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Halloween Festivities Were Super... Up-Coming Thanksgiving and Christmas Events Will Also Be Outstanding!

A Special Thank You to all the behind-the-scenes workers that make Halloween and other holidays so festive for the Quad Cities. Below are the Hampton Elementary students at the local wiener roast in Heritage Park and during their annual parade around the streets close to the school. We admire the organizational skills and patience of the school staff, PTA and parents that persuaded about 200 students to don their costumes, stay together during the parade then, return to school for the individual classes' Halloween party. WOW!

The Police throughout this area were extra vigilant this year and deserve special thanks. In Hampton as well as many area towns, kids were kept occupied between school dismissal and Trick-o-Treat Hours by holding supervised wiener roasts in local parks. Fire departments and parent groups set up terrific haunted houses. For all of the unsung workers that make life here so interesting, Thank You!

See inside for Holiday Events Schedules!

For Hampton Residents:

Open Fire 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 open 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 and leaves 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.**

Every Hampton home and business receives the Crier so, ignorance of this ordinances may no longer be claimed. The full text of the formal ordinances and fines will be found on the Village website, www.hamptonil.org.

Interviews now being scheduled

An additional Editor is being sought for the Hampton Towne Crier who will at first assist then handling several issues a year.

We are also looking for volunteers to distribute the monthly free issues to our retail advertisers. Although the route is relatively short, there are about 60 drop-off locations from East Moline (7th Street) along Rte. 84 to Port Byron and LeClaire so there is a lot of getting in and out of a car. If there are students with access to a car who need "Community Service" hours to complete graduation requirements, we will work with your school.

These are unpaid community services jobs but for delivery volunteers, we will squeeze some gas money from the budget.

Any interested in joining the Crier's staff on a regular basis please call Jane Cady, current Editor at 309-752-0627. You do not need to be a Hampton resident. We serve all the small river communities along Route 84.

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Editorial: Boomer's can create a golden age

Due to a unique confluence of social factors, "Baby Boomers" have an unprecedented opportunity to mold the future on a local basis.

First, our WWII era parents' sacrifices coupled with their Depression-taught frugal ways sees many of us receiving a financial inheritance mixed with an enduring work ethic that drives Boomers to accomplishments never possible in generations past.

Second, Boomers are blessed more than any in history (and probably in the future) with pension systems and investing savvy allowing relative financial security even when taking early retirement options from long term jobs.

Finally, a rebellious and idealistic youth temporarily tamed by necessity is being revived, transformed as a mature philosophy of "shared vision" of a better quality of life for all.

After years of relentless work schedules, the pleasure most of us take in our retirement's leisure time pursuits quickly wears thin.

Financial security is gratifying but not applying ourselves to some task or another seems a waste. So, after an extended holiday, we look around for ways to channel energy, skills and time into something useful. Our parents, our companies and businesses have freed we Boomers to practice small-scale, local philanthropy and become a volunteer army.

Should we choose, Boomers can yet be responsible for enormous strides in curing the ills of this world. The key is choosing to seize the numerous opportunities offered to make a difference. Every field of endeavor needs nurturing by experienced volunteers as well as untrained people who wish to contribute an enthusiastic hand to something new. From these unique circumstances, Boomers can launch a golden age of large and small improvements to the quality of life for everyone.

Lately, we have all experienced fund raiser burn-out and resentment toward those who try to instill guilt in anyone finding joy in their retirement or their financial security. The perfect antidote is to find something you like and become involved in sharing it with others. Every hobby, talent or learned skill brings more enjoyment when shared with others either as teacher, exhibitor, performer or fellow participant. Boomers are almost incapable of being bored or inactive for long so have begun to reject the terms "retirement" and "leisure time" in favor of "freedom years" and "discretionary time"

For those nearing retirement, can you see yourself just snoozing for the rest of your life? Well, think NOW to what you'd like to devote your freedom years. For the younger generations, it costs you nothing to keep asking for volunteers. Some will respond to see if they like your cause, most will quit but the ones that stay are the gems in your corner of the world. Eventually, those in the "freedom years" will discover a need to fill....if they look for it.

Recycling Project – Fancy Soaps

Everyone has accumulated soap chips that are nearly useless. Recycling is can be a fun and useful project for all ages.

For liquid soap: Break chips into small pieces and place in blender with a small amount of water. You may also "melt" the chips in water over low heat or in the microwave. When completely liquid, add a few drops of glycerin (available at most drug stores). The Glycerin will keep the soap liquid if stored in an air-tight container.

For fancy guest soaps or gifts: Place soap ends in a blender and process them into as fine a powder as possible. Please 1 cup of powder into a bowl and add several drops of food coloring, 1 Tablespoon of perfume (optional), and 3 Tablespoons of water. Mix well using a fork until the consistency of pie dough then, knead into a soft clay. If necessary, add a little more water. Using fingers, mold the soap into balls 2" in diameter. Place finished soaps on waxed paper to dry for several days. When completely dry wrap in colorful tissue, store in a decorative clear jar or basket for gift-giving. Leave soap balls with rough texture or rub with a nylon stocking for a satin-smooth finish. Makes 8-9 balls.

For a hand-scrubber: Put soap ends into a small mesh bag made from nylon netting or the finer bags used to hold onions. Tie or stitch the bag closed at the top. Use the bag when extra cleaning power is needed after garden or garage work. The mesh acts as a scrub brush while the soap cleans. Add small pieces of soap as they become available.

Love is grand; divorce is a hundred grand.

From a Crier Reader, A Lover of the English language

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is "UP."

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is Special. And this UP is confusing:

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets UP the earth. When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so..... Time to shut UP.....!

During a patient's two week follow-up appointment with his cardiologist, he informed his doctor that he was having trouble with one of his medications.

"Which one?", asked the doctor.

"The patch. The nurse told me to put on a new one every six hours and now I'm running out of places to put it!"

The doctor had him quickly undress and discovered what he hoped he wouldn't see; the man had over fifty patches on his body. Now the instructions include removal of the old patch before applying a new one. (And you always wondered why instructions always seemed to state the obvious!)

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Talk to Elderly Parents About Their Financial Situation

Submitted by Mark Judy,
Edward Jones, East Moline



It's almost Thanksgiving. If things are going well in your life, you have many things for which to be thankful. And you are particularly fortunate if

you have elderly parents who are still in good physical and mental shape. While your parents are healthy, you should take the opportunity to discuss matters of significance - such as their financial situation.

There are probably many things you'd rather do than talk about finances with your parents -but it's a conversation you need to have, because there is a lot that you need to discover. So, find a comfortable time in which to talk to your parents, approach the subject in as unemotional a manner as possible, and try to elicit the following pieces of information:

- Location of investments- It isn't necessarily essential that you know precisely which investments your parents own. But it is important that you know some things. Do they work with an investment representative? If so, whom? Are their investments spread out among a variety of financial institutions? You'll need to be familiar with these things in case your parents become incapacitated or die unexpectedly. State treasurers' offices regularly advertise "unclaimed" property, including investments - some of which have simply "slipped through the cracks."
- Health insurance - Health care expenses are a major concern of the elderly. That's why you need to know who's insuring your parents, and where your parents keep their health insurance cards and bills. You also should have a basic understanding of Medicare, the national health insurance program for Americans age 65 and older. Medicare pays for most doctors' bills and related services, and it now offers some prescription drug coverage. Nonetheless, your parents may need supplemental insurance policies. Of course, the chances are pretty good that your parents already know all these things; nevertheless, it doesn't hurt to make sure they're well informed and that their health-care bills are under control.
- Existence of a simple will - If you don't know if your parents have a will, now is the time to find out. And if they don't have a will, urge them to get one. Your parents have worked hard all their lives and they undoubtedly want their assets distributed according to their wishes, and not according to a court's decree, which is what would happen if they die "intestate" (without a will). Even if your parents have a simple will, they may still need to take further action. If you believe they have a sizable estate or want to give significant gifts to charitable groups, encourage them to consult with an attorney who specializes in estate planning.
- Willingness to create power of attorney - By creating a durable power of attorney, your parents will name someone to make financial and health care decisions on their behalf should they become unable to do so.

As you might suspect, this is a sensitive topic, so you'll want to approach it with great care. By bringing up these issues with your parents, you can gain some valuable knowledge of their financial situation today - and a clearer understanding of what you can do to help them in the future.

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Genders

You know how they say a boat is referred to as "She" and classified as female? Well, there are those who believe everything in this world actually does have a gender, and here are some of them:

ZIPLOC BAGS are male, because they hold everything in, but you can always see right through them.

SHOES are male, because they are usually unpolished, with their tongues hanging out.

PHOTOCOPIERS are female, because once turned off, they take a while to warm up.

TIRES are male, because they go bald and are often over-inflated.

HOT AIR BALLOONS are male, because to get them to go anywhere you have to light a fire under them and, of course, there's the hot air part.

SPONGES are female, because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.

THE SUBWAY is male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.

AN HOURGLASS is female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.

HAMMERS are male, because they haven't evolved much over the last 5,000 years, but they are handy to have around.

A REMOTE CONTROL is female ... Ha! You thought I'd say "male." But consider this: it gives men pleasure, they'd be lost without it, and while they don't always know the right buttons to push, they keep on trying!

A drop of ink may make a million things.

— Lord Byron

A good book contains more real wealth than a good bank. — R. Smith

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Sweet as Sugar

Historians believe that sugar cane was known and prized hundreds of years before the Christian era. The earliest known written mention of sugar cane was made by one of Alexander the Great's admirals in about 325 B.C.

Many assume that cane sugar originated here, somewhere down south but it was Columbus who carried cane sugar to the new world on his second trip to the "new World". Prior to the 1800's, in Europe, sugar was an expensive luxury and perhaps he was looking for a new source of income. He found it when the fertile soil of the warm Caribbean Islands proved ideal for growing sugar cane. Sugar cane is now grown successfully all over the world.

Sugar cane starts as a foot long cutting which forms several shoots in a clump. The first crop is harvested within about 18 months thereafter, every 12 months. In the field, stalks are cut near the ground, stripped of leaves then shipped to a mill. Here, the fibrous stalks are shredded and the juice extracted using high-pressure rollers. That juice is shipped to refineries which repeatedly boil, wash and dry the juice to create the sparkling white crystals known as "pure cane sugar". Here are some common sugar terms used in cookbooks:

Granulated: The most commonly used sugar.

Super Fine: Dissolves instantly in cold beverages, creams quickest in cakes and makes the lightest meringues.

Light Brown: Soft and moist with the mild flavor of molasses from the sugar cane. Good for candy, frosting, toppings.

Dark Brown: Stronger molasses flavor. Good for cookies, baked beans, meat glazes.

Liquid Brown Sugar: Fluid light brown sugar ideal for ice cream, on pancakes, waffles and hot cereals.

Raw: Brownish (from natural molasses) sugar crystals created early in the refining process, before the repeated washings.

10X or Powdered: Pulverized sugar crystal mixed with approx. 3% cornstarch to prevent caking. Used uncooked for candy, frostings and for dusting doughnuts and baked goods

The holidays are coming so start collecting your baking needs a little at a time to get the best deals. Keep "white sugars" in tightly sealed containers away from humidity and cooking steam. Brown sugar keeps best in air-tight containers in the freezer. To prevent lumping, keep only small amounts of brown sugars in sealing bags at room temperature. For flavored sugars: Place 1 Cup granulated sugar in a large bowl. Add 2-3 drops (to taste) of any flavor extract, blend with a fork until the extract is evenly distributed. Leave the bowl, uncovered in a dry place for several hours. Store in an air tight container. Try orange, lemon, maple, rum and almond extracts. Garnish bakery items or hot cereals for a gourmet flair for the holidays.

Plan Ahead Community Calendar

November:

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 14 School Board Meeting 6:30PM at School
- 15 Hampton Fire Dept. 6:30PM at Firehouse
- 16 Family Read Night 6-7PM at Hampton School
- 17 Heritage Center 10AM Mississippi Java
- Hampton Auxiliary 7PM at Firehouse
- 21 Village Board 6PM at Hampton Village Hall
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 24&25 No School
- 27 Hampton Heritage Ctr. 2-4PM Decorating Party

December:

- 3 Hampton Heritage Ctr. Hampton Youth Committee Christmas Party + Santa Visit 11:00 am
- 5 Village Board 6PM at Hampton Village Hall
- 12 School Board Meeting 6:30PM at School
- 14 Hampton Heritage Ctr. 6-9PM Wrap Party
- 15 Hampton Auxiliary 7PM at Firehouse
- 19 Village Board 6PM at Hampton Village Hall
- 20 Hampton Fire Dept. 6:30PM at Firehouse
- 26 Hampton Village Hall closed for the Holiday

I've never met a person, I don't care what his condition, in whom I could not see possibilities. I don't care how much a man may consider himself a failure, I believe in him, for he can change the thing that is wrong in his life any time he is ready and prepared to do it. Whenever he develops the desire, he can take away from his life, the thing that is defeating it. The capacity for reformation and change lies within.

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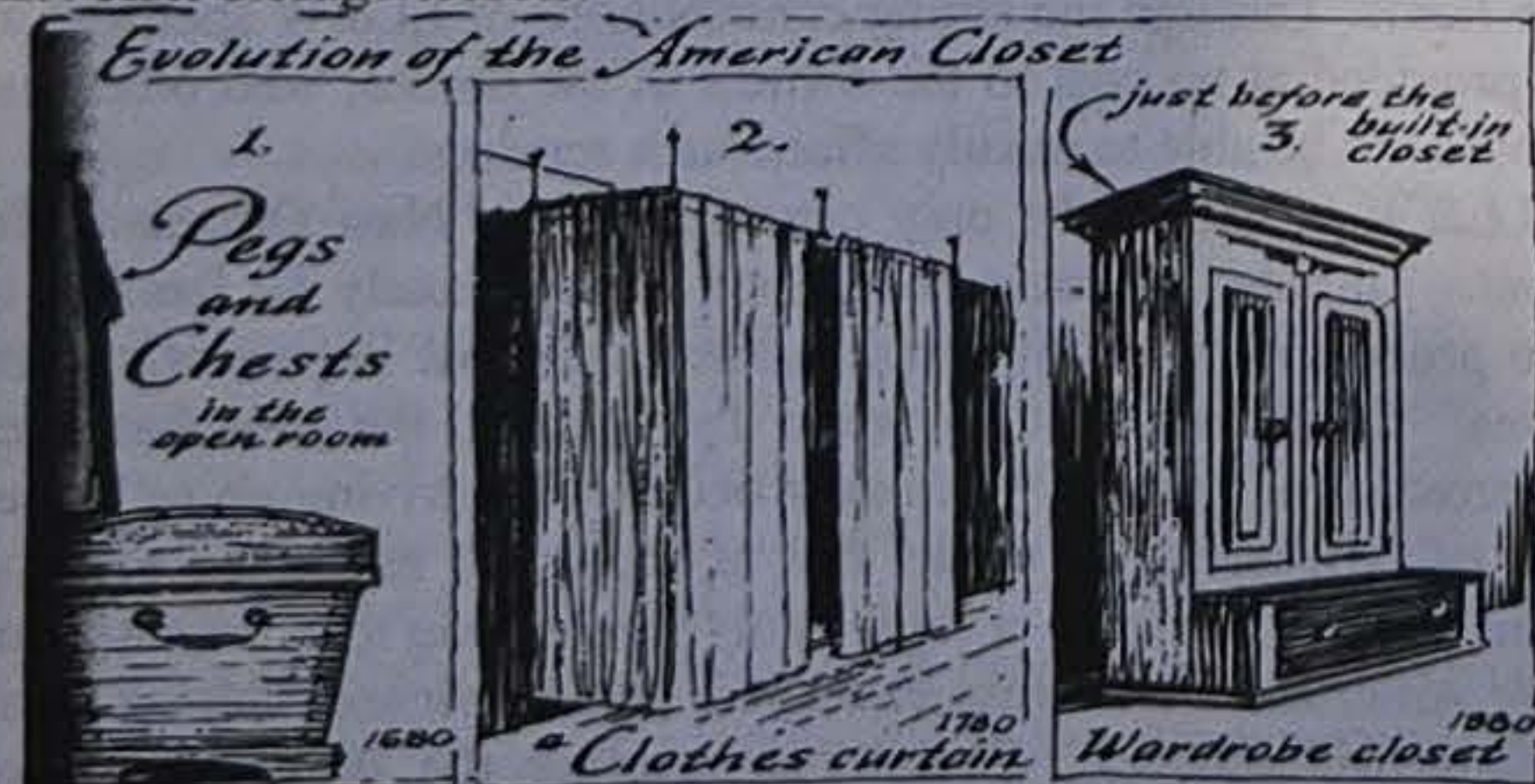
Eric Sloan, well known historical writer and illustrator, records numerous "how it used to be done" essays and drawings of early American daily life in his books. According to Sloan, closets were virtually unknown prior to 1800. Before then, closets were not really needed because fabric was hard to come by so people had very few changes of clothing to store. Even the wealthy had only a few basic clothes which they "freshened up" with replaceable accessories. Men changed collars, cuffs and stockings (when pants were only to the knee). When fashions changed, only accessories changed. Paintings show the huge flat collars of the Pilgrims replacing the earlier stand-up ruff but the cut and dark colors of the clothes underneath didn't change.

Women's dresses had removable sleeves, collars, cuffs and used protective aprons and shawls. Their entire wardrobe fit in one large "ships trunks" because they only packed their few basics and many smaller accessories. Until the mid-1800's, a person would be wearing one set of basic clothes and the other would be in the laundry room being washed and ironed. When clothes storage was needed, there were no hangers (an even newer invention). All clothes were placed on pegs along the wall or folded and stored in a trunk or hope chest.

The first clothes storage consisted of a row of wall hooks and a box below that might be used as a bench when the lid was closed. Several generations later, a board fastened to the wall and ceiling would box-in a corner. Fabric would be tacked around the board and across to the wall to create a curtained-off area that hid the clothes hanging on the pegs.

As incomes rose, specialized rooms ("birthing" and "morning rooms") were converted to bedrooms by adding freestanding wardrobes with pegs behind doors and a drawer below. The storage cabinets with drawers formerly used in the kitchen for dishes were modified and built for use as "dressers" and "tall boys" in bedrooms around the country. (A collectible wooden wardrobe might now hold tools in your garage. Take a look you might have a treasure!)

It took the housing booms following the first and second world wars to make built-in closets common in housing for the middle class. Only in the 1960's and 70 did wall-to-wall and walk-in closets appear in middle-income homes. Today, we feel deprived if each bedroom, hallway, family room and even the garage does not offer storage closets!



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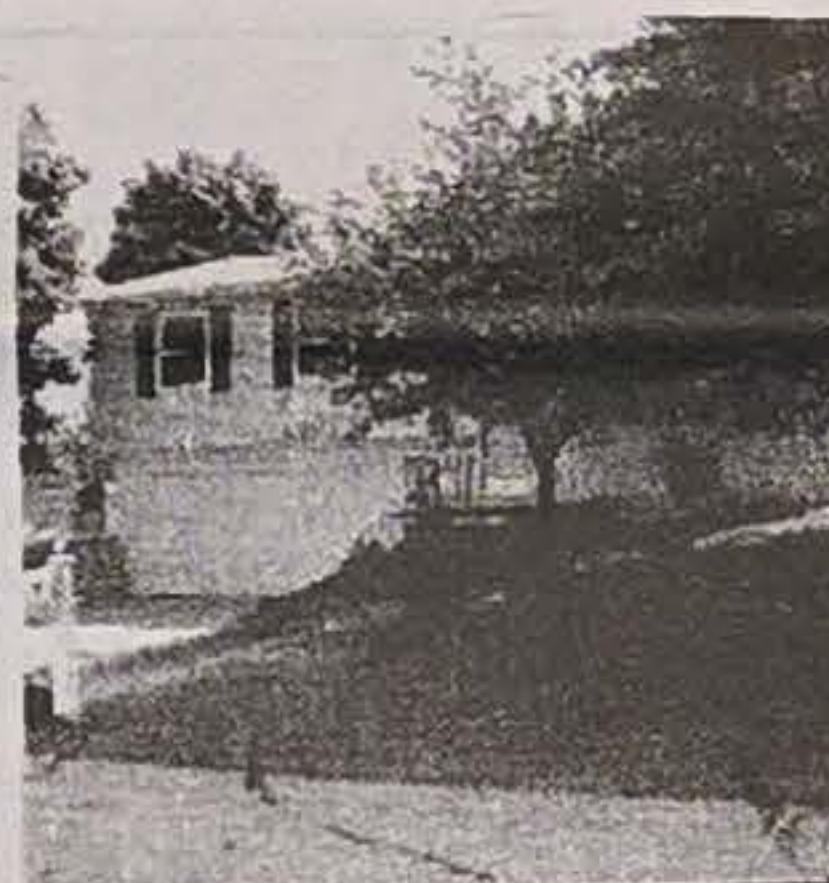
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My Favorite Things

To commemorate her 69th birthday on October 1, actress/vocalist Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was "My Favorite Things" from the legendary movie "Sound Of Music." However, the lyrics of the song were deliberately changed for the entertainment of her "blue hair" audience. Here are the lyrics she recited:

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things..

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

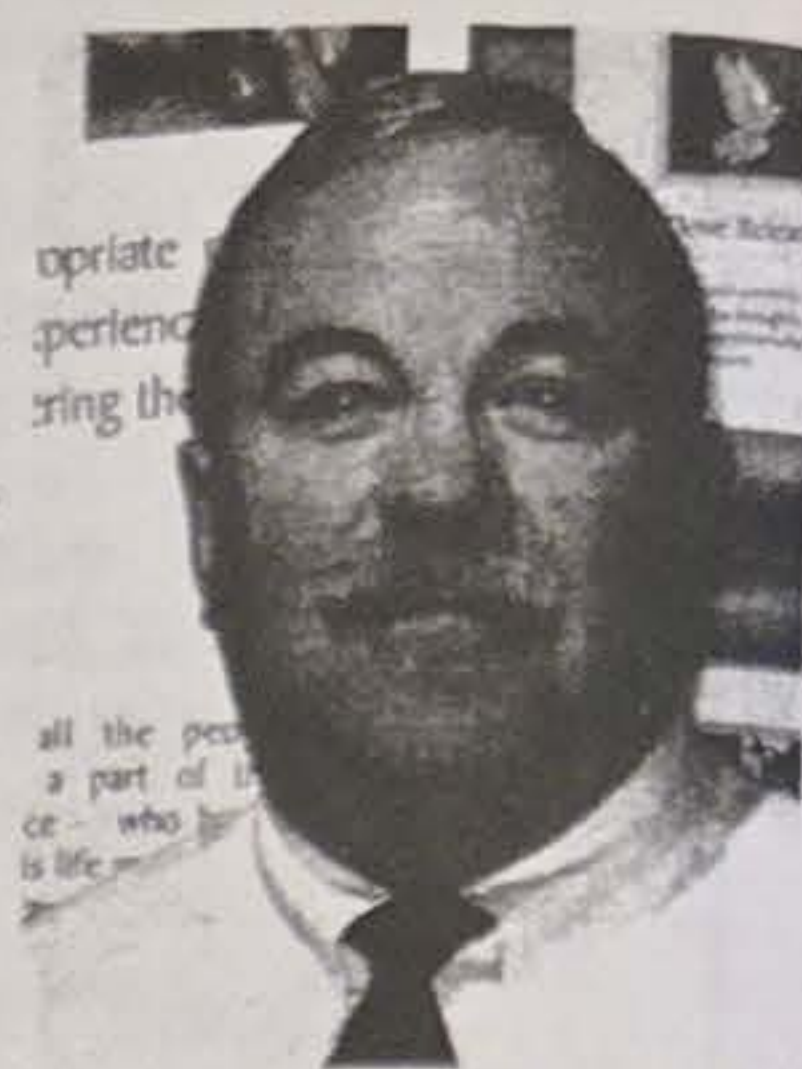
Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sennin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.

The Family's Role in Pre-Planning

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



Let us assume that you have recognized the value of pre-planning for funeral services. You have recognized that it is a fine way to control funeral costs, to make sure your final wishes are carried out to the letter, to relieve your family of the burden of decisions in their time of stress and grief.

And yet...

There is some question of whether a too-complete funeral plan can leave the family feeling "left out" when it comes time to put the plan into practice. Generally, there is a day or two between the death and the funeral services. If the family is not given the opportunity to make some decisions about those services, will they not feel as if their opinions are not valued?

It is a valid point, and the question has been raised a few times by some of the many families who have come to us to pre-plan for final services. But we have a solution. It is possible to make your wishes known on the majority of funeral decisions - such as costs, clergyman, pallbearers, etc. - and still allow the survivors to help with last-minute details - choosing a piece of music, perhaps, or the burial garments.

It is really the best of both worlds, you have the security and confidence that the important points of your wishes are recorded and will be carried out, your family has the opportunity to "work off" some of their grief-related energy by making some decisions.

LIVING LANDS & WATERS

Living Lands & Waters Relocates To New Orleans To Aid in Hurricane Relief Efforts

October 28, Living Lands & Waters temporarily moved to New Orleans to assist in hurricane relief efforts in the aftermath of Katrina and Rita. In less than two weeks Chad Pregracke and the LL&W crew quickly doubled in size with skilled individuals volunteering their time and dedication to the rebuilding of New Orleans. Chad and his crew loaded up their barges with 1000 sheets of drywall and pallets of shingles, along with enough tools, materials and equipment to live and work in New Orleans for over a month. Their new home in Westwego, LA.

Chad and the crew's focus is mainly to assist low income individuals, the elderly, and those who have no insurance - as well as employees of LL&W sponsors who have supported Chad's cause over the years. They reach households in areas such as the 8th Ward, 9th Ward, and Jefferson Parish. Every day brings a new adventure for the LL&W crew. In 90' weather they suit up, head to toe in white Tyvek suits (which function as a barrier against mold), respirators, gloves and steel toed boots before entering previously flooded homes infested with hazardous mold and bacteria.

The initial team removes heavy furniture and major appliances. Then about half a day is spent tearing out all the molded drywall. The next phase is to drop off hard to find building materials like shingles, drywall, plywood and nails to "rebuild" the interior of the home. Through the strong contributions of LL&W sponsors all is provided at no cost to the owners of the homes, who otherwise would not be able to readily afford such services.

LL&W is one of the only organizations in New Orleans of its kind. To date, the crew has helped approximately 50 families in the process of rebuilding their homes and most importantly, their lives. Often seen in their white Tyvek suits, the crew has been referred to as "Angels" on many occasions - driving up to homes out of nowhere with trucks full of tools and materials, offering their services for free - a sight rarely seen among total devastation. The American Red Cross estimated that Hurricane Katrina relief efforts will exceed \$2 billion, meeting the urgent needs of Hurricane Katrina and Rita survivors in a number of areas - including food and shelter, emergency financial assistance and physical and mental health services. Through the efforts of LL&W, some of this cost will, hopefully, be relieved.

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Grand Reunions

By Franciska Rasmussen

Well, the leaves are falling, Halloween is over and Thanksgiving is getting close. We had some good times this summer with cookouts and reunions.



Thinking of reunions, there is one that I will remember as it was, as they say, one of my "most embarrassing moments".

My husband's people live in northwestern Iowa near Sioux City. With the weather being nice, I thought it would be a good time to go and see all the relatives. My friend Lucile agreed to go with me.

As with all family get-togethers, the ladies brought their best foods. There were a great variety of these and since these people were of Danish decent, there were also ethnic dishes. My sister-in-law, Julia, is a wonderful cook and brought several main dishes and desserts. Therefore, I knew we would be well fed.

As I was going down the line at the buffet table, my brother-in-law Wilber stepped up and looked at my plate and said "looks like you are doing alright but you don't have any Frikadellers".

No knowing what they were, I tried to bluff it off by saying "Oh, I thought I'd have that for dessert". He started laughing and said, "You don't know what they are, do you?" I had to admit I did not so, he showed me what I would have been having for dessert. Danish Meatballs! I put some on my plate and they were delicious.

It was a good thing, I guess, because I did save room for Julia's "Yard Stocks" and some of her pie.

Now you see why I remember this reunion and the embarrassing moment so well.

Senior Exercise Routine:

I recently came across this exercise suggested for seniors, to build muscle strength on the arms and shoulders. It seemed so easy that I thought I'd pass it along to others. The article suggested doing it three days a week.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room on both sides.

With a 5 pound potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides to shoulder height and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax.

With each passing day you will find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10 pound potato sacks, then 50 pound potato sacks, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100 pound potato sack in each hand and keep your arms straight for over a minute!!

After you gain some confidence at that level, put a potato in each sack.



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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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Birthdays

November Birthdays

- 1 Toni Ross
- 2 Michael Braddy
- 5 Judy Bull
- 7 Scott Williams
- 7 Jim Gillespie
- 14 Anne Hart Cady
- 11 Cindy Cornelius
- 12 Daniel Cady
- 15 David Bull
- 21 Connie Yuknis
- 22 Connie Leader
- 23 Steve Reader
- 23 Harriette Gillespie
- 24 Aaron Charles Cady
- 25 Linda Bornhoeft
- 25 Lena Conway
- 26 Aden Matthew Baldrige
- Happy 1st!
- 29 Patty Wheeler

December Birthdays

- 7 Timothy J. Gavin
- 11 Ryan Stapf
- 12 Eric Muench
- 13 Karlee Stapf
- 18 Caitlin Becker
- 21 Evelyn Phillips
- Nate Gillespie
- 29 Cari Brown Cady
- 31 Matthew G. Cady

Anniversaries

November, 2005

- 2 Sam & Janice McKay
- 4 Denny & Lisa Gabbert
- Gillespie
- Harry & Georganna
- Sedgwick
- 14 Jeremiah & Ann Cady
- 17 Sam and Jackie Davis
- 19 Allen & Melinda Reamy
- 25 Erwin & Evelyn Millen

December, 2005

- 23 Leonard & Marilyn
- Hawk
- 24 Jeff and Donna Cady
- 29 Norma Muench



New Owner Modernizes a Neighborhood Business

Although the name has changed over the years, the mortuary we now know as Sullivan-Phillips has been serving the community for decades. As of February, 2005, Michael J. Ellis has taken over the operation and is now adding his own service enhancements.

The tasteful handling of traditional services and especially the pre-arrangement process continues however, the atmosphere in which choices are made has changed substantially. To enhance the surroundings the building exterior has been remodeled to mimic the turn-of-the-century look but the family consulting room has been modernized to take all the mystery out of making final arrangements.

Michael Ellis, born in Watertown, New York spent over 13 years in the Navy, worked for the railroad, in shops and driving a semi where he gained empathy for the working family. He graduated from Worsham college of Mortuary Science and was employed at Van Hoe, Wheelen's and Esterdahls. He and his wife, Sue also own an embroidery business called Firestitch in Colona. When the opportunity to purchase Sullivan-Phillips came along, all the years of training and practical experience were put to good use.

His major objective has been to relieve the emotional stress experienced at a passing. To accomplish that, he has blended technology, convenience and an open door policy.

In the new "YMS Room", families can see partial wood and steel caskets and cremation urns displayed with prices clearly presented. There is nothing to make you feel uncomfortable in this calm, modern showroom. The large, glass-topped family table is next to samples of monument stones, flower arrangement selections, visitor books and specialty plaques that can be added to customize a casket.

Because Michael is also sensitive to the grief of those losing a family pet, he has researched and brought specialty items to his showroom that cannot be found elsewhere.

As in the past, any or all preparations may be arranged and handled by Sullivan-Phillips "when the time comes" or through pre-arrangements which spare the family stress during an emotional time.

To further take the mystery out of final arrangements, Mr. Ellis is in the process of creating a website where anyone may review their choices, and prices, for anything offered by the Sullivan-Phillips Mortuary. When interviewed it was easy to identify Mr. Ellis' empathy for the grieving in general and the working family's budget. A man of faith, Michael will tell you: "I'm here because God put me here." A neighborhood funeral director using technology to make a difficult time easier for us all.



Student Humorous Test Answers

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, AND nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A: If you are buying a house, they will insist you are well endowed.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

"The sky is the same color wherever you go."

Persian Proverb

"When the fox preaches, look to your geese."

German Proverb

"The longer the explanation, the bigger the lie."

Chinese Proverb

This Month's Safety Tip: Poor weather means working indoors on hobbies or fix-it projects. Please remember to work only in a well ventilated area when handling solvents, adhesives and paints. Unhealthy fumes quickly accumulate and some present a real fire hazard so take frequent breaks away from your work area even if you think it is safe.

Which Cartoon Character Do You Resemble?

A group of investigators got together and analyzed the personalities of well known and modern cartoon characters. The information that was gathered was made into this test: Answer all the questions with what describes you best, add up all your points (which are next to the answer that you choose) at the end and look for your results.

1. Which one of the following describes your "perfect date"?
 .a) Candlelight dinner (4 pts.) .b) Fun/Theme Park (2 pts.)
 .c) Painting in the park (5 pts.) .d) Rock concert (1 pt.)
 .e) Going to the movies (3 pts.)
2. What is your favorite type of music?
 .a) Rock and Roll (2 pts.) .b) Alternative (1 pt.)
 .c) Soft Rock (4 pts.) .d) Country (5 pts.)
 .e) Pop (3 pts.)
3. What type of movies do you prefer?
 .a) Comedy (2 pts.) .b) Horror (1 pt.)
 .c) Musical (3 pts.) .d) Romance (4 pts.)
 .e) Documentary (5 pts.)
4. Which one of these occupations would you choose if you only could choose one of these?
 .a) Waiter (4 pts.) .b) Professional Sports Player (5 pts.)
 .c) Teacher (3 pts.) .d) Police (2 pts.)
 .e) Cashier (1 pt.)
5. What do you do with your spare time?
 .a) Exercise (5 pts.) .b) Read (4 pts.)
 .c) Watch television (2 pts.) .d) Listen to music (1 pt.)
 .e) Sleep (3 pts.)
6. Which one of the following colors do you like best?
 .a) Yellow (1 pt.) .b) White (5 pts.)
 .c) Sky Blue (3 pts.) .d) Dark Blue (2 pts.)
 .e) Red (4 pts.)
7. What do you prefer to eat right now?
 .a) Snow (3 pts.) .b) Pizza (2 pts.)
 .c) Sushi (1 pt.) .d) Pasta (4 pts.)
 .e) Salad (5 pts.)
8. What is your favorite holiday?
 .a) Halloween (1 pt.) .b) Christmas (3 pts.)
 .c) New Year (2 pts.) .d) Valentine's Day (4 pts.)
 .e) Thanksgiving (5 pts.)
9. If you could go to one of these places which one would it be?
 .a) Paris (4 pts.) .b) Spain (5 pts.)
 .c) Las Vegas (1 pt.) .d) Hawaii (4 pts.)
 .e) Hollywood (3 pts.)
10. What type of person would you prefer to spend time with?
 .a) Smart (5 pts.) .b) Attractive (2 pts.)
 .c) Party lover (1 pt.) .d) One who always has fun (3 pts.)
 .e) Someone very sentimental (4 pts.)

Now add up your points and find out the answer you have been waiting for!

(10-16 points) **Garfield:** You are very comfortable, easy going, and you definitely know how to have fun but some times you take it to an extreme. You always know what you are doing and you are always in control of your life. Others may not see things as you do, but that doesn't mean that you always have to do what is right. Try to remember your happy spirit may hurt you or others. (17-23 points) **Snoopy:** You are fun, very cool and popular. You always know what's in and you never are out of style. You are good at knowing how to satisfy everyone else. You have probably disappeared for a few days more than once but you always come home with the family values that you learned. Being married and having children are important to you, but only after you have had your share of fun times. (24-28 points) **Elmo:** You have lots of friends and you are also popular, always willing to give advice and help out a person in need. You are very optimistic and you always see the bright side of things. Some good advice: try not to be too much of a dreamer, if not you will have many conflicts with life. (29-35 points) **Sponge Bob Square Pants:** You are the classic person that everyone loves. You are the best friend that anyone could ever have and never want to lose. You never cause harm to anyone and they would never not understand your feelings. Life is a journey, it's funny and calm for the most part. Stay away from traitors and jealous people, then you will be stress free. (36-43 points) **Charlie Brown:** You are tender, you fall in love quickly but you are also very serious about all relationships. You are a family person. You call your mom every Sunday. You have many friends and may occasionally forget a few Birthdays. Don't let your passion confuse you with reality. (44-50 points) **Dexter:** You are smart and definitely a thinker. Every situation is fronted with a plan. You have a brilliant mind. You demonstrate very strong family principles. Maintain a stable routine but never ignore a bad situation when it comes.

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- A flashlight is a carrying case for dead batteries.
- What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
- The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.
- How can there be self-help "groups"?
- Is there another word for synonym?

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Around Town News Briefs

Clinic (Free Shots for Medicare B card holders)

November 16, 9:00-11:00 p.m. A Trinity inoculation clinic will be held at the Hampton Methodist Fellowship Hall at 4th Street and 2nd Avenue. All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to protect against this year's illnesses.

Flue shots are \$25, Pneumonia shots are \$30. There is no charge for those with Medicare B coverage. Bring your Social Security and Medicare cards with you. No appointment necessary.

Tree Lighting Schedules:

November 19th, Lights of the Season will appear throughout down-town Davenport.

Also in Moline, on **November 19th**, The Lighting of the Commons takes place between 3:00 and 6:30 p.m. Visit the John Deere Commons to see nearly 1/2 million lights and fireworks and take historic trolley rides, horse drawn wagon rides. Santa Claus will appear, there will be children's activities, carolers and refreshments.

Christmas in LeClaire

The Christmas festivities kick off on the LeClaire Riverfront on **December 2-3**. Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am-8:00 p.m., Sunday: 10:00 am-4:00 p.m. Numerous locations will participate in this village-wide event. Churches will hold bazaars and offer foods. The Civic Center will offer a silent auction featuring framed needle point pictures, a trip on Twilight, Luxury weekend getaways, gift certificates, savings bonds, dining-out certificates and much more. Bids will be received Friday and Saturday at the LeClaire Civic Club until 7:00 p.m. on December 3rd. The top bid will receive the packages. Proceeds go into the fund for Old Fashion Street Lights for Downtown LeClaire. See the live nativity (5-8 p.m.). Shop and the Buffalo Bill Museum will be open too.

Saturday, 12/3. Breakfast with Santa and enjoy lots of kids activities, shop and make the rounds of bazaars and auctions. Free Carriage and Trolley rides from 11-3 p.m. to special attractions. Stay for the Civil War reenactment!

Red sleigh markers will show the way to the holiday fun!

"Starting Point" Announces Change To Weekly Worship

"The Starting Point," the multimedia worship ministry of the Twin Rivers Parish of Rock Island County, is pleased to announce that it will begin holding its worship services weekly beginning with the November 20th on Sundays at 6 PM in the fellowship hall of the Hampton United Methodist Church, 400 2nd Avenue, Hampton IL.

November 20th: "With a Grateful Prayer and a Thankful Heart" looks toward Thanksgiving Day.

November 27th - December 18th: "Maybe Christmas, Perhaps, Means a Little Bit More."

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

Teachers, organization leaders: A Field Trip Invitation.

Brettun & Black Museum in Hampton will remain open as long as the weather permits being in an unheated building. The 1849 store in an interesting, nearby place for classes to visit for a glimpse of life in pioneer days. Contact Bev Coder at 309-755-6265 now for immediate or spring scheduling.

Zion Lutheran Church Holds 11th Annual Cookie Walk

Zion Lutheran Church, 17628 Hubbard Road, East Moline (Hampton Bluff) will host a Cookie Walk from 9:00 am to noon, Saturday, December 10th. Over forty different kinds of homemade cookies and candy will be sold for \$6.00 a pound.

Zion Lutheran will apply for matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Proceeds will benefit Little Lambs Preschool.



Pictured from left: Melinda Loete, Betty Morgan, Mary McGee and JoAnn Struss, four members of the Cookie Walk Committee ready to serve you.



Festival of the Trees

Quad City Arts Festival of Trees will be held Nov. 18-27 this year at the River Center. 14 Special events plus designer trees, artisan crafted stockings, ornaments, gingerbread houses, children's activities, music and dance performances plus a parade of 7 story-telling, tall helium-filled balloons. Information: 563-324-3378

Life Center Activities

Wildwood Baptist Church Family Life Center is located at **18717 Hubbard Road, East Moline**. Reservations are needed for most activities about a week in advance. If you need additional information or to make your reservations, call 496-9397.

November 14: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Make-n-Take Cards (stamping)

November 18: 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Scrap Friday-nighter

November 19: 10:00-12:00 Sewing III - Make a Pillow Materials list will be available to those who register by Friday, November 11th

November 29: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Stamping Techniques on cards (50¢ Ea.)

December 3: 10:00-12:00 Something from Nothing Candy canes & Candles

Minimal fee for class if any. Reserve your spot by November 26th

December 16: 6:30-11:30 p.m. Scrap Friday-nighter This is the last date to get all caught up on your scrapbooking for the year 2005. This activity will continue on the third Friday night of each month in 2006.

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.

Open-to-The Community Thanksgiving Celebration

At the Methodist Fellowship Hall in Hampton, **November 24, Thanksgiving** from Noon to 2:00 p.m., all are invited to a traditional Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. If you are alone for the holiday or just want the companionship of friends and neighbors during the holiday, call Erwin Millen at 755-0069. Although donations will be accepted, there is no charge for this meal. They do need to anticipate the number of attendees so please call and let them know you will be there.

- Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?
- Is Marx's tomb a communist plot?
- If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

Saturday, December 3rd, 2005, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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At the Church homemade cookies, Jams & Jelly, candies, baked goods (plus homemade pies-frozen and ready to bake at home, mixes for quick cooking, homemade bread and canned goods will be on sale. (Including low sugar items).

Craft items range from things to decorate for the holidays like fresh-cut evergreen wreaths and wall hangings, benches, bird-houses, plant stands, CD/DVD towers, etc. And, this year, they've expanded to include things for the beloved canine or feline in a shopper's life!

Call 309-523-2244 to purchase advance tickets. For the Tour of Homes: \$10.00 per person Luncheon: \$6.00 per person



Hampton Fire Department News:

The Firefighters would like to thank the Auxiliary and all those who donated to their recent chili supper night and attended the luncheon in honor of Firefighter David Nolan.

Thank you to the Riverside Fellowship Church. The Halloween spaghetti dinner proceeds on November 30th were presented to the Hampton Fire Chief, Rick Norin at the Village Meeting on November 7th.

Hampton Heritage Center Happenings:

The Hampton Historical Society has filled set up a display of local artist's representations of historical locations in the Hampton area.

Nov. 17: 10AM to Noon "Mississippi Java" will meet for the first time. Free Coffee and doughnuts will accompany information about early Hampton.

Nov. 27: 2 to 4PM "Hanging of the Greens" Come decorate the center, sing along with Christmas Carolers and enjoy cookies and cider. Great family fun!

December 3: Starting at 11AM Hampton Youth Committee Christmas Party. Santa will pay a visit and there will be plenty of "make & take crafts and treats so plan to bring your youngsters.

December 14: 6-9PM "Wrap Party!" Adults, if you need some peace and quiet to wrap your Christmas presents, come to the center after shopping. Bring your own wrapping materials.



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- ...If the bubbles on the surface of a cup of coffee float toward the drinker, prosperous times lie ahead; if they retreat, hard times are promised.
- ...Cut a slice from the stalk end of a banana while making a wish. If a Y-shaped mark is revealed, the wish will come true.
- ...Feed red pistachio nuts to a zombie - it will break his trance and allow him to die.
- ...When a slice of buttered bread falls butter-side-up, it means a visitor is coming.
- ...Put a red tomato on the windowsill - it scares away evil spirits.
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Regardless of the sale price, winter footwear is expensive to replace because of unsightly slush and salt stains. A little extra care could save you a bundle this winter.

The old tried-and-true mixture to remove salt and slush" mix one part warm water and one part vinegar. Sponge affected area and rims of soles. Avoid letting leather or suede boots dry before sponging.

Before the bad weather hits, give your good leather footwear a good rubdown with saddle soap then at least once a month during the winter. Most leather-goods stores and all tack shops sell this product. Follow the directions on the can. If your leather boots are very good ones, follow the saddle soap application with a leather conditioner or mink oil which both conditions and water-proofs. (Saddle Soap also keeps leather soft, flexible and minimizes cracking) Finally, give the boots a good polish with any commercial shoe polish.

For suede, follow up the application of the vinegar/water with a suede brush, then spray on Suede Saver (a silicone water repellent.)

Jammin with Jane

By Jane Nelson

Are you ready for turkey day? I think we will have a very quiet Thanksgiving. I plan to use my time to concentrate on Christmas. I do wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. I will probably brine my turkey which I learned from Martha Stewart. I usually order a fresh one out at Fareway in Moline. If none of our children come home I might even go over to the Methodist Church.

My husband has been writing about the history of Hampton. My maiden name was McNeal and my grandmother McNeal was a Wells. Lucius Wells was her great Grandfather. Her father was Edward and his father was George son of Lucius. Edward was my great grandfather and he used to come to Hampton when we were working on our house at 105 Fifth St where my mother still lives. I remember him using a knife to scrape and eat an apple. I really thought this was the coolest way to eat an apple. My mother didn't really approve of the method. Of course I was about 4 years old and easily impressed by simple things. His wife was Madora Hunter Wells and I remember her well. She would whip up cinnamon rolls very easily. I really wish I had her recipe. I do it fairly fast with my recipe that I have adapted for the bread maker. It really takes most of the work out of making bread.

CINNAMON ROLLS

1 c milk
1/4 c sugar
1 t salt
1 package dry yeast or a scant T

1 whole egg
1/4 c margarine
3 c flour

Put ingredients in your bread baker in the order they suggest. We have one baker you put the liquid in first and the other the dry ingredients first. Then put it on the dough cycle.

When ready roll out on a floured surface to about 1/4 inch thick. Spread on 1/2 stick margarine melted. Sprinkle with about one cup mixed sugar and cinnamon. Roll up and cut into 1/2 inch circles. Put on a greased cookie sheet. Let rise until double. Bake at 400° for 10 minutes, I usually switch shelves in 5 minutes. When nicely browned remove to racks. Drizzle with frosting made with 2 cups powdered sugar and enough hot water to make a thick syrup. You should get 2 dozen rolls. Happy baking!

I also found this great cake recipe from Mid West Living. It was created in Café Latte in St Paul in 1985

CAFÉ LATTE'S TURTLE CAKE

Unsweetened cocoa powder	1 egg, slightly beaten
1 c buttermilk or sour milk	2/3 c cooking oil
2 c all-purpose flour	1 1/4 c sugar
1 c brewed hot coffee	1 t salt
1/2 c unsweetened cocoa powder	1 T baking soda

Chocolate frosting which follows

1 1/2 c pecan halves, toasted
1/4 c caramel ice-cream topping

1. Grease three 9 in round cake pans. Line bottom of each pan with parchment paper. Grease the paper, dust with cocoa. Set pans aside

2. In a small bowl, combine egg, buttermilk and oil, set aside. In a large bowl, stir together flour, sugar, 1/2 c cocoa powder, baking soda and salt. Gradually add buttermilk mixture to flour mixture, beating with an electric mixer until combined. Gradually beat in hot coffee. Pour batter into prepared pans: spread evenly. (Layers will appear shallow)

3. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes. Loosen sides from pans, invert cakes on racks. Remove cakes from pans. Peel off paper, cool thoroughly.

4. When cool, prepare Chocolate frosting. Place 1 cake layer, top-side down, onto a serving plate. Using an icing spatula or wide knife, work quickly to frost top of this layer with one-third of the frosting, pushing it out slightly from edges to make ripple or petal effect. Arrange one third of the pecans on top and drizzle with 1/4 cup of the caramel topping. Top with the second layer, top-side down. Repeat with frosting, pecans and caramel topping. Top with third layer, right side up. Repeat with frosting, pecans and caramel topping.

5. Chill cake 1 to 2 hours before serving. Makes 12 to 16 servings.

Chocolate Frosting: In a small saucepan, combine 1 c sugar, and 1/2 c milk. Add 6 T butter. Bring to boiling stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add 2 cups chocolate chips. Using a wire whisk, mix until smooth. If frosting is too thick or grainy, stir in 1 to 2 t freshly brewed hot coffee. Makes about 2 1/2 c frosting
This cake sounds like one large chocolate turtle.

Our Quad-City Heritage League is an umbrella organization for all Historical Societies and Historical places and organizations in the Quad-Cities. We are having an annual meeting at the Davenport Library on Dec 4. I hope all who are members of these types of organizations will come. All are welcome. We are having an author of a book about New Orleans and the refreshments will have that flavor. I am making Pralines. I looked up a recipe on the internet.

PRALINES

1 1/2 c brown sugar
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1/2 t vanilla

1 c white sugar
1/4 t salt
1/2 lb toasted pecans

Boil all except pecans to the soft ball stage STIRRING constantly. BEAT until thickened. Stir in pecans. Drop from spoon onto buttered platter.

Have a great Thanksgiving. I am the new president of Rock Island County Republican Women. I am also membership chairman so I hope all you Republican Women that read this will email me and join. My email is hamptonwells@mchsi.com.

No Bones About it!

It seems that someone asked the great anthropologist Margaret Mead, "What is the first sign you look for to tell you of an ancient civilization?" (The interviewer had in mind a tool or article of clothing.) Ms. Mead surprised him by answering, a "healed femur" (thigh bone).

When someone breaks a femur, they can't survive to hunt, fish or escape enemies unless they have help from someone else. Thus, a healed femur indicates that someone else helped that person, rather than abandoning them and saving themselves. Isn't that what life is all about? Healing femurs of one sort or another?"

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Obituaries

David Duane Nolan, 27 of East Moline passed away on October 15 2005 and was buried in Hampton Cemetery with numerous Firefighters in attendance.

David was born June 22, 1978 in Chicago Heights, IL, the son of David and Terry Slater Nolan. He graduated from United Township High School and Black Hawk College. On February 12, 2005, he married Hollie Bates in Davenport.

He was a volunteer firefighter for the Hampton Fire Department, loved fishing, camping, country music and clowning around with his family. He will be missed by his extended family and friends.

William "Bill" Robert Bunker, 82 of Hampton, died peacefully on October 10, 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was buried in National Cemetery on Arsenal Island.

Bill was born January 25, 1923 in Oglesby, IL, son of Frank and Effie Argubright Bunker. After working with the CCC in 1938 in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, Bill joined the Army Air Forces serving from 1941 to 1945 in China. He married Audrey Smith on September 14, 1947 in Kewanee. He was employed as a union sheet metal worker in Local 91 from '56 until his retirement in '85.

Survivors include his wife Audrey, daughters Sherry Jones, Dawn Stanley; sons Dan and Frank, 15 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, sister, Mae Mahnesmith and brother James "Frip" Bunker.

Aaron Smith of Hampton, passed away on October 14, 2005. He was the son of Fred and Barbara Smith. May he find peace in the arms of our Lord.

Thomas Summers, 73, passed away on October 31, 2005 at his home in Hampton. He was born September 26, 1932 in Vincennes, Indiana, the son of Harold and Isabelle Muckenstorm Summers. He married Theresa Hull on September 12, 1970.

A Navy veteran serving in the Korean Conflict, Thomas became an advertising specialist at Midwest Publishing, working there for 24 years until he retired in 2003. Tom also brought the first four Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants to the Quad Cities area and managed them. He also bought Archer's Boys and Girls Apparel store in Davenport.

Tom was a member of East Moline American Legion Post 227, Grace United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Hampton Youth Committee where he could be seen during the softball games.

Tom is survived by his wife, Terri; daughter Karen Andrews; sons Chad (Tosh), Stephen, Craig and Keenan, nine grand-children and four great grandchildren.

..Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
..Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
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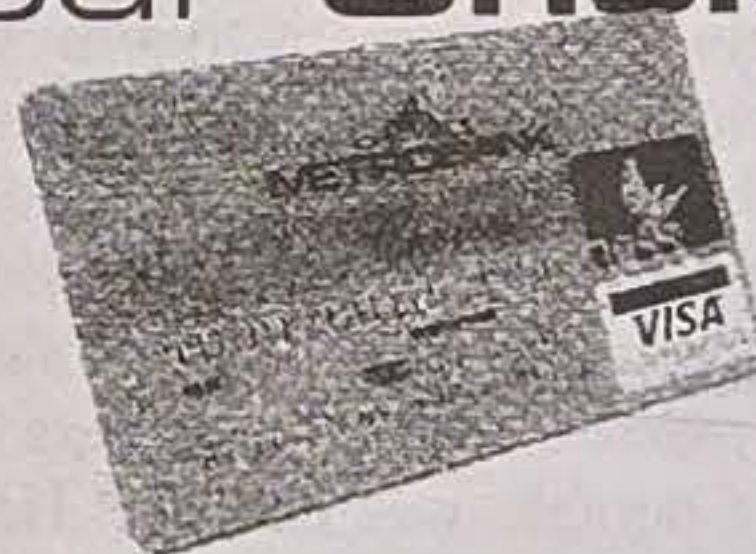
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A: Premature death. (Amen!!)

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (E.g., abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

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Instead of saying that man is the creature of circumstance, it would be nearer the mark to say that man is the architect of circumstance. It is character which builds an existence out of circumstance. From the same materials one man builds palaces, another hovels; one warehouses, another villas; bricks and mortar are mortar and bricks until the architect can make them something else.

- Thomas Carlyle

When Black Hawk Came to Hampton

By Rocky Nelson

Last time we talked about when McNeal and Thompson came to create the place we now call Hampton. How they started a business of selling wood to the steam boats for fuel and how this place got its start as a settlement. Soon other settlers started arriving, one was Rinnah Wells. He was to become well known in the area. Most of the early settlers had started out in New England, and Wells was from Massachusetts. He got here via a trip down the Ohio River with stopovers in Shawneetown and Fairfield, Illinois, finding McNeal who had come from Canada over the Great Lakes, and Thompson, from Kentucky. Rinnah Wells lived in Hampton for a time, then went to the lower county where he was a prominent citizen and involved in many activities including starting the Black Hawk War, but that's another story.

Rinnah was a typical member of the Wells clan, meaning he had numerous offspring (11 in his case). Some of his kids stayed in Hampton and made great contributions to our town's history. Both McNeal and Thompson married Wells' daughters. Of the others that lived here the most notable was Lucius. He was an active, ambitious man and could be designated "Hampton's Main Man". For one thing he built a ferry across the river which served our area well with trade across the river. Many of the settlers moving further west also found it useful. The ferry was probably located in the North end of town, near what is now Illiniwek. Wells lived in that area, somewhat more inland in what is today's Forrest Preserve. There is a bill from Wells in Francis Black's records. We've had a column about it. It deals with some 1850 business Black had that used the ferry. You can read it by going to the Historical Society web site: HamptonHistor.org. I find it interesting that a vestige of the ferry still exists. If you cross the river at that point you'll find a road that goes up over the Bluff to McCausland, Iowa or some such place. Anyway, it's called Wells Ferry Road. An echo from 170 years ago.

Lucius was Hampton's first school teacher. The area was filling up with New England born settlers, people relatively well educated for the time and with a strong interest in education. He conducted classes in his own cabin.

Lucius got into the milling business early on. He built a mill close to the ferry and near his home. It was a water powered mill, and used both for grinding grain and sawing wood (with different machinery for each, of course). They had a large mill wheel and when the mill was to be used they shoved out into the current which turned the wheel and supplied the power. The story is that Wells used the first wood that came from the mill to build himself a house right beside his mill and his ferry. The house, probably built in 1834, still exists. It is the home of Nancy and Roland Bartscher, though it has been remodeled over the years and looks

nothing like it did originally. The Bartscher's gave a section of wall showing the sheeting and 2 x 4's where the lathe was attached to the Historical Society where it is on display. The pioneers couldn't wait to get out of their log cabins and into a real house. This was the first one (frame house) in Hampton.

We could continue with Lucius Wells and his efforts to help form Rock Island County, including his tenure as the first Supervisor on the first County Board, but the title of this piece referred to Chief Black Hawk so we'll go to that. Last time we mentioned the tribe of Mesquakie that Pike encountered while looking for the source of the Mississippi. When McNeal, Thompson, and the rest got here, that village was still there. Actually, what is now 1st Avenue, Hampton was called the Galena Trail and was the highway between Galena and St Louis. It had been an Indian trail centuries before either of those places existed. In those times when Indians traveled, in cool weather they would cluster around cabins at night, simply because they were warmer. Typically, when the settler came out and saw them he went crazy, running for the musket to protect his family from the bloodthirsty savages. Actually, the Indians had no concept of private property. The Great Spirit had placed the earth here for everyone to use. When the white man built a cabin or a fence and said no one could be near it, that was totally ridiculous. Made no sense at all.

It seems that Henry McNeal was more tolerant than most settlers. He reached some sort of agreement with the Indians, a sort of "If you don't hassle me, I won't hassle you" kind of thing. In any case, one day Chief Black Hawk himself came to his cabin and gave him a spoon, carved from an elk horn by Black Hawk himself, as token of his appreciation for McNeal's treatment of his people. The spoon is in the Museum at Black Hawk State Park. We have a copy of it in Brettun & Black. We don't know the date of the gift. It had to be between 1828 when McNeal and Thompson arrived and 1832 when they went to war against Black Hawk. In any case the spoon is a symbol of what can happen if people agree to be tolerant.

Weddings:**Horst-Wilkes**

October 29, **Betsy Horst and Garey Wilkes, Jr.**, both of Murfreesboro, Texas were married at the First Lutheran Church in Moline.

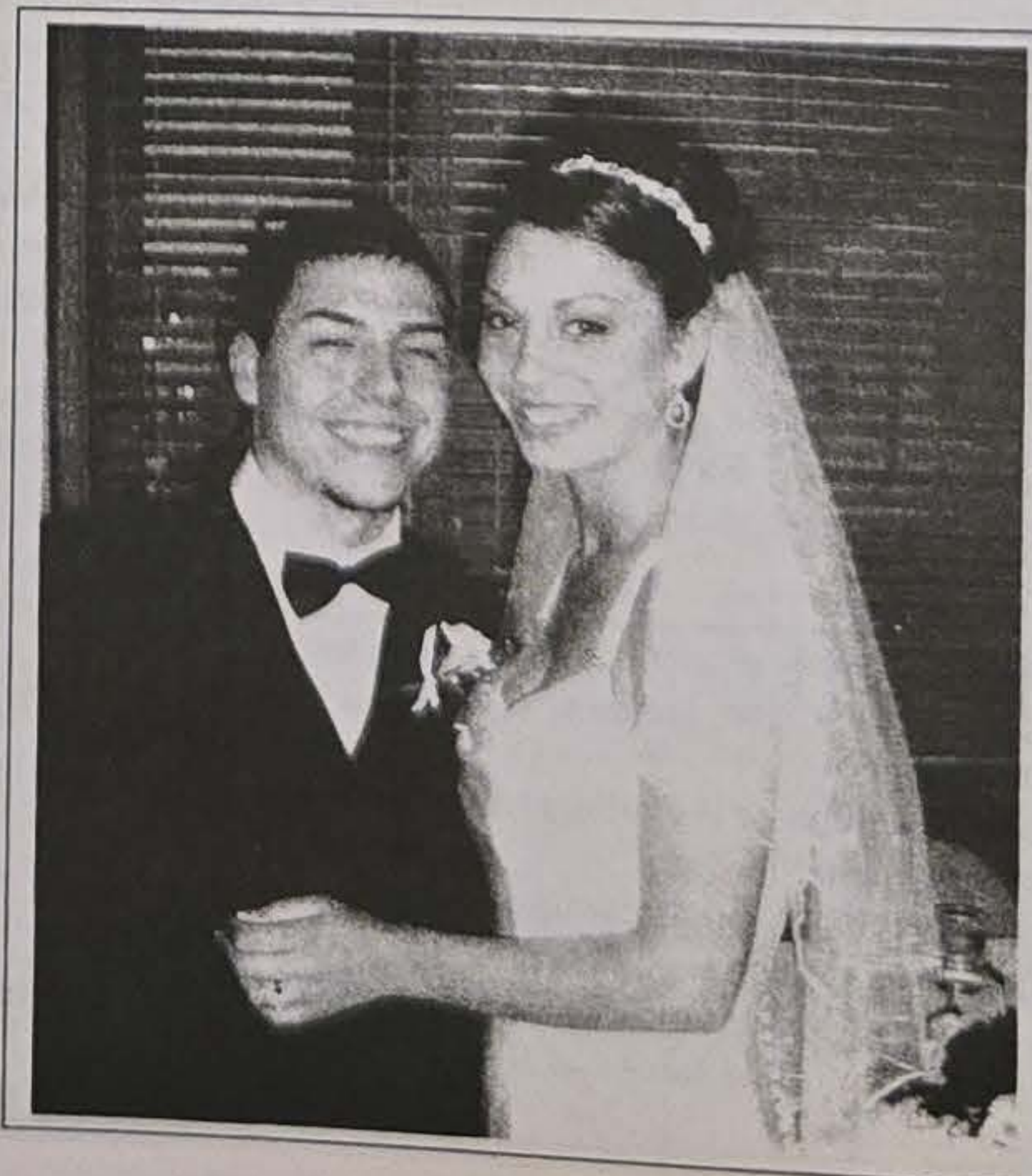
Betsy is the daughter of Stephen and Christy Horst of Hampton, Garey the son of Judy Wilkes of Burns, Tennessee

Betsy is employed at State Farm Insurance in their Murfreesboro Operations Center. Garey recently accepted the position of health supervisor with State Farm in New Albany, Ohio. The couple will relocate to Ohio after their honeymoon.

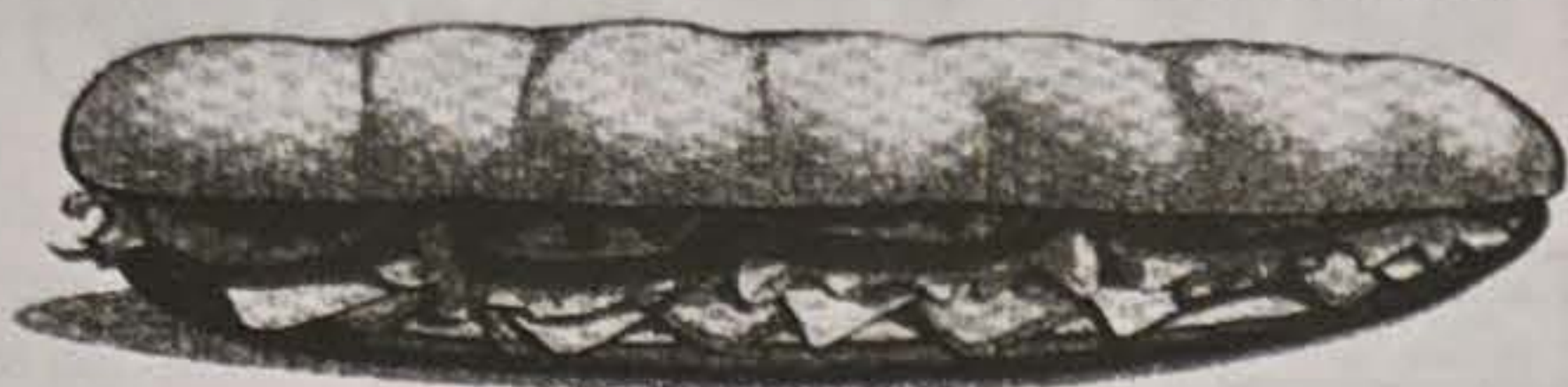
Larrison-Malzewski

October 4, **Lori Larrison and Donald Malzewski** were married in Las Vegas, Nevada. Their October 22 reception was held at Smith Brothers' in Port Washing, Wisconsin.

Lori, a 2003 graduate of United Township High School is the daughter of Gary and Beth Larrison of Hampton. Donald is the son of Tom and Cindy Malzewski



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Book Discussion Groups:

Romance Readers: November 14 at 1:00 p.m. is the next meeting is open to anyone interested in discussing romance books.

Mystery Readers: December 7th at 6:30 p.m. During this meeting, Ed McBain novels and any Christmas mysteries you've read will be discussed.

Computer Classes Offered:

Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m., classes are being offered on various items. Registration is required as space is limited. Register at the front desk or phone 755-9614.

Nov. 17: Microsoft Word, Dec. 1: Microsoft Publisher (cards, invitations, etc.), Dec. 8: Googling the Internet, Dec. 15: Questions/Answers about computers and the Internet.

Story Time

Story time Continues on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM.

Bedtime Story Time

Bring the kids to the library for bedtime story time from 6:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16th and on December 14th.

Victorian Christmas

The Victorian Christmas Raffle begins selling \$1 tickets on November 15 with the drawing held on December 17th. Some of the prizes include books associated with that time period, such as craft and antique books. There is also a children's paper doll book and a trim-the-tree book for that period. An autographed History of East Moline book will be given to some lucky person. Watch for additional surprises whenever you visit the library.

Movie Matinee begins at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21. Call the Library for movie titles.

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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Comfort Tip:

Many times, the watery discharge from your nose is really diverted tears, not mucus from your sinuses. In either situation, you can prevent a painfully chapped nose this winter. Gently wash your face two to three times a day, rinse and thoroughly dry your skin then apply an unscented lotion. (Scented lotions contain perfume and alcohol - Ouch!) Just blowing and wiping your nose with a tissue leaves germ-laden moisture on your skin that leads to the classic bright red, painful winter nose.



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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.

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 Fridays - even in their pajamas - and join the fun. Call the library for titles of stories and dates for .

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!

Christmas Events and activities:

Winter Wonderland: This popular program is for early shoppers both young and old. All items are priced from 50¢ to \$1.00. December 7 & 8 for children shoppers only, December 9 & 10 for adult shoppers. All days during regular library hours. (If you'd like to help wrap gifts that the children have purchased, please call Jamie at 309-523-3440)

Santa & Open House: Santa will be on hand to hear all the children's wishes during the Open House event held on **December 12th between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.** in the community room upstairs. Bring your camera and the kid's letters to Santa. Drop them off in his special mailbox and he will write them back!

The 4th Annual Christmas Walk will be held on Main Street in Port Byron on **December 3rd from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** There will be numerous activities inside the Library and along the street you'll see luminaries, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Frost, Santa and Mrs. Clause and a live nativity scene. There will also be carriage rides and golf cart transportation available. Don't miss the tree lighting ceremony and raise your voice to sing with the carolers. Watch for the crafts and the fudge contest too.

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As long as we incorrectly blame outside sources for our miseries, it remains impossible to do much about them. However, if we realize that we upset ourselves over the things that happen to us, we can work at changing. The first step is to ask; exactly how did I manage to upset myself? We then obtain the clues about how to avoid upsetting ourselves.

— Arnold Lazarus, Alan Fay

How Much Do You Really Know About The 1st Thanksgiving Day?

The first feast was held in 1621 with Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Indians in attendance. We all grew up with the romanticized vision of that Thanksgiving feast as painted by Norman Rockwell but the actual event was far different.

The food eaten did NOT include pumpkin pie or for that matter, sweets of any kind. Sugar and sweetening ingredients were almost non-existent. Mashed potatoes and vegetables of any kind were probably not available on a regular basis. Oven-baked breads were not available. If anything, bread might have been similar to pan bread (cornbread). What they did have were numerous kinds of meats in sauces.

There were only two choices for meal preparation in those early days: boiling and roasting on a spit where someone had to sit for hours turning a crank that kept the meat cooking evenly. We might think the Pilgrims' food was pretty bland but they had many spices we still use today. Cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, pepper and dried fruits were used in their dishes. After the Indians taught the Pilgrims to dry corn, hams, fish and local herbs, these were added to expand their diet.

The early Pilgrims "came to table" and ate in a specific order. Adults ate first while the children and servants waited on them. Later, children and servants ate. If any food remained, it was eaten by mid-day ("noonmeat") the next day because they had no way to preserve leftovers. Meals were eaten with a knife and spoon and fingers. There were no forks in the early colonies.

That first feast was not a single meal and probably lasted three days. The eating habits of the colonists with 2 to 3 meals per day were very different from the Wampanoag who ate whenever they were hungry.

The date of that first Thanksgiving Feast is not certain but took place between September 11th and November 11th when the traditional English harvest festivals took place. Abraham Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day because it correlated with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock on November 21, 1621. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the day as the fourth Thursday of November but Congress did not approve the change until 1941.

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You know what the phone number is for "Car Dead Call Fred."
 You've switched from heat to air conditioning in the same day.
 You have to watch the paper to see which bridge would be best to get across "The River," since they are all being worked on.
 You know that Joe's, Frank's, Shorty's, Clint's, and Nancy's are not names, but pizza places.
 You know that Whitey's is an ice cream place, not a racial term.
 You know that South Park is the name of a mall, not a television show.
 You know that Tuxedos is not a place you rent from.
 You will stand in line for over an hour to buy "sculptured concrete" (Isabelle Bloom)
 You know that Milan is not pronounced like the one that is the fashion capital of the world. Likewise you know that Orion is not pronounced like the constellation.
 You use the term "Palmer" as a familiar landmark.
 You don't crash into a low clearance bridge driving on Brady or Harrison Street.
 You know that pork is THE white meat, not THE OTHER white meat.
 You know that the coming of spring means the Rock River will flood. Your house will be under water, and you're okay with it.
 You measure distance in minutes, not miles.
 You know what Taco Pizza is.
 You think you know what four cities make up the Quad Cities. No one really knows.
 You hear someone say, "I'm on Kimberly" and you do not think it is something sexual.
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Hampton School News

Hampton School has received two prestigious awards the last two years. We received an Academic Achievement Award given to high performing schools who continue to improve. We also received the "Bright Star Award" for schools with high achievement at a relatively low cost.



Our school has a great recipe for success: Excellent teachers, parental and community support, a great School Board and most importantly-*super* kids. 80% of our students pass the state tests (ISAT) making our school district the best in the Quad Cities!

Our thanks to Mike Toalson for providing restrooms for us one day when the water was turned off.

Our thanks to the people of Hampton United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their meeting room.

Thank you to everyone in the community who supported our PTA by participating in the candy bar sale. Carla Osborne, president of the PTA and our parent volunteers provide a valuable service to our school.

With the time change comes earlier darkness. Please be careful of children walking, riding and playing in town. As you drive around the school, keep in mind that we have basketball players and cheerleaders from our school and area schools coming and going at irregular times. Thank you for slowing down.

November 14-20 is National Children's Book Week. The library will be sponsoring a book swap where each student can bring in up to 3 books (paperback or hardcover) and swap them. A letter with details will be sent to parents.

This year, the school received another grant for \$4,000 in order to purchase non-fiction books in Science and Math. Thank you Ann Perry for continuing to apply for grants and make the Library a high-quality source of knowledge for our students.

PTA Notes and Schedules

Thank You to all of the volunteers who helped at the Halloween parties at the school.

All Kindergarten students and new students to the school have received their bike helmets from the Quad City Safe Kid Helmet Program. PTA Covers the expense. School policy requires that students wear helmets when riding their bikes on school property.

October and November's Winners for a PTA treat are 1st and 2nd grade. These classes will receive a snack from PTA. Thanks to the PTA parents for providing this special treat.

To all of those purchasing candy bars from the students, Thank you! This successful fundraiser netted almost \$5,000 for-projects.

Please keep saving General Mills box tops and Swiss Valley Caps.

November 16 & 17 will be the Book Fair during school hours and will also be open on Family Read Night on Wednesday, November 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

November 16th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. is Family Read Night at the School. This year, the Bettendorf Family Museum will be presenting some problem solving games. Bring your thinking caps!

December 15 & 16th will be a Secret Santa Shop event for the students. More information will be coming soon.

School Schedule Notes

November 11 No School-Veteran's Day
November 14 Paperback Book Swap and 6:30 p.m. Board meeting
November 16 Family Read Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
November 17 Book Fair during School
November 23 1st & 5th Grade Field Trip to Festival of Trees
Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
November 24 & 25 No School-Thanksgiving

'Twas THE NIGHT OF THANKSGIVING

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving, but I just couldn't sleep.
I tried counting backwards, I tried counting sheep.
The leftovers beckoned - the dark meat and white,
But I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation,
The thought of a snack became infatuation.
So, I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door
And gazed at the fridge, full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.
I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,
'Til all of a sudden, I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky,
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie.
But, I managed to yell as I soared past the trees....
Happy eating to all, pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty, your turkey be plump.
Your potatoes 'n gravy have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious, your pies take the prize.
May your Thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs!!

Progress is impossible without change; and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything. - Geo. Bernard Shaw

SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

November/December, 2005

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CLOSED NOVEMBER 24 & 25 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

November 14 & 28, December 12: 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.

November 17: 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.

November 21: Rules of the Road - FREE 1:00-3:00 p.m. Review the basic written and over the road tests

November 30, December 28: Lite Lunch and Cards 11:00 a.m. Cost \$5.00 Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

December 7: Euchre Tournament 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00 Played according to Hoyle Rules. Men & Women welcome

December 14: 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 9:00 a.m., meeting follows

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THANKSGIVING TABLE

By Mary Lou Schaechter

In the dining room was a round oak table. When we were at my grandparents' home, we used it for eating, homework, building models, carving soap figures, reading, and other activities. If we added a couple of leaves to it, we could play ping pong, though the rounded corners made it harder.

Thanksgiving Day the table changed. We put every leaf in it and the table stretched part way into the living room. Fifteen people could be seated. Out of the buffet we brought two extra-long, snow white linen table clothes. They barely covered the table. We planned where the adults would sit, making certain the left handed relatives sat at the right corner. The children were to be seated at card tables in the living room.

The kitchen was bustling with women preparing last-minute foods; chicken, ham, vegetables, and other delicious dishes sending clouds of fragrant steam into the room. We watched out as they carried hot pans from stove to kitchen table.

More relatives were spilling out of cars which rolled up and parked in the yard. Aunt Mae triumphantly marched into the home holding her large, three-layer, burnt sugar cake out in front of her with both hands. Our mouths watered as we saw her walk carefully into the house. Aunt Marie brought a lemon fluff dessert and Aunt Mary had baked a pumpkin pie. Ardie brought her famous Swiss steak. My mother, Verda, provided Banana Nut Bread.

After the food was on the dining table and everyone was seated, Uncle Frank gave the blessing. "Bless us, oh Lord, in these gifts. PLEASE PASS THE POTATOES!" The bowls and platters began to travel up and down the table. Everything should go the same direction, but someone always sent them in the opposite direction, creating minor chaos. Some of the children were peeking around the corner, making sure the large table did not get something they missed. There was plenty of everything, even leftovers.

Having eaten all they could hold, the men headed for chairs in the living room and porch, while the clean-up crew cleared off the table and cleaned the kitchen.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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- Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!
- The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.
- Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries. (I wonder if its in the book?)
- Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a space suit damages it (families taking long car trips should adopt this same policy.)

Early Holiday Preparations

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and all the social occasions in between might call for wearing something velvet or velour. Both fabrics are now popular for everyday and office dressing so carefully examine your wardrobe as you swap-out your summer clothes for your fall and winter pieces. Seasonal storage might have "bruised" or crushed the nap to make unwanted shiny areas on the garment. Here's how to restore the fabric to its original look:

Place the "shiny" area, pile side down, over the natural bristles of a brush. Hold a steam iron just above the fabric, letting the steam pour through the pile. Shake out fabric until partially dry, then let it dry the rest of the way by itself. If the entire garment looks crushed, lay a damp (almost wet) towel on the wrong side of the fabric, and with an iron set on it's high setting, iron. Turn the garment right side out and brush up the nap with a soft brush.

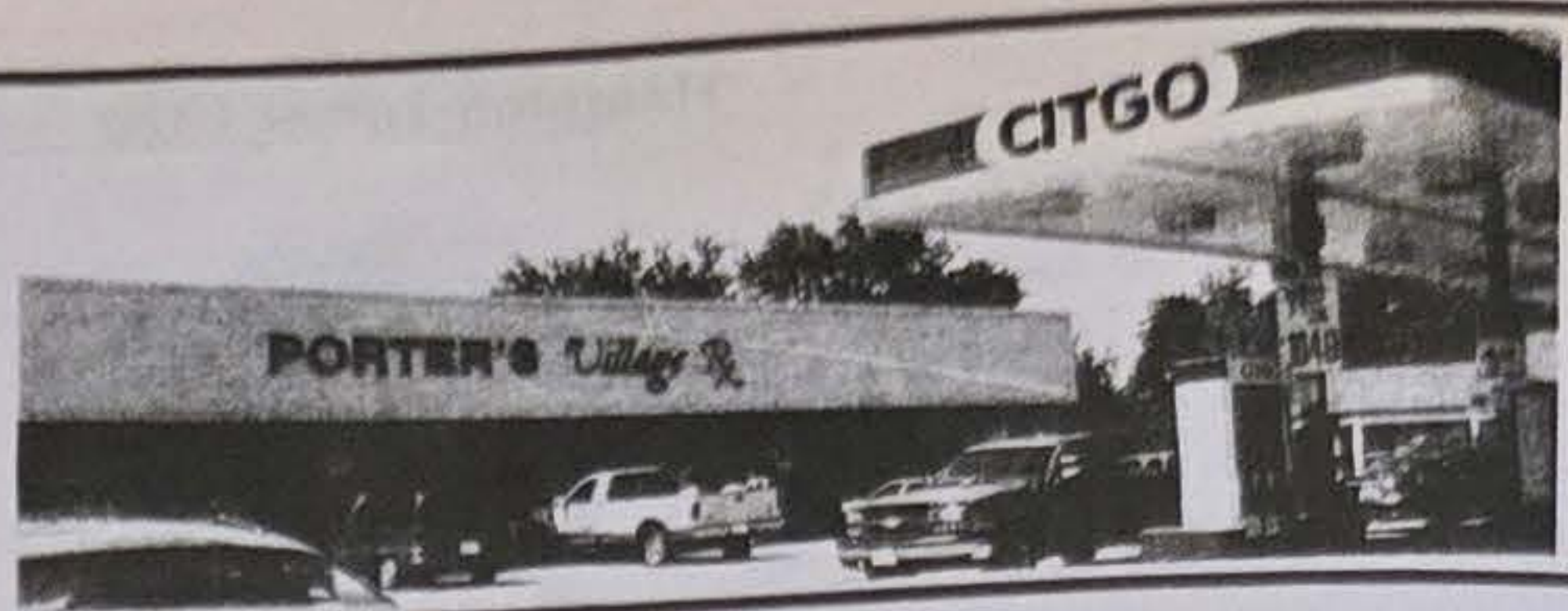
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