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Welcome Home Celebration For Iraq Servicemen



Fellowship Room of Hampton United Methodist Church

A celebration was held at the Fellowship Room of Hampton United Methodist Church on 21 Aug 05 in honor of Marcus Powell and in honor of Ivan Beckman each of whom have returned from a year of service in Iraq.

The evening included a short presentation made by Marcus as he described items on a display table including a Purple Heart earned while serving in Balad, Iraq and by Ivan as he described the general situation he had experienced in Ramadi and Fallujah.

Marcus and Laura Powell are both members of the Iowa National Guard. As Marcus served in Iraq, Laura continued to teach English and Literature at United Township High School and care for 4 children.

Ivan, who served as an Executive Officer for the 44th Combat Engineer Battalion deployed directly from Korea to Iraq. Haerin and their daughter, LeeAnn, remained in Korea during his year in Iraq. The 44th Combat Engineers have been reassigned to Fort Carson, Colorado so they are currently in the process of finding housing in Colorado Springs.



Ivan Beckman
Haerin Beckman

Marcus Powell
Laura Powell

Children Donate \$241.03 to Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina Recovery Efforts

While many of use took advantage of the nice weather to do yard work or have a picnic during the Labor Day holiday, eight local children set up a lemonade stand on the 500 Block of 3rd Avenue in Hampton. The aftermath of Katrina seen constantly on TV has deeply effected us all with images of families torn apart and losing everything to the storm. Just as effected as the children, Giles and Betty Frazier donated supplies and saw the stand was in a safe, shady space where they could keep a friendly eye on the youngsters.

The nickels, dimes and pennies were carefully counted then donated to the Red Cross. We are proud of all the children who have turned sadness into action and accomplished so much! Pictured are Toni Mason, Stephanie Littig, Wesley DeVoss, Katie Mason and Ivyanne Powell. Others manning the stand but not pictured are Jack Gates, Ben Henrichs and Lee Tapia.



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Dogs, Kids and Small Town Living

Recently, the Crier has been contacted by a number of residents throughout our circulation area wanting their "letters to the Editor" published. Sorry, we're only a "community bulletin board" with some generic articles or jokes, we cannot print letters. As angry as those readers might be, both sides should be presented.

All communities change and friction between new and older residents is common. Current residents worry about property values, losing old friends and adapting to new families. On the other hand, it is a mistake for anyone to move into an established community and disregard the current life style of the neighbors. The smaller and more rural communities along the river we have heard from have the same ordinances as any of the Quad Cities but since most small town residents prefer common sense, old fashioned courtesy and resist involving police, they have contacted the Crier. New-comers don't want to "get off on the wrong foot" so have done the same.

Specific complaints (old against new) have included: Dogs constantly barking, dogs running loose and attacking other animals or children. Kids picking flowers, fruit or veggies from another's yard without permission, unsupervised children, overcrowding yards with adult and youth "toys" and noise.

Long-time residents complain about new-comers who appear to exhibit an attitude of "anything goes" in small towns or "no one can tell me what to do on my property".

The frustrated remarks come from both sides! People move to small towns looking for neighborliness and too often find long-time residents who appear to exhibit an attitude of entitlement, intolerance and "we were here first". **Specific complaints (new against old) have included:** Continuing to cut through a yard without permission, removing plants, ornaments and garden produce from a yard before the new owner can move in. Expecting new owners to continue to do favors/ perform services as did the former neighbors. Old residents taking advantage of a new-comer's expensively hired dumpster by filling it with their own junk after dark, (forcing the new-comer to pay their disposal costs.)

Bottom line: Both sides need to take an objective look at their current situations, their own behavior and attitudes. If friction with your neighbors is present, don't cut out this article and tack it to their door! Talk with the people bugging you and experiment by modifying your expectations and behavior for a while. Neighborhoods change. Good neighborhoods don't just happen, everyone has to make compromises. It is up to all of us to adapt to each other EQUALLY to maintain a good quality of life.

Grandmother Maples handled washday this way

Years ago an Alabama grandmother gave the new bride the following recipe: (This is an exact copy as written and found in an old scrapbook - with spelling errors and all.)

WASHING CLOTHES RECIPE

(For you non-southerners -wrench means rinse)

- Build fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water. Set tubs so smoke wont blow in eyes if wind is pert.
- Shave one hole cake of lie soap in boilin' water.
- Sort things, make 3 piles: 1 pile white, 1 pile colored, 1 pile work britches and rags.
- To make starch, stir flour in cool water to smooth, then thin down with boiling water.
- Take white things, rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, and boil, then rub colored don't boil just wrench and starch.
- Take things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then wrench, and starch.
- Hang old rags on fence. Spread tea towels on grass.
- Pore wrench water in flower bed. Scrub porch with hot soapy water. Turn tubs upside down.
- Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with hair combs. Brew cup of tea, sit and rock a spell and count your blessings.

Paste this over your washer and dryer. Next time when you think things are bleak, read it again, kiss that washing machine and dryer, and give thanks.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaking tire.

For Hampton Residents: Ordinances in Brief

Swimming Pools: Pools of any kind with a water depth of 18 inches or more must be fenced to make pool inaccessible to small children. Fencing must be 5 Ft. or higher. Gates, must have self-closing and latch equipment. You must have a building permit for fences BEFORE fence is built or the pool is filled. For child safety around soft-sided pools: Remove ladders/steps and cover the pool when an adult is not attending kids in your pool.

Tobacco Products: It is unlawful to sell to or for minors under the age of 18 years to accept, possess or consume cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco or tobacco in any form.

Burning: No burning within 1,000 feet of the school while students are in session. No burning of anything on the railroad tracks or in the right-of-way (including drainage ditches). **No burning within 25 feet of any structure or adjoining property line (including easements) or on seal coated or asphalt streets, avenues or alleys of any kind.** All fires must be attended until completely extinguished. Water in buckets or a hose must be on site to control possible spreading. **Common sense:** Don't burn on windy days. **Dry grass, etc. before trying to burn. Smokey fires will be reported.**

Debris in roads, alleys and ditches: No grass clippings, yard waste or leaves may be deposited in roads, alleys or the drainage ditches as these create hazards, violates EPA storm water runoff regulations and hinders drainage. Only bagged yard waste with proper stickers is allowed at the edge of the road for Monday morning pick up. **Common Sense:** Save yourself extra work and expense: Mow and mulch grass with leaves and fertilize your lawn naturally.

Parking of Recreational & Utility Vehicles: One of these types of vehicles may be parked, in season, in a driveway if not extending into the right-of-way. Any additional vehicles of these types must be parked behind the building line at the side or behind the dwelling, considered to be out of public view. All vehicles must bear current registration/plates and be in good working order. Recreational vehicles and trailers may not be stored on the right-of-way more than 24 hours except for loading/unloading of cargo or personal belongings plus must be attached to a vehicle designed for towing them. Covers on stored vehicles must be in good condition and tied/weighted down to prevent flapping in the wind. Detailed definitions of each type of vehicle, bus and commercial use restrictions and fines for violation are on the Village Website. www.hamptonil.org.

Every Hampton home and business receives the Crier so, ignorance of an ordinances can no longer be claimed. After September 20th, the full text of the formal ordinances will be on the Village website. www.hamptonil.org.

How You Can Reach Us:

Hampton Towne Crier, P. O. Box 224, Hampton, IL 61256-0224

You may write to us or drop off items at Blimpie or Quinn Hardware in Hampton. **10AM-5PM, Monday through Friday Only**, call 309-752-0627

E-mail to Jane Cady, Editor: jec@ix.netcom.com Please put Hampton Towne Crier in the subject line of your e-mails to make sure they are not missed!

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Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much leave me alone!

ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN!

By Tom Berg, Superintendent



I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new students and their families who will be joining us this year. It is wonderful to have you at Hampton Elementary School. The teachers and staff are very happy to be back at school; they have been busy this summer preparing for another exciting school year.

Throughout the coming year, we invite all our families to be an active part of their child's education. Students are most successful when parents, teachers, and administrators work together. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As you enter Hampton School you will notice how neat and clean our facilities look. Many thanks to our wonderful maintenance staff who worked very hard in the summer heat to prepare the building for the school year.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, PLEASE REMEMBER...

Absences – Please remember to call the school office no later than 9:00 a.m. on the days when your student is absent.

A written note/excuse is needed for each absence.

Tardy – Students who arrive after 8:30 a.m. are considered tardy. A written note/excuse is needed each time a student is tardy.

Arrival/Departure – Students should not arrive before 8:05 a.m. All students are to be picked-up by 3:05 p.m.

Change in Information – Please be sure to contact the school office immediately if you have any changes in address, telephone numbers or emergency contacts. The information you provide is the only way the school has to contact you.

Student/Medication – There are times when medication must be given at school. If your child needs to take medication during the school day, please, pick up a Medication Form from Mrs. Ackley our nurse. Please Note: a new medication form is required each year.

Dress Code—Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for school. Modesty and good taste.

Visiting School—all visitors, including parents, are asked to stop at the main school office and sign a visitors log. If you are picking up your child for an appointment, go to the office instead of the classroom.

Busses parked by the playground are there only temporarily while their usual parking area is being

Grounds for Something.....

A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce, and asked, "What are the grounds for your divorce?"

She replied, "About four acres and a nice little home in the middle of the property with a stream running by."

"No," he said, "I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

"It is made of concrete, brick and mortar," she responded.

"I mean," he continued, "What are your relations like?"

"I have an aunt and uncle living here in town, and so do my husband's parents."

He said, "Do you have a real grudge?"

"No," she replied, "We have a two-car carport and have never really needed one."

"Please," he tried again, "is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

"Yes, both my son and daughter have stereo sets. We don't necessarily like the music, but the answer to your questions is yes."

"Ma'am, does your husband ever beat you up?"

"Yes," she responded, "about twice a week he gets up earlier than I do."

Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, "Lady, why do you want a divorce?"

"Oh, I don't want a divorce," she replied. "I've never wanted a divorce. My husband does. He said he can't communicate with me."

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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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It's the good girls who keep diaries; the bad girls never have time.
Tallulah Bankhead

River Valley District Library

Movies at the Library:

Drive-In (outdoor) Movie: September 24th, see "Fever Pitch" Movies start at 8:30 p.m.. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.
River Reflection (Indoor) Movies: Each month on the first and third Thursday a different movie is shown at the library. Movies start at 1:00 p.m. with free soda and popcorn provided. On 9/15, see *Man of the House*, on 10/6: *Hostage*, on 10/20: *Fever Pitch*.

The First Friday of the month is a stamping class. Join the fun on the first Friday of every month at 9:00 am for a stamping class at the library. Call Beverly Skelton for more information at 309-523-2516.

Ready, Set, S.T.A.R.T. All children birth to five years old are welcome to attend this program on Wednesday, September 21, 1:30-2:30 p.m.. This month's program is: The Crunching Munching Caterpillar. Sponsored by: Rock Island County Regional Office of Education.

Thursday mornings is Rhyme Tyme Story Tyme!

Bring the young ones at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings to join Ms. Cathy and Ms. Pam for stories, crafts and fun times.

Pajama Story Time:

Bring the kids to the library at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 30th – even in their pajamas – and join the fun. Call the library later in September for titles of stories and additional dates.

Advance Notice of Gurnee Mills Bus Trip

Reserve your seat TODAY for a bus trip to Gurnee Mills shopping center to do your Christmas shopping during a trip with friends and neighbors. Tri-State Travel and the library have planned a fun day for you. Leave on Saturday, November 12th at 7:00 am from the library parking lot and return at 7:00 p.m.. The trip fee is only \$32.00 per person and that's much more economical than paying the gas for the same trip so this trip should be very popular. The bus is equipped with restroom and DVD player. Bring your own coffee and donuts will be provided. There will also be lots of door prizes to be given away while you relax and have no driving worries. Stop by the library soon to make your reservations.

Donations are needed!

The library will be collecting items for Lutheran Social Services through December 1st. The following items are needed:

Shampoo, Cream Rinse, hairspray, hair gels, New stuffed animals and new clothing sizes birth to 4T. Every item brought in will earn a free movie coupon to be used in the library. Bring in any 5 items and receive a free book bag!

Joanne Wiklund Holding Writing Classes

September 28 to November 2, 2005, 9:30 am-11:30 am at the Library. Writing Your Own Voice is the series name with a focus on developing your writing potential and skills to you can fulfill your desire to write. A fee of \$20.00 is due at registration. For more information, call the library at 309-523-3440 or the instructor, Joanne Wiklund at 309-523-2517. The classes are for writers, both emerging and proficient.

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M-W-F: 1:00-8:30 p.m., Thurs.: 9:00-1:30 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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Teen Reading Programs at Multiple Libraries:

The Teen Reading Challenge kick-off is Sunday, October 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the Community (upstairs) Room of the River Valley District Library. All teens grades 6-12th are welcome to sign up. Snacks, watching movies, playing trivia games and lots more fun for all attending!

East Moline Library's program, "Get Real at Your Library" will feature books made into movies and banned books. The program details vary by library so visit your favorite for complete details on how to win prizes.

The ending Party for the Teen Reading Challenge will be held at the Bettendorf Public Library on Friday, November 4th 6:00-7:30 p.m. The party will be a game night with board games, bingo and casino games.

East Moline Library News & Activities

September 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m.: Book Sale!

Come to the book sale on the library lawn! There will be hardbacks and paperbacks of all types. If the weather is bad, you'll have to call the library to see if other arrangements have been made. The proceeds from this popular sale go toward the purchase of items needed by the library.

The Mystery Discussion Group will meet Oct. 5th at 6:30 p.m. for the annual Mystery Movie Night. Attendees will share what mysteries are being read and watch two episodes of TV mysteries from the 1950's and 1970's. www.rbls.lib.il.us/emp/mystery.html

Call for Teen Entries for a "Zine"

We are collecting essays, short stories, poetry, photography and art for a "zine." If you are between 12 & 18, bring your work to the East Moline Library or mail your work to Jeremy at 740 - 16th Avenue, East Moline, IL 61244. Include your name, age and telephone number so materials may be returned. October 8, 2005 is the deadline so begin creating NOW!

Join the Bestsellers Club: You will automatically be placed on the reserve list for any of the popular authors you choose. Although we can't guarantee how near the top of the list you'll be, it's one less thing you have to do.

Tuesday Morning is Story Time: Each Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:00 am is story time. Bring the young ones in on September 13, 20 and 27th, October 4, 11, 18 and 25th. Get the family into the library habit early!

Wednesday Evening is Bedtime Story Times: Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. is bedtime story time for the young ones. September 21 through October 19th enjoy a weekly night out with the kids.

Saturdays mean Outdoor Movie Night! Starting at dusk, outdoor movies will be shown. That's September 24 and October 8th. Call us for the movie titles to be shown.

REMINDER: The library collects Campbell's labels. Please save yours and drop them off in our Campbell's deposit boxes located in the adult room or children's department. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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No Apologies, Just a Smart Remark!

In the hurried society, anyone who keeps a perfect house or cooks all their meals from scratch is very unusual. If you have occasion to feel inadequate in the kitchen or house keeping department, try one of these:

- KITCHEN CLOSED (this chick has had it!)
- Martha Stewart doesn't live here!!
- I'm creative - you can't expect me to be neat too!
- So this isn't Home Sweet Home-ADJUST!
- Ring Bell for Maid Service-If no answer-Do It Yourself!
- I clean house every other day - Today is the other day!
- If you write in the dust.. - PLEASE don't date it!
- I would cook dinner but I can't find the can opener!
- My house was clean last week (too bad you missed it!)
- A clean kitchen is...the sign of a wasted life.
- I came - I saw - I decided to order take out.
- You may touch the dust in this house but please don't write in it!
- A messy kitchen is a happy kitchen..and this kitchen is delirious.
- A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
- Help keep the kitchen clean -- EAT OUT!!
- Countless number of people have eaten in this kitchen and gone on to lead normal lives.
- My next house will have no kitchen just vending machines.
- A CLEAN HOUSE IS A SIGN OF A BROKEN COMPUTER!!

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase.....
"goodnight, sleep tight."



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GIFTING FROM THE GRAVE

By Colleen Moore Poncin

My daughter Erin and her mother-in-law, Gail, are currently working on a project for their branches of the family tree. Gail's own mother had boxes and boxes of fabric, including lots of Christmas prints. The woman who bought and neatly stored this fabric slowly succumbed to Alzheimer's and died. She never got to finalize her intentions for the fabric.

This woman is being missed by her family, and particularly so at the holidays. The women of the family are dividing up the yardages and mini-bolts of cloth and assigning to them their own intentions.

During this process, they made a wonderful decision to take the Christmas prints and make family members a gift from the grave. They plan to give everyone a special bouquet of Christmas ornaments made from the cloth she bought. What a wonderful treasure. These ornaments could be passed on for year after year to all the subsequent families and with them this special woman's love and intentions would continue to be passed on and appreciated.

As I get older and know more and more people who have died, I am often close enough to the deceased that the family urges me to take a keepsake in remembrance of that person. What if the item chosen was not a ceramic pretty or kick knack, but instead a box of greeting cards or stationary or plant this person had chosen. Perhaps the dearly departed had a special recipe or a favorite song that resonated in their life.

With that springboard and a visit to a craft store with an open mind, coupled with some simple ideas and tools, the cards or paper could become tree ornaments, the recipe could be written on a nice card and laminated and tucked into a basket of ingredients for that recipe, the plant could have slips grown and replanted in pretty little pots, the words to the song could be inscribed on an interesting piece of wood. The ideas are endless.

Then, whatever the chosen item, it could be re-gifted to the grieving family. How appreciative the family member would be to be "gifted" with a memento of the essence of the personality of the deceased person. What a treasure to pass on!

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.

Diphtheria Epidemic

By Franciska Rasmussen



While looking through a family (Johnson-Jensen) history book of my husband Mike's (his mother's side), I came across some material I would like to share with you.

The family originated in Lonstrup, Denmark and 11 children migrated to America between the years of 1873 and 1890. My husband belonged to the Peter and Mary Johnson family. Peter Johnson was born in 1856 and came to America in 1877. He returned one year later for his fiancée, Mary Nelson. They were married March 31, 1879 and pioneered, living in a log cabin.

By the year 1890, their home had been blessed with 9 children and except for the accidental death of an 8 month old daughter, Maggie, life had been very good. Then came tragedy! In thirteen days, seven children died of diphtheria, with only one child Martin, surviving.

Everyone so feared the disease, and though in dire need of help, only Mary Clemmensen, a townswoman, dared to come into the home because she had recently been immunized. Since there was a lack of modern communication, a signal of death had been pre-arranged. As each child died, Peter mounted his grey horse and rode the ridge above the house where he would wave to some of the neighbors. This signal meant a coffin was to be made: to others a grave to be dug.

On Uncle Nel's farm near by, a new barn had been built and a part of the wood intended for the barn, became material for the seven "boxes" that were prepared. Grief stricken, the parents prepared the bodies for burial. Each time as a coffin (sometimes with the exterior paint still wet), was passed through a window to the bearers, the mother, Mary, sang a hymn which characterized her strong Christian faith. Only once did she falter. She couldn't sing for the seventh child that was claimed. All were buried at Ingeman Cemetery with a common marker.

But life went on—"The Lord gave, and the Lord took away"—but the Lord gave again. Martin the only child spared, was later joined by 3 new brothers and 2 sisters. Mike's mother Anna was part of the second family.

After reading this my heart went out to the Mother and Father and I'm sure yours will too.

Signs That You Are Now a "Grown-Up"

- Your houseplants are alive, and you can't smoke any of them.
- Having sex in a twin bed is out of the question.
- You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
- 6:00 AM is when you get up, not when you go to bed.
- You hear your favorite song on an elevator.
- You watch the Weather Channel.
- Your friends marry and divorce instead of hook up and break up.
- You go from 130 days of vacation time to 14.
- Jeans and a sweater no longer qualify as "dressed up."
- You're the one calling the police because those %&@# kids next door won't turn down the stereo.
- Older relatives feel comfortable telling sex jokes around you.
- You don't know what time Taco Bell closes anymore.
- Your car insurance goes down and your payments go up.
- You feed your dog Science Diet instead of McDonald's leftovers.
- Sleeping on the couch makes your back hurt.
- You no longer take naps from noon to 6 PM!
- Dinner and a movie is the whole date instead of the beginning of one.
- Eating a basket of chicken wings at 3 AM would severely upset rather than settle your stomach.
- If you're a gal, you go to the drug store for ibuprofen and antacid, not condoms and pregnancy tests.
- A \$4.00 bottle of wine is no longer "pretty good stuff."
- You actually eat breakfast food at breakfast time.
- "I just can't drink the way I used to" replaces, "I'm never going to drink that much again."
- 90% of the time you spend at computer is for real work.
- You drink at home to save money before going to a bar.
- You read this entire list looking desperately for one sign that doesn't apply to you and can't find one to save your sorry old self!

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2. Your first initial?
3. Your month of birth?
4. Which color do you like more, black or white?
5. Name of a person of the same sex as yours
6. Your favorite number?
7. Do you like California or Florida more?
8. Do you like a lake or the ocean more?

Horoscope Test Answers

1. If you choose:

- Red - You are alert and your life is full of love.
- Black - You are conservative and aggressive.
- Green - Your soul is relaxed and you are laid back.
- Blue - You are spontaneous and love kisses and affection from the ones you love.

Yellow - You are a very happy person and give good advice to those who are down.

2. If your initial is:

- A-K You have a lot of love and friendships in your life.
- L-R You try to enjoy your life to the maximum & your love life is soon to blossom.

S-Z You like to help others and your future love life looks very good.

3. If you were born in:

Jan-Mar: The year will go very well for you and you will discover that you fall in love with someone totally unexpected.

April-June: You will have a strong love relationship that will not last long but the memories will last forever.

July-Sep: You will have a great year and will experience a major life-changing experience for the good.

Oct-Dec: Your love life will not be great, but eventually you will find your soul mate.

4. If you chose:

Black: Your life will take on a different direction, it will seem hard at the time but will be the best thing for you, and you will be glad for the change.

White: You will have a friend who completely confides in you and would do anything for you, but you may not realize it.

5. This person is your best friend.

6 This is how many close friends you have in your lifetime.

7. If you chose:

California: You like adventure.

Florida: You are a laid back person.

8. If you chose:

Lake: You are loyal to your friends and your lover and are very reserved

Ocean: You are spontaneous and like to please people.

A Senator's aide called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

I just got off the phone with a freshman Congressman who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?" I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these darn planes have numbers on them."

When I die, I want to die like my grandfather--who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car.

--Author Unknown

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Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace. Most boat owners name their boats. The most popular boat name requested - Obsession.

On Getting Sick!

By Rocky Nelson

My editor, Jane Cady, told me about Franciska Rasmussen's article on epidemics and wondered if I'd like to write something along this line. I said "why not?", so we'll declare this "let's consider getting sick" month and proceed from there.

We've mentioned some of this in previous columns. One reflection on the health of our forebears is that even though the birth rate was very high (a woman could expect to be pregnant 12-14 times in her lifetime), only half of the babies would live to maturity.

Part of the reason for the high death rate was sanitation. We often think of our ancestors as living in a very pristine environment, and it could be if you lived away from a city, but cities were far from pristine. Few cities had sewage disposal until after the Civil War. We rarely consider it, but the world we live in smells a lot better than in the past. Even in the country, swamps and bogs were not drained, and at times could be very, very, stinky. The effluvia emanating from the decaying material was thought to be the cause of diseases. They called it miasma, though that was just a name and not an explanation.

Epidemics were common and often devastating. We hear horror stories about the bubonic plague and others, but even in more recent times waves of disease swept over the land. A web site on the subject lists 59 epidemics in the US since the 17th century. Some were world wide, some local. Measles reached epidemic proportions in the 17th and 18th centuries. New York was paralyzed by yellow fever in 1690. In 1775-76 as the American Revolution was starting, the whole world suffered a terrible influenza epidemic.

Sometimes we are able to identify what the epidemic disease was, sometimes not. In 1783 there was an "extremely fatal" bilious disorder in Delaware, Philadelphia, and New York. 1793 was a bad year for epidemics: they had "putrid fever" in Vermont, Virginia had an influenza epidemic that killed 500 people in 4 weeks, Philadelphia lost 4000 to yellow fever, Harrisburg, PA had many deaths, the cause unexplained.

Yellow fever came into its own in the early 19th century. About this time cholera hit New Orleans, killing 3000. In 1857 the whole world was hit by influenza in one of the worst epidemics ever. This one was repeated in 1918 in the last really huge world-wide epidemic which we described a few months ago.

We have improved sanitation and developed agents to combat the various ailments. Still, authorities are no more than cautiously optimistic about future epidemics. We keep coming up with things like West Nile encephalitis which scare us. So far, so good. At least we're better off than a century ago when we had mostly patent medicines which contained a high percentage of alcohol and



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sometimes morphine or cocaine. They made us feel better but not because they were curing the affliction.

My mother-in-law, Mary Ellen McNeal (she celebrated her 95th birthday August 10) survived a siege of typhoid fever when she was a girl in Coal Valley around 1923. She was in 7th grade and was ill for the better part of a year. She was quarantined for 6 weeks. Quarantine was about the only means of preventing a disease from going epidemic. It was not totally effective but was about the only way of doing it at the time. She relates how she was helpless for a long time and lost her hair. She has a picture of herself when her hair had grown to the length of the average boy. Whatever she touched or used had to be either destroyed or disinfected.

I have an old elementary school health textbook, copyright 1915. It belonged to my brother, his name is in it (so is mine, I guess I thought I'd take possession of it, since he didn't need it). One of the authors was J B Kellogg. He was Superintendent of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. We remember him today as the man who put his views on healthy food to work and created the Kellogg Cereal Empire. The book gives an interesting perspective on the health ideas of the day.

I had a sister, Emily Caroline Nelson, born March 24, 1911, died January 16, 1913. I always feel a sadness when I think of her. She died of diphtheria. I always wonder what she would have been like. I think she would have been nice to her little brother. My parents talked about her often. My Dad was furious at the doctor who had refused to use that new-fangled anti-toxin on her.

Kids' Letters to God

- Dear God, please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now. Amanda
- Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up Joyce
- Dear Mr. God, I wish you would not make it so easy for people to come apart. I had to have 3 stitches and a shot. Janet
- God, I read the bible. What does beget mean? Nobody will tell me. Love, Alison
- Dear God, how did you know you were God? Who told you? Charlene
- Dear God, is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house? Anita
- Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. Nancy
- Dear God, I like the story about Noah the best of all of them. You really made up some good ones. I like walking on water, too. Glenn
- Dear God, my Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go? Love, Dennis
- Dear God, do you draw the lines around the countries? If you don't, who does? Nathan
- Dear God, did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident? Norma
- Dear God, in bible times, did they really talk that fancy? Jennifer
- Dear God, how come you did all those miracles in the old days and don't do any now? Billy
- Dear God, please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year. Peter

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

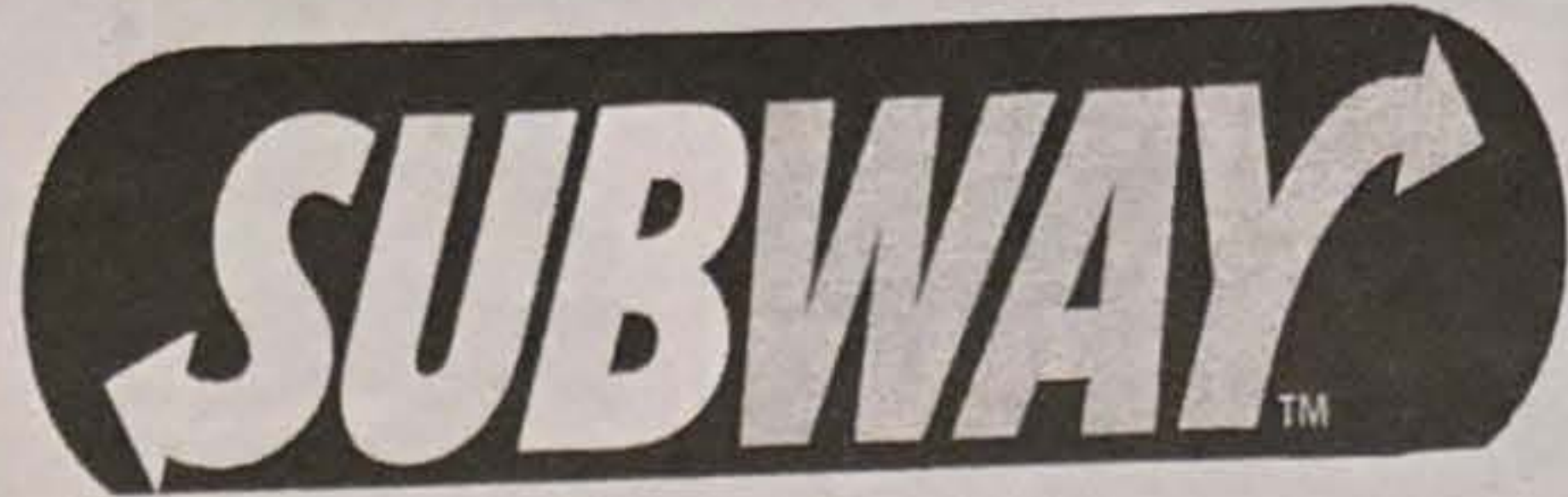
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2005 Midwest Birding Symposium:

October 13-15 the downtown Davenport RiverCenter, will host the Midwest Birding Symposium. Bobby R. Harrison is scheduled to speak (October 13th from 4-5:00 p.m. and again on October 14th from 9:30-10:30 p.m.) of the recent re-discovery of the ivory-billed woodpecker.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend many different workshops, walk through the Marketplace, enjoy guided birding field trips, exhibits, book-signings, family programs and a cruise on the celebration Belle, a non-gaming riverboat.

The Midwest Symposium is a unique opportunity to hear many experienced birders and become involved in the fascinating activities surrounding our local wildlife preservation efforts.

Hampton's own Kelly McKay has been on the planning committee and will be a presenter as well as a field trip guide. Local environmentalist Chad Pregracke will be speaking about river clean-up programs.

Explore the possibilities for you and your family to get a comprehensive look at what is going on in the natural world! For an in-depth look at all the activities go to the website: www.visitquadcities.com/midwestbirding

Divorce Related Support Groups for Adults and Kids

DivorceCare, a support group for those separated or divorced, will begin on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Wildwood Baptist Church, 18717 Hubbard Rd., East Moline. The class will meet each Tuesdays and run for 13 weeks. Leaders are Al and Cindy Knott. DivorceCare for Kids will begin a group for children, ages 6-12, of separated or divorced families on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. For more information about either group, call 309-496-9397 or 523-2974.

Mail Service Suspension in Areas Hit by Katrina

This information received September 7th: Effective immediately, the Postal Service will NOT accept Standard Mail letters and flats or periodicals mail that is addressed for delivery within the three-digit ZIP code ranges of 369--, 393--, 394--, 395--, 396--, 700--, 701--and 704--. This emergency action has been taken as a result of severe facility damage, evacuations and other issues resulting from the hurricane. Further information has been provided on the USPS website at www.usps.com. You may access the site for more in-depth reporting and continual updates.



Come away into a quiet place by yourselves and rest a while.
Mark 6:31

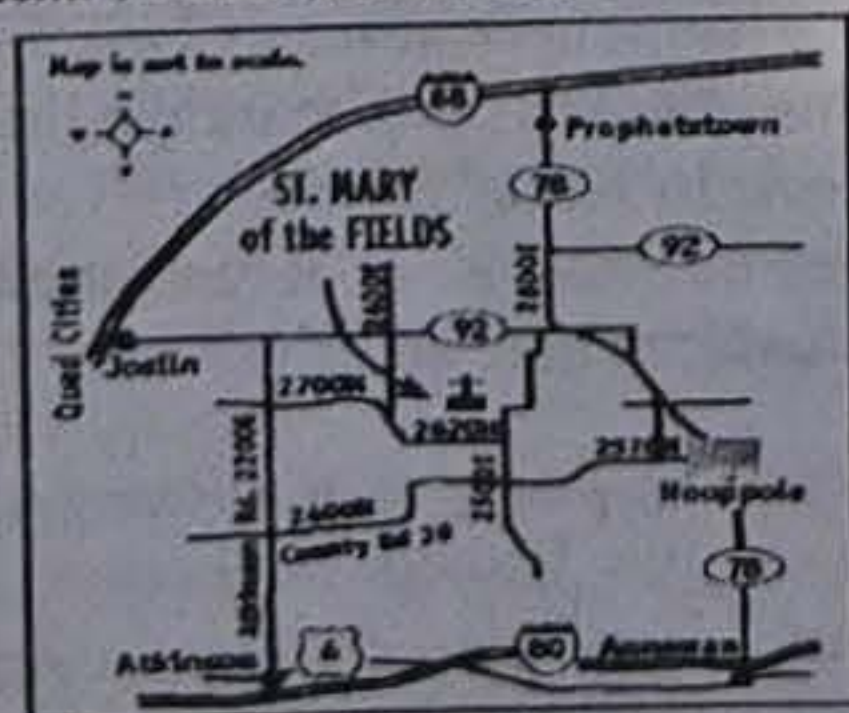
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Special Event Schedule:
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A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A Weighty Psalm

My appetite is my shepherd;
I shall not want low-calorie foods.
It maketh me to munch on potato chips and bean dip;
It leadeth me into 31 Flavors;
It restoreth my soul food;
It leadeth me in the paths of cream puffs in bakeries.
Yea, though I waddle through the valley of Weight Watchers,
I will fear no skimmed milk;
For my weight is with me;
My Hostess Twinkies and Ding Dongs, they comfort me;
They anointeth my body with calories;
My scale tippeth over!
Surely chubbiness and contentment shall follow me
All the Days of my life.
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1. Grab a calculator. (you won't be able to do this one in your head)
2. Key in the first three digits of your phone number (NOT the area code)
3. Multiply by 80
4. Add 1
5. Multiply by 250
6. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number
7. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again.
8. Subtract 250
9. Divide number by 2

Do you recognize the answer?

Around Town News Briefs

Wildwood Baptist Church Block Party 2005

Wildwood Church is holding their third annual Block Party on September 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome. Everything is free of charge! Wildwood is located at 18717 Hubbard Road, East Moline, IL (2 miles past Stone's Apple Barn and 1 mile past Golfmohr Golf Course).

Craig Alan Greenwood combines unusual magical effects with his imaginative sense of humor. Also include are inflatable and small carnival games for children, crafts, magic shows, story telling, the wordless book, musical acts, and a giveaway.

Twenty booths will highlight the ministries of the church. Woodcarvers will display their creations, the support group DivorceCare, and DivorceCare For Kids, will also have a booth with information about this ministry. SOLOS (singles ministry), Home and Mission, The Second Half (50's & 60's group), Golden Girls (senior women), Pathfinders (college/career age), craft classes, KFC (Kids For Christ - children's ministry) and AWANA Club for children have blessed our church to serve others.

There will also be tours of our new gym that was just completed this past spring with information about our Recreational Ministries which include volleyball, open gym, walking track and fitness room.

To further help serve our community a big give-away will offer free "in good condition" used items (including appliances); even a car donated by Reynolds Ford! For more information call 309-496-9397.

Wildwood's Life Center Activities

Reservations are needed for most activities about a week in advance. If you need additional information or to make your reservations, call 496-9397.

September 13 and October 11, 6:30 p.m.: "Something from Nothing" Craft Class. The class is free but reservations should be made immediately. Bring some burned out light bulbs in Sept. and a beloved old wreath in October.

September 16 and October 21: 6:30 - ?? p.m. Scrapbook Friday Night.

September 19 and October 3: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn to Quilt. List of supplies needed will be provided at registration. **HURRRY!** Register by 9/12/05!

September 24: Sewing 101. Call for class time! This is a great class for beginners that want to learn to read a pattern, what different materials to use and the basics of a sewing machine.

September 27: 6:30 p.m. Stamping-Embossing 101. Make your reservation and get your supplies needed list by September 23rd.

October 10 and November 14: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Make-n-Take Cards (Stamping)

October 15 and November 12: 10:00 am to Noon Make-n-Scrap Crafts

(Scrapbooking) Reservations required. Fee for class is \$9.00-Bring your own adhesive. 10/15: Fall Harvest-Festivities-bring your favorite fall dress-up pictures. 11/12: Thanksgiving layout. Bring your Thanksgiving pictures.

Every Friday Night: 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.

United Methodist Starting Point Worship Special Services for September and October

September 18th - Starting Point will be held in conjunction with the Twin Rivers Cooperative Parish annual Parish Picnic, being held at Empire Park at the border of Hampton and East Moline. We will gather for the picnic at 4 PM, with the picnic starting at 5 and the worship service at 6. It is a potluck, so bring something if you would like, but if you aren't able to, then come anyway. We will have plenty of food for everyone.

October 2nd and 16th - During a month of falling leaves, changing weather and changing seasons, The Starting Point will be focusing on the Changing Seasons of Life, like the change from being single to being married with children, or going from bringing home a paycheck to being retired. If you are dealing with one of those changes of seasons, or if you think you might in the future (and that should include all of us), you'll want to attend.

"The Starting Point" is a ministry of the Twin Rivers Cooperative Parish of the United Methodist Church, providing multimedia worship, inspiring teaching, up-lifting, upbeat music and supportive, caring fellowship.

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River Events

Sept. 17 & 18: Annual Riverssance Festival in Lindsay Park. A shuttle will be available from Hobby Lobby.

September 24 & October 9: Historic Bicycle Tour of Arsenal Island. For details, call 309-794-5338.

September 25th: QC Marathon. The marathon features five cities, four races, three bridges, two states and one Mighty Mississippi River. For details call 30-9-751-9800 or go to these websites: www.signmeupsports.com or www.qcmarathon.org.

Oct. 7 & 21 from 8AM to 1P.M., Come to greet the Mississippi Queen Riverboat in Davenport at the Oenida St. Dock.

Heart Smart Education for Women

The Rock Island County Health Department, funded by the Office of Women's Health, (Illinois Department of Public Health) has developed a new educational program promoting positive lifestyles for improved cardiovascular health and weight control.

September 21 at 3:15 p.m. is the first of 12 weekly, one hour sessions that are designed to help you start and stay active for a lifetime. You'll learn simple strategies for fitting in physical activity at home, work and play. You'll also learn healthy nutrition practices.

Meeting locations: Hampton Elementary School, 5th Street and 3rd Avenue in Hampton and Ridgewood Tower, 545 42nd Ave (just off Avenue of the Cities) in East Moline.

To register, please contact the Rock Island County Health Department at 309-793-1955 Ext. 303.

If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"? One thousand

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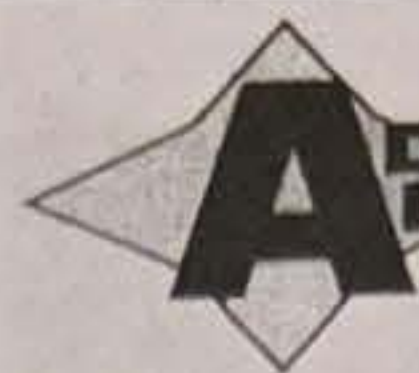
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What is Respite Care?

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

Some of the unsung heroes of our society are the families who devote so many selfless hours to caring for a frail or ill older family member. It is truly a labor of love, and for those who can manage the time and energy involved, the labor can bring its own kind of rewards.

But even the most devoted family caretaker must "recharge" his own life occasionally in order to maintain his level of caring and commitment. The problem often becomes one of, "Who will look after Mother?" or whoever is being cared for.

That is where Respite Care comes in. This is a service that provides short-term relief for the caretaker family, enabling them to take a trip, work on a personal project or just enjoy some free time without the demands of care-giving.

Options include arranging for someone to come into the home to provide care - from a registered nurse to a trained homemaker/housekeeper, or you may choose to have the older person placed temporarily in a care facility or hospital, depending on the level of care he or she needs.

[Editor's Note: To locate those providing Respite Care, refer to your phone book information pages under "Community Services" sections, contact your local hospital or Township Offices.]

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All-Hampton Yard Sale

Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8th is the day to shop the yard sales in Hampton! The annual fall yard sale day is quickly approaching so Hamptonians get your treasurers organized for probably the last good yard sale weekend of the year.

SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

September/October, 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

September 14, October 12: 500 Tournament 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00

September 19: Rules of the Road - FREE 1:00-3:00 p.m. Review the basic written and over the road tests

September 23: 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.

September 26, October 10 & 24: 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.

September 28, October 26 : Lite Lunch and Cards 11:00 a.m. Cost \$5.00 Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

October 5: Euchre Tournament 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00 Played according to Hoyle Rules. Men & Women welcome

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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More QCA Trivia

- ☉ There are more than 300 churches and 450 civic organizations which thrive in the Quad-Cities area.
- ☉ The area's largest parking lot is at NorthPark Mall. The 60 acres of parking provides 5,935 spaces.
- ☉ The longest elevator shaft in the Quad-Cities is the 200-foot Montgomery Elevator Tower in Moline. The tower has three elevators.
- ☉ The most populous city in the Quad-Cities is Davenport, the third largest city in Iowa, with 95,333 residents in the 1990 census.
- ☉ The oldest eatery in the Quad-Cities is Lagomarcino's Confectionary, at 1422 5th Ave., Moline. The restaurant and candy store has been in business since 1908, and in its current location since 1919.
- ☉ The Rock Island Arsenal, one of the largest manufacturing arsenals in the world, employs about 7,800 persons locally.
- ☉ The largest Quad-Cities manufacturing facility is the Alcoa plant in Riverdale, with 127 acres under one roof.
- ☉ The first post office in the Quad-Cities was established at Fort Armstrong, in Rock Island (now known as Arsenal Island), in 1825. Col. George Davenport was its first postmaster.
- ☉ The oldest city in the Quad-Cities is Rock Island. It was founded in 1835 as the separate communities of Stephenson and Farnamsburg.
- ☉ The oldest business in the Quad-Cities is Deere and Co., which began operation in 1837.
- ☉ The first brick church in Davenport was St. Anthony's Catholic Church, built in 1837.
- ☉ The first waterslide in the Quad-Cities was not at Wacky Waters or Riverside Park. At what is now Black Hawk State Historic Site, in the late 19th century, a slide took riders down the steep bluff in a "car" and dropped them into the Rock River.
- ☉ The first appendectomy in the United States was performed at Davenport's Mercy Hospital, now part of Genesis Medical Center.
- ☉ The area's largest clock sits atop the Clock Tower on Arsenal Island, featuring 12-foot-diameter faces. The clocks are also the oldest public clocks in town, installed in 1868. The pendulum weighs 3,500 pounds and is 32 feet tall.
- ☉ The first McDonalds restaurant in Iowa was built at 33rd and Brady Streets in Davenport, opening in 1958.
- ☉ About 49,000 cubic feet of water passes Davenport's Main Street every second, according to a 100-year average.
- ☉ The first lock and dam was built between Arsenal Island and Davenport in the 1930s. Each time it is used to move a boat up- or downriver, 16,330,400 gallons of water is moved.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down."

It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

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Too Many Close Calls Lately?

Most of us go through cycles when we have too many close calls while driving. Teen drivers lack experience, adults are often in a hurry or preoccupied. Here are a few tips for your review:

- Of course, don't talk on a cell phone while driving – especially through a construction zone or in a parking lot.
- Take your foot off the accelerator when a light turns yellow so you won't be tempted to step on the gas and run the light.
- Look farther down the road to anticipate hazards and stops. Look through the back and windshield of the car in front of you, not at their tail lights.
- Keep your eyes moving! Keep checking mirrors and sides as well as ahead and behind.
- Clean out your car. Blowing paper and things sliding around the floor or back seat are distracting.
- If you MUST eat in the car, keep a full sized dishtowel in the car and tuck it in your collar. Spread the towel to cover your front and lap. Add condiments, salt and open straws while you are stopped, not while driving. (Don't buy messy sandwiches or ones that should really be eaten with two hands)
- Signal your intentions earlier. Tap your brakes before actually stopping.
- Don't forget to use your turn signals when changing lanes and turning.
- Focus on tail lights and people moving in parking lots. And be patient.
- When backing up, turn in your seat and actually look behind you.
- If an anxious driver is crowding you (tail gating) just signal and pull to the curb! Let the hurried driver get ahead of you. Let THEM get the traffic ticket instead of you!

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

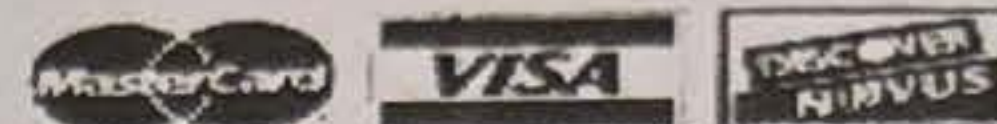
There is a fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."

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Aug. 20 Dwight A. Day

Aug. 27 Darrel Irby

Sept. 1 Mike Hofstetter

Sept. 6 Jane Young

Terri Bullock

September, 2005

11 Melissa Gould

12 Jessica Cady

14 Cornelia (Cis)

Donaldson

Madeline Conway

16 Martha Nelson

17 Paul Garcia

18 Laura Eimen Becker

Jeremiah Cady

Debbie Erickson

21 Amanda Gillespie

Allyson E. Cady-

Happy 1st Birthday!

21 Nelda Gooding Pollner

22 Bryan Jacob Cady

25 Tyler Garcia

28 Susanne Greene

October, 2005

1 Bernice E. See

4 Maxfield James

Gillespie-Happy First!

Jane Cady

October Birthdays (Contd)

6 Marshall Sutton

7 Anna Root Verhaeghe

Gary Dean Wick

10 Leroy Nordgren

16 Elizabeth Parks

Bonnie Wheeler

20 Lisa Gabbert Gillespie

22 J. E. "Bud" Gooding

25 Ralph Cox

26 Kyle Emerson Cady

28 Linda Gooding Sullivan

29 Denny Gillespie

31 Bob King

Anniversaries

September, 2005

4 Rodrigo & Chelle Mon

14 Bill & Audry Bunker

15 Howard & Toni Ross

17 Phil & Ann Beckman

18 Loren & Sheri Arp

October, 2005

9 Jeremiah & Arne Cady

16 Tom & Becky
(Gillespie) Gould

30 Speed & Bonnie
Wheeler

WHAT TREE DID YOU FALL FROM?

Sep 03 to Sep 12 - Weeping Willow Tree

Sep 13 to Sep 22 - Lime Tree

Sep 23 (only) - Olive Tree

Sep 24 to Oct 03 - Hazelnut Tree

Oct 04 to Oct 13 - Rowan Tree

Oct 14 to Oct 23 - Maple Tree

Oct 24 to Nov 11 - Walnut Tree

Hazelnut Tree (Extraordinary) -- charming, sense of humor, very demanding but can also be very understanding, knows how to make a lasting impression, active fighter for social causes and politics, popular, quite moody, sexually oriented, honest, a perfectionist, has a precise sense of judgment and expects complete fairness.

Lime Tree (Doubt) - intelligent, hard working, accepts what life dishes out, but not before trying to change bad circumstances into good ones, hates fighting and stress, enjoys getaway vacations, may appear tough, but is actually soft and relenting, always willing to make sacrifices for family and friends, has many talents but not always enough time to use them, can become a complainer, great leadership qualities, is jealous at times but extremely loyal.

Maple Tree (Independence of Mind) -- no ordinary person, full of imagination and originality, shy and reserved, ambitious, proud, self-confident, hungers for new experiences, sometimes nervous, has many complexities, good memory, learns easily, complicated love life, wants to impress.

Olive Tree (Wisdom) -- loves sun, warmth and kind feelings, reasonable, balanced, avoids aggression and violence, tolerant, cheerful, calm, well-developed sense of justice, sensitive, expressive, well-empathetic, free of jealousy, loves to read and the company of sophisticated people.

Rowan Tree (Sensitivity) -- full of charm, cheerful, gifted without egoism, likes to draw attention, loves life, motion, unrest, and even complications, is both dependent and independent, good taste, artistic, passionate, emotional, good company, does not forgive.

Walnut Tree (Passion) -- unrelenting, strange and full of contrasts, often egotistic, aggressive, noble, broad horizon, unexpected reactions, spontaneous, unlimited ambition, no flexibility, difficult and uncommon partner, not always liked but often admired, ingenious strategist, very jealous and passionate, no compromise.

Weeping Willow (Melancholy) - likes to be stress free, loves family life, full of hopes and dreams, attractive, very empathetic, loves anything beautiful, musically inclined, loves to travel to exotic places, restless, capricious, honest, can be influenced but is not easy to live with when pressured, sometimes demanding, good intuition, suffers in love until they find that one loyal, steadfast partner; loves to make others laugh.

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month - which we know today as the honeymoon.

I have yet to hear a man ask for advice on how to combine marriage and a career.

-Gloria Steinem

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission.

-Eleanor Roosevelt

My second favorite household chore is ironing. My first one being -- hitting my head on the top bunk bed until I faint.

-Erma Bombeck

Hampton's Annual Apple Festival

September 24th is Hampton's Annual Apple Festival. Although apples are a little harder to find this year, The Historical Society will be offering apple dumplings and pies again this year. Last year, they had more sweet treats than ever but the growing popularity of the festival had the cafe and bakery turning away friends soon after opening. This year, we do not want to disappoint anyone so offer the pre-festival order form below. Orders must be received no later than September 17th as the pick-up day is September 20th at 431 2nd Ave. in Hampton. Payment is due when you pick up your order. Fill out and send it to: Jane Nelson, P. O. Box 68, Hampton, IL 61256

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

Apple Dumplings: (\$2.50 Each. Pre-order Minimum is 4 Ea.)

Total # _____ # _____ Baked # _____ Frozen-Ready to Bake

There will be several raffle items offered this year, among them is a very cleverly made quilt that folds up into a pillow for storage or use in your home. Donation for tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. You may drop into the Brettun & Black museum to see all the raffle items and fill out tickets **NOW** or, ask any Historical Society member for tickets.

Historical Society members and friends of the Society. The Methodist Church has allowed our dumpling & pie making crews to use their Fellowship Hall to create items for the freezers on September 12 & 19. Bring flour, sugar, chilled Crisco, large bowls and fresh baking apples (Granny Smith or Jonathans).

Since we had so many requests for unbaked, frozen pies and dumplings, we hope these work nights will insure that everyone will be happy with the festival this year. Since having the foundations of the museum repaired, we truly need the income from this event!

Historical Society Banquet is tentatively scheduled for September 21 at the Hampton Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested should call Jane Nelson at 755-0362 for reservations and additional information after Sept. 1st.

Actual Label Instructions on Consumer Products:

On a blanket from Taiwan:

"Not to be used as protection from a tornado."

On a Taiwanese shampoo:

"Use repeatedly for severe damage."

On a bottle top of a flavored milk drink:

"After opening, keep upright."

On a New Zealand insect spray:

"This product not tested on animals"

In some countries on the bottom of Coke bottles:

"Open other end"

On a Sears hairdryer:

"Do not use while sleeping."

On a bag of Fritos

You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside."

On a bar of Dial Soap:

Directions-Use like regular soap"

On packaging for a Rowenta brand iron:

"Do not iron clothes on body"

On Nytol sleep aid:

Warning-May cause drowsiness"

On a hotel-provided shower cap in a box:

"Fits one head."

On an American Airlines packet of nuts:

"Instructions-Open packet, eat nuts"

On Sainsbury's brand peanuts:

"Warning-Contains Nuts"

On a Korean kitchen knife:

"Warning-Keep out of children."

On a child's superman costume:

"Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly"

On Boot's brand children's cough medicine:

"Do not drive car or operate machinery"

On bread pudding:

"Product will be hot after heating."



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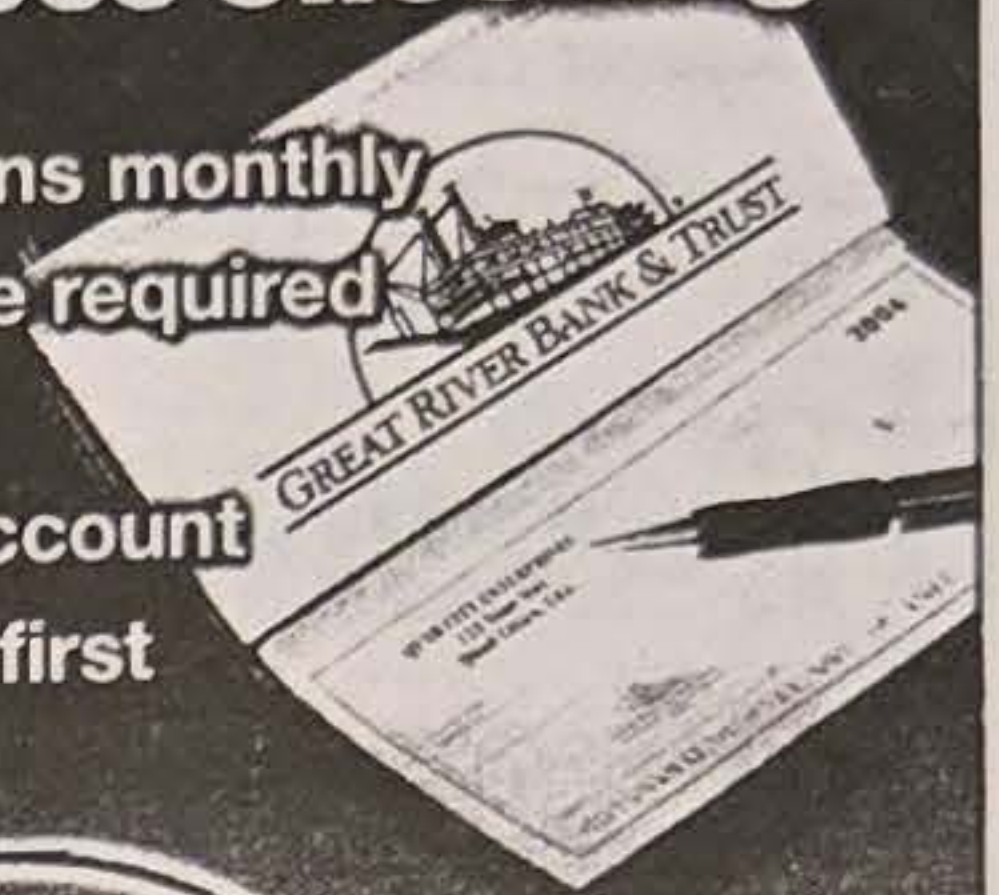
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THE GENERAL

By Mary Lou Schaechter



My grandmother was in charge of her kitchen no one could doubt it. Yet I still long for the enjoyment of everyone working together to provide enough food for a large group of guests, some invited and some who would just drop in uninvited on Sunday. It seems lonely and at times boring to cook in a kitchen by myself. No 4-star general could have achieved anything better than she did. She set rules, assigned tasks, taught, supervised, maintained good morale and worked swiftly beside us.

My father had designed and welded together a special kitchen stool for her, strong enough to withstand her weight and height (5 ft. 10 in.), and just the right proportions so she could work comfortably perched by the kitchen counter. She also kept a high-backed kitchen chair nearby and would lean on the back and push it ahead as she walked about the room. Bad legs and arthritis made walking difficult, but she seldom complained.

Before going to bed Friday night, Grandma took her huge granite bowl, mixed and kneaded a big batch of homemade bread. On Saturday morning, despite the cloth covering, the dough would have risen until it spilled over the sides of the bowl. She would shove it all back into the bowl and punch down the dough slightly, then let it rise again.

When my aunt and I finished the Saturday morning cleaning, we joined Grandma in the kitchen. It would already be filled with the fragrance of her cooking. She had carefully taught me to make buns by squeezing the risen bread dough between my thumb and forefinger and twisting off a small ball of dough. My first task was to help fill several pans, which had been greased with lard, by lining up rows of raw buns in each. As I did so, I would chew slowly on a thimble-size piece of raw dough, savoring the sweet yeast flavor on my tongue. Two at a time the pans of rolls were baked in the oven and the heavenly aroma of fresh baked buns would attack you if you came anywhere near the kitchen.

Grandma loved her stove, which was a combination electric and old-fashioned fire stove. She could choose to use either type of heat. It was a big improvement over cook stoves that used only corn cobs, coal, wood and whatever would burn. We helped her polish it every week until it gleamed.

One of her rules was to wash in a container of hot, soapy water each pan and utensil as soon as we finished using it; then placing it in the cupboard so it could be used over and over. She would check the pantry and send us to the basement to bring up jars of home-canned vegetables and fruits. I thought there seemed to be an

endless supply of pickles, tomatoes, corn relish, pickled beets and other delicious foods.

We would peel pounds of potatoes, filling a large pot to be boiled for potato salad. I could never shave the peelings thin enough to make Grandma happy. Grandpa had spent many hours in the garden to grow those potatoes and each one was precious. A large pot was filled with eggs to be boiled for the potato salad and egg salad.

Later in the day and the next morning dessert would be prepared; such as pie and cake. In the icebox would be rolls of cookie dough to be sliced and baked. In the morning we would go to the chicken house and catch two chickens. Grandpa would remove their heads and they would be dipped in scalding water, feathers removed and then they would be dressed and cut up in pieces. Fried chicken tastes best when the chicken is this fresh. I recall one time when Grandpa put a headless chicken on the ground and it got up and ran around in circles for over five minutes. That is when the saying, "run around like a chicken with its head cut off" made sense to me.

One Sunday Grandma decided she had had enough. She would not feed everyone on Sunday. We hid all the food and were told not to mention food. Sure enough, a car pulled up and a lot of children eagerly piled out of the car; of course, just in time to eat. They looked all around the dining room and kitchen and their faces reflected their disappointment. About an hour later, the smallest children began to cry and say, "we're hungry." Grandma finally said, "Bring out the food". They ate and ate as if they had not eaten in days, and maybe they hadn't.

My Grandmother: Viola Lily Horst Ruefer

My Grandfather: Edward G. Ruefer

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Schedule

The need for blood is still urgent!

During the summer months, blood drives were 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. 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.

Natural disasters like Katrina elevate the need for units to replace what was lost in the storm plus serve the immediate needs of the displaced victims. Please help NOW!



Plan a blood donation in the near future.

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

Local Blood Drive Schedule: The fall schedule of local blood drives is not ready as of our press deadline so call the Blood Center nearest for the latest additions to their neighborhood drives.

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

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

There was a college in New England where the students operated a "bank" of term papers and other homework assignments. There were papers to suit all needs and as it would look odd if an undistinguished student suddenly handed in a brilliant essay, there were papers for an A grade, B grade and C grade.

One student with no time and an assignment due in his least favorite class went to the "bank" and took out what was advertised as a C grade paper. The student re-typed it and turned it in. He was surprised when the graded paper was returned with the following comment by his professor: "I wrote this paper myself 20 years ago. I always thought it should have had an A, and now, I'm glad to give it one!"

Review Asset Mix in 401(k) and Taxable Accounts

If you're like many people, you have at least two separate "pools" of investment funds: 1) Your 401(k) or other tax-deferred, employer-sponsored retirement plan, and 2) your taxable brokerage account. Should you invest in both of them in exactly the same way?



Many people do just that. In fact, to fund both their 401(k) plans and their taxable accounts, investors put about 70 percent of their investment dollars in stocks and 30 percent in bonds, according to a recent study by Carnegie Mellon University. Is this a good idea? Not according to the study that claims this type of identical allocation can eat away between 15 percent and 20 percent of the cumulative value of your retirement accounts.

What's behind this kind of erosion? It's the different tax treatment of stocks and bonds. Bond interest is taxed at your ordinary tax rate (up to 35 percent), while the maximum rate for long-term capital gains and stock dividends is now just 15 percent. In contrast, all the money in your 401(k) plan will be taxed at your ordinary tax rate when you withdraw it, so if you put only stocks in your 401(k), you give up the more advantageous capital gains treatment. One possible way of improving the overall total value of your retirement holdings is to concentrate on stocks in your taxable account, while increasing the percentage of bonds in your 401(k).

For example, let's suppose that you plan to contribute the maximum amount of \$14,000 to your 401(k) in 2005. (If you are 50 or over, you could put in \$18,000.) Also, let's assume that you could afford to put another \$2,000 into your taxable account, giving you a total of \$16,000 to be invested. If you followed the 70 percent equities/30 percent bonds formula, you would put 30 percent of this \$16,000, or \$4,800, into bonds - and to possibly receive favorable tax treatment, you'd put the entire \$4,800 worth of bonds into your 401(k). You could then fill the remaining \$9,200 of your 401(k) with stocks, and you could also invest your \$2,000 in non-401(k) dollars in stocks.

70/30 split not for everyone

We've used the 70 percent stocks/30 percent bonds figure as a "given." But is it right for you?

Not necessarily. During your working years, you may want to place a majority of your investment dollars into stocks; you need the growth potential, and, especially during the early part of your career, you have plenty of time to overcome the inevitable short-term "dips" in the market. As you move closer to retirement, you may want to shift some of your assets into more conservative vehicles, such as bonds or certificates of deposit (CDs). Yet, you could easily spend two or three decades in retirement, so you will need your accounts to continue growing even after you retire - which means you've got to have some exposure to stocks.

Ultimately, however, the respective percentages of stocks and bonds in your 401(k) portfolio - and in your taxable account - should be based on your individual risk tolerance, your long-term goals, and, as we've mentioned, your time horizon.

But once you've established an asset allocation that feels right for your needs, don't just put your investments on "autopilot." Keep monitoring them over the years, and adjust your holdings when necessary. By making the right moves over time, you can boost your chances for long-term success.

September and October Inventions From The Past

Daily, we use patented inventions to make our lives easier and provide us with employment of all types. You might be surprised at the patent dates of common items. As you read the list below, think how much each of these has influenced your life.

- Sept. 8, 1930 "Scotch" Tape Invented
- Sept. 10, 1846 Sewing Machine Patented
- Sept. 16, 1857 Typesetting Machine Patented
- Sept. 20, 1859 Electric Range Patented
- Sept. 27, 1950 Answering Machine Invented
- Oct. 11, 1888 Adding Machine Patented
- Oct. 21, 1879 Electric Light Invented
- Oct. 24, 1836 Matches formally patented
- Oct. 28, 1793 Cotton Gin Invented

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An Illinois Congresswoman called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20 a.m. and got into Chicago at 8:33 a.m. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

A New York lawmaker called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said, "No, why do you ask?" She replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that is very rude?"

After putting her on hold for a minute while I 'looked into it' (I was actually laughing) I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, CA is (FAT), and that the airline was just putting a destination tag on her luggage.

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- A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it instantly go mad and sting itself to death. (once knew a girl like this)
- The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
- If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar (good to know.)
- By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand (and you thought this list was completely useless.)
- The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb (sign of a true civilized society .. not.)

Jammin With Jane

By Jane Nelson

Well another summer is coming to an end and we begin thinking of fall and winter. Our ancestors had worked through the summer and stored many supplies to get them through the winter. I only make things to sell at Brettun and Black's Store and for baskets and gifts for several organizations to which I belong. We have already sold a lot of our pickles. The other thing our pioneer ancestors did was to collect herbs that they could use for medicinal purposes. Even Francis Black had a supply of alcoholic beverages that were used for that.

This column came about because I had inquired if anyone remembered how to make a mustard plaster. My own mother who made them several times when I was a child could not remember how she made them. So of course, I went to the place we know where to find anything we don't know about, the computer. I don't know what you people do that don't have computers. They are truly wonderful instruments for information. Our editor Jane Cady has a book that is our old way of becoming informed, but sometimes a little more specific. This is some of the things I found about home remedies that started ages ago when medical information was mainly old wives tales.

All of the information warned people to be careful using this information because just like some medical experts today people react differently to medication. Also many people do not read and do not pay attention to detail. So read my column, if you decide to use any of the ideas do so with caution and good sense. Of course I have enough material to write about ten columns.

MUSTARD PLASTER

4T flour

2 t oil

1 T dry mustard

Mix in lukewarm water to form a paste. Spread on a thin clean cloth and cover. My mom always used a soft piece of flannel cloth. Place on chest for 20 minutes (shorter time for small children). Be careful not to burn the skin. Remove the plaster and cover the chest with camphorated oil or Vicks. Then cover with warm fabric such as flannel or a towel. Repeat in 4 hours. Another person said they put Vaseline on the chest first. This would protect from burning the skin. Also check it often when the skin begins to look red, remove the plaster. This is for chest colds. It is warm and comforting. I was never very sick so can't say if it made me feel better or not. My sister Beverly had asthma often as a child so I am sure she always found it a help in breathing and chest congestion.

Another often mentioned remedy is **apple cider vinegar**. It is good for sunburn, ulcers, cancer and many other ailments. A friend of mine who will be 101 this year swears by drinking vinegar in the morning. They claim it kills germs and also nourishes the body. The article I found claims it helps acne, age spots, arthritis, asthma, athletes foot, bleeding nose, blood pressure, bone health, bruises, burns, cholesterol reduction, colds, constipation, coughs, cramps, and dandruff. I do know my mom would often rinse our hair with vinegar or lemon juice. You know if it does all these things we all should drink 3 teaspoons in an 8 oz glass of water and we all would be in better shape.

I know one of my best cures for sore throat or that cold miserable feeling we get in the wintertime. It is the juice of a lemon, a shot of Irish Mist, a spoon of honey or sugar and some hot water. It will warm you up and really make you feel much better. I never drink much at all. But I feel this works better than an aspirin or cough medicine.

Well if you want to know about all these things in more detail just look up anything on the internet. **Have a nice September and be sure to come see us at Black's Store on September 24th.** I guess we should sell apple cider vinegar. Thanks for all the orders for pies and dumplings. I have all the early orders filled because Jan and I have 402 dumplings in the freezer. We are working the 12th and the 19th at the Hampton Methodist Fellowship Hall. I had orders for 60 dumplings and a pie and now I have orders for 33 more. **I hope all those that were disappointed by our early sell-out last year will have gotten their orders in early!**

"If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead." --Johnny Carson

Dale Sandberg Pays a Return Visit to Hampton

On August 28th, a mini-reception was held for Dale and Elaine Sandberg at the home of Rick and Anita Gillespie. The purpose was to renew old friendships with a past Hamptonian who had taken off for the west coast in 1968. The Sandbergs were in route from their home in Selma, Oregon to visit their 3rd and youngest son, Daniel, in Carlisle, Indiana but were able to spend a couple days in our area. They were delighted to see old friends again. Many fond and amusing memories were recalled. Harriette Gillespie, Kay Irby, Curtis Leslie, Sam and Jan McKay, Jim Oltman, Patty Wheeler, Sondra White, Bill and Carol Williams shared stories, took photos, ate cake, and laughed from 2 to 7 PM. Kay Irby, Elaine and Dale Sandberg, Sondra White



Dale Sandberg

Today, Dale owns his own business. Eight Dollar Mountain Foundry makes hunting and sports knives for collectors. The web site is: edmfknives.com. He also belongs to the Selma Fire Department and is its official photographer.

It was truly enjoyable to reminisce with Dale Sandberg after so many years and to meet Elaine. Everyone who visited with them share these same sentiments. We all hope that it won't be so long before we can see them again and that other friends will be able to join us.

Mary Lou Schaechter

At press time, our columnist, Mary Lou Schaechter is at the Trinity Medical Center in Rock Island. We send her our best wishes!

Bernice A. Kershaw

Bernice A. Crouch Kershaw, 100, of Colona, passed away on August 20, 2005 at her home. She was a popular and familiar figure at area events. She was laid to rest in Greenview Memorial Gardens in East Moline.

Bernice was born January 20, 1905 in Hampton Bluff, IL, daughter of Joel and Amelia Dennhardt Crouch. She married Clyde Kershaw in 1923. Bernice and Clyde were farmers and business owners in Colona. She is survived by her son Darwin and daughters Betty Meier, Donna Michels and 13 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Dwight A. Day

Dwight A. Day of Rapids City, celebrated his 87th birthday with a walleye fish fry at his home on Sunday, August 21st. He caught the fish himself while on a trip to Minnesota. "D.A.D.", as many friends call him, was born one of twelve children in Tonawanda, New York. He has 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren between sons in Lanark, IL and Coursegold, CA. His hobbies are woodworking, jigsaw puzzles and yard work. He has had a break from the mowing this year due to the dry season. He recently received an award for 50 consecutive years of membership in the American Legion, Port Byron.

Cassie Laud

Congratulations to Cassie Laud, Student at Riverdale High School. In addition to being Student Council President, Cassie has been voted President of Riverdale's Chapter of the National Honor Society. Honor Society members must maintain a 3.5 grade average and perform at least 40 hours of community service.

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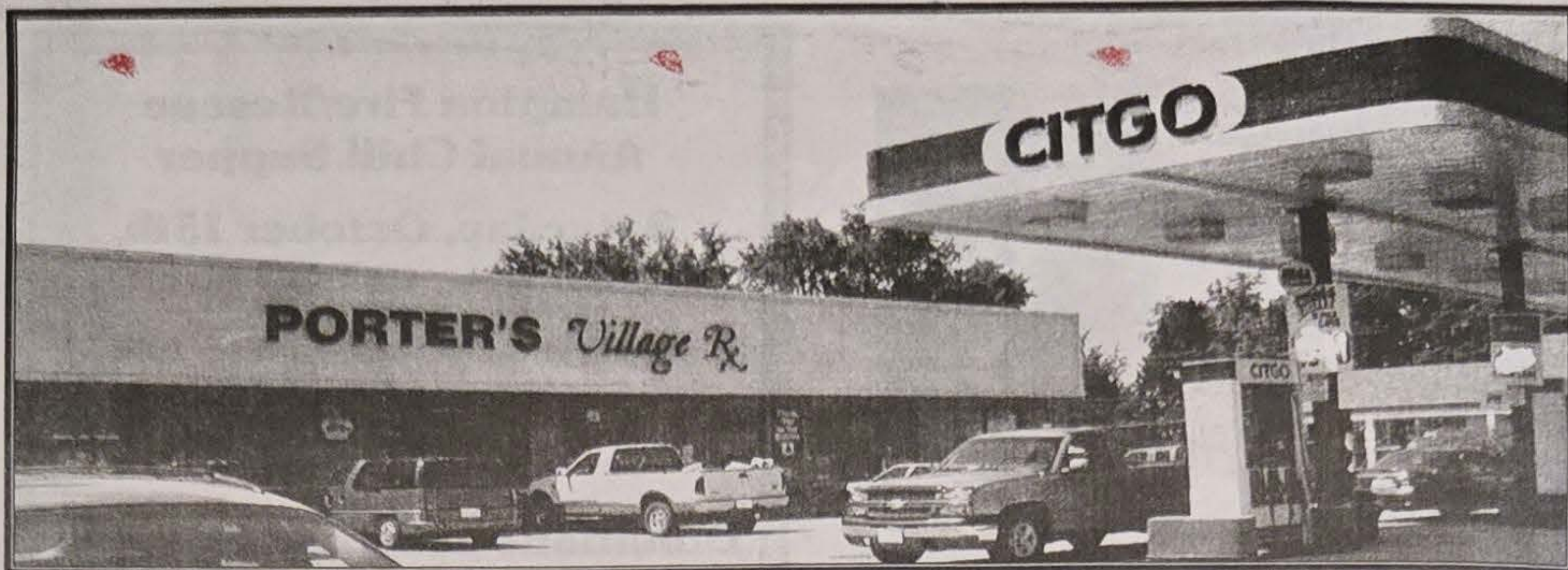
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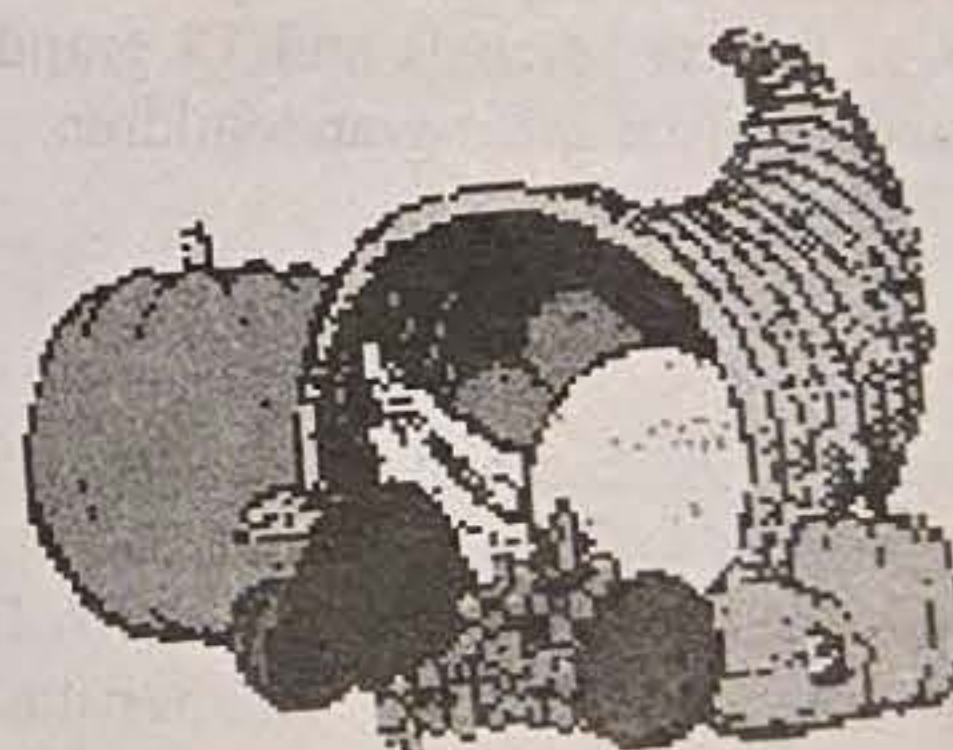
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