abilities of our own bodies to help keep us healthy. It does this on the principle that the body has terrific recuperative abilities. As an example when you cut your finger, the body repairs the wound. Now this really happens because the brain recognizes the cut and organizes the repairs and sends out orders for different types of cells to do specific jobs to repair the wound. The reason this works is because the brain can communicate with the finger via the nervous system, and use those nerves to instruct what the other



cells should be doing 7x per second. This communication system puts our telephone system to shame. However one of the chinks in our armor is that same system of nerves. When the spine becomes misaligned or out of its normal positions, it has the ability to compress the spinal nerve roots as they exit the spinal cord (Subluxation of the spine). The spinal cord is a giant trunk of nerves that gradually separate, and exit from the spine through small holes in the vertebrae. A change in position of that vertebrae changes pressure on the spinal nerve that exits at that point, and causes interference in the nerve conduction. This reduces the number of messages the nerve can send and receive. It is this reaction that causes health to decline. When the brain can no longer monitor all the body's cells and organ subsystems, we lose that organized effort to maintain and repair health. We start down that slippery slope of **dis-ease**. Once we have lost the ability of the brain to stay in constant communication with all organs and all tissues in the human body, we no longer have speedy repairs to damaged tissues. So the system starts to bog down. This begins a series of system symptoms that our conscious brain recognizes as illness.

Because allopathic medicine (M.D.'s and D.O.'s) bases all of its treatments on symptoms, and blood and urine values that show where the body is not repairing itself, the only treatments are chemicals that try to balance the lack of repairs and the chemicals that are out of balance. So you see the emphasis of health care today spends 95% of the money on problems caused from the body bogging down on the daily repairs. Example-The mid thoracic spine is subluxated (misaligned and slowing nerve flow), so the nerves that carry the messages of how much acid should be dumped onto the food you just ate in the stomach, and the closing of the appropriate valves that contain the acid are interfered with. Subsequent erosion of normal healthy tissues occurs over time. When the symptoms escalate you consult with your doctor and are diagnosed with acid reflux dis-ease and are prescribed prilosec or nexium for the rest of your life at \$100 a month drug charge, and probably also have to take a laxative to keep your bowels regular from the side effects of the drugs. Most medications only mask the symptoms, they do not correct the cause of the symptoms. Because the underlying cause still exists, the conditions continue to accumulate. Later you will need a stronger medicine to contain the symptoms, and perhaps something else to cover up the side effects of the prescribed drug. This can become an endless circle of different medications all with a monthly price tag that dwarfs what the original doctor visit cost was and any testing done.

Chiropractic care takes an entirely different path. We work within the bodies abilities of recuperation. We examine the spine for neurologic compromise. Spinal areas of tenderness and misalignment (subluxation) are examined for normal mobility and irritation. Many times x-rays of the spine are necessary to see the afflicted areas and to analyze for structural support. With this analysis, the doctor explains the x-rays to the patient and shows where their spine is showing wear, and or neurologic compromise. With spinal manipulation to improve the spinal bone fit, normal communications return, and with it comes better health. Much as people go for regular check ups on their teeth, they should have regular check ups on their spine, and with it they will enjoy lower health care costs and better health.

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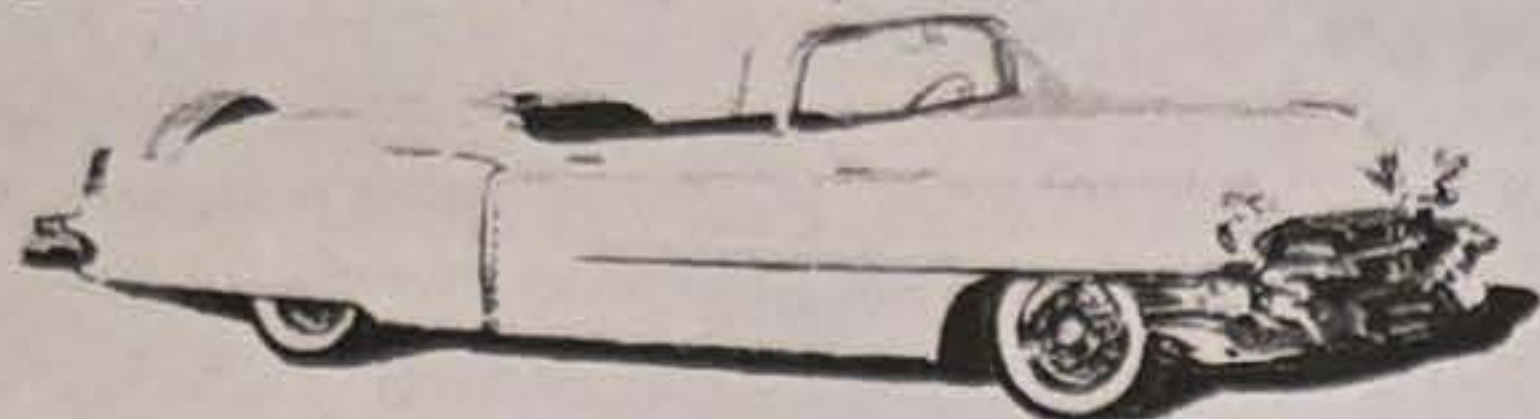
Most conditions respond to Chiropractic care within 6 treatments, and x-rays of the area are extremely helpful to the doctor in predicting outcomes. Cost can vary from office to office but average \$35 to \$50 per visit, and x-rays for any single spine area runs \$50-\$70. Doctors of Chiropractic prescribe no medications, but will educate you on exercise, nutrition and sleep postures and habits that lead to spinal problems. For more information check out the Illinois Prairie State Chiropractic Association web site at www.illinoischiropractors.org/ or our web site at www.bobbchiropractic.com.

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.
 "Is it true," she wanted to know,
 "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"
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May, 2005

14 Floy Hull - Happy 90th!
15 Tom Gillseppe
20 Dianne Nichols
22 Martha Rose Hayes
23 Becky Gould
27 Pastor Cathy Crozier

June, 2005

13 Ken Pfau
14 Jeff Cady
20 Vanessa Gillespie
Harold Newberg

Anniversaries

May, 2005

12 Terry & Gena Henrichs
15 Pauline & Bob Anders
19 Bill & Carol Williams
25 Mike & Pam Hofstetter

June, 2005

19 Jim & Charlotte
Gillespie

**Special occasion/achievement
announcements, thank you,
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Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs have about 10.

"Golfing For Our Kids", held June 28 at Glynn's Creek Golf Course, hosted by Tyson, will raise funds to support Family Resources, Inc. This social services organization is committed to children, families and out communities. Their mission is to provide advocacy, prevention, education and intervention services to families, women, children and adolescents in Illinois and Iowa. Their goal as a social services agency is to "seamlessly wrap services around individuals, families and out community in a way that is coordinated, customized and resource efficient."

The fun starts 8:00 am on the 28th. Players must pre-register. The \$85.00 per person or \$340 per team. The registration fee includes greens fees, cart, T-shirt, door prizes, steak dinner and lots of fun surprises.

Registration checks should be payable to Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. and mailed to P. O. Box 28, Geneseo, Illinois 61254. Contact Susan O'Brien Brockway at 309-658-3240 or 309-721-9456. You may also e-mail her at: susan.brockway@tyson.com. There is a registration form to complete for each team giving their T-shirt size and information if a company is sponsoring a team. Call Susan at Tyson or the Jane at the Crier office for a copy.

When a man marries a woman, they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

April closed with the busiest week of my life. My birthday was the 23rd and I had Republican Women of Rock Island County in the morning and the Annual Fish and Fire meeting in the evening. That was the Saturday that was the end of the week. Stone Soup Lunch at the Hampton Methodist Fellowship Hall was on Monday. Tuesday the reunion committee for the UT Class of 1950 met at my house to address invitations to our 55th Reunion in August. Wednesday we were at Old Country Buffet for lunch with a group I was with at Augustana College and also a Ride the River meeting in Davenport at 5:15. Thursday I had a doctor's appointment in the morning, my hair done, and took the Quad City Family and Cultural Science group on a tour through Brettun and Black's Store with a meeting at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. I was also the program "What Jammin With Jane Does in Her Spare Time". We meet three times a year and usually we tour one of the High Schools Home Economics areas. Several of our members are retired so I did the program on how you keep busy in retirement. We didn't have a very big crowd but they did enjoy the program.

To close the week I spent Friday and Saturday in Bloomington at the Illinois Republican Women Spring Conference. I hope I don't have too many more weeks like that.

I am sure you all know I am a Republican. My Father George McNeal was Republican Committee Man in Hampton for 30 years. I have been a Republican judge for about 10 years. At the present time I am membership chairman for the Republican Women of Rock Island County and District II Director. The District goes from Putnam County up to the Wisconsin border, in all 14 counties. As a member of this organization I go to Executive meetings which this year are pot luck suppers. At the last meeting we had three great dishes. Oriental Salad, Oriental Pea Casserole and a Mushroom Casserole. The first from June Harroun our treasurer, the second from Elaine Vinzant and the third from Arliss Enburg, board member.

"POTLUCK" RECIPES FROM FOOD LOVIN' REPUBLICAN WOMEN GRUNER SALAD, AKA ORIENTAL SALAD (featured at Good's Furniture Rathskeller, Kewanee, IL) Submitted by June Harroun

1 bunch or head of Napa cabbage - Wash, drain well, and slice into thin shreds mixed with 1 bunch green onions - Slice, including green tops.

Dressing:

1/3 cup oil 1/3 cup white vinegar
1/3 cup sugar 1 TBS. soy sauce

Mix and boil for one minute. Cool to room temperature. Store in refrigerator if not using right away.

Topping:

1 pkg. Ramen noodles, chicken flavor
(Set aside chicken flavor packet to use later)
1 pkg. sliced almonds Sesame seeds
1/2 Stick (4 TBS.) butter

Melt butter in baking pan with sides in a 325° oven. Add raw noodles which have been broken into bite size or smaller pieces, almonds and sesame seeds. Stir to coat pieces and brown in oven, stirring every 5 minutes or so. This takes about 20 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool to room temperature.

When ready to serve, mix dressing with cabbage. Add cooled topping and mix. Sprinkle with the chicken flavor packet and mix again.

FRESH MUSHROOM CASSEROLE Submitted by Arliss Enburg

1 pound fresh button mushrooms, sliced 1/2 cup hot water
4 TBS. granulated chicken bouillon 1 TBS. flour
1 cup commercial sour cream Dash of pepper
3 TBS. grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 of a 6 oz. package of chicken flavor Stove Top stuffing
1 1/2 sticks of margarine, melted

Add the granulated bouillon to the hot water, dissolve and cool. Mix the flour, pepper and Parmesan cheese into the sour cream. Stir the cooled bouillon into this mixture. Put the mushrooms into a 1 1/2 quart casserole dish and pour the sour cream mixture over the mushrooms. Top with Stove Top stuffing and pour the melted margarine over. Bake uncovered in a 350° oven for about 35 mins.

PEAS ORIENTAL CASSEROLE Submitted by Elaine Vinzant

3 (10 oz.) boxes frozen peas (or one 32 oz. bag)
 2 (6 oz) cans water chestnuts, drained and sliced
 1 can bean sprouts (optional)
 8 oz. mushrooms, sliced (canned, or fresh and lightly sautéed)
 2 (10.5 oz) cans condensed cream of mushroom soup
 2 (small) cans French fried onion rings (or 1 large can)
 Precook peas briefly. Mix all ingredients, except half of the onion rings. Put in large (3 qt.?) casserole dish. Bake in a 350° oven for 30 minutes. Crumble remaining onion rings over top and bake an additional 5 minutes. Serves 12. (Note: For family use, I divide recipe in half)

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Schedule

If you belong to an organization that would like to sponsor a blood drive, call Devon Gay at 563-823-4120.

This issue of the Crier salutes fathers, our armed forces and our veterans. In the memory of a loved one or to honor the living, please consider donating at one of these local drives or at the blood center.

Local Blood Drive Schedule:

Saturday, May 21 from 8-11:00 am in Colona, Illinois

Location: Colona Fire Department Goal 15 Units
 Donors who last gave blood on or before March 26, are eligible now. Call Cara at 738-8204 for an appointment or just walk in!

Tuesday, June 14th from 7:30 to 11:15 am in East Moline, IL

Location: Metrobank, East Moline Goal 25 Units
 Donors who last gave blood on or before March 18 are eligible for this drive. Call Missy Ott at 309-755-0671 for an appointment Or just walk in!

Tuesday, June 21 from 3-6:00 p.m. in LeClaire, IA

Location: Our Lady of the River Catholic Church at 28225 - 226th Street. Donors who last gave blood on or before April 26th are eligible for this drive. Call Jane Duax 563-289-5736 X258 for an appointment or just walk in!

Wednesday, July 6 from Noon -3:30 p.m. in Silvis, IL

Location: Genesis Med Center, Illini Campus, Larson Center Classroom. Goal 25 Units. Donors who last gave blood on or before May 12th are eligible for this drive. Call Debbie Hutchinson at 309-792-4279 for an appointment or just walk in!

Friday, July 22 from 12:30-4:00 p.m. in Port Byron, IL

Location: River Valley Regional Library Goal 25 Units
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Our best wishes for a happy future!

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May 30: Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

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They start using snuff or dip or chewing tobacco. When peer pressure made cigarette smoking socially unacceptable, some turned to smokeless tobacco use. If you are using snuff, chewing tobacco or dip, stop before it is too late. Here are some facts from a flyer from the American Cancer Society:

"The tobacco companies start you out on sugary, long cut dip that's easy for a new dipper to handle. As you get used to the buzz from the nicotine, you want more.

You start dipping more. You start trying finer cut brands with more nicotine to satisfy your need. That's exactly what the tobacco companies want you to do. Dipping is addictive. Period. the nicotine in dip is a drug. Why do you think you felt high the first time you tried it?

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A dipper's gums start receding. Dip changes mouth tissue beyond repair. And mouth sores that look like grayish white places on the inner cheek begin to appear. Nearly 90% of all oral cancers start from these mouth sores."

Snuff, dip and chewing tobacco are no longer cool. It is up to all of us to do more than talk users of these products. Call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or go on the Internet at www.cancer.org and copy some photos there of dip users and the consequences. Any self respecting woman who saw the stained blackened teeth, black spit and sores in the mouth of a dipper or chewer would never kiss them! EeeUuw! Gross!

One or both of these phrases appear on those small tobacco cans: "This product may cause mouth cancer." "This product may cause gum disease and result in tooth loss." Believe them!



Hampton Students Excel at Music Festival

By Judy Junis, Correspondent-at-Large

The first Friday and Saturday of every March finds Augustana College astir with approximately 800 pre-school through high school students carrying music and instruments. Tension tightens the atmosphere as these young musicians await their turn to perform at the National Federation of Music Clubs Festival, known locally as the Gold Cup Festival.

Organized and staffed by local members of the Federated Music Teachers Association, the festival is a huge undertaking. About 40 teachers volunteer to serve as judges, introducers, clerics who type the ratings and the suggestions of the judges, and for all the other organizational positions required for an undertaking of this size. Since this group has run a local festival for about 20 years, it goes very smoothly despite the long hours of 5:00 to 8:00 on Friday night and from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

There are eight performance levels of ability from First Class (pre-primary up to age 8) through Musically Advanced. Placement within a class depends strictly on musical ability. The festival is locally known as the Gold Cup Festival after the trophies awarded to the students. A superior performance earns 5 points and the student moves up a level for the next competition. When they have earned 15 points, they receive a gold cup trophy after which they begin the process again aiming for a larger cup for each succeeding trophy. Some students have been performing for many years.

Each student must play two compositions. The first must be chosen from a booklet of music by currently living American composers. The second is of their choice but for level 6 performers, most chose a foreign composer. As they play judges are watching for preparedness, rhythm and the performer's feel for their piece. Each Judge's goal is to be encouraging and to provide students with suggestions for improvement on their technique and expression. Results are sent to their teachers so that they may work with their students to the best advantage.

As I watched and listened to the performances of the three students which I was observing, it was their poise and confidence which impressed me rather than their nervousness or any mistakes. These young people obviously loved music and had practiced diligently.

Cheryl Meeske, a piano teacher in rural Hampton, told me that she had 11 students from Hampton participating. They were: Alexandra Benson (Moderately Difficult 1); Stacy Carmichael (Medium); Alex Hanson (Very Difficult); Murphy Hill (Primary 2); Lewis Hill (Primary 1); Charlie Jordan (Elementary 1); Alexander Meeske (Elementary 1); Jacob Meeske (Primary 1); Jenny Osborne (Pre-primary); Thomas Osborne (Primary 3); and Matthew Osborne (Primary 4). Every one earned a superior rating and five points. Each will move up to the next level in the 2006 judging. If you know them, congratulate them and acknowledge their accomplishment.

This is a national festival, available wherever there is a FMTA willing to produce it. It is available for piano, violin and other orchestra instruments, brass, voice, guitar and even accordion. Piano, violin and voice are the most frequently judged performers in the Quad City area. If you enjoy good music and encouraging young people, mark the first Friday and Saturday of March on your calendar for next year. The atmosphere is contagiously exciting and you couldn't find a better use of your time on an early March weekend.

Wise is the person who fortifies their life with friendships.

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying our airline." He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?" "Why, no, Ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"

River Valley District Library News and Activities

River Valley Library Summer Reading Program

Mon., June 6th through Fri., July 8th 2005

Theme this year is: **Super Heroes Powered by Books**

Get Ready to Read with Library Super Heroes and may the force of books be with you ...

Summer Reading sign-up begins at 1:00 p.m. on Monday June 6th - with our first program that evening.

Mon., June 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - **Crime Doesn't Pay, Be a Super Hero- Help Fight Crime!**

Deputies from the Rock Island County Sheriff's Dept., will be here to fingerprint our young crime fighters. Please sign up at the library or by calling 523-3440.

Wed., June 8th 10:00 a.m. **DePriest Puppets**. Ollie DePriest will be here with his marionette puppets to perform:

Classic Heroes- Prince Charming starring Sleeping Beauty. The Medieval Trickster Marionettes will perform also.

DePriest Puppets is a professional touring company with over 20 years experience, specializing in quality family and children's theater. This performance is in memory of a former library director - Mrs. Jan Griffin. Please stop in the library after May 25 to pick up more information on our Summer Reading Program. Several other activities and programs plan but not finalized at this time.

Summer Drive-in Movie List will be ready for pick-up on May 27th Please pick-up at the library

Ready, Set, S.T.A.R.T. will be held on Wed., May 18th 1:30 -2:30 p.m. at the River Valley Library with Ms. Peggy. Bring your children for an afternoon of fun!

The book will be *The Five Senses*, then, they will do some creative activities that help young children explore learning with their senses. Each family will receive a free book to take home. Registration is required. Please call Partnering with Parents, Rock Island County Regional Office of Education @ 736-1111 Friends of the River Valley Library activities.

Please join our group for *Rubber Stamping* at the library on the 1st Friday of each month

Pajama Story Time will begin again in September; Check for dates as we get closer to time.

The Friends of the River Valley Library would like to thank all those who helped serve and purchased tickets to the Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. We had a great turn out. \$450.00 dollars was raised from the dinner. These funds will be used for Kitchen cabinets.

The Friends purchased 3 new tables for the community room, additional items that will be purchased are; a dishwasher, and exhaust fan for the kitchen.

A book sale was held on April 23rd. Proceeds from the book sale was 1,755.50! These funds will go toward cabinets in the Community Room. Thank you to all those who helped set up and worked the book sale and helped with the clean up. Next Friends meeting will be held on August 1st 2005. @ 9:30 a.m.

Yoga Exercise Sessions in the upper level are held Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at \$8.00 per session. Classes continue on May 18 and 25th. Call Sally Goodman at 309-737-2496 for more information.

PILATES will continue to meet Thursday evenings through May 26 from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 per session. PILATES may be done by anyone from beginners to people with bad backs and a need for rehabilitative exercises as well as athletes. The classes are focused on developing core strength (abdominal and back) and increasing flexibility. A towel or exercise mat is recommended. Pre-registration is advised but not necessary, and may be done by calling Stephanie at 309-523-2428.

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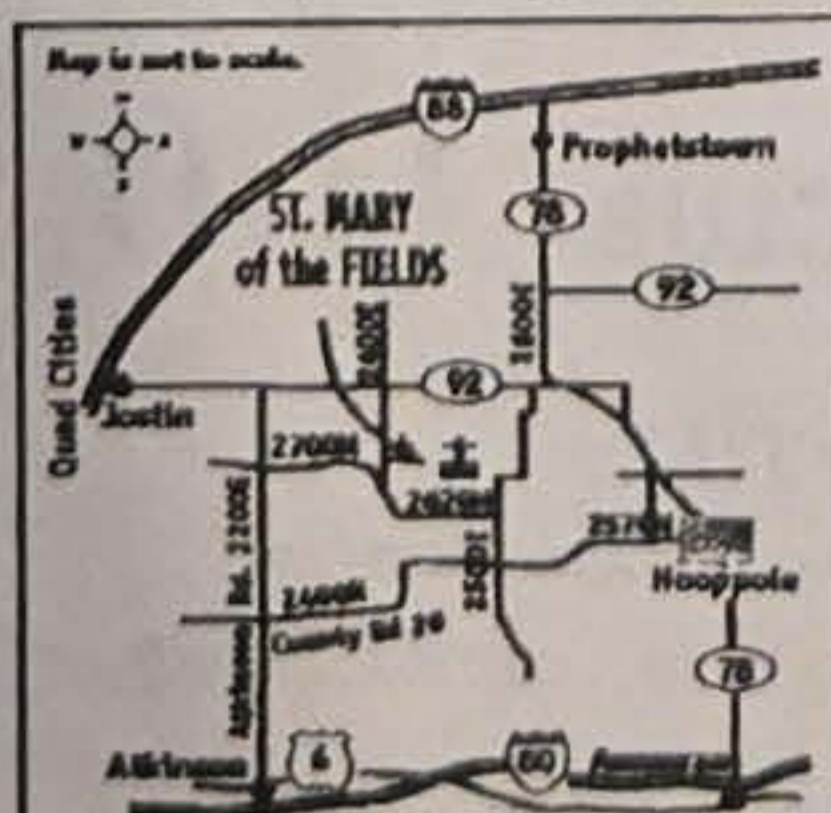
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**Summer Special Events Schedule:**

June 12: St. Joseph – Foster Father of the Bread of Life-Jesus Dedicated to Fathers. Benediction and "Rolle Bolle" Rosary procession. Guest speaker is John Schulte from Christ the King Catholic Church in Moline. Gift for all Fathers. Potluck following Holy Hour.

July 10: Deacons-Servants of the Eucharist-Honoring all Deacons. Benediction and "Rolle Bolle" Rosary procession. Guest speaker to be announced. Pot Luck following Holy Hour.

August 14: Our Lady of Guadalupe-North, Central and South America, Father Jerry Logan from the Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis will celebrate the Mass. Homily and "Rolle Bolle" Rosary procession. Potluck following Holy Hour.

E-Mail to: frsauppe@qconline.com**How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?****Memorial Day Weekend Events and Activities**

Sunday, May 29, 2005 10:00 am Patriotic Service at the Hampton Heritage Center just North of Empire Park on Route 84.

You are invited to a Sunday morning Patriotic service at the River's Edge Fellowship meeting in the Hampton Heritage Center. The service will be held outside on the patio featuring Patriotic music to honor the memory of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and recognize the heart of commitment of those serving in the military today. Invite your friends and bring those lawn chairs to blankets to sit on. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held inside the Heritage Center.) Join us for coffee and donuts at 9:30! For information, contact Dale McCauley, Lead Pastor at 737-2719 or by e-mail at "gototheriver@nbson.net"

Monday, May 30, 10:00 am The popular, annual Hampton Memorial Day Service will be held at the Soldier's Monument on First Avenue near 5th Street in Hampton. All gather at the monument for a few words then proceed to the River to place flowers on the water in tribute to those that died at sea. Finally, all gather at the steps of the Brettun & Black Museum for a reading of veteran's names and the playing of Taps. Everyone is invited to the opening of the Museum for the season immediately following the services. Please bring flowers with you for the river tribute.

Monday, May 30, 2:00 p.m. The Hampton Historical Society has been refurbishing the GAR Veteran's Memorial just inside the main entrance of the Hampton Cemetery at the top of the hill on 4th Street at Route 84.

Not too long after the Civil War, the members of the local G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) created a memorial to those that served in the Northern Army. Hampton had an unusually high ratio of residents to service men so it was appropriate to have a special tribute to Veterans at the Cemetery.

A large metal plaque of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, a canon, flag and tombstone honoring the unknown soldier have been a constant reminder of sacrifice made by local families. Prior to 1926 when the Soldier's Monument was finished down on 1st Avenue, Memorial Day observances started at the river then saw the entire village walking up the hill behind the surviving Civil War Veterans. During these events, the small organ from the old Congregational Church would be pulled up the hill in a wagon and graves were decorated.



The attendees would sing patriotic hymns, hear speeches and the traditional reciting of the Gettysburg Address. The local school children contributed to the activities with a flag drill team.

By January, 2004 when Charmian Cox Cady, a Historical Society member passed away, the area was in sad need of repair. As a youngster, Mrs. Cady had participated in the activities in the GAR's memorial plaza and had requested the area be refurbished in her memory.

You are invited to the dedication of this memorial. All the original items had been conserved and crumbling concrete replaced with granite. Memorial lights have been added and Dr. Dennis Gillespie built a podium that will list all the names of Hampton's Veterans by the war in which they participated. A meditation bench will be added later this year in hopes that those seeking their ancestors will stop for a few quiet moments at this memorial. The service will be short so please plan to come.

Story of children and ketchup: A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Local Serviceman Retires

Chief Warrant Officer Three (CW3), Charles "Chip" Weiss, son of Charles and Valerie Weiss of Hampton, is retiring from the U.S. Army on May 31, 2005. Chief Weiss and his wife, Melinda (Peterson) of Port Byron are retiring to Clarksville, TN. They have two sons, Tom (Fayetteville, NC) and Joe (Pekin, IL).



Chief Weiss entered the Army in July 1982 and has served at numerous forts in the US, Darmstadt and Kaiserslautern, Germany and Seoul and Taegu, Korea. During his 22.5 year career Chip has been an Equipment Records and Parts Specialist, Unit Supply Specialist and Property Accounting Technician for a large variety of units including one combat tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His military awards are too numerous to list here but Testify to his distinguished career.

Chip graduated from United Township High School, East Moline in 1979, attending Central Texas College and Western Illinois University. We wish him well in his retirement!

Area News Briefs

June 4th, The East Moline Elks (IBPOE of the World) will be holding a **Community Flea Market in Hereford Park, 13th Street in East Moline**. They are looking for more vendors that want to participate in this event. The Vendor Fee is Only \$15.00. Vendors bring their own tables and chairs. Don't wait! Make sure you have space for the day. Because this is an open, public park, set up will be early Saturday morning only. Doors open at 8AM. If you would like additional information, call Ethelene Jones at 309-793-5176.

The South Moline Township Senior Center has heard about the good time always had by everyone at Hampton's "Bunco night at the firehouse". A proposal has been made to have Bunco only, at the Senior Center on the first Monday of the month at 10:00AM.

The Senior Center at 637 17th Avenue is a non-smoking/no alcohol facility for everyone in the area. You need not live in East Moline or be a senior citizen. You see the Center's schedule each month in the Crier so know they have many activities throughout the month but they are open to suggestions. Although the Center will never replace Bunco Night in Hampton, they would like to hear from you if you'd like to play at least one morning a month. Call Betty or Donna at the Center 752-2643 from 9AM-3PM Monday through Fridays.

Relay for Life Teams Forming Now

The Cancer Society is looking for teams that will participate in the Relay for Life fundraising event coming to Rock Island County. Augustana's relay is set for June 24-25 and Black Hawk College is set for August 12-13.

Teams of 8-15 are formed from company, church, school, neighborhood or organization members. This group camps out during the event and keep at least 1 person moving in the relay during the event. This is not a high-endurance event. Walking is done as much as running!

Please help the American Cancer Society celebrate 20 years of HOPE by forming a team. Call our local Society at 794-0601 or 800-322-4337 for detail of how to form a team OR how you can sponsor and support a team.

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Riverway/RiverAction News

Ride the River on June 19 Th will celebrate the opening of the bike path from Davenport to Leach Park in Bettendorf. This year with your Ride the River registration, you will receive a generous bonus. You'll receive a one day admission to the Family Museum in Bettendorf, one day admission to the Quad City Sport Center, any area Family YMCA and to River Music Experience in Davenport.

This year's ride follows the path from Davenport Union Station to Leach Park in Bettendorf (unless you cross on the Arsenal bridge). After crossing the river, riders can go to the turn around at the Quarter or ride as far as Cordova. Finally, riders return to Union Station via East Moline, Moline and Rock Island. Back at Union Station there will be a concession by HyVee where you can purchase end-of-the-ride food and watch entertainment at the band shell.

Posters are beginning to appear throughout the area but if you'd like to get a registration form go to www.riveraction.org or www.qctimes.com.

There is always a need for volunteers to help at every phase of the event so if you'd like to earn the free special Ride the River T-Shirt worn by volunteers, call 563-322-2969. You may choose from numerous 3 hour volunteer shifts at various locations but you need to call NOW to insure your choice.

RiverWay trail and walking guides are not available. The new guides are inserted into the latest issue (May/June) of *QC Magazine*. If you missed it, visit the welcome centers, bike shops or the River Action offices at 822 E. River Drive in Davenport.

Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

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April 21, Hampton Science Fair Results
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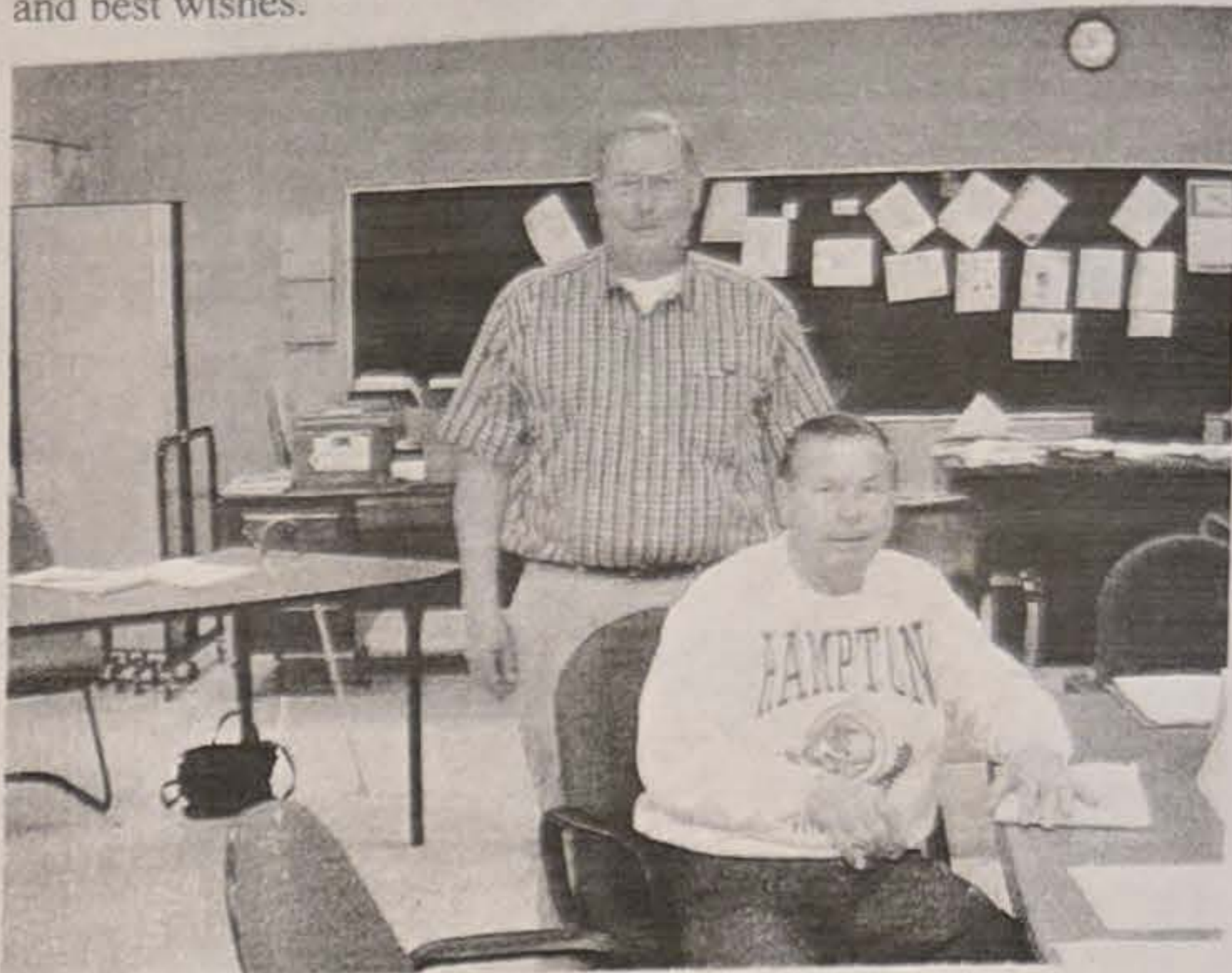


L to R: Brennan Burkland (6th Grade), 3rd Place, Emily Gillespie (5th Grade), 1st Place and Sydney Jordan (8th Grade) 2nd Place.

Hampton School and School Board notes:

Two new members have taken their seats on the board. Lisa Reynolds and Roger Greene have joined Bob Atherton, Joe Jordan, Donna Schaffer and Cliff Perry as Board members. Randy Baldrige remains Board President.

Fred Husman and Al Kipp did not run again and have retired from the Board with many thanks and kind remarks from the parents, teachers and other Board members. Thank you for your many years of service. The only photo that survived the computer crash is not the best (because it couldn't make Fred and Al appear 10 pounds lighter and 20 years younger) but the one below remained in the camera so was used here with the utmost respect and best wishes.



Thanks to Cliff Perry who was instrumental in arranging for help in spreading new mulch in the Hampton School Play yard. The project needed to be complete before summer when the children use the equipment extensively. Also thanks to the Village of Hampton for contributing \$1,000 toward the cost of the mulch.

Ann Hood, the school librarian has agreed to have the school library's book section open on summer Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to Noon. If parents drop their students off to exchange books, they will need a note stating when they will pick up their children. The school cannot be responsible for the whereabouts of children using the library or play yard. The computer lab, cafeteria and washroom facilities will NOT be available at the school after June 2nd.

Congratulations to More Science Fair Winners!

Standing Left to Right: Charlie Jordan, 2nd Place (7th Grade), Brittany Weber, 2nd Place (6th Grade), Brennan Burkland, 1st Place (6th Grade), Nikki Beals, 1st Place (7th Grade), Sydney Jordan, 1st Place (8th Grade) and Nikki DeCrane, 2nd Place (8th Grade).
 Seated Left to Right: Wesley DeVoss, 1st Place (3rd Grade), Tristyn Rivera, 2nd Place (3rd Grade), Jessi Tapia, 1st Place (4th Grade), Becca Kosminsky, 2nd Place (4th Grade), Stephanie Milechik, 2nd Place (5th Grade), Emily Gillespie, 1st Place (5th Grade).

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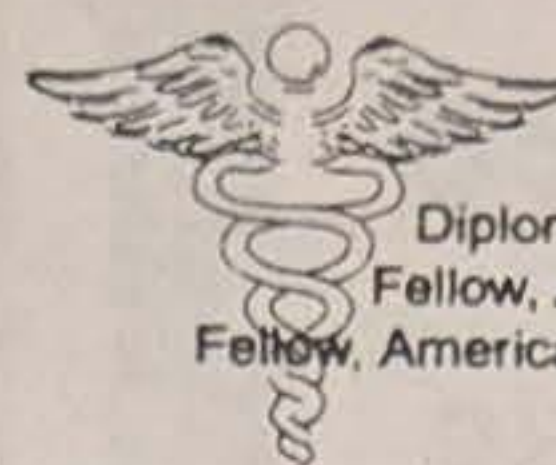
We were visited the other day by a young woman who was confused about pre-planning for funeral services. "I'd like to make my wishes known," she said, "but what happens if I change my mind? Aren't my choices 'locked in' for good?"

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The things most important to you will be all settled - and the resulting peace-of-mind is one of the most precious gifts you can give your family. There is still enough activity to keep them busy in the "dark hours".

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TWO POTS A Chinese Tale

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For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

Now, go tell all your crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers...

HAPPIEST BRIDE

By Mary Lou Schaechter

At my wedding on May 2, 1959, I was smiling, of course. Then the priest blessed us with holy water — lots and lots of holy water. I glanced over at Bob; then I stared at him. Water was running down his face and dripping off the end of his nose. As I watched, he tried to blow the drips away.



The urge to giggle or laugh was overwhelming, but I knew that if I started to laugh I would not be able to stop. I struggled to concentrate on the words of the ceremony.

The photographer walked up to us later and remarked, "I have never seen a bride as happy as you were during the wedding. Your face and eyes were filled with laughter." I did not tell him why I was an extraordinarily happy bride.

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About Local Raffles

May 7th, at the Pancake Breakfast in Heritage Park, a winning ticket was drawn. The winner of the Mother's Day Basket Raffle held by the Fire Rescue Auxiliary in Hampton was Georgiana Sedgwick of Hampton. The contents were valued at over \$300.

The Auxiliary Members are still selling tickets for the Father's Day Basket. Dad's basket is also valued at over \$300. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from any Auxiliary Member or by contacting the Hampton Towne Crier Office at 752-0627. The drawing will be held on Saturday, June 18th and winner notified in time for Father's Day delivery. All proceeds from the Mother's day and Father's Day basket Raffles and the yard sale on May 7th support our volunteer firefighters.

The deadline for the Crier is usually the 6th of the month so at press time, the names and photographs from the May 7th Firefighters raffles were not available. Look for them in the next issue.

A Wedding Tale

By Colleen Poncin

Thinking back on our wedding, which I am certain was back when dinosaurs danced daily on the Mississippi River, there are lots of tales I could tell. City Boy-Country Girl, differences in wedding customs and traditions.

The all day drizzle, which I was convinced were angel's tears of happiness that we were pulling this event off. My wedding shoes being locked in the trunk of a car whose key disappeared, forcing me to face the fact that I might have to be a barefoot bride. There were the feuding family members and the closet alcoholics in their midst who we were trying to keep under control by having a "dry" wedding with soft drinks only.

There was the toast on the plane as we left for our honeymoon. The plane circled Chicago for over an hour in the midst of a violent thunderstorm and was not allowed to land. The champagne for the toast was frozen solid.

These things, while mildly interesting and if amplified might make a captivating story, all pale in comparison to the singular event that happened the week prior to the wedding, when we were getting our marriage license.

There we were on an early November Saturday morning in the Rock Island County Court House. We'd completed all the paperwork and blood tests and were standing in line. Then it was our turn. We approached the window and handed the clerk our folder of papers and the application fee. Suddenly the earth trembled and the granite counter beneath our hands wobbled and wavered. At the very moment we applied for our marriage license, Illinois suffered one of its' most memorable earthquakes ever!

Was this a harbinger of our life to come? Was God sending us a message? Was he feeling joyful and jocular right long with us that we had made it this far or was he warning us to proceed with caution?

Well, looking back over the years to that lurching license day, our marriage has always been one of love laced with surprise and adventure. Nothing "ordinary" about it ever.

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Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a particularly windy and bumpy day: During the final approach, the Captain was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo. Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

Hampton School's Bob Gipson Retires

Bob Gipson, 8th Grade teacher is retiring. Dana Murphy, who is currently teaching in Media, will take over the 8th grade next year.



Please note. This grainy photo doesn't do Bob Gipson justice. He just lost 100 pounds! Double congratulations!

Mr. Gipson left Farmall, took a 50% pay cut and started teaching in Bettendorf in 1971 then in Moline in 1972 as an itinerant elementary PE coach rotating between 21 schools. In 1973, he settled into Hampton's school to wear many hats. Although hired as a PE teacher, he was involved in student council, Science Club, was an 8th grade sponsor, directed school plays, graduation...and of course, coached boys basketball, softball and track. — all in his first year! He is proud that while coaching boy's basketball, they had one undefeated year and never finished less than 3rd in conference. Bob was also responsible for introducing a radical idea (for those times) of Co-Ed PE Classes.

Working through numerous part time jobs to supplement his teacher's income and weathering his image as a long-haired, motorcycle riding hippy, he kept his teaching career balanced with outside interests. He went from part-time to night jobs then to owner-operator of the Cordova Dragway. He also earned a pilot's licenses (up to a commercial license). For the last 33 years, he's been boating on the Rock and Mississippi Rivers and during his 41 years of drag racing, holds several national records as well as a national win.

Among Bob's proudest accomplishments while at Hampton have included:

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..That 100% of our science students are meeting state standards the last two years.

..that he has produced 33 of the 38 Hampton science fairs.

..that he's never missed a graduation.

..that he's seen approximately 1,000 students graduated representing three generations.

..that after massive school reforms about every 5 years, he believes that the teacher's relationship with his/her students is what really makes the difference in the classroom. New programs are great, but they don't mean a thing unless you have that first.

Many thank him for demonstrating that goal setting gets you where you want to go in life. Some remember his class opener: "Off your feet, in your seat, book open, mouths closed!"... or his encouraging "Get a skill, get a job, and have a future!"

In parting, he said: "I have been truly blessed and privileged to be involved with the many fine people, parents and students in Hampton. 'It takes a village to raise a child' (African proverb) and Hampton is the greatest 'village' for doing just that. The true reward in teaching is not the paycheck, but the chance to make a difference, to help, to touch lives."

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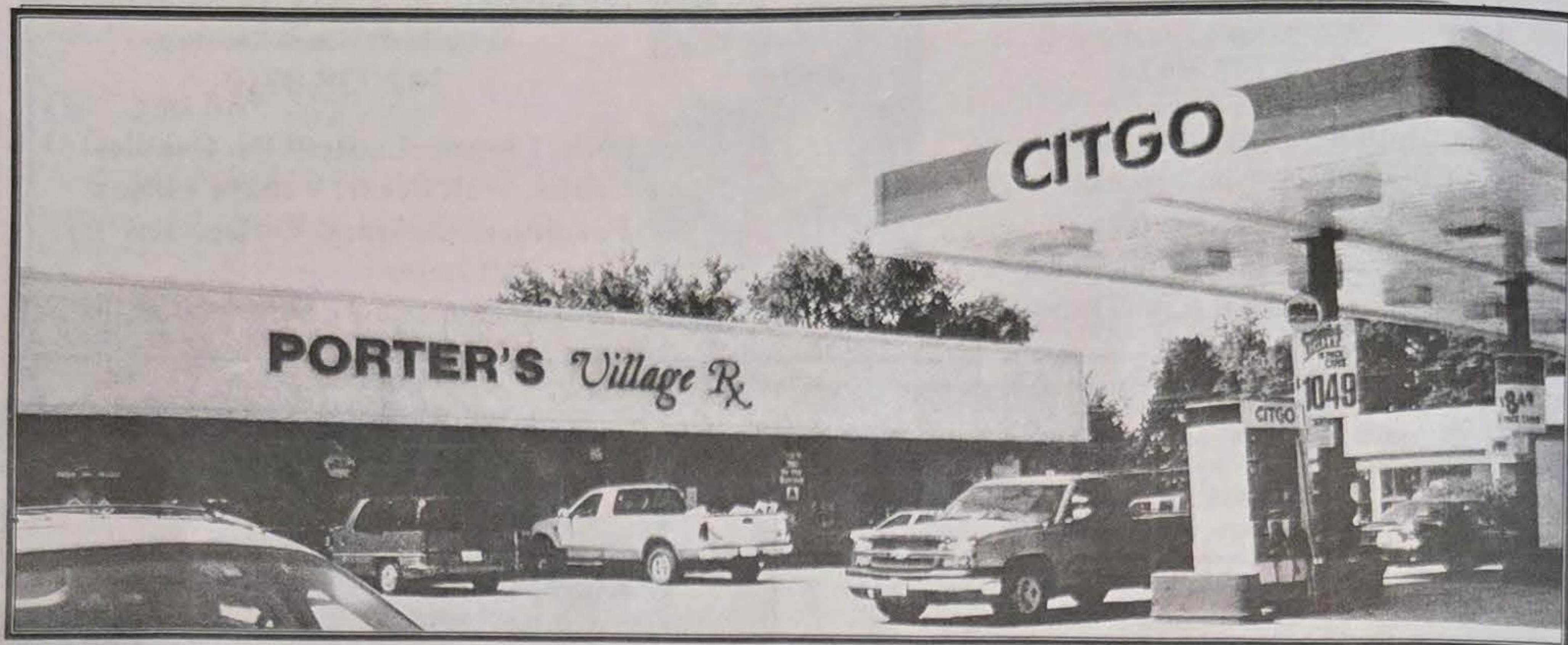
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