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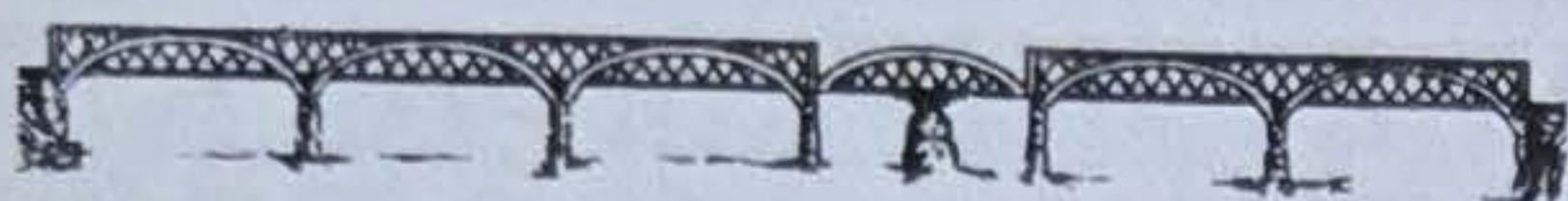
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GET READY FOR THIS YEAR'S BIGGEST EVENT!

SEPTEMBER 14 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

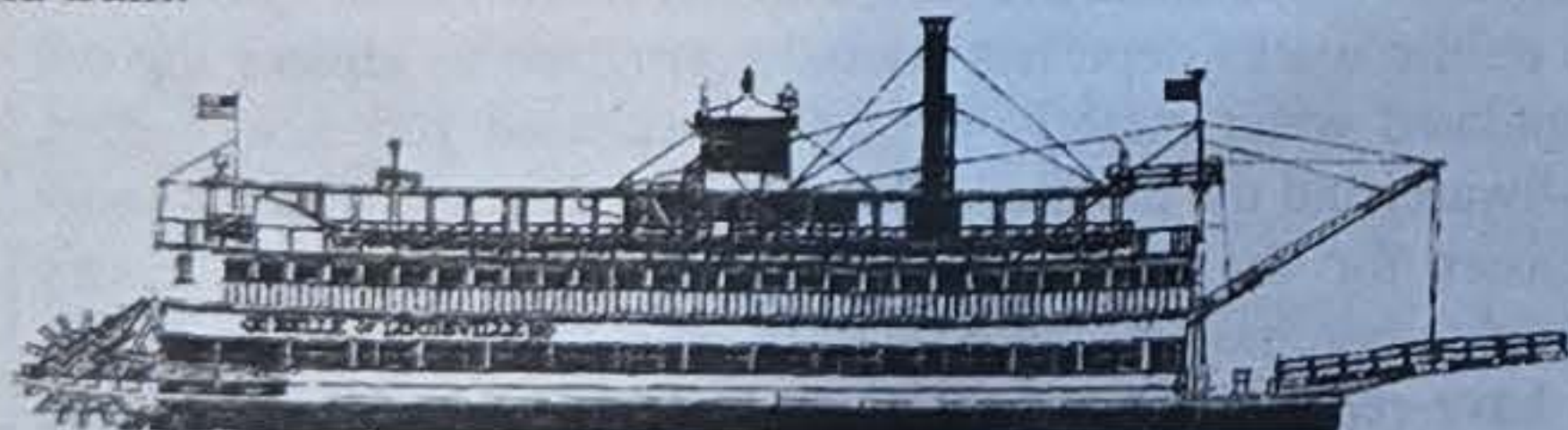


From Thursday, September 14 through September 17th, the entire region will be participating in a celebration to honor the 150th anniversary of the first railroad bridge to span the Mississippi River and the progress and prosperity it generated. It's probably incorrect to label these four days as "an event" because numerous organizations and municipalities have come together with their separate activities and coordinated them into one huge celebration. No matter where you are in the region, you'll find something special going on to interest you and your family.

Joe Taylor, Quad Cities Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Kathy Wine, River Action, have been planning the celebration for well over a year with the help of numerous organizations and individuals interested in history, business, entertainment and offering residents and visitors a remarkable celebration. For a full schedule, to purchase tickets for steam trains, riverboat excursions that will never be offered again or to book hotel accommodations at special rates, visit www.visitquadcities.com, drop into the Convention & Visitor's Bureau's Visitors Centers in the area or call 800-747-7800.

This celebration marks the first Quad Cities **regional storytelling festival**. Professional storytellers will be at local attractions throughout the weekend with performances about riverboats, the Mississippi River, Col. Davenport, Black Hawk, immigrants, trains, reenactment of the court trial about the Effie Afton and more. (In 1856, the railroads and river interests were battling over transportation rights and control of the Mississippi.)

Steam train excursions will involve two locomotives that may be used in tandem on a this passenger special exclusively. Those who love railroads will want to add this unusual excursion to their schedule. There will be dinner, coach and sightseeing trips all around the Quad Cities. Also offered are all-day trips to Iowa City, IA. and a Geneseo-Atkinson-Bureau Junction, IL. Most exciting, a combination boat and train trip to Muscatine, IA and back. Sunday 9/17 offers a round trip Muscatine to Fruitland, IA. via train.



Riverboat Excursions aboard the Celebration Belle are available on all four days. Different types of trips are being offered including lunch, dinner, sightseeing and Big Band cruises. Visit www.visitquadcities.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Ghost Bridge seen every night at 8:00 p.m.! A fine mist of water will be created to cross the river near the site of the original bridge. The mist is used as a backdrop for a large, ghostly illumination video with audio of the construction of the first bridge, the crash of the Effie Afton steamboat into the bridge and the rebuilding process. This unique presentation is not to be missed!

Taming of the Slough, a Mississippi River Adventure Race will take place on Saturday, September 16th. You'll need to register for this event and get your individual and team entry fees in soon so visit www.riveraction.org for details and registration. Starting at 7:30 am, a 1 mile canoe or kayak race in the Sylvan Slough takes place. Next is a 6 mile mountain bike race on Sylvan Island followed by a 2 mile run into downtown Moline. There will be a post race party in downtown Moline. What a challenge!

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Mars, The Red Planet Draws Near

Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, Mars comes closer to Earth at the last few days of August. It will be the brightest planet in the sky, to be outshone only by the moon. With a low power (75 power magnification) telescope or binoculars, Mars will look quite large. Even with the naked eye, Mars will be easy to spot in August as it will rise in the east at around 10 p.m. and reach its azimuth about 3 a.m. but will reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30 a.m.

Even if you have to take a nap just to be able to view this planet - do it! Camp under the stars or take a late night country drive for better viewing. We hope that the piece in the last Crier got you to enjoy the meteor shows and the Mars watch will also delight you as Mother Nature shows off again.

During August, Mars will grow progressively brighter until around the 27th or 28th when it will be brightest, then, begins to fade during September as it moves further away. This is an opportunity to share several nights with the family sky-watching or plan a back-yard camp out for the kids. It is also a perfect opportunity to get everyone excited and talking about science, astronomy, star formations, patterns and myths. Enjoy!

DON'T MISS THESE Mid-AUGUST EVENTS!

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August 15, 2006 quarterly property tax payments due

School activities have begun.

Parents PLEASE insist that your bike riders wear a helmet!

Drivers: Passing a school bus with their stop sign extended:

Fine for 1st offense \$150 PLUS 3 mos. license suspension

Fine for 2nd offense \$500 PLUS 1 Year. license suspension

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Editorial: Full Measure

An-out-of state Crier subscriber recently contacted me wanting to see an article about sneaky marketing practices in food packaging. He had been to the grocery store and item after item not only exhibited the expected price increases blamed on gasoline prices, they had less in the packages than he anticipated. He acknowledged that for years, any problems with common ingredients would result in a PERMANENT price increase even after the problems were resolved. Remember the sugar shortages that sent cereal prices soaring? They didn't come down again did they?

He pointed out that coffee crop failures in one tiny country were grounds for increasing the consumer pricing regardless of the fact that the rest of the world experience bumper crops. First the shrinking size of candy bars then, coffee marketing really set him off. Not only had the price increased on the "two-pound can of coffee", it contained 34 instead of 36 Ounces. The last straw was paying an increased price for a quart jar of mayonnaise that turned out to hold only 30 ounces, not the expected 32 ounces.

Getting all wound up, he ended with the remark: "What's next? 10 Eggs to a dozen, 3 liter gallons of gas? How about twelve stripes on our flag! We tolerate cost increases but coupling that by not giving full measure is a growing, sneaky disgrace!"

Even Andy Rooney did a 60 Minutes segment on the trend of not giving full measure in stores, but have you noticed it in our communities? Everyone wants to live in a vibrant, culturally healthy area and we complain bitterly if our town doesn't live up to our expectations. On the other hand, few of us "give full measure" to our communities using the excuse that we have so little time. We have not lowered our expectations of what type of neighborhood, social activities, schools and organizations we expect, but, as the source that generates that quality of life, a majority of residents are not giving full measure. None of the entertaining events we attend, no interesting museum or quality school happens by magic. It is the volunteer that gives full measure to one or more venues that we all enjoy.

Talk it over with your family and collectively choose at least one event or project to which you can devote your full measure of attention and labor. Please plan to contribute to the quality of your own and your neighbor's life this year. The most important member of your community is not a mayor, board member or manager, it is Citizen Volunteer.

Finance Committee

Submitted by Jane Cady

Meeting of 8/7/06 Total 1st Fiscal Qtr. 5/1/06-7/31/06 per the Treasurer's Report:

	Expenses	Income/Revenues
Administration	\$ 53,794.63 *	
Streets	10,801.86	
Parks	6,241.93	
ESDA	765.00	
Police Dept.	61,018.62	
Fire Dept.	26,557.09	
Capital Outlay	4,371.00	
Subtotal	163,550.13	195,408.13
Combined TIF	210,032.74	281,587.48
MFT	12,976.88	13,995.66
Public Works	88,222.38	73,282.06
Meters	200.00	529.74
Heritage Center	9,619.64	5,946.27
Grand Totals	484,601.77	570,749.34

* Includes some forms of insurance, SS, retirement, services, maintenance, utilities, allowances and operating supplies
 Fire Dept. includes loan payments for fire truck, fuel, etc.
 Capital Outlay: Roof for Police Station
 MFT/Motor Fuel Tax major projects pending
 \$13,961.09 Police Equip. expense offset by grants received.
 Public Works includes repairs to several pumping/lift stations
 General income is from property taxes, fees, fines, grants, revenue sharing and misc. taxes like sales and utility taxes.

As Always, detailed list of individual bills being paid plus treasurer's reports and budget reports are available for review at Village Hall.

"Nobody who can read is ever successful at cleaning out the attic"
 Franklin P. Jones

Streets & Alleys Committee

By Kevin Irby

The Streets and Alley Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, July 13 at 6:30 pm. Three items were discussed.

1. Over the years, speed limit signs have been placed in town with no reason to where they would be placed. There are nine below the hill and over 30 above the hill. The Committee looked at placing speed limit signs at the entrances into town and removing the others.

2. There has been a concern regarding the intersection at 5th Street and 1st Avenue. Some residents would like to see a stop sign on the 5th Street side making the intersection a three-way stop.

3. A tree removal policy was discussed. There has been a long standing controversy on whether the Village is responsible for tree removal on what is considered Village Right-of-Way. The Committee has developed a policy that addresses trees on Village Right-of-Way that fall into the "DDD" category. Dead, Dangerous, or Dying trees will be the responsibility of the Village on a case-by-case basis, and after trees are assessed by a tree professional.

These three issues were taken to the Regular Council Meeting on Monday July 17th for approval and were passed.

Administration, Insurance, Code Enforcement

By Michaela VanDieren

The Hampton board selected Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard and Co. L.L.C. to do the annual village audit. The previous auditor had a large increase in fees for last year. At that time he said the 2006 audit would cost less than the \$7700 for 2005 because of the extra work required in 2005 to comply with legislation referred to as GASB Statements #34,37 and 41. The village budget adopted for 2006-07 counted on no increase in fees; however, this summer the auditor gave the village a proposal for \$9200.

The administration committee sought proposals from two other accounting firms in the area. One declined and James Taylor of Carpentier et. al. met with Treasurer Christine Lage and Village Clerk Mike Toalsen before preparing a three year agreement. The fee for the first year for audit services is not to exceed \$8450 plus \$500 for the Annual Financial Report. The board was impressed with Taylor's credentials and experience and looks forward to working with him.

Public Works Committee

By Richard Vershaw

Here is an update or some information about what the Public Works department has been doing.

There have been some questions about the new building by the police station and public works building. It is a building to house the electrical components for the cell phone towers that have been placed on top of the water tower. The company is paying the public works department \$750.00 a month for its use of space.

The public works dept. has started a program to replace the old and outdated water meters. We have purchased 100 new meters, the software, and the handheld meter reader that will make it faster and easier for the dept. to read the meters. We have money budgeted to purchase 50 meters a year.

We have replaced 5 lift station pumps that were not operating correctly.

We are halfway through the hydrant flushing program.

We are currently in discussion with East Moline about their water and sewer rate increase. We will be further reporting on that when we get more information.

"Don't be afraid to make a mistake, your readers might like it."

William Randolph Hearst

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

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Billy - age 4

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All ads in 2006 must be submitted complete, ready-to-print no later than the 6th of each month for the Crier to be released by the 15th

Non-profit organizations, obituaries, birthdays, thank you notes and birth or wedding announcements are free. Please be brief with submissions. Free space for non-profit organizations is limited to 4.5" W x 4"H except libraries. Circulation is now 4,000+. (3,000 Copies mailed monthly PLUS 1,000 more distributed through retail stores and offices in Port Byron, Rapids City, Hampton, Hampton Township, Silvis, East Moline and LeClaire, IA.)

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You sit in a legislative gallery and someone sits down beside you and asks, "What's happening?" And you say, "Nothing."

Maybe that meeting room and that gallery should have had the same sign hanging on their walls that — so the story goes — a college football coach pasted in his team's lockers:
 "Cause something to happen."

He believed that if you didn't make something happen with a good block, your runner would get nowhere — and if you didn't tackle, the other team would run all over you. He sure caused something to happen. He won more college games than any other coach of his day. He was Bear Bryant.

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Hot Weather Reminders

The hot weather is still with us and reminders never hurt so.....

A. Never leave a child or pet in a car alone? Even with the windows open a bit, temperatures quickly exceed 100°. Never assume that you will be able to shop anywhere in just a few minutes. Leave the pet at home and take the child with you. If you see a friend and want to chat or checkout lines are long, feel free to socialize.

B. Change the water in your bird bath every day to prevent giving mosquitoes a breeding place. If you have a fountain or one of the popular garden pools, run the water pumps each day to keep the water moving.

C. Keep battling the mosquitoes by checking your yard to make sure water is not accumulating in any gutters or lawn ornaments. It takes mosquitoes only a day or two to develop in standing water.

D. Rinse out and refill your pet's water dishes when they are spending time outdoors even if it is for only a short time. Pets easily and quickly become dehydrated. If you see a neighbor or friend that is not putting out fresh water, please remind them that veterinarian bills can be avoided by simply putting out fresh water for pets.

E. Children and pets require shade when outdoors. If you have no large trees, create a play tent between two lawn chairs or set up a large patio umbrella.

F. When in the car or outdoors, wear sun screen and carry water bottles to avoid heat stroke.

G. Are the kids wearing their bike helmets? Every day, remind them to wear those helmets! Parents, wear a helmet when on a bike or motorcycle to set a good example. Head injuries last a lifetime.

H. Have your coolant checked and your radiator flushed if your car is running even slightly hot. Keep some water and/or coolant in your trunk to protect your car.

Who Serves as Pallbearers?

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

An important way that friends and family members of the deceased person can participate in funeral services is by serving as pallbearers. These are the people who carry the casket from the church or our chapel to the hearse, for transportation to the cemetery.

Normally six people are selected to serve as pallbearers. In the past, women have not been asked to perform this service; but in some services today women are taking an equal role.

In addition to the six who actually carry the casket, you may wish to name other, honorary pallbearers to accompany them. This is an honor generally used when the person is elderly or weak, or would otherwise not be up to the physical effort involved.

You may wish to designate pallbearers as part of an overall preplanning of funeral services. We will be glad to help with those arrangements, at no cost or obligation, of course.

Your comments and questions are invited, and will be answered in private or publicly, through this column. Just call 309-755-5271.



I'll Take the High Road, You take the Low Road

By Rocky Nelson

In 2004 we made a big fuss about the railroad reaching the Mississippi. Now, in 2006 we are making a big fuss about the first railroad bridge across the Mississippi. These are significant historical milestones but I doubt if any of us today really comprehend how important they were to people at the time they occurred. In the mid-19th century transportation was a far cry from what it is today. Imagine what it would be like if we had no all-weather highway to Chicago (or any place else, for that matter). Some historians say that a civilization can be measured by the kind of roads it had. We all know about the Roman Empire and its network of concrete roads. It wasn't til after the Civil War that we caught up to the Romans and re-invented concrete. On this continent the ancient Mayan people also connected their cities with good roadways.

The United States with its vast areas had a huge problem with roads. The best roads in the US when the country started were in the northeast. They were none too good. It took Washington a couple of weeks to get from Virginia to Washington when he was appointed General of the Colonial army. It was no accident that the Great Lakes and the Ohio River became the main highways to the West. There were no real roads to the West. There were Indian trails and a few animal migration trails (we've mentioned the Buffalo Trace in this column) but most of these could only be traversed by foot or horseback. A fellow named William Mitchell Gillespie was a noted civil engineer and expert on mid-19th century road building.

Gillespie noted that US roads were inferior to those of any civilized country. Canada had better roads than the US. River boats and railroads could only go so far. Passable roads for horses and wagons had to be constructed. This was not so easy.

As the country became settled and the government lands were sold to individuals, it became necessary to take note of property lines. As the government concluded that a certain road should be built, it would either appropriate the money or issue a call for public subscribers to pay the cost. In Illinois a law was passed that required property owners to either work on the roads at specified projects or pay a "property tax" to hire others to do it. We're still paying that tax. Some times a private company would build a road with an agreement that part of the builders money would come from the tolls they collected.

Gillespie wrote: "Hills are the enemy of the road builder." Keep in mind that a horse could not be shifted to a lower gear when going up a hill. It was determined that if a road rose as little as 1 foot in 40 feet, the horse could only pull ¼ of what he could pull on the level. If a road rose 1 foot in a 24 foot stretch, the horse could only pull ½ of what he could pull on the level. This meant that the freight hauler was limited in what he could carry by the steepest slope on his route.

There were 4 types of road in the early days: the earth road, the corduroy road, the plank road, and the macadam road. The earth road was more than a dirt path. The ground was first broken by a plow or shovels. Large rocks and roots were cleared. Then the road bed was filled with either the original dirt or some better fill. The center of the road had to be high and the road sloped to the sides for drainage. There needed to be ditches on both sides, also for drainage. The labor could be backbreaking. A three-man crew with pick, shovel, and wheelbarrow could be expected to move 10-14 cubic yards of earth in a 10 hour day. The problem with the earthen road was rutting. With time the road rutted badly and began to need much upkeep. Narrow wheels did more damage than wider wheels. On toll roads the toll depended partly on the width of the wheels. Wagons with foot-wide wheels traveled free. Those wagons must have been quite a sight.

Where the ground was very marshy, the earthen road was no good. The corduroy road was developed to solve this problem. It was composed of 4-6 inch trees laid side by side. What springs to your mind concerning that? You're saying: wasn't that awfully bumpy? The answer is, it sure was! They tried to level things out with dirt but without much success. People hated to ride on a corduroy road. A mile of corduroy road needed 10-15 thousand trees. Obviously, corduroy roads were rare on the prairies of our state.

Much better was a variation of the corduroy road called the plank road. In a plank road the trees were split so that they could be laid with the flat side up. This was another step and more expensive, but passengers liked it a lot better. The plank road was invented in Canada about 1836 and began being used in the US by 1850. Because of the expense, these roads were rarely more than one lane wide, making it difficult when two wagons going opposite directions met. To solve this there were periodic places built enabling their passing abreast.

The best of the 19th century roads was the macadam. It required a great deal of crushed rock and it wasn't till the end of the century that machines were invented that could crush the needed quantities of rock. The rock would be mixed with a binder, usually tar. You might say "that sounds like a modern black top road" and you would be absolutely correct. Also, towards the end of the century we finally figured out how the Romans did it, and concrete became the road bed of choice.

So, next time you jump in the car and speed out over a nice smooth road, remember the kind of roads our ancestors had to put up with were a lot different.

[Editor's Note: While doing other Historical Society Research in the books of original meeting notes for the Village of Hampton, an interesting Ordinance was approved. Ordinance #22, dated June 2, 1883 stated:

"Every able bodied male inhabitant of said Village of Hampton above the age of twenty one years and under the age of fifty years except such as are exempt by the laws of the State of Illinois ... they are hereby required to perform two days labor upon the streets and alleys of said Village under the direction of the Streets Commissioner during the present municipal year."

In an earlier meeting, a "day" was defined as 10 hours. It was also suggested that if a man did not want to do the labor, he could pay \$1.50 per day to pay some other laborer to do the work.]

Labor Day - A Most Unusual Holiday

Samuel Gompers, founder and long time president of the American Federation of Labor best described the holiday we have been celebrating for over 100 years. "Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country. All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race or nation." As a creation of the labor movement this holiday is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It is a yearly national tribute to the contributions of workers that have made the strength, prosperity and well being of our country envied by the entire world.

While you take September 4th off this year, remember that this is a holiday like no other in the world. We are celebrating ourselves as a nation, our collective achievements and giving thanks for the freedoms that made them possible.

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Around Town News Briefs

"Livin' it" Action Sport Event

Moline Action sports mayhem, music and a Christian message will converge on South Park Mall on September 23rd when the *Livin' It* action sports tour makes a stop in Moline. Admission is FREE.

The *Livin' It* tour is presented by *Livin' It* Productions, the action sports arm of the Luis Palau Association, which has produced some of the largest family festivals ever staged in the U.S. Key elements are live demonstrations by some of the top athletes in the "action sports" of BMX biking and skateboarding, along with deejays, music, personal stories from the athletes, a dynamic youth speaker, and actor and filmmaker Stephen Baldwin.

Two of the country's premiere action sports groups – *The King of Kings* skate team and the *Chaos on Wheels* BMX team – are providing athletes and resources for the tour. The *Next Generation Alliance*, a network of the Palau Association, is providing a youth speaker in each city.

The Moline appearance of *Livin' It* is presented in partnership with Erie Foods International, Whitey's Ice Cream, Torrey Outdoor Advertising & Fidler Printing.

South Park Mall is located at 4500 16th Street Moline, IL. For further information call Ron May at 309-496-9397, or visit the QC *Livin' It* website at www.qclivin.it.org.

Registration for Preschool Youngsters

Little Lambs Preschool, 17628 Hubbard Road, East Moline (just east of Stone's Apple Barn and Golf Mohr golf course) is currently taking registration for this fall. The preschool classes will start on September 5th.

For information please contact the Church office (309) 496-2186.

Fall Plant Sale

The Silvis Garden Club's fall plant sale planned for Saturday, September 23, 2006 has been cancelled.

Red Cross Class Schedules at Red Cross building, 1100 River Drive, Moline. www.qcredcross.org/classes

Baby Sitting: Saturday, September 9, from 9:00-4:00 p.m. Class Fee: \$30. Class + Babysitting Backpack \$45, Class + t-shirt \$45.

Adult CPR with AED (Defibrillator): Class Fee \$35.00
Saturdays: 8AM-Noon 8/19, 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18
See website for weekday classes

Adult/Infant/Child CPR: Class fee \$45. Take this and First Aid for only \$50 See website for weekday classes
Saturdays: 9AM-2PM, 8/26, 9/16, 9/30 8AM-1PM, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11

First Aid: Class fee \$30 1-3PM See website for weekday classes
Saturdays: 8/19, 9/9, 9/23, 10/7 3AM-5PM, 8/26, 9/16, 9/30

Infant/Child CPR: Class fee \$30 (If you are enrolled in additional CPR classes, the class fee is \$15. Take this class and First Aid for only \$45) ALL CLASSES ON TUESDAYS 6-9PM
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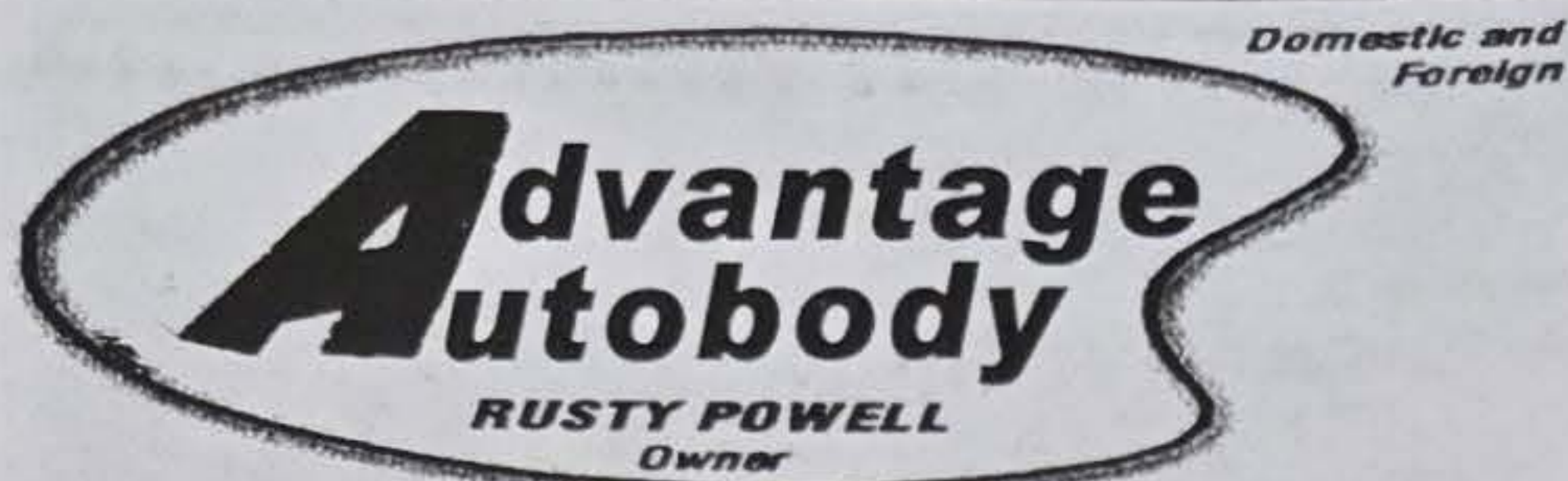
Health Education – Handling Stress

September 4 at 6:00 p.m., an informative talk will be given by Dr. Jenny Schler, DC., A.P.N. at the new Hampton Health and Wellness location at 510 South State (Rte. 84), Suite #3. This women's health topic is learning to identify adrenal gland problems, how they affect your hormones and to help women develop a strategy for dealing with their stress level. Call 309-751-9790 to confirm your seat.

Joanne Wiklund Writer's Classes at the River Valley District Library in Port Byron

DO IT - RIGHT! This year's class theme is "Music in your words" The class for high school age and up writers of all experience levels will meet for six Wednesdays, September 13-October 18 from 9:30-11:30 am. The library address is: 214 South Main Street in Port Byron, IL Call 309-523-3440 to sign up! The class fee is \$20.00.

Common sense is only a modification of talent. Genius is an exaltation of it. The difference is, therefore, in degree, not nature.

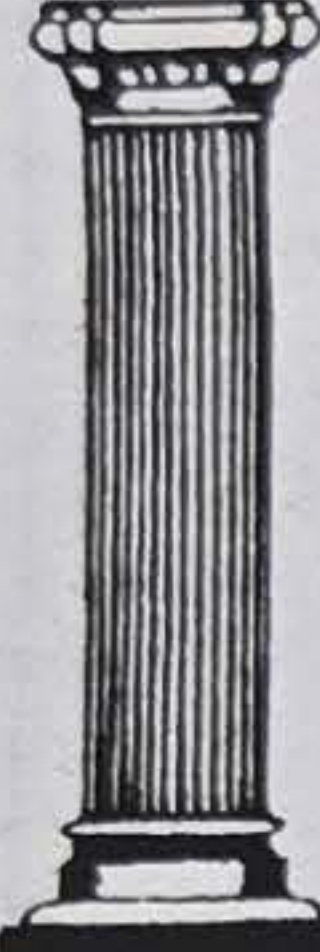


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Let's Talk About the Weather

By Franciska Rasmussen

With all the sweltering heat we have been having these past weeks I have heard the phrase "What did we do years ago when we didn't have fans or air conditioning?" Well if I remember right we just plain out suffered. Thinking back to when I was a child I do remember (O. K. so I'm old and I'm really going a long way back)



playing in the yard and my clothing being wet and sticky. We had no refrigerator just an ice box with a block of ice in it and a drip pan underneath. On a rare occasion we were given a sliver of ice from the block. When the ice man came around it was a special treat as he was generous with his chips of ice.

Since very few houses had insulation the up stairs bed rooms were like ovens. The rooms did not cool off at night and they held the heat. In no way could people sleep or get a good nights rest. Almost every one on the block brought down mattresses and quilts to make beds and pallets on the living room and dining room floor. We did the same.

I had no idea of what an electric fan was. We did not have one. My dad sold them at the store and they were running to keep the customers cool so he could sell them but he never brought one home. The only thing I knew about a fan was the piece of card board with a pretty scene on it fastened to a stick that the Funeral Home gave out.

Time wise I believe it was about the mid 30's that the movie theaters put in air conditioning. At show time people would be lined up on the sidewalk in front to get in where it was "COOL". On Saturday the movie ran from 12 noon to 10 p.m.. If one was clever you could stay there all day. The secret was to change seats each time the movie changed. If you stayed in the same seat you would most likely be asked to leave to make room for other customers. Since there were 2 movie houses in our town it was also good idea to go to a different one each time.

Now you know how it was in "THE GOOD DAYS". It really wasn't so good - it was *Damn Hot!*

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

More Celebration Activities and Events 9/14-17

Atkinson, IL: Train Trips planned to this location!

Heritage Days Sesquicentennial! Historical working farm show with demonstrations and displays, Antique tractor & equipment displays, Live Music, Threshermen's Dinner. Farm Olympic Contests too! Call Carol An Wells, Event Coordinator 309/935-6022 for details or www.atkinson-engine-tractor-assoc.com

Silvis, IL: Buses to this venue.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town. Numerous activities throughout the city are planned. Call 309-792-9181 for details.

Cordova, IL: Hot Rod Magazine Drag Week Tour Sat. 9/16

Hampton, IL:

Apple Festival Sept. 16 Noon-4: All types of baked goods, candies and gift items. **Cider making demonstrations** and storytellers. **Village Hall's 100th Anniversary.** Here how the funds for the building were won from a law suit against the railroad. Hear the story of the Soldier's monument too! Visit nearby Stone's Apple Barn while you're in the area.

Well Known Locations with Planned Activities:

Augustana College-Olin Auditorium 639-38th St., Rock Island
Educational displays and presentations

Colonel Davenport House, Arsenal Island for Black Hawk stories and history of early settlements

Putnam Museum/IMAX Displays, theater performances, storytellers

John Deere Pavilion, storytelling and interpretations of the Effie Afton trial

The Family Museum-2900 Learning Center Dr., Betterndorf

Storytelling and exhibits targeted for families and children 10 years and under

Guided tours of historic John Deere family homes: **Deere-Wiman** and **Butterworth** will also have storytellers and musicians

Quad City Botanical Center: Storytellers in the gardens inside and out.

Rock Island Downtown District: St. Patrick Society Erin Feis is filled with concessions, cultural booths and entertainment!

LeClaire Park in Downtown Davenport: 6th Annual WQPT Brew Ha Ha . Taste over 200 brews, cheese, entertainment and more.

River Music Experience at 129 Main St., Davenport, IA

Village of East Davenport, Lindsay Park: 19th Annual Rivers-ance Festival of Fine Arts

Figge Art Museum & Plaza, 225 W. 2nd St., Downtown

Davenport is a main information center with concessions, local musicians & performers, storytellers and bus stop with shaded areas.

Pronunciation Puzzles

American English proves very difficult, especially when learned as a second language. To illustrate one type of stumbling block, see if you can read these correctly the first time?

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

One good turn gets most of the blankets.

How's your stress level?

September 4, 6:00 p.m.

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If you are unable to attend Dr. Jenny invites you to call for your individual free consult

M-W-F: 9 am to 1 p.m. & 3-6 p.m., Tues.: 9 am to Noon, Thurs.: 3 to 6 p.m.

Get Well Wishes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Helen Steiger who managed to crack some ribs.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August Birthdays

1 Kevin Irby Belated
 Happy Birthday!
 14 Roman Hofstetter
 14 Chet McCoy
 16 Amy Corso Priest
 16 Andy Gardner
 18 Gary Grebner
 20 Dwight A. Day
 25 Tom Gould
 25 Erwin Millen
 27 Darrell Irby
 29 Ken Trommer
 30 Jennifer Gavin

August Anniversaries

8 Gary & Marilyn Lockwood
 13 Kirk & Vanessa Gillespie
 14 Chet & Sue McCoy
 16 Jim & Janet Oltman
 18 Dan & Ellie Kosminsky
 20 Paul & Missy Garcia
 24 Don & Carol Robinson
 31 "Bud" & Cis Donaldson
 31 Marvin & Judy Eimen

September Birthdays

1 Mike Hofstetter
 6 Jane Young
 6 Terri Bullock
 11 Melissa Gould
 12 Jessica Cady
 14 Cis Donaldson
 14 Madeline Conway
 16 Martha Nelson
 17 Ty Cutkomp**
 17 Paul Garcia
 18 Laura Einman Becker
 18 Jeremiah Cady
 18 Debbie Erickson
 21 Amanda Gillespie
 21 Allyson E. Cady
 21 Nelda Gooding Pollner
 22 Bryan Jacob Cady
 25 Tyler Carcia
 28 Susanne Greene
 29 George Wamsley

** Special Birthday Greetings to
 Ty from Penne Miller!

September Anniversaries

1 Scott & Lauren Stirrett
 4 Rodrigo & Michele Mon
 15 Howard & Toni Ross
 17 Phil & Ann Beckman
 18 Loren & Sheri Arp

Man of Few Words

President Calvin Coolidge was well known to be a man of few words and slow to speak. A popular story about him took place in a small, one-chair barbershop in Vermont. As the story goes, he sat in the one chair and the local doctor arrived soon after and sat down to wait for his trim.

Striking up a conversation, the Doctor asked the President: "Did you take those pills I prescribed for you?"

After a minute of silence, Coolidge answered "Nope!"

Still later, the doctor inquired: "Are you feeling any better?"

Another long silence: "Yup!"

His haircut finished, the president began to walk out when the barber cleared his throat, hesitated and asked, "Aren't you forgetting something, Mr. Coolidge?"

Sheepishly, he dug into his pocket to pay the barber and muttered an unusually long speech for him: "I'm sorry; I forgot to pay you. I was so busy gossiping with the doctor it just slipped my mind."

Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing.
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\$99,900—Hampton MLS#4077610

3 BR ranch w/vinyl siding. Eat-in kitchen w/laundry facilities. Hood/fan & range/oven stay. Large living room, fam. Rm w/woodburning FP. 3 season porch & patio. 10 x 11 workshop in attached garage. Extra parking! Close to park, bike trail & Miss. River.

\$99,900—Moline MLS#4079258

3 BR, 1-1/2 BA, 1 1/2 Story Bungalow Home. Features Include: Aluminum Siding A 28x12 Family/Din Room Combination, Walk-up to a 32x24 Bedroom/Play room area. Newer Roof, Furnace, AC, Water Pipes, Water Heater and More. Garage/Barn has 3-Stalls and is 2 story W/Walk-up to a Work and Loft area.

\$94,900—East Moline MLS#4079482

2 BR, 1-1/2 BA 2 Story Maintenance Free Home. Features Include: Bay Window, Walk-in closet, Skylight, Fireplace. Two 24x22 garages, 40x21 concrete off street parking, 20x21 fenced parking & sits on an 80x120 lot. Newer Vinyl siding, Doors, Furnace, Windows, Gutters/Down Spouts, Wiring/220, and Garage Doors.

\$89,900—Hampton MLS#4078306

3 BR, 1 BA Maintenance Free Ranch. Features Include: Vinyl siding, 2-Car Attached Garage, Fenced Yard W/8x10 Barn/Shed, Landscaped, Newer Garage Door. Great Hampton Hill Neighborhood is close to Parks, River and Bike Trail.

\$89,900—Barstow MLS#4079374

3 BR, 1 BA Maintenance Free Ranch. Features include: Wood Burning FP in Living RM and Bay Window. Newer Roof, Furnace, Air Conditioner, Front Door and Slider to 12x20 Deck. Dishwasher, Refrigerator, Water Softener and Washer/Dryer stay. Garage is 24x26 W 12x24 Carport.



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The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed.
 Albert Einstein

River Valley District Library News

Summer Reading Winners

The River Valley Library is please to announce the winners of the 2006 Summer Reading Program- Voyage to Book Island!

The winner of the Kalahari Resort Vacation Package was 5th grader Becca Kominsey

Adult Reading program winner reading 12 book in 5 weeks was Chalyn Fornero-green

Winners of the Leap Pad Learning System- Pre through 1st grade prizes were Hannah Huston Pre-school 239 Books and Cameron Overton Pre-school 135 Books!

Winners of the MP3 players' 2nd through 5th grade prizes were Callie Murphy 4th grade 91 books and Dylan Murphy 2nd grade 47 books!

Winners of the IPOD Nano 6th through 12th grade prizes were Amanda Schutts 11th grade 80 books and Ryan Gruetzmacher 8th grade 32 books!



F- L to R -Becca Kosminsey- (Kalahari resort) Dylan Murphy, Callie Murphy- MP3 Players, Hannah Huston (Leap Pad System) B- L to R Ryan Gruetzmacher -IPOD, Chalyn Fornero-Green- Picnic basket, Cameron Overton "being held by Mom -Kathy"- Leap Pad System and Amanda Schutts -IPOD.

Drive-In Movies at The Library

All movies start at 8:30 p.m. Sodas, popcorn and candy is available for purchase. Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. You may also bring your own soda and snacks.

August 19: Scary Movie 4 (PG-13 Comedy/Horror)

(This movie May NOT be appropriate for young children.)

Voyage to Book Island

River Valley's summer reading programs started off with a visit from Niabi Zoo. On June 12th at 6:00 p.m. Niabi Zoo presenter-Mandy, brought out a neat collection of tropical animals for us and a great job of explaining the many layers of a tropical forest and what type of animal lives there. We had 140 people in attendance.

On June 15th @ 10:00 a.m., we had lots of little pirates join us for Captain Graybeard who amazed us with his magic, and his storytelling skills.

June 19th the Library held a craft day where youth could come in to make and take crafts. Belly dancing was taught by a local college-bound teen, Heather, who taught Hawaiian arm and hip movements. We ended our program with a Treasure hunt, party and games for about 125 youth and adults. 245 youth signed-up with 116 finishing and 72 adults signed-up with 36 finishing the program. Book logs turned in showed 4,966 books were read by youth and 248 books by adults. Congratulation to all readers!

Hundreds of new non-fiction books have arrived!

River Valley District Library received \$4000.00 for Resource Sharing Continued as part of the LSTA Federal Weed & Feed grant. The variety of new books is impressive. Topics include: Parenting, self improvement, cooking and nutrition, pets, gardening, science, medicine, biographies, computer science, fashion, history, ecology, business, exercise, spiritualism/the occult and animals. Stop in today and check one out.

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DDR – Dance Dance Revolution!

Teens join the DDR club! Fee is \$5.00 + \$1.00 per each open play. Open plays are on Monday, August 14th, 21st & 28th 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11 from 5-8 p.m. inside during Tug Fest Activities and on Sat. Aug. 12 from 9-11 p.m. OUTSIDE during Tug Fest.

Saturday, Aug. 19th at approximately 10:00 p.m. after the movie – Scary Movie 4 shown at 8:00 p.m. DDR Tournament-Saturday, Sept. 12, 8:00 p.m. \$ 5.00 Registration fee.

Halo 2 Tournament at the library

Teens get ready for the Halo 2 Tournament! You could win prizes, prizes, prizes! August 26th @ 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 entry fee, **ages 17 and above.** (14, 15, and 16 year with signed parent consent form) Absolutely No one under 14!

Other Halo 2 Events: to be held at the library on Sept. 30, Oct. 21, Nov. 25 & Dec. 16 all at 8:00 p.m. Sign-Up @ the Library.

Stamp it up!

Rubber Stamping Will be held the 1st Friday of each month from 9:00 to Noon. Contact Bev Skelton @ 523-2516 to sign-up or more info. This is a structured class with kits, so you must sign up to participate.

Rhyme Tyme Story Tyme with Ms. Cathy & Ms. Pamela

Each session will last 6-weeks there are 2 classes each week Monday classes will be held at 1:15 p.m. Sept. 11th - Oct. 16th Thursday classes will be held at 10:00 a.m. Sept 7th - Oct 12th All session are limited to 12 children per class. You must sign-up in advance for each 6 week session. You may stop in at the library, call to sign-up at 523-3440 or e-mail Ms. Cathy at -rvlcathy@mchsi.com

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Protect Your Valuables In A Nursing Home

by Gerri Hatchett, Criminal Investigations, Moline Police Dept.

Independent living is the hallmark of the American spirit. However, the longer we live, the harder it is for us to maintain an independent lifestyle. One option may result in placement in a nursing facility. Most nursing facilities cannot be responsible for articles or money lost or stolen on the premises. The following are some suggested guidelines for residents who may be entering a nursing facility.

- Bring only the items you need for your stay. You are encouraged not to bring your checkbook, money, credit cards, jewelry or other valuables with you.
- If it is necessary to bring either money, jewelry, or other valuables, please notify the staff so that arrangements can be made for their safekeeping. A receipt should be given for these items.
- Some facilities provide a safe on the premises for safekeeping of all valuables.

An alternative would be to send your valuables and money home with relatives, such as your children and/or those responsible for their parents, grandparents, or loved ones' valuables. By taking these precautionary measures, you can protect your valuables during a very important time.

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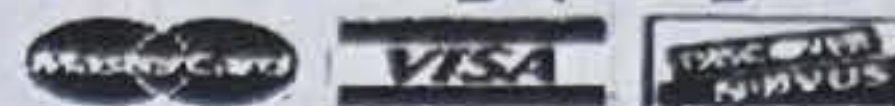
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MANUALLY OPERATED COOLING DEVICES

Fans, "manually operated cooling devices" were used by males and females of all ages, but most were illustrated and remembered as an accessory used in church or on the porch on a sweltering day. They came in every possible shape and color. Many were made of scrap cardboard, a folded newspaper, intertwined palm fronds or woven thin wooden slats. The fancy lace fans or hand painted folding fans seen in paintings or old movies were reserved for the wealthy. Genteel ladies used this type of fan for flirting, hiding smiles or snapping them open or shut to communicate their moods more than to cool themselves.

Generic fans used for cooling usually came in rounded rectangles of light weight cardboard stapled to a wooden handle or a loop of wicker. Others were cut from a single material in a paddle shape or had holes at the bottom to accommodate the thumb of the fanning hand. It wasn't until the machine age that folding fans were mass produced and became affordable.

People didn't buy or make as many fans as received them free as a form of advertising, much like calendars are used today. Most had one side covered with religious pictures, kids or landscapes. The opposite side showed the business name, which was repeatedly flashed during the fanning process. All in all, this was the most useful and clever marketing idea prior to central air conditioning.

As great project for the kids or as a theme party favor, make your own fans. Any large, colorful pictures cut from magazines or photos of an honored guest may be used. Just paste on poster board and staple or hot glue to a flat craft stick or paint stir stick.

All-poster board versions can be made as follows: Cut a large circle (12-14" diameter) cut into 4 pie shaped pieces and round off the sharp point. Glue wrapping paper, magazine pages or photos to both sides of the paper and trim to retain the wedge shape. About an inch from each side, cut a "thumb hole". For parties, tie a ribbon through the hole to make a large loop.

Hand-made fans are great for fundraisers and charity events. Put an attractive picture on one side and information on the other.

"You don't become happy by pursuing happiness. You become happy by living a life that means something. The happiest people you know are probably not the richest or most famous, probably not the ones who work hardest at being happy by reading the articles and buying the books and latching on to the latest fads. I suspect that the happiest people you know are the ones who work at being kind, helpful, and reliable, and happiness sneaks into their lives while they are busy doing those things. It is always a by-product, never a primary goal. Happiness is a butterfly - the more you chase it, the more it flies away from you and hides. But stop chasing it, put away your net and busy yourself with other, more productive things than the pursuit of personal happiness, and it will sneak up on you from behind and perch on your shoulder."

Harold Kushner, Author, *When all you've ever wanted isn't enough*

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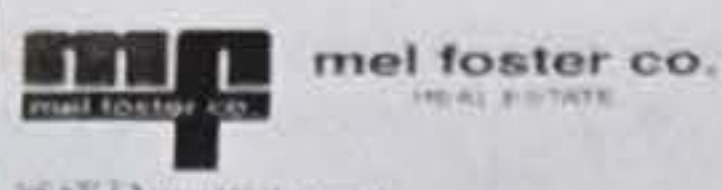
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You invited to the annual Living Lands and Waters Barge Party

LL&W, the non-profit environmental organization founded in 1998 by Chad Pregracke, will hold its annual Barge Party on **Thursday, August 17th** starting at 5:30p.m. on Oneida Street Landing in Davenport, Iowa.

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$180 for a table of eight. Reservations should be made immediately by, going to www.livinglandsandwaters.org. Very few "walk ins" can be accommodated so please let them know you are coming.

The Party will include tours of the Chad's famous working barge, entertainment by Ellis Kell and an update from Chad Pregracke and crew on this year's progress.

The mission of Living Lands and Waters is to aid in the protection, preservation and restoration of the natural environment of the nation's major rivers and their watersheds; to expand awareness of environmental issues and responsibility encompassing the river; and to create a desire and an opportunity for stewardship and responsibility for a cleaner river environment.

XStream Cleanup 2006 Needs YOU!

Saturday, August 19th from 8:30 am till noon various locations in this area will participate in the third annual Xstream Cleanup and more volunteers are always needed. There are 32 waterways in the Quad Cities that will need hundreds of volunteers to clean up debris of all types.

You'll need work gloves, old clothes and a willing spirit. What you'll gain is more new friends, a sense of accomplishment and a cleaner environment. **Time is short** so call 563-468-4218 for details or visit the website at <http://www.xstreamcleanup.org>.

ADOPT-A-MILE of the Mississippi

With a towboat and barge the Living Lands and Waters crew cruises the Mississippi, the Illinois, the Missouri, the Ohio and Potomac Rivers and join with local volunteers to pick up an amazing variety of debris and trash, vastly improving the quality of our national rivers and watersheds. They also conduct hands-on environmental education workshops for teachers and others, and have developed sustaining volunteer programs, notably the Adopt-a-Mississippi River-Mile program, which now has more than 80 different groups working on "perpetual maintenance of the river."

The annual Xstream Cleanups get the ball rolling but continued maintenance of the waterways is needed. You as an individual, organization, company or family may request stewardship of a section of riverfront along the Mississippi River. You may adopt one or both sides of the river as your responsibility to "keep it clean".

You will be making a significant contribution to the river environment, the wildlife that depends on it and the people who use the river. For more information on this vital program, write to adopt@livinglandsandwaters.org or call 309-496-9848.

More "Facts" from the Internet:

- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "Screeched".
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze solid.
- There are 336 dimples in a regulation golf ball.
- There are more chickens in the world than people.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister.

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Thomas A. Edison

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Oliver Goldsmith

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The railroad stopped in the Northern QCA towns to bring passengers, mail and merchandise

This September will be filled with historic railroad stories as the Quad Cities celebrated the 150th anniversary of the first rail bridge across the Mississippi River. Hampton, Rapids City, Port Byron and Silvis were deeply involved with early rail transportation developments. The coal mines and lack of decent roads were a major influence on the spread of railroads and short side spur tracks that stimulated economic development in the area north of the Quad Cities. In 1936, Morris S. Haegy, an influential banker, set down his recollections of his boyhood in Hampton. The following is an excerpt from this *Recollections*.

"Fifty years ago the railroad was quite a factor in the activity of this town and the depot was a busy place. Then we had four passenger trains each way every day but Sunday. Three of these trains made regular stops here and they got a lot of passengers. This was before the coming of the automobile and people visiting the nearby towns and having business in the cities used the trains for transportation.

When rails extended to Savanna and finally to Racine, it was called the Western Union Railroad; then it was taken over by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. The first depot was in the middle of the block between Oak and Locust Streets. [Today's 6th and 7th Streets on the west/river side of the current train rails] This depot burned about 1880.

After the destruction of the old depot a new one was built south of the old one and nearer to Oak Street [now called 6th Street]. Both of these depots had high platforms with ramps at each end. The railroad had a strong attraction for growing boys who like anything that has action. We all wanted to be engineers, conductors or telegraph operators.

The Hermes boys were born in the railroad business. Their father, Joseph Hermes, was section foreman here all of his life and naturally the boys just took to railroading. John Hermes learned telegraphing and got to be an engineer and worked for the Rock Island. He was transferred to Oklahoma, and while running engine down there, he entered a drawing for government land when one of the new sections was opened and he was lucky enough to draw a fine piece of farm land right in the town of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.



Hampton School Schedule

August 14	7AM-1PM & 4-7PM Student Registration
August 23	8:30-11:30 - First Day of School
Aug. 24-Sept 1	8:30 AM - 1:30PM Early Dismissal
September 4	No School Labor Day
September 22	11:30 Dismissal
October 6	No School
October 9	No School
October 27	11:30 Dismissal

From Superintendent Ton Berg:

The Two-Rivers YMCA will operate a before and after school program for Hampton School students at Hampton United Methodist Church. Information and sign-up will be available at school registration, August 14 from 7:00 AM-11:00 AM and 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM, or by calling the YMCA at 797-8925.

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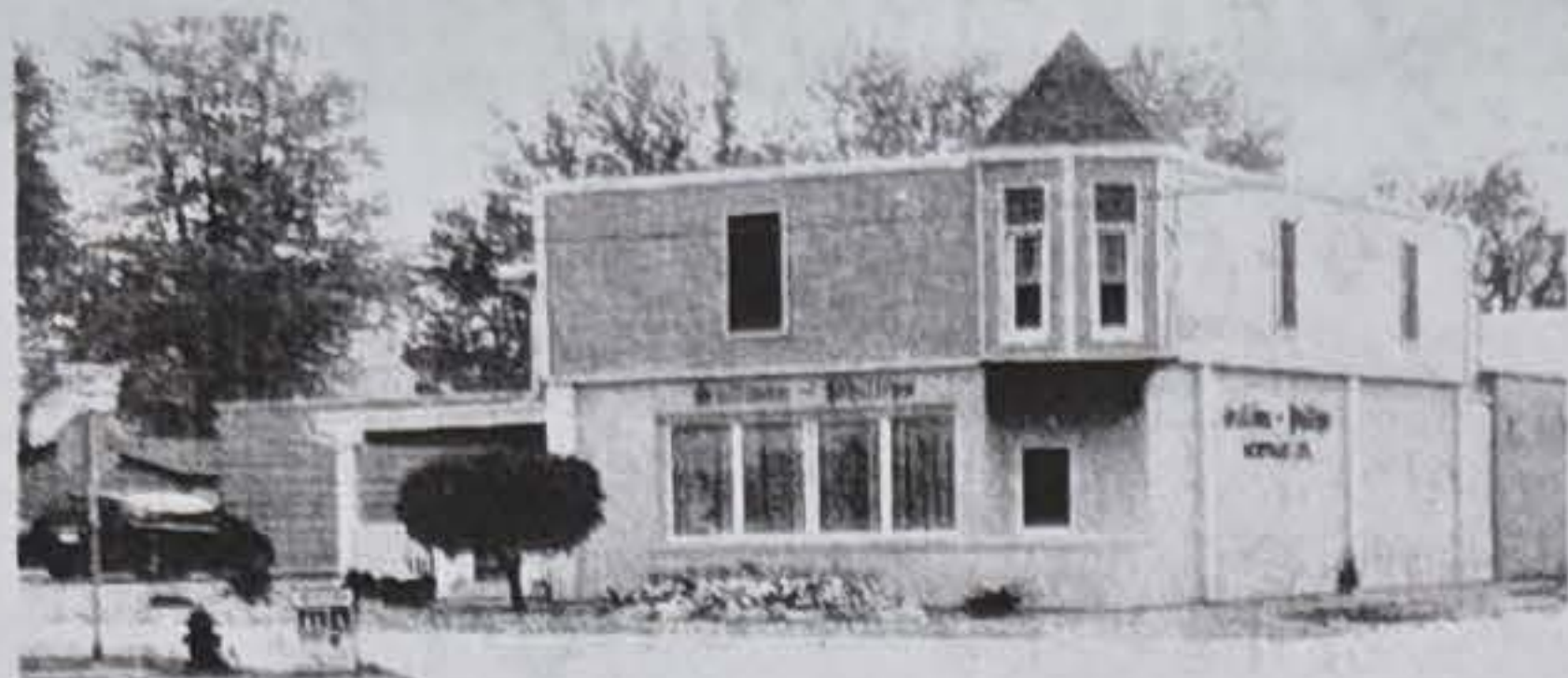
- A black cat crossing your path brings bad luck but a rabbit doing the same will bring good luck.
- When a crow flies to the north, we have cold weather. When it flies south, the weather will be warm.

Telegraphing interested a lot of us boys, and we played at it. One time we had a telegraph line all around town. There was one instrument in the depot and one in our store. Walt Black had one in his store and one in his house. John Mohr, Howard Baker, Clarence Stevens and others had instruments all connected up and we had a lot of fun, but none of these ever got good enough to follow the business. Walt Black was a dining car conductor for the Rock Island for many years. John and Tom Thompson are both railroaders; Tom was an engineer and ran out of Sioux City, Iowa. Martin Arcularios was an engineer on the Rock Island and Julius McNabney was a brakeman on passenger trains out of Kansas City, and John Strachan was a freight brakeman. Charlie Pierce was a telegraph operator. John E. Baker lived here for a number of years while he was conductor on the coal train running from Watertown to Happy Hollow.

This shows that Hampton was well represented in the railroad business. In the early days of coal mining at Happy Hollow and before the sub track was built from Watertown, coal was hauled by wagons from the mines and loaded on cars here at Hampton.

--- Morris S. Haegy
 "Recollections of My Old Home Town" 1936

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We are in the middle of the summer vacation season when blood supplies are traditionally low but demand remains high. Please plan to donate at one of the following drives.

Local Blood Drive Schedule:

August 12: Colona Community 8AM-11AM At the Fire House
 August 12: St. Mary's Catholic Church Hampton, IL 8:30-11:30AM
 August 16: 3M Corp. in Cordova 8:00-11:00 AM
 September 5: Carbon Cliff 3:30-6:30 p.m. Call Mike at 309-792-0934 for location

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.

Mistaken Identity

The screams of a woman could be heard from the nearby sidewalk. A stranger dashing into the house in answer to the mother's call for help saw her pointing to her young son. "He swallowed a quarter and my phone is out of order!"

The stranger grabbed the child by the feet, shook him vigorously until the coin fell from the boy's mouth.

"Oh thank you doctor! It certainly was lucky you happened by. You knew just what to do to get it out of him. Thank You!"

"I'm not a doctor, madam," the stranger explained. "I'm a Deputy Collector for the Internal Revenue."

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Obituaries

Robert Noel, 79, of East Moline passed away July 16, 2006 at his home. He was buried in Greenwood Memorial Gardens, East Moline.

Bob was born February 14, 1933 in Blackhawk County, Iowa, the son of Carroll and Dorothy Simerson Noel. He and Jimmie Stillwell blended their families on December 2, 1963.

He retired as a machine operator from John Deere Harvester Works, East Moline, after 29-1/2 years. Bob was a proud member of UAW Local 865 and enjoyed riding motorcycles, woodworking and doing home improvements.

Survivors include his wife, children and their families, Mike and Nancy Noel, South English, IA, James Noel, Moline; Stillwell's Robert, Crystal and Bruce and Cheryl, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, extended family and special friends throughout the area. Our particular condolences to his brother and sister-in-law Kenneth and Tricia Noel of Hampton.

Bernadine R. Daniels, 95 of Hampton passed away on July 26, 2006 while at Friendship Manor in Rock Island. She was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Watertown Wisconsin.

Born Bernadine Rose Miller on April 28, 1911, in Chicago, she was the daughter of Barney and Mollie Kagebein Miller. She married Adolph Elsasser in 1942. After his death in 1979, she married Harcourt Daniels in December of 1986. (He passed away in 1989)

Bernadine was employed for 20 years at Montgomery Ward, Chicago and for 20 years at Rotary International in Evanston, IL. After retiring in 1965, she moved to Florida then, settled in Hampton in 1992.

Survivors include sisters, Helen Tittus, Port Byron and Jeanette Tittus, East Moline; three nieces, three nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

An Antiques Auction Tale

At a farm auction, bidding was particularly brisk for an old hand-blown whiskey bottle. Finally an aggressive collector from New York won bottle with an unusually high bid.

When the collector was handed his prize, a local farmer decided to put him in his place. The farmer leaned over and took a good look at the bottle.

"My stars," the old farmer gasped to a nearby friend, "it's empty!"

A young recruit who was a constant victim of practical jokes began to doubt all the men in his company and their motives.

One night, he was on guard duty and especially alert due to night attacks that week. A figure loomed up out of the darkness. "Halt! Who goes there?" he challenged.

"Major Moses," replied the officer.

The young recruit, sensing yet another practical joke said, "Glad to meet you, Moses. Advance and give the Ten Commandments."

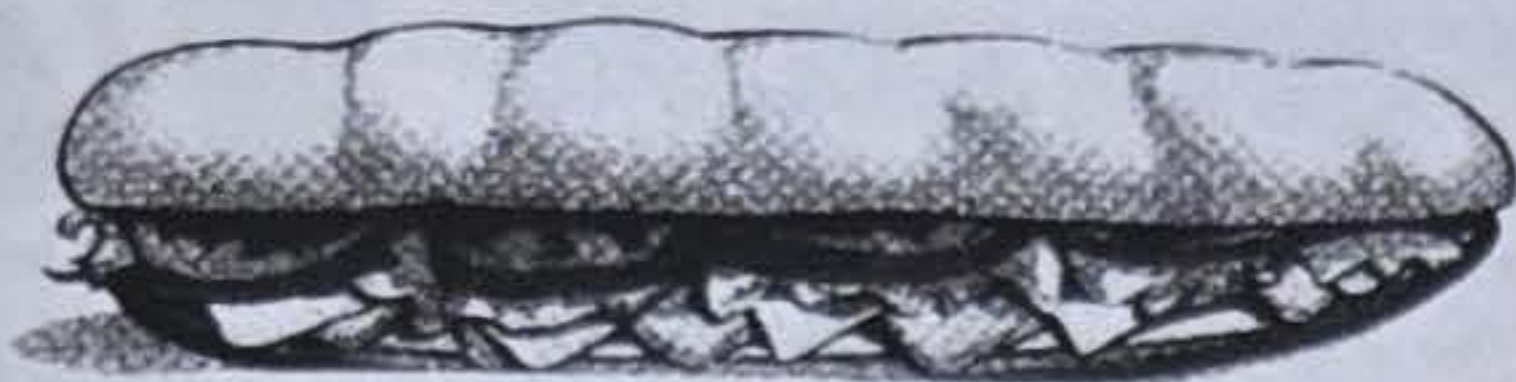
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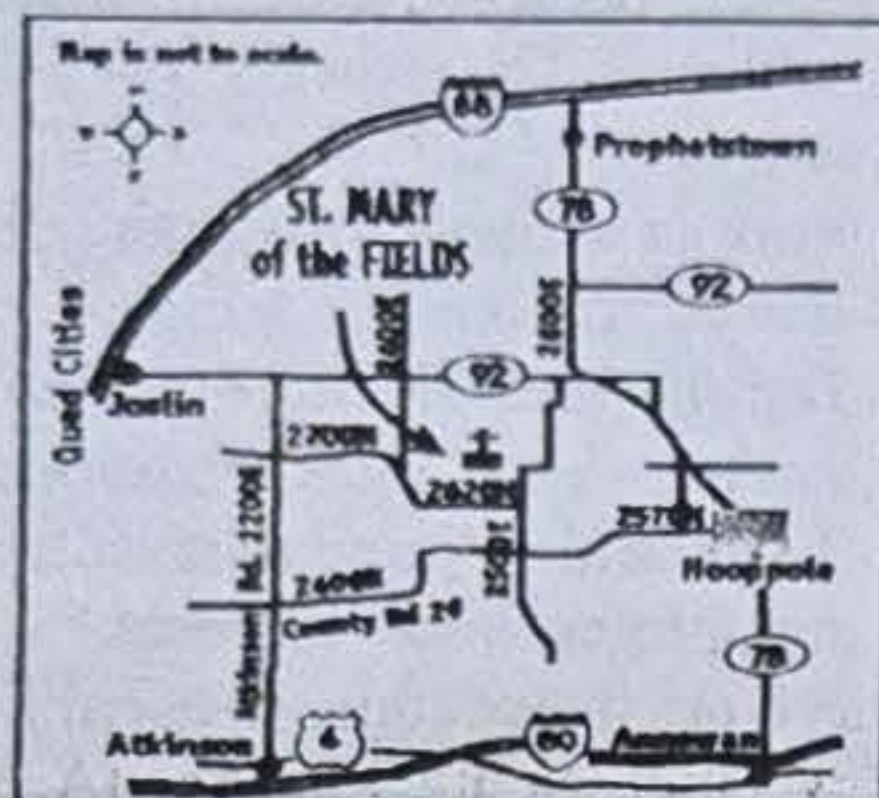
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Word & Language Quiz

1. There are 4 words that have no English language rhymes, what are they?
2. What is the longest word that can be made using only the letters on one row of the keyboard?
3. What is the only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter?
4. What is the classic sentence that uses every letter in the alphabet?
5. What are 3 palindromes? (words that are the same whether they are read from left to right or right to left)
6. There are only 4 English language words which end in "dous", what are they?
7. What is the word in the English language with one vowel repeated 5 times within the word? Hint: the vowel is "i".

- Word & Language Quiz Answers:
1. Month, Orange, Silver or Purple
 2. Typewriter
 3. Uncopyrightable
 4. The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
 5. Racecar, kayak and level.

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An Optimist/Optimism Defined:

An optimist is a man who, instead of feeling sorry he cannot pay his bills, is glad he is not one of this creditors.

A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to it's nose.

An Optimist is one who enters a kitchen filled with cooling pies and believes that he only has to open the door because the flies are really looking for a way out.

An Optimist is one who sends a package by parcel post and marks it "rush".

A man trying to buy a horse from a Vermont farmer was started when he named \$1,000 as his price. Nonetheless the prospective buyer countered with a reasonable \$100 offer. "That's quite a discount," mused the farmer, "But I'll take it."

As the buyer counted out the money, he couldn't resist asking why the farmer accepted \$100 after naming a price ten times higher.

"Well," he drawled, "I thought mebbe you'd like tellin' your friends you own a thousand-dollar hoss."

Whopper Swappers – New Crier Feature!

Submitted by our readers

This September, many of us will be introduced to "Story Tellers" during the bridge celebration. These people will tell you the stories of events and places involved in the celebration and at each venue. Story Tellers are, however, not new. Every culture has had special people who could "spin a good yarn" and a tall tale for our education or entertainment. Whopper Swappers will provide a place for our modern day tall tale tellers to show their creativity. You may submit 250-350 word "whoppers" to the Crier at P. O. Box 224, Hampton, IL 61256 or E-mail jkdowntowncrier@mchsi.com. The most outrageous whopper will be printed in the next issue.

Dear Cousin,

I just got off my lawn mower and surveyed the yard. I finally got control over the grass after an unusually wet spring and early summer. I'm glad I got a sturdy John Deere tractor. The territory here in new England is often pretty rugged. A few years ago, my dad remarked that the soil in my yard wouldn't be used for the city dump in a self respecting Midwestern town. He was right. My dog doesn't even piddle here unless it's after dark when other dogs won't see him out there.

I have received some criticism from neighbors who strongly suggested I should rake my clippings up. Well, as bad as my yard is, at least I have Yard Beavers and none of my neighbors so. Yard Beavers are uncommon here and unheard of in the Midwest. After the last ice age there were two main kinds of beavers. There was the common kind we see today in rivers and streams making dams and chewing on trees. There was also a much smaller variety about the size of a mouse. They have all the same features of their larger brothers, just a lot smaller and less aggressive. The big beavers eventually won out in the competition for home sites and drove the littler fellers out in the fields. Most of them died and the species was nearly extinct until manicured lawns became fashionable and power lawn mowers were invented to cut the grass. Just in time, the small beavers found freshly cut grass – just the thing for building their homes. That's why I wait 10 days to two weeks between cuttings. It's to give the little beavers time to raise their young. (It's not because I'm lazy).

Cutting grass when it's wet and the time of day is cool helps too. The higher and wetter the grass, the faster the yard beavers can build their homes behind you. Be careful though, yard beavers prefer to have their grass in straight rows...no weaving about because you have had too many refreshments.

Yard beavers are small, fast and hard to see. If you start seeing them and you are weaving around trying not to run over one, it's time to stop using recreational beverages.

Now that you understand why my yard has those mounds of clumps, you can appreciate how much effort I put into the ecology and how hard I work for the comeback of the North American Yard Beaver. Your New Hampshire Cousin, Mike

RAILROAD TRAVEL

As Told to Mary Lou Schaechter

My mother-in-law, Florance Soseman Schaechter, treasured her memory of traveling by train from Kansas to Mercer County, Illinois. It was 1912 and she was only four years old. A few years before they had moved to Kansas in a covered wagon. They lived in a sod house at Kill Creek. Ross Soseman, her father, decided Kansas was not a healthy place to live.



The family decided to travel by train. The railroads were competing for passengers by reducing prices for food. They were offering three meals per day per person at just \$1.00 each for the entire trip. Each railroad tried to serve the best, most delicious meals in the dining car.

As they sped across the flat Kansas plains, the train stopped violently and passengers and belongings fell in a heap on the floor. A stranger landed on top of her mother, Lena. As he helped her get up off the floor, he said, "Don't worry, lady. I won't hurt you."

The train had hit a buffalo. After the track was cleared, they continued the journey. No one had been injured.

They later stopped in St. Louis where she played hide and seek with an African-American girl of her same age. It was the first time she saw dark-skinned people.

Want to Really Retire When You Retire?**Work Hard at Investing**

Submitted by Mark Judy, Edward Jones in East Moline

With Labor Day at hand, it's a good time to reflect on your work - specifically, how long do you plan to keep working? And when you retire, will you retire for good, or will you still work in some capacity? These are important questions - and the answers can have a big impact on your savings and investment strategies.



As you think about your retirement plans, you might be surprised at the expectations of many of your fellow workers. Some 67 percent of employees anticipate working for pay during retirement, according to the 2006 Retirement Confidence Survey, issued by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. And many of these people undoubtedly think they will have to work.

How can you avoid becoming a working retiree? For one thing, you can work at being a good investor - and you can make sure your investments are also working hard.

Work to Become a Good Investor

What sort of work does it take to become a good investor? Here are some steps to consider:

- Work to identify your goals. It's important to identify and quantify your goals. For example, if your biggest goal is achieving a comfortable retirement, think about when you want to retire, where you want to live and what sort of lifestyle you desire. Then, try to determine how much this type of retirement will cost. The answers will help you chart your investment course.
- Work to achieve investment discipline. Whenever the market is down, you may be tempted to take "timeouts" from investing. But the best investors are the ones who continually invest, no matter what market conditions look like.
- Work with a professional. By working with a qualified financial professional - someone who knows your situation and has the skills and tools necessary to navigate the investment world - you can create an investment strategy that's right for you.

Keep Your Investments Working Hard

To help attain your financial goals, you need to work at investing - but you also need your investments to work hard, too. That means you may not want to overload your portfolio with fixed-income vehicles, such as Treasury securities and certificates of deposit (CDs), if you are seeking growth. While these investments typically offer stability of principal and regular interest checks, they can be "lazy" in the sense that they may not always keep up with inflation or provide the growth potential you are seeking to achieve your goals.

To get those growth opportunities, include high-quality stocks in your diversified portfolio. Historically, stocks have "outworked" and outperformed all other asset classes - and outpaced inflation. Of course, stock prices will always fluctuate, so there is the potential that you can lose some or all of your money, and, as you've probably heard, past performance does not guarantee future results. But by investing in good companies and holding your stocks for the long term, you may be able to increase your chances for growth. (Keep in mind that the government guarantees payment of principal and interest on Treasury securities, and that CDs carry FDIC insurance. Stocks do not carry either of these benefits.)

Hard Work Can Pay Off

No matter what your plans are for retirement, you can help your cause by working hard at investing - and using investments that work hard for you.

At one time, the House of Wyoming's state legislature had only one Democratic member, Thurman Arnold. He reveled in his singular position and allowed his humor, as Minority Leader, to show when he nominated himself for Speaker of the House. "I have known this fine young man all his life! I would trust him as far as I would trust myself!"

He sat down then sprang to his feet and seconded the nomination. A third time he jumped up - to withdraw his name. "Some misguided enthusiast," he is rumored to have said humbly, "some impulsive admirer of mine, has placed my name before this body!"

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Then 25 year old Carrier designed a machine to blow hot, moist air over artificially cooled pipes to lower the room temperature. The colder the air, the less moisture-humidity it holds. It has been said Willis Carrier did for indoor climate control what Alexander Graham Bell did for communication and Henry Ford did for transportation.

Carrier's invention was used exclusively in manufacturing until 1914 when an individual dwelling received an air-conditioning unit. The Charles Gates mansion in Minneapolis, Minnesota needed lots of room because their "refrigeration plant" was 20'L X 6'W X 7'H! By 1922, movie-goers rushed to Grauman's Metropolitan Theatre in Los Angeles during the summer to find relief from the heat. The first department store to be air-conditioned was Detroit's J. L. Hudson Company in 1924. The U.S. House of Representatives received their cooling unit in 1928, the Senate in 1929 and the White House waited until 1930 for theirs. In 1939, Carrier developed a forced air system that eliminated huge pipes and allowed registers that opened or closed to regulate the temperature in each room. Reasonably sized cooling units were not available until the 1950's and those were too expensive for any but the wealthy.

Before electric fans or air conditioners, our ancestors had several ways to control the discomfort of summer heat.

- Trees were planted in strategic locations in the yard to produce shade from the intense Western or afternoon sun.
- Rooms had higher ceilings to draw heat away from the floors.
- Stairwells were built with a window or skylight that opened to allow rising hot air to exit the building and draw cooler air into the house through shuttered windows on the ground floor.
- Double hung windows were installed to take advantage of the prevailing breezes. Windows opened a little at the top and bottom at the same time. This pulled hot air collected on the ceiling out the upper opening and pulled cooler air through the bottom opening to keep air circulating in the room.
- Portable, manually operated cooling devices were used everywhere - FANS

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Right thought - Wrong Word

A maid asked for an advance on her week's salary explaining, "Our preacher is leaving the church this Sunday and the congregation want to give him a little momentum."

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

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

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

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

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

◆ Sweep up your **yard waste** Compost/recycle when possible. NEVER put grass clippings on the street to drainage ditches.

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

◆ Cover **piles of dirt and mulch** being used in landscaping projects to prevent them blowing or washing off your yard.

◆ **Vegetate lawn bare spots** with grass or landscaping to prevent runoff.

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

◆ Clean **paint brushes** in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and re-use paint thinner when using oil-based paints.

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

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

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

◆ Store **pool and spa chemicals** covered to prevent leaks and spills.

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Sept. 28: **Trinity Foot Care Clinic** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. 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.

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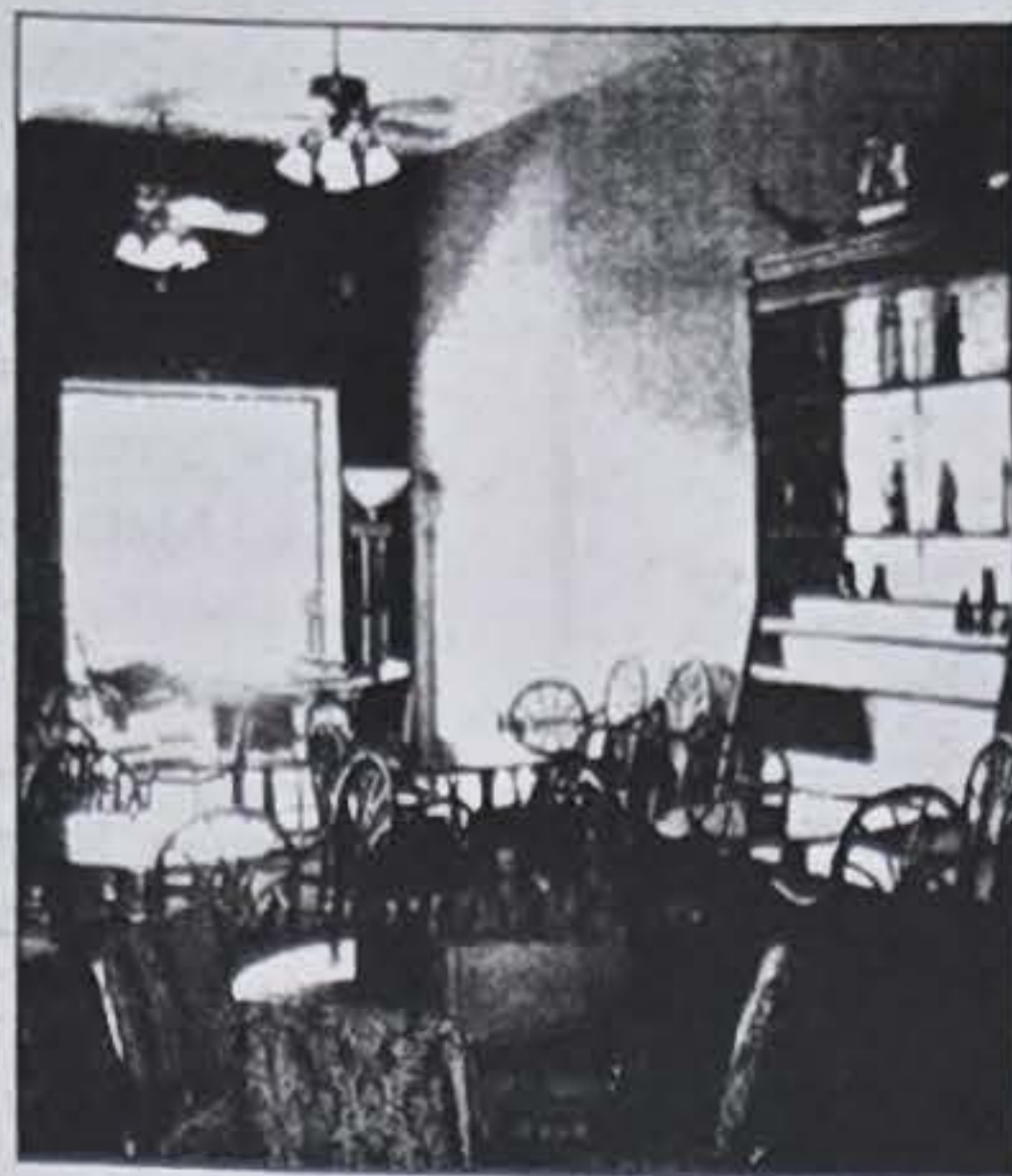
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East Moline Library News

You may 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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Recycling Questions Answered

A recent flyer tucked in the daily paper answered numerous recycling questions about those "in-between items" you just don't know why were not picked up as usual. This should help:

Acceptable Paper Items to Recycle: Remember, more companies require items to be no more than 2 Ft. long to fit inside their equipment.

Newspapers and ad supplements loosely tied with string or stacked in brown paper bags.

Magazines & Phone Books, All books are OK

Cardboard boxes flattened, corrugated cardboard, brown paper sacks, chipboard, cereal and soda cartons should all be flattened and stacked. Tie in small bundles with non-plastic string. If possible, take out large shipping staples and keep bundles small (2'x2') so they are easy to load on trucks.

Mixed Paper: Keep paper dry and clean by putting out early in AM instead of on a rainy night. Computer paper, writing and photocopy paper. Envelopes, light pastel colors, file folders, unwanted residential mail.

Paper-Like Items NOT accepted for recycling:

Any partially paper items with glue or plastic bags attached. Waxed or plastic coated papers like inner packs from cereals or frozen foods. Feed/seed sacks or anything with food scraps is NOT acceptable. Do NOT recycle carbon paper, blueprints, file, photographs, chemically treated papers (fax), tape, glued papers, spiral binders with metal or plastic spines or metal fasteners (small staples OK).

Acceptable Containers to Recycle: All containers should be rinsed, empty and lids removed. Check the bottom of each container for a numbered recycling logo. Numbers 1 through 7 are acceptable.

Mixed plastics: Milk, water and laundry detergent jugs. Beverage containers, butter dishes, yogurt cups, and deli tubs-all without lids.

Metal, Steel, Tin and Aluminum: Cans should be crushed or stacked with smaller cans inside larger ones. Labels may be left on metal cans. Lids may be recycled but fold them into the container to protect against cuts. Rinsed aluminum beverage containers, clean aluminum foil, empty aerosol cans (spray until pressure runs out), clean pie plates.

Glass: Clear, brown or green food and beverage containers only that have been rinsed, lids removed.

Containers NOT Accepted for Recycling:

Plastic bags, laundry baskets, plastic buckets, used oil containers, orange pharmacy bottles, Styrofoam, Chemical, Pesticide or herbicide containers and toys. Do NOT recycle plastic lids of any kind, spray paint cans, containers used for gas, oils or combustible liquids, wire, aluminum siding or gutters. Also unacceptable are windows, mirrors, pottery, ceramic plates or glasses or buckets with dried paint in/on them.

SPECIAL LIQUIDS: In our immediate coverage area, the following locations will take in your used motor oil or anti-freeze for recycling but you will have to pay a dollar or two per gallon for the service. Call the location before you take them recycling as some have specific schedules for drop off.

Mike's Auto Clinic, 660-17th Ave., East Moline 755-0575

AutoZone, 1461-23rd Ave., Moline 764-5500

Peck Brothers Quick Lube, 5451-4th Avenue, Moline 764-7581

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Mass amounts of paper/cardboard? Drop it off at Midland Davis Corporation at 3301-4th Avenue in Moline 764-6723

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Tires: Limit 10 tires per household per year-Call 1-800-917-1969

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Household Hazardous Materials: Poison, acids, chemical cleaners, paints, varnish, epoxies, adhesives, weed killers, old gas grill propane tanks and insecticides. Drop off at the Scott County, IA Land Fill. Call (563) 381-1300 for information and hours prior to making the trip. **Thank you for not putting these liquids down your drains or pour into the storm water systems to pollute the River!**

ELECTRONICS CONTAIN HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: TV, VCR and all computer components are accepted for a fee by the Scott County, Iowa Land Fill. Call (563) 381-1300 for more information.

People

Rebecca Gould to retire from John Deere effective August 31, 2006 after 32 years of service.

Mrs. Gould began her career in 1974 in Financial Services as a clerk typist working in compensation Planning and being appointed to management positions in Stockholder Relations. She is widely recognized for her integrity, interpersonal skills and stock option expertise.

She will celebrate with friends and co-workers at a retirement coffee in the Executive Dining Room on August 14th.

Becky and her husband Tom will continue to reside in Rapids City and spend more time with their two daughters, Amy and Melissa. After a little traveling to visit relatives, Becky will be devoting her extra time to drawing, painting, sculpture and other artistic pursuits as well as assist in the production of the Crier.

Pete and Bonnie Huber of Hampton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. An celebratory open house was held for them on August 5th.

The former Bonnie Rexroth and Mr. Huber married September 15th, 1956 at the home of Mr. Huber's parents. Their children are: Teresa Huber-Burrill and Kenneth Huber both of Hampton and Cindy Huber-Koppen of Lawrence, Kansas. Their grandchildren include Laura and Amanda Burrill and Miranda Huber. Great-grand children are Alexis and Paul Pruden. They are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hampton. **Congratulations!**

Jim and Marcia Lodico of Hampton celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 30th.

The former Marcia Henyan and Mr. Lodico, both of East Moline were married July 30, 1966 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in East Moline.

Their children (and spouses) are Lori (Kevin) Borchert of Wisconsin and Jay (Shelly) Lodico of Port Byron, IL. They have five grandchildren

Mr. Lodico was employed by Deere and Company for 30 years, retiring in 2003. Mrs. Lodico was employed by the Cordova Nuclear Plant for 20 years, retiring in 1999. They are members of St. John's Catholic Church in Rapids City. **Congratulations!**

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."
Robert Frost



The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

.....Winston Churchill

Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

Late summer seems to be the right season for grilling. I never have done much of it. I always think it is easier to cook in the house and leave the flies outside. We do have a large George Forman Grill and it is usually out on the porch or in the garage. You can use it in the house and then you eliminate the flies. However I found this great article in the AARP magazine that states how the author became his neighborhood barbecue king and if you read the article you can become one, too. The name of the article is "Natural Born Griller" written by Steven Slon.

He attended a three-day BBQ University class at the lush and perfectly manicured campus of The Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The teacher was Steven Raichlen, author of 8 books on open-fire cooking. They go from the "Barbeque! Bible" to the most recent "Raichlen on Ribs, Ribs Outrageous Ribs" (Workman Publishing, 2006). To quote the teacher "Open fire cooking is more art than science, every time you make a mistake, what you've actually done is come up with a new recipe. They were taught 10 core principles which can vastly improve your technique. Here they are very abbreviated: 1. Learn the lingo. 2. Plan ahead. 3. Prep your work site. 4. Oil the grate. 5. Get it hot. 6. Don't poke, use tongs or a spatula. 7. Baste safely. If you use the marinade, don't re-use at the end in case it has bacteria. If your sauce contains sugar, apply it near the end because it will burn more easily. 8. Cover up if cooking large cuts of meat. 9. Give it a rest. It lets the juices that cooking has driven to the center of the meat to return to the surface. 10. Never desert your post.

The article also gave a primer for setting up your grill. There are three methods. 1. Direct grilling for thin or tender cuts of meat. 2. Two-zone direct grilling where you spread the coals at different depths to give different varieties of heat. 3. Indirect grilling: This is when you put the hot coals on the sides with a drip pan in the center and use a lid. This is for larger cuts of meat. A brisket would take about 6 hours, a leg of lamb about 2, and a whole chicken about 1 and one half hours.

The recipes in this article are as follows

DRY-RUB BEEF RIBS W/ SMOKY HONEY-MUSTARD

SAUCE Indirect grilling Serves 4 to 6

2 racks of beef ribs (5 to 7 pounds)
3 c wood chips or chunks (preferably apple or hickory) soaked for 1 hour in water to cover, then drain

Smoky Honey-Mustard Barbeque Sauce

1. Generously season beef ribs on both sides with basic barbeque sauce
2. Set up the grill for indirect grilling. If using a gas grill, place all the wood chips in the smoker box or in a smoker pouch. Pre-heat the grill on high until you see smoke, then reduce the heat to medium low. If grilling, then toss 1 and one half cups of the wood chips on the coals.
3. Place the ribs in the center of the hot grate, meat side up, over the drip pan and away from the heat. Cover the grill and cook the ribs until dark brown, very crisp on the outside, and tender enough to pull apart with your fingers, 2 to 2-1/2 hours. If using a charcoal grill, every hour add 12 fresh coals and 3/4 cup wood chips of chunks to each side.
4. Transfer the ribs to a cutting board and cut the rack into individual ribs. Serve with Smoky Honey-Mustard Barbecue Sauce.

SMOKY HONEY-MUSTARD BARBEQUE SAUCE

Yield: 2 cups

1 T salted butter 1 slice bacon, cut into 1/4 inch slivers
1 medium-sized onion, finely chopped
1 to 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and finely chopped (for hotter sauce, leave seeds in) 2/3 c grainy mustard
2/3c honey 1/2 c cider vinegar
1/4 c brewed coffee Coarse salt (kosher or sea)

Freshly ground black pepper

1. Melt the butter in a heavy sauce pan over medium heat. Add the bacon and cook, stirring often, until the fat starts to render, about 3 minutes. Add the onion and jalapeno and cook until the bacon is crisp and the onion is soft and translucent, 3 to 5 minutes.
2. Stir in the mustard, honey, vinegar and coffee. Let the sauce simmer, uncovered, until thick and richly flavored, 6 to 10 minutes. Season the sauce with salt and pepper. Let the sauce cool to room temperature before serving. If not serving immediately, transfer to a clean glass jar. Place a piece of plastic wrap between the jar and lid to keep the lid from corroding. The sauce will keep, refrigerated, for at least a week. Bring to room temperature before using.

This article has two more recipes that sound good. One is Kielbasa Grilled Cabbage, the other is Grilled Corn With Soy Butter and Sesame. If you would like the recipes, checkout the web site, www.aarpmagazine.org or call me 755-0362. Have a great time with your grill. I plan to try mine with the cabbage recipe. Our editor, Jane Cady makes a barbeque sauce with Black's Store Apple Butter made by yours truly. We now have a supply of apple butter and pickles at the store for this season. You will find us open 2 to 5 Saturday and Sunday and of course the Apple Festival on Sept 16.



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Clare - age 6

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken."

Elaine-age 5

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Brad Pitt."

Chris - age 7

BASIC BARBECUE RUB

1/4 c coarse salt (kosher or sea) 1/4 c dark brown sugar, packed
1/2 c paprika 3 T freshly ground black pepper
1 T garlic powder 1/2 to 1 T dried onion flakes
1/2 to 1 t cayenne pepper 1/2 t celery seed

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl and stir or whisk to mix. Transfer to a covered jar and store away from heat and light. The rub will keep for several months.

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