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HAMPTON WINS!

St. Patrick's Day in Hampton started with a parade of triumphant young women in their athletic uniforms a fire truck with lights flashing and horn sounding in the lead.

"March Madness" ended in the Quad Cities with Hampton School 6th Grade Girls taking First Place in the Basketball Conference and Tournament. The 5th Grade Girls took Third Place in the Conference and the Tournament. After their big games, all went for Slugger's Pizza to celebrate.

The Sixth Grade Coaches, Al Reamy and Tere Huber-Burrill, the Fifth Grade Coaches Guy Gerard and Aaron Harlan wish to thank all the parents, teachers, school staff and especially the players for their support during this exciting year. Great Job!



HOMETOWN HEROES NEEDED

Men and Women volunteers needed to train as Hampton Firefighters and First Responders. You must be 18 years or older, high school graduate or have GED and be willing to work for the good of the local residents. All will be welcome but we are especially in need of people who live within Hampton proper and can respond more quickly during emergencies. As with all volunteer departments a majority of members are employed outside city limits during regular working hours and cannot report for emergencies as quickly as we would like. Because many of the calls to which we respond are for other than fires, trained First Responders are needed to perform basic life saving support. If you work a seasonal job or are retired, please consider becoming a volunteer and part of your Homeland Security Team.



Come to the firehouse on 6th Street and 3rd Avenue to sit in one of our weekly Tuesday night training meetings. They usually run about 2 hours starting at 6:30 p.m. All volunteer training and firefighting and personal protective equipment is provided by the department. Volunteers respond to emergency calls when they are available. (All department members need not respond to every call.)

The specialized training our volunteers receive is invaluable on or off duty. The security of our area depends on the volunteers that serve as firefighters and First Responders. When the call goes out, will you train to be someone who responds?

Plan Ahead Community Calendar:

April, 2006:

- 14 Good Friday
No School At Hampton Elementary
- 15 Heritage Park North End-Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. plus
Pancake Breakfast in Center to benefit PTA
Hampton Youth Committee - Easter Egg Hunt
1:00 p.m. Heritage Center Park South End
- 16 **Easter Sunday**
- 17 **No School At Hampton Elementary**
Village Board Meeting 6PM Hampton
- 18 Hampton Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM-Firehouse
- 19 PTA Cultural Arts Day at Hampton School
- 21 Kindergarten Round-up 1:00 Hampton School
- 22 **Last Chance** Kid's Softball/T-Ball Sign-Up 1-3 p.m.
at Hampton School
- 23 Orthodox Easter Sunday
- 27 Science Fair at Hampton School 6:00 p.m. viewing,
7:00 p.m. Awards
- 28 & 29 All Hampton Yard Sale starts as early as 8AM
- 29 Hampton Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast at Heritage
Center 7AM to 1PM

May, 2006

- 1 Village Board Meeting 6PM Hampton
- 13 Rapids City Kid's Bike Rodeo-St. Johns parking lot
10AM-1PM
- 14 **Mother's Day**
- 15 Village Board Meeting 6PM Hampton
- 16 Hampton Fire Dept. Business Meeting 7PM-Firehouse
- 18 **Bunco Night** at Hampton's Firehouse 6PM-?
- 20 Hampton Kid's Bike Rodeo at the School 10AM-1PM
- 29 Memorial Day Observed-**No School**, Services in
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The kind that "just belong"?

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scheduled
That I'm sure you've heard about
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So come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.

Think this over, Member.
You know right from wrong.
Will you be an active member
Or do you just belong?



Editorial: Thanks For The Good Stuff

This editorial comes by way of saying "Thank You" to all those that contribute to the "Good Stuff" here. Unless you've lived in a crowded, concrete city or experienced the isolation of suburban housing and congested highways, you probably don't recognize the appealing quality of life around here. Many former residents have returned by choice thinking the Quad Cities is not too far from "big city amenities" should they want them. It doesn't take long to realize that everything from shops to entertainment to medical care is already here *plus* an almost indescribable amount of fulfilling "Good Stuff".

Norman Rockwell, the painter who helped define small town American living, never lived here – but Dick Sargent, another well known Saturday Evening Post cover illustrator did. If you visit the B&B Museum, you'll see a display of his work. Both Rockwell and Sargent's images hint at the "Good Stuff" but give the erroneous impression that it is free - no obligation to contribute.

A informal definition is in order. (Remember that it's very hard to find in urban or suburban bedroom/commuter communities. It is the reason people want to live here.)

QCA Good Stuff: The numerous events and activities planned, set up, run and cleaned-up by predominately unpaid individuals and/or members of not-for-profit organizations. Also includes creation, educational programs and preservation of: habitat, physical buildings, parks, historical materials and community service resulting in long term friendships, a sense of self-worth and community pride.

During any week of the year, you have a choice of numerous activities to attend. Hampton's Memorial Day ceremony, Bunco Night at the Firehouse and Apple Festival represent some of the good stuff as does Port Byron's Christmas Walk, activities held in libraries, schools and community centers. The small (2,500 or less) communities in our coverage area handle local government duties with only a very few paid employees like clerks, police and public works personnel. It is volunteers and not-for-profit organizations that provide all the attractive "good stuff" we all enjoy. The problem is, too many of us think it's free. In order to maintain our quality of life, the price is each resident's voluntary participation in at least one organization according to their interest and talents.

There are too many individuals to thank for their years of service so we'll mention as many organizations as space permits to remind readers of what good stuff has been provided in the past and hopefully recruit more help for each of these:

Child Oriented: The PTA sponsors school carnivals, book fairs and more. The Youth Committee Chapters in each town organize summer sports, school dances and Christmas special events.

For Adults: Both men and women train as volunteer fire fighters and First Responders and/or work in the fire/rescue Auxiliaries. Active participation on library boards/ committees, "friends of ... (the parks/hospital, etc)" hold fund-raiser for worthy causes.

For families or individuals: Church groups rake yards for the elderly, visit shut-ins, deliver food baskets, run tutoring programs, sponsor scout troops and more. Historical Societies and even this paper actively preserve local history, give educational presentations, act as guides at museums and the Heritage Center. Living Lands & Waters and RiverAction are constantly involved in important and labor-intensive environmental projects.

Only an estimated 10-20% of local residents actively participate in the organizations that keep our communities thriving. Will you and your family become volunteers that preserve the best of small town living? The need is always great for more people of any age so please consider participating in the creation of "The Good Stuff" that appeals to you and your family. (As "Baby Boomers" retire, focusing energy and experience to benefit the area can be very rewarding.) Volunteer work and membership in an organization need not take over your life – just a few hours a week or an evening a month will help. If everyone does a little, a lot will be accomplished.

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Policies: The Crier is not meant to replace daily newspapers, it is a community bulletin board for local information, small business support and some entertaining pieces. Classified ads and letters to the editor are not printed. Investigative reports, political or religious columns and controversial topics are purposely not included. Village Board and School Board notes will be included if an objective volunteer reporter will attend the meetings and submit notes. (Your editor is also a Hampton Trustee and in order to maintain objectivity, another volunteer must handle meeting notes. If you would like to become this volunteer, call Jane at 752-0627.)

The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any.
– Fred Astaire

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything.
– Samuel Johnson

EH Spencer Foundation holds 4th Annual Faith in Action Event - "Taste of Faith"

Everyone is invited to St. John's Catholic Church in Rapids City for lunch on **Sunday, April 23, 2006**. The doors will open at **11:30 a.m. and lunch served at noon**.

This luncheon is a fundraiser, will be a kick-off to National Volunteer Week by honoring local volunteers and provide some family fun. There will be inflatable games for the kids, raffles and great entertainment.

Faith in Action is a coalition of local churches that organize events and needed services for community members regardless of their church affiliation. As an example, The Rake and Run event scheduled for April 8th will see groups of volunteers visiting area homes of people that cannot manage the spring clean-up chores in their yards. Other services provided by these generous people re: Companionship visits, daytime respite care, light housekeeping, minor home repairs, pet and plant care, shopping or errand running, transportation and/or escort services. The neighbors that they help are Seniors with special needs, the chronic or terminally ill, recovering accident/stroke/head injury victims, persons with mental or physical challenges, need persons without nearby family and as support for family caregivers.

Members churches include: First Baptist, Cordova; Hillsdale United Methodist; Messiah Lutheran in Port Byron; St. Johns, Rapids City, Hampton and all of the Methodist Churches in the Twin Rivers Cooperative Parish. Seating is limited for the Taste of Faith so they are asking that tickets be reserved in advance. Call any of the churches above or contact the **EHSF/Faith in Action Office at 309-523-3880 (Toll free: 877-923-3890)**

Faith In Action Caregivers are always needed to enhance the quality of life for neighbors in need. By volunteering today, and helping community members maintain their independence, you will develop stewardship ideals for the volunteers of tomorrow. Please don't wait. Tomorrow could be too late, for tomorrow is the day when YOU may need the help of a caring volunteer.

E-mail: ehspfond@hotmail.com

National Faith in Action Website: www.faithinaction.org



One of the Rake 'n' Run Teams on April 8th who cleaned yards and started the spring season right. The groups were made up of members from numerous area churches. Thank you!!

Our Youth must give themselves a chance to be great!

We have so much in our society that distract, entertain and stop our youth from being great. Allowing the constant distractions of telephones, computers, electronic games and television to preoccupy every waking moment leaves no time for dreaming, for pondering universal puzzles or developing original, personal philosophies. Skimming along on the surface of life does not create greatness nor does it store up good memories for old age.

Alfred Tennyson wrote his first volume at 18. Byron and Edger Allen Poe all wrote their most famous works by Age 35. Sir Isaac Newton made some of his greatest discoveries before he was 25. Author Victor Hugo wrote a tragedy when only 15. Smart these people might be but, not outrageous geniuses. They used solitude and silence to become immortal. The Internet and other electronic media provide a steady diet of someone else's thinking.

It is never too early to turn off all the distractions and ask questions, express opinions and teach youth to think for themselves. Yes, they might all look and talk alike during school but the benefits of private independent thinking when they are alone might change the world. ♦



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Local Easter-Related Events & Schedules

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April 15: Easter Egg Hunt at **10:00 a.m.** for all area youth under 10 years of age. Meet behind the parking lot. Turn in the special eggs marked with an "X" and win a special prize!

April 16: Easter Services at **6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.**

River's Edge Fellowship: Heritage Interpretive Center and Heritage Park, Hampton, IL

April 15: An Easter Egg Hunt starting at **10:00 a.m.** at the north end of the park (up by the Center), will be held for Pre-School and Elementary School aged children.

Inside the Center, another community wide event, a **Pancake Breakfast will begin serving at 8: a.m. and run until 11:00 a.m.** Donations will be taken at the door for benefit of the Hampton School PTA. **All are welcome!**

April 16: 9:30 a.m. Social coffee & donuts half hour. Services begin at **10:00 a.m.** (Infants and toddlers nursery available).

Contact information: Lead Pastor Dale McCaulley

River's Edge Fellowship, P. O. Box 224, Hampton, IL 62156

gototheriver@nbson.net 309-737-2719

Hampton Youth Committee: Heritage Park

April 15: An Easter Egg Hunt beginning at **1:00 p.m.** - Rain or Shine for kids 5th grade and younger. This hunt will be held at the southern end of Heritage Park nearer the parking lot and kids play area.

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At the March 20th Village Board Meeting, Senator Mike Jacobs presented the Hampton Police Department with the funds needed for new radio equipment that allows clear communications wherever they are patrolling. The entire cost of the project, \$11,300 was provided by the Senator. Thank You!



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Dr. Everett listened quietly, then interrupted. "What should you do? My dear sir, do nothing. Half the people who read that paper never saw that article. Half of those who read it do not understand it. Half of those who did understand it did not believe it. Half of those who believed it were of no consequence anyway."

Two Nations, Same Land

By Rocky Nelson

While going through one of my many collections of junk (it must be good junk, otherwise I'd throw it away), I found a small, paper-back book. I must have seen it before but I didn't remember it, or where I'd obtained it. It was published by the Citizens to Preserve Black Hawk Park Foundation in 1981 (not that long ago, my memory must be worse than I thought). It was entitled "Two Nations, Same Land" by Will Leinicke, Marion Lardner, and Ferrel Anderson. I'm even acquainted with Ferrel Anderson which makes it even more odd that I had neglected it. Actually, it is a packet of information written for teachers to enable them to better teach about the Indians that preceded us in occupying the Quad City area. It works; in reading it I taught myself a good many things I hadn't known.

I've often mentioned in this column, the village of Mesquakie Indians that lived in the southern end of our town (before there was a town). We've also written about Black Hawk, war chief of the Sauk tribe, and how he came to Henry McNeal's cabin, where the Village Hall now stands and gave him a spoon, carved from an elk horn by Black Hawk himself, as a token of appreciation for McNeal's treatment of his people. The spoon was in Hampton for many years, back when Charlie Sikes had a museum, in old Black's Store. The spoon still exists and is in the museum at Black Hawk Park. Unfortunately, the people in charge there don't know the story behind it, and don't want to hear it. But that leads us in a direction I prefer not to go. In any case the little book has a whole lot in it about our predecessors on the bend of the big river.

For example, did you ever hear what the word Sauk means? It comes from the Algonquin language and means People of the Yellow-earth. Mesquakie meant People of the Red-earth. The story is told that while hunting one day, a party of Mesquakie encountered a group of Frenchmen. The French asked who they were and the Indians gave the name of their clan, Wakohag, which meant fox. The French assumed this was the name of the tribe and called them "les reynards" (the foxes), so the English called the tribe the Fox Indians, the error passed on to this day, with the Mesquakie tribe trying to correct it. It's about time!

Though two separate tribes they had similar beliefs and traditions and so became closely allied. Political and religious beliefs allowed intermarriage and joint ventures. The languages of the two tribes were also similar, both being dialects of the Algonquin tongue.

Socially, the family organization was very strong. Extended family was the rule: aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc had specific functions within the family unit. For example: if a man's brother died or was killed, the man was obligated to "marry" the widow so she could remain within the family structure. This could (though not necessarily) involve true polygamous marriage but also it could involve no more than sharing the lodge with the man acting as the father/provider. This custom still survives among the Mesquakie.

Children had very high standing in the family. It was commonly believed that spirits chose a family into which to be born. Therefore the child had honored the family by its selection. He was not property, as in many cultures. Teaching the children adult skills, religion, history, and a way of living was important.

Families lived in kinship groups—clans, usually about 12 clans to a tribe. Clans each had their own totem—thunder, bear, fox, turkey, trout, sturgeon, etc. Membership in a clan came through the father, and marriage with another clan member was forbidden. The wife must come from another clan. Each clan had its own traditions and ceremonies. A few of these were secret and private to the clan.

Clans would cooperate with each other. For example, if clan "A" was having a ceremonial feast, clan "B" might provide musicians, cooks, waiters, etc. At clan "B's" feast, clan "A" fulfilled those functions. The functions were highly ritualized and formal, even down to the position of the musician.

When a person died an adoptive ceremony was held to replace that person's place in the clan. There was a belief that if adoption was not held, the dead person's spirit would occupy the body of an owl and forced to remain in that form. Adoption set the spirit free and kept the clan structure intact. Could this be why owls would sound so creepy when hooting outside my window when I was a kid?

We'll very likely have some more columns about the native American way of life. It wasn't a bad way of life.

Garlands of Eastertide

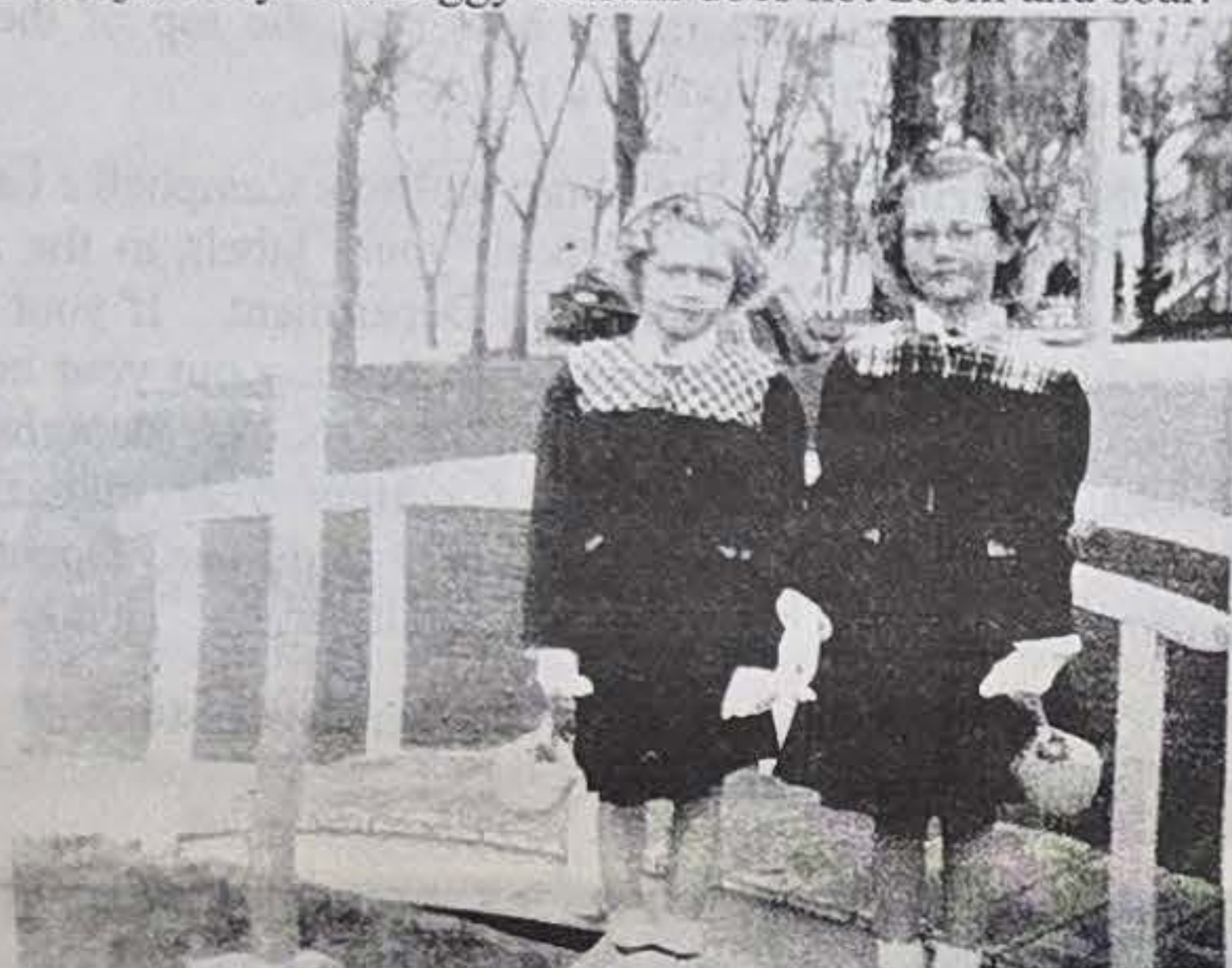
by Colleen Moore Poncin

Garlands of Eastertide
Joys that will Ere Abide...

Those words from an old favorite hymn of mine always jump to mind when I think of Easter. I'm not sure what Garlands of Eastertide really are, but somehow there is pleasure in letting that phrase run around among my brain cells.

Actually, Easter was a holiday that was more free-form than anything. There were really no rules or regulations, other than showing up at Church dressed to the nines and beyond. We really didn't know what to do with this holiday. Oh, there were the staple things that always were part of the day: the bunny baskets with super long handles and dyed pink and yellow and green, the photo endurance hour, and of course, dinner. The week prior to Easter, my Dad always threatened to shoot the proverbial bunny about 700 times.

All the Easters of my youth are fringed in "drippy". This was because that even though it was a moveable Christian feast, it always came in the lush spring of the Mississippi Valley and mainly the weather of the day was drippy. Oh, the sun might shine in the morning, but by the time my little brother pried the balsam plane out of the bottom of his Easter basket and he ran out to fly it, well lets just say that soggy balsam does not zoom and soar.



My mother has boxes of pictures of my sister and I in matching Easter dresses with hats and patent leather shoes and little white cotton gloves and tiny purses. My brother is decked out in dress pants and shirt and a clip on tie. Sometimes it is a dream and sometimes a nightmare, but at least once a year my sleep is invaded by these images. I am always assembling all these photos in a line and then running the length and watching us grow up!

The background was always the same in these pictures. There we were all dolled up in our Easter gear standing stick straight in the verdant backyard that runs toward the river. Stiff and unnatural is an understatement, as this was not at all what we would be doing in that very yard. Occasionally, we would be posed next to the Mississippi and told to gaze and point toward some distant unseen and unknown place with our little gloved hands. This was a hard sell toward artistic diversity.

After church we would rush home and tear off those clothes, which were usually the only new stuff we would get all year long. We would jump into our play clothes and head for those Easter baskets. Years ago we had learned a hard lesson of how hard it is to get candy out of little cotton gloves. Our parental units could no longer prevent us from diving into those Easter baskets and finding the celestial chocolate.

Since it was drippy outside, my brother and sister and I collapsed in a sugar haze on the couch to wait for Lassie and the Wonderful World of Disney. In the kitchen my parents were uncasing the ham in-a-can which was the staple of our Easter meal. Other stuff would come and go as side dishes on this menu, but the canned ham (an epiphany of its own) was always the meat of choice. We all thought that it was a superior end of the holiday meal.

As I look back, my family never really did know how to celebrate Easter, but somehow we did it our way. Maybe all these little memories are my mental and emotional Garlands of Eastertide, Joys that will Ere Abide...

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Why American English plurals are so confusing

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You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice, yet the plural of house is houses, not hices. If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I spoke of my foot and show you my feet, and I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet? If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those, yet hat in the plural would never be hose, and the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren, but though we say mother, we never say methren. Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him, but imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim.

Let's face it - English is a crazy language! There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? We ship by truck but send cargo by ship. We have noses that run and feet that smell. And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on. So if Father is Pop, how come Mother isn't Mop?

And, that is just the beginning - even though this is the end



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River Valley District Library News

Pajama Story Time @ 6:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 28th and May 19 in the library community room. Join your Friends for a story and a treat!

River Reflections Movie Schedule (All movies subject to change)
All movies start at 1:00 p.m.. Free popcorn and pop provided!

April 20th - The Greatest Game

May 18th - An Unfinished Life

The Library will be closed Friday, April 14th in observance of the Easter Holiday.

Fund Raisers at the Library:

Friday, April 21 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.: Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale at the Library. The Friends of the Library will cook for you and your family. The bake sale will offer fresh breads, cookies and other yummy treats. Take-Out orders will be available. Another delicious way to support the Library!

Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 am-1:00 p.m.: Used Book & Video Sale PLUS Schwan's Truck Sale. Hundreds of gently used items will be for sale at extremely reasonable prices. In addition, Schwan's truck will be on-site for you to purchase your favorite entrees and treats.

Each Year, Port Byron has their **All-Town Yard Sale**. This year, the event will take place on **Saturday May 6th starting at 9:00 am**. A map of homes participating in the sale will be available at the Library. In order to be included on the map, **Port Byron residents must sign-up by April 29th**. Maps will be available at the Library, Port Byron Post Office and at the yard sales. Port Byron residents, start going through your storage areas now!

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What Does the Library Mean to You?

The American Library Association and Women's Day Magazine are sponsoring "Put it in Writing at your Library. The promotion is designed to focus attention on the influence that libraries have and are still having in the lives of people of all ages.

Women's Day Magazine is accepting "How Has The Library Changed My Life" articles of up to 700 words until **May 10th**. They may be submitted at ala.org. You may call the Mississippi Valley Regional Library in Port Byron (309/523-3440) for detailed information.

Women's Day will be publishing the best four entries received in this program so sharpen your writing skills and enter soon!

The four cornerstones of character on which the structure of this nation was built are: Initiative, Imagination, Individuality and Independence.
— Edward Rickenbacker

East Moline Library News

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM is "Story Time" at the Library. Story Time is the perfect opportunity to introduce youngsters to reading and to become comfortable in a library setting. Mark your calendars now to spend Tuesdays, April 11, 18 and 25th with your children for a great story.

Computer Classes Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 AM

April 13: Internet Snags/Scams/Pitfalls, April 20: Personal Websites, April 27: E-mail & Unanswered Questions

You must register for these classes as space is very limited. Call 755-9614 to reserve your space or register at the front desk.

Computer access though the website will lead you to homework websites, linked to UTHS, the City of East Moline, Find-it Illinois, East Moline School District #37 and much more. The website gives hours, Friends and members of the Library Board, staff and calendar of events. Best of all, you can find out what's new for check out at the library and the on-line card catalog to look up subjects, authors and titles that catch your interest. Use your imagination and explore <http://empl.lib.il.us>

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Painless Contributing! The library collects Campbell's Labels for Education all year round. Deposit yours labels in the drop boxes in the Adult Room or Children's Department. If your new year's resolution includes organizing and cleaning out your home, please donate your gently used hard back books, paperbacks, audiobooks, music CD's, videos and current year magazines. Resolve not to accumulate items that others could use. Donations can be dropped off at the library during regular hours. Thanks!

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Hampton Historical Society Doings

The Brettun & Black Store Museum will be opening the first weekend in May this year and is looking for docents (guides) at the museum on the weekends when it is open (2-5 p.m. if the temperatures are below 90°).

This year, the North Room displays will feature pioneer medicine. Do you have any old medicine bottles or boxes to lend the museum for several months for this display? Call Jane at 752-0627. The society has never been so active and involved in the numerous tourist activities of the Quad Cities.

If you, your family and/or friends would like a more intellectual (vs physical) activity, please consider joining the Historical Society. **There are numerous historical documents that need organization, scanning into computer records and preservation. Exercise your artistic talents in displays, writing talents by creating informational booklets and recording the current activities of the Village for future generations.** Also, there are some exciting community and educational events on the drawing board that can't become reality without more active members. The original founders of the Society have done an outstanding job of preserving the museum and history of the Village and its residents since the founding. While there is time, please join us and benefit from their experience. Call Rocky or Jane Nelson at 755-0362, Beverly Coder, Museum Curator at 755-6265 or the Jane at the Crier 752-0627 for more information.

At Houdini's Funeral

Harry (Erich Weiss) Houdini (1874-1926) is the world's best known magician. His specialty was famous escapes. According to a Ladies' Home Journal story about his funeral, Florenz Ziegfeld and Charles Dillingham, famous Broadway producers, were two of the pallbearers at his funeral. As the two carried out the coffin, it is said that Dillingham leaned over and whispered: "Ziggy, I bet you a hundred dollars he ain't in here!"

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Hampton Heritage Center Schedule

- April 20 10-11:00 AM **Mississippi Java** US Army Corps of Engineers presentation featuring Neo-tropical Birds of the Mississippi. FREE to the public. Refreshments will be served.
- April 24 Scrapers R' Us will meet for a session of preserving the memories of your family. Please bring your own scrapbooking supplies.

Go to <http://www.hamptonil.org> for additional events at the Heritage Center between Crier issues.

The Heritage Center is in need of more volunteers to man the Center on Sunday afternoons from Noon to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.. Displays are changing more often now so we are getting repeat visitors who want to hear the story around the displays. Plans are in the works to have volunteers participate in a preservation project eventually resulting in computerized records of people, events and influences on this area from the early 1900's to the present.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

- 2 Jim Robinson
3 Brian Muench
Mary Jane Peterson
Frazier-Happy 80th!
4 Myron Erickson
8 Janet Oltman
9 Lyle Erickson
10 Lindsay Gillespie
Elaina V. Ward
Merlin "Rocky" Nelson
11 Bonnie Grebner
12 Judith Eiman
13 Verna Jones
14 Nikki Ross
15 Jane Kruse
21 Melinda Reamy
23 Kirk Gillespie
Jane Nelson

- 29 Arnold "Bud" Donaldson
Bernadine Daniels
Kathryn Meeker

April Anniversaries:

- 2 Dave & Gretchen Bull
17 Charles & Valerie Weiss
19 Bill & Carol Williams
29 Darrell & Arlene Johnson

May Birthdays

- 3 Hazel Gaither
5 Peter Cady
6 Kaiden Jenkins
Gabriel Cady
Beverly Coder
8 Abby Isenberger
Adam Isenberger
10 Marc Sinelli
11 Shawn Gillespie
12 Marvin Eimen
14 Floy Hull
15 Tom Gillespie
20 Dianne Nichols
22 Martha Rose Hayes
23 Becky Gould
25 Charlotte Gillespie
27 Pastor Cathy Crozier

May Anniversaries:

- 12 Terry & Gena Henrichs
15 Pauline & Bill Anders
25 Mike & Pam Hofstetter

Common Superstitious Signs of a Death:

- Seeing a ball of fire.
- Knocking down a house means the death of a former resident.
- A bird flying inside the house.
- Clocks that stop unexpectedly or howling dogs in the night.
- Dream of a marriage, hear of a death.



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A plaque at the National Aeronautics and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. gives credit for the earliest aircraft, to the Chinese who made their kites as early 400 BC. Those first kites were made of wood but after the invention of paper, kite makers began to cover the wooden frames with paper. Kites covered with silk were more durable and flew better but these were limited to the very rich as silk was extremely expensive and reserved almost exclusively for the royal family for centuries.

Kites of all shapes and sizes developed through the years were not reserved for entertainment. They served a military purpose as well. In China's history, kites large enough to lift a man above a battle field were used to observe troop movements and even to drop messages. During a battle (Circa 549 AD), a kite was used by a surrounded emperor to signal for additional troops to save him.

In the past, a string might be added to the frame that would create a pleasant singing sound when aloft. Also, small lanterns with candles inside were sent up in groups to decorate the sky for celebrations. Today, nighttime kite fliers attach small, safer battery operated flash lights to their kites.

The painting of kites dates back to the first inventors. Most of the 300 varieties of kites have been painted with human figures, birds, written characters and symbols. The Chinese used pine trees and cranes invoking longevity or bats and peaches for good fortune. It was believed that if a person would go into the fresh air, fly a kite and release it to the winds, the kite would carry away their bad luck and illness.

Today, kite making and flying has also become a competitive sport encompassing unusual designs, materials and sizes. In a 1983 competition held in China entries included a hundred-section kite flown by a squad of 6 and a Japanese entry that was over 984 feet long with 270 sections. With the advent of light-weight, non-ripping fabrics and stronger metal or plastic framing materials, there is no limit to designs.

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Obituaries

Colleen Moore Poncin, 59 formerly of Port Byron, passed away on March 12th in Ft. Wayne, IN after a short illness.

Colleen was born in Moline November 30, 1946 the daughter of Everett "Moe" Moore and Franciska Nagel Moore Rasmussen. She was a Medical Services Advisor with Blue Cross Blue Shield. She was a graduate of Alleman High School and attended Western Ill. University, Macomb, Illinois.

For the past several years, Crier readers have enjoyed Colleen's nostalgia and observation pieces related to her family life, Port Byron memories and her recent travels. Her last Crier submission, "Garlands of Eastertide" was received just prior to her being taken to the hospital. Regretfully, Colleen passed away on the eve of her Mother, Franciska Rasmussen's 80th birthday for which she and her siblings arranged the delivery of over 90 colorful roses. After Colleen's passing, a custom-made Vermont Teddy Bear was received by Franciska who believes the delayed delivery (by plan or because of premonition) was meant to comfort her, the grieving mother. How like the thoughtful and creative Colleen known by her friends and family.

We will miss her monthly articles. When asked, her family summed up interests "*She loved leaves and Ireland.*"

Survivors include: Husband, Richard Poncin of New Haven, Daniel (Jennifer) Poncin of Bourbonnais, IL, Michael (Sarah) Poncin of Lowell and daughter Erin (Dave) Bulanda of Ft. Wayne, IN, mother Franciska Rasmussen (another Crier columnist), Cordova, IL, brother Gary (Cheryl) Moore of Rapids City and sister Francine (Jim) Parr of Moline. Colleen's extended family also includes five grandchildren: Allison, Brenna, Joseph, Anna and Ryan. She was preceded in death by her father Everett "Moe" Moore and daughter Brandy.

"To live through a period of stress and sorrow with another human being creates a bond which nothing seems able to break. People can be happy together and look back on their contacts very pleasantly, but such contacts will not make the same kind of bond that sorrow lived through together will create." Eleanor Roosevelt

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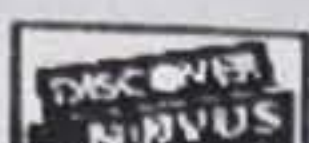
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Special Events Schedule:

May 14: Dedicated to Mothers – Benediction, Rolle Bolle Rosary procession, homily by Father Timothy Sauppe. Gifts for mothers plus pot luck feast after the Holy Hour.

June 11: Dedicated to Fathers – Benediction, Rolle Bolle Rosary procession, Speaker is Colin Letendre, principal of Alleman High School. Gifts for fathers plus pot luck feast after the Holy Hour.

July 9: Dedicated to Deacons – Benediction, Rolle Bolle Rosary procession, Speaker is Sr. Dianne VandeVoorde, Franciscan Sisters on West Heading Ave. She works with St. Philomena Catholic School, Peoria and the Permanent Diaconate. Pot luck feast after the Holy Hour.

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Caution! Recalls & Scams Caution!

Dove Skin Vitalizer Facial Cleansing Massager. These items were marketed everywhere starting in February of this year for about \$10.00. The cleansing pillows can loosen or come off while in use and cause minor scratches. Unilever will provide a full refund and pay shipping charges. Call Unilever at 800-896-9479 or visit www.dove.com for additional information.

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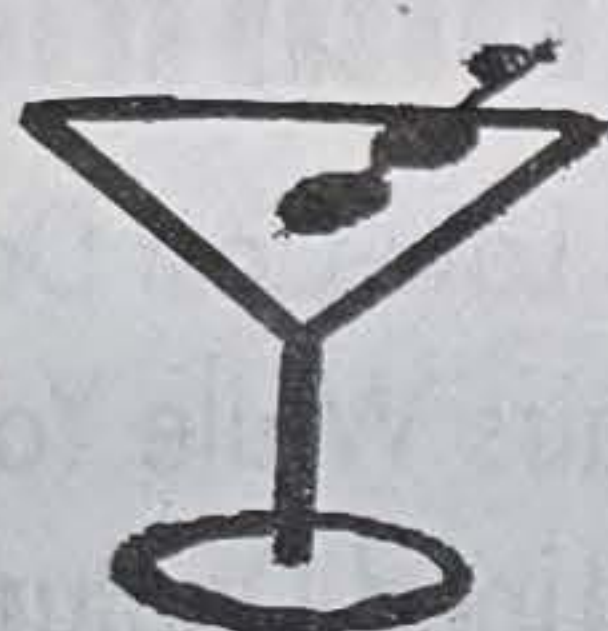
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BENEFIT at Rapids City Community Center

Kyle Rodriguez of Hampton has been diagnosed with childhood $\frac{3}{4}$ Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. There will be a benefit in his honor May 7th from 1-7:00 p.m. at the Rapids City Community Center. There will be Mexican food, raffles, auctions and live music starting at 3:00 p.m. The music will be provided by The Humans and Smooth Groove.

Kyle, 18 is the son of Murdock and Mary (Trout) Rodriguez, and the grandson of Don and Rita Trout who have been residents of Hampton for over 30 years. Kyle is a senior at Riverdale High School.

If you cannot make it to the benefit but would like to help the family with expenses, send donations to: **Kyle Rodriguez Benefit** C/O 512 15th Avenue, Hampton, IL 61256.

Josette Marie Solis and Todd Michael Wood, both of Hampton have announced their engagement. She is the daughter of Joe Solis, East Moline and Rose Solis of Silvis. He is the son of Travis and Sharry Wood, Hampton.

The couple plan to marry June 24th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Silvis.

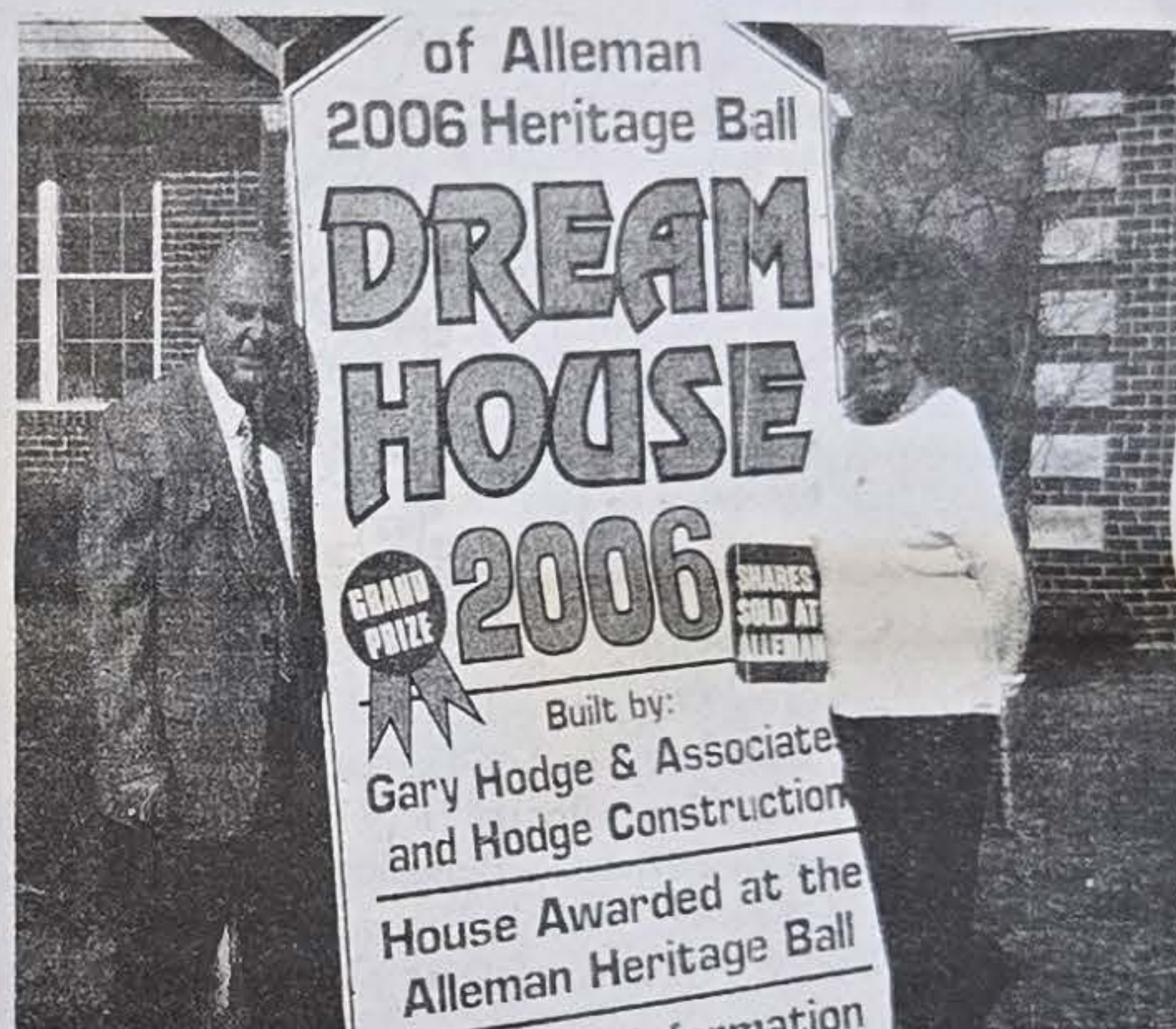
Josette and Todd both graduated from United Township High School. Josette will be attending Scott Community College's nursing program. She is employed at Yonas Chiropractic Center in Davenport and Todd is employed by Valspar Corp., Moline

Jim Seward is bringing his 16 years of experience in service as he joins Angelus Retirement Community at North Hill. He will be their Executive Director. (The Community is built on the former site of United Township High School, north campus).

"I am excited that my family and I are able to be back in East Moline, Angelus is such a great community, and I look forward to working with a team that is committed to serving our residents."

Mary Jane Nelson, our Jammin' With Jane Columnist, has been selected by the Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging for membership into the Gallery of Ageless Achievers. She is their Hospitality Chairwoman. The ceremony will take place at the Holiday Inn in Moline on Friday, May 12th. Congratulations!

Local residents win Alleman Dream House!



Tony and Joanne Columbia won the \$285,000 Villa at Deere Meadows in Silvis known as "The Alleman Dream House". Each Spring Alleman host this fundraiser. Residents and businesses purchase "share" for about \$165 with about 3,500 sold. At their Annual Alleman Heritage Ball, attendees dine, participate in auctions and await the drawings for cash prizes and the grand prize - a brand new house.

Tony and Joanne have lived in Hampton since 1966 and have raised 4 children who have all gone through the Hampton and UT School system.

Joanne works in Student Services at United Township and Tony is retired from John Deere Harvester, East Moline. He now works full time for MelFoster Company in Moline.

Quoting Tony: "Joanne graduated from Alleman and I graduated from UT so we have a dual relationship with both schools. We annually purchase both Alleman Dream House and UT Booster tickets. This is a great way to support both schools. The chances are way better than the lottery; remember, if you don't buy a ticket, you can't win."

We think of Lincoln in the context of American politics and the Civil War but he had numerous occasions to meet with foreign dignitaries and to match wits with those polished court representatives.

At a reception Lincoln asked a Russian Ambassador: "Would you have taken me for an American if you had met me anywhere else than in this country?"

Thinking himself clever, the Russian replied: "No, I should have taken you for a Pole."

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All-Hampton Yard Sale is Friday, April 28 & Saturday 29. Stop in Saturday for breakfast with the Firefighters!

Hampton Fire Department Doings

April 29 - 7:00 am to 1:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center just off Route 84 will be the Firefighter's **Annual Pancake Breakfast**. The menu includes Pancakes, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverages. Donations will be accepted at the door.

WOW! What a Raffle! Great Odds - Great Prizes!
This year's raffle tickets are \$10 each and only 1,000 will be sold. Tickets available at Blimpie, from any Hampton firefighter or at the Breakfast. Here's what you can win:

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Don't get excited - It's just a Training Session!

May 2nd, you might see a lot of activity down in the parking lot by the Hampton Heritage Center. If you are curious, please stay in the south parking lot or on the bike path as the fire department has planned on having a hands-on training with live LP Gas fires there.

Please, for your safety and the firefighter's, allow the training to have plenty of room. Thank You!

May 18 is Bunco Night At The Firehouse

This event is one of the most popular in the area. Bunco is a dice game that allow attendees to meet new people from the area while enjoying good food and a fast-paced game.

This year, the Fire Rescue Auxiliary will be serving spaghetti dinner. **Doors will open at 5:30, serving dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. with Bunco play beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

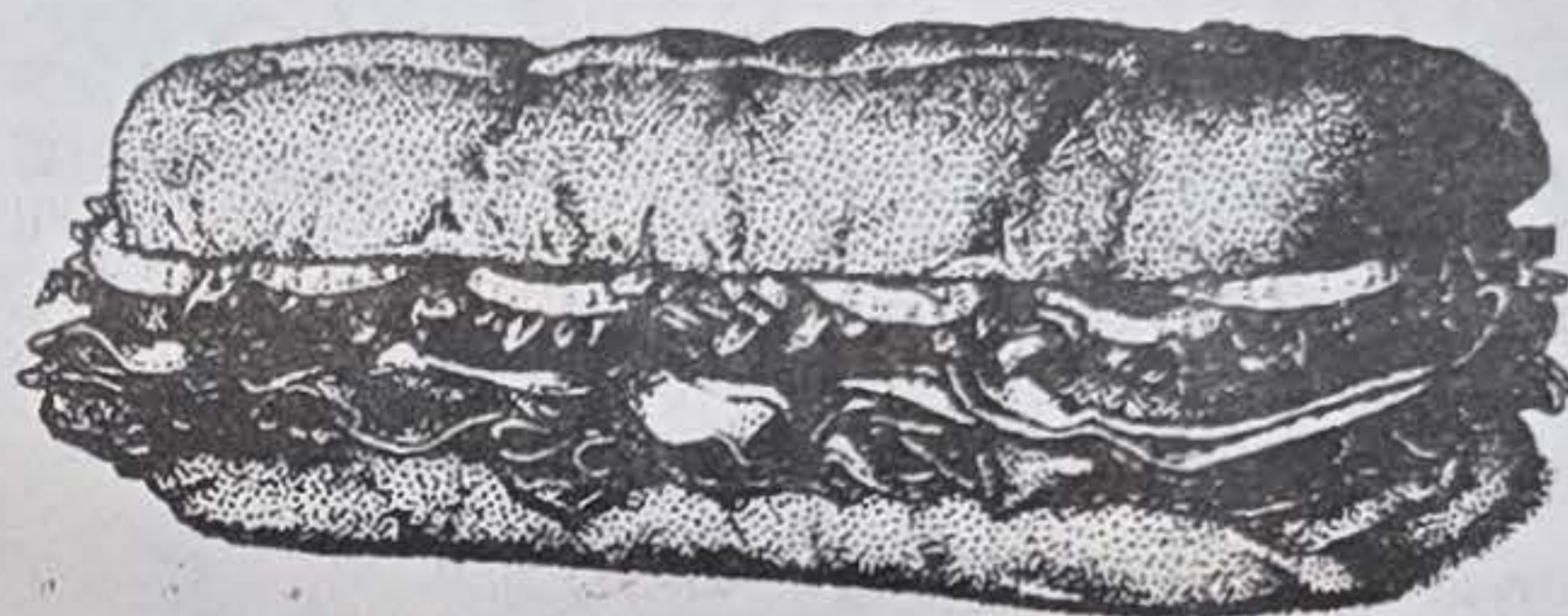
Advance tickets may be purchased from any Auxiliary member, by calling the Crier at 752-0627 or at the door (\$6.00). Raffle tickets will be available at the event and all drawings will be made on Bunco Night. Winners need not be present.

Sorry, smoking is not allowed inside the firehouse.

Any viewer of the PBS series on the Civil War knows of the friction and barbed remarks made between President Lincoln and General George B. McClellan, some-time commander of the Union Forces. McClellan was jealous of Lincoln and felt that he, McClellan would have made a better President and was easily a better strategist than Lincoln. His resentment showed in constant waiting games and avoiding engagements with the enemy.

Ever polite, during one of these waiting games, Lincoln sent a letter saying: "My dear McClellan: If you don't want to use the Army, I should like to borrow it for a while. Yours respectfully, A. Lincoln."

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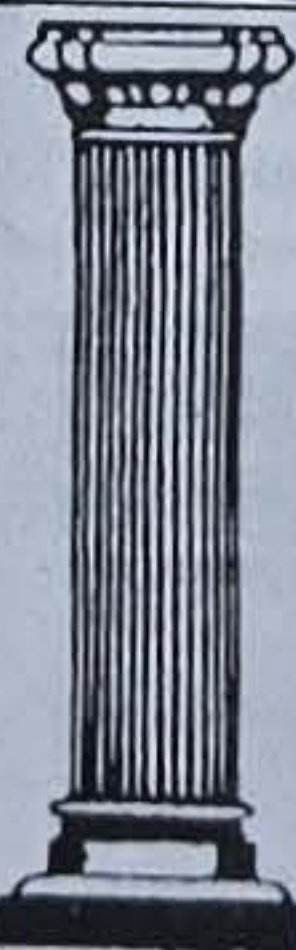
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---- Robert Fulghum

Area News Briefs

American Red Cross Offering Classes

The American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area building at 1100 River Drive in Moline will be offering a variety of classes to prepare you for almost any emergency. The Techniques for CPR have been refined in the past few years and many schools, offices and public building now have AED's (Automated External Defibrillators). Become certified in CPR and AED's, you might save a life! Call 309-743-2166 for class fees or more information. (Many employers will pay for certification)

Schedule for Moline Location:

Adult CPR Recertification:

4/11 - 8-11AM
4/26 - 6-8:30 PM

Adult CPR:

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4/4 - 6-10 PM

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4/18 - 6-8PM

Adult/Infant/Child CPR & First Aid:

4/22- 8AM-5PM

Adult/Infant/Child CPR Recertification:

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The American Red Cross offices stock and sell a variety of first aid kits or you can check them out at www.qcredcross.org. When you buy any first aid kit priced at \$15 or more, you'll receive a FREE breathing device. This offer expires May 31, 2006 so place your order now. Give your family the gift of emergency preparedness starting with a first aid kit!

Wilderness First Aid Training

May 23 & 26 from 8AM to 4:30 PM each day, every camper, hunter, fisherman and outdoor enthusiast should register for this training course. Learn how to prevent injuries in wilderness areas, proper preparation for journeys into the back county, and how to respond to emergencies through scenarios and simulated rescues. Class fee is \$75 for two days of training, including textbooks and lunch. Call and register now at 309-743-2166 and earn a bonus: Enroll in Wilderness First Aid and take any CPR class for ½ Price! That's over \$20 in Savings.

Zion Lutheran Church's Spring Casserole and Salad Luncheon

Zion Lutheran Church, 17628 Hubbard Road, East Moline, (Hampton Bluff) will have a Spring Casserole and Salad Luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday May 3rd. Luncheon tickets are \$6.00 each and may be purchased at the door.

Proceeds will go to the Church Garage Fund and The Confirmation Class. (Zion Lutheran Church is applying for congregational matching funds through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.)



Pictured, from left to right are Erma Ziegler, Melinda Loete and Betty Morgan members of the committee coordinating the event.

Photo taken by Mary McGee

Submitted by Mary McGee

Last Chance for Kids 2006 Softball Sign-Up

The Hampton Youth Committee sponsors and staffs the soft ball games for the local kids. In order to play, teams must be formed from those that officially sign up.

Saturday, April 22 at the Hampton School, last chance sign-up will be held from **1:-3:00 p.m.** Kids of all ages may sign up. T-Ball and softball is being offered. First time players, must bring a copy of their birth certificate. See you there!



Start Training for the 8th Annual June Bug Jog NOW!

Sign up now to run with the "Bug". The 8th annual 5K June Bug Jog Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 3, '06. It will be held in Hampton's Heritage Park just off Rt. 84. The event features a kids run for children ages 1-10, starting at 6 p.m.. Parents or older siblings are permitted to run with the smaller children. All kids who run the race will receive a goodie bag and a medal as they finish.

There will be 2 water stops on the course which begins on the bike path next to the Heritage Center at 7 p.m.. The course is flat and scenic. Refreshments will be ready in the Center at the end of the race.

NEW THIS YEAR: There will be a 70-74 age division and then 75 and over so all ages are welcome. As an added attraction, there will be live entertainment from a local band along with door prize drawings and awards. Proceeds for the race will assist local charities. All are invited to come out for a fun evening and bring a friend. Registration forms are available at Blimpie in Hampton.

Anyone wishing to volunteer, please call Evelyn Watkins, Race Director at 309-496-9515 or 563-505-5074. Watch future issues of the Crier for additional information and registration forms. Visit the race sponsor's website at www.rockriverstriders.com.

Historical Society members from as far away as Geneseo and Port Byron came for the special event. In keeping with the year of the Grand Excursion, a special slide show was given about the original, 1854 Grand Excursion steamboat flotilla which celebrated the railroad reaching of the Mississippi River. This year, the Grand Excursion will be reenacted from June 25 to July 5th with numerous activities along the river. The Hampton Historical Society hopes to give the slide presentation on several weekends at the Brettun & Black Museum which opens Memorial Day. Watch future issues of the Crier for dates and times.

RiverAction Fish & Fire Friendraiser & Fundraiser

Saturday, April 22, 2006 on Credit Island, Davenport, RiverAction is holding their annual planting and clean-up day on Credit Island. Bring gloves and hand trowels and loads of friends!

3:00-5:00 p.m.: Planting and general clean up

5:30 p.m.: Social hour begins at the Credit Island Ledge with lighting of the fire stacks

6:30 p.m.: Catfish dinner at the Lodge followed by the 7th Annual Eddy Awards, a raffle and auction.

Live Music: John O'Meara Group

Tickets: \$25, \$12 for kids 8-16, under 8 free. Table for 10-\$200

For reservations, send check to River Action by April 19.

River Action, 822 E. River Driver, Davenport, IA 52803

Superstitions About Love and Marriage:

♥ "Star Bright, star light. The first star I've seen tonight. I wish I may, I wish I might, I wish to see my loved one tomorrow night."

♥ Breaking a wishbone with a friend and getting the shortest piece brings visions of an early marriage. By placing the bone above the door tells her, very vividly, that her true love will be the first man who enters that door.

♥ When visiting a strange/new place leaving by the same door as you entered is bad luck. If you sleep in this place, name each corner of the bedroom for an admirer. The admirer named for the first corner you see upon waking will be the person you marry.

♥ Knocking over a chair means you will NOT be getting married that year. Taking the last piece of anything means you will never marry.

♥ Never give or accept a sharp-edged instrument as a gift where loved ones are concerned. It will cut their/your love apart.



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Mike Rayson, Australian Singer/Storyteller Appears

On Easter Sunday, April 16th at 7AM, the Twin Rivers Cooperative Parish is sponsoring an appearance by popular Australian Singer & Story Teller, Mike Rayson at the Port Byron First United Methodist Church. 9412-228th St. North in Port Byron. This sunrise service is open to all.

Mike, whose Christian music recalls James Taylor and John Denver, adds a razor sharp wit to his appearances. His upbringing in the outback at the edge of the famous Nullabour Plain desert and living in the town where underwater scenes from the movie "jaws" were filmed has given him a unique slant on life. He will share his stories and his music during the sunrise service so come and bring a friend. Free-will offerings will be taken for Mike at the service.

Right-Of-Way Reminder

Before planting or landscaping close to the public roadway, double check the right of way in your neighborhood. Each neighborhood has a different measurement from the middle of the street back into the edge of the yards that must remain clear for snow plowing and access to utility lines or pipes buried in this area. Plants, lawn ornaments, sprinkler system heads and decorations are placed on the right of way at the property owner's risk. The Village will not be responsible for damage to items in the formal right-of-way.

All-Hampton Yard Sale

April 28 and April 29th is the annual All-Hampton yard Sale. Most homes begin their sale between 8 and 9 a.m.

Watch for the signs. On Saturday, the Hampton Volunteer Firefighters will be holding their fundraiser at the Heritage Center. Again this year, we hope you will support the firefighters and have breakfast before you begin your yardsaling! Serving begins at 7 AM!

E-Mail Notice About M&M Candies

The maker of M&M candies has teamed up with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to raise funds through the sale of their new 'pink and white' M&M candies. For each 8 ounce bag of the special candies sold, 50¢ will be donated to the foundation. The candies will be sold in stores nationwide so please buy pink & white M&M's to satisfy your sweet tooth!

Rudyard Kipling and the Smug College Students

Kipling ((1865-1936) was a Nobel Prize winner in 1907 and a popular English author. His books are still known today because many were made into full length features film and cartoons that we have all seen. (*The Man Who Would Be King*, *Jungle Book*, etc.)

When some Oxford students heard that Kipling was being paid a shilling a word for his writings, they couldn't pass up the opportunity to poke fun at him. They sent him a shilling accompanied by this message:

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Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st US President is often glossed over in today's history classes. A common dictionary will tell you that he was born in West Branch, Iowa on August 10, 1894 and died October 20, 1964. History majors might know that he was a Republican serving as President from 1929-1933 during some of the most desperate financial times in America. They might also know that he made his fortune early in his career as a mining engineer. One in 10,000 will be able to tell you that he was a member of the Society of Friends (a Quaker).

Almost no one knows that Herbert Hoover turned over all his federal paychecks to charitable causes and institutions including his \$20,000 annual pension as a former President. That was a considerable fortune by the time he died. Once his generosity was discovered, he tried to explain his actions as acknowledging "a great debt" to his country for the many advantages and opportunities that it had conferred upon him.

Regardless of party affiliations, don't look for any "modern day" politician to follow this example!

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Hampton School Kindergarten Round-Up

Friday, April 21, Hampton Elementary School is registering kindergarten aged children that will attend school in the 2006-7 year. Your child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2006 in order to enter school in the fall.

Registration forms and information will be given to the parents at the Round-Up. Be prepared by arriving at the Round-Up with a certified copy of your child's birth certificate. Hospital certificates do NOT qualify. Certified Birth Certificates can usually be obtained from the County Clerk's Office of the country in which your child was born.

Bethel Baptist Quilters & Crafters Sale

Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6 from

8:00 am to 6:00 p.m., the Bethel Baptist Quilters & Crafters will hold a sale at the church at 27308 - 108th Avenue North in Port Byron.

(Saturday, May 6th is the All-Port Byron Yard Sale. Come see these unique, hand-made items on Friday to free up your yard-saling time or visit the church

while you are in the neighborhood.)

Two Quilts will be raffled and bake sale goodies and coffee will be available. All profits will be used to buy supplies for our charity quilts and crafts. Recently, quilts have been provided for the Crisis Pregnancy Center and the battered women's shelter.

Call Linda Little for details: 309-523-3602

Do you have cotton fabrics left over from your sewing projects? Please consider donating your larger scraps to the Quilters and Crafters. If you cannot bring them on May 5 & 6, they meet at the church every Tuesday morning at 10AM.

Church of the Cross Yard Sale

Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6 from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m., the Church of The Cross will hold a yard sale with proceeds going to the Building Fund. Lunch items will be available come at the church at Route 2 & 92 in Port Byron. Bring a friend!

Articles (no clothing please), may be dropped off at the Church of the Cross. If you need help or things picked up, phone Eileen at 309-523-2181 or Diana at 309-523-2265 or Marilyn at 309-792-0346.

Plant Sales! Attention Gardeners! Plant Sale!

Sunday, May 7th from 12-3PM, the Friends of Riverside Park (formerly the Moline Conservatory Center) will hold its annual spring sale. The special feature will be unusual hanging baskets, patio pots and succulent gardens. They will offer a large variety of perennials including: Day Lilies, Hosta, Wild Flowers, Ground Covering plants, Ornamental Grasses, Iris, Mums, Herbs, Veronica, Ferns and Rock Garden Plants.

For more heavy duty landscaping shop here for shrubs, seedlings, saplings, pond plants, rhubarb and canna. If you are an indoor gardener, start with their tropical plants, orchids and traditional house plants.

Bring your questions and preliminary plans because Master Gardeners will be available for consultations. You'll also have the opportunity to become a member of the Friends of Riverside Gardens, Inc. Proceeds from this sale will be added to the fund for equipment for the new greenhouse.



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CASE³ was the vision of its founder, Jeffrey A. Edwards and his wife, Maria who, while working in this field saw a need and worked to find a way to make it happen. CASE³ is licensed by the State of Illinois Department of Human Services. It is conveniently located in the corner of this three county area; Henry, Rock Island, & Whiteside Counties in Hillsdale.

CASE³ also seeks to provide schools and organizations in this area with prevention and educational materials and presentations at low cost. They believe there is a need for their services and it is their desire to make them available to all in need.



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Other daily hours by Appointment

Saturdays & Sundays by Appointment only

Questions or for appointments: countyalcohol@sbcglobal.net

Siblings in Mourning: The "Forgotten Grievers"

Submitted by Michael J. Ellis, Sullivan-Phillips Mortuary

A new book has come to our attention, and we want to recommend it to those who have lost a brother or sister. It is called "Recovering from the Loss of A Sibling", and the author is Katherine Fair Donnelly. Ms. Donnelly refers to siblings as "the forgotten grievers," saying that they have unique concerns that are not always addressed. She says age seems to make little difference - siblings grieve in much the same way no matter how old or young they are.

Often, she says, things the parents might say aggravated the sibling's grief. In the midst of their mourning, parents may be insensitive to their surviving children's feelings.

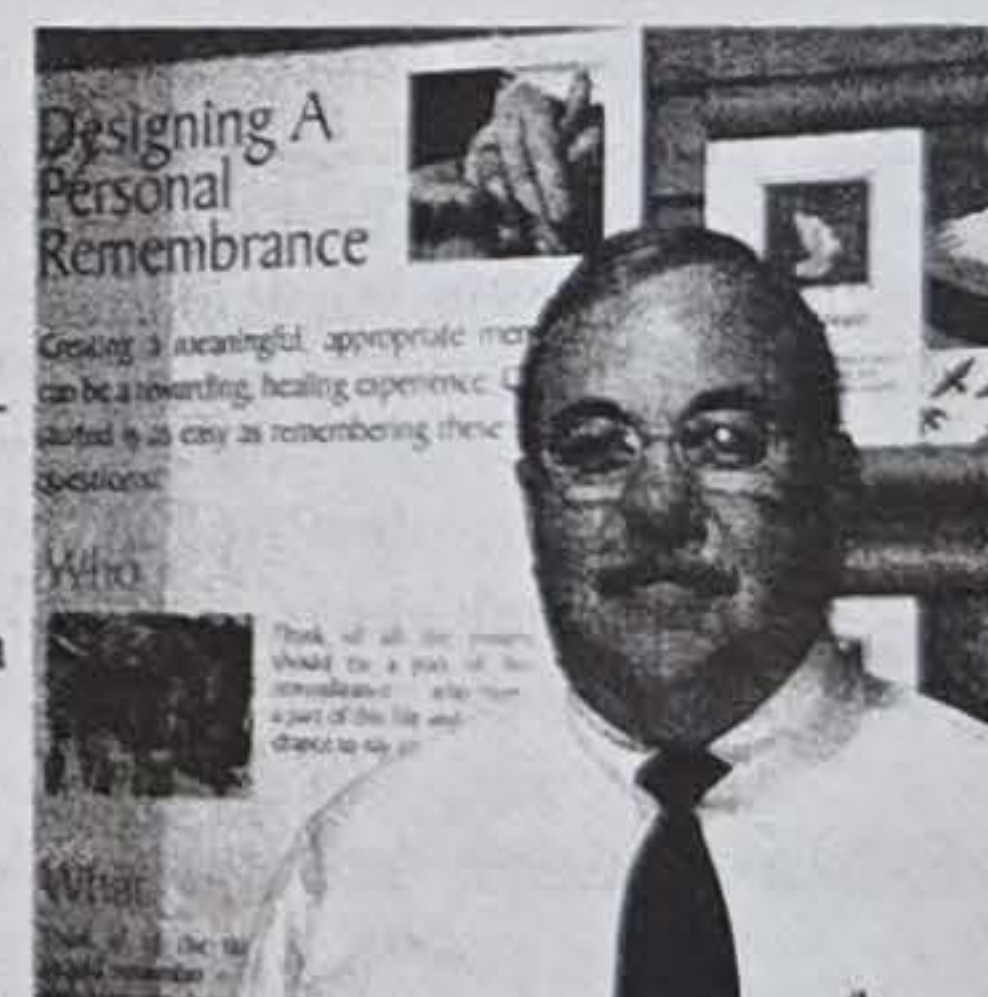
And friends who say, "Be strong for your parents", make it even harder for siblings to fully express their grief. This sort of denial causes additional pain that is simply unnecessary. Siblings should not overlook their own grief in order to "be strong" for someone else.

Ms. Donnelly suggests that siblings remember the happy times that came before death. The important thing, she said, is not that a brother or sister had died, but that they lived.

There also are support groups that can be very helpful in coping with the loss. Included are: the Compassionate Friends, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Candlelighters and TIGERS (Teens In Grief: Education, Rebuild, Support).

It is a fine book and we highly recommend it!

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60 New Allyn monitors represent the latest technology that will improve the donor screening process. Donors will now get their blood pressure, pulse and temperature reading checked through this compact, table-top monitor. The portable machines register the donor's readings accurately in about one minute and visually displays the results to simplify the process for staff and reducing screening time.

Local Blood Drive Schedule:

- May 1 - Silvis, IL at the Jesus Church from 9-3:30AM
- May 6 - Colona, IL at the Colona Fire Department 8-11:00AM
- May 11 - Hampton, IL at St. Mary's Catholic Church 3-6:00PM
- May 13 - Port Byron, IL at the River Valley Library 10AM-2PM
(R.I. Co. Teen Federation-4/H sponsoring)
- May 20 - Silvis, IL at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall 8AM-Noon (Knights of Columbus Leo Council #716 sponsoring)
- August 12 - Hampton Fire Department *
- October 16 - Hampton at United Methodist Church *

*See future Crier issues for details.

MV Regional Blood Center, 3450 - 38th Ave., Moline. If you cannot make a local drive, call 309-764-8504 for an appointment or just walk in. Visit the website at <http://www.bloodcenter.org>.

Do you belong to an organization, school, church or business that would like to sponsor a blood drive? Call Katie Nickel or Bobbi Ceryanec at 563-823-4120 to find out how easy it is to set up a drive.

The worst way to miss someone is to be sitting right beside them knowing you can't have them.



MLS#4071194 \$20,000—Port Byron

Port Byron lot in subdivision on cul-de-sac! Half acre plus lot is wooded and home could have an exposed basement! All utilities to lot. Port Byron water & sewer, natural gas & cable. Great huge lot with fantastic backyard view and nice neighborhood! Won't last long.



MLS#4071030 \$30,000—East Moline

Approximately 1/2 acre parcel near East Moline Industrial Complex. Property is next to storage units and across from North East Park Sports Complex. Lots of possibilities!



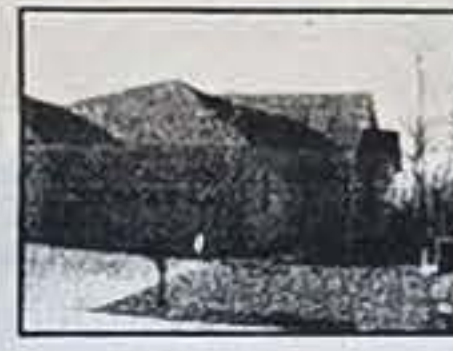
MLS#4075791 \$74,900—Hampton

2 BR, 2 BA condo w/master BR and main floor laundry. Washer/dryer and most appliances stay. Low utilities! River view, wooded and near bike trail.



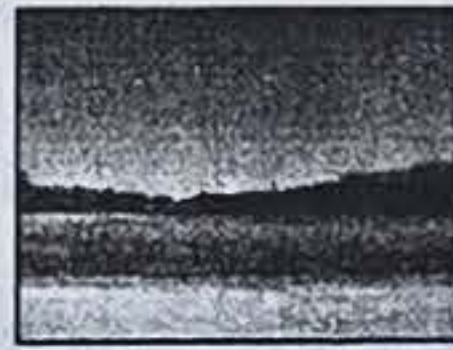
MLS#4074023 \$159,900—Cedar Brook

Beautiful—3 bedrooms, 1600 SF, brick and aluminum ranch on a 136 x 201 ft. lot. Home has a family room w/a wood burning F/P, DR & MB w/bath. Laundry room is on the main floor. 3-season porch, 2 car attached garage and deep dry basement. Cedar Brook Estates 1



MLS#4073744 \$164,900—Hampton

(2) - 2 BR ranch villas off RT 84 in Hampton. Nicely landscaped lot w/deck. Vaulted ceiling in living room, informal dining area leads to kitchen w/breakfast bar. MB and bath laundry room ML, full daylight basement and 2 car garage. \$60 asso. fee covers lawn care and snow removal.



MLS#4071209 \$238,900—Bartow

62 acres of which 25 acres+ are suitable for farmable wetlands. The 62 acres are in a (CRP) Conservation Reserve Program (1999-2013), 15 yrs and must remain there until CRP contract expires. Some of the property borders on the Rock River.



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Hampton Police Hold Two Bike Rodeos

May 13: Rapids City St. John's Catholic Church parking lot just off Rte. 84 from 10:00 am-1:00 p.m.

May 20: Hampton Hampton Elementary School playground from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

What will happen at the Rodeo?

- A Bike safety course will be set up to practice all the safety rules for safe riding. Upon completion of the course, riders will receive a certificate and be entered in a drawing for a bike. (3 bikes per location)
- Current bikes may be registered so they'll be returned if stolen and recovered by the police.
- Kids ID cards with photo and fingerprint will be created and given to the family to use in case of emergencies.

Attendees:

- Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- All children, regardless of school attended or age may attend.
- No Bike but know how to ride? Come anyway! You may use one of the drawing prize bikes to run the course, get your certificate and enter to win the bike.



"He that blows into the fire must expect sparks in his eyes.

German Proverb

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JAMMIN WITH JANE

By Jane Nelson

Of course, you know April Showers bring May Flowers. So far we seem to have more wind from March rather than rain for April, but I would be happier if we had a little warmer temperatures. Yesterday I was busy sorting through much of my accumulated junk and got a little warm. As a result I went in and turned down the furnace thinking it was getting warmer outside. Needless to say when we got up this morning it seemed very cold. I still haven't turned up the furnace and my hands are really cold typing. I guess I should go turn it up a little it is a little late to set around and be cold in April. I do remember my grandparents turned their furnace off in April. Of course my grandmother turned on the gas stove and we stayed in the kitchen. It still seemed very chilly in the rest of the house. Maybe I should think of something to bake in the oven which would at least warm up the kitchen.

The new dessert I have doesn't need an oven. I made it for St. Patrick's Day but I think it would also be great for Easter. My hairdresser at Generations gave me the recipe. My friends are all great at giving me new recipes.

KEY LIME PIE

1(ready made) graham cracker crust
2- 8oz containers "key lime pie" flavor yogurt
1 package sugar free lime Jell-O
1 "free" cool whip (8 oz)

Empty the yogurt in a med size bowl. Mix in the dry Jell-O. Then fold in the cool whip. Put in the crust. I cut white grapes and place three together to look like a clover. I think red and white grapes cut in half would look a little like jelly beans. Or maybe just use some small jelly beans. This can be sugar free. It is also very refreshing - not too sweet. I also think you could use any flavor yogurt and a like flavored Jell-O for any color you might wish. (Cherry yogurt with cherry Jell-O, etc.)

Since Easter will soon be here. I have two favorite recipes for Easter. One is my old cinnamon roll recipe. I often make this from scratch at Easter instead of using the bread machine because I always add raisins and they get chopped up in the bread maker. I sometimes take the recipe and make 4 times the regular recipe. This will make about 8 dozen.

HOT CROSS BUNS

1 c warmed milk
1/4 c sugar
1 t salt
1 package dried yeast

1 egg
1/4 c margarine
1/4 c warm water

beat this all together with a mixer then add:

3 c flour

beat until well mixed.

Stir in 1 cup raisins that have been rinsed in hot water and drained. Turn on a floured board or counter and knead a few times. This should make 2 dozen small buns. You can cut the dough into 24 small pieces about the size of a small egg. Place on a greased cookie sheet. I put about 1 dozen on each sheet. They need to be put in a warm place and covered with a cloth until double in size. They will be a little smaller than a hamburger bun. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. I usually switch shelves after 5 minutes. When nice and brown remove and cool on a rack off of the pans. Frost only when cool. Use about 1 can white icing or make your own with 2c powdered sugar 1 T soft shortening, margarine or butter and enough hot water to make a nice decorating icing (about 1T). Just drip the water in, if it is too liquid add a little powdered sugar. Put in a pastry decorator and pipe a cross on the top of the bun. If they are too warm the crosses will melt.

Another treat I make are cakes that look like eggs. I need to do all this in the next week because we are taking a little vacation with Mindy, Myron and Linley the week before Easter. I have special pans for these, I think they make 16. I have gotten lazy and use a white cake mix and a yellow cake mix. I fill the egg shape with white cake mix and add a teaspoon of the yellow mix. I sometimes add a little yellow or add an egg yolk. This will make the yolk in the egg. I have always frosted these in pastel colors. I think this year I will make my fudge frosting with white chips so it will look more like an egg shell. I think it will freeze better than powdered sugar frosting. I also make brownies in these egg pans and frost them with fudge frosting and they look like chocolate eggs.

Well I wish you all a Happy Easter. We will also have a wedding Martha is marrying David on April 18th. All of you can send email to wish them happiness. They are having a very quiet wedding here. As you see my April is very full. hamptonwells@mchsi.com

Yankees

Back in the 1950's, the Chicago Tribune is rumored to have made a study with interesting results. Foreigners call all Americans Yankees. Southerners say that Yankees are northerners. Northerners say that Yankees are from the New England states. People in New England say it is the Vermonters who are Yankees. Vermonters reply that a Yankee is just someone who eats pie for breakfast.

The most accepted version of the origin of the name "Yankee" is attributed to the indigenous people of New England when settlers began to arrive. Apparently, there is no "L" sound in their language and in trying to pronounce "English". The word came out "yengis" or "yengeese" and gradually became "Yankee". It is believed that the term was meant to be mildly derogatory like "Gringo" is today.

During the French-American conflicts and later during the Revolutionary War the new Americans took on the nick name as their own. Although the British meant the song "Yankee Doodle" as an insult, the colonists proudly adopted it as a their own marching tune.

Through the years, the image connected with the term "Yankee" has varied. The image seems to have gone full circle these days, Outside the US, "Yankee" and "Yankee Go Home" have been used as an anti-American chants. It is hoped that some of the old uses will again be used: "Yankee Clippers" New England-made sailing ships dominated coastal and ocean shipping for years. During the Civil War, anyone above the Mason Dixon Line became the hated Yankees to Southerners. During World War I and II European Allies shortened the name to "Yanks" and referred to all Americans by that name, even in songs of that era. "Yankee ingenuity" is still used to describe creative solutions for problems large and small and the tenacity to get the job done.

The origin and history of all sorts of interesting terms may be found at <http://en.wikipedia.org>. On a rainy day or when you are looking for some inspiration for a school assignments, check this website for quick and always interesting information.

From The Public Safety Department

ALL DRIVERS PAY HEED!

Illinois started using photo radar in freeway work zones in March. Beginning in July, the State of Illinois will use speed cameras in areas designated as "Work Zones" on major freeways. Anyone caught by these devices will be mailed a **\$375.00 ticket for the FIRST offense, but the SECOND offense will cost \$1000.00 and comes with a 90-Day suspension.**

Drivers will also receive demerit points against their license, which **allows insurance companies to raise their rates.** This represents the harshest penalty structure yet for a city or state using PHOTO enforcement's. The State will begin with TWO camera vans issuing tickets in **work zones with speed limits lowered to 45 MPH.** Photographs of both the Driver's face and License plate are taken. Pass this on to everyone you know !!!!
For more info: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/press/r033005.html>

Significant Ending Dates

We all celebrate "endings" each year in the form of birthdays and anniversaries which mark the completion of one year and the beginning of another year. Below are some "ending dates" that are recorded in our history not for what ended but because the world was significantly altered starting the following day. Read the list slowly to appreciate how the passing away of one situation, even generations ago, continue to impact your life today.

1/1/1863 - Abraham Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation changing the emphasis of the Civil War from states rights to slavery. 12/18/1865 **Abolished slavery** with the passing of the 13th Amendment.

1/14/1784 - **The Revolutionary War officially ends for all parties involved.** (Most Americans know only the year 1776.) The last major battle of the Revolution ended with the British surrendering at Yorktown on 10/19/1781. All conflict formally ended with the Treaty of Paris signed 9/3/1783 but slow communications and recognition for the new US government took until the following January 14th.

1/27/1973 - **The Vietnam War officially ended.**

1/31/1958 - **Explorer 1** launched into orbit, the 1st successful US satellite. Americans were no longer earth bound.

5/8/1945 - **"VE Day"** (Victory in Europe Day) World War II Germany unconditionally surrendered to Allied Forces.

1/27/1953 - **Korean Conflict Armistice Day**

8/10/1945 - **"VJ Day"** (Victory in Japan Day) World War II Japan unconditionally surrendered

8/26/1920 - End of women's exclusion from the political process when the 19th amendment giving women the "franchise" (the right to vote in elections).

11/19/1990 - **The "Cold War" formally ends**

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Every business has to economize when just starting but Mr. Penney of J.C. Penney Company went way beyond thrifty. He described his early days in his book *Fifty Years with the Golden Rule*. His office was a 30'x35' room with a cement floor, one borrowed desk, one old fashioned standing desk and little else. He believed that bookkeepers and clerks that had to stand to do their work would not fall asleep on the job. Mr. Penney was not idle. He slit open all the envelopes himself and used the plain backs for note paper for hand-written orders. He didn't have the new, costly typewriters. If employees needed pencils or ink, they had to go out and buy them one at a time.

Mr. Penney proved that despite not having the newest gadgets or conveniences, a business can be successful with hard work, thrift and careful planning. The same applies today.

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April 26, May 31: **Lite Lunch and Cards** 11:00 a.m. Cost \$5.00 Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

May 3, June 7: **Euchre Tournament** 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00 Played according to Hoyle Rules. Men & Women welcome

April 12, May 10: **500 Tournament** 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00

May 26: **Trinity Foot 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.

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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In the days of more labor intensive farming and harvesting, those laborer's were often offered a thirst quenching drink called "Ginger Water", "Switchel" or "Yankee Haymaker's Drink". The modern equivalent would be called those called "Sports Drinks". According to some with long memories, the following would be taken to the hay fields in buckets and pitchers to refresh the parched men folk. Warning: Delicious but an acquired taste!

- 1-1/2 C total of a blend of Maple Syrup, Brown Sugar & Molasses.
 (You must use at least 1/4 Cup of molasses. Ratio of other ingredients is according to your taste but must be 1-1/2 C.)
- 1 C Cider Vinegar, fresh and strong
- 1 Tbsp. Fresh ground ginger (or more if desired)
- 1 tsp. Salt

Mix all above together in a 1 gallon container and top off with very cold water to make a full gallon. Shake well.

This drink had many version created by region. As popularity grew in the north, some sought to boost the nutrition by adding a couple beaten eggs and even a cup of raw oatmeal to the mix. Regardless the ratio of the basic ingredients, this drink was specifically used to "pull the sweat out of your pores" and refresh laborers.

Tango

By Mary Lou Schaechter



It was tradition at country dance halls in the Midwest. The gentlemen in their 70s and 80s would teach the young children how to ballroom dance. Since they were excellent dancers, it was fun for all. Women also danced with each other, with one taking the lead, so the children learned quickly.

I was one of the lucky children, and at age seven or eight I was able to dance well. By the time I was a teenager, my father told me, "You're as light as a feather." When he would dance with me, we would fly around and around on the dance floor.

I had a favorite skirt. It was three tiers of black velvet and was worn over yards of bright red crinoline petticoats. A quick turn would spin the velvet out straight, revealing rows and rows of red crinoline as I danced.

One evening an elderly man asked me to dance the next dance with him. Just then the band leader, my father, announced that the next dance would be a tango. I told my partner I had never danced the tango and he told me to just relax and he would lead me. Doubtfully I agreed to try.

As the music began I realized his hand on my waist was tossing me just the right amount in the right direction each time. This was fun and we quickly dipped and twirled about the floor with my skirt sometimes spinning out straight as he spun me out and pulled me back.

After a few minutes of dancing I noticed that all the other dancers had formed a big circle around us and were just watching. When the dance ended, everyone clapped and clapped. I felt as if I was a movie star.

My dancing partner left the dance hall then. That was the only time in my life that I danced the tango, but I will always remember that shining moment

Have you ever heard of these Superstitions?

- "See a pin, pick it up, all that day you'll have good luck. See a pin, let it lay, you'll have bad luck all the day." Finding a pin with the point toward you is a good luck sign.
- When your right ear burn or itches, someone is talking well of you, the left, bad of you. Wet your finger and rub it across the ear, naming the person thought to be talking about you. If the burning stops, you have guess correctly!
- If you hear a rooster and your nose begins to itch, unexpected company is coming! Other harbingers of unexpected visitors are seeing hens fussing or fighting with each other or if your broom loses pieces of straw.
- While washing dishes, if you break one, two more will be broken almost immediately. If you are drying dishes and you drop a knife, a man is coming to call on you. If you drop a fork, a woman will come and if you wash the dishcloth, a messy, unkempt person will visit you.

Term Origins: Black Market

The name originated in England during the war years. British rationing of scarce supplies came before the US was so deeply involved in the war that we started it too. City dwellers got the worst of rationing because they didn't have the advantage of "Victory gardens" to supplement their food supplies. Just as rationing became really severe, markets which dealt in goods from illegal sources sprang up. To hide their illicit trade, they chose to operate during the night while carrying on a legitimate business in the daylight. Hence, the term "Black Market" and type of business has become universally understood.

Anxiety is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.

— Arthur Somers Roche

Sometimes it was hard to tell if President Woodrow Wilson had a sense of humor. Someone asked him how long he would prepare for a ten-minute speech. He said, "Two Weeks." "How long for an hour speech?" One Week. "How long for a two-hour speech?" Wilson's immediate reply: "I am ready now."

Don't Throw Your Mortgage into "Reverse"

Submitted by Mark Judy, Edward Jones, East Moline

If you're like many homeowners in this country, you probably saw your house appreciate in value quite a bit over the past few years. That's the good news. The not-so-good news is that, during this same time period, your savings and net worth might have stagnated or fallen. What does this mean for you? It could mean that when you retire, you do what a lot of current retirees are doing: using the equity in their homes to fund a large portion of their retirement. And that is not a good thing.



Before looking at how retirees are tapping into their home equity, let's review a few statistics from a recent survey by the Federal Reserve. (The survey, released in early 2006, covers the years from 2001-2004.)

- The typical American household's net worth (assets minus debts) increased only slightly, from \$91,700 to \$93,100.
- The typical family's savings (including retirement accounts) fell from almost \$30,000 to just \$23,000.
- The median value of homes rose from \$131,000 to \$161,000, a 22 percent jump.

By looking at these numbers, you can easily see the problem that many retirees are facing: too few liquid resources available to comfortably support themselves during their retirement years. Consequently, an increasing number of retirees are taking out "reverse mortgages." This is a special kind of loan that enables borrowers to convert their home equity into cash, either through a line of credit or installment payments.

But if you ever decide to sell your home, you will have to pay back what you borrowed on your reverse mortgage. And if you were to die and leave the house to your children, they would have to pay back the loan.

Clearly, these are potentially big drawbacks to taking out a reverse mortgage. And that's why, if you have many years to go until you retire, you'll want to give yourself more options for boosting your retirement cash flow. Here are two to consider:

- **"Max out" on your IRA each year.** Put in the maximum allowable contribution to your Roth or traditional IRA each year. And fund your IRA as early as possible every year; the more time you have on your side, the greater your growth potential.
- **Increase your 401(k) contributions with every raise.** Each time you get an increase in salary, defer more money in your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. As you enter retirement, you may be able to boost your income by doing the following:
- **Delay taking Social Security.** You can begin collecting Social Security at age 62, but your monthly checks will be larger if you can wait until your full retirement age, which can be anywhere from 65 to 67.
- **Purchase an immediate annuity.** An immediate annuity works pretty much as its name suggests: You make a lump-sum payment to an insurance company, and you immediately start receiving an income stream, which can last the rest of your life. Make sure you purchase an annuity from that receives high ratings from one of the independent rating agencies.

You work hard for much of your life to own your home - so do whatever you can to keep it once you've retired.

First Jobs of Well Known People

Many writers, scientists and distinguished men have had surprising "regular first jobs". Some switched jobs while others became famous for their past times or hobbies.

Geoffery Chaucer, Poet (1340-1400) was a soldier and later a comptroller of customs. Spencer, a philosopher, was secretary to the Lord Deputy of Ireland. Sir Francis Bacon was a lawyer before becoming "Lord Keeper and Lord Chancellor. Shakespeare managed a theater and was just another ordinary actor.

Galileo was a physician. Daniel Defoe, the English novelist and political journalist (1659-1731) started his working life as a brick and tile maker then became a shopkeeper. Sir Isaac Newton of falling apple fame was a Master of the Mint while pursuing his scientific pondering.

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Benjamin Franklin's Toast

While Franklin represented the new United States in England and France, his wit, scientific experiments and love of the ladies made him a popular dinner guest among the high and mighty. This story first published in 1797:

Franklin, as he American emissary dined with the English Ambassador and a French Minister at Versailles. At the end of the evening when the toasting began, glasses were raised in order of influence:

The British Ambassador toast was: "To George the Third who, like the sun in its meridian, spreads a luster throughout and enlightens the world."

The French Minister, not to be outdone was: "To the illustrious Louis the Sixteenth, who like the moon, sheds his mild and benignant rays on and influences the globe."

When the witty Franklin raised his glass his toast was: "To George Washington, commander of the American armies, who like Joshua of old, commanded the sun and the moon to stand still, and they obeyed him."

The evening's activities ended soon afterward.

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