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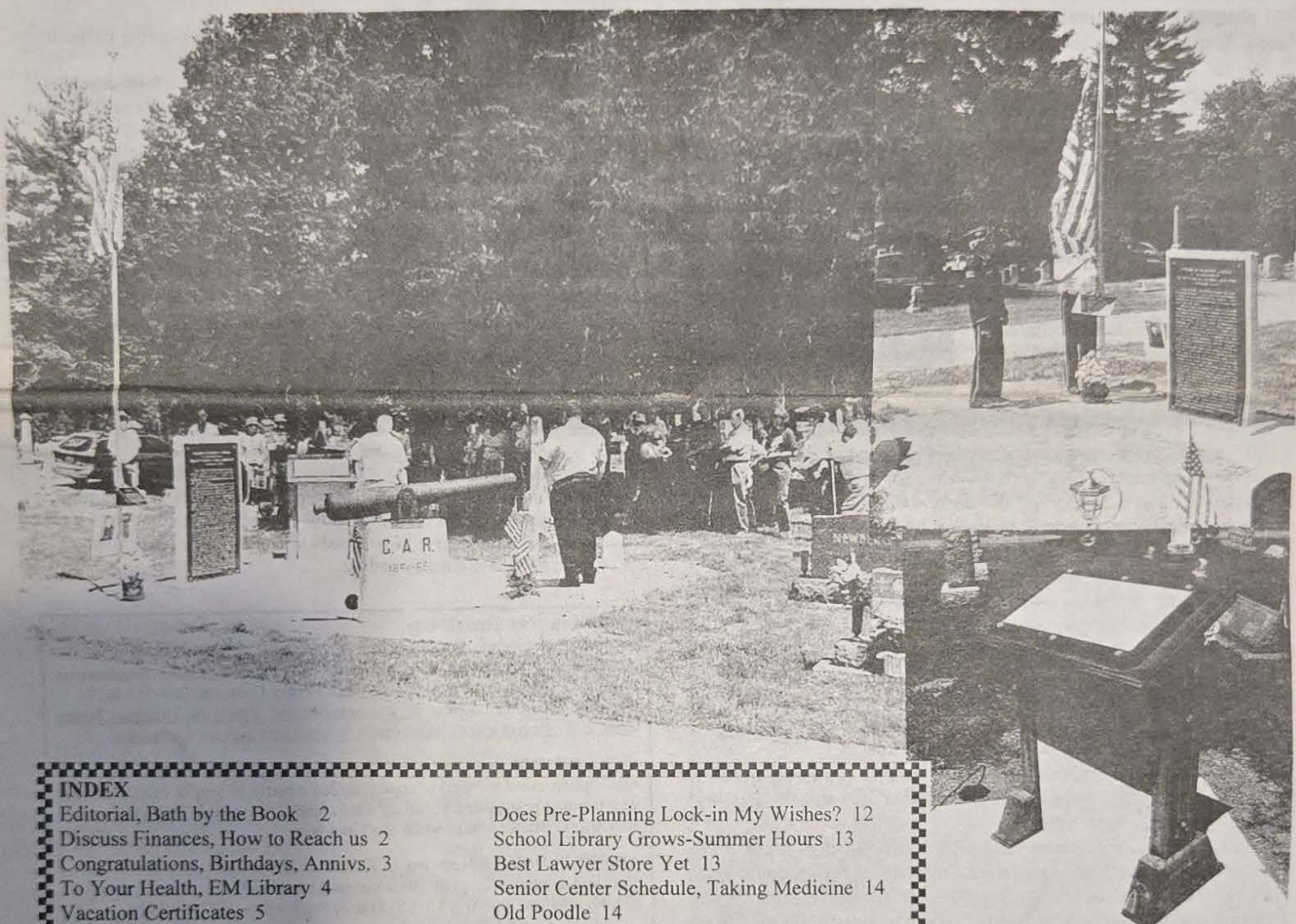


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MEMORIAL DAY - HAMPTON DEDICATES REFURBISHED G.A.R. VETERAN'S PLAZA IN CEMETERY

The hand bell of a young pioneer teacher rang to start the dedication service. A color guard provided by the American Legion Post 227 of East Moline raised the flag while Firefighter Don Adams read "The Flag", a poem by Helen Welshimer. Rocky Nelson, President of the Hampton Historical Society gave a little background on the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) and Hampton's Unknown Soldier honored in the Plaza with an small obelisk, GAR flag marker, tombstone and solar light. A dedication and benediction prayer by Rex Larson was followed by singing the national anthem and the playing of TAPS.

Although experiencing delays of the project originally planned for completion by last November, it is now available for visits. It is a quiet place to read the Gettysburgh address and find the names of loved-ones on the Veteran's List sealed in the top of the wooden podium handcrafted by Dennis Gillespie. See Rocky Nelson's column in this issue for additional information. The Hampton Historical Society project was in memory of Member Charmian Cox Cady.



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Editorial: Celebrating Siblings

As a nation, we celebrate motherhood and fatherhood and in the churches, we celebrate children's day. We even have a special day to honor secretaries and a week for friends.

What I'd like to see added to our holiday list is a Siblings Day. A day to celebrate the relationships between brothers and sisters. A day for those of us who have lost our parents to pause and recognize that our siblings many times stand between us and deep loneliness.

Friends, a spouse or your own children are great but there is always something special about the brother or sister who fought you for a window seat on a long drive or on a rare occasion, defended you against the other kids' taunts. As we grow older and one after another sibling leaves home for school, the service or to start their own home, we get a glimpse of what it will be like to lose loved ones in the future. Learning to cope with those little empty places in our lives, strengthens us for the eventual, larger loss of parents.

Brother's and sisters are woven into your life regardless of any communication, despite emotions. Siblings are more permanent than a spouse and for many, more supportive. Any negative sibling relationships may be ignored but the overwhelming number of positive ones deserve a special day of celebration and recognition. Until an official holiday date is chosen, select your own.

As for me, a special "Love Ya!" to my brothers Michael and Jeffery. (Special Happy Birthday to Jeff on June 14th.)

A Bath By The Book

By Franciska Rasmussen

My daughter Colleen had a cleft pallet when she was born in 1946. At that time, we did not have the wonderful medical system we now have in the Quad Cities. It was decided that she had to go the University Hospital.

We took her from Moline Public Hospital right to the hospital in Chicago. She was carried in a bassinet and I was very frightened and over-protective.

After she was examined by the doctors there, it was determined she was too young for the operation. We were told to go to the hospital supply and buy special nipples that would cover the hole in the roof of her mouth and let the milk go into her throat instead of coming out her nose.

Homecoming was a joyous occasion. We were now a real family since we had Colleen home. Then, reality set in as my husband went off to work and I was all alone with the baby. There was so much I did not know about babies. I had never been around any, had never even held one and here I was with my own baby and I was overwhelmed.

I had expected my mother or even my sister to come help me on My first day home with the baby. Mother had the flu and my sister's son had chicken pox.

Bath time was delayed as long as possible but then it could be put off no longer. You would think any rational person could give a baby a bath - wrong - not this one. Thank heavens for Better Homes and Garden's Baby Book. It gave wonderful directions to the new mother. Therefore, I went step by step according to instructions. Both baby and I survived. I felt as if I had built the Great Wall of China all by myself since I had not dropped that slippery, squirming little thing and she was now sleeping all clean and comfy.

I got better at the bath thing and all the joys of motherhood fell into place. Come to think of it, being a grandmother is fine too!



Have a friend or relative who has moved out of this area and would enjoy receiving the Towne Crier? Copies to be mailed for one year for only \$7.50 per subscription.

When a man gets up to speak, people listen, then look. When a woman gets up, people look; then, if they like what they see, they listen.

Pauline Frederick

Discuss Finances Before Wedding - and After Honeymoon

Submitted by Mark Judy, Edward Jones

It's June - a popular month for weddings. If you're planning on getting married this month, you've got a lot of things to think about: guests, flowers, honey-moon, etc. However, there's one factor you won't want to overlook: how you will handle finances as a couple. It may not be as much fun to talk about as the food you will have at your reception, but as your marriage progresses, it will be far more important.

In fact, financial troubles are often cited as one of the leading causes of divorce. And, as you go through life, you'll find that you can't prevent every type of financial woe, such as a job loss, an unexpected medical bill, and so on. But there's a lot you can control - if you work together.

Before the wedding: Open the books

Before you get married, you should already know your fiancée's temperament, likes and dislikes and favorite activities. But do you know how much money he or she makes? How about debt? How large are his or her debt payments each month? What amount of savings will your future spouse bring into the marriage?

It may feel strange to talk about these issues before you "tie the knot." But it will be a valuable conversation. Try to conduct it when you both have plenty of time, and aren't stressed out over wedding plans or other issues. And don't keep any secrets: Bring out all sources of income, all debts, all savings and investments - everything you both will bring into the marriage. Once you're married, neither one of you should be surprised at what the other owns or owes.

After the wedding: Chart your course

Early in your marriage, you'll want to make some long-lasting financial decisions. Here are two to consider:

- **Joint or separate checking?** - Should you maintain a joint checking account, two separate accounts, or a joint account plus individual accounts? There's really no one right answer for everyone. You might want to use a joint checkbook to pay for the mortgage, utilities, car payment and other major expenses that you incur together, while keeping individual accounts to pay for personal expenses or purchases. However, if you do keep a joint account, you should both agree on what it's to be used for, and how much you will each contribute to it.

- **What are your investment goals?** - Talk about those goals for which you'll want to invest, such as a house or a specific retirement lifestyle. If you have children, you may want to save for college. In any case, once you know what you're saving for, you'll be able to establish appropriate investment strategies, possibly with the help of a financial professional. Keep in mind that you and your spouse may have different *tendencies* - that is, you might favor aggressive investments, while your spouse may be more conservative. You'll need to reach some common ground if you're going to invest in a way that will satisfy both of you.

Communication is key

Ultimately, the biggest factor behind your financial success as a couple isn't how much you make or how cleverly you manage your money - it's how well you communicate. If you're always on the same page, your story will likely have a happy ending.

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Dogs and cats are better than kids ...they eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about having to buy the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, and don't need a gazillion dollars for college - and if they get pregnant, you can sell the children.

Heritage and Other Park Users

Park Bike Patrols will be starting for the summer with officers primarily concerned with the safety of all those that use the park and the hundreds of cyclists on the bike path every day. They will also be monitoring dog owners in the park. The news is filled with reports of unattended dogs attacking people and other animals. Be aware that leash laws will be enforced.

Your dog must be on a leash (with you holding it) whenever you are on the street or in the parks. IT'S THE LAW!

Congratulations

"Congratulations **Brianna!** Keep up the good work"
Love Tony and Vera

From Sharon & Bob Lovern of Hampton: "Congratulations to **Brianna Rohs** on her accomplishments of honor roll and perfect attendance, and graduation from 8th grade at Riverdale Middle School. We love you. Granny Sharon, Pa Bob and Uncle Brian."

May 11, 2005 United Township High School presented Academic Achievement Awards sponsored by Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce. An unusually high number of those given awards were from Hampton School. The top 10 achievers from each class included. The local award winners were:

Freshmen: **Andrew Mohr and Lisa Schippers**

Sophomores: **Alexandra Benzon, Stefan Escontrias and Jerome Harms**

Juniors: **Olivia Husman, Cara Neary and Laura Schippers**

Senior: **Amanda Chaffee**

Jennifer Shaffer took first place in Business & **Amanda Chaffee**

Took second place in Foreign Language

This was the 46th year for the program which awards monetary scholarships to the highest achieving high school seniors in several academic categories. Additionally, freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors ranking in the top ten of their class are recognized for their accomplishments. Congratulations to all the winners!

Heather Marie Baldrige. Happy Graduation from United Township. Best wishes for a great future!

Retirements

June 3rd, **Georgia Baldrige** retired from the Rock Island Arsenal. Congratulations Georgia. You'll have no trouble dealing with all your new "free" time!

Birthdays

June, 2005

- 2 Robert Atkins
- 4 Mike Graham
- 8 Evelyn Millen
- 10 Helen McKay
- 13 Ken Pfau
- 14 Jeff Cady
- 16 Dave Aeschliman
- 20 Vanessa Gillespie
- Harold Newberg
- Charles W. Gavin
- 22 Phyllis Trommer
- 25 Jeff Cornelius
- Burton Phillips
- 27 Torey Graham

July, 2005

- 1 Gwendolyn R. Gavin
- 2 Tim Gillespie
- 15 Matthew Gillespie
- 18 Justine Marie Franklin
- 24 Amy Gould
- 28 Theresa Cox
- 29 Eileen A. Gavin

Anniversaries

June, 2005

- 6 Ray and Connie Leader
- 11 Lyne & Donna Leader
- 18 Gordy & Cindy Cornelius
- 18 Steve & Cheryl Reader
- 19 "Smokey" and Lee Hanseman
- 19 Ken & Phyllis Trommer
- 19 Jim & Charlotte Gillespie

July, 2005

- 22 Rick & Anita Gillespie

Births

Madison Isabella Bullock was welcomed into the world by her parents Corey & Robin Bullock on May 30, 2005. She was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 19-1/2" Long. Welcome!

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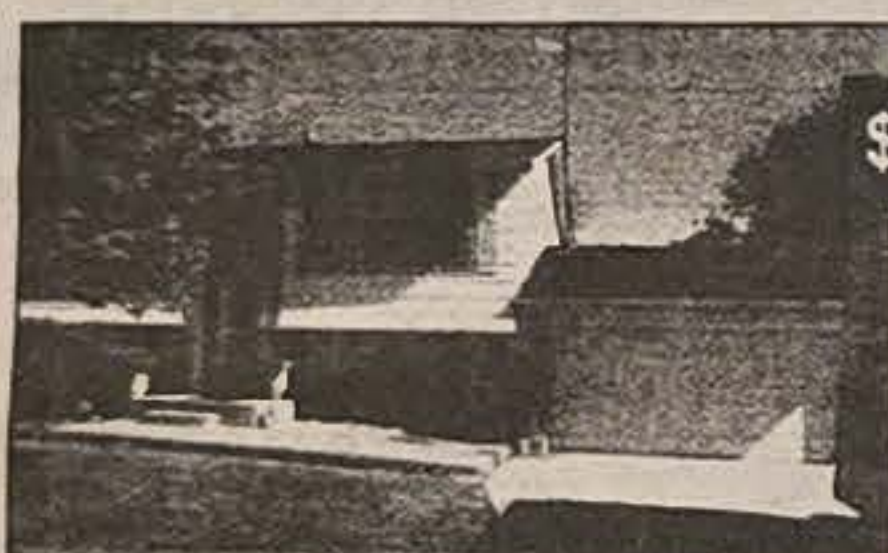
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Give The Frog A Loan

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday." Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

The bank manager looks back at her and says...

"It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

(You're singing it, aren't you?)

To Your Health

Dr. Walter Bradley, MD.
Emergency Room Physician



I'd like to talk about an issue we all relate to — back pain. Warm days are here and we're planting, mowing, and spring cleaning. Remember to bend at the knees, and lift with your legs. If you injure your back, contact your physician immediately or go to the emergency room. In the meantime, ice the affected area. If you don't have an ice pack, a bag of frozen peas or vegetables will achieve the same effect.

Wear a hat and protective clothing during sun exposure, and use mosquito repellent. Sunscreen also is a necessity to help protect you from skin cancer.

Fathers Day is approaching. I will honor my dad this father's day with my siblings. He is a retired chef. I am the oldest of 7 siblings and grew up in the West end of Chicago. Although we didn't have the amenities some families could afford, love was the center of our home. A fond memory I have of my dad after obtaining my first job at age eleven (a paper route). My dad, after working six days out of seven would awake with me at 4:30 in the morning to go with me on my route. That dedication and commitment of a father to a son has always remained a part of me has encouraged me to do the same with my son.

Please remember your neighbors and friends who may not have someone to acknowledge them this Fathers Day. Our fathers gave us a heritage that is our obligation to continue. Also, some children will honor their mother on Fathers Day, as their father may be deceased or uninvolved. Please support them, as Mom frequently has a dual role.

I wish you well.

East Moline Library News & Activities

Teen Summer Reading Program:

June 4 to July 23 is the time for lots of summer fun for teens. Read at least 15 minutes a day and 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".

June, 2005 Activities (* Registration Required)

- 14 *Art with Jessi & Michelle 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 16 Friends Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Starts 11:00 Young adults Retro Video Game Contest
- 19 *Blanket Tying 6:00 p.m. (Registration Required)
- 20 *Art with Jessi & Michelle 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 21 "Computer in a Pocket" 5-6:30 p.m. for young adults (20 minute limit)
- 22 Magician Rick Eugene from 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- 23 Drive-Inn Movie: National Treasure at Dusk
- 28 *Art with Jessi & Michelle 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 30 Pizza Judging Contest for young adults 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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Did you know that....

- Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at same time .. hence, multi-tasking was invented.
- Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.
- There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.(or any others either)
- The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan; there was never a recorded Wendy before!
- There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple, and silver!
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors. Also, it took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa's lips.

Vacation Certificates

From your Local Better Business Bureau

Timeshare resorts, travel clubs, and other companies may notify you by mail or telephone that "You have been selected for an island vacation, that includes free airfare and accommodations." Or maybe you filled out an entry form for a vacation sweepstakes at a store, trade show or other local event. Why are these offered and how do they work?

Businesses often provide vacation certificates with the goal of selling a specific product or service. They print these certificates in large quantities, believing that the attraction of a "free" vacation will draw customers to their sales site. Making a purchase or attending a sales presentation may be required to claim a vacation at a timeshare resort, membership campground or other land sales promotion.

Vacation certificate offers vary. Some certificates include lodging in a hotel or timeshare resort for a certain number of days and nights. Other offers include airfare or a cruise, or provide one complimentary ticket with the purchase of a second. Some certificates include discount coupons for restaurants, tours or attractions in the resort area.

Companies using vacation certificates may require a non-refundable processing and handling fee or a refundable deposit of \$50 to \$100 to reserve a vacation offer. Vacation certificates requiring a refundable deposit often state that the deposit will be returned after a vacation has been taken. Written confirmation should be sent when the deposit is received.

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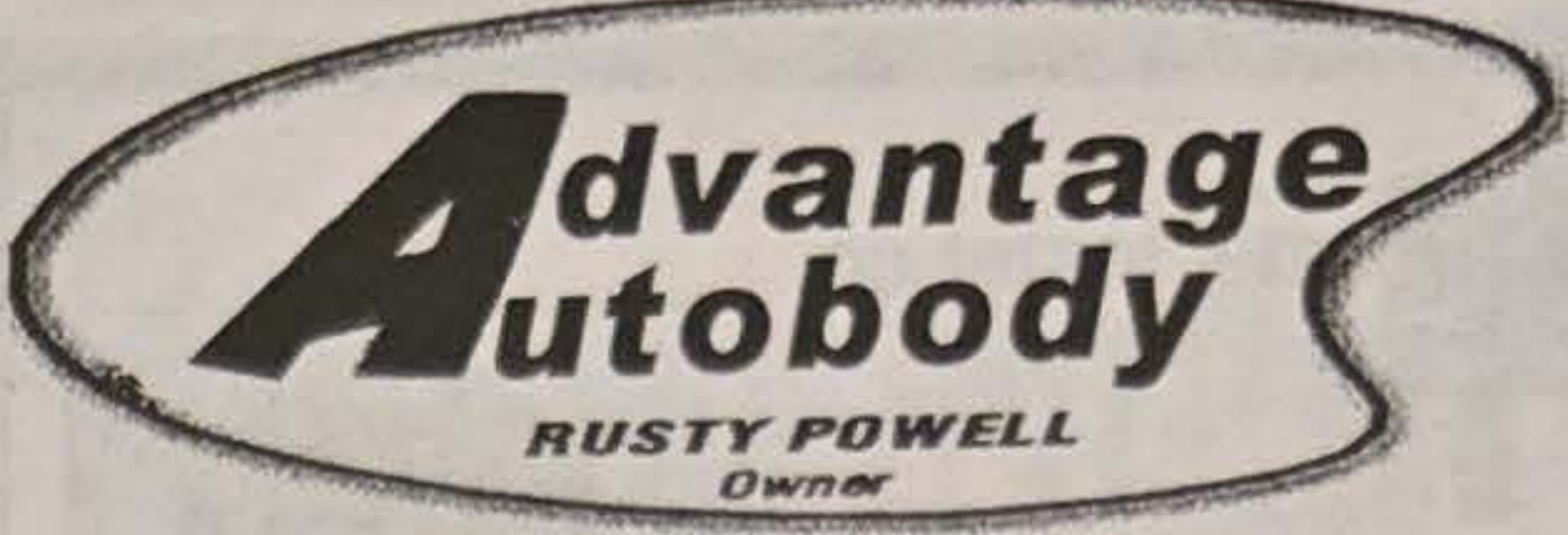
Before committing to participate in any vacation promotion, it's wise to do the following:

1. **Contact your Better Business Bureau for a reliability report** on the company providing the vacation certificate and any other company involved in an offer that requires you to listen to a sales presentation or purchase a product. Until you receive complete details in writing of total cost, terms and conditions and restrictions, do not offer any payment to the company.
2. Read the rules carefully. Do you meet the required conditions, such as age and marital status?
3. Determine all costs involved in using a vacation certificate. It will be your responsibility to pay for anything not specifically mentioned.

Ask - Do you pay for:

- A. Hotel, timeshare resort or other lodging? Meals?
 - B. Transportation from your home to the resort? Do you have to travel to a distant location before the company pays for "free" travel?
 - C. Transportation from the airport to the lodging accommodation?
 - D. Additional fees for the peak tourist season? When is the peak season? Are there any port taxes when visiting a foreign country?
- Before traveling, confirm all arrangements directly with the:
1. Airlines, cruise lines, etc.
 2. Hotel, timeshare resorts, etc. (By requesting descriptive brochures directly from the lodging you may avoid any unpleasant surprises once you arrive.
 3. Business Sponsors such as restaurants or resorts attractions offering discount or other coupons.
 - E. Determine any restrictions on the use of these coupons.
 1. If "free" travel is offered, can you make your own travel arrangements, or do you have to use a specific travel agent? If you use the company's travel agent and you must pay for a second ticket, determine if the cost of the second purchased ticket is more than if you have made your own travel plans for two through another source. Is the rate competitive with rates available through other travel agents, airlines, etc?
 2. Ask the vacation certificate promoter what happens if the hotel or other accommodations are completely booked.
 3. If a refundable deposit is required, when and how do you get it back? Find out what the company will do if it can't match your request with a specific vacation time. Can you get your money back?
 4. If you attend a land sales presentation, obtain a copy of the Property Report often required by federal law, and read it before signing any contract or written agreement.

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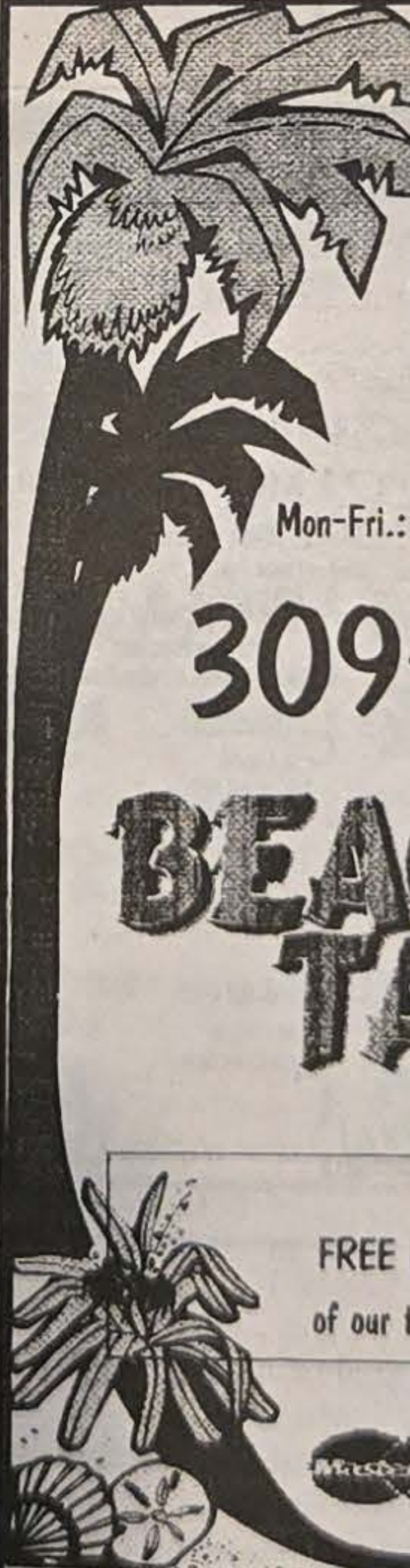
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A Well Planned Life

Two women met for the first time since graduating from high school.

One asked the other, "You were always so organized in school, Did you manage to live a well planned life?"

"Yes," said her friend.

"My first marriage was to a millionaire; my second marriage was to an actor; my third marriage was to a preacher; and now I'm married to an undertaker."

Her friend asked, "What do those marriages have to do with a well planned life?"

"One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

The Long "Greene" Line (for Gary and Moe and Mike) By Colleen Moore Poncin

This afternoon as I look out my bedroom window I hear the purr of a popping motor and see a matchbox size green tractor gliding across the brown field. Even if I weren't looking, I'd know the sound of that machine anywhere.

I grew up literally cutting my teeth on John Deere. My father worked in the Harvester works at that company. I don't really know what he did there, except that he ran a machine that made parts for tractors and combines.

We lived in a tiny little Illinois town and in school, if your parents didn't work for John Deere, they were farmers who had lots of John Deere equipment in their barns.

When I was 3, and apparently very gullible combined with a whole lot of Daddy-worship, I totally bought the tale (or would that be tail?) that he would get me a job feeding the deer up on the neon sign. When I was older and pointed out to him that it was not a real deer, he said yes, he'd made a mistake but that I could have a job feeding the real deer in the back lot. Of course, there were no deer or back lot, for that matter, but I still believed this myth for an exceptionally long time. I think I gave it up about when the reality of St. Nick's humanity came into question.

Rivalry between International Harvester and John Deere was more than intense. My brother Gary, being quite the trickster, snuck a *Nothing Runs Like a Deere* bumper sticker on the back of my step-father's car. My step-father happened to work for International Harvester and had no idea about the addition that had been made to his car. When he came out of the shop into the parking lot, there was his car with four flat tires!!

We all grew up. My brother, like many of our peers, went to work at John Deere not too long after my Dad retired. In fact, he worked in the same shop. Like father, like son. I moved away. But, I always treasured the sight and sound of a John Deere wherever I went. I even spotted a couple in Ireland and the green held its own in the greenest place of all.

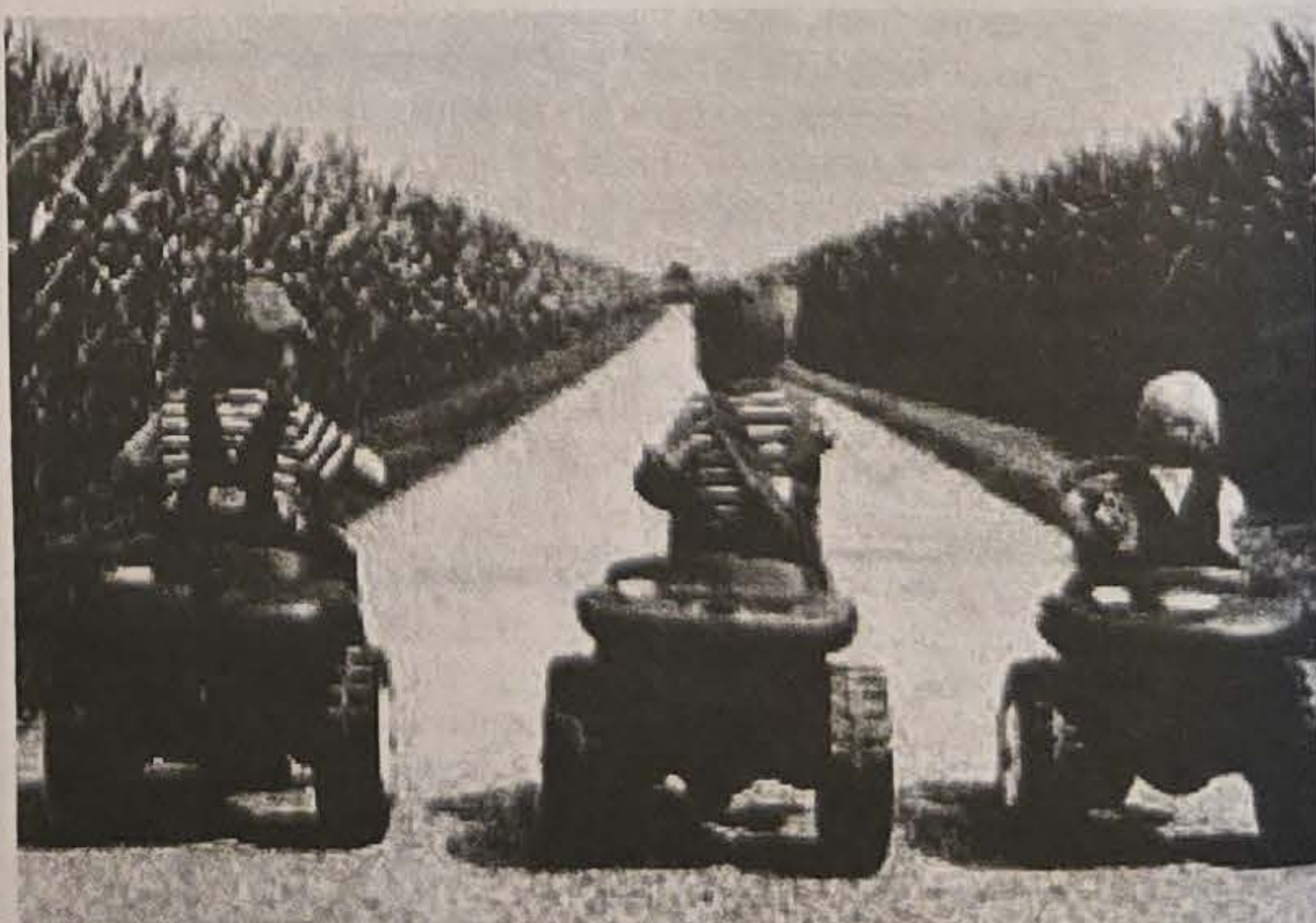
When I turned 50, my oldest son made me a huge mailbox that looked like a John Deere tractor, with a seat and steering wheel and rubber tires. The body of the mailbox, being the body of the tractor, had a gorgeous yellow deer logo running on its side.

We built a shed in the back yard and I bought that signature green and yellow paint: big boards green and a thin yellow pin stripe where the boards met. It was stunning!!

Since then I have turned into a true Deere-o-phile. No, not the random Deere T-shirt or clock. Not for me-instead I have John Deere sheets and dinner dishes and silverware.

This morning my daughter-in-law sent me a photo of three little guys on a gravel road on their John Deere's between 2 fields of fantastic corn. Seeing their faces is not necessary. They're three potential farmers riding off toward their destiny.

I've been having some blood work done recently and I'm always surprised to see red fill up those vials. I feel like somehow it would be appropriate to have them fill up with blood that is a touch of sunshine yellow and good old John Deere green!



Marrying a man is like buying something you've been admiring for a long time in a shop window. You may love it when you get it home, but it doesn't always go with everything else. Jean Kerr

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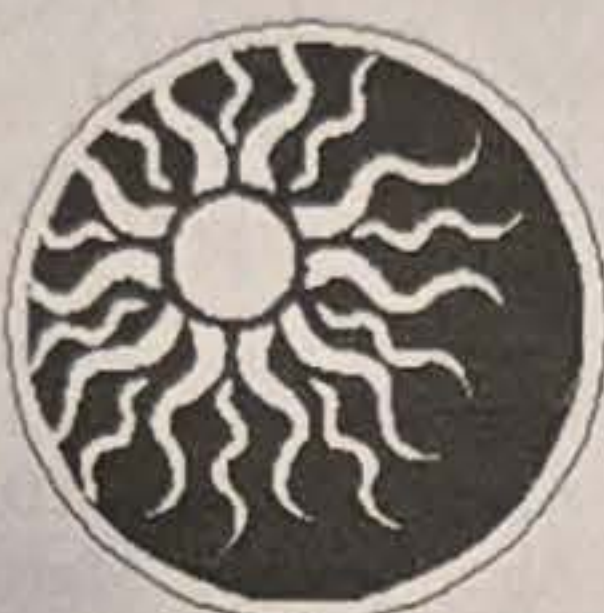
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Notes from a conversation with Sherry Zaruba

During an interview at Zaruba's Salon and Day Spa, the topic of "fixing" what people did to their own hair came up and Sherry Zaruba offers this advice for keeping your hair and skin healthy while you enjoy summer activities.



Hair:

Keep in mind, summer heat dries hair while the chlorine in pool water will change/ruin the original look of colored hair.

Wearing a hat or cap allows oils and sweat to build up on the scalp clogging the hair roots. To keep hair healthy, shampoo frequently and thoroughly with special attention to the scalp.

When at the swimming pool, do not allow the pool chemicals to dry on your hair as they cause split ends and discoloration. If you want to sunbathe for a while, return to the showers and shampoo your hair. Just rinsing hair does NOT remove the pool chemicals.

Remove split ends as soon as possible, especially on color treated hair. Before swimming in a chlorinated pool, wet hair and apply a heavy conditioner to the ends of the hair.

Everyone enjoying the summer (yes, even the men) should use a quality brand of conditioner made to seal the hair and has an SPF of at least 30.

By keeping the hair and scalp extra clean, using a good conditioner and avoiding split ends, your hair should survive without damage.

Skin:

Everyone knows to wear sun blocking lotion with at least an SPF of 15 or higher but do you apply it properly?

Reapply lotion every hour or half hour if you are seating.

Reapply lotion to ALL exposed skin, not just your face. Skin cancer/Melanoma may begin ANYWHERE on the body even if not exposed to sunlight. Some things are out of our control but making sure we protect our exposed skin is possible. If you re-apply lotion frequently, a lower SPF rating may be used.

Even if you wear a large brimmed hat, put lotion on your face AND neck.

Men, remember to thoroughly shampoo your beard and/or mustaches and keep them trimmed throughout the summer.

When shaving, use a single edge razor. Multi-blade razors tend to make nicks in the skin which lead to rashes and irritated skin.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

It has been said that a pretty face is a passport. But it's not, it's a visa, and it runs out fast.
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Submitted by Tammy Laud

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So, as a new introduction for this hot new postage item, the HAMPTON POST OFFICE is going to have a contest. And Guess what? The winner will receive a sheet of 20 photo stamps.

Here are the rules:

1. The contest is only at the Hampton Post Office
 2. One entry per \$37.00 purchase in postage stamp sales ONLY. (Roll of 100, or books and sheets). Your name is entered in a drawing at time of purchase.
 3. The contest started June 1 and ends June 30, 2005 when the drawing will be held.
 4. The winner will receive a sheet of 20 photo stamps. (Photo used by the winner must be approved by the Postmaster).
- We'll keep you posted if we run the contest in July and August.

It takes a wise person to know when they are fighting for a principle, or merely defending a prejudice.

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.
Dolly Parton

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An older lady gets pulled over for speeding... The officer asked for her license, registration papers and proof of insurance. The woman told him she had lost her license due to drunk driving, could provide registration or insurance papers because she had not stolen the car and finally blurted out. The officer began to back away from the woman when she boasted that she had killed the car's owner and was transporting his chopped up body parts in plastic bags in the trunk. Did he want to see? The Officer called for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circled the car.

A senior officer slowly approached the car: "Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please!" The woman promptly stepped out of her vehicle asking "Is there a problem sir?" "One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner. Please open the trunk" The woman opened the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk. The puzzled senior officer questioned her further: "Is this your car, ma'am?" Reaching into the glove compartment, she said, "Yes, here are the insurance and registration papers." The officer is quite stunned but continued with: "One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license." The woman dug into her handbag and pulled out a current license. "Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner. I apologize for our officer - he's new". With a straight face she said: "Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too."

MORAL: Don't Mess With Little Old Ladies

- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- I almost had a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met.
- Everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

Life-Altering Inventions

Lots of "small" inventions have gone into enhancing, complicating or making our lives more interesting. Even the smallest invention represents thousands of hours of labor first, to develop an idea into an actual product then, fortunes were spent in production and marketing them for the first time. The list below only represents a few products patented or introduced in America. Can you imagine your life without them? Can you guess how many factories and related businesses grew from just these few inventions? How many jobs were created by or, made easier with these inventions? We will keep these lists in the Crier through the summer months in hopes that parents will choose one of the inventions and use it as a summer "keep your mind sharp" research project for their children. Turn this research into articles of 500 words or less and submit to the Crier and we will run them as space permits throughout 2005. The stories behind inventions are fascinating and inspiring. Go to the internet and learn more!

Feb. 1, 1788	The Steamboat was patented
Feb. 3, 1837	Flush Toilets were invented
Feb. 8, 1883	Fountain Pens were invented
Feb. 18, 1856	Tintype Cameras were patented
Feb. 22, 1630	Popcorn reported as a "new food"
Mar. 7, 1933	Monopoly Game was invented
Mar. 9, 1822	False Teeth were formally patented
Mar. 14, 1794	The Cotton Gin was patented
Mar. 22, 1733	Carbonating water process invented
Mar. 26, 1845	The Life Boat was patented
April 2, 1935	RADAR Patented
April 7, 1827	Matches were invented
April 10, 1849	The Safety Pin was patented
April 15, 1738	The Bottle Opener was invented
April 25, 1961	The Integrated Circuit was patented
May 6, 1851	The Refrigerator was patented
May 8, 1886	Coca-Cola was introduced
May 17, 1845	The Rubber Band was patented
May 22, 1892	The Toothpaste Tube was invented
May 30, 1848	The Ice Cream Freezer was patented
June 10, 1943	The Ball Point Pen was patented
June 15, 1869	Celluloid was patented (fore runner of plastics)
June 21, 1834	The Reaper (wheat) was patented
June 26, 1918	The Bicycle was patented

Why Do We Do or Say These Things?

- ◉ Why do we say "Oh you just want to have your cake and eat it too". Sure! What good is having a cake if you can't eat it? Ask any dieter!
- ◉ What trick of the mind do we allow when we think: "it's always the last place I look". Of course it is. Why would you keep looking for something after you've found it?
- ◉ At the movies, resist saying: "did you see that? You companions are likely to come back at you with: "No, Idiot, I paid \$12 to come to the cinema and stare at the floor!"
- ◉ Why do we ask strangers: "Can I ask you a question?" Didn't really give them a choice there, did ya sunshine?
- ◉ Why do we point at our wrist while asking for the time? Others know where to locate their watch!
- ◉ When something is 'new and improved!'. Which is it? If it's new, then there has never been anything before it. If it's an improvement, then there must have been something before it!
- ◉ When we remark: "life is short". What the hey?? Have we forgotten that a lifetime is the longest thing anyone ever has. What can you do that's longer?
- ◉ When you are waiting for the bus and someone asks "Has the bus come yet?". Feel free to reply: "If the bus had come would I still be standing here, would I!"
- ◉ Why are some of us willing to search an entire room for the TV remote but refuse to walk up to the TV to change the channel manually?

Fran Wheeler, Local Artist

By Judy Junis

At the end of a long stairwell on East Moline's 15th Avenue, you will find the Painter's Attic and often, you'll also find artist and instructor, Fran Wheeler. She will likely be doing two of her three favorite activities - painting or teaching. Her second floor studio is usually lively with the adult or young student painters who benefit from her expertise and talent.

Art truly is Mrs. Wheeler's life work. As a child she was constantly drawing. Her father, in difficult financial circumstances, believed that her skill as a seamstress should be her profitable life's work. This was very practical in light of the economics of the time, but fortunately, her uncle saw more in her. He observed her working with his daughter's watercolor set, recognized her ability, and bought her an oil painting set. She was 14 years old and her uncle continued to encourage her work as she became an excellent self-taught artist.

Fran's eighth grade art teacher in North Scott, Mrs. Day, became her mentor and encourager. Although her teaching left little spare time, Mrs. Day recognized Fran's ability and allowed her to use the art room during study halls and any free time. Mrs. Day taught her how to use what she had to provide a surface for her artwork and Fran considers her an important influence in her life.

Marriage in 1963 brought Fran from Iowa to Hampton where she still lives with her husband. She continues to work in oils, watercolors, pastels, clay or most any art medium. Wildlife has always been one of her favorite subjects, but she has done extensive work in portraiture, architectural painting and in pet portraits. Her work has lovely detail and a sense of realism.

In 1982 she started teaching painting and in 1983, opened her studio, Painter's Attic. In 1985 she decided to get some formal art training at Blackhawk College. She says she has never had a class in which she has not learned from her instructor and other students. In fact, her association with other people has been one of the most pleasurable aspects of her career.

The third most enjoyable aspect of Mrs. Wheeler's work is art restoration, which she has done for both museums and individuals. She loves history and old things and restoration meshes nicely with these interests. Some have brought her pieces which, after restoration, turned out to be museum quality.

Restoration work provided her with two special experiences: One lady brought in a dark and dingy oil painting she'd purchased for \$5.00 at a yard sale. As Fran removed layers of dirt and grime, beautiful colors were revealed. The printing was exceptional.

The highlight of her restoration work was an oil painting by Henry Pember Smith which a gentleman from Rock Island brought to her. Mr. Smith's 19th century paintings of landscapes are sought after for their fine technique and realism. Uncovering the glowing colors of that painting was very exciting for Mrs. Wheeler and for her client. A true treasure appears.

Over the years, Fran has won many awards but the "People's Choice" awards are the ones she especially values because they represent the opinion of more than one person.

Three of her achievements give her the most pride and satisfaction. The first is her paintings of a threshing machine which was chosen for an exhibit at the Davenport Museum of Art on the theme of "things that feed" in the 1980's.

The second achievement was the fiberglass Main Street Frog [featured in the Crier] displayed in East Moline. It was a collage with clippings from East Moline history and local businesses taken from the town papers of past years.

The third was two statues of fiberglass to be displayed in Bettendorf. Both were statues of deer but on one for Adel Wholesale featured a fall scene. The other, for Wells Fargo was painted with the Wells Fargo stagecoach on the body. Both decorated deer may be seen at 18th Street and Middle Road in Bettendorf.

Stop by the Painter's Attic to check out the classes and take a look at some of Mrs. Wheeler's beautiful work. She believes artists look at things in life a little differently. When you take a look at the beauty she has created, you will find yourself agreeing.

- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.
- All those who believe in psychogenesis, raise my hand.



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Susan Eggers, art teacher at Hampton School would like to thank the **Hampton residents** that take such a positive interest in the students. During the school year, classes take walks through the neighborhood looking for "found objects" for use in special art projects and sharpen their observation skills. During these walks, residents often talk with the young artists and encourage them. Mrs. Eggers and her students appreciate the support!

The Hampton Firefighters would like to thank **those that have supported their fund raising** efforts during the annual pancake breakfast and purchased raffle. The Auxiliary would like to join in with their thanks to those supporting their raffles and yard sale shoppers in May.

The Moline Foundation has been most generous with the Village of Hampton. Thank you to the Foundation's Board for donating \$500 to the Scenic Overlook project planned for the Heritage Park riverfront. Also for the \$500 donated to the Hampton Historical Society lighting and electrical improvements planned for the Brettun & Black Museum.

Thank You to **Bi-State** for consolidating funds donated by several sources in memory of Vern Gielow. The \$2,300.00 will be applied to the Scenic Overlook project planned for the Hampton Heritage Park as part of the celebration of life for Mr. Gielow.

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Summer Activities For All Ages:

We always bring you the South Moline Township Senior Center and area library activities. For the next few issues, we will also give you information on any other locations where special events and activities will be held.

Back in mid April, the **Wildwood Baptist Church** dedicated their new Family Life Center located at 18717 Hubbard Road, East Moline. The center is offering a variety of activities throughout the summer. Reservations are needed for most activities about a week in advance. If you need additional information or to make your reservations, call 496-9397. The following are all at the Family Life Center:

June 20: Bead Bracelet Class from 6:30-7:30 Cost \$10 (includes supplies)

June 22: Introduction to Digital Photography 7-9PM

June 25: Scrapbook Day. 9AM-5PM Bring a sack lunch and your scrapbook photos, accessories and materials. Demonstrations throughout the day. Kickoff for monthly scrapbooking sessions.

June 27: Girl's Scrapbooking 6:30PM-8:30PM For girls ages 7 and up. Bring 10-12 pictures you want to scrapbook centered on the theme of water and the beach. Class fee of \$7.00 includes supplies

July 9 and July 23: Painting and Watercolors for teens and adults. Supplies will be provided. 10AM-Noon. Fee for each class is \$4.00

Every Friday Night (Except July 22) 7-9PM Drop-In Volleyball for everyone 16 years and up. Not interested in playing Volley Ball but others in your family are? Come check out our new walking track. 17 Laps to a mile. Mix getting fit, having fun and socializing.

Every Tuesday Morning Coffee 'n' Conversation through September 13th. Come to the **Methodist Church Fellowship Hall** at 400 2nd Avenue. In Hampton from 9AM-11AM for coffee and conversation with your neighborhood friends. Questions? Call Cindy Cornelius at 496-9230

- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

The American Cancer Society will be holding Relay for Life fundraising events again this summer. June 24-25 will be at Augustana College and August 12-13 at Black Hawk College.

The event consists of teams of 8-15 people who camp out together in an effort to raise money to fight cancer. This year, they hope to raise \$143,346 but in order to do that, they need more teams and sponsors. Teams may be students, friends, from your company, church, school or neighborhood. This is not a race, just walking around a track at your chosen pace. Those that have participated in a Relay for Life in the past look forward to this yearly summer highlight. If you have questions, would like to sponsor and/or participate in a team, please call your local American Center Society at 794-0601 or 800-322-4337.

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We hope you'll join us for our special events this summer:

Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 10-15, 5:45-8:45 p.m. — *Around the World in Five Days—Living As God's Forgiveness Children*—Each day board the VBS train, bring your passport and we'll visit Taiwan, Northern Ireland, Brazil, Zimbabwe, and Nepal. Through music, Bible Stories, kitchen explorations, games and crafts you'll learn about God's people in each of those countries! Registration is required by Sunday, June 26th, please call the church office at 755-1595 to request a registration form.

Friday Night, July 15th—5:45p.m.—Multicultural Dinner and VBS Celebration Bring the whole family and come learn from the VBS children, share in a great potluck meal and let's celebrate God's love for all the peoples of the world!

Sunday July 17th—10:00 a.m.—Blessing of the Animals Worship Service

Bring your lawn chair and your favorite pets and join us in the field across from the church. Following the service each pet will receive an individual blessing. We'll praise our God for the gifts of creation and the VBS children will lead us in song. All sized animals are welcome to join the celebration! Followed by cookies for the 2-footed among us, and water and treats for the four-footed!

Sunday August 7th, 4 p.m.—First Presbyterian Annual Ice Cream Social

Come join us for homemade ice cream and wonderful desserts baked by the FPC Bakers! There will be special music, games for the children, and lots of great food and fellowship.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community of faith. Please come and join the celebration! If you have questions, you can call Pastor Becky Sherwood at the church office (755-1595) Tuesday through Friday.

- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

The Hampton Historical Society seeks fun-loving people that would like to be Museum Docents (tour guides). Docents volunteer as much time as they have available (2 hours or more), to show visitors around the Brettun & Black Museum. The B&B Museum is a restored 1849 store, steamboat and stage coach stop. It is the Docents that bring it alive for visitors with exciting tales of how pioneers crossed the rivers, the lumbering and coal industry that flourished in this area. Everyone in the Historical Society and/or a B&B Docent is a volunteer.

Ages for Docents are a mature 16 and up. Couples or teams of friends are welcome. (For those in school requiring some type of volunteer community involvement, this is a very fun and interesting way to get that credit! The Historical Society will provide a letter giving Docents recognition of their contribution to the community.) We are proud that the B&B is the only genuine waterfront museum in the northern QCA that is so easy to visit. Admission is free and group tours for school classes or organizations are welcome.

Docents work in pairs. An experienced Docent works with new volunteers who "learn while on the job". The B&B collections are not valuable jewels or antiques but are artifacts rich in everyday local history. Docents learn their uses and how earlier generations lived and worked and in this year's spring displays, how they spent their leisure time. (Pioneer Past Times and Pleasures)

Please call Bev Coder at 755-6265 or Jane Cady at 752-0627 for further information. Being a Docent is a community service that's part history, part theater (costumes optional), part area public relations while meeting all types of friendly, interested people from the bike path as well as vacationers.

The Brettun & Black Mercantile Store Museum is now open from May through October. Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. (on-call docents for other times) are the traditional B&B hours. The Society wants to greatly expand those hours so please consider becoming a Docent!

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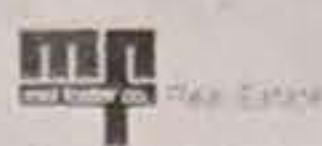
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Silvis Garden Club News

"2005 Garden Walk — Plant & Craft Sale" This is a garden tour for passionate gardeners! Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 am — 3:00 p.m.. The garden walk begins at McGehee Center in Schadt Park (12th Street & 4th Avenue, Silvis) and includes the viewing of five beautiful gardens containing a variety of plants, garden art and water features. You'll also see Silvis's 1930 railroad caboose! Home owners and Master Gardeners will be on site to answer your questions. Admission is only \$5.00. Tickets are available from club members or at the door.

Would you like to attend a Silvis Garden Club? Come and see if you'd like to join some true nature lovers. They meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the McGehee Center in Schadt Park. (4th Ave. and 12th Street, Silvis). If you have questions about any of the Garden Club events or activities, call Mary Teager at 309-792-2512 or Betty Phipps at 309-792-1940.

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

- Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- I intend to live forever -- so far, so good.
- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

By Jane Nelson

Well June is busting out all over the place. Soon it will be the 4th of July. I have been trying some new salad recipes but I always have to change them a little, they never seem to have enough taste. I always fall back to two of my favorites and also my family's favorites. One is called Under the Sea Salad, I make that more often than any other and also the orange Jell-O salad with carrots and pineapple. I think you call it Golden Glow. I gave my sister the recipe for the first salad when I first make it and she makes it completely different than I do. I will give you my version and see how you can change it to suit yourself. They always say if you *change one thing in a recipe then it is your recipe.*

1 package sugar free lemon Jell-O
1 package sugar free lime Jell-O
1 ½ c boiling hot water (stir 2 minutes)
1 c cold water and fill the measuring cup with ice cubes until the water measures 2 ½ Cups. Stir until the ice is all melted.

Add four sliced bananas and one large can drained pineapple tidbits. Retain pineapple juice and in its can. Put the mixture in refrigerator. While this is setting up, make the topping.

Add to the drained pineapple juice, enough orange juice so it measured two cups of liquid. Add 8 oz of cream cheese. I often use less or no fat cheese. 2 packages of sugar free "cook and serve" vanilla pudding. Cook over the stove stirring until it comes to a boil. Remove from heat and cool. When topping is cool and the Jell-O is set, Spread topping mixture over set Jell-O and sprinkle with shredded cheddar cheese. Put back in the refrigerator covered with plastic wrap. Cut in squares and serve. This makes about 15 large squares.

I found this recipe in a magazine and thought it sounded good for this spring.

2 lbs large white onions
2 T vegetable oil
¼ c dry vermouth or dry white wine
1 ½ T Angostura bitters
3 T unsalted butter
4 large garlic cloves minced
7 cups chicken broth
3 cups finely chopped
scallions (about 3 bunches)

Make the garlic croutons: Preheat the oven to 325°. Using a serrated knife remove the crust from the bread. I always keep a brown paper bag with dried bread and crusts. Cut the remaining bread in ¼ inch cubes. In a shallow baking pan arrange the bread cubes in one layer, bake them in the middle of the oven, stirring occasionally, for 10 to 15 minutes or until they are golden, and

transfer the croutons to a large bowl. In a skillet cook the garlic in the oil over moderately low heat. Stirring, until it is golden and with a slotted spoon discard the garlic. Drizzle the oil over the croutons, tossing to coat them well, and sprinkle the croutons with salt to taste.

Make the soup: In a kettle cook the onions in the butter and oil over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, for 25 to 30 minutes, or until they are soft and pale golden, add the garlic, and cook the mixture for 3 minutes. Stir in the vermouth and boil the mixture, until most of the liquid is evaporated. Add the broth, the bitters, and salt and pepper to taste and simmer the soup for 5 minutes. The soup may be made up to this point 2 days in advance, kept covered and chilled, and reheated. Stir in scallions. Serve the soup topped with the croutons. Makes about 12 cups. Serves 8

I found this in the Dispatch last week and made it, but it needs a few minor changes. I felt the original recipe needed a little zip and less crackers.

1 sleeve of saltine crackers (I would substitute seasoned small oyster crackers) Finely chop the following:

3 med ripe tomatoes
6 green onions + their tops
2 c miracle whip
Salt and pepper to taste.

1 small red onion
½ cup green pepper
2 hard cooked eggs

If you use the crackers coarsely crush with your hands. Mix all the other ingredients and then add the crackers. Serve immediately. Serves about 6, It is nice for a picnic. Add the crackers at the last minute. No one else will have this salad.

Last month I went to Republican Women of Illinois Spring Conference in Bloomington. We had a dinner at the Country Club there and they served a strawberry soup that was delicious and very tasty. I found this recipe on the internet and it seemed rather timely. Please try it now that the strawberries are in season.

10 oz frozen unsweetened strawberries, thawed (I imagine you could use fresh)
2 t sugar or Splenda
½ t almond extract
8 oz champagne or sugar free ginger ale

Juice of 1 lemon
1 c low fat or fat free yogurt

Puree the strawberries in the blender or food processor. Add the sugar, lemon juice and almond extract. Then add the rest of the ingredients. Blend until very smooth and chill for 3 hours. Serve cold in small dessert dishes or cups and garnish with a sprig of mint.

My sister has a favorite cake I have made for her on her Birthday that was May 9. Somehow in cleaning out my recipes I misplace it. It was given the third prize in the first Pillsbury bake off. Hopefully I will find it or I will email and get it again. Next month I have some other cake recipes to give You. Have a great summer.

Submitted by Michael Ellis of Sullivan-Phillips Mortuary, Ltd.

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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School Library Grows

By Ann Hood

During this school year, the Hampton School Library added 188 new books and 15 new videos. The library's history, geography and biography collections were expanded as the result of receiving a \$3,960 Library Services and Technology Act grant from the federal government, administered through the Illinois State Library. A list of the new titles is available in the school library.

In addition, the Hampton PTA invested the profits of their very successful Scholastic Book Fairs in new books for the library. Approximately 175 new books in various areas were added to the library's collections. Other generous donations of "gently used" books have also been received. These materials, along with those purchased with the library's regularly budgeted funds, have greatly enhanced the library's collections.

Stop in! The Hampton School Library will be open to Hampton students this summer from 9:00 am to noon on the following Wednesdays:

June 22 and 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 August 3 and 10.

[Editor's Note: The current school administration has done an outstanding job of overhauling and improving the school's library. Children need to keep their minds sharp over the summer vacation to give them a good start in the next year. During the summer, enter the kids in reading contests or create your own. Whenever possible, give kids of any age a chance to build confidence, reading and speaking skills by reading aloud. Even a high school student can build confidence through reading aloud. Keep the library in mind. It is so convenient for the students AND you!]

Remember Our Gang? What ever happened to those people?
 Well, here it is.....sad.....

The Our Gang Curse

Alfalfa -- Carl Switzer was shot to death at age 31.

Chubby -- 300-pound Norman Chaney died at age 22 following an operation.

Buckwheat -- William Thomas died at age 49 of a heart attack.

Darla Hood -- The Our Gang leading lady contracted hepatitis and died at age 47.

Brisbane -- Kendall McCormas, known as Breezy Brisbane, committed suicide at age 64.

Froggy -- William Robert Laughline was killed in a motor scooter accident at age 16.

Mickey Daniels -- He died of liver disease at 55.

Stymie -- Mathew Bear led a life of crime and drugs. He died of a stroke at age 56.

Scotty Beckett -- He died at age 38 following a brutal beating.

Wheezer -- Robert Hutchins was killed in an airplane accident at age 19.

Pete the Pup -- He was poisoned by an unknown assailant.

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The "Best" Lawyer Story Yet - From the Internet

A Charlotte, NC lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire, among other things. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost in a series of small fires. The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued... and WON! (Stay with me.) In delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer "held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire" and was obligated to pay the claim rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires".

Now, for the best part...

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

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June 15: Senior Birthday Party (60 & older) For those celebrating birthdays in March, April, May or June. 1:00-3:00 p.m..

June 29, July 27 : LiteLunch and Cards 11:00 a.m. Cost \$3.00 Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

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

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

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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Always take your time when taking pills. Try swallowing one at a time and use only water to take them. Some medications are effected by alcohol or caffeine so water is best.

The instructions on prescription bottles are very important. If the directions say to take before, with or after meals, you may alter the effectiveness of the medication if you don't follow those directions. Medications cost too much to waste or render them less effective by not following directions. Make sure everyone in your household takes medicine on time and finishes each prescription.

The Old Poodle

There's much to be said for "age and treachery".

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles, along for the company but lost her after only one day on safari.

Wandering about, Cuddles notices a leopard heading rapidly in her direction with the intention of having lunch. Noticing some bones on the ground close by, she immediately settles down to chew on the bones with her back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!" Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard.

So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with her back to her attackers, pretending she hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says: "Where's that darn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Moral of this story.. Don't mess with the elderly..age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill!

A story of children and modesty: A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

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Riverway/RiverAction News

Ride the River on June 19th 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 now available. The new guides were 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.

Volunteers Needed for River Clean-Ups Projects

Volunteer Needed: Hampton, Illinois has two bioswales that will need weeding also the one at Lindsay Park in Davenport. Please contact River Action at 563-322-2969 for details and to volunteer this summer.

River Valley District Library

Pick up your Summer Drive-In Movie list at the library.

There is always something going on at this library which also acts as a community center for Port Byron. It is worth a brief visit by the entire family to check out activities and get a good book or two for summer reading. Summer reading programs are in full swing now. Amidst all the flashy, over-stimulating activities of summer, remember the cool quiet of relaxing with a good book!

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You grow up the day you have your first real laugh at yourself. Ethel Barrymore

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). "The Quad Cities needs a web site where people can buy, sell or trade for free" said Murray. "We 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 items!" The site offers customers the ability to promote their listing to areas of the site like the homepage, through an online store, or for higher placement in category search results.

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.

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

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A clothesline was a news forecast to neighbors passing by. There were no secrets you could keep when clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link, for neighbors always knew if company had stopped on by to spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the fancy sheets and towels upon the line; You'd see the "company" tablecloths With intricate design.

The line announced a baby's birth to folks who lived inside, As brand new infant clothes were hung so carefully with pride.

The ages of the children could so readily be known, By watching how the sizes changed, You'd know how much they'd grown.

It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets were hung; Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe, too, haphazardly were strung.

It said, "Gone on vacation now," when lines hung limp and bare. It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged, with not an inch to spare.

But clotheslines now are of the past, for dryers make work less. Now what goes on inside a home is anybody's guess.

I really miss that way of life. It was a friendly sign, When neighbors knew each other best, By what hung on the line!

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I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Thoughts on the Cemetery

By Rocky Nelson

Since the last issue of the "Crier", Memorial Day has come and gone, also, the dedication of the new "Veteran's Plaza" in the cemetery. If you readers haven't seen it yet, do so by all means. It's at the main entrance to the Hampton Cemetery. You will see a refurbished monument, that holds the Gettysburg Address, a refurbished mount for the canon, a new flagpole, a paved area, and perhaps most important, a new display case with a Plexiglas top which contains the names of all the veterans that are buried in the cemetery and whose names we read on Memorial Day. Those veterans who joined the service from Hampton but are not buried here, are also on the list. All this through the efforts of "Crier" editor, Jane Cady. It represents a mountain of research in a variety of sources. If it is known where a veteran is buried, this is listed. If there is something unusual, this is also indicated. This is a wonderful thing for our town to have and it is a godsend for people like me, who dabble in genealogy. All of this was instigated by Jane Cady in memory of her mother, specifically, and her family in general.

Jane suggested that I devote a column to the cemetery and the veterans buried there. Good idea! I got busy getting together information about these subjects, especially on the programs and organizations that have been involved over the years. Not a particularly easy task for me. I'm not noted for my organization skills.

There exists a cloudy, almost legendary story about the first burial in Hampton. Whether it was on the site of the present cemetery is not known. Probably not. In any case the accounts say it was a woman who died on a steamboat passing through. One account says her name was Geraldine, no last name reported. Another account says the steamboat's name was Geraldine and the woman's name was unknown. Nothing like starting out this column on a firm basis of fact.

We don't know how or when the present site of the cemetery was chosen, but it was early in Hampton's history. Some of the grave-stones are very old, some in the 1830s, many in the 1840s. Many are illegible or close to it. Many more are broken and some are missing. It seems, that over the years, those in charge of the cemetery found it more expedient to throw a fallen stone into the ravine rather than go to the trouble of resetting it. It seems to me that it could make a good master's thesis to find the old stones and write about them. It would have to be someone with a high tolerance for poison ivy.

After the Civil War the Union soldier's veterans organization, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) took charge of the graves of veterans. We have 60 in our cemetery. They are easy to spot with their characteristic rounded top. Not necessarily so easy to read, again, time is taking it's toll.

It was the Civil War that inspired Memorial Day. It was originally a holiday to honor Civil War veterans and only in the 20th century that the honors were extended to the veterans of all wars. In Hampton the GAR Post was William McDaniel Post # 595. HHS recently was given the drum the Post used. It was donated by Ronald Taylor. Ask to see it next time you are in Black's Store.

The early Memorial Day ceremonies were conducted by the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our present ceremony is patterned after theirs, the chief difference being that instead of assembling in front of Black's Store for the reading of the names of veterans, they marched up the hill to the cemetery for that part of the ceremony. We have photos of the octogenarian Civil War vets walking up the hill. Aren't we sissies nowadays?

The Society has been decorating the graves since 1985. We are indebted to Hampton Boy Scout Troop 384 for doing this—not an easy task with no idea of where the veterans graves were. In fact, it was Dan Ryerson, as an Eagle Scout project who drew maps of the cemetery and indicated where the veterans graves were. Thanks Dan, wherever you are now. Also, Steve Verdick raised the money and had flag holders made as another Eagle Scout project. Thanks to you Steve. Its been about 20 years since these things were done. Since then we have a lot more veteran's graves. At this time the WWII veterans are leaving us fast. Which is scary for me. Next on the list are the Korean War vets which includes yours truly. We need another Steve Verdick.

Years ago a man named Edgar Lee Masters wrote poems about the people in some cemeteries down south of us. It made a great book. He called it "Spoon River Anthology". The people in our cemetery also have great stories. It is interesting to contemplate some of the stories and wish we knew what they were.

Editor's Note: If you see the Veteran's list and believe a name is missing, please let Rocky know. The list includes those that gave Hampton as their home town when they enlisted or a veteran that lived in Hampton and is buried in the cemetery on the hill. We tried to be as accurate as possible but knowing that the list will grow longer as years pass, it has been designed to be re-run and a fresh list placed in the special podium made by Dennis Gillespie.

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

Local Blood Drive Schedule:

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

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

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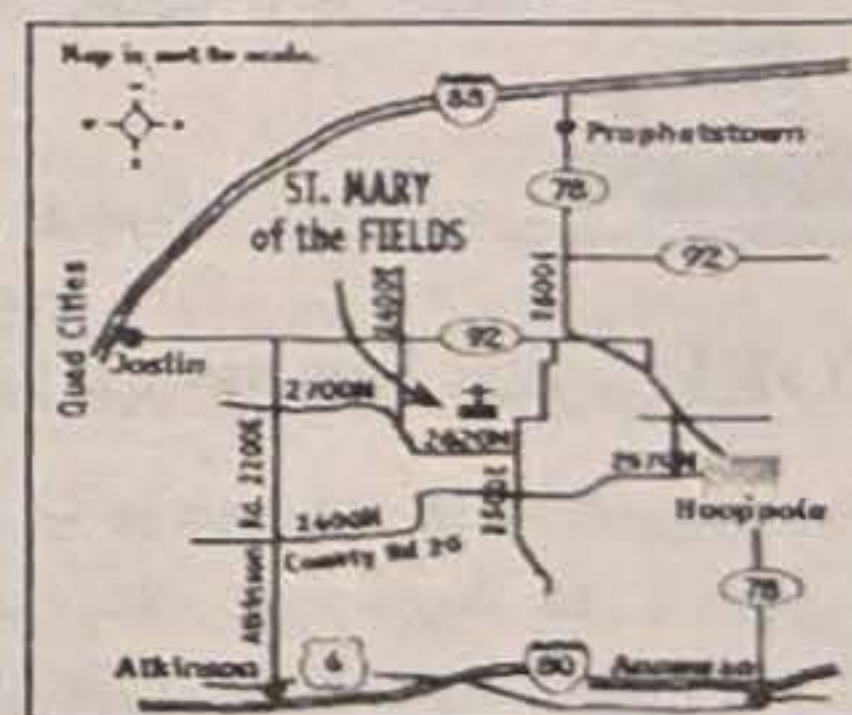
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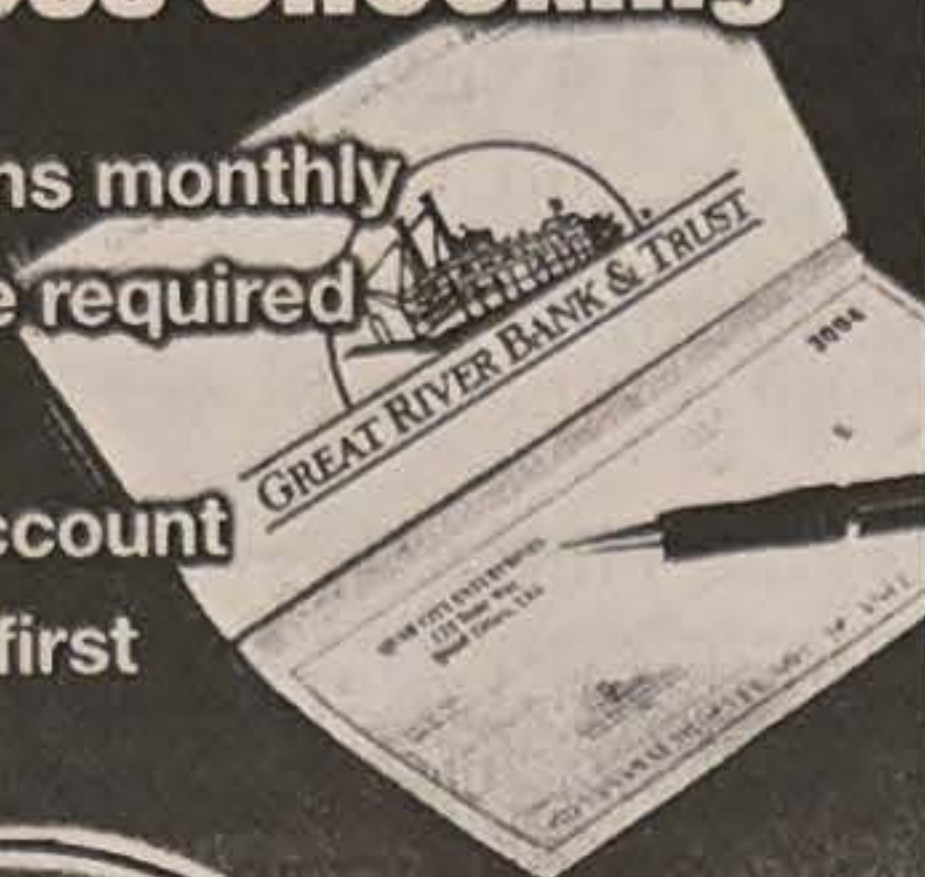
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Location: South Moline Township Senior Center
637-17th Avenue, East Moline

Date: June 22 & 23, 2005 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each day

Fees: \$40.00 in Advance, \$20.00 for each additional person

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You know you are getting old, when everything either dries up, or leaks.

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "Delta Airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"

Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault, it was the asphalt."

Spring Showers Call for Stormwater Pollution Solutions!

The EPA would like us to remind you how important it is that, living so near the river, we all do our part to keep our water clean. Rainwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and pollutants before it flows into storm drains which discharge, untreated, directly into our waterways. We need to protect all our water sources for healthy swimming, fishing and drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water but there are ways that we can help.

≈ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on the lawn or unpaved surface so water is absorbed into the ground instead of running off into storm drains.

≈ Check all your vehicles and machinery/equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs then clean up spilled fluids with absorbent materials like kitty litter or sand. Don't rinse spills into the storm drains. Properly dispose of tainted materials.*

≈ Recycle used oil, automotive fluids at participating service stations and used paints and solvents at designated sites.*

≈ Use all pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and delay application when the forecast calls for rain which will just wash them down the drains.

≈ Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant as they use less water and chemicals to maintain them.

≈ Sweep up your yard waste then compost or recycle when possible. NEVER put grass clippings on the street to drainage ditches.

≈ Don't over water your lawn. Water during the cool of the day.

≈ Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard.

≈ Vegetate bare spots with grass or landscaping to prevent runoff.

≈ During exterior repairs or remodeling, sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris, especially concrete, mortar, paint and cleaning solvents.

≈ Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints.

≈ Reduce the amount of paved area in your yard and increase the vegetated area. Direct down spouts AWAY from paved surfaces onto lawns and other systems that will distribute water onto plants.

≈ Pick up pet waste and dispose of it by flushing it. Leaving pet waste on the ground allows harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain.

≈ Drain swimming pools only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels and where possible, drain pools or spas into the sanitary sewer system.

≈ Store pool and spa chemicals covered to prevent leaks and spills.

≈ Have septic systems inspected by a professional at least every 3 years and have the tank pumped as needed (usually every 3-5 yr.)

≈ Protect septic tank: Don't park or drive over the tank area. Plant only grass over the tanks, never trees or deep rooted shrubs.

≈ Flush responsibly: Don't flush paint, pesticides, oil or antifreeze. Don't flush diapers, paper towels or cat litter as they clog purification systems and damage processing equipment.

*Where to properly dispose of pollutants:

Hazardous waste-household chemicals-call then go to the Buffalo, Iowa landfill 563-381-1300

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EMPTY Propane tanks: first ask large retailers if they will replace old valves for you or if they have a trade-in program. Otherwise the East Moline Land Fill will accept empty tanks.

If you have "odd ball" items to recycle or throw away, call the Rock Island Bi-State office and ask for the Waste Management Agency. They will give you official instructions: 309-793-6300.

A man was walking his pet penguin down the street when a cop stopped him saying: "That's no place to take a penguin - take him to the zoo!"

The next day, the man was walking his penguin and was stopped by the same cop: "I thought I told you to take him to the zoo!" "I did", the man replied. "Today I'm taking him to the ball game!"

Plan Ahead Community Calendar

June, 2005

- 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

July, 2005

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Hampton Village Committee Meetings 6 PM, Village Hall
Hampton Village Board Meeting 7PM, Village Hall
- 11 Hampton School Board Meeting 6:30PM at the school
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HOT SUMMER DAYS

By Mary Lou Schaechter

It was a hot, hot summer day, but Grandma's bedroom was always cool. The outer walls of the home were at least 18" thick and kept it cooler than the outdoors. A gentle breeze came through an open door of her bedroom which led to a



tiny roof porch. Sitting on the wide ledge of the porch I could see, far below the house, boats on the Mississippi River, cars and trucks speeding past on the highway, and occasional trains winding along the tracks paralleling the river. I was careful not to touch the many cactus plants sitting on the edges of the porch, having pricked my fingers many times before. Grandma had been given tiny cactus plants by her daughter, Ardie, and they had grown larger each year.

As I looked around her room, I saw brass pipes sticking out of the wall. They had been used for gas light fixtures before electricity was installed many years ago. When I turned a knob on the pipes a faint smell of gas could be detected. Hanging from each pipe was a glass mobile. The rectangles had tiny, painted red flowers with green leaves. A soft, tinkling sound would fill the room as the breeze brushed the sparkling glass. Both Grandma and I enjoyed the musical sound.

Thump, thump, thump I would hear from Grandma's treadle sewing machine as she put patches on a pile of worn overalls. Sometimes she was patching worn-out patches. When the pile of overalls was repaired, she made warm quilts from stacks of wool or heavy cotton pieces she had salvaged from old clothing which was beyond repair. One pile contained square pieces of all sizes and she sewed them together randomly. The other pile had long strips and she made these into "Log Cabin" quilts. The quilts were not pretty, but they were warm. Since the bedrooms were not heated in winter, many quilts were needed.

As she sewed she would either tell stories about her earlier life or sing song after song to me. Most songs she had memorized as a young girl and she knew all the words of verse after verse. She also had a notebook where she had written poems and words to songs. My favorite song was about a young soldier called home from the war because of his mother's illness and death. He was guarding her casket on a train carrying her from the wild west back to the civilized east to be buried in the family cemetery. The song was, "My Poor Mother's Dead in the Baggage Coach Ahead." Grandma knew at least twenty verses. Her voice was thin, reedy and so soft it was hard to hear, but I thought it was the most beautiful voice in the world.

Some days she would pull big, plastic hairpins out of her hair and let it fall halfway down her back. It was gray with streaks of darker gray and toward the ends it was dark brown. Handing me her hairbrush, she would allow me to brush her hair for a long time.

As she worked in each different room of her home at various tasks, she revealed a different facet of her personality. This is my favorite memory of her as we enjoyed each other being there.

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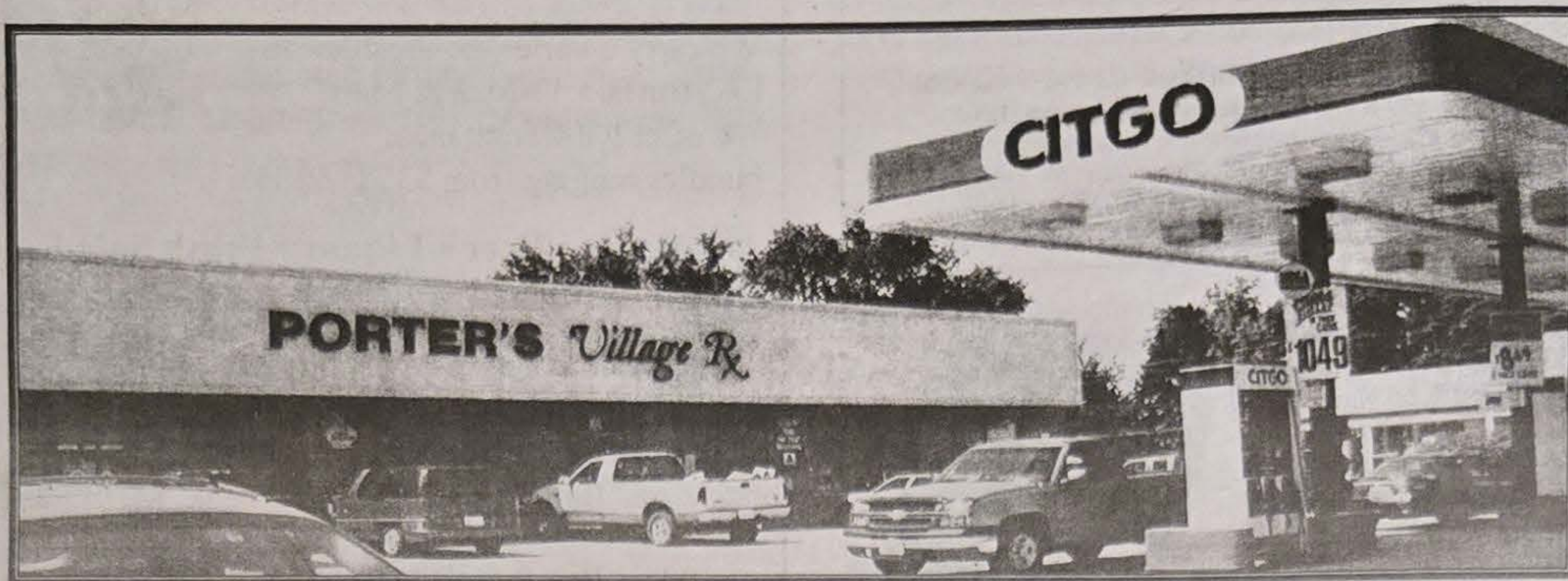
A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

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