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The Bright Star™ award is just another indication of the quality of life experienced here in the northern Quad Cities area. The smaller river communities share a common pioneer history and spirit that can only be found here. Recent growth in housing and family oriented independent businesses are retaining the small town America life style so many desire. We really are lucky to live here!

Mosquito season is in full swing. In our dry weather, many set out water for birds and pets and use lawn sprinklers. Protect your family by keeping the water fresh. Standing water that collects anywhere in your yard becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Change bird bath water daily and keep ornamental ponds clean and water pumps working.

According to the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, mosquitoes can infect people with encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) AND our dogs with heartworm. It is far easier to prevent mosquitoes from breeding than to treat the diseases. They recommend:
Getting rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers • Fill in or drain any low places in the yard • Keep roof gutters free of leaves and debris that might hold water in the trough • Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater
Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets • Empty plastic wading pools at least one a week and store indoors when not in use • Fill in tree rot-holes and hollow stumps • Store boats covered or upside down or remove any rainwater weekly.

In Hampton and most towns in the area, municipal workers have already treated mosquito breeding areas like ditches.

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Editorial: Making Expectations Come True

Almost everyone in the small river communities north of the Quad Cities (populations under 3,000) has the same "great expectations" for quality living. We all have chosen to stay in our homes, settle here or move back to this area because we expect to enjoy our pre-conceived notion of small town America. Some are unrealistic stereotypes drawn from 50's television shows or illustrated by Norman Rockwell. We are fooling ourselves if we long for Mayberry or those outdated models. Real life is so much more complicated and interesting.

If you are totally new to small town living or a "returnee" like me who spent many years as a big city dweller, it takes a while to get real about expectations. It takes an even longer time for current residents to adapt their expectations of "strangers". The quickest way to everyone to break down barriers is to get involved in volunteer activities, church, school, organizations or municipal projects.

For current residents feeling like they are being overwhelmed by all the newcomers, the answer is the same...volunteering. People working together on a common and positive project, is the quickest way to make friends, get a sense of belonging and best of all, contribute to the community. To never consider spending time on anything but personal or closed family activities locks out the possibility of new friends and acquaintances that would enrich your life.

Last month this X-Chicago suburbanite was happy to realize that the folks waving on the way to the Post Office and at Porters were friends, no longer strangers, met working on one thing or another around town. I'm glad I we moved back!

One incident I'll never forget took place on May 30 this year. The Veteran's Memorial Plaza at the Hampton Cemetery was to be dedicated the next day and things had not gone well. Repeated arbitrary delays threatened to cancel the dedication for the second time. I stood in the cemetery, abandoned by the workmen, with a damaged wooden podium and no possible way to complete the project. Despair was about to overwhelm me when Brenda Pfau stopped on her way home to asked what had happened. We both left soon after meeting, I to consult others working on the project. When I returned later, Brenda and husband Kenyon had moved the heavy podium to the K&D Woodworks studio. They repaired and adjusted it, returned to the cemetery and set it up so the dedication could proceed as scheduled. Regardless of your station in life, I *guarantee* that would not happen except in a small town. Bless you Pfau's, you saved the day.

Lately, I keep noticing neighbors mowing the lawns of vacationers or the elderly, running errands or helping clear a tree that fell down in a storm. We even had a public meeting in Hampton where the residents were surprisingly civil to each other although the issue was one of hot debate. Everyone participates in one way or another in forming a community that meets the expectations of others and their own. The proven key for new residents or current ones is participation.

News from Hampton Township

Submitted by Deborah Jackson, Township Supervisor

The Hampton Township Board of Trustees authorized the implementation of the Hampton Township Bus Transportation Program.

This program is in effect now and is designed to assist residents with transportation needs. The eligibility requirements are:

- 62 years of age or disabled
- Proof of residency in Hampton Township
- Valid MetroLink I.D. card and a photo I.D.

Residents who qualify for this program will be issued one MetroLink punch pass which is good for up to 17 bus fares. The punch passes will be issued once every two months to qualifying residents.

Please call the Hampton Township General Assistance office @ 755-2944 between the hours of 9:00am to 12:00pm Monday thru Friday if you would like more details.

The average girl would rather have beauty than brains because she knows the average man can see much better than he can think.

Ladies' Home Journal

Get Ready for the Illinois VS Iowa Tug Fest!

Many know of the Tug Fest but not that schedules and activities are different on each side of the river. There are a total of 4 days of fun depending on location so keep the following schedule and plan to attend!

ILLINOIS – Port Byron, Illinois

Friday, August 12, 2005 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts, Kids Barrel Painting, Mechanical Bull Riding. On Stage: Dance Works, Queen Pagent, Mommy's Little Monster Rock Band and at the Library parking lot, Teen Bands. At the Riverfront at 9:30 p.m. are Fireworks!

Saturday, August 13, 2005 7:00am 10 11:30 p.m.

At Firestation: Flag Raising and Fireman's Pancake Breakfast, at Dorrance Park (8:00am) is the first annual Tug Fest Car Show, Back 6 to Main Street at 9:00 a.m. for Arts & Crafts, Kids Games and mechanical bull riding. At 11:00 across from the library is the kids Tug of War. Starting at noon, Q106.5 is doing a live remote at the tug site. On stage starting at 4:00 p.m.: Awards ceremony and the Prince and Princess Pageant. Starting at 5: p.m. on the Band Stage : Bands Fran & The Company and Gentlemen, Karaoke and contest finals. At 8:00 p.m. will be the Harley Davidson Drawing. **Free Shuttle from Dorrance Park to Port Byron during Car Show. Show is free to the public.**

Sunday, August 14, 2005 9:00 am to ?

Three on Three Basketball Tournament at the Riverdale High School Gyms, Warren Sutton-Riverdale Boosters Golf Tournament at Byron Hills Golf Club in Port Byron.

For additional ILLINOIS SIDE information, registration forms and e-mail contacts for question, go www.tugfest.org

IOWA – LeClaire, Iowa

Thursday, August 11, 2005 6:00-11:00 p.m. Carnival on the LeClaire Levee. Half Hour Boat Rides aboard the Riversong.

Friday, August 12, 2005 4:00 p.m.-12:00 am Carnival on the Levee, Food & Craft vendors, boat rides. Grand Parade at 12th & Wisconsin to 2nd Street (Rain Date 8/14/05), VIP Sponsor Party at the Civic Center, Bingo, 9:30 p.m. Fireworks!

Saturday, August 13, 2005 7:00am to 12:00am Civic Club Pancake Breakfast (at Civic Center), 5K Run/Walk, Tug Team Registration, Carnival on the Levee, Food & Craft Vendors, Garden, Bingo, Boat Rides, Show Competition and Battle of the Bands. Kid's Tug at 11:00 am. 12:00 Noon, Q106.5 Live Remote and team photos. Adult Tugs begin at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 Iowa Awards Ceremony, Karaoke Ends 12AM.

Free shuttle busing is available in Iowa. Friday 8/13 (6-11:PM) from the parking lot at Pleasant Valley Junior High School. 8/13 After the Parade which starts at 6:30p.m., Shuttles run for the evening from the Post Office at 3501 Wisconsin St. and Saturday 8/14 12 Noon to 10PM, Shuttle from Pleasant Valley Junior High School lot. Bus runs every ½ hour from locations with stops at the Civic Center, 8th & 14th & Wisconsin and PV Jr. High School. Last Pick Up on the LeClaire Levee about ½ hour before closing times each day.

For additional IOWA SIDE information, registration forms and e-mail contacts for question, go to www.tugfest.com

Hampton Methodist Church Invitation

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.

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

Summer Activities For All Ages:

Sunday, July 17th: Praise in the Park & Family Day!

River's Edge Fellowship invites all to join in "Praise in the Park", an outdoor praise and worship service starting at 10:00 am at the Hampton Heritage Center. Bring your lawn chairs.

A pot luck picnic will follow. Bring a dish and dessert to share, and your favorite meat to throw on the grill! (Cold beverages and place settings will be provided.) There will be water skiing, tubing, mini-golf tournament, ultimate frisbee, relaxing, fellowship and much more. Plan to spend the day with us!

If you have any questions, call Lead Pastor Dale McCaulley.

Life Center Activities

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:

Friday, July 15: Scrapbooking Friday Night (To be held the 3rd Friday of each month). 6:30-11:30 p.m. Bring your scrapbooking items, your snacks and join the fun!

Saturday, July 16: Beginners' Scrapbooking 10:00 am to Noon. Class fee is \$7.00 and all supplies are provided except your photos. Class is for ages 7 and up. Bring 10-12 pictures you want to scrapbook centered around the theme of 4th of July. **Remember to take some photos during the holiday for this session! Call for reservation.**

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

Tuesday, July 26: Stamping Techniques 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn how to make your own background paper using household products. Call to reserve your spot today!

August 6: Learn how to wallpaper (reserve space by August 1)

August 8: Make-N-Take Cards (Stamping) Bring cards you want to work on or hand-make one there. 50¢ Per card covers supplies. Class: 6:30-8:30 p.m.. Call for reservation or drop-in's welcome.

August 11 & 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Learn to Sew

Especially good class for teenagers. First project is a fashionable purse. Call for reservation by August 4th when a list of materials will be available.

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.

August 19 & 20, 2005: East Moline Harvest Fest

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Friday 5-7 p.m. hear "Missy Vail", 7-9 p.m. it's Steven Sisters and from 9-12 p.m. Dani Lynn Howe Band.

Saturday, in the afternoon, you'll hear Dean Watson and High Lonesome and Joe Nobling "Fire in the Belly".

from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Fran & the Country Gentlemen and The Truesdell's.

This event is sponsored by Main Street. **For more information about any of the events, call Joyce at 755-5224.**

Did you know that.....

- Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.

- Most lipstick contains fish scales (eww).

- Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

- Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.

- Upper and lower case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the 'upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.

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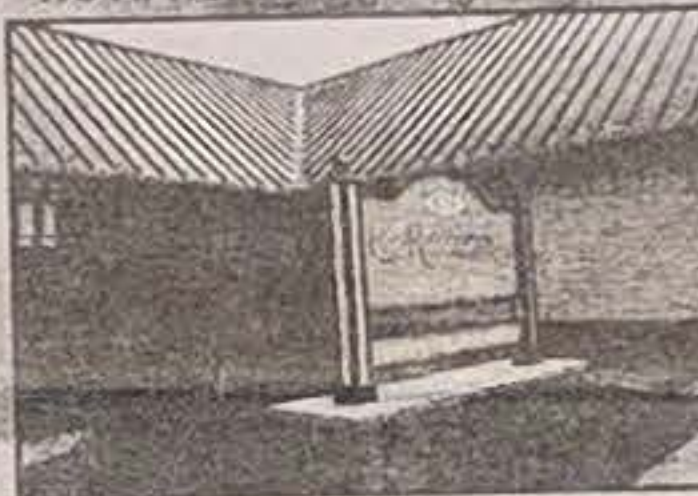
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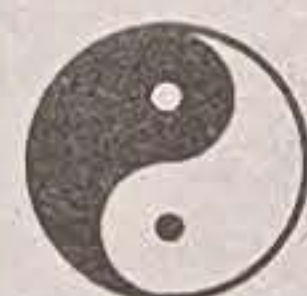
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A second grader came home from school and said to her mother "Mom, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The mother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

(Why wouldn't any grade school teacher love this one???)

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it has stopped snowing.

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- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- Half the people you know are below average.
- 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

From Boom to Bust

By Rocky Nelson

The year was 1871. A couple of young Hampton men, Charles Lee and Tom Harrison, were hunting on William Cook's farm on the bluff above Hampton. We don't know if they shot any game but they discovered an outcrop of a coal deposit. Some time later, Cook's neighbor John Oltman was digging post holes and struck coal. It was the start of a new era in Hampton history. In the nick of time, too, for the advent of the railroads had diminished the river commerce which had been the town's bread and butter. It was the dawn of the coal mining era!

The year was 1942. Hampton's historian, R F McNabney and his father George McNabney, are tramping over the hills of the area discussed in the first paragraph. George McNabney was one of the men who had toiled in the coal mines. Now there was hardly a trace of what had transpired there. Maybe here and there a trace of shale; a few rotting railroad ties; a few depressions that marked the sites of the mines, now occupied by tall, 18-inch diameter oaks.

The year is 2005. The area described above is still there. You would be hard pressed to find any railroad ties, long since rotted away. The woods are even denser than in 1942. Oddly enough, much of the mine area was grass covered in 1871. Very little forest or underbrush. The forest awaited its chance and now has taken over. And that territory once known as Happy Hollow is nothing but a ghost town, existing only in the writings of long dead people. The area covered approximately, from the edge of Golfmohr Golf Course across the bluff to the road on the other side still referred to by the old-timers as Cook School Road.

William Cook leased his land to the newly founded Hampton Coal Company on November 7, 1872. Cook was obligated to pay half the cost of keeping up fences around the property. In turn, Cook received 1 cent per bushel of all coal mined, payable on the tenth of each month. When the lease expired, all tracks, props in the mines, and the tracks and the tracks around the mines were to belong to Cook.

October 30, 1872, was the date Cook's neighbor John Oltman signed his lease. It was virtually identical to Cook's lease.

On October 4, 1874 the company established the following pay scale for the miners:

Summer price to miners - 4 cents a bushel or \$ 1.00/ton

Winter price to miners - \$ 1.25/ton

The miner paid his wheeler (the fellow who wheeled away the coal) out of his own pay, so basically he had to dig enough to pay two salaries. Average take home for a miner was \$ 1.25 to \$ 2.00 per day. Not exactly big money, even then.

They hoisted with a horse in all the mines. There was one shaft near Zion Lutheran Church (it was there even then) that was 28 feet deep and one near Oltman's orchard 36 feet deep.

They expected the rich coal vein to last many years but that was not to be. By the '80s the vein was beginning to diminish. By 1888 it was down to 3 feet, not enough to pay for mining it. The last of what you might call professional mining operations at Happy Hollow was by "Lanky" Sam Burgess. He started mining in 1872 and still tinkered around with it till he gave it up in 1888. There were a few outlying mines operated by private individuals, mostly for their own use. There was one still going in the late '50s.

In 1877 the mines were booming. In the "History of Rock Island County" published in 1877, the Happy Hollow mines produced 167,133 tons of coal, compared to Coal Valley's 95,602 tons, Moline 5,186 tons, and Zuma 1,280 tons. Happy Hollow mines had more output than all the other mines in our area combined.

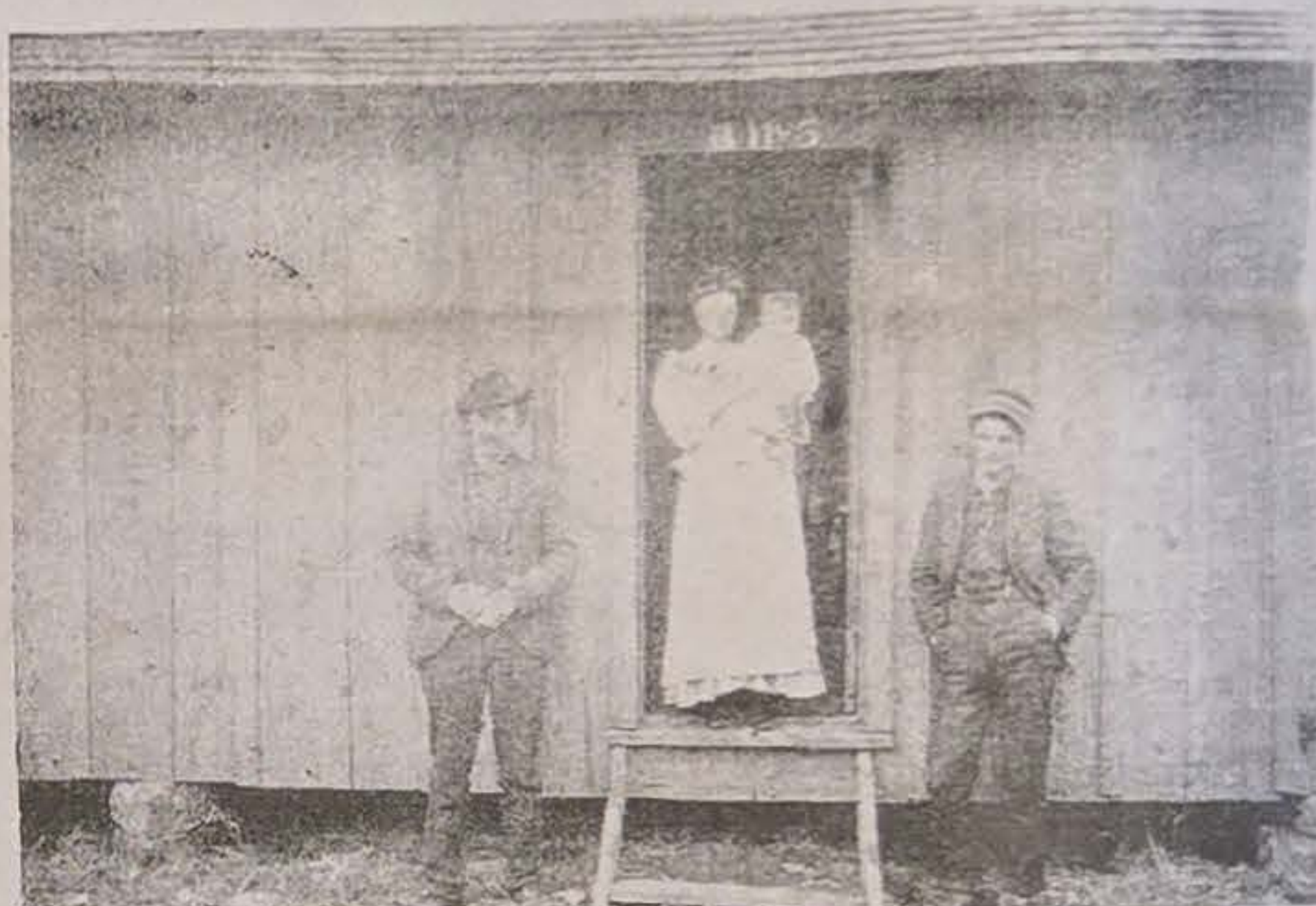
Initially the coal was hauled to Hampton and shipped out on the railroad there, but soon the railroad built a spur, a narrow gauge railway to Port Byron Junction (not in Port Byron but in what is now East Moline, linking with the main line near the present site of the railroad cars that sit by 14th St.

Happy Hollow had a post office from 1873 to 1884. There was a telegraph office and a school (the old Cook School. Gene Dennhardt has dismantled the old building and rebuilt it on his farm).

In the fall of 1879 there was a strike for higher wages by the miners. It lasted 6 weeks and ended in a nasty riot in Happy Hollow. For interesting viewpoints of old Happy Hollow, read McNabney's history and also Heagy's. They should know since McNabney's father worked in the mines and Heagy's old man owned them. [Histories available at Brettun & Black Museum].

The mine owners, Heagy and Stoddard, had a prosperous business going for awhile. The gross for the company store alone (it was located in Hampton) was \$ 75,000 one year. About that time that lovely vein of coal began to dwindle. Heagy and Stoddard also invested heavily in a coal mine in Mattoon, Illinois which proved to be a disaster. So the bosses, as well as the miners, who reached numbers near 500, passed from the scene. Now all we have to remember Happy Hollow is a few pages in a history book.

Most of the material for this column comes from material collected by Helen Burgess and donated to HHS.



This image of miners residing in Cabin No. 6 is believed to be one of the few surviving photographs from Happy Hollow. (Charmian Cox Cady collection)

Vegetarian - that's an old Indian word meaning "lousy hunter."

--Andy Rooney

Silly Jokes for Kids

HOW DO CRAZY PEOPLE GO THROUGH THE FOREST?

They take the Psycho path.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A BOOMERANG THAT DOESN'T WORK? A stick.

WHAT DO YOU CALL CHEESE THAT ISN'T YOURS? Nacho Cheese.

WHAT DO YOU CALL SANTA'S HELPERS? Subordinate Clauses.

WHAT DO YOU CALL FOUR BULLFIGHTERS IN QUICKSAND? Quatro Sinko.

WHAT DO YOU GET FROM A PAMPERED COW? Spoiled milk.

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A SNOWMAN WITH A VAMPIRE? Frostbite.

WHAT LIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN AND TWITCHES? A nervous wreck.

WHY DO GORILLAS HAVE BIG NOSTRILS? Because they have big fingers.

WHAT KIND OF COFFEE WAS SERVED ON THE TITANIC? Sanka.

WHY DO A PILGRIM'S PANTS ALWAYS FALL DOWN? Because they wear their belt buckle on their hat.

WHAT DO YOU CALL SKYDIVING LAWYERS? Skeet.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Schedule

The need for units of blood is urgent!

During the summer months, blood drives are not held at high schools or colleges, people on vacation or busy at home during the warm weather forget to donate so the blood supply has dropped too low. Troops serving overseas who are usually very generous donors must wait for months after returning to the states to donate again. We need to stand in for them. According to recent newspaper accounts, the **blood supply is at a record low level** and none is available to help other regions in an emergency. In our own area, blood usage at our local hospitals has increased by 8% since last year. **Please plan a blood donation in the near future.**



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

Local Blood Drive Schedule:

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

Location: River Valley Regional Library Goal 25 Units
Donors who last gave blood on or before May 27th are eligible for this drive. Call Devon Gay at 563-823-4120 for an appointment.

Tuesday, August 2, 2005 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Rapids City

Location: St. John's Parish Center Goal 25 Units
Sponsored by the River Cities Rotary Donors who last gave blood on or before June 7, 2005 are eligible. Call Ann McCarroll at 523-3173 to schedule an appointment or just walk in!

Saturday, August 13, 2005 8:30am to 12:30 p.m., Hampton, IL

Location: Hampton Heritage Center Goal 35 Units.
Sponsored by the Hampton Fire Department. Donors who last gave blood before June 18th are eligible for this drive. Call Brianne at 309-738-8721 to schedule an appointment or walk in!

Monday-Friday: MV Regional Blood Center, 3450-38th Avenue, Moline. Call 309-764-8504 for an appointment or just walk in! Visit our web site at www.bloodcenter.org

Do Bereaved Parents Need Special Attention?

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

It is often said that the most difficult loss a person can experience is the passing of a beloved child. Yet only those who have suffered such a tragic loss can really know the depth of that grief. In our long experience as funeral directors, we have developed some suggestions for those who wish to comfort one who has lost a child yet, just cannot seem to find the right words. Here are some "Do's and Don'ts":

1. DO make yourself available - to run errands, to watch the other children, or simply to listen.
2. DO talk about the child's special qualities. To his or her parents, he or she was a unique individual.
3. DO allow the parents to talk about the child they have lost, as much and as often as they want to.
4. DO try to give special attention to the child's brothers and sisters at the funeral and in the months to come. They, too, are grieving.
5. DON'T let your own grief or sense of helplessness keep you from reaching out to the bereaved parents.
6. Unless you have gone through it yourself, DON'T say you know how they feel. You probably do not!
7. When the parents mention the child, DON'T change the subject.
8. DON'T point out that at least they have their other children. That is small consolation for their loss.

My grandmother has a bumper sticker on her car that says, 'Sexy Senior Citizen.' You don't want to think of your grandmother that way, do you? Out entering wet shawl contests. Makes you wonder where she got that dollar she gave you for your birthday.

--Andy Rooney



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In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 a.m., regardless of their medical condition.

This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents.

The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 a.m., all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits.

Just when the clock struck 11:00, Chester, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

"If you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for the moment."

----- Georgia O'Keefe

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1001-1st Ave., Silvis on Friday, July 15 (11-4:00 p.m.)

Winner Announced in Hampton Contest

During June, Hampton Post Office entered names of customers purchasing a roll of stamps at \$37.00 or equivalent postage into a drawing. On June 30th, a winning name was chosen. Elsie Ebalo was the winner.

She later told Tammy Laud, Hampton Postmaster, that she had never won anything so had to listen to the taped phone message about her prize three times before it sunk in. Her prize is a sheet of 20 stamps customized with a photo provided by Ms. Ebalo.

If you would like to mail family correspondence, invitations and special occasion cards with customized postage stamps, visit any post office or go on line for the full story. Pets, kids, special days, artistic or historic photos may be used. A sheet of 20 customized stamps make great gifts!

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Thanks

The Hampton Village Board and Hampton Heritage Committee would like to thank The Moline Foundation for their generous donation to the Heritage Center. The \$500.00 contribution will be used to fund the proposed covered overlook deck, landscaping and bike path signage. A 20'x30' covered overlook deck to be built along the Mississippi River bank adjacent to the Center would be the extension of a seasonal bald eagle display inside the Center, as a place to observe the bald eagle in its natural surroundings during the winter months. During the months that the bald eagle has returned north, the overlook will be used to observe all other activities along and on the river. We hope to educate visitors to the importance of our natural resources along the Mississippi.

Thank you to Arlene and Darrell Johnson for their invaluable assistance in distributing copies of the Crier!

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

East Moline Library News & Activities

Dawn Porter, Hampton's Public Library Board Trustee honored. Dawn, now retired was honored by her fellow board members who donated funds to purchase books-on-CD for the library collection. Look for a bright sticker on the CDs with Dawn's name and try one of her favorites.

July 18, August 20th: Judy Belan, historian and author of East Moline's Centennial book will be at the library to afford an opportunity for area residents to learn more about local history. Monday, July 18 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 20th from 11:00-Noon, come to the East Moline Library's meeting room. If you haven't already bought a copy of the Centennial book, you may purchase one at the library and get it autographed by Judy.

Teen Summer Reading Program Continues:

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".

Mystery Book Discussion Group to meet August 3rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. to discuss the novels of Dorothy Gillman and Harlan Coben. See <http://www.rbls.lib.il.us/emp.mystery.html>

Learn how to write your family history in Wednesday classes held by Jean Huber. Register for classes on July 20 and 27th from 6:00-7:45 p.m. Call the library for more information.

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Advantage Autobody Has Come to Hampton

This aptly named business brought 30 years of experience in autobody repair to **519 State Avenue (Route 84) in Hampton** about six months ago. The advantages to their customers are easy to name: Very convenient location, years of experience, certified specialty work and a variety of services.

Combining their skills with the most up-to-date equipment, repair techniques and quality materials means owner Rusty Powell and shop manager, Mike Daw will provide you with accurate computerized estimates (free) and top flight repair work that will quickly have you back on the road.

Using Mitchell computer software insures the accuracy of all estimates for repairs, replacements and refinishing operations. Advantage has the latest model down draft painting booth which provides a dust-free environment for all panel refinishing. Since they use extremely high quality Sikkens urethane paint, they can guarantee to match colors as well as create outstanding graphics. They also have a 20 ton pulling system that ensures all frame straightening operations are performed to exacting specifications.

The variety of services offered is impressive and desirable in this growing area where recreation vehicles are so popular and some owners want a customized look at a reasonable price. (You might have passed by the shop and seen a PT Cruiser with a vibrant flame paint job). Motorcycle owners customize their "ride" with graphics on fenders and gas tanks.

Combining modern equipment, products and experience, their creative detailing can be added to almost any vehicle. If a vehicle will fit inside their special downdraft booth, they can enhance, preserve or transform it for their customers.

Most of us think of only metal work and refinishing when a body shop is mentioned. At Advantage, fiberglass repair for cars and boats is offered. For area communities filled with residents who have invested heavily in boats and wave runners, this repair service is already proving popular.

Drop by the shop (across Rte. 84 from Blimpie), and take advantage of Rusty Powell and Mike Daw's experience to talk over a special customizing job or get a free computerized estimate for repairs or refinishing. They welcome inquiries and insurance work. Their commitment is to keep time and material costs to a minimum, get your vehicle back to you quicker and cost you and/or your insurance company less.



More Hampton School Happenings

One topic for discussion at the recent Illinois School Business Officials Conference in Springfield was the quality of indoor air. Tom Berg reported to the School Board on May 9th that the Hampton School Univent maintained very good air quality for our students.

Superintendent Berg and the teachers have worked all year to align the Social Studies curriculum and Language Arts instruction. The Development Reading Assessment (DRA) will be purchased in July at a cost of \$250.00 per kit. The DRA test is felt to have better reading evaluation information.

There were 19 students at the Kindergarten Round-up and that event attendance was not enough to determine the number of Kindergarten classes that will be needed in the coming year.

The PTA Carnival was very well attended and a great success. Mr. Berg thanked the PTA President, Carla Osborne and the PTA for all their hard work.

The School Library will be open July 13, 20 and 27 AND August 3 and 10 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Students and parents should take advantage of local access to books that will keep the student's minds sharp over the summer.

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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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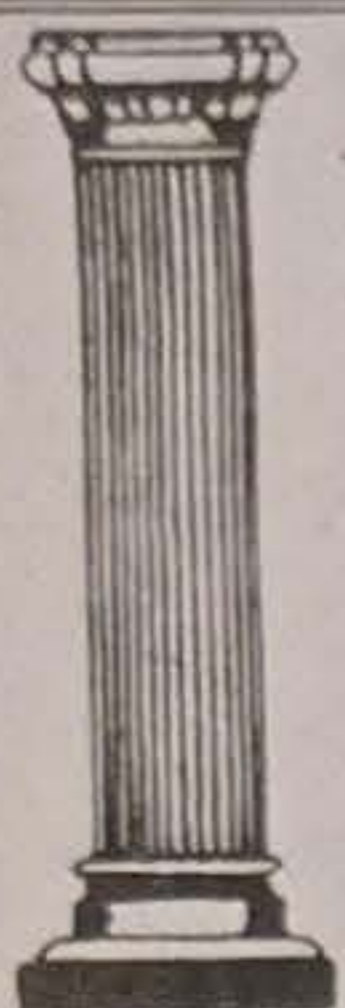
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A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbor's wife."



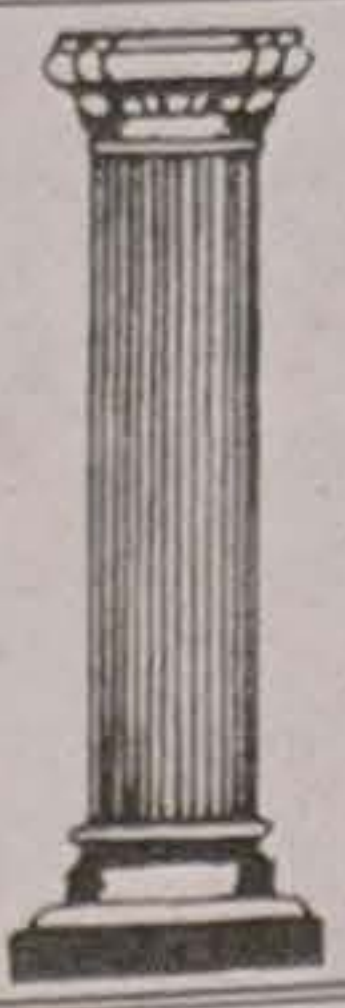
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 Miners Refuse to Work after Death
 Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
 War Dims Hope for Peace
 If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
 Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
 Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
 Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
 Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge
 New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
 Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
 Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
 Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
 Hospitals are Sued by Seven Foot Doctors
And the winner is....
 Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

[Editor's Note: These headlines, sent to me via e-mail, are funny but spare a little sympathy for people working under the pressure of a deadline who come up with headlines at the last minute. Having just read the article, the headlines made sense at the time!]

Did You Notice?

In the last issue of the Crier, there were no Hampton Village Notes. We currently have no volunteer to take these notes and report them to you as part of the Crier. If inclusion of Village Board Notes is important to you, volunteer to attend the meetings on the first and third Monday of every month to witness government first hand and take notes for your fellow residents. Call Jane at 752-0627 to become a Crier reporter!

**Frankly, things are getting serious
 YOU ARE NEEDED!**



Do you like getting the Crier every month? As your editor I really enjoy putting it together for you. Finding "clean" jokes, computer research and writing articles is fun for me. Even advertising, billing and collections are all part of volunteer work so its gladly done. The growing problem is the physical part of distributing over 4,000 papers each month is getting beyond me.

Once the hundred of small pieces of paper are pasted onto oversized sheets, the paper is taken to the Quad City Times building right next to the Arsenal bridge in Davenport. Two to four days later, the printer calls and the bundles of papers must be loaded and transported from Davenport to the Hampton Post Office. Each bundle is only 50 copies.

At the back door of the Post Office, large tubs are labeled and filled with bundles of the Criers that are bulk mailed to post office boxes and rural routes without addresses. At the Crier office in Hampton, anywhere from 175 to 300 Criers are individually addressed using pre-printed stickers. (This takes only a short time). The stickered copies are sorted, grouped by town and placed in trays that are taken to the post office. Paperwork and payment is made by the Crier Editor. About 3,000 copies are mailed monthly.

Another 1,000 to 1,200 copies are given to advertisers who distribute free copies to their customers. There are now about 55 stops from East Moline up to Port Byron and LeClaire, Iowa where papers are dropped off 1-2 days after the mailed copies go out. (Papers release between the 13th and 15th of each month.)

Volunteers are needed for loading/hauling/distribution duties. You need not do all of the above, just help or take a delivery area you frequently travel for work or visiting. The drop-off locations are just off Routes 84, 92 in East Moline and Cody Road in LeClaire. The more volunteering for this monthly community service, the less time it takes to finish. Individuals, organizations, or families from anywhere in our coverage area are urged to call Jane at 752-0627 to help keep the Crier alive. All work involved in putting out the Crier is done by unpaid volunteers.



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August 14, 2-3:00p.m.: 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.

September 11: King Jesus: September Festival featuring the Knights of Columbus. Speaker is Father Mizur of Henery, Illinois. Living Rosary with Knights of Columbus in full regalia, participants come-as-you-are. Butterfly pork chop meal served after services until 5:00 p.m.

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More Life-Altering Inventions

Here are more "small" inventions that have enhanced and/or complicated our lives. It's often surprising how long some products have been around. To keep the kids' minds sharp during summer vacation create a fun internet research project from this list. Go to the library or log onto the internet and get the full story about these inventions. Read, write paragraphs about the inventions and send them to the Crier at P.O. Box 224. We'd like to print your work. (25-75 words per invention, one piece per child per issue):

July 7, 1891	Travelers Checks patented
July 9, 1872	Donut cutter patented
July 14, 1868	The tape measure invented
July 23, 1904	Ice cream cones invented
July 27, 1921	Insulin "discovered"
July 31, 1893	Shredded Wheat patented
August 1, 1854	Elevator invented
August 7, 1888	Revolving door patented
August 14, 1953	The Whiffle Ball invented
August 24, 1869	The waffle iron patented
August 29, 1896	Chop Suey invented
September 8, 1930	"Scotch" tape invented
September 16, 1857	Typesetting machine patented
September 20, 1859	Electric range patented
September 27, 1950	Answering machine invented

Look further in this issue for an article about the sewing machine. Which invention will you choose to research and write about? If you learn nothing else, learn that everything is interesting if you look for the hidden story!

Airline Humor

Some airline employees make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

On a Southwest flight (SW has no assigned seating, you just sit where you want) passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing, when a flight attendant announced, "People, people we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"

On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

On landing, the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

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My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he said.

JAMMIN' WITH JANE

By Jane Nelson

July fourth came and went with a Bang and a Boom. We had Martha and Marc home and they took Tori, Merlin's daughter, back to Des Moines. Tori had arrived Sunday on a plane from Dallas, Texas, where she had been in her aunt's wedding and stayed with her Texas Grandma for a week.. Marc's friends the David Dell Family were here and we had a grand time.

Something I have discovered this summer is the new already prepared piecrust. I have tried the house brand at Fareway and Pillsbury. They used to have it and it was folder in quarters. It is now rolled into a long tube. I find it makes a great pie. I had some really great peaches from Red Cooper's in Texas. My peach pie was really quite special. I also made an apple and an apple-peach. I think we have two pieces left. I have always made my own pie crust which is really easy but I find it takes more time than using the already pre-pared ones.

My other great tip for this summer, if you are invited to pot-lucks or picnics, is to brown any kind of beef or pork roast and add about a cup of red or white table wine while cooking. It doesn't have to be expensive and I don't like cooking wine-it's too salty. Then put it in a very slow oven that has a low temperature. (150 to 250°) for 4 hours. I sometimes put it in overnight since I am not an early morning person. I get rave reviews on the rump roast and pork tenderloin I have done this way.

This is a recipe that came with my peaches that I plan to use soon:

GEORGIA PEACH CRUMBLE

1 c sugar	1 egg beaten
1 c walnuts chopped	1 c sour cream
1 package French vanilla pudding mix	1 c milk
1 c fresh Georgia Peaches, peeled and sliced	
2 T fresh lemon juice	

Combine sugar, egg and walnuts. Spread into 15x10 baking pan lined with foil and sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Bake nut mixture in preheated 350° oven for 18 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown but not crisp. Cool to room temperature.

Crumble nut mixture into coarse pieces and divide half the crumbs among six parfait or sherbet glasses. Sprinkle peaches with lemon juice to prevent discoloration and allow to drain while preparing the pudding mix. Using slowest speed of a electric mixer, beat together instant pudding mix, sour cream and milk in deep bowl. Beat 1 to 2 minutes or until well blended. Fold peaches gently into pudding mix and spoon over crumbs in the dishes and top with remaining crumbs. Chill well before serving. Serves 6

I love chocolate and peanut butter. Chocolate Peanut Butter Revel is my favorite flavor at Whitey's. I saw this recipe in an ad for a cookbook called "Eat UP Slim Down" and thought it sounded great.

PEANUT BUTTER CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE FROSTING CAKE

2/3 c unsweetened applesauce	2 c sifted cake flour
3 t baking powder	1 c packed brown sugar
1/2 c reduced-fat or natural peanut butter	
2 large eggs	1 t vanilla extract
1 large egg white	1/4 cup fat-free milk

Place a strainer over a deep bowl. Spoon applesauce into the strainer and set aside to drain 15 minutes (you should have about 1/3) cup drained applesauce. Discard the liquid. In a medium bowl, combine flour and baking powder.

In a large bowl with an electric mixer beat peanut butter 2 min. Beat in brown sugar for 3 min., or until creamy. Beat in vanilla extract. Beat in egg white. Beat in milk. Add flour mixture and mix on low until moistened. Pour into a 13x 9" baking dish coated with nonstick spray. Bake in a preheated oven at 350°F until center springs back (40-55 minutes).

Frosting

2 2/3 c sifted confectioners' sugar	6 T low-fat margarine or butter
1/3 c Dutch-process or regular cocoa powder	
1 t vanilla extract	3 t fat-free milk

I would melt the margarine and add the cocoa, vanilla and 1 T milk. I would then add the sugar and beat. If too stiff add a little more milk. Then frost cake.

This cake would also be good with the **chocolate fudge frosting** which is 1 1/2 c, 1/3 c milk, and 6 T margarine and heat stirring until fat has melted. Boil to a full rolling boil one minute. Add 1 t vanilla and beat until thick. I think this would be good sprinkled with peanut butter chips.

Editor's Note:

Our Jane Nelson makes apple butter each year for sale in the B&B Museum. I've discovered it makes a really special BBQ sauce. The spices add a gourmet flavor and the natural sugars help form a great glaze on grilled meats. We like this recipe:

1 C Jane's Apple Butter, 1-1/2 C Tomato Catsup, 1 t. brown sugar (optional), 2T Worcestershire Sauce, 1T yellow mustard, 1/2 t Garlic Powder, 3T Minced, dried onion. Combine all in glass container. Microwave for 2-3 minutes on high or until very hot but not boiling. Onion will plump and sauce will thicken. YUM!

A man appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked.

"Well, I can think of one thing," the man offered. "Once, on a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of high-testosterone bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. "So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him on his bald head, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground." I yelled, "Now, back off!! Or you'll answer to me!"

St. Peter was impressed: "When did this happen?"

"Just a couple minutes ago."

Around Town News Briefs

The South Moline Township and Assessor's offices have moved from 614-616 15th Avenue in East Moline to 2521 - 53rd Street, Moline, IL 61265. The telephone number there is 309-762-3232. The office officially opened on Tuesday, July 5th. The South Moline Township's new home and all business, as well as all meetings, will be held at this new address.

Hampton Residents may purchase yard waste and excess garbage stickers at Quinn Hardware or Porters at the same price as Village Hall. Yard waste is picked up on Monday mornings as well as recycling and garbage. If you put everything out for pick up on Saturday or Sunday morning, you risk having bags opened by animals or damaged by weather. Remember that it is the homeowner's responsibility to pick up any spilled garbage before it is blown around the neighborhood, not the waste removal personnel.

A New Clinic Opens in Nearby LeClaire, Iowa

The Riverview Urgent Care and Family Medical Clinic brings a unique health care approach to this area. They "hope to span the gap in healthcare between high quality medical care for minor emergencies and outpatient medical needs for the entire family." The clinic, independently owned and operated, will be the first in the area to use all-electronic medical recording as well as open access scheduling. This elements delays in treatment if you have an emergency. If further care is needed, patients are not limited to a particular hospital for treatment.

The health conditions that often make hospital emergency rooms so congested may be treated there. On-site x-ray and labs services allow routine handling of screenings as well as sprains, fractures, burns, cold/flu/pneumonia, allergies and more.

Car Safety for young and Old

From Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

Nearly 3/4 of children's safety seats are improperly used. Learn the mechanics of your brand of seat. Then follow these guidelines:

- Never place a child safety seat in front of an air bag.
- Visit a certified inspection station to make sure you have installed the seat correctly. (www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cps/cpsfitting)
- Place babies less than a year old and less than 20 pounds in rear-facing safety seats. Use a convertible seat in the rear-facing mode if your infant is less than a year old but weighs 20-35 pounds.
- Children ages 1-4 should sit in forward-facing car seats until they're approximately 40 pounds. When using a car seat, pull the harness so it's snug. Place the chest clip at armpit level. Also pull the car's seat belt tight.
- Until they reach age 8 or at least 4'9" tall, kids should sit on booster seats secured with lap and shoulder belts.
- Children 12 and under should always ride in the backseat with seat belts fastened.

Little known/remembered safety tips:

Lock headrests into proper position to reduce the chances of head or neck injuries in a rear-end collision. The top of a headrest should be no more than 3.5" below the top of the head. Keep the distance between the head and the headrest as small as possible - no more than 4".

BEWARE OF POWER WINDOWS! Since 1990, at least 37 children have been killed by power windows and hundreds more injured. It happens so quickly and with so much force, a child can't make any noise.

Most of the fatalities have been in cars with rocker or toggle window switches. When kids play with, bump into or stand on the switches, the windows can crush their heads, necks, arms and hands. Lever switches are safer because they have to be pulled up to raise the window.

Tragedies also have occurred when drivers inadvertently closed windows on children. To protect your passengers, don't leave kids alone in a car. Find out how to use your window lock and use it. ALWAYS warn passengers when raising a window.

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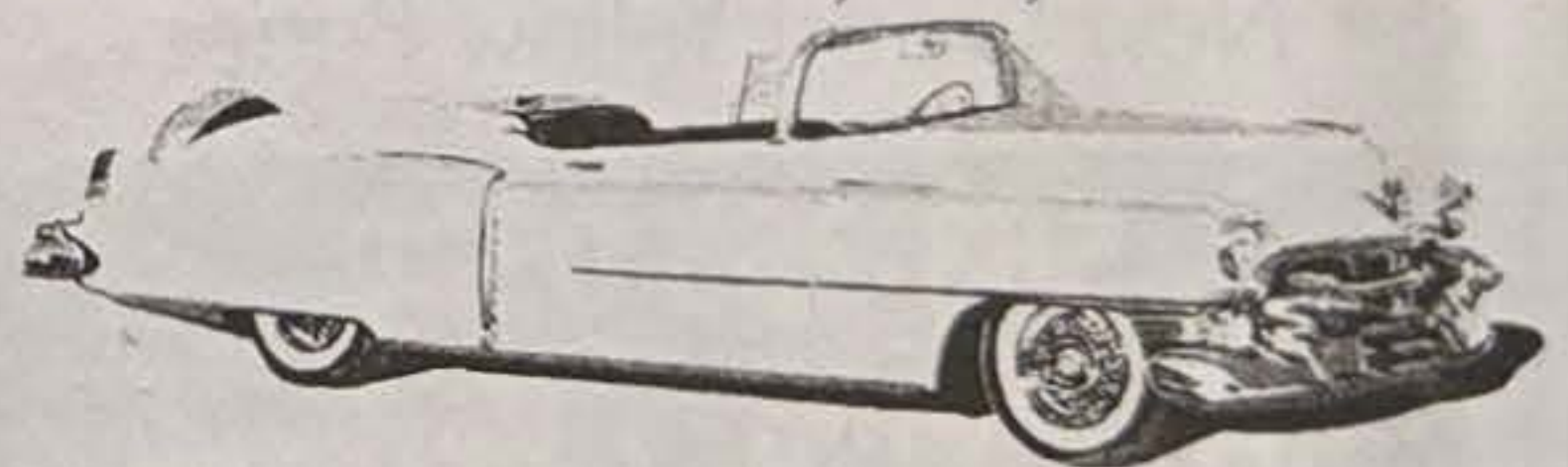
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Pencils lost a few points.

Hiking equipment was trailing.

Elevators rose while escalators continued they're slow decline.

Weights were up in heavy trading.

Light switches were off.

Mining equipment hit rock bottom.

Diapers remain unchanged.

Mechanized Sewing and Howe!

Some inventions amount to clever "convenience" tools or gadgets and others have grown into necessities with far reaching economic influence in America and around the world. The first few inventions that came to mind are the automobile and air travel and as much as these are critical to the world economy, Elias Howe's sewing machine has had almost as much influence.

Think about all the clothes manufactured around the world. At whatever wage or the working conditions, jobs have been created for millions by the mechanized sewing machine. Many who could not afford to purchase clothes, are able to make their own or turn their talent into a cottage industry of sewing for others. Now, think of all the items in your life that are stitched together by someone. Your car or furniture upholstery, toys, shoes, purses, all sorts of fashion accessories and utilitarian items like lamp shades.

Elias Howe couldn't keep a job. Born in July, 1819, he was too frail to work on the family farm in Spencer, Massachusetts. At 16, he left the farm to be a machinist in Lowell and from there, he went to Cambridge where he barely made a living because of his poor health. While in the machine shop, he overheard men talking about the need for someone to invent a machine that would make the life of seamstresses and maids easier. The invention, if it worked would mean wealth for the inventor. Howe decided to give it a try.

By this time, Howe was married with children. His wife, like most in those days, sewed all the family clothes by hand. After watching his wife's hands during the sewing process, Howe tried for a year to make a machine that would sew like a human hand. Nothing worked until he came up with the idea of using a second thread

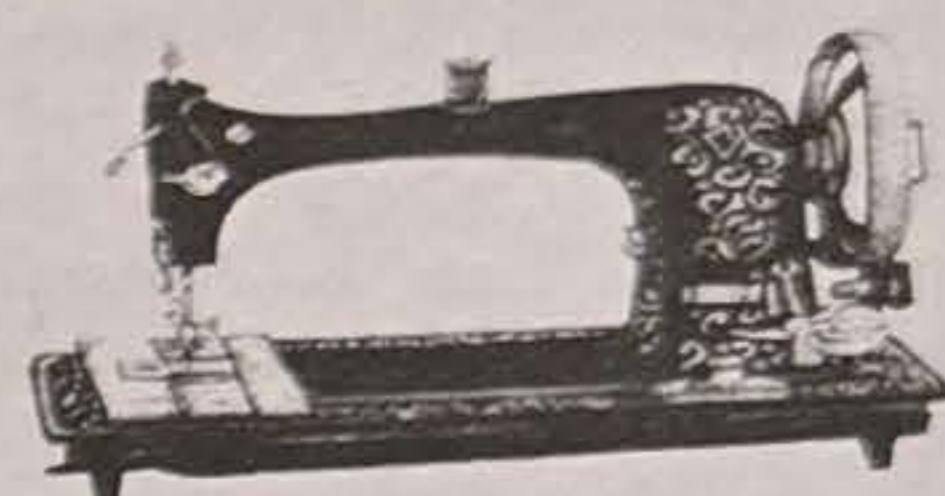
to create what sewing people know as the "chain stitch". One thread on the underside of the fabric and one from above made his invention work.

In April of 1845, Howe and his backer, a coal dealer by the name of George Fisher each boasted a new suit made on Howe's mechanical sewing machine. Both thought they were on easy street but sad to say, things went from bad to worse. Everyone agreed the machine was ingenious but no one wanted to pay the price. Mr. Fisher withdrew his financial support and Howe's family moved back to the farm in Spencer while Elias worked as an engineer on the local railroad.

Howe's brother Amasa took the model sewing machine and patent papers to England in hopes of getting financial backers there. A corset-maker there agreed to bring Elias, his wife and children to England but they sailed for America when the backer lost interest. Howe kept working but finally had to admit failure in England. He had to sell his model and papers to pay for his return passage.

The biggest disappointment of his life was returning to America just as his wife died of consumption. Soon, it became known that some of the machinists formerly acquainted with Howe had stolen his idea and started making sewing machines which they began to sell but Howe's name became quite famous for the invention.

The accumulated misfortunes of Elias Howe brought his friends to his aid. They began to give him money which he used to sue those that stole his patents. After 6 years, Elias Howe won the suits and with the money opened a small factory in New York. The profits and royalties and other machines he invented amounted to two million dollars. Honors came to him like the Cross of the Legion of Honor and a gold medal at the Paris Exposition. Despite his fame and wealth, he joined the Union Army as a common soldier when the Civil War broke out. Once, when the pay of his regiment was delayed, Howe advanced his own money to pay them. He died in Brooklyn, New York in October of 1867.



An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools.

—Ernest Hemingway

A grandmother was surprised by her 7 year old grandson one morning. He had made her coffee. She drank what was the worst cup of coffee in her life. When she got to the bottom, there were three of those little green army men in the cup. She said "Honey, what are these army men doing in my coffee?"

Her grandson said, Grandma, it says on TV, "The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup!"

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- You miss a Sunday at church and receive get-well cards.
- You don't use your turn signal because everyone knows where you're going.
- You were born on June 13 and your family received gifts from the local merchants because you are the first baby of the year.
- You can't walk for exercise because every car that passes offers you a ride.
- You drive into the ditch five miles out of town and the word gets back into town before you do.
- When a letter is addressed with your first name and the name of the town and nothing else, and it is delivered.
- You move in and you are no longer a stranger after ten minutes, but you're still a newcomer after twenty years.
- When your children oversleep, and the principal of the school goes to your house and wakes them up.

TOP 10 REASONS TO LIVE IN A SMALL TOWN

10. If you tend to lose your car keys, you can leave them in your car.
9. No one cares what you drive, or what you do for a living, as long as it's honest.
8. The internet is finally here.
7. Local civil defense sirens that usually sound at 10 am every week can be heard when your high school sports team just won state championship, etc., etc., etc...
6. Anonymous bags of sweet corn, tomatoes and zucchini show up on your doorstep.
5. You can pay your home off in your lifetime.
4. You can afford car insurance for your teenagers.
3. You can see the stars. All the stars. Even the little ones.
2. People are important. All the people. Even the little ones.

And the No.1 REASON for living in a small town:
One word: NEIGHBORS

Submitted by a Crier Reader

I'm sure we all could use more calm in our lives.
By following some simple advice I heard on a Dr. Phil show, I have finally found inner peace.
Dr. Phil proclaimed "The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you've started."

So I looked around my house to see all the things I started and hadn't finished, so, before leaving the house this morning, I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of White Zinfandel, a bottle of Bailey's, a bottle of Kahlua, a package of Oreos, the remainder of both Prozac & Valium prescriptions, the rest of the cheesecake, some saltines and a box of chocolates.

You have no idea how good I'm feeling!

Please pass this on to those you feel are in need of inner peace.

School Library Grows

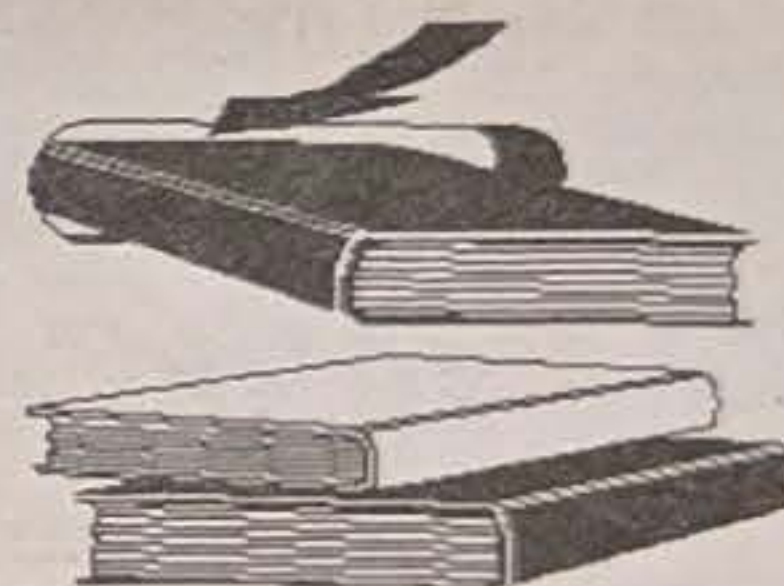
By Ann Hood

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:

**July 13, 20, 27
and
August 3 and 10**



The boss of a big company needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem with one of the main computers, dialed the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper. "Hello."

"Is your daddy home?" he asked. "Yes," whispered the small voice. "May I talk with him?" The child whispered, "No." Surprised, and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your Mommy there?" "Yes." "May I talk with her?" Again the small voice whispered, "No."

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?" "Yes," whispered the child, "a policeman."

Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?" "No, he's busy," whispered the child. "Busy doing what?" "Talking to Daddy and Mommy and the Fireman," came the whispered answer.

Growing concerned and even worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the earpiece on the phone the boss asked, "What is that noise? What is going on there?" asked the boss, now truly alarmed. In an awed whispering voice the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper."

Alarmed, concerned, and even more then just a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?"

Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle: "ME."

When my grandson told me he knew how old he was, I teasingly replied: "And how do you know that?" "All I gotta do is look in my underwear, Grandma," he advised. "Mine says I'm four"



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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.

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A kleptomaniac woman had been caught shoplifting in a supermarket and had to appear in court, taking along her long-suffering husband for support.

The prosecution proved that the theft had taken place so the judge told her that, considering her record, he was forced to impose a jail term. "This time you stole a can of tomatoes. Let us suppose that there were six tomatoes in the can. Do you agree?" The woman agreed. "Then I sentence you to six nights in jail."

The husband jumped to his feet, addressing the judge, "Your honor, may I approach the bench?" "Well," said his honor, this is somewhat unusual but I will make an exception in this case. You may approach the bench."

The husband wasted no time getting there and, leaning forward, he said in a low voice, "She also stole a can of peas."

SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

July-August, 2005

Open Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM Paid reservations for the following special events must be received at least a week in advance

July 18: Rules of the Road - FREE 1:00-3:00 p.m. Review the basic written and over the road tests

July 22: Trinity Food Care Clinic. 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Cost \$22.00 that is NOT covered by Medicare or Medicaid. An appointment is required and advance notification of any cancellation is required. Bring a washcloth and 2 towels.

July 25, August 1 & 22: Lunch Box Bingo. 11:00 a.m. Cost \$10.00 per day. Seating is limited so paid reservations must be made a week in advance. Paper bingo follows lunch. Bring your own daubers. If you bring a canned food item(s) for the Quad City Food Pantry, you'll receive "Pantry Pack" bingo sheets FREE.

July 27, August 31: Lite Lunch and Cards 11:00 a.m. Cost \$5.00 Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

August 3: Euchre Tournament 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00 Played according to Hoyle Rules. Men & Women welcome

August 10: 500 Tournament 11:30 a.m. 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!

EVERY WEDNESDAY: T.O.P.S. Club IL#450 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Weigh-in starts at 10:30 a.m., meeting follows

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River Valley District Library News and Events

Summer reading is almost over at River Valley Library; we have had a great time this year with our focus on *Graphic Novels* we have been encouraging youth to read a variety of non-fiction books as well as fiction. Our programs so far were finger printing with the RI County Sheriff Dept. where 53 young crime fighters were fingerprinted. On June 8th, about 80 people attended our wonderful program put on by De Priest Puppets Ollie De Priest, in memory of Jan Griffin, our former library director for 25 years, donated the program.

Craft day, we made super hero belts, capes, a bat clip and a spider sun catcher, after the indoor crafts young patrons went outside to the parking lots and painted their own super hero logo on the parking lot! Check it out, next time you come for our drive in movie.

July 13th 1:30 p.m. -2:15 -Lisa Murphy from 4 H will be here. Lisa has set us a series of 3 visits; on these visits the programs she'll do with the youth are Geology, Engineering and art science. She will also be here on **July 25th 1:30 -2:15 and August 3rd at 1:30 -2:15**. Please sign up to join us for science.

July 20th 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Ready Start Read with Ms. Peggy. She will read a story and do some related crafts and activities with the children. 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

August 10th 1:30 -3:00 p.m. Ready Start Read with Ms. Peggy. She will read a story and do some related crafts and activities with the children. 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
Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince Drawing to be held on July 16th @ 9:00 a.m. at River Valley District Library.

River Valley Library is now accepting personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, shampoo, hair sprays & gels; New Teddy bears and stuffed animal, new toys & games, and new newborn through size 4 T children's clothing. Your name will be entered in the drawing, per each item donated; we have 2 books for the drawing that will be given away.

All donated items will go to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois to be given out to children and teens brought into the center in emergency situations. Please help us help others. Deadline for the drawing is Friday, July 15th @ 8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 22nd 12:30 -4:00 p.m. Mississippi Valley Blood Drive to be held at River Valley Library. Please call Devon @1-800 747-5401 to sign up. Prefer sign ups, but drop-ins are welcome
River Valley Library will be closed on August 12 and 13th Due to Tug Fest Please mark your calendars.

Wacky Water Day with the River Valley Library Tuesday, August 9th 10:00 a.m. to Closing

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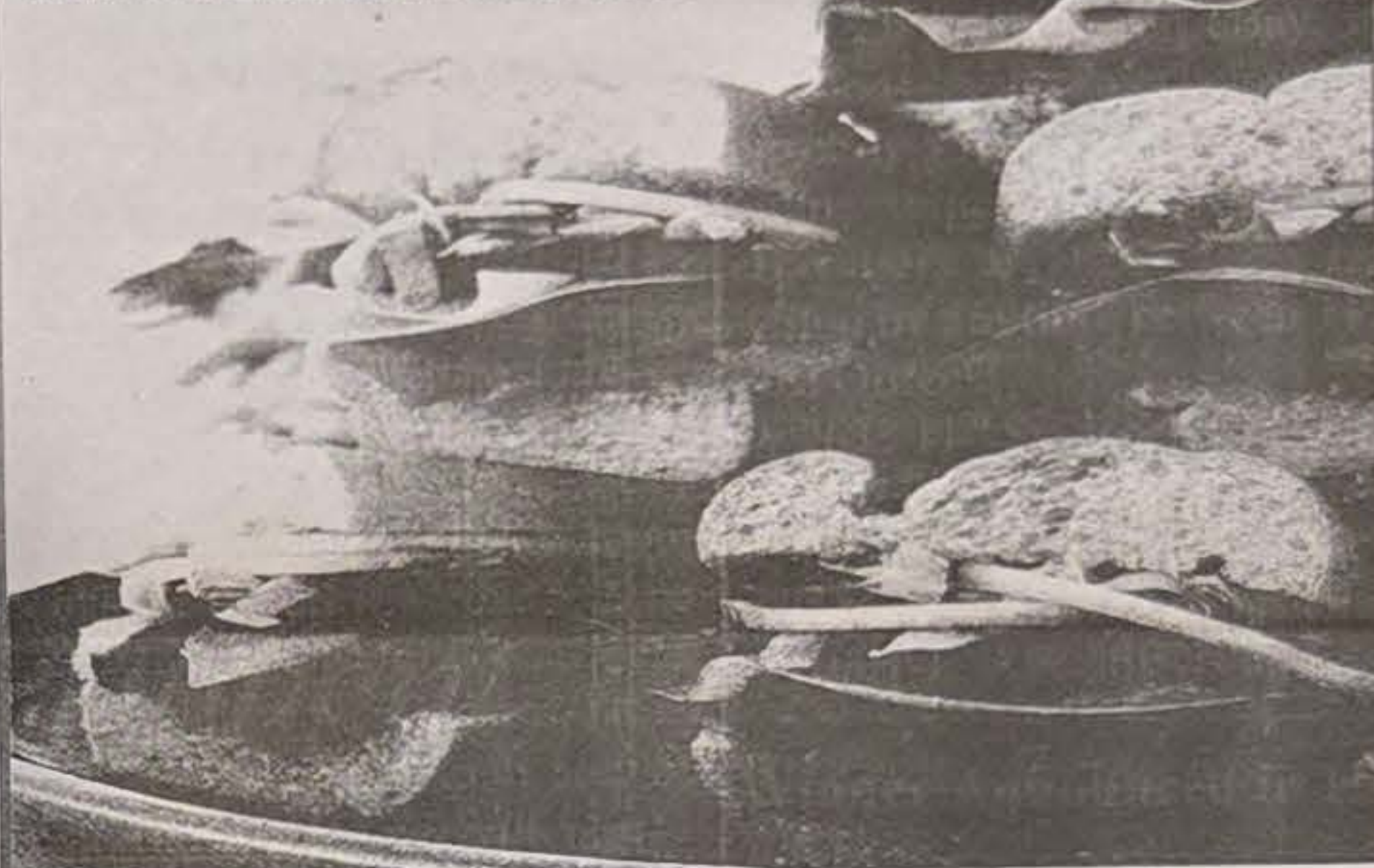
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Birthdays

July, 2005

- 8 Jack Coder
- 12 Ann Beckman
- 14 Matthew Gillespie
- 17 Bobbie Beals
- 18 Justine Marie Franklin
- 18 Rebecca Kosminsky
- 21 Carl Wyatt
- 22 Steven Braddy
- 24 Amy Gould
- Pastor Howard Ross
- 28 Theresa Cox
- 29 Eileen A. Gavin
- 29 Deana Leslie
- 30 Pearl Cooper

Birthdays (Continued)

August, 2005

- 10 Mary Ellen McNeal-95!
- 16 Amy Corso Priest
- 25 Tom Gould

Anniversaries

July, 2005

- 22 Rick & Anita Gillespie
- 24 Denny & Mae Tallman

August, 2005

- 13 Kirk & Vanessa Gillespie
- 18 Dan & Ellie Kosminsky
- 31 "Bud" & Cis Donaldson
- 31 Marvin & Judy Eimen

WHAT TREE DID YOU FALL FROM?

If your birthday falls between July 15th and August 23rd look below to find your tree. Then read the description at the bottom

Jul 15 to Jul 25 - Elm Tree

Jul 26 to Aug 04 - Cypress Tree

Aug 05 to Aug 13 - Poplar Tree

Aug 14 to Aug 23 - Cedar Tree

Cedar Tree (Confidence) -- of rare strength, knows how to adapt, likes unexpected presents, of good health, not in the least shy, tends to look down on others, self-confident, a great speaker, determined, often impatient, likes to impress others, has many talents, industrious, healthy optimism, waits for the one true love, able to make quick decisions.

Cypress Tree (Faithfulness) -- strong, muscular, adaptable, takes what life has to give but doesn't necessarily like it, strives to be content, optimistic, wants to be financially independent, wants love and affection, hates loneliness, passionate lover which cannot be satisfied, faithful, quick-tempered at times, can be unruly and careless, loves to gain knowledge, needs to be needed.

Elm Tree (Noble-mindedness) -- pleasant shape, tasteful clothes, modest demands, tends not to forgive mistakes, cheerful, likes to lead but not to obey, honest and faithful partner, likes making decisions for others, noble-minded, generous, good sense of humor, practical.

Poplar Tree (Uncertainty) -- looks very decorative, talented, not very self-confident, extremely courageous if necessary, needs goodwill and pleasant surroundings, very choosy, often lonely, great animosity, great artistic nature, good organizer, tends to lean toward philosophy, reliable in any situation, takes partnership seriously.

Consider Combination of 401(k) and Roth IRA

Submitted by Mark Judy,
Edward Jones



Your 401(k) plan is unquestionably a great vehicle for building retirement savings. You typically fund your plan with pre-tax dollars, so your contributions can lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis.

So, you should always put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k), right? Not necessarily.

Why? Because you may be able to get more "mileage" out of your retirement plan dollars by putting some of them into a Roth IRA. As you may know, Roth IRA earnings have the potential to grow tax-free, provided you've held your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you reach age 59 1/2. Furthermore, when you invest in a 401(k) or a similar plan (such as a 403(b) or 457 plan), you may be required to take minimum distributions when you reach 70 1/2, but you can let your Roth IRA keep growing until you decide when to take withdrawals.

Do you have to choose?

Clearly, both a Roth IRA and a 401(k) offer significant advantages to you as you build funds for retirement. And, fortunately, you don't have to choose one of these vehicles over the other. So, how should you divvy up your contributions?

Here's one suggestion: Put as much as necessary into your 401(k) to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. Then, fully fund your Roth IRA. If you "max out" on your Roth IRA, and you still can afford to set aside more funds for retirement, increase your 401(k) salary deferral. (In 2005, you can put up to \$4,000 into a Roth IRA, or \$4,500 if you are 50 or older. You can also defer up to \$14,000 to your 401(k), or \$18,000 if you are 50 or older.)

Of course, this strategy may not be applicable if your income is too high to contribute to a Roth IRA. If you are a single filer, you can put in the full amount to your Roth IRA if your modified adjusted gross income (AGI) is less than \$95,000 per year, and you can make partial contributions if you earn between \$95,000 and \$110,000. If you are married, and filing jointly, you can contribute the maximum to your Roth IRA if your AGI is less than \$150,000 per year; you can make partial contributions if your AGI is between \$150,000 and \$160,000.

Keep diversification in mind

If you can contribute to both a Roth IRA and a 401(k), you'll need to carefully choose the investments that make up these respective retirement plans. You won't want to "duplicate" your holdings by choosing virtually identical investments in your Roth IRA and 401(k). Instead, seek to diversify as much as possible. For example, if your 401(k) is made up mostly of aggressive growth vehicles, you may want to fund your Roth IRA with somewhat more conservative investments. Your individual asset allocation should depend on your risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon. Just keep in mind that your Roth IRA and 401(k) are two pieces of a bigger picture.

By wisely integrating your 401(k) and your Roth IRA into your overall investment strategy, you can go a long way toward achieving your ultimate goal - a comfortable retirement lifestyle.

An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws. "You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a girl in the line said to the little fella.

Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head. his grandmother knelt down next to him. "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl I always wanted freckles, she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful!" The boy looked up, "Really?" "Of course," said the grandmother. "Why, just name me one thing that's prettier than freckles." The little boy thought for a moment, peered intensely into his grandma's face, and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."

VACATION FROM WHERE?

By Colleen Moore Poncin

It's that time of year again—vacation time—when all those cabin-fever daydreams of winter can be put into reality overdrive. I've been on some great ones in my time. There were the afternoon trips and the day trips, the long planned for trip and the "lets just get in the car and see where we end up" trips, the very expensive and the bologna and loaf of bread in the park trips! I've been on them all. I've seen culture and cement chickens trying to pass for culture. I've basked in the sun by the pool and watched the rain pool at my feet. But of all my vacation experiences, there is one that will forever live in my memory as the Vacation from Hell.....

We had scrimped and saved and been nowhere for eons. But we had a goal and that was to take our 3 little darlin's to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. We planned and saved and bought travel guides and talked to "those who had been to the Holy Grail of Fundom to get their advice. Those 3 darlin's I talked about were a 12 year old boy, a 10 year old boy, and a 5 year old girl. We were all equally giddy and when the time came to order the plane tickets and set up the reservations, we could have flown without plane, we were so excited.

Finally the time came. We were going to spend a week at the Mecca of the Mouse and we had set up a schedule to get the ultimate maximum for every dollar we spent. We had anticipated everything except the fact that we had this 12 year old boy with us.

Now, I love my son. I loved him before we went on this trip and I loved him after we went on this trip. But I have to admit that there were times during that trip that I could have hung him on any hook by his shirt collar, (except that he was continually clad in black rock t-shirts without collars), and walked away. This child had spiraled into the land of teenagers just a year earlier than most and at the same time had become infected with something called Pac-Man Fever.

A few years earlier Pong had come on the scene and we got one and watched a ping pong image floating back and forth across the TV screen. We had to drag this kid away from the TV with a spatula. He could sit there for a 9 hour stretch if we had let him. We should have known then that he had a weakness for anything electronic and blinking with a joystick control.

Well, we got to Disney World and we had a great time. The other boy and our daughter had fun on all the rides, although I was slightly dizzy from the 15 times I had to ride on the It's a Small World ride and listen to that crazy music. But Son # 1 would: not eat, would not talk to us, would not swim unless he had a t-shirt and swim trunks on, would only walk 10 paces behind us so as not to be seen with his family, would not even get into a family picture. Now all of this weird behavior I handled with grace and a smile of indulgence, not wanting my bad mood, induced by his teenage craziness, to surge over onto the rest of the family's good time.

But the straw that broke his mama's back and brain, was the hand that was out for quarters everywhere we went. We planned on buying everyone a nice souvenir—he just wanted quarters to pump into any video machine he could find. And find them he did. They were everywhere. If we had an inkling that there would be video machines along our path, we would try to avoid them—but he seemed to have a built in homing device—and could find them no matter how obscure the nook and crannies they had been placed in.

I felt that he was becoming an extension of the machines themselves. His eyes would glaze over and his fingers that made the little people jump on the screen would itch and twitch—and we knew he was off in the Twilight Zone of Videoland.

This child has now grown into a wonderful husband and father. His job is working with computers (I know that will surprise you) and he can handle anything electronic and computerized with skill and finesse. I asked him the other day what he remembered about the trip to Orlando and our vacation there. "Not much" he said. "But they sure had the neatest video games in the world!!."

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General Rules:

Unlimited entries are welcome. Names must not be displayed on entries (they will be assigned numbers). Recipes must accompany the item or be disqualified. No alcohol or liquor can be used in the recipes.

For information, Call Marcia at 755-7922 or Joyce at 755-5224. For each item you wish to enter in the contest: write your name, address, phone number and the name of your recipe on a half sheet of paper. Indicate if you are entering the Pie or Cookie competition. Make one entry form for each item. Mail your forms to

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Diane Sawyer

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BEST BREAKFAST

By Franciska Rasmussen

When a friend visited me the other day she told me of a new restaurant she discovered while on a trip. She told me she had a wonderful breakfast there, one of the top ten on her list.

Now this amused me---a list of restaurants with the best breakfasts. This is something I had never thought of. Breakfast was not that big of a deal with me so I could not tell her about my favorites as I did not have any.

I got to thinking back to my childhood and breakfast was nothing to cheer about then either. A hot bowl of oatmeal in the winter and corn flakes in the summer. Then, a memory came to me about a special breakfast that my godfather made for me on Sundays.

My godparents lived next door to us and my mother and godmother would go to the early Mass. I was only about 5 at the time so I didn't have to go. On this one Sunday the back door slammed very hard as my Mother left for Mass.

Since I could not get back to sleep I decided to get up and have breakfast. I got dressed and found a new box of corn flakes but could not get it opened so I went next door to my godfather who I knew would be up to have him open the box. He asked "What is this?" and I told him it was what I ate for breakfast. "That doesn't look so good--Why don't you have breakfast with me?" he said. He told me on Sunday when the ladies go to church he always fixed himself a good breakfast with BUTTER. (My godmother would fry everything in lard because it was cheap). She even put it on sandwiches instead of butter!

I sat and watched him fry the bacon and in another skillet fry the eggs with lots and lots of butter and then toast thick slices of home made bread in the skillet.

Yes, it was a wonderful breakfast and I enjoyed every bite. Afterwards we washed the dishes and no one would know any cooking had been done in that kitchen. As I was leaving to go home he said "Here, take this box of corn flakes with you I opened the top. From now on when the ladies go to church on Sunday we will have our breakfast. O.K.?" It sure was O.K. and it not only made the top of my so called list--it was the one and only on my list of BEST BREAKFASTS.

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?"

Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

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Edna Ferber



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SEWING CLASS

By Mary Lou Schaechter

My grandparents raised 1,500 chickens a year. The chicken feed was packaged in brightly colored, inexpensive, cotton material. The flower patterns were garish, poorly matched prints. The material was washed and ironed and used to make aprons, hand towels, and other necessities.



When I was nine, I watched my mother sew aprons on her treadle sewing machine and asked, "Can you teach me to sew?" She replied, "Of course." Digging through the pattern box she found one with sizes for my sister and me; then pulled some ugly fabric out of the pile of chicken feed sacks.

Learning how to pin and cut the material was easy, sewing on the treadle machine was hard and took a few days to master. To get the machine to make even, tight stitches, you had to push the treadle with a rhythm. Without rhythm the machine kicked backward and tangled the thread. The rhythm explains the loud "thump, thump" you hear throughout the house when anyone sews.

I caught on quickly and made several outfits apiece for my sister and me. Still using feed sacks, I made many other items of clothing during the next few years.

When I enrolled in 9th grade Junior High I chose a class in sewing. My teacher was ecstatic to find a student who already knew how to sew. Mother and I went to Petersen Harned Von Maur and bought material for me to use. What a welcome change from gaudy feed sacks.

I quickly completed the required sewing assignments. The teacher then helped me learn shortcuts, such as sewing over pins and machine basting. All the other girls had to do things using the slower methods. I finished an apron, a complicated blouse, and a plaid dress. The plaid had to be carefully matched at the seams. Most of the girls finished an apron; a few began or finished a simple blouse.

One of the other girls, Sally, kept us laughing by clowning around whenever the teacher was busy in another part of the room. She kept her spare pins in her mouth, as did some others. Starting to laugh, she drew in a breath and accidentally swallowed all of the pins.

Off to the hospital and a four-day diet of oatmeal and cotton, until none of the pins were showing on x-rays. Her first day back at class someone asked how it happened. She popped pins in her mouth, took a deep breath and, "Not AGAIN?" she swallowed the pins.

She gained another four-day hospital visit and a failed grade in sewing class. I wonder if she was ever able to again enjoy eating oatmeal.

The shortcuts I gained from this class have been valuable throughout the years. First, I sewed my own clothing; then sewed for my children. I even started and successfully ran a business in my home sewing for others

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Nuisances: Plants & Weeds (Edited for space)

A. Weeds declared a nuisance: Any weeds such as jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistle, cockle burr, or other weeds of a like kind, found growing on any lot or tract of land in the Village or standing uncut or otherwise uncontrolled shall be declared a nuisance.

B. Height: 1. No person shall permit any weeds, grass, or plants other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding ten (10) inches anywhere in the Village; any plants or weeds exceeding this height shall be declared a nuisance.

2.&3. Each property owner and/or occupant shall be responsible for the cutting of grass and weeds located on his/her property and on that property between his/her property line and the edge of the publicly traveled street or alley.

C. Barberry Bushes: It shall be a nuisance and unlawful to plant or permit the growth of this bush of a species of tall common or European barberry, further known as *barberis vulgaris* or its horticultural varieties within the Village.

D. Removal Notice: It shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works, or any other authorized Village Official, to cause the owner or occupant, or both of any premises on which weeds, plants or grasses have been permitted to grow in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance to demand the abatement of the nuisance within five (5) days of being served with the notice. If the owner/occupant of the property is a resident of the Village, notice shall be served by the officer of the Village Police Department.

E. Abatement: If the person so served does not abate the nuisance within five (5) days, the Director of Public Works may without further notice, proceed to abate such nuisance. The charge of abating such nuisance shall be charged at an hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour for residential property and \$250.00 per hour for commercial property. The minimum charge shall be \$125.00 for residential property and \$250.00 for commercial property.

F. Second and Subsequent Offenses: Any property owner/occupant who receives a second or subsequent Removal Notice within a ninety (90) day period shall be subject to the provisions of E above plus a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

G. LIEN: Charges for such weed removal shall be a lien upon the premises. Whenever a bill for the charges remains unpaid for sixty (60) days after it has been rendered, the Clerk may file with the Recorder of Deeds of Rock Island County a statement of lien claim. The statement shall contain a legal description of the premises, the expenses, the costs incurred and the date the weeds were cut and a notice that the Village claims a lien for this amount. 1. Notice of a lien claim shall be mailed to the owner of the premises if his address is known. 2. The Village Attorney is authorized and directed to institute proceedings in the name of the Village in any court having jurisdiction over such matters, against any property of which the bill has remained unpaid sixty (60) days after it has been rendered.

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