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A YEAR FOR SERIOUS COMMUNITY PLANNING, GOAL SETTING AND PERSONAL DECISION MAKING

"Bell Choir" Communities

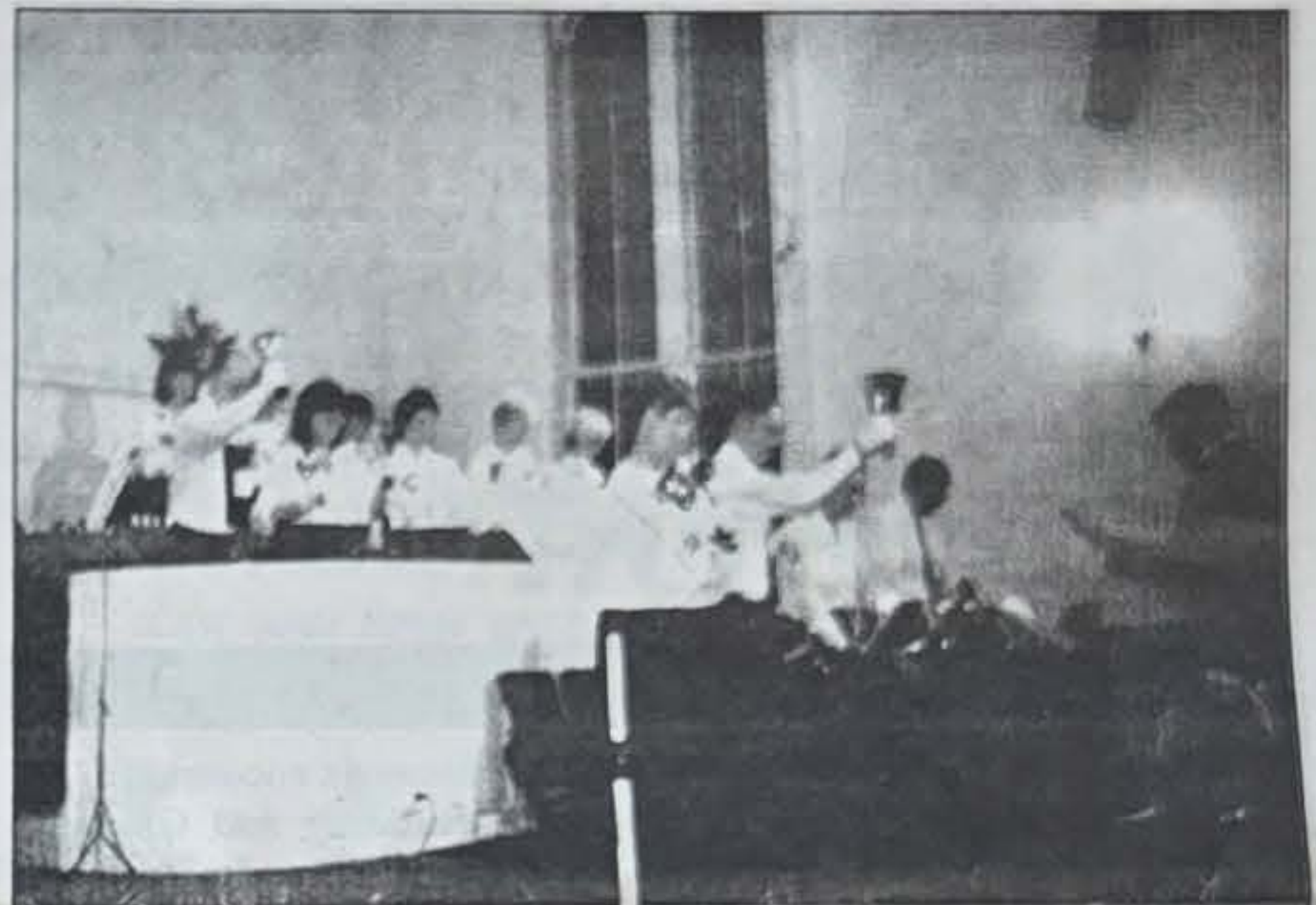
The bell choirs we all see on holiday broadcasts offer an excellent analogy for creating a vibrant community. White-gloved "Ringers" stand behind rows of tables assigned to 2 or more polished brass bells. Each bell is tuned to a single note. The growing popularity of year-round concerts performing all types of music is because anyone can participate without needing complicated equipment or an IQ of 160. Once the choir is in place, the coordinated movement, and sequential ringing of specific bells create a beautiful melody. Choirs are visually stimulating, draw positive attention and provide the audience a moving guessing game to locate which bell ringer will lift their bell next.

The vibrant community we all want calls for a "choir" of willing individuals working to set the melody of life. No one bell ringer, having only two bells, can practice or create the melody alone. The same applies to small town government and neighborhood organizations. A group of cooperating individuals that practice many different duties is required.

Anyone can handle a bell at the beginning. When ringers are new, they are not expected to come with a degree in music. Just as newly elected officials or volunteers, they grow in skills as they participate and are gradually given more and different responsibilities. Sadly, the analogy holds true that when bell choirs have too few participating members, each ringer must handle up to 6 bells. Confusion and missed notes begin to frustrate and "burn out" the ringers until the choir disbands. The bells still need to be polished and rung but they remain silent, waiting for someone to pick them up again.

Small municipalities across the country are in danger of becoming like these silenced bell choirs, nothing but a place to sleep after a day of working miles away. There is no pride in ringing out a community melody. No one is willing to be a ringer when all the time, a larger choir sharing only a few tones of responsibility per ringer would bring back the best of times. We seem to have forgotten the phrase: "If it is to be, it is to be me."

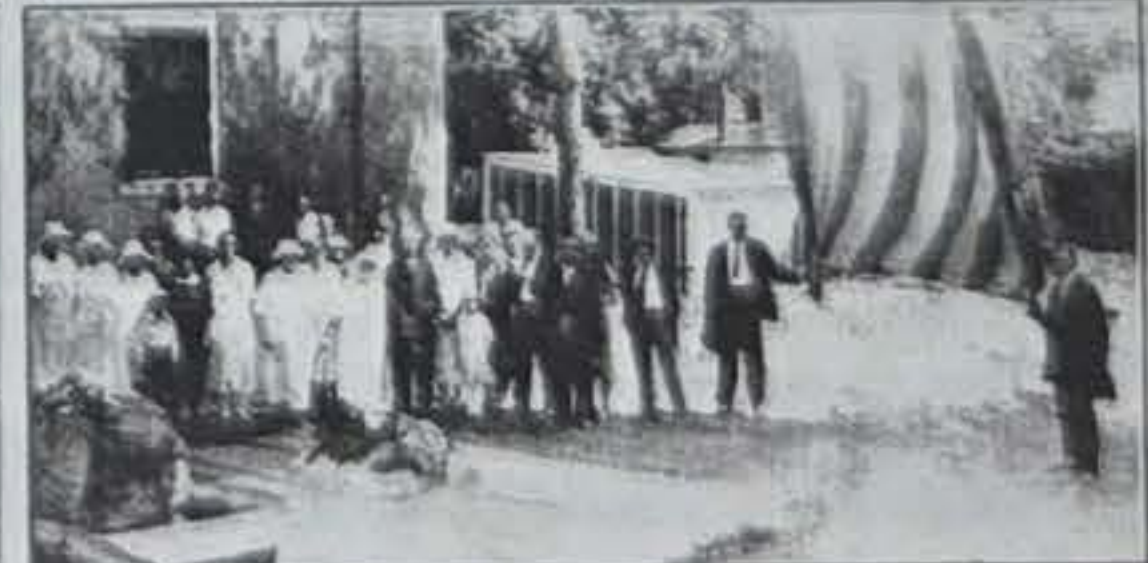
Families complain about the high cost of entertainment, municipal operating expenses and taxes these days. Why have the inexpensive local activities gone the way of the silenced bell choir?



Why do so few ever run for School Board or Village Offices? Why don't organizations schedule service projects and fun events as in the past?

People not even old enough to be grandparents yet reminisce in the grocery store checkout lines about the town picnics, door to door Christmas caroling, slipping May baskets onto the door handle of a neighbor. Can't you remember the pet parades or being in a scout troop leading the way with flags waving at the head of the Fourth of July parade or dressing up in Grandpa's old uniform for a local Memorial Day celebration? Are you waiting for someone else to provide those good-time activities for you?

These sought-after melodies will continue to fade if no one wants to pick up even the tiniest bell and begin ringing it. The good news is, we can still create that melody! Towns like those Norman Rockwell painted for covers on the Saturday Evening Post can exist if we revive them for ourselves and our families. But it will only occur if we *personally* become the bell ringers that make it happen. Everyone has something to offer. Why not talk to your friends and neighbors this week? Volunteer, get involved. Let's bring that community spirit back to our town—we can do it together.



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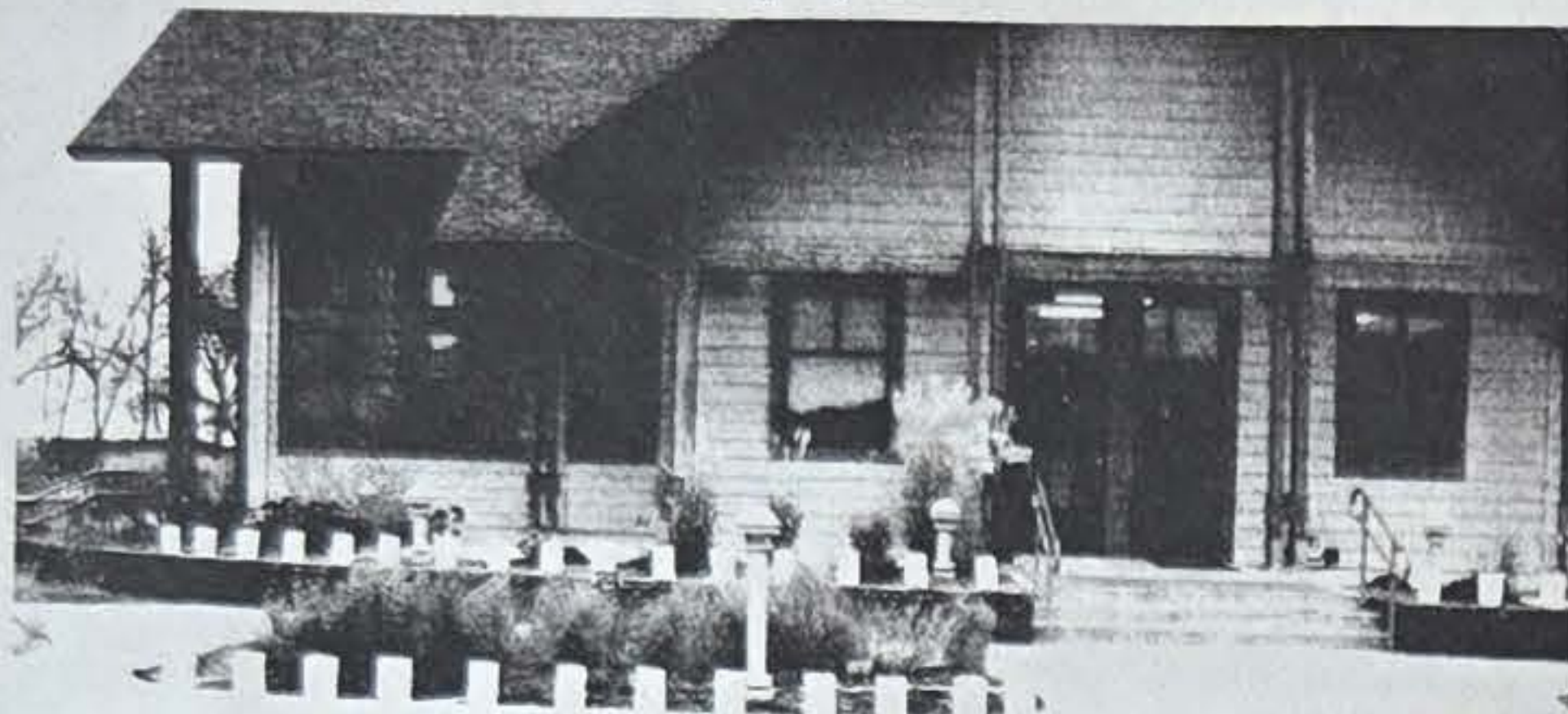
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Parks Committee

Submitted by Barbara Smith

HERITAGE CENTER - An emotional and uplifting luminary ceremony was held at the Center on December 17. Special thanks to all who purchased luminaries, as well as Village President Sean McKay who read the names and Paster Dale McCaulley, Rivers Edge Fellowship, who offered a prayer.



We have no vacancies on the board, but anyone is encouraged to assist on our committees which are Building and Grounds, Displays and Education Programs, Marketing and Fundraising, and Finance and Grants.

Meetings are held at the Heritage Center at 6PM on the second Tuesday of the month.

If you haven't seen our current exhibit provided by the Quad City Arts, it is on display until February 6. It is a paper cutting display especially suitable for the holiday season. You won't be disappointed.

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Deadline for ALL material is the 6th of each month for the Crier to be released by the 15th. Ads must be submitted complete, ready-to-print

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 about 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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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. Hampton municipal-related items included in the Crier as unedited material written by Village Officials who are responsible for the content.

Administration and Code Enforcement Committee

By Trustee Mickey VanDieren

The village board approved three ordinances at the first meeting of the New Year. The first was to permit a room addition to a residence that is located in a commercial zone. There were no objections at the zoning hearing or any objections at the last village meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Downey, 530 State Avenue may now proceed with the room addition.

The next two ordinances raised the water and sewer rates. The bills for water, sewer and garbage will now come monthly and they will be due on the 5th of the following month. The previous minimum provided for 4000 gallons every three months. With monthly billing the minimum provides for 2000 gallons each month, an increase of 2000 gallons in a three-month period. The new minimum is \$35.00 for water, sewer and garbage or just slightly more than \$1.00 per day. The previous minimum for three months was \$58.00. The increase is necessary. The board worked hard to make it as low as possible and still provide for usage to East Moline, repairs, maintenance, and some replacement.

Streets and Alleys Committee

by Kevin Irby

With the new year being upon us the next round of street maintenance projects will begin. The process works by identifying the areas that are in need of repair and/or replacement. This identification process is usually done by anyone who recognizes a problem. A list is created and then turned over to the Village's engineering firm. The streets committee chairperson, the village engineer and the Public Works Director physically look at the areas identified on the list. The areas in need of most repair are earmarked for the project list. The village engineer then compiles an estimated cost list of those project areas. Bids are sent out and received back after usually 2 - 3 weeks. Not always is the lowest bid accepted. If a company that is bidding on the project is the lowest but does not provide other information such as insurance, bonding, etc then they will not be accepted.

If you notice a street in town that you feel is in need of repair please call 755-7165 (Village Hall) during normal business hours to report it. Once a list is compiled the process will start. We would like to have the list complete by the end of March. Once the engineering portion of the process is complete another article will follow identifying which areas will be attended to this year.

Finance and Grants Committee

By Trustee Jane Cady

Finances:

December, 2006 Approved Bill Totals: Paid from General Fund: \$11,691.95. Total of TIF Payment: \$177,567.40. Total paid from Motor Fuel for Street Improvements: \$46,346.81. Heritage Center: \$1,376.15. Total Public Works: \$38,139.43 Grand Total Approved for payment in December: \$275,121.74

\$28,500 will be transferred from the escrow accounts in February for the budgeted purchase of 2 new squad cars. A second payment of \$28,500 for the 2nd car will be made next year.

Grants:

A search is in progress to find grant funding for public works improvements as outlined in November 28th and 30th public meetings.

Police Chief Bob Fuller is applying for a Mobile Data Computer Grant from ILEAS for lap top computers for the squads which will allow them direct access State of Illinois information while in the field. This is a 100% paid Grant.

The Heritage Center is applying for a \$100,000 Scenic By-Way, 80-20% grant (Village of Hampton to complete project(s) then be reimbursed up to 80% of the costs). The grant is to build a covered scenic overlook and eagle observation deck, purchase 2 mobile display cases, finish carvings on the Ginkgo tree, and make educational signs. A contract (\$890) and amendment (+\$985) was approved for Flenker Landscape Architecture to make conceptual, preliminary drawings and preliminary cost estimates for the work. The \$1,875. will be paid only if the grant is won.

A reminder from Representative Mike Boland

Seniors or persons with disabilities must re-apply yearly to continue receiving benefits from Illinois Cares RX (formerly Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance and SeniorCare) or to receive funds from the Circuit Breaker Grant program or discounts on license plate fees.

To obtain forms, you may call toll-free, 1-800-624-2459 or 1-800-544-5304 (TTY) or via computer visit www.cbrx.il.gov or come to Mike Boland's Office at 4416 River Drive in Moline. Call his staff at 309-736-3360 to check form's availability. They are always happy to assist you in filling out the required forms or answer your questions.



Let Your Area Officials Know What YOU Want!



Elected officials at this time of year turn their attention to short and long term development as well as budgets. Here's your chance to let them know what you would like to happen in your town in the future. On a separate piece of paper, make a list – in order of importance to you – of what you and your family would like to see happen in your town within 3 years, within 5 years and within 10 years.

Please be realistic and positive:

- What can be accomplished without doubling your taxes?
- Is there enough space for what you'd like to see done?
- Would your suggested project benefit a majority of residents in your town?

You do not have to sign your name, just the name of your town. You may drop your lists off at Quinn Hardware or Blimpie in Hampton, Mail them to the Crier at P. O. Box 224, Hampton, IL 61256 or e-mail your suggestions to: jkdowntowncrier@mchsi.com. The Crier serves many communities and townships but we will make sure the appropriate officials see your suggestions.

Village of Hampton Elections

This coming spring, three seats on the Village of Hampton Board will be open. The terms of Trustees Kevin Irby, Mickey VanDieren and Janet Norin will end. If you wish to run to fill a vacancy, you may pick up election applications at Village Hall on 1st Avenue at 5th Street between 8:00AM and 5:00PM Monday through Friday. The first filing date is January 29th. Elections are in April but in order to be on the ballot, formal documents must be filed.

As with school board elections, a conflict of interest form must be made out at the Rock Island County offices and a receipt supplied with your formal application.

Election Note: Every municipal and school board is in need of people to run for elected offices. With funding tight, property taxes increasing and growing populations to serve with aging facilities, local residents are complaining but doing nothing. To keep our area vibrant, let's break the cycle of voter apathy this year. Please attend board meetings to learn about these critical situations and participate in decision making. Voters, do you know if your school and town are fiscally responsible? What are the short and long term plans of the boards? Don't leave your family's quality of life to a handful of people. Come, participate, speak up!

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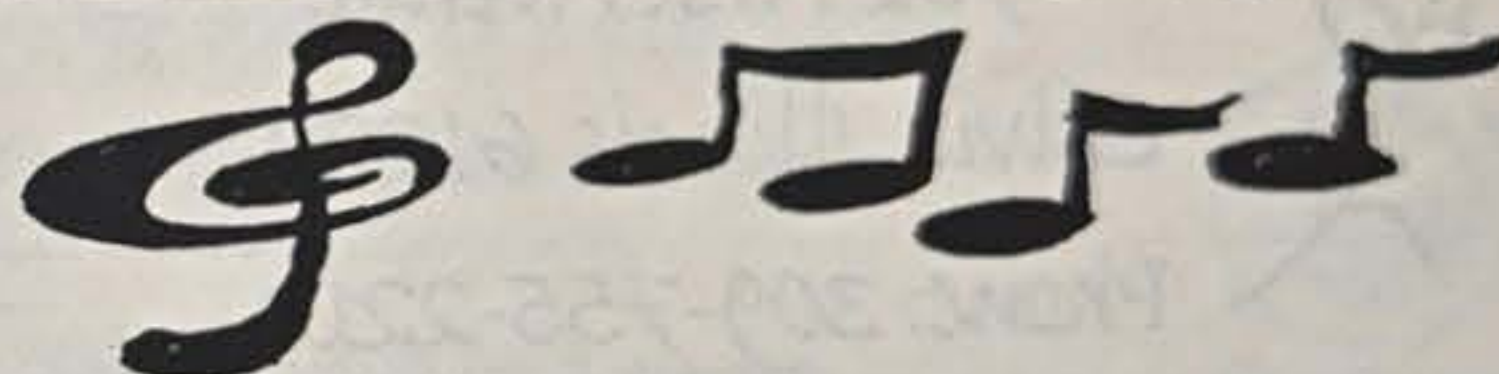
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Big Band Jazz Festival

Tuesday, February 13th, Manny Lopez will perform with the bands from Moline Schools. The Festival will be held at the Moline High School, 3600 Avenue of the Cities in Moline. Tickets for this spectacular evening of entertainment are \$5.00. Call the High School at 309-757-3545 for details.

Hampton School – PTA Carnival

Mark your calendars now to attend the annual PTA Carnival at Hampton School from 4-7 p.m. on **February 24th**. Raffles, games and food make this one of the most popular events of the year!

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Get Well Wishes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Jack Coder** who is slated for knee surgery in early January.

\$5 DARE

By Mary Lou Schaechter

On his way home after a night with his friends, he stopped to eat. It was a "greasy spoon" type restaurant on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Someone dared my uncle to wade into the river and said he would give him \$5 if he did. Without hesitation he walked into the water, though it was a cold winter night.

The customers were laughing as they ate. Then the door flew open and two deputies with guns drawn entered the restaurant. My uncle was pulled to one side for questioning.

A burglar had broken into the office of a cement plant. To escape arrest the criminal had jumped into the river and swam away. With his wet clothing my uncle was a suspect.

With the assistance of restaurant customers, he convinced the deputies that he was innocent. Throughout his life he was often in the wrong place at the wrong time. He was well-liked and always solved problems.



Home for the night and put your keys away? Don't!

A car alarm represents a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Start keeping your car keys next to your bed on the night stand when you go to bed at night. If you think someone is trying to get into your house, or if you hear a noise outside your house, just press the panic alarm on your car key chain. Test it! It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key chain fob. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. Try yours to make sure it works before you rely on it. Just know that you must press the alarm button again to turn it off.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

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January-February, 2007

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Jan. 25: **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.
Heartland Health Care Testing 9:30-11:30AM Blood pressure taken and cholesterol testing

Jan 29 & Feb. 19: 1:00-3:00 p.m. **Rules of the Road**

Jan. 31 & Feb. 28: **Snacks and Cards** 11:30 a.m. Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

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

Feb. 14: **500 Tournament** 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00

All are welcome at the South Moline Township Senior Center. You do not need to live in Moline, East Moline or Silvis. Residents of all the local communities are welcome. Please visit the easy-to-find building and check out the facilities. We welcome the opportunity to become your meeting place to share good times!

EVERY WEDNESDAY: **T.O.P.S. Club** IL#450 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Weigh-in starts at 9:00 a.m., meeting follows

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Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

Happy New Year one and all! We made it through Christmas. Everybody was home but not at the same time. We had company for a week. Now I have a bad cold, which I hate. Feeling bum is not the way I want to feel. I am writing this and Rock is going to type it. He doesn't feel much better than me. I have been saving recipes so here goes some of them.

Today I tried this recipe that was in a Holiday card from the Harlequin Diamond Club. I baked it for my hair dresser, Marsha Coakley. I always bake her something because I like to try new things.

Cranberry Walnut Bread

2 c All Purpose Flour	¾ c white sugar
¾ tsp salt	1 ½ tsp baking powder
½ tsp baking soda	1 ½ chopped cranberries*
1 c chopped walnuts	1 egg
2 T vegetable oil	¾ c orange juice

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9 x 5 loaf pan
2. Combine the flour, sugar, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Add the cranberries* (I used raisins) and walnuts. Stir to coat with powder. Mix together the egg, oil, and orange juice. Pour the egg mixture into the flour mixture, and stir until blended. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

3. Bake for 50 minutes in the preheated oven
This would be a nice bread for Valentine's 'Day. It is a nice substitute for candy

Another recipe found on a bag of flour. I think it would be great for Valentines breakfast.

PB and J Muffins

Preparation time 13 minutes; cooking time 20 minutes.

2 c All Purpose Flour	1 1/3 tsp salt
1 T baking powder	1 cup milk
2 large eggs	2/3 c sugar
1 cup creamy peanut butter	1/3 cup vegetable oil
½ cup jam of your choice	Topping ¼ cup sugar

Heat oven to 375° Spray muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray. Add milk, eggs, sugar, peanut butter. Combine ingredients on low speed until just moistened. Do not over beat. Fill prepared muffin cups evenly with half the batter. Place two level teaspoon jam or preserves in the center of each muffin. Evenly divide remaining batter between muffin cups. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake from 18 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven, cool in pan 5 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

Another short little recipe that also uses peanut butter. This is also a low-fat treat.

Chocolate Peanut Butter Balls

Get your chocolate fix with this luscious low fat treat. Easy to make and ready to enjoy in just minutes.

25 chocolate wafer cookies, freshly crushed
1 cup + 2 tablespoons confectioners sugar
1/3 cup honey
¼ cup + 2 tablespoons smooth peanut butter

In a large bowl, mix the cookie crumbs and 1 cup of the confectioners sugar

In a medium bowl, whisk together the honey and peanut butter until well combined. Add to the cookie crumb mixture and stir well {the mixture may be crumbly at this point}

With your hands, shape the mixture into 1 inch balls (the mixture should hold together as you shape it.

Set the balls aside at room temperature until ready to serve, or store them in an airtight container at room temperature for 2 or 3 days. Just before serving, roll the balls in the remaining 2 tablespoons of confectioners sugar. Makes 36

Per ball: 56 Cal, 2 g fat, 0 mg chol, 36 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

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Long, Long Ago

By Roxanne Nino

How would you like to go on an adventure and explore rocks and life long ago? Well, I, Roxanne Nino went to a place called the Lucille Sampson Historian Jamboree. In there I went to a place where we studied amazing rocks and life long ago. While I was there we were going to find out how the Quad City area looked 400,000,000 million years ago. Instead of your house, there was seas and Woolly Mammoths and Sloths. It was all muddy with leaves and trees everywhere. That's how it looked 400,000,000 years ago.

Now do you want to know how it looked 100,000,000 years ago? Well there were dinosaurs everywhere and swampy lakes T-rexes and other dinosaurs were everywhere too. Weird creatures were there that we don't see today. Wouldn't be scary to live there? The person who was teaching us was Mrs. Wolf. She told us this. It was Thursday the 16th of November. Now, doesn't that make you think of right now, and the past?

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Little Davie watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face.

"Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked.

"To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue.

"What's the matter?" asked Little Davie. "Giving up?"

What's a Few Nails?

By Franciska Rasmussen

Movie magazines were something I did not know much about as a young girl. When I was given a big stack by a neighbor lady it was a delight. One of my friends told me her sister had movie star pictures all over her bedroom. I considered this but knew it would never work at our house.

At one time my folks raised chickens and so an old chicken house became my play house. It was a perfect place to hang all those wonderful pictures, only I didn't know how to do it as it was before the days of scotch tape?

We had a very large barn which my Dad use as a storage place for the overflow of his Hardware store. There were lots and lots of kegs of nails and so I just busted the top of one and began to hang my pictures. Mother told Dad what I was doing and he said what's a few nails, let her play. What they did not know was that I used 4 nails for each picture and I used many, many nails hanging the movie stars. It was better than wall paper.

As in all things my day of reckoning came. Dad came to get a special keg of roofing nails, the only keg of them among all the kegs in the barn. He found only 1/2 a keg of those nails and wanted to know where the rest had gone. Mother said "oh, it's only a few nails—(she really did play nice), just look in the chicken coop." He did and I got my backside warmed but good.



Around Town News Briefs

Health Seminar in Hampton

Thursday, January 18, 2007. At 6PM at the Hampton Health and Wellness Center. 510 State (Rte. 84) Take control of your own health future. Dr. Jenny Sechler D.C., A.P.N. will be holding a seminar; "Embrace the Absolute Journey." You'll learn about the process of stimulating and balancing the sources of energetic good health for everyone in your family.

Celebrate Valentines Day with a special Dinner

February 10, 2007. Come to the Church of the Cross, 22621 - Route 2 & 92 in Port Byron, IL for a special Dinner. "God's Gift Is Love Dinner" will be served from 5-7:00 p.m. Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be welcomed. Donations will be accepted at the door.

The menu will be lasagna, salad, Texas Toast, relish tray, desert and beverage. For directions, details, to make reservations, call Judy Bell, 309-496-2113, Diana O'Hara, 523-2265, or Marilyn Nightingale, 792-0346.

Augustana Kaleidoscope Art Classes

Sue Egger, former Hampton Elementary School Art Teacher will be holding classes on campus. For additional information and to register for classes, call Augustana's Kaleidoscope program at 309-794-7231.

Jan. 20 & 27, 9:30-11:00 am: 2 sessions for 9-12 year olds to make and African animal skin water bowl

Feb. 3, 1-2:30 pm: Session for 9-12 year olds making Valentine's Day items.

March 24 & 31, call for times: 2 Sessions for 12 years old up and adults painting on silk and making items from the silk.

Former students and friends may now find Sue's work at the Bucktown Building 2nd floor studio at 2E Second Avenue in Davenport by the Major Art & Hobby Center and at the bead shop in Geneseo.

School Board Elections

This coming spring, 4 seats on the School Board will be open. If you wish to run to fill a vacancy, you may pick up election applications at the school office between 8AM and 4PM Monday through Friday. **The first filing date is January 29th at the school.**

A conflict of interest form must be made out at the Rock Island County offices and a receipt supplied with your formal application to run in the spring, 2007 elections. If you have questions about the election process, call Lee at the school 755-0693.

East Moline Library News

Computer Classes

Fridays at 9:30 AM, come to the Library for computer classes!

Jan. 19th: Microsoft Word & the Creation of Documents

Jan. 26th: Digital Photography, The Web & You

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Feb. 9th: Computer Basics

Feb. 16th: Microsoft Publisher

Feb. 23rd: Can You Google Your Way to an Answer?

Call for details and to reserve your space.

Discussion Groups

The **Mystery Discussion Group** will be meeting on February 7th at 6:30 p.m.. If you are a mystery lover, come join in! The group will be discussing veteran British writer, P. C. Doherty. Go to the website for a list of his pseudonyms and series characters.

<http://empl.lib.il.us/mystery.ntml>

The **Romance Discussion Group** will meet February 13th at 12:30 p.m. to discuss romance books. Come to discover new authors and make new friends that enjoy reading novels like your favorites.

Family Movie Night shows movies inside during the winter months at 7:00 p.m. on the Second Saturday of the month. February 10th is the next movie night. Call the library closer to the date to find out which movie will be shown.

Campbell's Label Donations

Lori Howard is the Campbell Coordinator and she tells us that Campbell has a new way of cutting and collecting labels. The details are not available at press time so please just bring in the entire label from Campbell products. Lori will have a new list of eligible items soon. Thank you for your support!

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Submitted by Michael J. Ellis
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spread from coast to coast, as the children pursue careers and the parents perhaps decide to retire to a different climate.

If you do not have family in town, may we suggest that pre-planning your own funeral arrangements in advance is a sensible idea? It is a gift you can give to your far-away loved ones, and to yourself; the peace of mind of knowing that your final wishes are recorded and will be carried out to the letter.

When a family must make funeral arrangements for a loved one in their time of grief, those decisions become so much more difficult. When you add the necessity of doing all this amid the commotion of long-distance travel or telephone calls, it is a terrible burden - and one that you can easily help your family to avoid.

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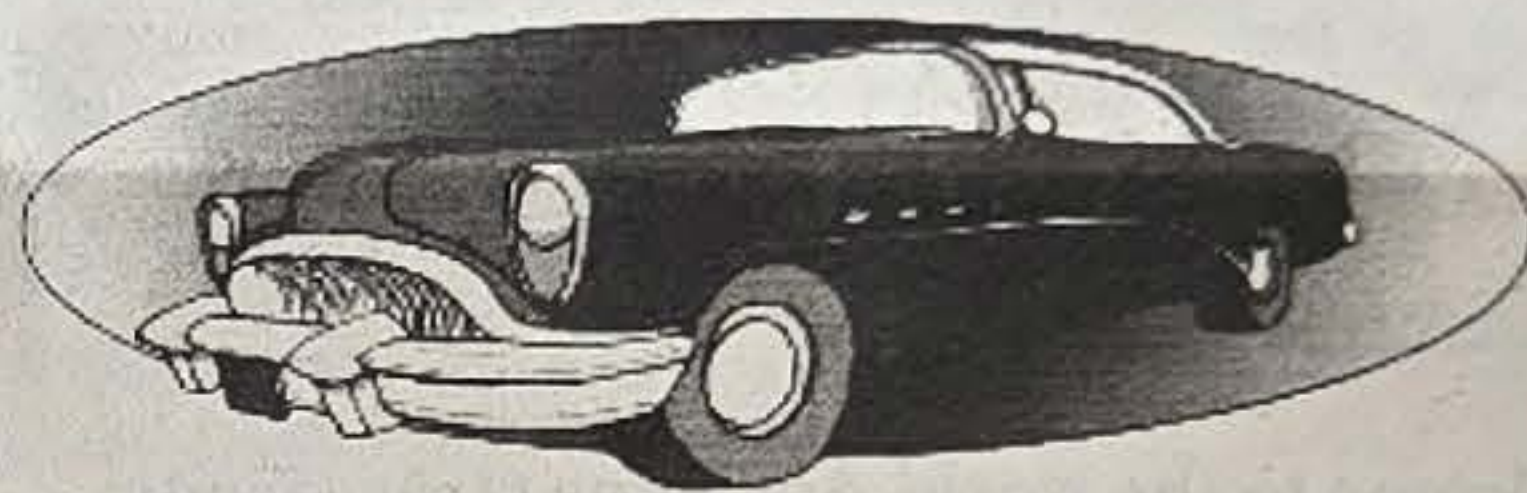
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Happy Anniversary to **Tom and Sandy Frazier** of Hampton as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

January 7th, family and friends met at the Rapids City Civic Center and an open house was held to observe their special date.

Sandra L. Murphy, then of East Moline married Thomas Frazier of Hampton on January 11th, 1957 at the United Methodist Church in Hampton.

For the past 37 years, the last 26 in Hampton, the couple has owned and operated Tom's Small Engine shop just off Route 84.

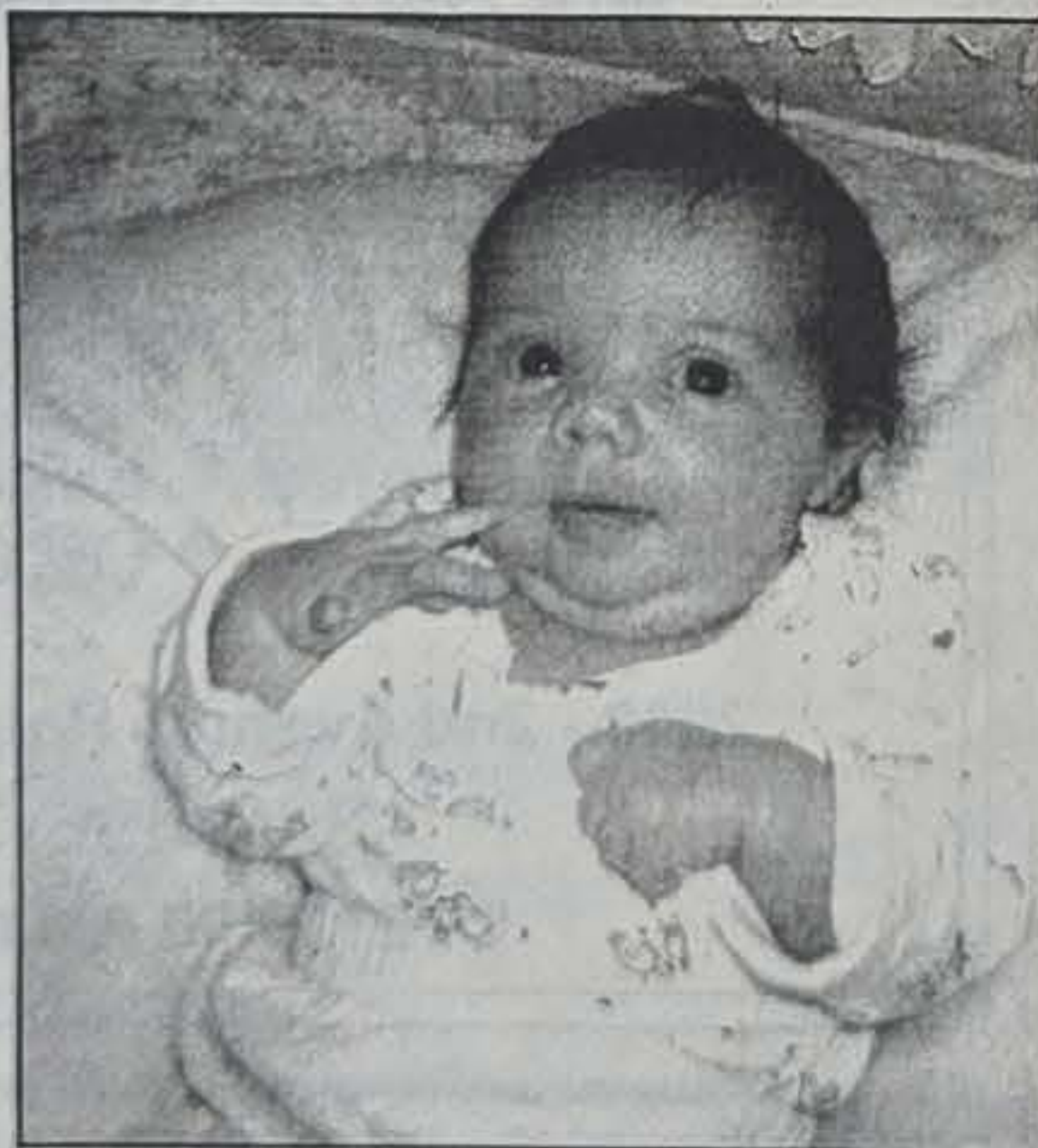
Their children and spouses are Tom and Kim Frazier, Debbie and Kelly Kerschier, Penny and Jeff Crowe and Sherry and Brad Richards. They are also the proud grandparents of 10 and will soon be great grandparents. Congratulations!

Happy Anniversary to **Randy and Georgia Baldrige** of Hampton as they celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on January 22. Family will hold the fort while the couple escape to warmer climes to mark the occasion plus celebrate Randy's birthday. Their fellow Crier volunteers wish them the very best! Congratulations!

Welcome to the world Adrienne Grace Cady.

December 7th, just before 2:30 pm, Ms. Cady weighing in at just under 7 pounds, delighted her parents with her arrival. Parents, Bryan and Angela Cady of Overland Park, Kansas as well as her grandparent Jeff and Donna Cady of Spring Branch, Texas and grandmother Dale Cady of Overland Park, Ks. welcome her as does her great aunt Jane of Hampton.

Ms. Cady has already begun showing her social skills with gurgles, smiles and waving.



Coppens-Densberger Wedding

Dana Coppens and **Thomas Densberger**, both of Moline were married June 17th at an outside ceremony at the Heritage Center in Hampton followed by a reception at the Figge Art Museum, Davenport.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Marlene Coppens of Hampton. The groom is the son of Rita Densberger and the late Frank Densberger of Peoria.

Dana, a graduate of St. Ambrose University with a bachelor of fine arts and a bachelor of education in art is the assistant registrar at the Figge Art Museum.

Tom, also a graduate of St. Ambrose University with a bachelor in business administration is the safety director at Midwest Underground. The honeymoon destination was Riveria Maya. Our best wishes to the happy couple!

Cary-McKay Engagement Announced



The Christmas holidays saw the engagement announcement of **Christine Cary** of Davenport and **Scott McKay** of Hampton, IL.

Cary is the daughter of Richard Black (deceased) and Juanita (Charles) Schwartz. Scott is the son of Sam and Janice McKay of Hampton.

Scott is well known in Hampton in his position as Superintendent of Public Works for the Village. The couple plan to marry on June 23rd in the Hampton Heritage Center.

Congratulations and best wishes to this popular couple!

Prosser-Guthrie Engagement Announced

Angela Nicole Prosser and **James Connell Guthrie**, both of Madison, Wisconsin have announced their engagement and plans to marry Saturday, March 31 at the High Point Church in Madison.

Angela is the daughter of Vickie and Jeffrey Burgess of Hampton and George and Dawn Prosser, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. James is the son of Charles and Debra Guthrie of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Angela graduated from Moline High School and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She is employed at Epic Systems Corporation. James graduated from Waukesha South High School and the University of Wisconsin at Platteville. He is employed at Madison Property Management.

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January 19-21: QC Boat, RV, Fishing and Vacation Show at the River Center. Watch the daily papers for details.

Any time: Watch the Eagles! By press time, the formal Eagle Days and beginning bird counts will be past. That doesn't mean you cannot grab the camera and binoculars and enjoy the outdoors while observing the wildlife! Remember your eagle etiquette: keep your distance.

Feel Good! Grab a friend, check the blood donation schedule in this issue and go give a pint of blood. If a drive is not scheduled in your town, why not organize one? Just get moving. You might save someone's life – What's better than that!

Celebrate "Fat Tuesday" and support the Red Cross!

February 20 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Grille in Davenport, come to the Rajun Cajun Fest! Bring some friends and enjoy the finest Cajun creations north of New Orleans. More than 11 local chefs will prepare dishes with spice and compete for the coveted "People's Choice Award." Sample crawfish, bread pudding, Cajun spiced meats and more!

Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Last year, more than 500 people attended this fun event which raises more than \$8,000 for Red Cross services. (Tickets for this event would make a perfect Valentine's day gift-order early!) Call Jamie at 309-743-2166 to order.

Get your FREE Credit Report

NOW is the time to start organizing material for your income tax filing. While you're at it, did you know that you are entitled to a FREE Credit report every year? You are entitled to contact the credit reporting agencies and get a free personal credit report.

Give yourself the opportunity to correct anything wrong on your reports because it effects all your personal financial dealings. The main reporting agencies are Equifax, Experian and TransUnion and you are entitled to a free report from each of them yearly. If you are planning a large purchase "on time" or using a loan, spread out your requests through the year and request one of your free credit report a little while before going out for a loan so you'll be seeing what the loan officers are seeing.

There are lots of fake websites on the Internet that look genuine but are just trying to get your social security number and steal your identity so be safe and CALL in your request to: 877-322-8228. This is a toll-free number.

FREE, 12 Week Heart Smart Program

The Rock Island County Health Department invites women to learn how physical activity and healthy eating as a regular part of your life protects your heart. The goal of the program is cardiovascular health, weight control and defining the other benefits to your lifestyle.

The new program starts Thursday, **January 18, 2007** at the Rock Island County Health Department located at 2112-25th Avenue in Rock Island. Meetings will be held every **Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m. for 12 weeks**. (Each session is about an hour).

There is no fee so, bring a friend. To register or if you have questions, please call 309-793-1955 Ext. 303.

Whopper Swappers

Hi Maud and Ruby,

I have read your tales of tree creatures and found them a bit hard to believe. I showed them to my friends here in the neighborhood and they were incredulous as well, but one of them suggested I get in touch with the librarian and see if there was evidence to support the belief there might be Quadhamps or some such creature hereabouts. It seems there were once such creatures here in North Hampshire. Early records indicate the East Coast once had many creatures knowd as tree trolls, birch bunnies, willow weasels, and oak ogres. It is also evident that they were once quite plentiful. The Indians protected them. As time passed the Indians were driven from the East Coast and that left the little critters to the tender mercies of our colonial forefathers.

The trouble began about the time of the witch trials. New England witches were hanged as a rule but accused animal accomplices were burned at the stake. Many black cats, dogs, and frogs went up in smoke. Tree trolls and oak ogres were implicated in devil worship and some were captured and burned along with household pets. Someone got the idea of eating one of the partially charred corpses and found them quite tasty. That's all it took. Soon everyone was trapping them for food. Birch bunnies on buns, willow weasels and gravy, potatoes and tree trolls, and ogres with onions were popular dishes for a short time.

Like many critters those eastern "quadhamps" were soon wiped out with over hunting. The more western varieties survived because the settlers in Illinois and points west had bigger game to hunt. There is a lot more meat on a deer, buffalo, or a rabbit than there is on a tree troll. Once you skin them and take out the bones there ain't hardly nothing' left!! You have to have several dozen to make even a modest snack.

The wastefulness of our ancestors eradicated the whole species of small benign tree critters. All too late we learned of their usefulness and importance to the balance of nature. North Hampshire is now over 95% forested. Vermint and Mane are about the same. Illinois is less than 10% forested and Iowa, Kansas, and New Braska are even less forested. Their little critters are keeping things under control. The Northwestern states are very densely covered with trees because the mountain men/trappers hunted the poor little devils to extinction for their pelts. Willow weasel coats and fur collars were once the fashion rage. Unfortunately it took hundreds of pelts to make a full length fur coat. Soon they were all gone and the trees took over. Just look for yourself and thank your local fish and game enforcement officers for the protection they give to the quadhamps. Without their vigilance you would have no fields to plant your corn. Without corn all your pigs would starve and East Moline would have to find something else to do with that pork factory.

Your Yankee Cousin Mike

- » Every time you sneeze some of your brain cells die.
- » When you blush, the lining of your stomach also turns red.
- » When hippos are upset, their sweat turns red.
- » The lion that roars in the MGM logo is named Volney.
- » Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

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\$139,900—Hampton MLS#4073744

(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.

\$92,900—Moline MLS#4079258

3 BR, 1-1/2 BA, 1 1/2 story bungalow home. Features include: aluminum siding, a 28x12 family/dining 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.

\$84,900—Bartow MLS#4079374

3 BR, 1 BA maintenance free ranch. Features include: wood burning FP in living RM and bay window. Newer roof, furnace, A/C, front door and slider to 12x20 deck. Dishwasher, refrigerator, water softener and W/D stay. Garage is 24x26 w/12x24 carport.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

January Birthdays

13 Anita Gillespie
17 Denise Braddy
Abby Arp
18 Benjamin Gillespie
Kristy Baker
19 Earl Bull
James Keener
20 Nathan Ross
Donna Cady
21 Sarah M. Becker
22 Randy Baldrige?
25 Jack Coder
27 Amanda Kruse
29 Douglas Becker
30 Gretchen Bull
31 Jeanne Rentz Jahn

19 Johnny Gillespie
22 Bill Bridges
27 Jacob Carroll
28 Kay Elsey
Mary Richardson

March Birthdays

2 Julia Severtsgaard
3 Sophie Diaz
10 Alicia Diaz
12 Mary Johnston
13 Franciska Rasmussen
14 Shirley Bideaux
Pearl Marvin Johnston
Mickey Q. VanDieren

Anniversaries**January Anniversaries:**

22 Randy & Georgia
Baldrige-HAPPY 30th!
24 Ralph & Diana Cox

February Anniversaries:

1 Carl & Sandy Clark
3 Richard & Shirley
Bideaux
5 Bob & Nancy Gardner
14 Bryan & Angela Cady
Theresa & Don
Isenberger
21 Kathryn & Glenn
Meeker

February Birthdays:

6 Sandy Carmack
10 Roger Greene
11 James Braddy
Amy Henrichs
12 Ann Eliza Haertjens
Happy 97th!
Jim Oltman
13 Bill Weiss
14 Bette Eggerichs
15 Larry Eiman
17 Grady Cornelius
Betty Knapp
18 Robert Cox

River Valley District Library News

Pajama Storytime Fall Schedule

Each child that attends receives a free book! Parents, bring the kids and some of their friends at 6:30 PM for stories on the following evenings: **Friday 1/26/07**

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 for more info. This is a structured class with kits, so you must sign up to participate.

Stampin' Up Demonstration and Information Program will be held on **January 20th** at 10:00am. Bring card or scrapbooking supplies to learn with. 10% Off any order placed.

Bioidentical Hormone Therapy Presentation Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Jim Perry, District Drug representative will be at the library to explain how Bioidentical Hormone Therapy can help you. A \$50 gift card will be given away.

Homebound Program

Can't make it to the library, have the library come to you. Homebound Program is a resource delivery service that River Valley Library offers to its patrons who are unable to leave their homes. If you don't have a library card, we will be happy to bring the information to you. To sign up for one, Just Ask! Call 309-523-3440 to schedule delivery to your home.

Book Club

Our book discussion group meet every 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.. The group chooses one book to discuss each month, previous. The group always welcome anyone who loves to read! For more information call Denise Garlough at 309-523-3730

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Blood is the Heart of the Matter

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

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Blood Drive Schedule

2/1/07 - Cordova Exalon Employee Drive
2/1/07 - East Moline City Employee Drive in Engineering & Maintenance Facility Break room
2/3/07 - Cordova Community Drive at 1st. Baptist Church, 602 3rd Avenue 7:30-10:30AM
2/19/07 - Port Byron Community Drive-Call the Library for times.

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.

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Old Car Guys Predict Future

By Rocky Nelson

In 2006, our daughter, Martha, the third of the four kids, got married. She is a teacher in Brooklyn, New York, where she met her husband, David Aaron. They were married in the Hampton Village Hall on April 18th. (I've said that this little town gets its claws in you and you always come back!) David's parents and sister came from Toronto for the event. I didn't know it at the time but the Aarons have a strong interest in antique autos.

The Aaron family flew from Toronto to O'Hare Field in Chicago where they were very interested in the display of World War II "Wildcat" fighter like the one piloted by war hero Lt. Commander Edward "Butch" O'Hare for whom the airport is named. The Aarons then boarded a plane taking them to the "tiny city" of Moline. At the Quad City Airport, they were surprised and delighted at the sight of a Velie Aircraft, automobile, a fire cart and carriage. To quote Joan Aaron: "We had never heard of Moline until our education was challenged by our daughter-in-law's parents' fifth generation history of this lovely hamlet perched on the silent banks of the Mississippi River."

All of this inspired Mrs. Aaron, a writer for a newsletter for antique car buffs, to do some intensive research into the Velie Company and Quad City auto manufacturing in general. Most of us know that Velie was John Deere's grandson.

In 1908, the first year of manufacturing, one thousand Velie autos were sold. A Velie finished 17th in the 1911 Indianapolis 500. Thirty five hundred Velies were built every year until 1920 when 9,000 cars were built. Then W. L. Velie died of a heart attack at age 62 and his son died four months later - also of a heart attack. (Rumors persisted that bad hearts were not the cause of the deaths.) The company disbanded in 1928. The Velies had built buggies, wagons, trucks, hearses, airplanes and cars. Today, just 217 known Velies exist with 185 owners, representing 53 different models.

Following the demise of the two older Velies and their original company, another W. L. Velie took over who believed in the future of aviation. He teamed with Central Aircraft Corporation of Davenport to produce the Velie Mono Coupe, a top-rated plane. Plans had been drawn up for a four-passenger plane when the third W. L. Velie died, and the aircraft company died with him. The abandoned Velie family mansion on the 7th Street hill reopened in 1941 as The Plantation, a gourmet restaurant.

You've heard of the Velie but, did you know there was also a Deere automobile? John Deere's other son, Charles, teamed up with an employee, W. E. Clark, to form The Deere-Clark Company. The "Deere" auto was a five-passenger touring car with a top speed of 25 MPH that sold for \$2,000. It hit the street in 1906. In 1907, a water-cooled model was marketed with the slogan "designed to satisfy". But, soon the project struck some snags. A strike hurt production and funding from Deere and Co. failed because of Charles Deere's illness. The company was sued for \$75,000 by a Vermont company for failure to deliver promised autos and Deere-Clark went bankrupt.

In all, there were 20 auto makers in the Quad Cities, but very few remain today. Even the meticulous Joan Aaron couldn't locate any.

You're probably wondering how all this relates to David and Martha's wedding. Here's your answer: After the wedding, when we were all outside the village hall talking and snapping pictures, David's mother, Joan, was surprised and delighted to see Hampton's own Sam McKay drive up in his restored 1948 Jeep - so much so that she wrote an article about the event in her newsletter. Mrs. Aaron described the jeep as "A rarely seen vehicle. It was a perfect symbol confirming our son and daughter-in-law's future."



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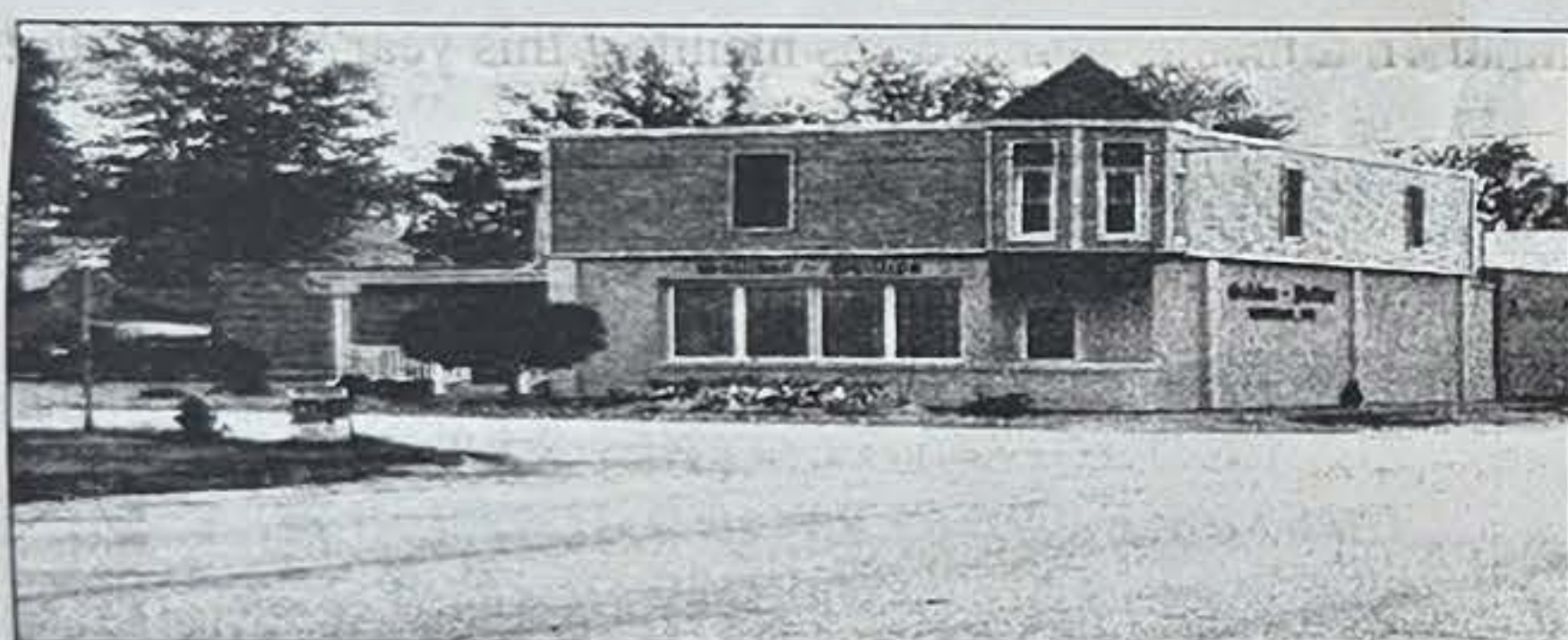
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Hampton Historical Society News

Submitted by HHS President Bill Beals

Two Board meetings are scheduled for January. These meetings will be at the Hampton Village Hall (upper level). All board members and officers to attend. Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages & snacks (potluck). Other members & prospective members are invited to attend if they have ideas or comments that they wish to express to the Society's Board of Directors.

January 17, 7PM Agenda: Review of last year's activities, Treasurer's report, Membership report, discussion of new ideas for 2007 & beyond, building report, Heritage league display at the Putnam museum. Spring membership meeting,

January 31, 7PM Agenda: budget preparation, calendar of events for 2007, miscellaneous items.

For membership information or questions, please contact Bill Beals at 309-755-8370.

When Investing, Look Past "Outlook" for 2007

Submitted by Mark Judy,

Edward Jones, East Moline

It's time for all the financial experts to make their predictions for 2007. Some will say the stock market will keep rising over the next year, while others will claim the market will fall.

How about interest rates, inflation, oil prices and any number of other factors? With very little effort, you can find conflicting opinions on all these subjects. How can you base your investment strategies on such an uncertain forecast?

You can't - and you shouldn't.

In fact, you'll be better off if you stop asking questions that have no answers. No one can really tell you where the Dow Jones Industrial Average will be in 12 months, nor the price of a barrel of oil, nor the interest rate on a 10-year Treasury note. Even more important-ly, the specifics of the financial markets over the next year are just about meaningless to you if you will be investing for another two or three decades.

Consequently, instead of pondering what lies ahead for the financial markets, ask yourself these questions:

- Is my asset allocation suitable for my risk tolerance? You'll need to periodically review your portfolio to make sure your investment mix is still appropriate for your individual needs. You don't want to take on too much risk, but, at the same time, you don't want to invest so conservatively that you can't attain the growth you need. And, over time, some of your goals may change, along with your family situation, so you'll want to make sure your investments reflect your new circumstances.

- Do I need to upgrade the quality of my investments? Year in and year out, through market volatility and political turmoil, quality investments never go out of style. Take a close look at your holdings. Do you own stocks of companies with strong management teams and competitive products? Have your bonds received high "grades" from the independent rating agencies? In any given time period, the highest rated investments may not offer the best returns, but, over the long haul, they are likely to provide you with the greatest potential for rewards.

- Can I reduce my investment expenses and taxes? Most people don't realize just how much expenses and taxes can eat into investment returns. By buying -quality investments, and holding them for the long term, you can help reduce transaction costs. And you can gain greater control of your tax situation by focusing on tax-advantaged vehicles, such as your 401(k), Roth or traditional IRA, fixed annuities and some types of municipal bonds.

- Do I own investments that can offer the potential for both reliable and rising income during retirement? This question is especially applicable if you are closing in on retirement. To supplement your Social Security and the distributions from your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, you will need to count on income from your investment portfolio. To maintain a steady source of income that can also keep you ahead of inflation, you may want to explore a mixture of fixed-income vehicles and dividend-paying stocks. Keep in mind, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or totally eliminated at any point without notice.

You can't predict shifting political winds, geopolitical unrest, new tax legislation and the fortunes of specific industries. But by following the steps outlined above, you can quit looking for a crystal ball - because you won't need it.



Tale of The New Cab Driver

A passenger in a taxi leaned to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove over the curb, and stopped inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent, and the still shaking driver said, "'I'm sorry but you scared the daylights out of me.'"

The frightened passenger apologized and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

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Part Two - Hampton's Student Reporters

Last month we published some of the articles received from the 4th grade class. Each student reporter typed their own submissions and sent them to the Crier. We jut put them in newspaper format so our readers can see how well each reporter covered the traditional "Who, What, Why, When and Where" format used by the daily newspaper reporters. Enjoy!

What's My Line

By Zach Carr.

On November 16, 2006 we were in the Butterworth Center doing an activity called "What's My Line". We were learning about people, and where they lived, and when they died. They did it to let us know about different that were important to the Quad Cities.

A mystery Solved

By Lexie

Have you ever wondered what it would be like if you solved a mystery? I have. On Thursday, Nov 16 the fourth graders participated in "What's My Line". You have boxes with papers about a person who played an important part in Quad City history. Out of the whole thing there was one person still alive! Some people lived in the old days and one had a teacher living with them! Children got in groups parents and teachers helped. Kathleen was a presenter. She explained to us how to do it. They did all this so we would learn how to look up things and learn about our past or someone else's past. I hope I can go back to the Butterworth center soon!

Mmmm...Mmmm... Donuts!

By David Brown

We went to Krispy Crème Donuts for a field trip in September. There were not many people there. When we got there, all we saw were workers, second and fourth graders, and teachers. It was so fun! We got to see how the donuts are made. We learned about how businesses are run. The donuts are made by machines. A lot of donuts are made in a short amount of time by the machines. Only some came out at a time. Then they flip over by another machine. Then it goes slowly on a moving floor, and gets glazed by glaze falling from a tube on top of the machine. Now you know how glazed donuts are made. It was interesting!

Puzzle's on Rock Island County History

By Baylee Burkland

November 16, 2006 when the fourth grade went on their field trip, they did a puzzle, but it wasn't just any puzzle. They were doing puzzles on Rock Island County history. There were five groups. I did one on coal mines. I found out that drift coal mines are safer than other coal mines because drift coal mines can't fall unless there was a landslide. I also found out that they called a road Coal Mine road because it's close to a lot of coal mines. The UTHS teacher (Mr. Burkland) and some UTHS students were responsible for this activity. You can go and learn more about your family's history at the Butterworth Center Library the students went for fun and education and they got both!

Hampton 4th Grade gets Puzzled

By Brandon Fox

Butterworth Center-On November 16, 2006 Hampton School went to the Butterworth Center. We went there to learn history from around the area. Did you know the prison was East Moline State Hospital. It was called Watertown State Hospital. Did you know they call Campbell's island that because General Campbell got ambushed by Black Hawk while he was near it.

"Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother. The next you are all-wise and prehistoric." ~Pam Brown

A New and Better You

By Dr. Jenny Sechler D.C., A.P.N.



What can make 2007 the best year of your life? What do you need to change in your life--family dynamics, your job, or yourself to make your dreams come true? This is the time of the year to ask these important questions. Without a vision, people will perish, but with a powerful and emotionally charged vision, you can change your world. So what is your vision and do you articulate it clearly and powerfully?

First, celebrate your accomplishments from the past 12 months. Sit down with your family, your co workers and create a list of everything you have accomplished and what you are most proud of from the year gone by. Realize deep inside your soul how powerful and unstoppable you truly are.

Will you hit the ground running, creating a plan with renewed determination to make your dreams manifest this year? What habits and beliefs will need review and modification? What will need to change inside of you? How do you plan to increase your intensity and determination? Set some important and essential new goals for yourself.

What are your goals for 2007? Do you have a plan to accomplish them? Focus on what empowers you instead of what weakens you. Start by elevating your KQ (Kindness Quotient) and giving more unconditional love to yourself and others. Really commit to thinking about those around you. Serving others is to the soul as food and water are to the body. Help people feel loved and your life will be blessed. Implementing the following principles will increase the likelihood of success in reaching your goals.

1) Dare to go forward. If you let your vision fall into the same trap as the next person's, you will once again fail at meeting your goal. Don't do it. Hold yourself to a higher standard, and force yourself out of the comfort zone by acting boldly. Find a support person, friend, or holistic clinic that will help you to stay focused during the next year. It's easy to develop a big vision for yourself. It requires incredible courage and persistence to follow through because you WILL be surrounded by temptation to compromise your goals. Don't give in to discouragement. Resolve to act quickly and decisively when you meet a setback.

2) Follow through on your vision. Write it down and read it daily, there's no escape from it when you write it down. It makes you more accountable. Try it and see what a difference it can make in your daily resolve!

3) Don't try to accomplish too many goals at once. Work on one thing during the month so it is attainable. When you get comfortable, it will be time to move on to the next step.

In the months ahead, I will address various aspects of living a balanced life to help you meet your goals. Let's take the journey together during the next year to finally realize your potential and follow through one day at a time to make you the best you can be!

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Little Davie attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs, rump, and chest. After a few minutes, Davie asked, "Dad, why are you doing that?" His father replied, "Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy."

Davie, looking worried, said, "Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom."

More from Hampton Student Reporters

Scholastic Book Fair Comes To Hampton School!!

By Alicia

On Wednesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 16th the Book Fair came to Hampton School. The Book Fair was set up in the principal's office. All classes went so they could get new books, have fun reading, and experience new books. Sheila, Kristin, and Konnie, P.T.A. Members, were working there. All the books were on shelves and tables. There were toys laid out on a table. Here are some details. 4th grade really liked Saving Shiloh.

There was a table full of toys. P.T.A. came up with this wonderful idea. They did it to help the school because their children go to this school and they're volunteering their time. (They're doing it for free.) A lot of different classes go to the book fair. Shaving Shiloh sold the best. The Book Fair has 54 shelves and 2 tables full of books. It even had posters. There are a lot of chapter books, but people are buying stuff because they think it's cool. A lot of the books are fiction.

Photo Care

By Brianna D. Kastner

I went to the Butterworth Trust and learned about photos from Gretchen Frick Small on November 16. Do you know how to tell a boy from a girl in an old photo? Well let me tell you. It's all about the hair. If you see a part in the middle it's a girl. If you see a part on the side, it's a boy. I also know how to keep photos from getting brown time after time. Let me tell you how.

1. Don't glue photos to the album page if there is writing on it.
2. Mount your photos in acid-free paper or plastic photo pockets.
3. In albums with paper pages, mount your photos using photo corners.
4. Store your photos in cool and dry places.
5. If you frame a photo, don't place glass directly on the photo. Use a mat or spacer between The photo and the glass.
6. Store your photo negatives. Now you know How to keep your photos looking nice and new.

Book Fair

By Colton O'Brien

Have you ever had a book fair? It was held in Hampton School in the Principals office. It happened on Nov. 15 and 16. There was all kinds of books there, I could not chose. Finally I chose a book. In conclusion, the Book Fair was cool.

Niabi Zoo Comes to School!

By Erica Sunken

Hampton School in the gym- K-5 came to the gym to see Niabi Zoo. There were a lot of animals there. They did it so we can have fun and learn about animals. You have to be quiet so you don't scare the animals. There were a lot of birds! Here's an interesting fact. Every single day they have to clean the animals' habitats. That's a lot of work! This is why you don't see the monkeys' food sometimes. The zookeepers hide the food, so the monkeys have to find it like if they were in the jungle! This is a disgusting fact! Lions roll in elephant manure to keep cool! The zookeepers clean the lions' teeth with bones. Somehow the bones take care of the plaque. Scarlet Mc Caws are very big, but when they hatch they're as long as a pinky! I could tell you a lot more but you can go to Niabi Zoo and ask some employees there about the animals!

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Geology

By Amanda Burrill

Breaking News! Hampton school 4th grade went into the past. We learned what Illinois was like 400,000,000 to 20,000 years ago. The fourth grade was doing this in the Deere-Wyman House on November 16, 2006. It was interesting. We learned about coal! 400,000,000 years ago Illinois was covered in water! 100,000,000 years ago dinosaurs were in Illinois. Then came the Woolly Mammoth! I learned a lot!

Book tornado at Hampton School

By Michael Cornett

At Hampton School in the principals office. Books were EVERYWHERE! Students could not decide. There were about 100 books on one side. There was a lot pens pencils but the teacher told us to get books. Because that is what the book fair is for. There were posters books pens pencils markers note books and many other things. I bought Charlottes web. We read it in second grade. It was a good book. I love the book fair!!

4 Grade Field Trip

By Elizabeth Bowker

We went to the Botanical Center on Thursday, Nov. 16th in Rock Island, IL. We talked to the people who were at the center. Hampton School went to the Botanical center to learn about plants and the rain forest. 1. We learned you have to give Venus fly traps hamburger or another kind of meat so they can live. 2. We were all given a friendship plant. You must water them 1 to 2 times a week. 3. We went in the rain forest doors. A man talked to use about the rain forest. We got to eat a few things. We got to eat a few things. We saw a small tortoise and the man talked to us about banana trees

Niabi Zoo Comes to School!

By: Kyle Milefchik

Niabi Zoo- Niabi Zoo came to Hampton School on Wednesday the 15th of November at 1:37. There were tons of animals: snakes, birds, a turtle, a lizard, and a fox. It was at Hampton School in the gym. The lady who hosted it is Colleen Stalf. Grades K-5 came. 4th grade came because we are studying animals in science, so it fit in perfectly with our science. The zoo came in with a truck full of animals. It was interesting. Mrs. Boster arranged this assembly. We thank her for inviting us!

Here are some things that I learned. I learned that skunks can have their spray glands taken out. I also learned that the zoo has over 800 animals in it. The elephant manure is used for the lions and tigers to roll in. I learned a lot.

Daffynition: Saw Horse - Past tense of a sea horse.

More from Hampton Student Reporters

Obituaries

Dorothy Stone, 84, of Rock Island, formerly of Hampton passed away December 11, 2006.

Born Dorothy Tanner on October 25, 1922, she was the daughter of Hollis and Jennie Huddelston Tanner of Rock Island. She married Clarence "Rocky" Stone in June, 1940. He died in 1993.

Dorothy worked as a seamstress for a local interior designer.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Jim Finley (Arcadia Florida), sons: Phil Stone of Camden, S.C., Ron (Amy) Stone of Colona and an extended family which includes 8 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and a sister Beth Corporon of Las Vegas, Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her husband and brothers John and Bill.

David C. Cooper, 56, of Prophetstown, formerly of Hampton passed away December 17, 2006 at his home.

David was born April 25, 1941 in Moline, to Donald and Pearl Leslie Cooper. He married Beverly Erdmann on December 3, 1960 in Hampton.

Surviving are his wife, daughter Tina (Patrick) Hernandez of Ventura, Calif., sons Kelly Cooper of Erie, Aaron (Diana) Cooper of Rockton, IL and mother, Pearl Cooper of Hampton. He is also survived by grandchildren: Matthew and Marinda Cooper, Fabre, Pearl, Zoie and Van Hernandez, brothers Gerry (Mearlene) of Hampton and Don (Donna) in Texas.

Shirley Haertjens, wife of Bernard Haertjens, passed away on Saturday, January 6th after an extended illness. Hampton's Ann Eliza Haertjens survives her daughter in law. Condolences may be sent to Bernard Haertjens, 126 Cheshire Drive, Greenberg, PA 15601

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