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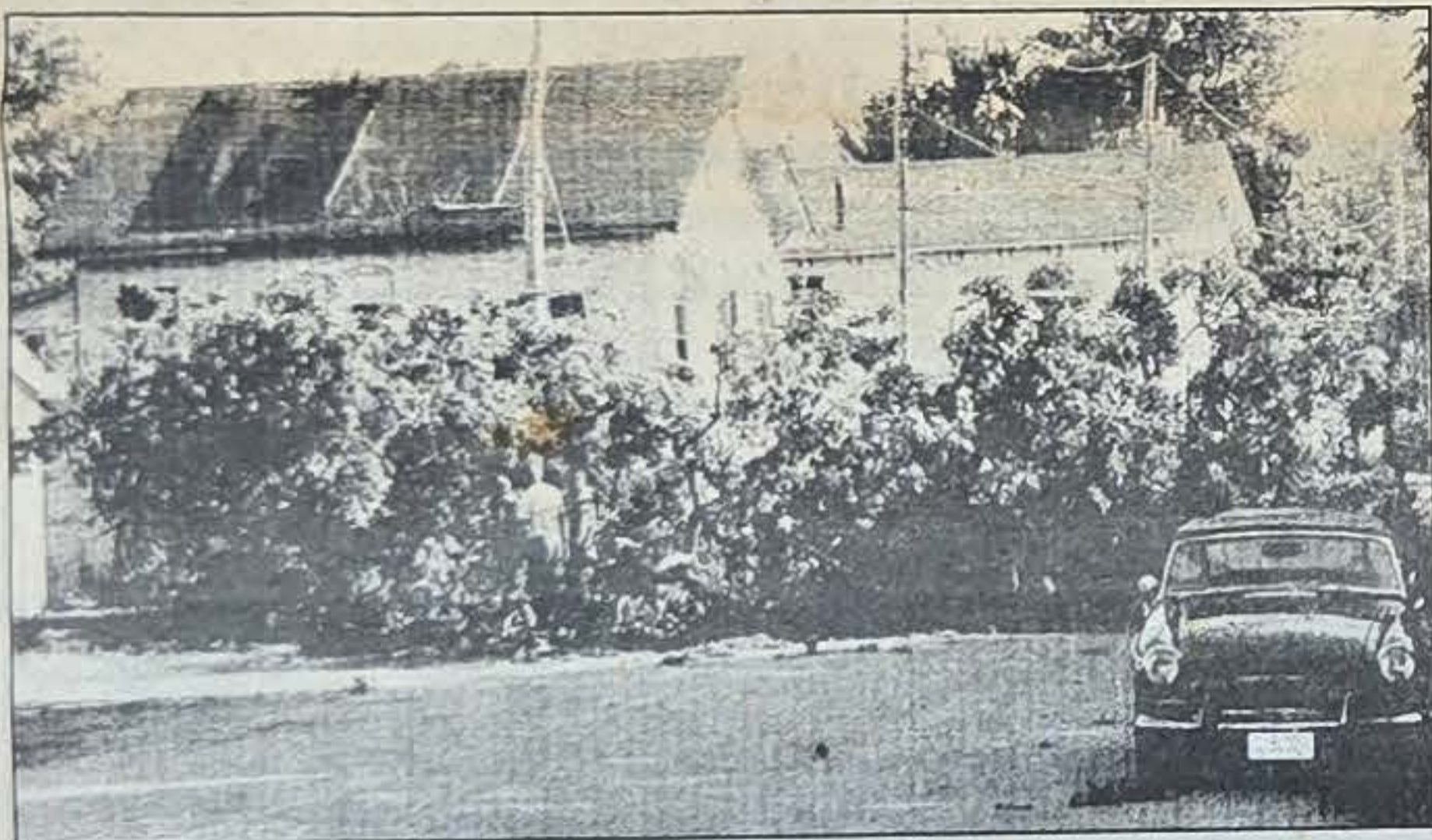
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RIVER COMMUNITIES HIT HARD BY JUNE 7TH STORM

The last hours of June 6th and early June 7th, the residents of the small river communities just north of the Quad Cities headed for their basements and double checked their storm supplies. The memory of recent devastating twisters and the wreckage they left in Muscatine area have hardly faded from six o'clock broadcasts before this new series of storms appeared on weather radars. The news anchors gave plenty of warning but those living directly on the river knew they would probably be hit the hardest.

All day, the strong wind gusts brought the heat from the South until the temperatures rose to nearly 90. As the sun went down, low rumbles could be heard in the distance then a medium rain began to fall. The atmosphere calmed for just a moment then the storm hit with almost constant heat flashes and forks of lightning. Driving, nearly horizontal rain and hail blinded hapless travelers.

Homeowners with trees down were warned to leave the debris until daylight in case downed power lines proved a safety hazard. Hampton's Historic District had several ancient trees destroyed and large branches down in yards.



This huge tree just missed a neighbor's garage and boat but damaged a small car. First Avenue had to closed off for hours until Village crews could clear the bike path and street.



The Historic Twining house, currently being restored by Ty Cutcomp had two landmark, slow-growth maples that were a popular tourist photo stop in the fall. Early photographs show the trees as large in 1915.

Among other homes in the Historic District, a large section came down across the drive in front of the home at 6th Street and 2nd Avenue.

This house was schedule as a firefighter's training location for June 10th. Hampton and several area fire departments did set the house and garage afire. The green branches will be removed with the house debris.

Previously, the property owners had allowed law enforcement teams to use the house for tactical training.

The historic house was once two stories tall with a long picket fence around it, a real showplace at the turn of the last century. It was the local postmasters home and site of Hampton's first post office.



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Finance Committee

By Trustee Jane Cady

The new Fiscal Year began on May 1, 2007. The approved budget is available during regular business hours at the Village Hall.

	5/07/07	5/21/2007	6/4/2007
Administration	3,403	802	2,616
Streets	123	1,631	2,071
Parks	6	262	869
Police	2,398	958	4,689
Fire	441	769	3,077
Capital Outlay	----	---	4,000
Sub-Total	6,371	4,422	17,322
Total-All TIFs	---	---	3,728
Motor Fuel	---	2,889	---
Public Works Total	359	987	25,102
<i>Water Purchase</i>	---	---	7,742
<i>Sewage Treatment</i>	---	---	6,786
<i>Refuse Collection</i>	---	---	5,438
Meters	50	100	----
Heritage Center	46	497	783
Grand Total	6,826	8,895	46,935

By request of readers, public works expenditures show the total of all bills approved for payment then as a side note, the month's water, sewer and garbage expenses which are included in the Public Works Total paid by the Village.

Editorial: Missing something in your life?

Ever had the feeling that something was missing in your life, something you stopped doing and miss but can't quite "put your finger on it"? Same here. It wasn't until I took a 6 hour driving trip alone that I discovered several answers.

First Discovery: I miss "silence". All day, every day, some type of artificial sound is invading my personal atmosphere. During a rest stop somewhere in rural Iowa, just sitting in the car, windows rolled down and listening to the tall dried weeds from last year rustle, the oft unnoticed natural "whispering" refreshed my brain. No need to respond. No need to participate, just enjoy listening.

Second Discovery: Information overload keeps my stress level too high. Why should I ever spend more than a passing minute on the lives of celebrities? They are strangers whose often troubled lifestyle is foreign to me. "Reality" in the shows this fall is staged. Why watch people risking their lives for nothing and making fools of themselves? I don't need to know all that!

The third and most important discovery: I need time to think my own thoughts. (Everything needs input and basic building material to survive and grow so TV, Internet, radio, reading materials and conversations do have their place.) The problem is that each day, some time to weigh information content and sources is very important but ignored. Too many messages surrounding us are hidden in advertising, press releases and song lyrics. Even the Internet is like being in a room with too many people breathing the same air. There is not enough fresh, original input to break away from other's re-hashed ideas. Time to take a rest from recycled information overload!

Here's a family activity that could prove useful – mental doodling. On that long trip I took, the radio was off. I was tired of songs with lyrics enticing me to be angry at political situations or to be sad because someone did them wrong. I didn't even want to listen to talk shows or those "feel good" stations. I wanted the world to stop so I could get off ... and think my own thoughts.

I'd traveled with a box of audio tapes that I treasure because none of the music has lyrics. My imagination was so rusty it took a while to tune out distractions and create my own images while listening to the strains of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. WOW! Although the piece describes actual pictures with musical expressions, my mind started creating it's own pictures until, feeling a little more in control of my thoughts, the music came to an end.

Years ago, the Crier printed an interview with Marshall Beals, a WWII airman serving in the Pacific. During the playing of *Victory At Sea*, images of flying with Marshall over the endless waters predominated. Then, Morse code signals are worked into the music and suddenly, I was mentally participating in an air battle that ended by feeling patriotic and victorious.

Grand Canyon Suite and Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* were saved for the return trip as Kansas City exits appeared before I knew it.

I felt different after that trip, more creative, less stressed and positive about what I had decided to believe in. Listening to the traditional and often "heavy" classics isn't for everyone. As a child, our family would listen to the lighter, more modern music mentioned above. We'd listen together and think our own thoughts. In my school where these same pieces were used in music appreciation sessions, all of us would have blank paper ready to express our thoughts in words or pictures. We were learning how to reason, be alone with our thoughts and be creative.

It might not be a bad idea for all ages to exercise their imaginations this way once in a while, especially in troubled times when mental doodling can also relieve stress. Think your own thoughts, make discoveries of your own in the silence or the music.

Parks Committee

By Ruth Speer, Director, Hampton Heritage Center

New Display – Beth Peters

Work will be on display in June and July at the Heritage Center. Ms. Peters works with hand painted silk and has created a technique that allows her to incorporate photographic accents on the fabric. The overall effect resembles colorful stained glass. Artwork features Rock Island County images.

Attention Artists September 22, 2007

The Heritage Center on the Mississippi will be hosting "Arts in the Park" If you would like to show/sell your work please contact Ruth at 755-8398.

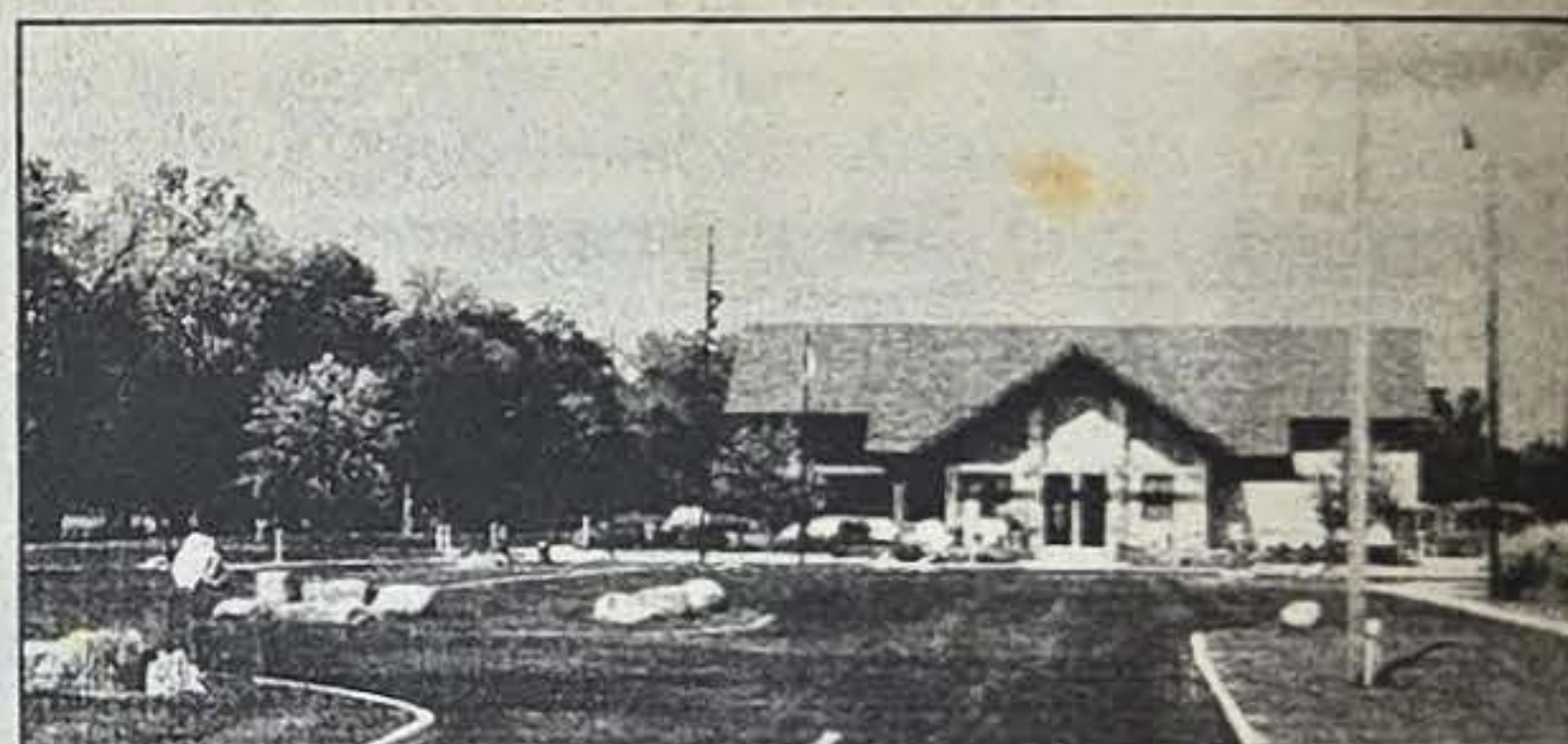
Heritage Happenings:

Jr. Rangers Program - June 18-22

Daily from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ages K- 6th grade. Pre-registration is required. Program is free for more information call 755-8398.

The Heritage Center is looking for volunteers to join the Heritage Center Committee. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. For more information please call 755-8398.



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Administration, Ordinance & Code Enforcement Committee Report

By Trustee Mickey VanDieren

On Tuesday June 11th a committee meeting was held at 7:00pm to discuss enforcing the current Water and Sewer Ordinance on rental dwellings. Landlords bear the responsibility for tenants that do not pay their water bills. Evidently this has only been enforced on single family dwellings with a shut-off and not on duplexes with only one shut-off valve but two meters. The landlords in question have refused to allow the village to enter the dwelling and remove the meter. Attorney Clay Lee will reviewed the present ordinance and advise the committee on how to enforce the ordinance on duplexes. Chief Fuller said that he could get a warrant so that the village can enter the duplex and remove its meter.

Give up the smallest part of a secret, and the rest is no longer in your power.

German Proverb

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How Do You Spell Relief?

By Dr. Jenny Sechler, D.C., A.P.N. of Hampton Health & Wellness

Is it R-O-L-A-I-D, Maalox, Mylanta? If these don't work, do you try Pepcid or Zantac over the counter? If these fail to give relief, there are proton-pump inhibitors like Prilosec and Prevacid as well as others that you get from your doctor to squelch possible symptoms. While gut symptoms may not be a topic for polite conversation, they are among the top ten symptoms that bring people to the doctor. In fact, one of every four patients has a complaint of something wrong with his or her intestinal tract.

How does your intestinal tract tell you something is wrong? Nausea, heartburn, acid indigestion, excessive intestinal gas or bloating, uncontrollable burping, cramps, diarrhea, constipation, blood and mucus. These are the only ways your gut can tell you that if you don't find and fix what's broken, your problems will over time get worse.

Let's look at the physiology of the digestion process. The gastrointestinal (GI) tract involves everything from the mouth's salivary gland, the esophagus, (the tube connecting the mouth to the stomach), the small intestine and the large intestine. Because secretions crucial to GI tract function involve bile (stored in the gall bladder which is tucked up beneath the liver) as well as lipase and amylase from the pancreas (which is nestled behind the stomach) these are included as well.

Let's start from the beginning. You put something in your mouth and the salivary glands begin the process. That's why it's important to chew your food more than a few times. Unfortunately, most people don't chew more than a few times and swallow. Whatever is partly chewed now travels down your esophagus. The cardiac sphincter then opens and food moves into the stomach. The stomach should secrete hydrochloric acid. HCL is needed to utilize pepsin which is needed to break down proteins. So, no HCL, no pepsin, and no protein breakdown. Unfortunately, the wide array of drugs being taken is shutting down HCL. As the bolus of food sits in your stomach, unable to move along to the small intestine, it will ferment and decay. Gasses will rise to the esophagus and cause belching and foul breath. In time, as the bolus of food and ballooning gasses distend the esophagus, the one protective valve between the stomach and esophagus will stretch and leak. Gases now trapped in the esophagus will give that familiar retrosternal (behind the breastbone) agony of heartburn. Not all symptoms are to this level, a dull heaviness or fullness to the stomach or chest can also be very common. These symptoms should be causing you alarm and a realization that action needs to be taken to correct and not suppress the message your body is giving you.

We've just hit the tip of the iceberg, so stay tuned for next months continuing journey down the digestive tract. While all of this information can be frustrating, please know that there are other alternatives to healing your digestive tract which will then improve your health. Stay tuned!

If profanity had any influence on the flight of the ball,
the game of golf would be played far better than it is.

---Horace G. Hutchinson

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Profound Indian philosophy

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves."

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he had overcome while trying to succeed.
Booker T. Washington

Around Town News Briefs

Relay For Life Events will be held:

June 22, 2007 Davenport, IA *Over 20 wood sculptures created at the 2nd annual Chain Saw Rendezvous will be sold at auction at this location only.*

July 27, 2007 on S. College Avenue in Aledo for Mercer County

August 3, 2007 on Avenue of the Cities in Moline for Rock Island County

August 3, 2007 at 541 E. North Street, Geneseo for Northwest Henry County

August 17, 2007 at 937 9th Avenue, Camanche, IA for Clinton County, IA

Garden Walk & Plant Sale

Saturday, June 23 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, come to the McGehee Center in Schadt Park. 12th & 4th Avenue in Silvis, IL. The tour for passionate gardeners will include the viewing of five beautiful gardens containing a variety of plants, garden art and water features. Home owners and Master Gardeners will be on site to answer questions. Admission is \$5.00

The QC Heritage League Annual Social

Sunday, June 24, the Heritage League will hold their annual social, 2-4:00 PM, at The Old Summit Church, 21980 Utica Ridge Road, Davenport (3.6 miles north of 53rd St. near the interstate). This is a restored pioneer church and there will be a tour of the historic place. Refreshments will be served. This is also the perfect opportunity to explore the old Summit Cemetery. Anyone from an historical society is invited to attend or if you are interested in learning about the League or are looking for an historical society to join.. If you have any questions, call Amy Driskill 563-328-6841.

River Valley Library will be closed on August 10 & 11th for the annual Tug Fest.

Now is the time to start thinking about forming a team for the Tug Fest and get some practice and strength training. The next issue of the Crier should have more information on Tug activities and how to sign up a team.

Computer Tip From Our Reader

Can't read the tiny print on your computer screen. The following might work on your computer. Hold down the CTRL (Central) key on your computer and move the center wheel on your mouse forward to make type smaller or backward and the print on your screen will enlarge. This is worth a try. Thanks Rick G.!

Hampton Fire/Rescue Auxiliary Meeting Day Changed

The Hampton Fire/Rescue Auxiliary has changed their meeting date to the third Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held at the firehouse at 6th Street and 3rd Avenue in Hampton and begin at 7:00PM.

The Auxiliary is looking for a few more members wanting to support fire and rescue operations in this area. If you have questions about the Auxiliary, call Bonnie at 309-496-2126.

Hey! Hey! It's an Ice Cream Social!

Thursday, July 19th from 4:00-7:00PM is the Annual Homemade Ice Cream Social held at **Church of the Cross, 22621-Rte 2 & 92 in Port Byron, Ill.**

Everybody loves this event!

This year, they are serving: Barbeque, potato salad, baked beans, pies, cakes and beverages as well as wonderful homemade ice cream.

Can't linger at the church? Ice Cream is sold by the dip or take home some quarts for entertaining. Food carry outs are available.

Questions or need directions?

Call Diana O'Hara 309-523-2265 or

Eileen Nelson at 309-523-2181



OLD TIME PARADES

By Franciska Rasmussen

I was thinking back to over 60 some years ago to the 4th of July parades. They were really an event and the East Moline parade was something to see and talk about for days afterward.

A great many business places were represented by floats, the different schools had their bands. Organizations such as The Elks, Eagles, and Moose had drill teams. Veterans groups were there in force. Oh yes, there were the beautiful horses who were trained for the event and performed admirably. Also the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts marched proudly. At these parades no one threw out candy or small gifts as this was a time of pride, reverence and honor.

I was also a part of the parade as I was member of the Girl Scouts and had my new uniform with all the badges sewn in place. When I was chosen to be the flag bearer it was a great honor. I was flag bearer for 4 years. As proud as I was of my Girl Scout uniform I was extremely proud to be caring the flag of our nation and to this day it is a fond memory.



SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

637 - 17th Avenue, East Moline

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June-July, 2007

Open Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM Paid reservations for the following special events must be received at least a week in advance **CLOSED Wednesday, July 4, Independence Day**

June 25 & July 9 & 23: Lunch Box Bingo. 10:00 a.m. Cost \$10.00 per day. Seating is limited so paid reservations must be made a week in advance. Paper bingo follows lunch. Bring your own daubers. If you bring a canned food item(s) for the Quad City Food Pantry, you'll receive "Pantry Pack" bingo sheets FREE.

June 18 & July 16: 1:00-3:00 p.m. Rules of the Road

June 28 & July 28: Trinity Foot Care Clinic. NEW HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Cost \$22.00 that is NOT covered by Medicare or Medicaid. An appointment is required and advance notification of any cancellation is required. Bring a washcloth and 2 towels. **Heartland Health Care Testing 9:30-11:30 AM** Blood pressure taken and cholesterol testing

June 28 & July 25: Snacks and Cards 11:30 a.m. Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

August 1: Euchre Tournament 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00 Played according to Hoyle Rules. Men & Women welcome

June 13 & July 11: 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

This non-smoking, no-alcohol facility is available for rent. No catering/caterer restrictions! Warming unit and refrigerator available. Tables and Chairs for up to 75 are available. Door side parking.

Many weekend dates available. For more information or to reserve the facility, Call 752-2643

Reminder regarding the Hampton Township Bus Program:

The Hampton Township Bus Program is available to all Hampton Township residents who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 62 years of age or disabled
- Proof of residency in Hampton Township
- Valid MetroLink I.D. card and a photo I.D.

Residents who qualify for this program will be issued one MetroLink punch pass which is good for up to 17 bus fares. The punch passes will be issued once every two months to qualifying residents. If you would like more information, please contact the Hampton Township Relief Office @755-2944 between the hours of 9:00 am and noon Monday thru Friday.

Hampton Fire & Police Departments Rescue one of three fishermen from Mississippi

May 19, 2007 two men from the Chicago area were fishing at Lock & Dam 14 on the Illinois side when one man slipped off the rocks while trying to retrieve his fallen fishing rod. A second man entered the water to save his companion. Neither man was wearing safety gear. A third man took a life preserver from one of the responding police officers and entered the water trying to save the fishermen. Hampton's Officer Hughes also entered the water to no avail trying to extend the length of rescue ropes on the life preserver carried by the third swimmer.

Hampton police and Fire Departments, first on the scene, were joined by DNR Personnel, Rock Island Sheriffs and personnel from Colona, Port Byron Hillsdale and LeClaire and a Med-Force helicopter joined the search after the third man was pulled from the river alive. Regretfully, the first two men in the water had drowned.



Fire Chief Norin presented commendations during the June 4th Village Board Meeting to those involved in the incident: Justin Harvey, Jamie King, Jessica Adams, Don Adams and Nancy Norin with special thanks to Brett Deleo for his on-shore support (Seated).



Police Chief presented a commendation to Officer Hughes for his on-scene participation on May 19th.

Everyone involved would like to remind outdoor enthusiasts who are on OR NEAR the water to wear safety gear. Fishing from a pier, a dock or the shore, even if you can swim well, should always entail life jackets and include a buddy.

If there is righteousness in the heart there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

Chinese Proverb

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Illinois will begin using photo radar in freeway work zones in July

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

Drivers will also receive demerit points against their license, which allows insurance companies to raise their rates. This represents the harshest penalty structure yet for a city or state using PHOTO enforcements.

The State will begin with TWO camera vans issuing tickets in work zones with speed limits lowered to 45 MPH. Photographs of both the Driver's face and License plate are taken.

Pass this on to everyone you know!

For more info: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/press/r033005.html>

They say golf is like life, but don't believe them. Golf is more complicated than that. ~Gardner Dickinson

Historical Society News



Marlene Ganett, well-known Dispatch writer came to the spring HHS meeting on May 16th. We were privileged to electronically see her collection of steamboat memorabilia during her presentation. Learning of the rise and fall of Americans adapting to changes in commerce and travel was absorbing. We hope to see more of Marlene in the future!

Annual HHS Picnic

Sunday, July 1st. at 1:00PM, the Historical Society will hold it's annual pot luck picnic in the cool lower level of the Brettun & Black Museum. All are invited to the picnic and to visit the 1849 restored store and museum displays on the main level.

Years ago, all-Hampton pot luck picnics used to be held each summer. The Historical Society would like to revive this bit of Americana but expand it to include all those interested in local history. Bring a dish to share, your family, friends or holiday visitors and enjoy the great food. Watch wildlife and water activities from the riverbank in front of the 100 year old Village Hall. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets-you might see some fire works should you stay until dark!

The Hampton Historical Society honored Hampton Veterans on Memorial Day at 10 AM in front of the Soldier's Monument. A color guard of local veterans participated in the ceremony of: Howard Mason, Marshall Beals (WW II), Joseph Clark (Korea) & Bob Stricter (Vietnam).

The surrounding streets were temporarily blocked off, courtesy of the Village of Hampton. A good crowd of people participated as well as local media, including KWQC TV channel 6. Flowers were passed out to the crowd, a prayer read by Jan Corsaro of Geneseo. The procession proceeded down the steamboat landing next to Black's Store and tossed flowers into the Mississippi River in honor of those lost at sea, and to remember other loved ones.

The procession reconvened in front of Black's Store where the names of Hampton Veterans were read by Merlin Nelson Sr. & William Beals. Gene Dennhardt recited the Gettysburg Address. The roll call was accompanied by a drum roll by Jack & Tad Coder. At the closing of the ceremony, a beautiful rendition of taps was played by Allan Knepper.

Spectators had commented that "this ceremony helps people realize the true meaning of Memorial Day and of the tremendous sacrifice and hardships that our Veterans faced including the ultimate sacrifice".

This event has been observed by various groups in Hampton since after the Civil War. In the older days the procession would walk up the hill to the Cemetery, pulling a pump organ & sing Hymns as well as listen to speeches. The Historical Society has been organizing the event since 1985.

The Brettun & Black Museum will be open all day on Father's Day as an official stop on "Ride the River". There will be food and cold drinks for sale and the museum will have **free admission, as always.** The museum has a new display this year called "Let There Be Light". This is a fascinating display of the evolution of home lighting in the pioneer days. Historical Society members Jane Cady, Beverly Coder, Bobbie Hansen, & Jim & Denny Gillespie all contributed to make this a truly outstanding display. Be sure to drop by for a visit.

All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.
James Russell Lowell

Summer Red Cross Classes

Unless otherwise noted, all classes listed are held at the American Red Cross Building, 1100 River Drive, Moline, IL

First Aid Classes:

Held 2-5PM: 6/16, 7/14, 8/25. **Held 6-9PM:** 6/19, 7/26, 8/15.
Held 1-4PM: 5/23, 6/28, 7/10, 7/21, 7/31, 8/11 and 8/23.

Adult/Infant/Child CPR Classes:

Held 8AM-1PM: 6/16, 7/14/8/25. **Held 6-10PM:** 6/18, 7/25/8/14.

Adult CPR/AED (use of automated defibrillators):

Held 8AM-Noon: 6/28, 7/10, 7/2, 7/24, 7/31, 8/11, 8/23, 8/28.
Held 6-10PM: 7/12, 8/1. Professional Rescue Personnel classes available, call 309-743-2166 for times or for more information visit www.qcredcross.org

Infant/Child CPR Classes: Held 6-9PM: 7/19, 8/8

Bloodborne Pathogens Classes: Held 1-3PM: 7/24, 8/28

Babysitter's Training Classes: Held 9:30AM-4:30PM: 7/7, 8/4
Participants learn about safety and safe play, basic care, first aid, leadership, and professionalism. Participants must be at least 11 years old and bring their own sack lunch. Class fee is \$30. To register, call 309-743-2166 today!

Enroll in Kid's K.A.M.P. July 16-20, 2007

Enroll your child by July 9th for this great camp. K.A.M.P. starts at 9AM and runs through 3PM each day at the American Red Cross, 1100 River Drive, Moline.

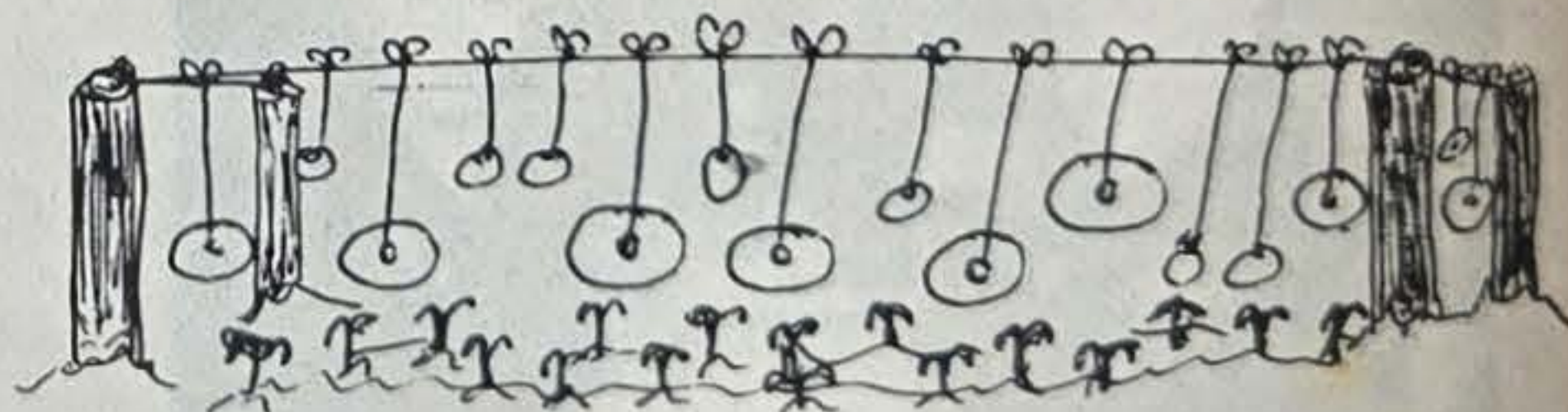
Kids Are More Prepared sessions are geared for 5-10 year olds and the cost is \$15 per day or \$70 for the week. This year, KAMP will include lessons on animal care and safety, bike safety instruction, stranger danger education, interactive games and crafts. The Red Cross will provide drinks and snacks and children are to bring their own sack lunch. Registration forms can be found online at www.qcredcross.org or by calling Kim at 309-0743-2166.

"The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year."

John Foster Dulles

Recycle your useless CDs and DVDs!

When planting your garden this spring, plant sturdy, tall stakes surrounding the growing area. Attach a sturdy wire or string between stakes. Thread old, damaged CDs and DVDs through the middle opening and hang like hanging clothes on a line all around your garden. The bright flashing light bouncing off the shiny surfaces and movement in the breezes will keep animals out of your garden. Add lids from frozen fruit juices and canned goods to your line at various lengths to create more movement.



Kids will enjoy threading old CD's and DVD's with colorful yarn and decorating patio ceilings for parties. The disks can easily be decorated using colorful permanent markers.

Have dark corner in your yard? Add threaded CDs hanging from trees or bushes to reflect light.

For an attractive herb planting bed, write plant names on old CDs with permanent markers place next to rows of plants.

For kids parties, use old CD's as tossing game pieces. Use as mini "Frisbees" or use like an Olympic discus thrower, winner covering the most distance.

For indoor or outdoor fun, create a game where children must roll the CD's on the edge the longest distance.



Investing For Kids? Keep These Dates in Mind

Submitted by Mark Judy, Edward Jones, East Moline

If you have young children or grandchildren, you may want to start investing for them - and you should. As you invest, however, you'll need to keep a couple of key dates in mind - because they can make a difference in your family's tax situation and your control of your child's or grandchild's assets.

One important date to remember is the day your child or grandchild turns 17 - because that's the last year he or she will be affected by the "Kiddie Tax." The Kiddie Tax applies to unearned income - typically from investments held in the child's name - above an annual threshold, which, in 2007, is \$1,700. Of that \$1,700, the first \$850 of earnings is tax free, but the next \$850 will be taxed at the child's rate, which is typically 10 percent. Any income above that \$1,700 will be taxed at the parents' rate, which could be as high as 35 percent.

However, while your child's or grandchild's tax rate may be 10 percent, it doesn't necessarily mean that every investment that generates \$850 in earnings will be taxed at that same rate. For example, a child will only have to pay a 5 percent tax rate on income from most types of stock dividends. (At least, that's the case for now; Congress is considering legislation that would subject the \$850 - or whatever the future amount may be - to the 10 percent rate, no matter what the source of the income.)

On the other hand, if a child invests in growth stocks - those that generally don't pay dividends - he or she won't generate significant unearned income until after the shares are sold. So, if you and your child or grandchild follow a "buy and hold" strategy with these stocks until the child is at least 18, he or she would only have to pay the capital gains tax, which is currently just 5 percent for people in the 10 percent tax bracket. (This rate drops to 0 percent for the years 2008 through 2010, but the proposed legislative changes would deny the 0 percent rate to children.)

Once your child or grandchild turns 18, he or she will no longer be affected by the Kiddie Tax. The age of 18 is also important if you've been investing for your children or grandchildren through either the Uniform Gift to Minors Act (UGMA) or the Uniform Transfer to Minors Act (UTMA). Essentially, UGMA/UTMA allows you to fund an account for a child, but limit the child's access to the account until he or she reaches the age of majority - either 18 or 21 in most states. The child owns the account, but you are named as custodian, and you control the account until the child is no longer a minor. At that point, the custodial relationship ends and the child assumes control over the account.

In other words, once the child is 18 (or 21), there's no guarantee that he or she will use the money for college, as you may have intended. So, if you really want to put all your child's investment money into a college fund, you might want to consider a 529 College Savings Plan, which gives you significant control over the funds, along with tax advantages. Contributions are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. You should note that a 529 College Savings Plan could reduce a beneficiary's ability to qualify for financial aid.

In any case, if you've got investments earmarked for your children or grandchildren, be aware of the changes that will occur once they turn 17 and 18. Those years can be challenging enough without any financial "surprises."

When carbonated beverages were first put into bottles they were sealed with corks which frequently released the carbonation. To prevent this from happening, Charles G. Hutchinson invented the Hutchinson Bottle Stopper. The years, 1878. Old-timers will remember this assembly of stout wire and rubber washers which imparted its own peculiar flavor to the beverage. Pulled up tight, the Hutchinson Bottle Stopper sealed in the carbonation, the carbonation itself holding it there. Pushed inward, the beverage could be poured or swallowed direct from the bottle. The act of pushing in the stopper resulted in a "pop" - and it is from this familiar sound that the "soda pop" of years ago took its name. From the Colony Cooks' Creations, Volume II

Good fortune is often called a "windfall". This stems from medieval England: When commoners had trouble finding wood for fuel. Royal decree prohibited them from chopping down trees so when wind knocked down branches, it was a stroke of good luck.



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- Beans scattered in the corners of a home will drive out evil spirits.
- If meat shrinks in the pot, your downfall is assured. If it swells, you'll experience prosperity.
- A wish made while burning onions will come true.
- It's lucky to see two pies, but unlucky to see only one.
- Feed ground egg shells to children to cure bedwetting.
- Sprinkle pepper on a chair to ensure that guests do not over-stay their welcome.
- If cooking bacon curls up in the pan, a new lover is about to arrive.
- When a slice of buttered bread falls butter-side-up, it means a visitor is coming.
- If bread dough cracks during baking, a funeral is imminent.
- If you find a pod with 9 peas in it, throw it over your shoulder and make a wish. It will come true.
- It's unlucky to say the word "salt" when you are at sea.

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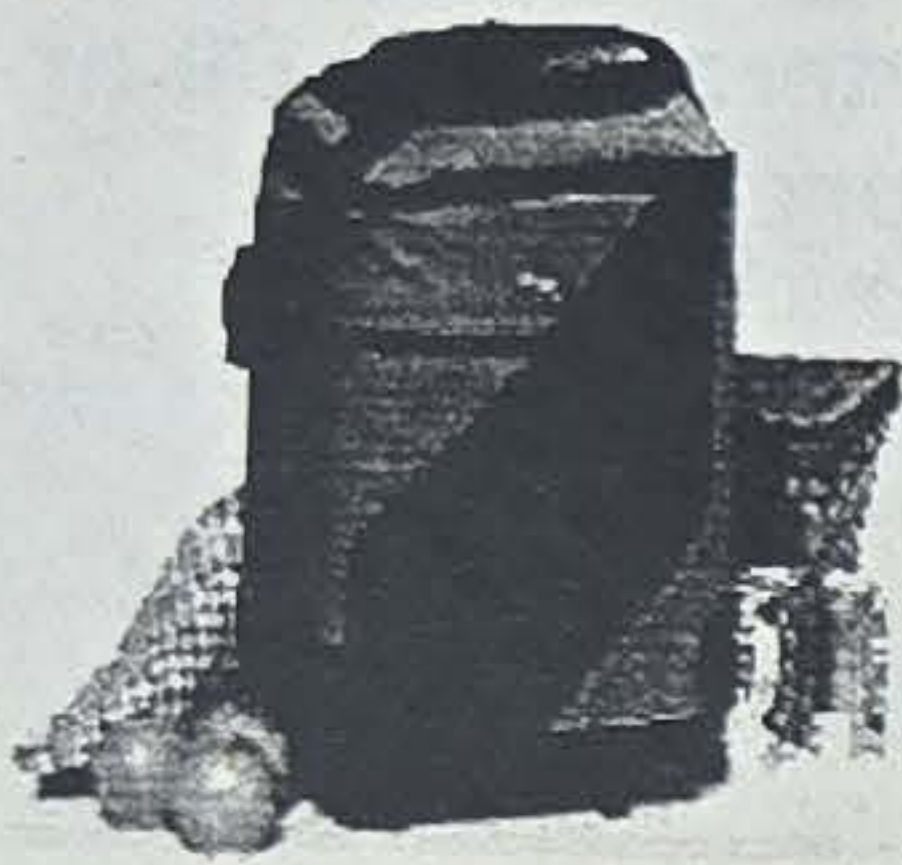
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- Q. Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors? A. The term comes with a 10% percent discount.
- Q. Among retirees what is considered formal attire? A. Tied shoes.
- Q. Why do retirees count pennies? A. They are the only ones who have the time.
- Q. What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire? A. NUTS!
- Q. Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage? A. They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.
- Q. What do retirees call a long lunch? A. Normal
- Q. What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree? A. If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.
- Q. Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with? A. He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

Last night I played a blank tape at full blast. The mime next door went nuts.

Whopper Swapper

Dear Maud,

I am pleased to see that you are showing such interest in the legends and rich history of the river and the people who settled there.

Our family history goes way back to the earliest days. John Ferris, one of our forbearers, was a lumber jack and woodsman of some renown in the days when Hampton was covered with a thick forest. Besides his woodcutting skills Ferris was known to be from North Hampshire, a state that will defend its reputation for having the most honest people in the country.

One night Ferris strode into the lumber camp and announced he had cut down 20 trees a foot in diameter in 20 minutes. If anyone doubted him they hesitated to speak up because "Honest John" Ferris could be as mean as a 10 foot rattlesnake with a sore back if his word was not taken as gospel truth. Big Frenchie LaChop, a Canadian woodsman, could not let this claim go unchallenged. LaChop not only called Ferris a liar but boasted he could do even better. A fight was about to break out when one of the other lumberjacks suggested a contest between the two. Honest John would put up his gold watch and Frenchie LaChop would wager a 20 dollar gold piece; winner take all. The deal was struck.

The next morning the whole camp went out as the two men selected the trees for the contest. LaChop picked 20 trees around the edge of the forest because he needed plenty of room to swing his huge ax. Ferris went into the middle of the timber and selected 20 trees that were all pretty close together. It was puzzling that he would place himself at a disadvantage by limiting the length of his swing.

At high noon the contest began with a pistol shot and the chips began to fly. LaChop had an oversized ax that cut deep with every swing of the muscular Canadian's arms. Trees toppled with only a few blows. Ferris's progress wasn't so evident because he worked in the thickest part of the woods. He could be heard striking his trees with great speed. Behold, he stood between his targets striking one tree with the forward swing of his double bit ax and then hitting another tree with his back swing; cutting down two at once. Chips flew around him in clouds. He swung so fast his ax was a blur.

A pistol shot rang out and the cutting ceased. The Canadian stood beside the 20th tree as it slowly swayed and loudly crashed to the ground. Ferris stood beside his 20th tree. It was cut only half way through. A silence filled the air. The Canadian had won and proved himself the better lumberjack. Then a cheer rose up and everyone including LaChop ran to Ferris and clapped him on his back and congratulated him for the magnificent feat he had accomplished. He was declared the winner when they found the head of his ax buried in the stump of the third tree!

You better believe it,
Cuzzin Mike

Snippets from the Internet

- Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than the rest of the day.
- The REAL reason ostriches stick their head in the sand is to search for water.
- The only 2 animals that can see behind itself without turning it's head are the rabbit and the parrot.
- John Travolta turned down the starring roles in "An Officer and a Gentleman" and "Tootsie".
- Michael Jackson owns the rights to the South Carolina State Anthem.
- In most TV commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk.
- Prince Charles and Prince William NEVER travel on the same airplane just in case there is a crash.
- The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburetor.
- Most hospitals make money by selling the umbilical cords cut from women who give birth. They are reused in vein transplant surgery.
- Humphery Bogart was related to Princess Diana. They were 7th cousins.
- If coloring were not added to Coca-Cola, it would be green.

• If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

• Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.

About 4th Of July and The Declaration of Independence

Nowhere in the world are collections of historical events recorded without generating misconceptions in the following generations. Just as you sat at Grandpa's knee and saw a battle through *his* eyes, we sit before the television, read books or see re-inactments that give only one side of the story. So it is with our revolution and the long process of becoming a united nation. A few of those misconceptions are:

The revolution was wildly popular with in all the colonies. Not so! Only a very small percentage of the colonists of the day wanted to separate from England. Most had never known life under any political system than a monarchy. Only nine colonies initially voted for the Declaration, Pennsylvania and South Carolina against while Delaware was undecided and New York abstained while awaiting instructions from home. The next day, South Carolina changed their vote to approval. On that day, two of the Pennsylvania delegates to the assembly stayed home which meant a majority present were in favor. Ceasar Rodney, an absent delegate from Delaware raced 80 miles to get to the meetings in order to break a tie between Delaware delegates and swing the vote for approval. Since New York expected instructions to approve at any time, they voted for approval. (New York actually received approval for their positive vote on July 19th).

The signers of the Declaration were born Americans so it was easy for them to break away from England. Again, not so! Two were born in England, one in Wales, two in Ireland, and two started life in Scotland.

The Declaration that we have now was the first and only one made by Congress. Wrong. Richard Henry Lee made the first "declaration" in the form of a "resolution" to the Continental Congress on June 7th, 1776. The resolution was short, blunt and read as follows:

"Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

The Congress recessed for three weeks to consider the matter and appointed a "Committee of Five" to draft more formal Declaration. (The committee consisted of John Adams, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, Robert R. Livingston and Thomas Jefferson.)

Everyone signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. Nope! The only person signing on July 4th was John Hancock, the president of the congress at the time. The first copies of the Declaration to be printed had only John Hancock and Charles Thompson's signature. Thompson was not a delegate, he was the secretary to the Congress. The rest of the delegates did not sign until August 2nd or later. In fact, six of the signers joined the Continental Congress AFTER July 4th.

The first five Presidents were signers. Sorry, only two signed. George Washington, although elected to the Continental Congress in 1774, was commanding the troops at the time and never did sign. The second and third Presidents DID sign: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. The fourth, James Madison did not join the Congress until 1780 and the fifth, James Monroe joined in 1783. ♦

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried. The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way." A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard." He says. "She got in the back-seat by mistake."

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94-year-old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses "Was I going up the stairs or down?"

The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood." She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

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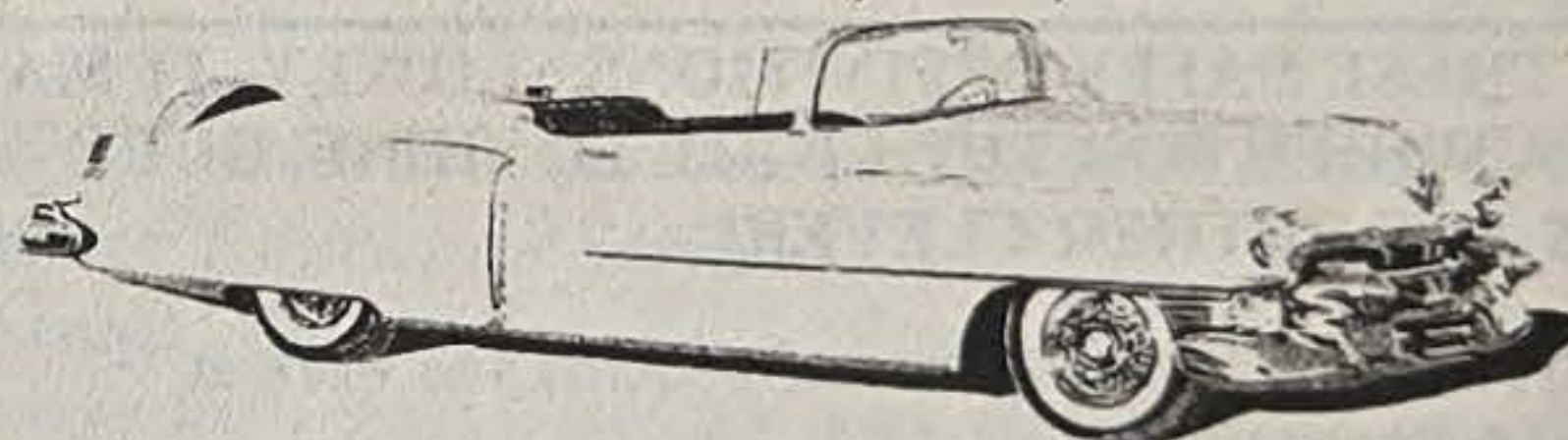
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1. ARBITRATOR: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonalds.
2. AVOIDABLE: What a bullfighter tried to do.
3. BERNADETTE: The act of torching a mortgage.
4. BURGLARIZE: What a crook sees with.
5. CONTROL: A short, ugly inmate.
6. COUNTERFEITERS: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
7. ECLIPSE: What an English barber does for a living.
8. EYEDROPPER: A clumsy ophthalmologist.
9. HEROES: What a guy in a boat does.
10. LEFTBANK: What the robber did when his bag was full of money.
11. MISTY: How golfers create divots.
12. PARADOX: Two physicians.
13. PARASITES: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.
14. PHARMACIST: A helper on the farm.
15. POLARIZE: What penguins see with.
16. PRIMATE: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV.
17. RELIEF: What trees do in the spring.
18. RUBBERNECK: What you do to relax your wife.
19. SELFISH: What the owner of a seafood store does.
20. SUDAFED: Brought litigation against a government official.

THE "PERFECT" BREAKFAST

By Mary Lou Schaechter

My mother liked rich foods. Correction: My mother LOVED rich, sweet foods. She was a wonderful cook and often made sinfully delicious desserts.

Whenever she received money as a gift for her birthday or Christmas, she would buy ingredients for many of her favorite foods and make them all on the same day. For a day or two we would only eat desserts for all three meals. My sister and I thought these were the best meals possible.

One weekend Mom made many super sweet desserts. Our Monday breakfast was Banana Nut Bread, Banana Creme Pie, Chocolate Cake, Brownies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Cherry Pie, and Old Fashioned Fudge. We joyfully ate and ate, feeling very lucky.

My teacher decided to teach a course about good nutrition. She asked each child in my class to write a list of what he/she had for breakfast that day. Happily I wrote my list, remembering how good it tasted. Surely this was a "perfect" breakfast.

My teacher read out loud to our class the best and the worst breakfast. I happily thought surely mine would be the best, but she read mine as the worst. I could not believe it. How could any breakfast be better than mine?

When Mom came to pick us up in the car, she was both upset and angry with me since the teacher had phoned her. She scolded me all the way home and I learned not to tell anyone anything about how we lived. To this day I rarely speak of it. Because I think you might enjoy hearing about this, I am sharing it with you.

VERDA RIEKE'S BANANA NUT BREAD

2 cups flour	1 tsp. baking soda
Pinch of salt	1/2 cup shortening
3 bananas, mashed	2 eggs
1 cup sugar	1/4 cup nuts

Cream shortening and sugar. Add both eggs and mashed bananas. Add dry ingredients. Add nuts. Bake at 350° 45 to 60 min. Insert toothpick in center of loaf to be certain it is done.

THOUGHTS FROM THE STEEPLE

Thus spake the prophet: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks: Nation shall not lift sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore." Shalom.

I heard these words again the other day
And prayed with all my heart this day would come
In time to save the ones I love -
These youths with vigor, strength and steady eye,
With wit and wisdom measured for the coming age.

The council of the nations meets
To separate the right from wrong . . .
Tear down the walls that keep the nations gripped in fear
Of what may be upon the other side.
The hope for peace is high
Yet, the dove comes not to stay.
Oh the impotence of men that cry for peace
But cry in vain!

While in my solemn thoughts
The Spirit whispered in my ear.
"Stop ... think ... how can these foolish men bring peace
Who have no peace within their hearts
And are at odds with neighbor, kin and friend?
Look not for peace upon the earth
Until in every man there is the undivided mind -
When intellect has caught the sight of truth so pure
All other thoughts are cast aside.
When with singleness each self pursues
First peace with Him, then self and fellowmen.
'Tis then and only then - when men become at one -
Shall heaven reply to earth, Shalom."

Jesse Cady

Published: Saints' Herald, April 15, 1966

Internet Headline:**Discovery: Heaviest Element Yet Known to Man!**

A major research institution has recently announced the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element has been named "Governmentium."

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Governmentium is inert. However, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second to take over four days to complete.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of four years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isotopes.

This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as Critical Morass.

When catalyzed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium (Am) – an element which radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

RiverWay Calendar of Summer Events

6/17: Annual Father's Day Ride the River travel scenic bike paths, take boat rides and stop at interesting places along the way. For complete information and to register for the formal event, visit www.riveraction.org. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Cross the river by riverboat, the Celebration Belle or via the Arsenal Island Bridge (helmets required to use the bridge).
- Trinity is sponsoring this year's event and adding entertainment, children's games, environmental education and healthy food at Bass Street Landing in Moline. Also at this location:

Mo Mallard from the QC Mallards will be on hand

The Trinity Wellness Staff will lead "active play" stations with kid's games and fitness tests.

- The Kids Ride will kick off RiverAction's summer youth ride program with all children participating eligible to win a free bike from Jerry and Sparky's.

- Adults and families will have about 16 miles of paved routes in the area or for the real enthusiast, follow the signs for a trip of up to 60 miles.

- The formal starting point is the Union Station Headquarters (102 S. Harrison) in Davenport.

- Helmets are strongly recommended for all riders and are mandatory for riders under 18. Registered riders can purchase helmets at the event (\$4 youth, \$8 adult). Helmet program is supported by the Quad Cities Bicycle Club.

6/22&23: Taste of the Quad Cities. Featuring great food, entertainment, free kids fest area, nightly concerts and fireworks. John Deere Commons, Call 563-344-7068 for more information

6/24: Historical Biking Tour of Arsenal Island. A 6 mile bike ride 1:00-3:00PM visiting historic sites around the island. Helmets and reservations are required. Call 309-794-5338 for information.

6/29-30&7/1: IH Mississippi Valley Blues Festival. LeClaire Park in downtown Davenport. Call 563-32BLUES (322-5837) for more information.

7/3: Fireworks! District of Rock Island and LeClaire Park on the Davenport Riverfront. Call 309-764-1952 for information.

7/7: Nahant March Clean-Up 9AM-Noon. Call 563-323-5196 for information

7/26&29: Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival See local daily papers for all the different locations throughout Davenport.

7/27&28: Wells Fargo Street Festival. Held in conjunction with the QC Times Bix 7 race/walk. Call 563-322-1706 for details.

7/28: Bix 7 Run/Walk. 7 Mile or 2 Mile Run Walk. Call 563-322-1706 for details and watch local daily papers.

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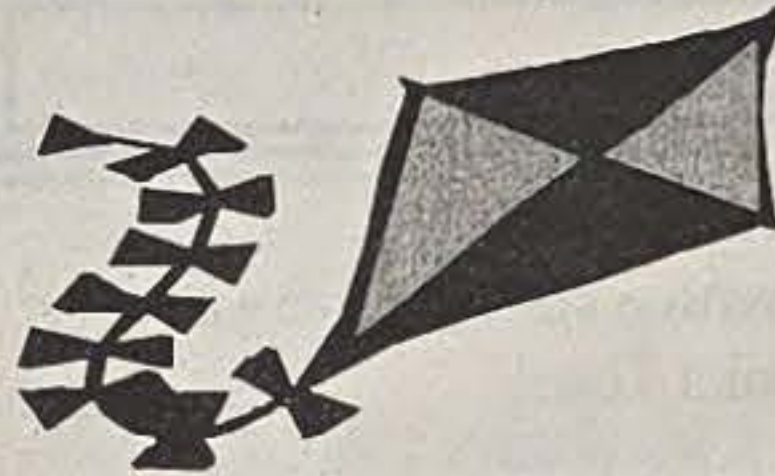
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Thank You to the children of Griff and Pam Robinson for a beautifully planned, decorated and hosted 50th wedding anniversary celebration from their happy parents.

(Jeff and Michelle Robinson, John and Shari Robinson, Lori and Rod Stalsberg, Lynne and Bill Miller and all the grandchildren who decorated and helped in the celebration).

May 7-11 was Teacher Appreciation Week at Hampton Elementary, and the Hampton PTA would like to say thank you to **all the teachers** for another great year! We would also like to thank **Blimpie** for doing an excellent job at catering a wonderful lunch on Friday! Thank you, again, for the "A+" that you made out of a Blimpie sandwich. The teachers loved it! Sincerely, Hampton PTA

Thank You to Scott McKay, Mike Tappero, Joel Price, Nick Stottler and crew for their speedy work clearing the streets of debris from the June 7-8th storm. You were seen up at the crack of dawn and really put in the extra effort to make the bike path and streets passable. Good job and thanks again!

IRS Warns Taxpayers of New E-mail Scams

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today alerted taxpayers to the latest versions of an e-mail scam intended to fool people into believing they are under investigation by the agency's Criminal Investigation division.

The e-mail purporting to be from IRS Criminal Investigation falsely states that the person is under a criminal probe for submitting a false tax return to the California Franchise Board. The e-mail seeks to entice people to click on a link or open an attachment to learn more information about the complaint against them. The IRS warned people that the e-mail link and attachment is a Trojan Horse that can take over the person's computer hard drive and allow someone to have remote access to the computer.

The IRS urged people not to click the link in the e-mail or open the attachment. Similar e-mail variations suggest a customer has filed a complaint against a company and the IRS can act as an arbitrator.

The latest versions appear **aimed at business taxpayers** as well as **individual taxpayers**.

The IRS does not send out unsolicited e-mails or ask for detailed personal and financial information. Additionally, the IRS never asks people for the PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

"Everyone should beware of these scam artists," said Kevin M. Brown, Acting IRS Commissioner. "Always exercise caution when you receive unsolicited e-mails or e-mails from senders you don't know."

Recipients of questionable e-mails claiming to come from the IRS should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the e-mails. Instead, they should forward the e-mails to phishing@irs.gov (the instructions may be found on IRS.gov by entering the term "phishing" in the search box).

The IRS also sees other e-mail scams that involve tricking victims into revealing private personal and financial information over the Internet is known as "phishing" for information.

The IRS and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration work with the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and various Internet service providers and international CERT teams to have the phishing sites taken offline as soon as they are reported.

Since the establishment of the mail box last year, the IRS has received more than 17,700 e-mails from taxpayers reporting more than 240 separate phishing incidents. To date, investigations by TIGTA have identified host sites in at least 27 different countries, as well as in the United States.

Other fraudulent e-mail scams try to entice taxpayers to click their way to a fake IRS Web site and ask for bank account numbers. Another widespread e-mail tells taxpayers the IRS is holding a refund (often \$63.80) for them and seeks financial account information. Still another email claims the IRS's 'anti-fraud commission' is investigating their tax returns.

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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. We will print church special events but not weekly sermon themes, etc.

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow. Swedish Proverb

Jammin with Jane

By Jane Nelson

Well June is busting out all over. It seems to me most of the flowers that are blooming are all yellow or orange. I noticed that John Deere had yellow flowers and with the green foliage they seemed very appropriate. I don't think I have a single flower blooming that I didn't plant in a pot for my porches. Of course, I always say I have a white thumb and not a green thumb.

Back when I used to teach I used to make crepes. My husband and son Marc are both very partial to Swedish Pancakes which are a cousin to crepes. My grandfather Henry McNeal always liked thin pancakes and that is also how I think crepes can be classified. I have various pans but I find a small rounded side frying pan is the best. I also have one that is oval and you dip it into the batter and then it cooks the crepe and you peel it off. I have not had great success with it. I would rather use the small skillet and a small metal spatula. I have used several recipes. I also like the Swedish Pancake mixes they sell. I don't have any on hand. But I think it is either Lind or Krustez or both. This is a recipe from my "Everyday Food" magazine.

CREPES

1 1/2 c milk	1 c all-purpose flour (spooned and leveled)
2 large eggs	2 t sugar
1/4 t salt	1 T butter melted plus more for pan

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk, flour, eggs, sugar, salt and butter. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Meanwhile, prepare (the apple topping)
2. Heat a skillet over medium heat. Dip a folded paper towel into melted butter wipe bottom of skillet. Pour 1/3 c of the batter-swirl skillet so batter coats bottom with a thin even layer. Cook until edges are dry about 1 minute. Using a spatula gently lift one edge of crepe and grasping with your fingers flip crepe over; cook 30 seconds (don't worry if the first one or two aren't perfect). It takes a little practice to get the heat, thickness, and a gentle touch.
3. Slide cooked crepe out of skillet onto baking sheet. Repeat with remaining batter, stacking crepes on sheet. I usually put a sheet of waxed paper in between.

APPLE FILLING

1 T butter
5 Gala apples, peeled cored & cut into 12 wedges each.
2 T sugar
1 T fresh lemon juice (one lemon)
1/2 t cinnamon
1/4 c dried cherries or cranberries
Reduced fat sour cream (Opt)

1. In a large skillet melt butter and add apples, lemon juice, sugar, cinnamon and 1/2 c water. Cook until apples are soft about 15 minutes.
2. Add cherries and cook until they are plumped about 2 minutes.

Last year the Republican Women of Rock Island County had a pot luck supper and we all brought our favorite recipes. I thought they made a nice mix of dishes with the pot of Chili I made. Here are a couple of the recipes.

GRUNER SALAD (ORIENTAL)

1 Bunch or head Napa cabbage.
Wash, drain well and slice into thin shreds
1 bunch green onions.
Slice, including green tops, Mix with cabbage and chill

Dressing

1/3 c oil
1/3 c sugar or Splenda
1/3 c white vinegar
1 T soy sauce
Mix and boil one minute. Cool to room temperature. Store in refrigerator if not using right away to cool.

Topping

1 package Ramen noodles, chicken flavor. Set aside chicken flavor packet to use later.
1 package sliced almonds 1/2 stick butter 4 T
Sesame seeds. You can find these already done at the grocery store they are called salad accents.

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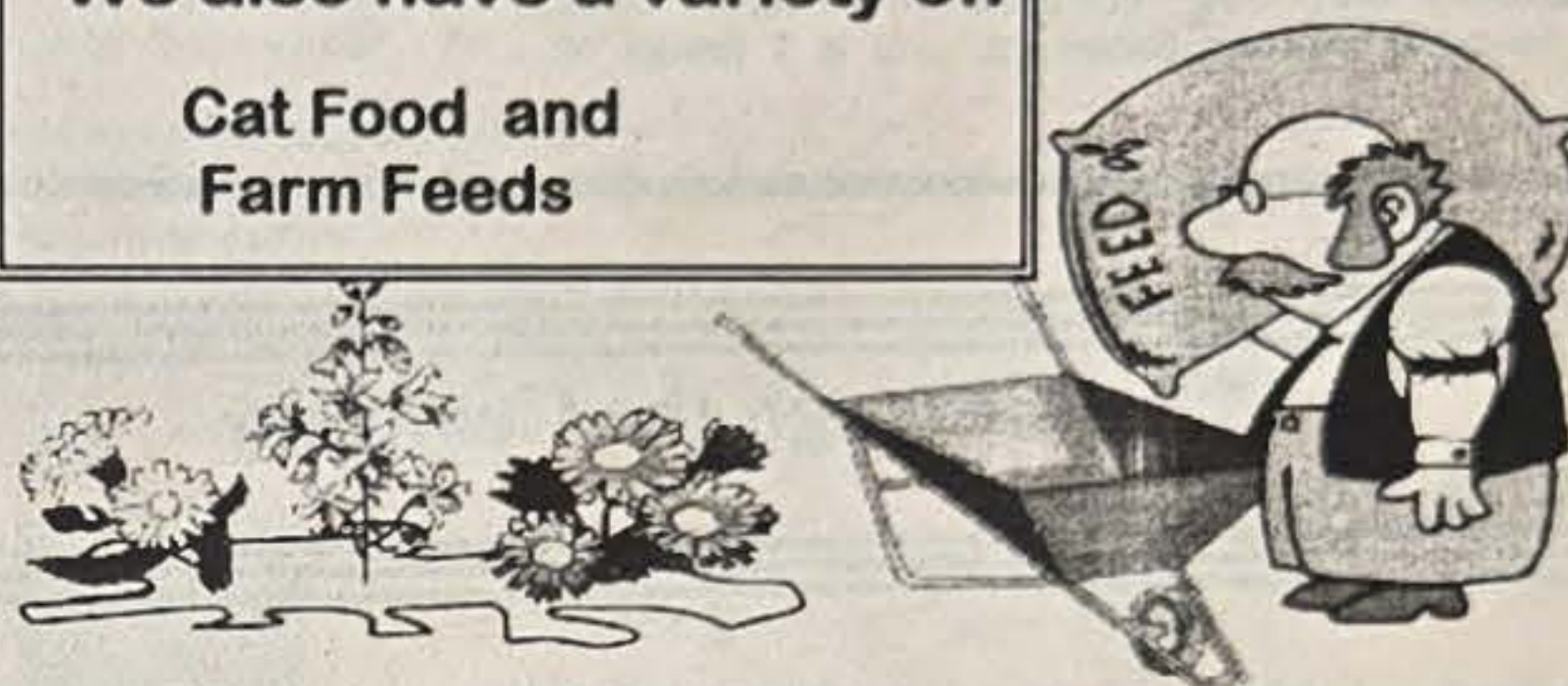
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Melt butter in baking pan with sides in a 325° oven. Add raw noodles which have been broken into bit size or smaller pieces, almonds and sesame seeds. Stir to coat pieces and brown in oven, stirring every 5 minutes or so. This takes about 20 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool to room temperature.

When ready to serve, mix dressing with cabbage. Add cooled topping and mix sprinkles with the chicken flavor packet and mix again. I sometimes carry each part in separate bags and mix when I get to a pot luck. This was from June Harroun and I also have the same recipe from Roger Wildermuth

FRESH MUSHROOM CASSEROLE BY ARLIS ENBURG

1 lb fresh button mushrooms, sliced	1/2 c hot water
4 T granulated chicken bouillon	1 T flour
1 c commercial sour cream	dash of pepper
3 T grated Parmesan cheese	1 1/2 sticks of margarine, melted
1/2 of a 6 oz package of chicken flavor Stove Top stuffing	

Add the granulated bouillon to the hot water, dissolve and cool. Mix the flour, pepper and Parmesan cheese into the sour cream. Stir the cooled bouillon into this mixture. Put the mushroom into 1 1/2 quart casserole dish and pour the sour cream mixture over the mushrooms. Top with Stove Top stuffing and pour the melted margarine over. Bake uncovered in a 350° oven for about 35 minutes.

I have three more recipes which I will use next month. They are all vegetable dishes. I also have a great Strawberry Pie. Have a nice summer.

In lighting a candle, we seek to illuminate a dark chamber. In reading a book, we seek to enlighten the heart. Indian Proverb

♦ They keep telling us to get in touch with our bodies. Mine isn't all that communicative but I heard from it the other day after I said, "Body, how'd you like to go to the six o'clock class in vigorous toning?" Clear as a bell my body said, "Listen fatty....do it and die!"

♦ I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are eating too much, impulse buying, and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That's my idea of a perfect day

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Strolling Through the Cemetery

By Merlin "Rocky" Nelson

The end of May takes us to Memorial Day. It's the holiday created to honor those who have served their country in the armed forces. Unfortunately, it has become the holiday that emphasizes the fun stuff we can do in the nice spring weather, more than the memory of the service men. Since I've been associated with the Historical Society and its Memorial Day ceremony, I have become very familiar with the Hampton Cemetery and its residents. Every year we walk the cemetery and put flags on the graves of the veterans. It has become almost like meeting old friends to see the familiar graves. For example, when I run across Gale Vogler's grave. Gale was from Campbell's Island and was my student in a general science class years ago. Nice kid. Good athlete. Pretty good student. He was killed in Viet Nam. I always snap him a salute.

Another old friend (though we never actually met) is Henry Arcularius. I've related his story in previous columns. He was killed at Chicamauga during the Civil War and his parents had his body sent home for burial. Another friend (that I never met) is Henry Baumbach, another Civil War vet. He enlisted as a fifer at age 12. Served for 4 years. Discharged as a Fife Major (which was a commissioned officer) at age 16. He was playing his fife in battle when the others his age were playing kids games. I wish I could converse with him.

Albert Howarth, now there is another friend. In WWI he served in the Canadian army so we have the maple leaf flag of Canada, for him. Over across the road in the new part of the cemetery is one I actually did talk to. He was my neighbor and had been in the British army at the time of the Korean War. I loved his British accent. We've got a Union Jack on Wilfred Edwards grave.

Some years ago a lady came to Hampton from her home in New York. She had her husband's ashes and had come to have them buried in the Thomas family plot. His name was Frederick Thomas and he had spent many years on the University of Rochester staff after WWI. Mrs. Thomas got her husband buried and returned to New York. She's still there.. 111 years old. She's in a home now. She outlived the people who were supposed to take care of her.

We have some doctors who served. There was Warren Hunter (Civil War) whose father was one of our town's early doctors, and Evlan Sargent (WWI) whose practice was in Moline but he had a summer home in Hampton. His son Dick lived where Denny Ayers family lives now, and was a famous artist. You older readers might remember his Saturday Evening Post covers.

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Before we leave the medical field, we should mention Alice Mohr. The only woman who's grave bears a flag, she was an army nurse in WWII.

When I see Maniel Smith's grave, I always remember that he had requested that two flags be placed at the Cemetery Monument in memory of his Hampton buddies, Moses Beaver and Elijah Youlin, who served with him in the Civil War. They were killed at the battle of Stone River, December 31, 1862. They are buried on that field but we still put out the flags.

That brings us to the Unknown Soldier. We are not sure how an unknown Civil War veteran came to be buried here. The unsubstantiated explanation is that there was an organization that arranged for that. His grave stone says he served in the 1st US Cavalry. This would have been a regular army unit. In the Civil War the states had the job of recruitment. That would account for the other Civil War gravestones with units such as 89th Illinois Infantry or 6th Maine Cavalry.

There was a regular army (they were the ones who fought Indians before the war) but few men enlisted in those units because if you enlisted in a state unit you often got a bonus (called a bounty) for enlisting. You didn't get that for joining a Federal unit. Most of the people who did were guys who didn't know any better, chiefly immigrants. In fact the government had recruiters whose job it was to hang around the immigrant ports, and when a green-horn discovered that the streets in America were not really paved in gold, they would approach them and say "have I got a job for you!" So if we could talk to our unknown soldier, chances are he could barely understand you. He gets a flag just the same.

So decorating graves is like meeting old friends, but there is a down side. Many of the gravestones are broken, leaning at crazy angles, or defaced. It is seldom, if ever, due to vandalism. It is due to neglect and carelessness. People have complained to the Cemetery Association but they are told grave upkeep is up to the individual family. But what if there is no family to do it? Also, much of the damage is due to the carelessness of those who are paid to mow the grass. I think in those cases it is the responsibility of those who hire the mowers. What I would like more than anything is for this column would inspire somebody to take the initiative to organize a group to see to the problem. We have a beautiful, significant cemetery. What a shame to see it deteriorate due to maintenance neglect.

The obstacle in Our Path A Story from the Internet

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been.

The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

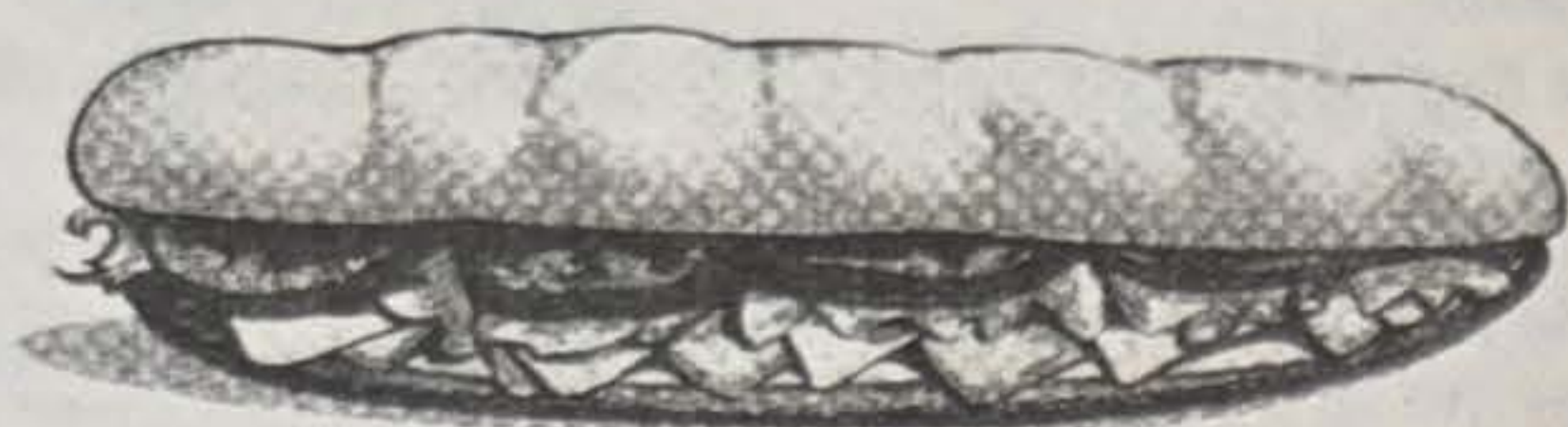
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In the space marked 0000, put the year you were born or the year you wish to explore. Example:

<http://www.infoplease.com/year/1955.html>

The site will give you information about the year in question. World Events, U.S. Events, Economics, Sports, Movies, Books science, deaths, music of that year and more through links. Give it a try. It makes an interesting enclosure for a birthday card!

Everyone is concerned with energy bills regardless the season. In this month's billing from Mid American Energy, an interesting chart was given showing how adjusting your thermostat can lead to considerable savings. There is also the following note:

"You can learn more about saving energy for your own home at www.midamericanenergy.com/homeaudit. Enter your Zip code and select Go for a quick home profile. You then have the option of completing a detailed home energy analysis or using our energy-saving calculators. After you have entered selected information about your home or appliance, **a series of individualized recommendations will be offered.**"

View a global map that is updated every seven minutes with any newsworthy incidents. Click on the icons scattered across the map for descriptions of fires, terrorist attacks, natural disasters and more. Up to the minute information for school reports or just to stay current on incidents in a country where you have friends or relatives.

<http://www.globalincidentmap.com/home.php>

If you've ever spent a sleepless night wondering what that twinge in your chest might mean. Perhaps some close relative has just had heart surgery and you wonder what influence your family history of heart problems will effect you or your kids. Don't miss out on sleep! Check out the Trinity website for an on-line heart health evaluation, locate a specialist or physician near you, read heart health related articles and view class and screening schedules. You can even send a greeting card for this sight. Take a look!

<http://trinityqc.com/heartaware>

"What is it about grandparents that is so lovely? I'd like to say that grandparents are God's gifts to children. And if they can but see, hear and feel what these people have to give, they can mature at a fast rate."

~Bill Cosby

A grandmother always pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween.

"Amid all the talk of generation gaps, it should be noted how rare it is to have one between grandparent and grandchild."

~Carole Beaton

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13 Kenyon Pfau
14 Jeff Cady
John Griffith
16 Dave Aeschliman
Chad Griffith
20 Vanessa Gillespie
Harold Newberg
Charles W. Gavin
22 Phyllis Trommer
25 Burton Phillips
26 Ariana Neziroski
27 Torey Graham
29 Becky Atherton

June Anniversaries:

6 Ray & Connie Leader
11 Lyne & Donna Leader
10 Merlin "Rocky" & Jane
Nelson-Happy 51st!
17 Cari & Matthew Cady
18 Steve & Cheryl Reader
19 "Smokey" and Lee
Hansemann
Ken & Phyllis Trommer
Jim & Charlotte
Gillespie
21 Randy & Beth Carroll

July Birthdays:

1 Gwendolyn R. Gavin
2 Tim Gillespie
15 Matthew Gillespie
17 Bobbi Beals
18 Rebecca Kosminski
18 Justine Marie Franklin
20 Jeff Heintz
22 Beth Carroll
24 Amy Gould
28 Theresa Cox
29 Eileen A. Gavin

July Anniversaries:

22 Rick & Anita Gillespie



Grandpa, John Neziroski (of the Brothers Restaurant) has asked us to send special greetings out to "the apple of his eye", little Ariana Neziroski on her third birthday on June 26th.

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River Valley District Library News

Book Club

Our book discussion group meets 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

"Mission READ" Summer Reading Program began on June 11th. Stop in the library during regular library hours to pick up your packet and "blast off". Some of the fun, free programs for you to enjoy this year are star gazing, visit to the Planetarium. Challenge Learning Center, Sky Lab and a NASA Space Bus!

Outdoor Movies will start June 15. Pick up a list of the movies on June 1st. Due to the cost of viewing outdoor movies (\$125.00 per movie) we will ask for a donation to help defray the cost.

There will be a special outdoor showing of "The Secret" on Friday, June 29th starting around 9:00PM. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

River Valley Library will be closed on June 28th for a Sundance movie shoot by Justin Piasecki and on August 10 & 11th for the annual Tug Fest. See the "People" section of this issue for more about Justin.

Stamp It Up Crafts Group

Stamp It Up group meets on the first Friday of the month upstairs in our meeting room at 9:00 a.m. Come and meet new friends, make cards and get lots of great ideas for stamping. Call Beverly at 523-2516 for more info. July 6th is the upcoming meeting.

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Who Should Be Told About A Death?

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

It is easy to forget when a loved one dies, that there are many other people who should be advised about the death.

The most obvious are family members, parents, children, brothers and sisters, and other relatives. They should be notified soon, by telephone if they live far away, so they can make arrangements to be with the rest of the family.

Friends of the deceased also will want to attend funeral services and should be notified promptly. These include neighbors as well as friends from religious, professional and recreational groups.

Also, business associates of the deceased should be told of the death so they can make suitable arrangements of their own. Usually, a single phone call to the business is sufficient.

The funeral home will arrange for an obituary to be published in the newspaper. Your funeral director will ask you for the information needed.

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East Moline Library News

Family Movie Night shows movies inside on the second Saturday of each month. Movies begin at 7:00 p.m.. July 14th There will be a Movie Matinee on Wednesday, June 13th at 2:00 PM. Call the library closer to the date to find out which movie will be shown.

Computer Classes will meet on Fridays beginning at 9:30AM.

June 15: Computer Basics

June 22: Microsoft Publisher – Get Creative

June 29: Connecting with others who share your interests!

Summer Reading Program & Activities

For Children and Young Adults

June 18: Magic Classes with Rick at 10:00AM Class and 1:00PM

June 20: STARLAB with Roy Gutufson Time and Location TBA

June 25: Niabi Zoo 1:00-2:00PM

July 9: Papercraft Day. Design and launch a Rocket! 2:00-3:00PM

July 23: Last Chance to Spend Your Space Bucks. No Exceptions

July 28: End Swim Party For Our Summer Reading Participants.

Summer Writing Program

Ever dreamed of publishing a book or article or marketing one you've already written? Attend the three-class program on **June 13, 20 and 27, 2007 from 6-8PM**. The instructor will be Jean Huber, local published author. She will show you the way to fulfill your dream. These classes are free and open to the general public. To sign up, call 755-9614 to register.

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Life After Loss Support Group Meetings: Affiliated with GMC-Illini Campus Volunteer Chaplain. Meets Thursdays, 10-11:00 am. Lower Level of Larson Center in the Wallen Room.

Low Cholesterol Class: One time class to learn to eat heart healthy. Third Tuesday of each month. Choose one of the following dates: June 19th. All are held from 3-4PM in the lower level of the Larson Center. Cost is \$20 per person and includes written materials. Call 792-4385 for reservations.

Pre-Diabetes Classes: Answers your questions on: what is it and what can I do? having pre-diabetes means you might get type 2 diabetes. Come hear how you can delay or prevent type 2 diabetes. Meeting on the third Thursday of each month June 21 from 3-4PM. Each class is the same. Meeting on the lower level of the Larson Center. Cost \$20 per person. Call 792-4385 to make a reservation.

People

Justin Piasecki will be in Port Byron shooting a Sundance movie at the River Valley District Library on June 28th. (The library will be closed on the 28th)

Justin attended Pleasant Valley High School and recently graduated from New York University. Justin's movie script was chosen along with 25 other projects out of 70 based on the script's quality and feasibility. In the past, Justin has done casting from Los Angeles, New York and Chicago. He has interned for director with Wes Anderson, director of *The Royal Tenenbaums* and *Life Aquatic*.

The Library was chosen to be in the film because of the structure and atmosphere for the script's main location (a visitor's center). Keep in touch with the Library staff for further updates on this exciting project!

Lindsay Stoffer and Clayton Lee, both of East Moline, have announced their engagement. Lindsay is the daughter of Denise and Greg Stoffer of Davenport. Clayton is the son of Patricia A. and Graham J. Lee of East Moline.

The couple plan to marry October 20th at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport.

Lindsay graduated from Davenport North High School and Western Illinois University with a bachelor's in marketing. She is employed by Quad City Radio Group of Davenport.

Clayton graduated from Alleman High School, St. Ambrose University with a bachelor's in history and the Northern Illinois University College of Law with a Juris Doctorate. He is employed at Lee & Lee Attorneys at Law and is the Attorney for the Village of Hampton. Congratulations Clayton!

James VanDieren, son of John and Mickey VanDieren, is named to the St. Ambrose University Dean's List for Spring 2007 at St. Ambrose University. The Dean's List recognizes students who have achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Congratulations Jim!

Arthur and Lillian Fox of East Moline were honored at an open house held at St. Mary's Church Hall in Hampton. All came together in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary and Arthur's 95th Birthday.

Arthur was born May 31, 1912. He and Lillian C. Schaner and Arthur B. Fox were married June 19, 1937 at St. Anne Catholic Church in East Moline.

Arthur retired in 1971 after working 34 years for John Deere Harvester. Lillian was a self-employed caterer for 30 years, retiring at age 80.

Their children are Dennis (Rose) of Evergreen Park, IL, Judy Fox of East Moline; Gerald (Laurie) of Zeeland, MI; Robert

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(Margo) of Long Grove and James (Roxanne) Fox of Grimes, IA. They have 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. They are members of St. Mary's Church, Hampton; Knights of Columbus Leo Council 716 and NW Area Cursillo, St. Mary's rosary makers and Rock Island Home Extension. Congratulations and best wishes to the Fox couple!

Two Valedictorians in One Hampton Family in 2007!

Stephan Escontrias is Valedictorian of United Township High School's Class of 2007 (He was also Valedictorian of his Hampton Elementary School class of 2003)



Bailey Escontrias continued the family tradition by being Valedictorian of Hampton Elementary School, Class of 2007.



Wendy and Bob Escontrias of Hampton are the proud parents of Stefan and Bailey. Bonnie Bull of Hampton along with the late Albert Bull Jr. and the late Simon and Elodia Escontrias of East Moline are their grandparents.

You have done your family proud! Congratulations to you!

Get Well Wishes

Our best wishes to **Jan McKay** for a speedy recovery from her wrestling match with a ladder.

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If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork as poorly as they do a golf club, they'd starve to death. ~Sam Snead

Car Safety for young and Old

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Nearly ¾ of children's safety seats are improperly used. Learn the mechanics of your brand of seat. Then follow these guidelines:

- Never place a child safety seat in front of an air bag.
- Visit a certified inspection station to make sure you have installed the seat correctly. (www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cps/cpsfitting)
- Place babies less than a year old and less than 20 pounds in rear-facing safety seats. Use a convertible seat in the rear-facing mode if your infant is less than a year old but weighs 20-35 pounds.
- Children ages 1-4 should sit in forward-facing car seats until they're approximately 40 pounds. When using a car seat, pull the harness so it's snug. Place the chest clip at armpit level. Also pull the car's seat belt tight.
- Until they reach age 8 or at least 4'9" tall, kids should sit on booster seats secured with lap and shoulder belts.
- Children 12 and under should always ride in the backseat with seat belts fastened.

Little known/remembered safety tips:

Lock headrests into proper position to reduce the chances of head or neck injuries in a rear-end collision. The top of a headrest should be no more than 3.5" below the top of the head. Keep the distance between the head and the headrest as small as possible – no more than 4".

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Tragedies also have occurred when drivers inadvertently closed windows on children. To protect your passengers, don't leave kids alone in a car. Find out how to use your window lock and use it. ALWAYS warn passengers when raising a window.

Learn more at www.kidsandcars.org

Hampton United Methodist Church Activities

June 30th, 4:30-7:00PM, there will be a Spaghetti and Mostacholi Dinner at 400 – 2nd Avenue in the Fellowship Hall. Adults \$6.00, Children 6-12 \$4.00, Under 6 eat free. For tickets, call 496-9230

June 5 to August, Community Coffee House will be held from 9-11AM on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall.

Obituaries

Elsie A. Robinson, 92 of Port Byron passed away May 11, 2007. Services at the Hampton United Methodist Church, burial was made in Cordova Cemetery.

Elsie was born December 26, 1914 in Bettendorf, daughter of Lewis and Celina Uyttenhove Goderis. She lived in Hampton for 45 years.

Elsie married Everette "Zeke" Robinson December 9, 1939 in Clinton, Iowa. He preceded her in death May 6, 1981.

She was a member of Hampton United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school there. She loved to read and play cards and crochet. She made 2,500 baby caps for the newborn babies at Illini Hospital.

Survivors include her daughter, Joan (Joe) VanQuathem of Waterloo, IA; sons Jim (Linda) Robinson of East Moline, John (Sara) Robinson of Port Byron, six grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; sister, Mary Peterson of Bettendorf.

Elsie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers and a sister,

Richard G. Hammerberg, 59 of Moline, formerly of Hampton passed away May 26, 2007.

Rick was born July 24, 1947 in Moline, son of Robert E. and Veronica Cates Hammerberg. He married Judy McNeff in 1994 in Indiana.

Rick was a truck driver who drove cross-country semis for more than 30 years. He graduated from Moline High School.

Rick was a Chicago Bears and bulls fan, but above all, he was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He also enjoyed bird watching.

Survivors include his wife Judy, son William Kiger, daughter Jamie Kiger, Grandson Carter Davis, Stepmother, Vivian Hammerberg of Moline, sisters; Susan (David) Quick of Elgin, and Cheryl Hammerberg of Moline; brothers; Thomas (Betsy) Hammerberg of Hamden CT, and Chris (Susan) Hammerberg of Columbus, Ohio, an aunt Audrey Tebbit of London, Ontario, Canada and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cornelia "Cis" Cox Donaldson, 91, passed away on Saturday, June 2, 2007 in Westland, Michigan. She was formerly of Hampton and Dearborn, Michigan. Per her wishes, her cremains will rest next to her daughter Suella's in Michigan.

Cis was born, the oldest daughter of Charles and Ivy Cox in Hampton, September 14, 1915. She married Arnold L. "Bud" Donaldson of Hampton on August 31, 1939 in Winona, Minnesota.

Mrs. Donaldson, early in her life, was an office worker for the WPA and a switchboard operator for Baskin Robins. After her move to Dearborn, Michigan, she became a full time mother and a very active volunteer in her church and community.

She was well known for her decorative cakes and hand made candies given to friends and donated to fundraisers through the years. Drawing and crochet were a few of her interests. She and husband Bud had many friends around their Dearborn neighborhood as well as by their summer place in Engadine, Michigan where they loved to fish and enjoy the natural scenery.

Survivors include her husband, daughter Sharon (Norman) Muench of Drummond Island, Michigan, Harriette Cox Gillespie of Hampton and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews around the country.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Everett "Bud" Cox, sister, Charmian Cady and youngest daughter, Sue Ella Sinelli.



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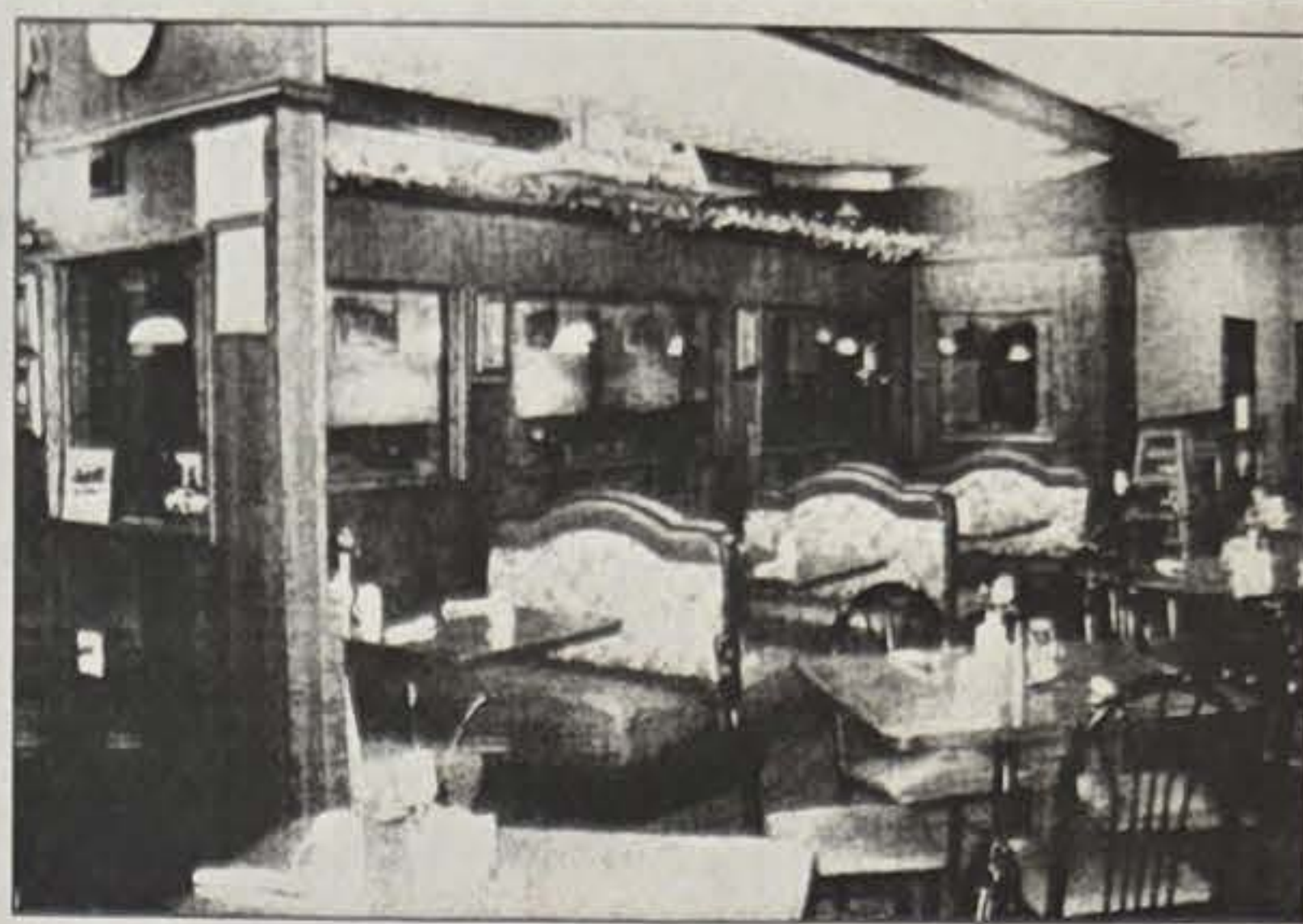
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The following came to the Crier as an e-mail but the point made is a lesson our society needs to heed NOW. The decline of volunteers necessary to keep our neighborhoods vibrant and the apathy shown toward local government operations is growing. After reading the comments below, decide what legacy you will leave for future generations.

About the time our original thirteen states adopted their new constitution in 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years earlier:

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government."

"A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury."

"From that moment on, the majority always vote for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years."

"During those 200 years, those nations always progressed through the following sequence:

1. From bondage to spiritual faith;
2. From spiritual faith to great courage;
3. From courage to liberty;
4. From liberty to abundance;
5. From abundance to complacency;
6. From complacency to apathy;
7. From apathy to dependence;
8. From dependence back into bondage"

Seen on Churches signs, Ads and Bulletins

At a church that had problems with outsiders parking in its parking lots: "Church Car Park - For Members Only - Trespassers will be baptized!"

"Free trip to heaven. Details inside!"

"Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"

In an ad picturing two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed: "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets."

"Fight truth decay - study the Bible daily."

"How will you spend eternity? Smoking or non-smoking?"

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours long and the pay is low. But, the retirement benefits are out of this world."

"It is unlikely there will be a reduction in the wages of sin."

"Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church."

"If you are headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."

"If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again."

"If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd."

"Why is it our children can't read a Bible in school but they can in prison?"

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The Second Honeymoon E-Mail

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years before. Because of their hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minneapolis and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel, and unlike years ago, there was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. When e-mailing his wife, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without noticing his error, sent it.

Meanwhile...somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory after suffering a heart attack. The widow decided to check her email, expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and then glanced up and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2006

Subject: I have arrived!

Dearest Love: I know you are surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now, and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I have just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow, and look forward to seeing you then. I Hope your journey will be as uneventful as mine was.

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