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Fall Activities In Full Swing

2007 Hampton Township Youth Commission Summer Softball Tournament Winners



8-11 Year old coed softball tournament members: *Natasha Rickets, Alex Carr, Jennifer Osborne, Garrett Gunneman, Brody Smith, Emily Jones, Ashley Visconni, Austin McCannon, Alyssa Rickets, Michael Cornett, Adreanna Green, Coaches Deb Jones, Thomas Osborne, Assistant Coach Nicole Green. Not pictured: Hailey Chaffee, Sean Robison and Roxanne Nino.*



12-14 Year old coed softball tournament team members: *1st Row: Caitlynne Torroner, Kyleigh McLaughlin, Lee Tapia, Cody Brown, Emalee Leigh. Back Row: Assistant Coach Terry Leigh, Jami DeCrne, Katelyn Pederson, Mitchell Wright, Mitch Beck, Shelby McKay, Kaitlyn Mason, and Coach Roger Beck. Not pictured: Josh McKay, Emily Thomas and Assistant Coach Dave Wright*



15-18 Year old softball tournament team members: *1st Row: Becca Hasdindra, Jason Hubbard, Abi Dais, Elsi Beck. 2nd Row: Katie Flores, Cole Hengl, Brandon Cophly. Back Row: Coach Roger Beck, Nick Armstrong, Shane Erickson, Austin Hubbard, Sean Winters, Coach Loyd Hubbard. Not Pictured: Nikki DeCrane, Anesa Barnard, Sara Winters, Sam Knowles. Team Sponsored by Winters Architectural Roofing*

Hampton's Annual Apple Festival September 22nd!

Hampton is unique among the small river communities north of the Quad Cities because they maintain three locations that draw visitors year around. The Heritage Interpretive Center features revolving displays related to local history and ecology as well as the famous carved ginkgo tree. On First Avenue at 6th Street is the 100 year old (still operating) Village Hall beside the Soldier's Monument and canon. Also on First Avenue is the Brettun & Black Mercantile Store Museum. Cameras click from the bike path, streets and river traffic throughout the historic district. On the Bluff just off 4th Street is the GAR Veteran's Memorial Plaza featuring a podium with an up-to-date list of all Hampton-related Veterans. No other small Illinois Community offers so many non-commercial attractions that compliment outstand river vistas. The Hampton Historical Society provides a family activity on September 22nd – their Annual Apple Festival held at the store museum, 6th Street & 1st Avenue.



When you enter, you are standing in a store as 1849 area pioneers saw it. Counters, shelves and the old 8 plate stove are in their original positions. For this occasion, instead of huge sacks of seeds, harnesses or barrels of salt pork, the museum is filled with the aroma of home baked goodies. The north room has a display on the development of indoor lighting and its impact on pioneer homes and businesses.

The Festival offers a bakery, tours and gift shop on the main floor. The newly lighted lower level will offer by-the-slice items with beverages, a place to sit and visit with friends and neighbors. Live demonstration of apple cider making will be performed using the old fashioned cider presses. Some members will be dressed in costume so bring your camera. There will be photo boards so you can add more fun shots your 2007 scrapbooks.

The festival also honors Lester and Dorothy Stone who donated the building to the Historical Society. Plan to visit their Stone's Apple Barn and Orchard on the bluff after the festival for the freshest fruit around. Their sign shows the way up Hubbard Road.

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Editorial: A Sense of Place

A combination of school, church, social and historical organizations give any community a "personality" and it's citizens a sense of place. The historical society's contribution is preserving the past for future generations. The schools provide the knowledge required to open the doors of opportunity to students. Churches and social organizations share the vision of the "way things are supposed to be" and offer companionship. Even the Crier lends a hand trying to inform, entertain and tie all of the above components into a package labeled: My home town. It is that individual home town image that draws new residents and visitors.

Regardless of their size, many towns claim they are the world capital for a specific item. It helps identify the area and enhances that sense of place because towns are marketed the same as products to keep community life vibrant. Here are a few claims:

Lombard, IL – Lilac Capital
 Washington, MO – Corn Cob Pipe Capital
 Eau Claire, MI – Cherry Pit Spitting Capital
 Conrad, IA – Black Dirt Capital
 LaCrosse, KS – Barbed Wire Capital
 Ft. Payne, AL – Sock Capital
 Claxton, GA – Fruit Cake Capital
 Toledo, OH – Glass Capital
 Chackbay, LA – Gumbo Capital
 Gilroy, CA – Garlic Capital

and never to be outdone in the ego race:

Boston, MA – Hub of the Universe *and* Cradle of Liberty

From these claims, parades and festivals evolve that give special spice to the life these. Municipal governments promote growth with careful image-building materials that benefit everyone.

Just for fun, put on your thinking caps and send the Crier your suggestions for a claim that your home town can make and use in publicity of all sorts of events. Make it clean, positive and as unique as possible. We will make sure that each municipality receives your suggestions! Mail to: Hampton Town Crier, P. O. Box 224, Hampton, IL 61256 or send us an e-mail:

jkdowntowner@mchsi.com Especially clever suggestions will be published in the next Crier.



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Administration Committee Report

By Mickey VanDieren

Last spring the village board requested information from the U.S. Census Bureau on conducting a special census. Preliminary inquiries were favorable because of the additional state revenue per person that Hampton would receive with a larger population. Even motor fuel revenues are based on population. Eldridge, Iowa recently completed a special census at an approximate cost of \$45,000. Eldridge has a larger population than Hampton. However, just last week trustees learned our special census would cost \$69,800. Even if the 2010 census figures are not available until 2012, the benefit of a special census would be wiped out by the cost. Trustees unanimously decided not to proceed with the special census.

In other business, it was reported that all of Hampton's fire hydrants were exercised last year and they would again be exercised this fall. Three hydrants will soon be required to be replaced at a cost of \$5500 each. Yet these and all hydrants can provide plenty of water in case of fire.

An expert is someone who is called in at the last minute to share the blame.

Parks Committee Report

By Ruth Speer, Heritage Center Director

Mark your Calendars – Flu Shots

October 26, 2007 9:00 am – noon at the Heritage Center

2nd Annual Memorial Luminary Service

December 9, 2007 at 5:00 pm

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Finance Committee

By Trustee Jane Cady

The following are bills approved for payment:

Board Meeting Dates:	8/20/07	9/4/07
Administration	4,754.76	491.68
Streets	2,886.18	1,519.34
Parks	925.19	769.05
Police Dept.	1,888.77	683.80
Fire Dept.	1,090.74	1,044.33
Capital Outlay *	7,790.00	---
Sub-Totals	19,335.64	4,508.20
Total-ALL TIFs	225.00	182,512.56
Motor Fuel Funds	-0-	3,790.08
Public Works total	14,488.57	41,865.61
Repairs to Equipment	519.00	19,915.00
Refuse Collection	-0-	7,137.50
Water purchase	6,529.46	7,077.51
Sewer Services	5,872.65	5,051.35
Meters	-0-	-0-
Heritage Center	779.07	408.87
Grand Totals	37,828.28	233,085.32

By request of readers, Public Works expenditures show the total of all bills approved for payment then a breakdown below in italics.

*Capital Outlay for work on exterior of Village Hall.

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb.

It came back with "Return to Sender" stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits. God Bless the US Post Office!

It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling.
 ~Mark Twain
 Don't play too much golf. Two rounds a day are plenty.
 ~Harry Vardon

PTA NEWS

The PTA will be collecting box tops and Swiss Valley Milk caps this year. Please make sure the milk caps are **Swiss Valley only and they are clean**. Also, make sure that the box tops are cut to size. The children are to give them directly to their teacher and not to Lee. They are a great way to raise money for the school.

There will be an **open house** at the school from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on **September 20th**. PTA Volunteers will greet parents. The evening is designed to get parents acquainted with teachers and the classrooms of their children. The open house will offer parents an opportunity to meet other parents and learn what events are planned for the coming year.

PTA Calendar:

Sept 20th Open house

Nov 5th Skating party

March Spring Book fair will be changing TBD

Sarah Manion will be heading up the Scholarship fund this year.

Jackie Moorhusen will be handling the Carnival Prize Room Committee this year along side of Jennifer Fischer.

Dani Solis will be checking into getting new ceiling fans for the gym. The PTA is willing to donate new ones as they should make the concerts and graduations a lot more comfortable.

Teacher, Mrs. Bartscher has asked that the PTA raise money for a second bus for field trips as the classes are so large this year and they will not be able to take 2 field trips unless they have another bus. The PTA will gladly be donating money to pay for this.

We have 82 PTA members to date and welcome any new people willing to contribute to a better future for our students. Current and new PTA Members, membership dues need to be paid ASAP so please contact Becky Atherton as they must be sent into the National and State PTA.

October Fund-raiser this year will be candy bars, again. We have heard your voices to change so we are looking in to a Market Day program that we can order things online on a monthly basis.

Keene Hart with the Quad City Safety Coalition will be at our school on September 14th to fit Kindergarten and new students for bike helmets. These are donated by the Hampton PTA at no cost to the parents. Parents, please be sure your children wear the helmets and you set a good example by wearing one too when you ride with the kids.

If you have not been contacted by a room parent to participate in a party for your child, please contact them and let them know that you would like to donate or participate in these functions.

If you would like to volunteer for a specific event and have not signed up, please contact Beth Carroll, and she will make sure that you added to their list. We can ALWAYS use all the help we can get.

We would like the Hampton community, parents and grand-parents to be a part of the PTA, please feel welcome to come to any PTA meetings and contact any PTA member with ideas that we can incorporate to help make our school the best it can be! **PTA meetings will be the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm** at Hampton School, barring holidays. No meeting in December.

• Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

• In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

• How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

Sara Lee was a real person. She was the daughter of Charles Lubin, owner of a chain of bakeries in Chicago. Sara was his taste tester in the 1930's. Their slogan "...nobody doesn't love Sara Lee" originally read: "Everybody doesn't like something, but nobody doesn't like Sara Lee" The 1968 jingle by Mitch Leigh is considered one of the most successful ad jingles ever.

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Definitions Not in Dictionary

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN: Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES: Something other people have. I have character lines!!

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Cub Scout News

The Cub Scout adventure has now begun! We are excited to see the number of new and returning Cub Scouts for this upcoming year. We have a busy year planned for our scouts. We are planning numerous activities that will include an overnight camp out at the Mt. Zion Church. We will also be participating in an annual hayrack ride. All planned outings will allow our boys and their families to see what scouting has to offer. Our local Cub Scout program is currently available to any boys enrolled in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd grades.

We are also seeking any volunteers who would like to work with our Cub Scout program. Please call Randy Carroll at 496-3069 or Tony Earl 496-2226 for more information.

Around Town News Briefs

Annual Fall Bazaar, Bake Sale & Luncheon

Saturday, September 29 Bazaar: **10 a.m.-2 p.m.**, Luncheon: **10AM-1PM Church of the Cross, 22621-Rte 2 & 92 in Port Byron.** Menu: Chicken Casserole, Dinner Rolls, Salad Bar, Relish Tray, Dessert and Beverages. Lunch Prices: Adults \$7.00, Kids under 10 \$3.00 Carry outs also Available!



Craft Bazaar includes: Afghans, tied throws, wall hangings, dish towels, dish cloths, Huck towels, doilies, fall and Christmas floral items, tree skirts and more.

If you have questions about this annual event, call 309-523-2265

The Iowa Barn Foundation Announces Barn Tour

More than 70 historic restored barns, throughout Iowa, will be opened to the public during a free, two-day, self-guided, all-state barn tour Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Most of the barns have been restored with matching grants from the Iowa Barn Foundation. Other property owners received awards of distinction from the foundation for restorations they undertook themselves.

The Iowa Barn Foundation, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, raises money from individuals, foundations, and corporations to give matching grants to property owners to restore their barns. The property owner must sign a perpetual easement when receiving a grant. The foundation sponsors a spring "area" tour and publishes a semi-annual magazine.

The purpose of the tour is to encourage barn preservation in the state, to teach young people about Iowa's rich agricultural heritage, and to renew pride in this unique heritage. Owners will discuss the barns at many stops. Visitors are expected from all over the country. For information: Roxanne Mehlich, (641) 487 7690 or mehlich@netins.net or www.iowabarnfoundation.org

The American Red Cross Life Saving Classes

All classes listed are held at the Red Cross building 1100 River Drive, Moline, Illinois.

First Aid Classes:

Held 2-5PM: 9/15, 10/20 Held 6-9PM: 9/20, 10/16, 10/23
Held 1-4PM: 9/22, 10/13, 10/18, 10/27

Adult/Infant/Child CPR Classes:

Held 8AM-1PM: 9/15, 10/20 . Held 6-10PM: 9/18, 10/16.

Adult CPR/AED (use of automated defibrillators):

Held 8AM-Noon: 9/22, 9/27, 10/2, 10/13, 10/18, 10/27. Held 6-10PM: 10/9. Professional Rescue Personnel and recertification classes available, call 309-743-2166 for times or for more information visit www.qcredcross.org

Bloodborne Pathogens Classes: Held 1-3PM: 9/27, 10-10

Babysitter's Training Classes: Held 9:30AM-4:30PM: 10/6

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!

Red Cross Golf Outing!

September 24, 2007 at TPC Deere Run. 1:00 p.m. shotgun start with a four person scramble. \$99 per player includes cart, dinner, practice balls, and prizes. All proceeds benefit the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area. Players may sign up individually or with a team by calling 309-743-2166.

Wildwood Baptist Church Offering Divorce Support Group

DivorceCare, a support group for those separated or divorced, began on September 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the church (18717 Hubbard Road, Eat Moline). The class will meet each Tuesday evenings and run for 13 weeks. leaders are Al and Cindy Knott.

DivorceCare for Kids ("KidCare") will also be meeting at the same time as DivorceCare-every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the church. KidCare is a support group for children, ages 6-12, of separated or divorced families. Laura Stout will lead KidCare. For more information about either group, call 309-496-9397 or 309-523-2974.

Get Well Wishes

Doris B. Gould, Rochester, NH Reader. Wishing you a speedy and lasting recovery and alert doctors along the way.

Sharon Muench, Drummond Island, MI Reader. Your entire extended Hampton family are wishing you continued improvements as you reclaim movement and function.

More Mustard Medicine

In the days before refrigeration, people who ate spicy foods like mustard and horseradish lived longer. The searing-hot foods made them less susceptible to colds and food poisoning. The USDA and Oklahoma State University studies discovered that the chemical *allylisothiocyanate* found in both horseradish and mustard kills some bacteria including those that cause food poisoning.

Mustard has been used in footbaths to increase heat and several tablespoons of the powder mixed in lots of hot water creates a steam the English believe relieves an irritating cough due to colds. In America, it used to be common to mix a little mustard in honey and ingest a tablespoon of the mixture to relieve coughing all night long. The next time you have a stuffy nose, eat a little hot mustard on a cracker for instant relief!

White mustards contain melatonin which is a direct free radical scavenger and indirect antioxidants which help the body avoid degenerative conditions like heart disease. The Mustard Greens found at the supermarket or in your garden contain iron and vitamin C. People on diets may find using a variety of mustards, at only 5 calories per tablespoon, zero fats and carbs, the perfect flavoring to spark up their menu.

Money is a lousy way of keeping score.



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Belated Happy Birthday
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September Birthdays

14 Madeline Conway
16 Martha Nelson
17 Ty Cutkomp
17 Paul Garcia
18 Laura Einman Becker
18 Jeremiah Cady
18 Debbie Erickson
21 Amanda Gillespie
21 Allyson E. Cady
21 Nelda Gooding Pollner
22 Bryan Jacob Cady
25 Tyler Carcia
28 Susanne Greene
29 George Wamsley

September Anniversaries

15 Howard & Toni Ross
17 Phil & Ann Beckman
18 Loren & Sheri Arp
27 George & Jan Wilkin

October Birthdays

1 Bernice E. See
4 Maxfield Gillespie
4 Jane Cady
4 Tammy Laud
6 Marshall Sutton
7 Anna Root Verhaeghe
7 Gary Dean Wick
9 Don Stewart
10 LeRoy Nordgren
14 Jaylyn Baldridge
14 Janelle Rasso
16 Elizabeth Parks
16 Bonnie Wheeler
20 Lisa Gillespie
21 Chuck Daniels
22 J.E. "Bud" Gooding
25 Ralph Cox
26 Kyle Emerson Cady
28 Denny Gillespie
30 Bob King

October Anniversaries

7 Chuck & Jo Daniels
9 Jeremiah & Ann Cady
30 Speed and Bonnie Wheeler

About New York

The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930's who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel.

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one is manmade.

The smallest island with country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia, at just 1.75 sq. miles/4.53 sq. km. Compare this to Hampton, IL which covers only 2.58 Sq. Miles.

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

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Obituaries

Joseph Kipp, 81, of East Moline, passed away August 10, 2007 in Iowa.

Joe was born August 19, 1925, in Hampton, son of Harry and Marry Etta Lear Kipp. He attended grade school in Hampton and graduated from United Township High School. He married Bonnie Ferry of Moline on September 3, 1949.

Joe was a WWII Marine veteran and was employed at John Deere Harvester Works, East Moline for 42 years in the maintenance department, retiring in 1985.

He belonged to the UAW Local 865, EM American Legion Post 227 and the Moline Vikings Thor Lodge. He was a Boy Scout leader for 20 years, served a term on the UTHS board and was past president of Bowlesburg Dads Club. He played on several softball teams in the 1940's and 60's and was an All American Softball Player in 1954. He also was a past president and vice president of the WC St. Louis Cardinals Fan Club.

Survivors include: his wife Bonnie, sons, Joe (Christine) of East Moline, Sam (Geneie) of Bettendorf and Dan (Michelle) of Colona; five grandchildren: Clayton (Megan), Wesley (Regina), Alyson Kipp and Brittany Kipp; two step grandchildren, Monica Hoff and Kyle Sawyer; two sisters, Minnie Sample of East Moline and Mary Jane Bernards of Waunakee, WI, one brother, Albert (Carol) Kipp and sister-in-law Margie Kipp all of Hampton; two brothers-in-law, Bill (Patricia) Ferry, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and two sisters.

Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

*Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined.
Canada is an Indian word meaning 'Big Village.'*

Chicago, next to Warsaw, has the largest Polish population in the world.

Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, named so because it was the first paved road anywhere.

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Be sure you don't read the bottom until you've worked it out!
This is not one of those waste of time things, it's fun.*

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to go out to eat.
(more than once but less than 10)

2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)

3. Add 5

4. Multiply it by 50

5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1757...
If you haven't, add 1756.

6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should have a three digit number

The first digit of this was your original number. (I.e., How many times you want to go out to restaurants in a week.)

The next two numbers are

YOUR AGE ! — (Oh YES, it is!!!)

**THIS IS THE ONLY YEAR (2007) IT WILL EVER WORK, SO
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Fresh Pastries Plus....Ice Cream!

This past spring, people all over the area were sad to hear that the Pies 'n' Such shop at the intersection of 4th Street and State (Route 84) in Hampton would be closing after 15 years in business. Freshly baked pies and pastry items prepared by hand were going to disappear if someone didn't come forward and continue this unique business. No grocery store bakery section will ever equal the pleasure of entering a small bakery for a warm pie! The only place to possibly find such pies is a farmer's market but those are only seasonal and you must be early to find what you want.



Since May, Larry and Gail Head have owned and operated Pies 'n' Such. You might recognize the smiling face when you enter because Larry made the deliveries for Judy VanPamel. Larry, a retired semi driver, also assisted in the kitchen for years. Now, he continues the tradition by making dough from scratch and not using preservatives in his products. Gail, who works at 3M and works part time in the shop still keeps the old fashioned "duster" cap and is in charge of the farmer's market sales.

Several months ago, Hampton residents were asked what types of businesses they would like to have here in town. A majority re-

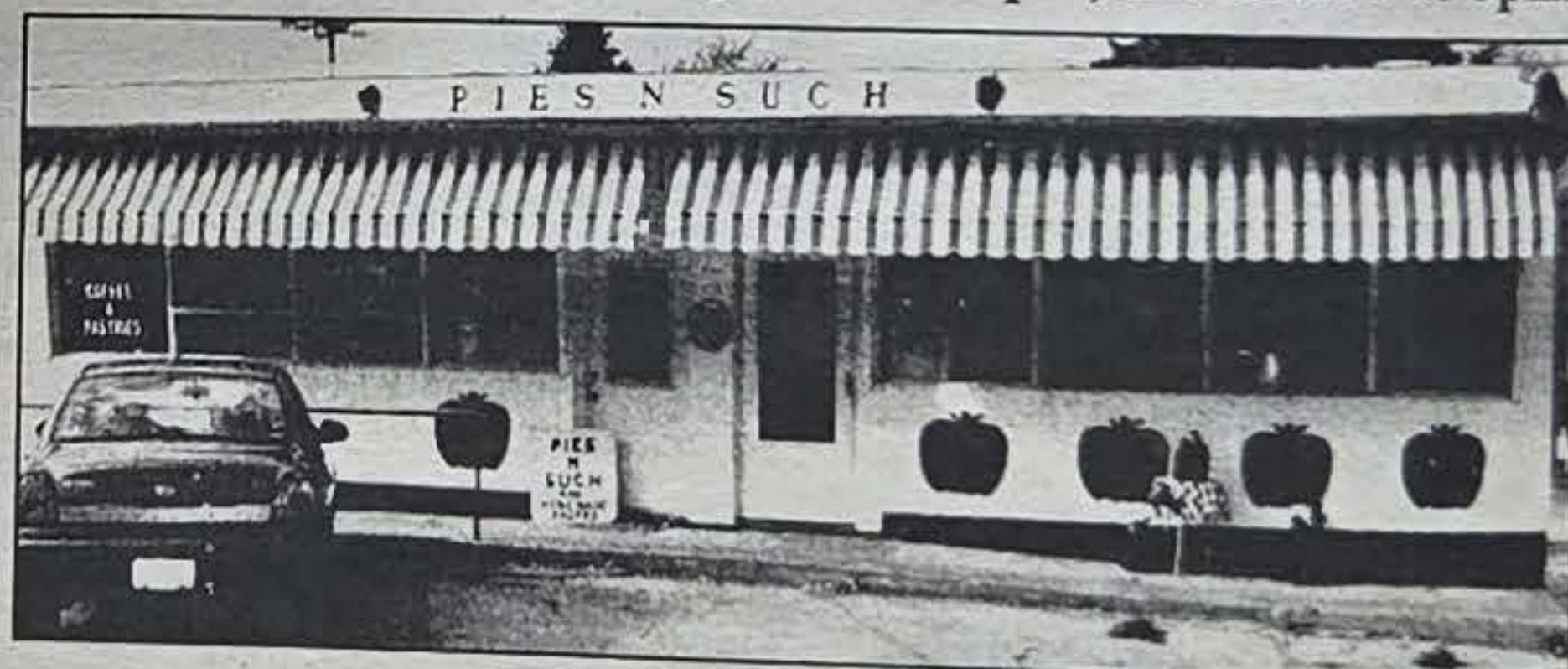


sponding wanted ice cream and Gail and Larry have been listening. In mid-August, The pies, pastries and excellent hot coffee are available after 6AM each morning. And, now, after noon, soft serve ice cream, malts, sundaes and smoothies are available. There are even several tables in a cafe area for a meeting of friends over some very special treats.

It's been rumored that some area hostesses regularly drop into Pies 'n' Such for their desserts. Fruit and cream pies, cookies and individual pies for lunchboxes, puff pastries, Danish Delights, cinnamon rolls or muffins for brunch, and 1/2 sheet pies for large groups will be found in the bakery glass case. Planning a party or just a special treat for the family, call in an order to insure availability of your favorites! Vanilla, Chocolate and combo twist (chocolate & vanilla) ice cream is available as a basic component for all types of fanciful and tasty creations.

Come try the new Pies 'n' Such offerings:

**Mon. 6am-1:30pm, Tues., Wed., Thurs. 6am-5pm,
Friday 6am-6pm, Saturday 8:30am-6pm, and Sun. 1 to 5pm.**



SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

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September-October, 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

Sept. 17 & 24, October 8, 15, 22 : **Lunch Box Bingo. 9:30 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.

Sept. 26: **Snacks and Cards 11:30 a.m.** Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

Sept. 27: **Trinity Foot Care Clinic. HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to Noon.** Cost \$23.00 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.

October 1: 1:00-3:00 p.m. **Rules of the Road**

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

October 10: **500 Tournament 11:30 a.m.** Cost \$5.00

October 31: **Flu Shots 9a.m.-1p.m.** Details in next issue of the Crier

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

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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

River Reflections Movies

All movies are free and start at 1:00 pm. unless otherwise noted. Free pop & popcorn available.

Sept. 20th: *Bridge to Terabithia*

Oct. 4th: *We Are Marshall*

Oct. 18th: *Wild Hogs*

Nov. 1st: TBA

Nov. 15th: Thanksgiving Dinner & Movie 12:00 Movie- TBA

Dec. 13th: Christmas Dinner & Movie 12:00 pm. *Santa Claus 3*

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. Call Beverly at 523-2516 for more info.

River Valley Writers

Classes will run through October 10th 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. You may register at the library or on the 1st day of class.

Instructor: Joanne Wiklund

Rhyme Tyme Story Tyme

Openings are still available for the Thursday morning class.

Classes start Thurs., September 27th @ 10:00 am. Sign up now!

Trinity Health Care Speaker September 29th, 10:00 am.

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We will have speakers on health and exercise each month. We are also starting a "Walk it Off" program where we will set up times that are convenient for you to meet with others who want to get healthy and walk off the extra pounds. We also have a collection of books, DVDs and music to make food preparation, nutrition and exercise easier.

One of the hardest things about losing weight is getting started and keeping motivated. Let us help you get started with our speakers and the new friends you'll meet will help keep you motivated! What are you waiting for? Call and sign up Today! 309-523-3440

Fall Festival Fun October 6th from 5-7 p.m.

The entire family is invited to join the fun. Hayrack rides, hot dogs, face painting, cake walk, pumpkin decorating and more. Bring your cameras to take colorful family photos for your scrapbooks!

Enter the Scarecrow Contest: All scarecrows must be at the library on display no later than October 5th. Scarecrows must be able to stand on their own to be displayed. Sign up today!

Enter the kids (Grades 1-5 only) Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

Pumpkins are NOT carved, just decorated. Pumpkins must be at the library by October 5th for display.

Judging for the scarecrows and pumpkins will be during the Fall Festival on October 6th.

September 14 through 19, the Library is closed for the installation of new carpeting.

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UTHS Column

By Eliza Fazliu

With a break coming up in two weeks I'm sure that students and teachers alike are ready for it with all that has been going on so far.

In the middle of August the sports teams of UT held a "Panther Preview"; a way for all of the athletes to be seen before their official season begins. What the players do is that they play against each other, and every team had a set day for game play.

Homecoming is coming up; people getting dates and buying outfits is everywhere. But with a homecoming dance there is a homecoming game. Hopefully everyone is excited and ready for the game. Unfortunately though, some freshmen don't look forward to homecoming Friday because of the well known tradition of "Freshmen Friday". To all of those worried Freshmen, rest assured that nothing is going to happen; so enjoy homecoming Friday like the rest.

On August 31st, Freshmen through Juniors were put into groups for testing, while the seniors had an assembly. The Freshmen took the Explore exam, the Sophomores took the Plan exam, and the Juniors the practice ACT. All of the testing was timed, and had the following subjects: English, Math, Reading, and Science.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Friday, September 28th - End of First Quarter & Homecoming Game

Saturday, September 29th - Homecoming Dance

Monday, October 1st through Friday, October 12th - Fall Intersession

Monday, October 8th - Columbus Day



In the Sahara Desert, there is a town named Tidikelt, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years. Technically though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rainfall there for two million years.

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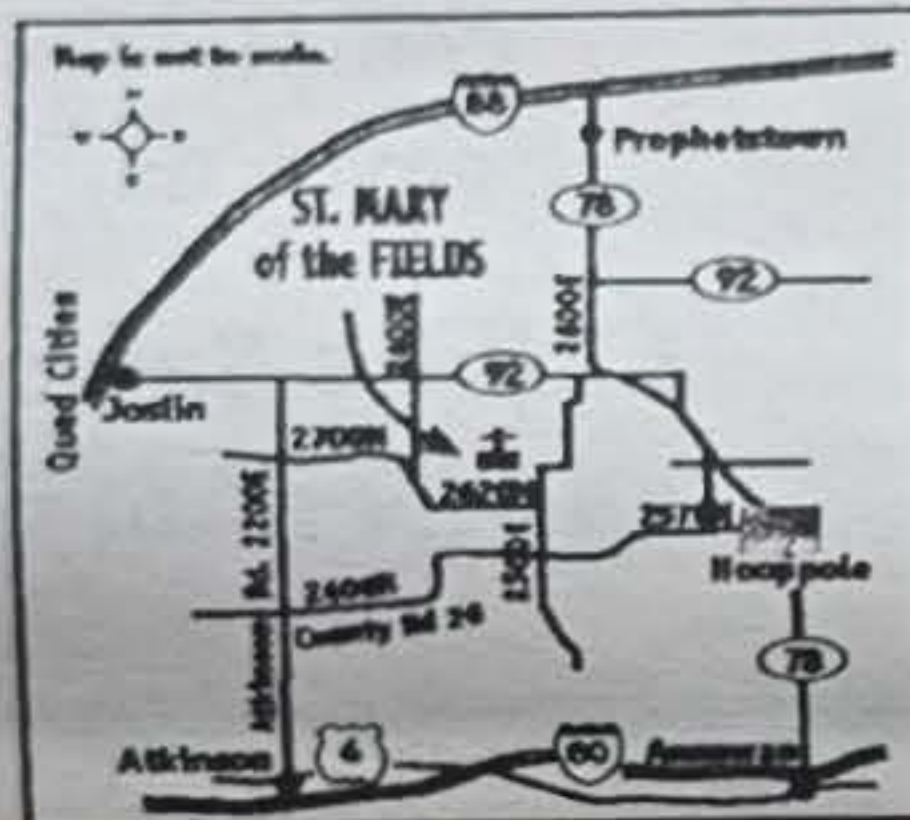
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Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

I think I can feel fall in the air. It seems to be a little cooler at night but we still have our air running. I guess it has become a habit. Today we peeled apples for five pies and we have 509 dumplings in the freezer. I did get three orders from the last Crier. The frozen orders can be picked up Apple Festival Day at Brettun and Black's Store in the basement. So far all the orders are for frozen not cooked. Don't forget to pick them up September 22 after 1:00pm.

Wanda McQready gave me a great recipe for peanut bars. Wanda has been a friend for years. Her folks lived in one of my grand father's houses and I graduated from UT with her.

PEANUT BUTTER MARSHMALLOW BARS

1/3 c margarine 3/4 c flour
3 T brown sugar

Mix and press into a 9x9 pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. While that is baking, mix the following together:

1c creamy peanut butter 1 7oz. jar marshmallow cream

Spread this on the warm crust

Melt in microwave

1/2 c chocolate chips 1 T margarine.

Drizzle this over the bars. It is good to refrigerate these for about 1 hour or until cool and set. Then cut in bars and serve

Last month I ask for some recipes and the next morning Audrey Bunker called and reminded me of a recipe I gave her a few years back. It has always been one of my family's favorite fall recipes and also great for pot lucks because it is one that everyone doesn't bring.

TATER TOT CASSEROLE

1 Lb hamburger 1 medium onion chopped
1 package tater tots 1 can cream of celery or mushroom soup
1 can sauerkraut drained 1 can French style green beans drained
1 can French fried onion rings

Brown hamburger and add onions and cook until translucent. Layer in a 9x13 dish. Start with the tater tots. Add hamburger and onions, green beans, sauerkraut, cream soup* spread on the top and add the onion rings. *If soup is too thick, you may thin it with some of the drained meat or kraut juices. Put in the oven at 350° and bake for 45 to 50 minutes. It is especially good served with rye bread.

Audrey said she would send me some other recipes. Guelda Reynolds has also given me a recipe from her Mom Wilma Gooding, who, when I was young, was one of the best cooks in Hampton along with Mrs. Etta Kipp. Both ladies would have won prizes if they had been giving them out. I often wish I had some of their recipes. May be we should work on a cook book of Old Time Hampton Recipes. I have a few of my Mom's, Mrs. Ivy Cox, Mrs. Hoffstetter, and Mrs. Shepard. All of you old timers think about it and call me 755-0352.

The average Ph.D. thesis is nothing but the transference of bones from one graveyard to another.

- J. Frank Dobie

All special events listed below will include a benediction and "Rolle Bolle" Rosary procession unless otherwise noted.

Oct. 14: "Pro-Life" Mass – Dedicated to victims of abortion, living and unborn. Guest speaker, Dr. Karla Polaschek, M.D., Ob.Gyn., Moline, IL. Fr. Timothy Sauppé will celebrate Mass and rosary procession.

All events being at 2:00 PM – ALL denominations are invited. Ceremonies held in air-conditioned Church when weather is hot, humid or rainy. Pot Luck Supper held after each Holy Hour. Bring a dish to share!

This is supposedly a true account recorded in the police log of Sarasota, Florida

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her voice, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why. For the same reason she did not understand why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12 packs in the front seat.

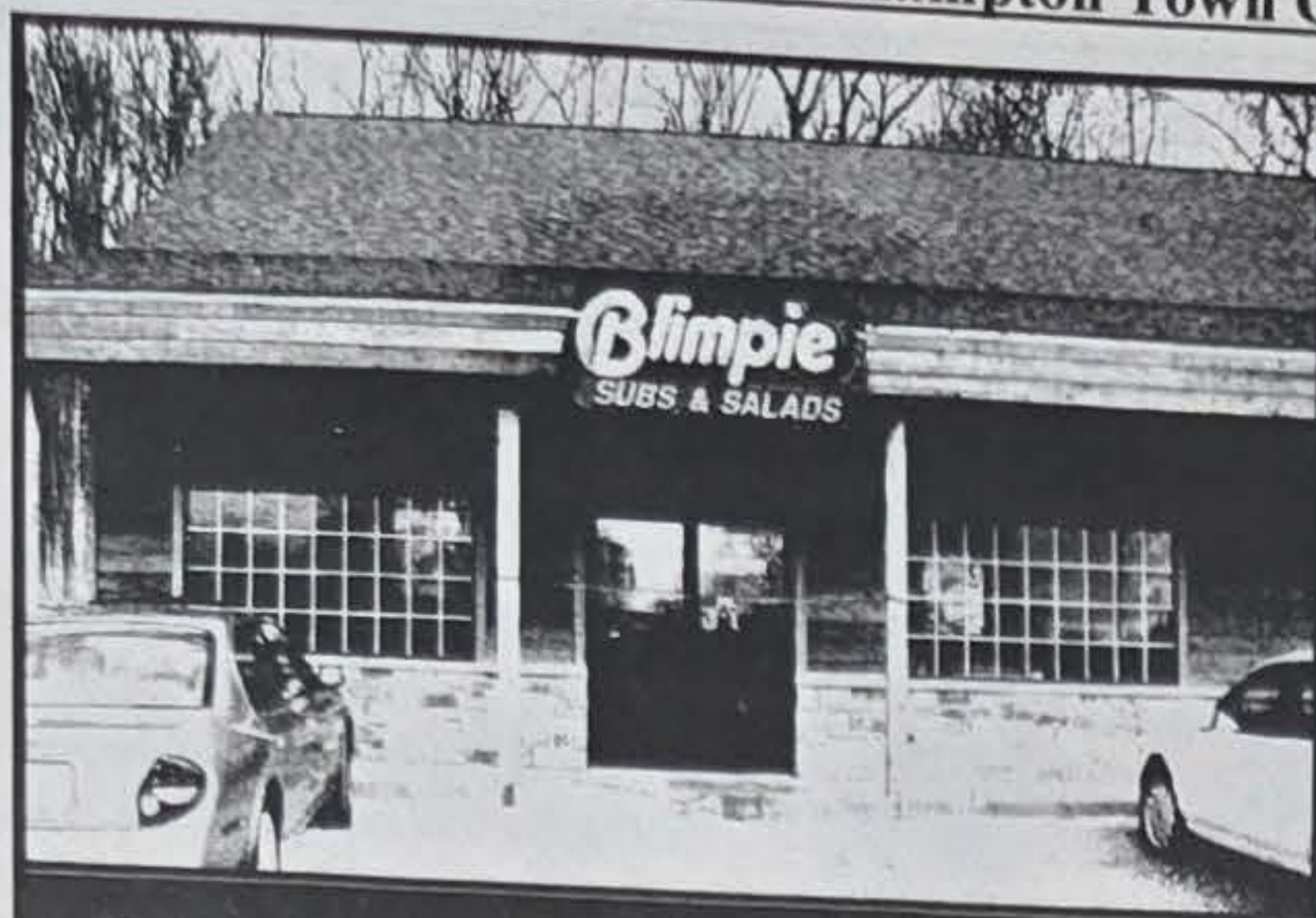
A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces further down the parking lot. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed.

Moral of the story: You're going to have a Senior Moment, make it memorable.

"Television is a medium of entertainment which permits millions of people to listen to the same joke at the same time, and yet remain lonesome."

T. S. Eliot

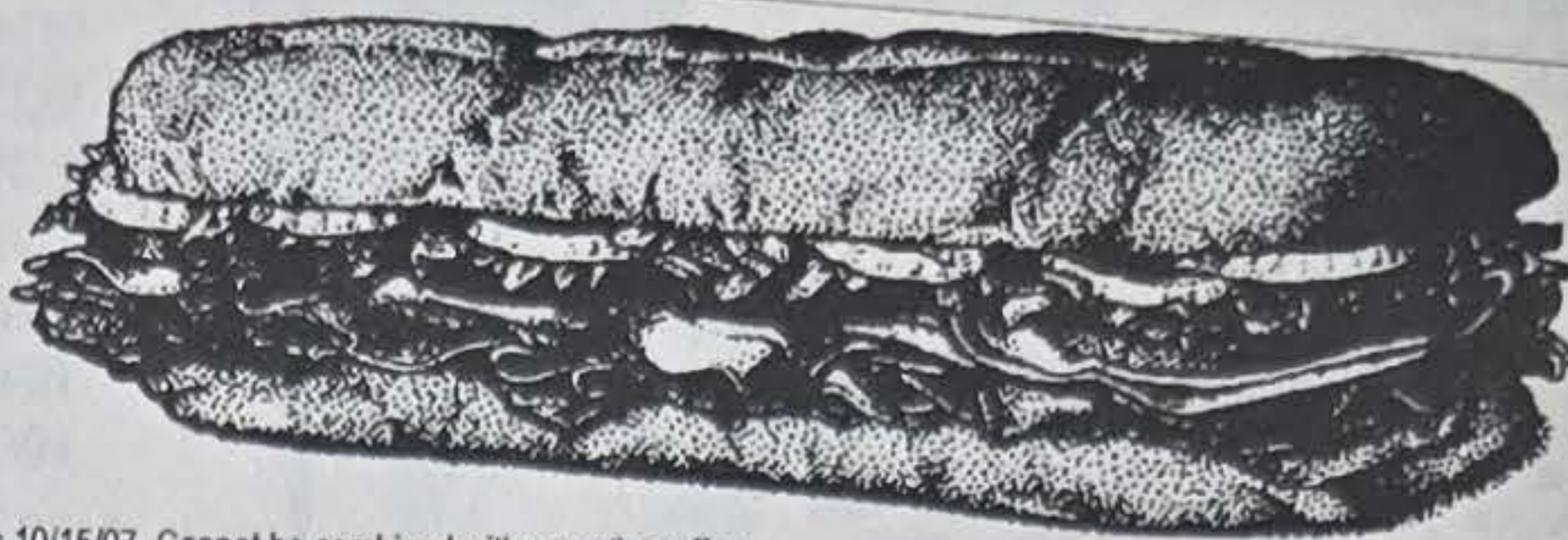


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Blood Drive Schedule:

Thurs., Sept. 27 - Exelon, Cordova - 9-3:30pm

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

A Common Language for all of Europe

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European Union rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5- year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy.

The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of "k". This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards can have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling can be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.

Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling.

Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer people wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz yer, ze unesesary "o" can be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensi bl riten styl.

Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united urop vil finali kum tru.

Und efter ze fifz yer, ve vil al be speking German like zey vunted in ze forst plas.

Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

Digging in the Ancestry

By Rocky Nelson

Jammin' with Jane and I have both become interested in genealogy. Seven or eight years ago our brother-in-law, Jack Coder was doing genealogy for our mother-in-law, Mary Ellen McNeal. Her maiden name was Cook and her family lived in Coal Valley. Since we are also members of that family he asked for information about my relatives. I found myself unable to remember my grand-Mother's (on my father's side) first name. This was somehow disturbing to me. I felt "when I'm gone all these people will disappear". I found her name (it was Ingrid) and then made arrangements to visit the Swedish Immigration place at Augustana College. My ancestors were all Swedish. There I found the records of the Lutheran Church in Granville, Illinois, they had attended, and helped found. Their names were there, and the Parish where they lived in Sweden. My name was there also, but scribbled in pencil and misspelled. I didn't make much impact on those Lutherans and they never made much impact on me.

The Parish was what I needed. I was not very impressed with the people at the Swedish Immigration Center so I took my information and went to the Mormon church's Family Research Center in Davenport. In their headquarters in Salt Lake City, the Mormons have the biggest genealogical library in the world. It's part of the Mormon belief that nobody gets to Heaven unless they're Mormon. However, it is possible to get your whole ancestry into Heaven if you can identify them. The people at the Center were very friendly and helpful, and soon I was perusing reels of tape showing the clerical surveys, as they were called, from Sweden.

The Lutheran Church served many of the functions that government agencies serve here. Swedish genealogical records are considered the best in the world. I've found the search fascinating. Sort of like detective work. Finding and following up on clues. Some people avoid genealogy in fear of finding bad things about the relatives. Personally, I think it's neat when I come across that hint of shadiness.

One fun thing is finding out that some of the family legends that have been passed down are totally false. My wife's family has one of these. Her mother's family came from England. They used to say about Jane's grand-father: He was conceived in England and born in the US, and sort of giggled about it. Jane was searching the genealogy and having trouble finding them in Coal Valley. Her grandfather was born in 1872. She finally tried the 1870 census and there was the family living in Coal Valley. There were two older children and they were there. Her grandfather hadn't been born yet. He couldn't have been conceived in England unless the gestation period was 2 years long. How does this kind of thing get started? Who knows, but this sort of thing is not uncommon and is one of the fun things about genealogy. If you readers haven't got into this I suggest you get your family information together and head over to the Family Research Center. You'll find out some fascinating things.

President Abraham Lincoln was six foot 4 inches tall. It is said that he once met a soldier several inches taller than himself and is reported to have made this remark as he looked up: "Say, friend, does your head know when your feet are cold?"

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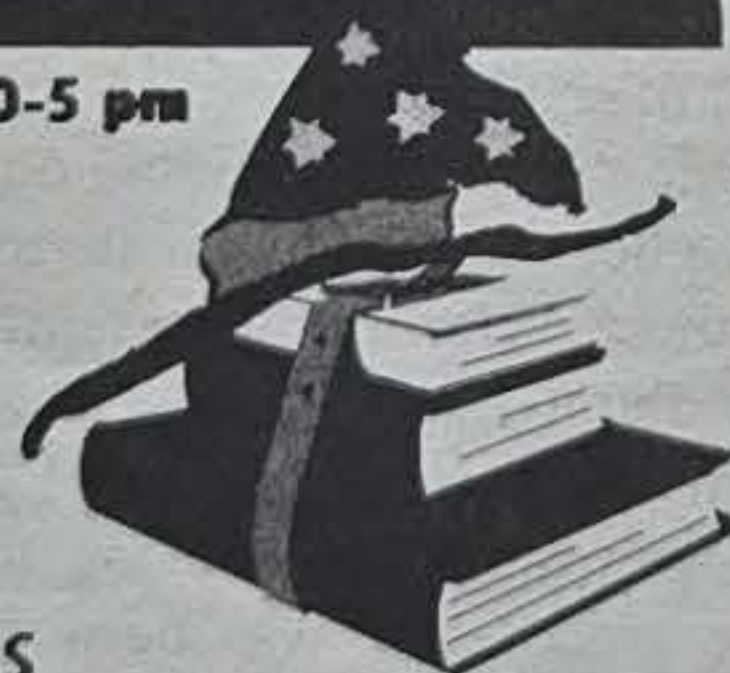
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"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

East Moline Library News

Family Movie Night shows movies inside on the second Saturday of each month. Movies begin at 7:00 p.m.. September 8th & October 13th. Call the library closer to the date for which movie will be shown.

Computer Classes

Computer classes meet on Fridays at 9:30 AM. Topics are:

- 9/14: Use Microsoft Word
- 9/21: Choose Websites
- 9/28: Computer Basics
- 10/5: Connecting With Others
- 10/12: Digital Photography on the Web
- 10/19: Create With Microsoft Publisher
- 10/26: Computer Basics and E-Mail

Adult Summer Reading Program Winners:

Carole Hodshire-Grand Prize Winner of a One-night stay at the Isle of Capri Hotel

Jean Wells-2nd Prize: \$25 Gift Card to Captain's Table

Chris Lawrick-3rd Prize: 1 Month membership to Fitness First Plus

Marlene Brown: Gift Bag, Dawn Porter: Snow Globe, Barbara

Meldrum and Annabelle Retana: DVD, Nancy Moon: Sport Bag

Youth Grand Prize Winners: Matt Beard & Jacob Finley

Book Discussion Groups:

Romance Readers meet next on October 9th 12:30PM.

Mystery Reader will meet on October 3rd at 6:30PM. They will be reading and watching an episode of Rex Stout's Nero Wolf series. Bring some popcorn and enjoy. Visit

<http://empl.lib.il.us/mystery.html> for all their titles:

Science Fiction Reader just met on September 5th to discuss this years Hugo and Nebula nominees. So check out titles visit

<http://empl.lib.il.us/SFfic.html>. Call the library for meeting dates.

Storytime is Back on Tuesdays 10:30AM

No registration is required. If you have questions, call 755-9614
Sept. 18 & 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Attention All Crafters!

The Friends of the Library will be repeating their popular Holiday Ornament Raffle sometime in November. Now is the time to begin working on your special donation of unique ornaments. Beginning October 1st, ornaments may be dropped off at the library. Please put the ornament in a plastic bag along with your name and address.

Friends meetings scheduled: September 20th and October 18th

The Library Board meets: September 26th & October 24th

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- Why do you have to "put your two cents in" . . . but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?
- Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

A Successful Start to The New School Year

By Walter J. Bradley, MD, MBA, FACEP
Director, Emergency Medical Services
Trinity Medical Center



It is a pleasure that I have the opportunity to write again to you through the Hampton Town Crier regarding various medical topics.

Move over summer, the new school year is here. With the start of school, students of all grades, kindergarten through college and their families face a new set of challenges. Shorter days, hectic activities and multiple school events await them.

A new box of markers. A bright new backpack. A new calculator. Declaring a major. These may represent a first in our children's lives as they approach the first semester.

It's important to establish a bedtime routine, especially for younger students. A healthy breakfast is imperative for them to be able to prepare their body for a challenging day. Teach your youngsters to wash their hands anytime they are soiled. Oral hygiene is important. Brushing and flossing helps maintain our overall health, too.

As our children mature, before and after school child care becomes important. During middle childhood, youngsters need supervision. A responsible adult should be available to get them ready and off to school in the morning and watch over them after school until mom or dad returns home from work. Children approaching adolescence (11-13 years), should not come home to an empty house in the afternoon unless they show unusual maturity for that age.

Your high school and college age student should develop a realistic and organized schedule to allow them to address the many hours of classroom and extra curricular activities required of them today.

Students of all ages, kindergarten through college, should develop good homework and study habits. An environment needs to be created that is conducive to doing homework, and that offers a private study environment. Ample time must be set aside for homework. This would include a rule that the television stay off during homework time, with video games, cell phone usage and text/TM messaging to be allowed only after homework is done.

An additional good rule of thumb, it is recommended that students close the books for ten minutes during every hour of studying. Take a break, stand up and stretch, get a snack, etc. This will help alleviate eye, neck and brain fatigue while studying.

Parents, you are an integral part of your child's successful education. It is important to be supportive of your student, especially if your child is struggling with a particular subject. It is equally important that you are a part of their overall school and social experience. All of the above health and safety tips to assist students in education are endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Additional information on back to school tips may be found at their website.

Again, thanks you for the opportunity to write to you and I wish all of your students success in this coming year.

What my Nephews Taught Their Auntie

- 1.) A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house 4 inches deep.
- 2.) If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
- 3.) A 3-year old Boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- 4.) If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound Boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.
- 5.) You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
- 6.) The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.

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The Hampton Fire/Rescue Auxiliary would like to thank all those who came to their blood drive on August 16th. About 17 pints of blood were donated that will give life to numerous people. For the first time, there was a drawing for all attempting to donate. Mr. Tim Carlson of Hampton was the winner of the drawing. The prize was \$25.00 in gift certificates from Blimpie Subs & Salads of Hampton. Thank you Mr. Carlson and all the donors!

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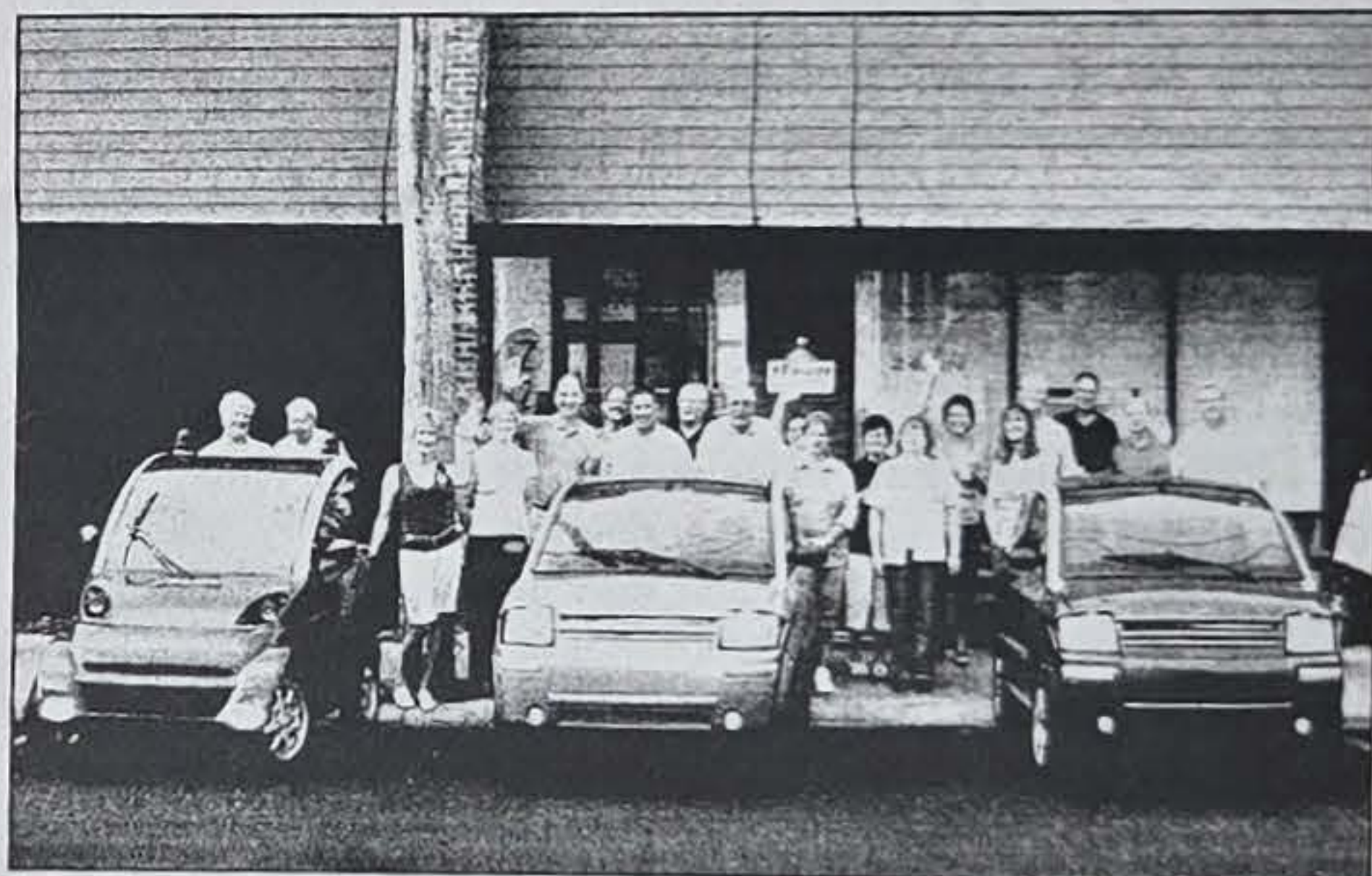
The River Cities Rotary Club was busy during the months of July and August.

On Tuesday, July 24, we welcomed Angela Moody from Arrowhead Ranch. Arrowhead Ranch celebrated its 62nd year of service. In 2004, they added a girl's program which can serve up to 24 girls at a time. Angela brought three young ladies along with her. For many of these youth, this is their last resort before a correctional facility. Our Rotary club was proud to present them with a \$200 check.

The River Cities Rotary Club inducted two of its newest members at their Tuesday, July 24th meeting. New members are Scott Sidor of Port Byron and Todd Weber of Bettendorf. Members of a Rotary club are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs and to promote peace and understanding throughout the world.

On Tuesday, July 31, River Cities member Bob Libey, told the group about an honor he received. Bob and his wife Doris of Cordova, were bestowed the Major Donor Award at the Salt Lake City International Convention in June 2007. In order to qualify for this, a contribution in excess of \$10,000 is made to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you to Bob and Doris for helping Rotary continue into the future.

One to two times a year, Rotary members host a meeting at their place of business. On Tuesday, August 7, River Cities President, Amy Nielsen, and her husband Bruce Wood hosted our meeting at their company called ePower Synergies, Inc. It is located along the Mississippi River in Port Byron. It is a battery electric vehicle company. Rotary members and guests were able to test drive the Teener, Zenn, and Ride at the meeting. The Ride is a 3 wheeled stand-up scooter. The Davenport Police used this during the Bix and Port Byron Police used it during the tug Fest. Fun was had by all at this unique meeting.



River Cities Rotary club sold beverages during the Tug Fest again this year. This is one of our larger fundraising events. We use the proceeds from the sales to make donations back to our community.

On Tuesday, August 28, Pat Fidler and Jill Frazier represented the Upper Rock Island County Ministerial Food Pantry. The food pantry was organized in the early 1980's due to lay-off's and strikes in the Quad Cities. Individuals who qualify are allowed to come for items once a month. They are open every Wednesday or by appointment. The area covered by the food pantry is the Riverdale School district. The River Cities members held a food drive the month of August. We presented them with a \$120.00 check and over 6 boxes of items that were collected.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs" therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

St. Paul, Minnesota, was originally called Pig's Eye after a man named Pierre 'Pig's Eye' Parrant who set up the first business there.

On his eightieth birthday, John Quincy Adams responded to a query concerning his well-being by saying: "John Quincy Adams is well. But the house in which he lives at present is becoming dilapidated. It is tottering upon its foundation. Time and the seasons have nearly destroyed it. Its roof is pretty well worn out. Its walls are much shattered and it trembles with every wind. I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon. But he himself is quite well, quite well." (Quincy was born 7/11/ 1767, he died 2/23/1848)

People



Joseph and Patsy Scherschel of Hampton, IL will celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on September 22, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in East Moline.

Patsy Pearsall and Joseph D. Scherschel were married on September 4, 1957 in Port Byron. Their son Jay Allen and wife, Renae Scherschel live in Hampton. They have four grandchildren; Joseph and Jenefer, Saran and Nathan Scherschel. They are deeply involved with their grandchildren and their activities. (Another son, Dean William Scherschel is deceased.)

Joe worked for the US Postal Service distribution center in Milan before retiring. Pat worked in the East Moline schools for many years. They volunteer for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in Davenport, IA. The happy couple are active members in the East Moline First Baptist Church.

James and Joan Gallagher of East Moline celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 1, 2007.

Joan Getty of Hampton and Mr. Gallagher of East Moline married September 1, 1957 at the Peace Lutheran Church in Port Byron where they are still members.

Their children are Kathryn, Moline; Jeffrey, East Moline; Cynthia, Wichita, KS; and Joel of Viola. They have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Gallagher was employed by the Department of the Army, US Navy, Illinois EPA retiring in 2000 after 43 years.

Mrs. Gallagher was employed at Moline National Bank and was an independent interior decorator and homemaker.

The Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission Award in Public Archaeology for 2007 has been presented to **Chris Coder** for his outstanding work in a Tribal Program.

Awards in public archaeology are presented to individuals and/or programs that have significantly contributed to the protection and preservation of, and education about, Arizona's non-renewable archaeological resources.

Janet Napolitano, Governor of Arizona; Patrick Lyons, Ph.D., Chair, Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission; James Garrison, State Historic Preservation Officer, were part of the presentation. Chris was awarded a plaque at a banquet and a slide presentation of his work was shown.

Chris, son of Beverly and Jack Coder, graduated from Hampton, UT, Augustana College BA in geology, Northern Arizona MA, anthropology and archaeology. His book, *An Introduction to Grand Canyon Prehistory*, is in its second printing. He is also coauthor of the *Grand Canyon River Corridor Survey Project*; contributing author of *Native Americans, The Apache* (a children's book). He contributed to many reports for Abajo Archaeology. Currently, in addition to his work as anthropologist for the Yavapai Apache Nation, he is a presenter of programs for Elder Hostel. He lives in Flagstaff with his wife, Marcelle, and daughters, Hannah and Claire.



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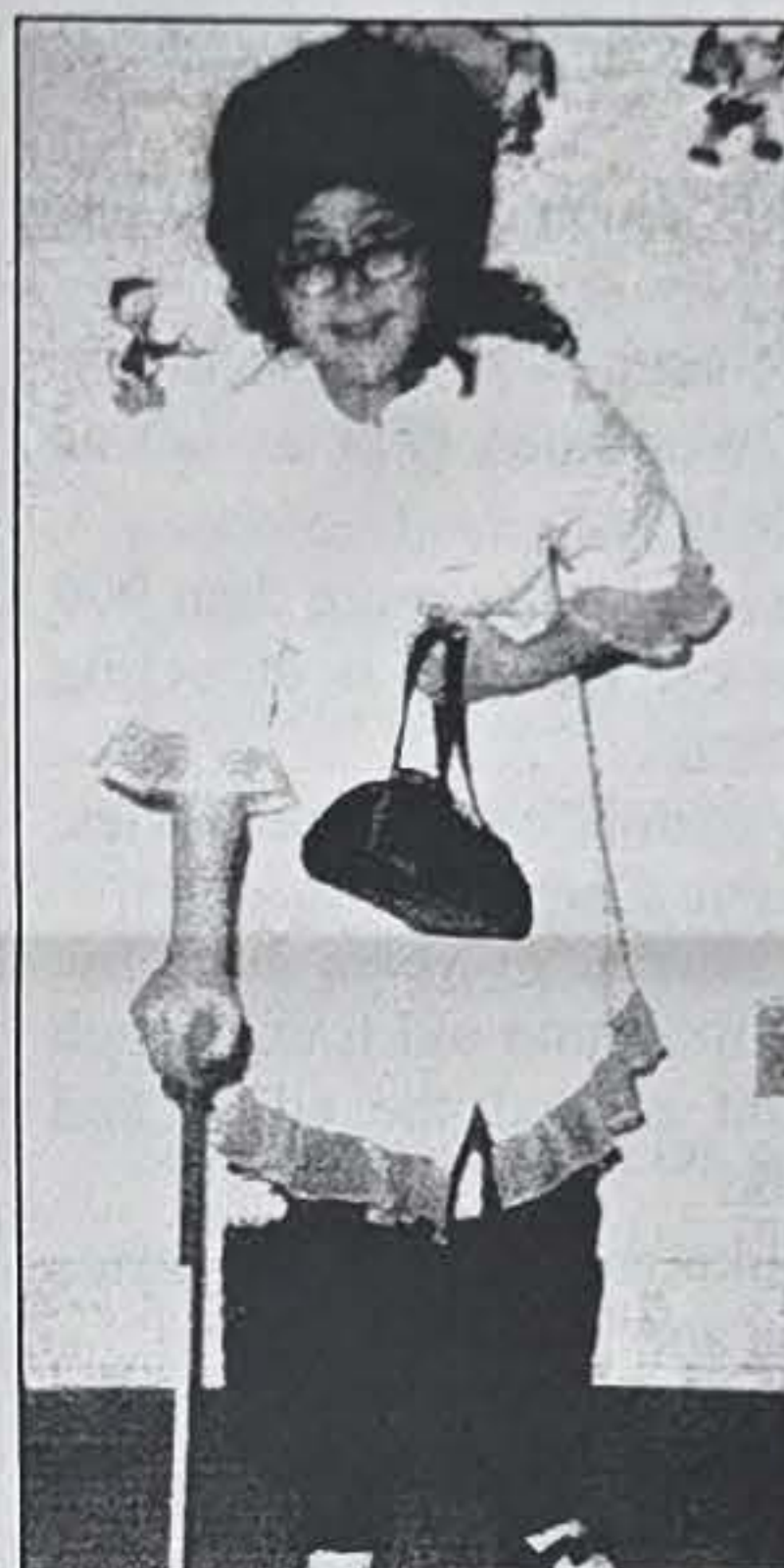
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This snapshot was received by the Crier only with the note:

"Happy Birthday Boss!
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The only clue to the identity of the little girl playing "dress up" as an old lady is the date on the side of the old color photo:
February, 1970.

For years now, we have noted the birthdays and anniversaries of the Michael Hofstetter family but for some odd communications glitch, we have omitted Mariah Hofstetter's birthday. In order to correct this oversight, she was gifted a beautiful cucumber but that is not enough.

Belated Happy Birthday,
September 4th
Mariah Hofstetter!



Happy Anniversary to **Dr. Lisa Nix** who is marking her first year in operation as **Riverside Family Eye Care**. She asked us to express her appreciation for all those who have supported and helped her get established her during this past year. (Her business is easy to find above Schwenke's Pharmacy on Cody Road in LeClaire.)

•Love is grand; divorce is a hundred grand.
•I am in shape! Round is a shape.
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Niabi Zoo brings Africa to the Q.C.

By Trent England

Zebras, giraffes and lions, oh my. The Quad Cities Niabi Zoo premiered its new Passport To Africa exhibit this year, and Modern Woodmen of America sponsored a free admission weekend to help attract visitors who may not have seen all the new improvements that have been made to the zoo.

This is the 7th year that Modern Woodmen of America has sponsored a free admission weekend at Niabi Zoo.

"It's been really great," said Jodi Scharer, who works in the public relations department of Modern Woodmen "For as hot as it's been, there have been so many people here."

According to their website, Niabi Zoo is home to more than 900 animals, representing 160 different species, and this is attracting more and more people to the zoo all the time.

"The last 5 years attendance has really grown," said Ted Davies, President of the Rock Island Forest Preserve Committee.

Niabi Zoo still has all of the classic charm, of years gone by. They have a great petting zoo area, and the same old train, which takes visitors on a full-length tour, out around the edges and straight back through the heart of the park.

But it also has great newer exhibits like the Passport to Africa with 3 new giraffes named Kenya, Twiga and Mimi.

Kena, the only male giraffe is 1-year-old. The other two giraffes, Twiga and Mimi are females. Twiga is 1 and Mimi, who is now 3 will turn 4 in October; and a fourth giraffe will arrive this month.

"I moved away for a long, long time," said local resident Jana Rose Summers. "I was excited to come back and check it out, and it's great how they've fixed it up so much."

If you haven't ever been to the zoo, or just haven't had the opportunity to get out there yet this year there is still time.

There are even a number of free Fridays scheduled in September.

On Friday, September 21 and the following Friday as well, the zoo will be open to the public and admission fees will be waived.

If you aren't able to check it out on those days, the zoo is also open Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Those Fall season hours will be in effect until October 28, at which time the zoo will adjust to its winter schedule.

To find out more about the zoo, in regards to seasonal hour changes and regular admissions fees visit their website at www.niabizoo.com.

[In the last Crier issue, the editorial asked readers to send memories about their siblings. Here is one]

MY BROTHER JIM

By Evelyn Phillips

My brother Jim and I have been telling stories on each other for years. He is five years older than I am. He says that when I was born all he wanted for Christmas was a baby sister and a teddy bear. He got both; me on the 20th and the teddy bear on the 25th. However, after a few days of listening to me cry he tried to give me back. When I was about 18 months old, he brought a little friend home from school to play and when he came in I was in the high chair being fed bananas by our mother. He asked her to please keep me in the chair for at least the next hour and feed me more bananas so I wouldn't bother them.

When I was five he did two horrible things to me. First, he asked me if I wanted him to make a Mickey Mouse face on my birthday balloon. Of course, I said yes. He proceeded to use a straight pin for this purpose. You know what happened! Second, I guess he decided I didn't cry hard enough, so he then proceeded to cut my birthday out of the December calendar. I was devastated.

Sounds like a mean, nasty person to you? Well, let me tell you he totally 100% redeemed himself 45 years later...when my present was a calendar. He had once again cut out my birthday...on my 50th Birthday! I forgave him every childhood memory I had of his "meanness".

Fast forward 20+ years later. I can't imagine ever not loving my big brother who is still five years older than I am. But, it is still fun telling stories of our childhood!

At What Age Do You Teach A Child About Death?

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

Just as there is no specific age in out childhood when we learned about the "birds and the bees," so there is no special age to discuss death with children. It may be a gradual education, given a little at a time.

Situations present themselves, which may be used to start little talks with your child. Children themselves give you clues to their interest, to their "wanting to know." Questions and comments like these are good "openers". "Boy, are these flowers ever droopy Mom!" or "Gee, Dad, why doesn't my fish swim right?"

As a child's questions become more specific, so should the answers. Give truthful, direct answers, but not too elaborate, because the child might be overwhelmed or confused.

As with most learning situations, the best bet is to keep it simple, honest and direct.

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-- Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

Whopper Swapper: "If It's The Last Thing I Ever Do!"

Dear Cuz,

We sure had some stubborn ancestors! It seems old cousin Mingo McWiley's grandmother, Francine was born to bankrupt aristocrats in old New Orleans named LaRue. Her parents arranged a marriage for her with a wealthy pioneer "up river" in hopes of saving the family name and paying off their many debts.

Francine married the rugged but wealthy Peter out of family obligation but hated living where the seasons changed and the snow fell. As the frontier town grew and became more sophisticated, she was able to tolerate her life – everything but that blasted snow! Francine was stubborn. She begged and pleaded with Peter each year to take her back to New Orleans during the winter months but he never would. After each refusal, their arguments always ended with Francine swearing that she would get back to New Orleans if it was the last thing she did. Somehow, she vowed, she'd get back to New Orleans or die trying – and if she died, she would haunt Peter for being so cruel.

It was almost fitting that after many bitter winters, Francine passed away on a cold January day. She knew that all her New Orleans family members had died or moved away after the Civil War but with her last stubborn breath she muttered "if it's the last thing I do..." Peter loved Francine in his own way, as long as she didn't keep him from his lumber business. He *did* feel a little guilty for never letting her visit her old homestead so he made plans for a spectacular spring funeral and burial in his family's corner of the local cemetery. Timber was cut when the ground was frozen to make moving logs easier so he didn't want to waste time taking Francine's remains to New Orleans. In those days of hand dug graves, anyone passing away during the bitter winters were "stored" in their caskets in one of the unused ice houses next to the river until the ground was soft enough to shovel.

The first night after Francine's death, she began to haunt Peter about his plans to bury her locally in the spring. Peter knew many fine carpenters who used his oak to make beautiful, decorative items he drew up designs for the fanciest casket ever created. In hopes that he could fool Francine's ghost, he ordered the carpenters to substitute imported cypress and aromatic cedar, wood from her birthplace. Extra care was taken to embellish the entire casket with floral carving and in the center of the air-tight lid, her full name, birth and death dates. The complete and filled coffin was placed in the old ice house with others.

Mid-March, a mighty explosion was heard and the ice began to crack all over the river. An unusual warm spell and heavy rains up river that swelled beneath the ice and piled frozen slabs as high as the houses on shore. It wasn't long before the ice began to drift down river and carry the winter harvest of logs with it toward New Orleans.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Some tell of seeing the ghost of Francine standing on the shore shaking her fist toward Peter house then turning to watch the ice floe. It was in the early morning that the local sexton paid a visit to Peter with the news that a slab of ice had been pushed up the riverbank and the ice house had gone into the fast flowing river. Francine's beautiful casket had disappeared and Peter experienced relief from his nagging guilt but not Francine's nagging ghost.

About a year later, Peter found a copy of a newspaper from New Orleans with a story about a beautiful casket found mired in some weeping willows beside the river. It went on to say the mysterious casket was so clearly marked with the name Francine LaRue Wilson that it was laid to rest in the LaRue family private vault. Theories abound on how the air-tight cedar and cypress casket must have floated for a long time. Perhaps it was cargo on a sunken riverboat. Who knew?

Peter knew. That night, Francine made her last haunting appearance in the bedroom she and Peter shared for many years. She had her hands on her hips laughing as she whispered: "It was the last think I ever did"

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SEWING CLASS

By Mary Lou Schaechter

My grandparents raised 1,500 chickens a year. The chicken feed was packaged in brightly colored, inexpensive, cotton material. The flower patterns were garish, poorly matched prints. The material was washed and ironed and used to make aprons, hand towels, and other necessities.



When I was nine, I watched my mother sew aprons on her treadle sewing machine and asked, "Can you teach me to sew?" She replied, "Of course." Digging through the pattern box she found one with sizes for my sister and me; then pulled some ugly fabric out of the pile of chicken feed sacks.

Learning how to pin and cut the material was easy, sewing on the treadle machine was hard and took a few days to master. To get the machine to make even, tight stitches, you had to push the treadle with a rhythm. Without rhythm the machine kicked backward and tangled the thread. The rhythm explains the loud "thump, thump" you hear throughout the house when anyone sews.

I caught on quickly and made several outfits apiece for my sister and me. Still using feed sacks, I made many other items of clothing during the next few years.

When I enrolled in 9th grade Junior High I chose a class in sewing. My teacher was ecstatic to find a student who already knew how to sew. Mother and I went to Petersen Harned Von Maur and bought material for me to use. What a welcome change from gaudy feed sacks.

I quickly completed the required sewing assignments. The teacher then helped me learn shortcuts, such as sewing over pins and machine basting. All the other girls had to do things using the slower methods. I finished an apron, a complicated blouse, and a plaid dress. The plaid had to be carefully matched at the seams. Most of the girls finished an apron; a few began or finished a simple blouse.

One of the other girls, Sally, kept us laughing by clowning around whenever the teacher was busy in another part of the room. She kept her spare pins in her mouth, as did some others. Starting to laugh, she drew in a breath and accidentally swallowed all of the pins.

Off to the hospital and a four-day diet of oatmeal and cotton, until none of the pins were showing on x-rays. Her first day back at class someone asked how it happened. She popped pins in her mouth, took a deep breath and, "Not AGAIN?" she swallowed the pins.

She gained another four-day hospital visit and a failed grade in sewing class. I wonder if she was ever able to again enjoy eating oatmeal.

The shortcuts I gained from this class have been valuable throughout the years. First, I sewed my own clothing; then sewed for my children. I even started and successfully ran a business in my home sewing for others

Black Hole Under The Stairs

By Franciska Rasmussen

The elementary school I attended was in the bottom half of a Church. With the Church being on the second floor of the building, there were of course, a set of stairs to get to it.

In the third grade room there was a door that led into a storage room under these stairs. The light switch for this room was on the out side of the door and not in the hidden chamber. It was a dark, moldy, smelling room and many a scary tale was told about this terrible place.

Sister Joan had the best behaved class in school for the simple reason that her method of punishment was to put a child in this room for ten minutes with out any lights on, in the cold, damp, ugly, little black hole. (now this was when teachers and parents could still punish children)

If you were unlucky enough to do something that displeased Sister Joan --in you went. In my stay in third grade there were only two boys that got the treatment twice. For the rest of us once was enough and all through school there was a kind of a secret society of those who had been to the "BLACK HOLE"

Each visit by a student brought new tales of the bad things that were in that hole so everyone was afraid to even be in Sister Joan's school room

But in all honesty, there were times when I was raising my children I wished I had one. Come to think of it that wouldn't be a bad thing to put a husband in either. Perhaps I could manufacture them and in the long run save some marriages.



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Submitted by Mark Judy, Edward Jones
East Moline

Over the course of your life, you'll almost certainly have many different financial goals - and to help achieve them, you'll need to use many different investments.

How might you target specific investments for specific goals? Here are a few suggestions:

- **Saving for a home** - When saving for a down payment on their first house, many people set up an account exclusively for that purpose, keeping the money separate from other investment accounts. To save for a home, you might want to use certificates of deposit (CDs) or short-term, investment-grade bonds, both of which can help preserve your principal.

- **Saving for retirement** - To enjoy a long and comfortable retirement, you'll need to build a substantial amount of financial resources. And you'll help yourself if you can accumulate those savings in tax-advantaged vehicles. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Your contributions are generally made with pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your earnings can potentially grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means your money may accumulate faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. And your 401(k) or other plan may have a dozen or more investment options.

Even if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, you can usually contribute to an IRA as well. A traditional IRA offers tax-deferred earnings, while a Roth IRA can potentially grow tax-free, provided you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're 59 1/2 and you've had your account at least five years. And you can fund an IRA with virtually any type of investment - stocks, bonds, CDs, etc.

- **Saving for college** - You can save for college with a Coverdell Education Savings Account or a Section 529 savings plan, both of which can provide tax-free earnings, as long as the money is used for higher education expenses. (Your earnings will be taxable if you use withdrawals for other purposes.) And if you invest in your own state's Section 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. However, Section 529 plan distributions could reduce your child's ability to qualify for financial aid. Another possibility to consider is a zero-coupon bond, typically issued by the Treasury under the name of STRIPS. You buy a zero-coupon bond at a deep discount; when the bond matures (which, if you've planned carefully, will occur when your child is ready to enter college), you collect the full face value. However, you may have to pay taxes on each year's interest payments, even though you don't actually receive them until the bond matures.

- **Generating income during retirement** - You could spend two or three decades in retirement, so you'll need a consistent income stream, which you may be able to receive from investment-grade bonds. But to fight the effects of inflation, you'll also need the potential for rising income, which you may be able to receive from dividend-producing stocks. (Keep in mind, though, that even stocks that have consistently paid dividends can decrease or eliminate them at any time without notice.) Of course, these investments are certainly not the only ones available to you. But they do help point out the importance of identifying your various goals - and choosing the right investments to help meet them.

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Giving When it Counts... A story from the Internet

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare & serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

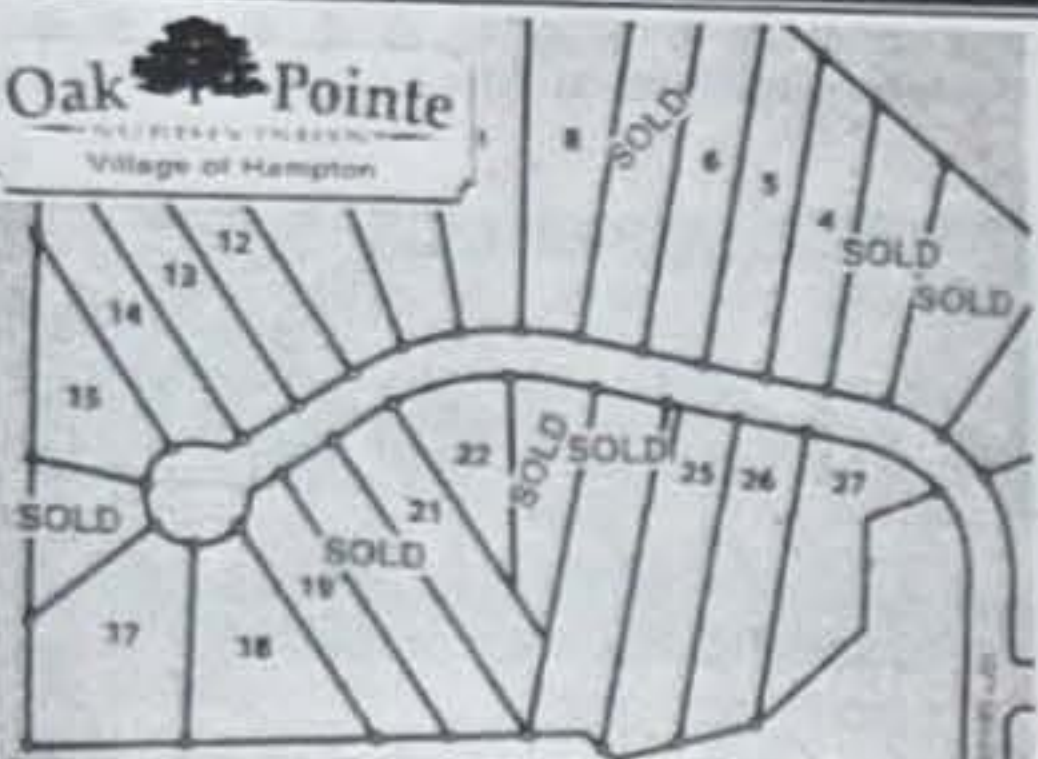
I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheek. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded.

He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

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In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 a.m., regardless of their medical condition.

This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 a.m. Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents.

The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 am, all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits.

Just when the clock struck 11:00, Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

Vanessa Lindberg told Reader's Digest: "Joe Herndon of the Temptations, while performing in North Dakota in the dead of winter remarked: 'This place is cold! This is where cold is made and sent to other places.'"

Historical Newspaper Project

For years the Historical Societies of this area have been telling everyone that History is not just a bunch of facts and figures. It is also much more than wars and front page news. History is made every day in thousands of small events involving ordinary people. It might not be exciting to everyone, but now those events are being preserved in an organized and useful way through the US Newspaper Project and the Illinois Newspaper Project.

The big daily newspapers and TV broadcasts report only major events in any area. Look back a hundred or even 50 years and you get a very lop-sided view of what life was really like. Think about it this way: What is your mental picture of ancient Egypt. You know about pyramids, gold and King Tut but where would you look for original information about how poor or middle class people lived in Egypt?

The Hampton Historical Society was just given an 1862-65 diary of a woman visiting this area. For those years, experts study the major battles in detail, troop movements and weapons but few ever bother to find out what was happening "on the home front".

The Illinois and US Newspaper Project is a "cooperative effort between the state and the federal government designed to identify, catalog and preserve on microfilm, the nation's historic newspaper heritage." The National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress are insuring that records will be available for the future. A huge effort is being made to insure that America's history with a small "h" is preserved.

As part of this project, the first 1990 Crier (called "Ye Old Towne Crier" by originator Carol Dose) through the most current issues have been collected and sent to the project for microfilm preservation. The Hampton Towne Crier has for the past few years been called the Hampton Town Crier and now serves the small river communities up through Port Byron and recently, into LeClaire, Iowa. This means that should your name appear in the Crier, your photograph or your relatives be mentioned, that record will be available to researchers for decades.

A huge amount of work has already been done to locate small newspapers all over the country, get complete copies and put them on microfilm. The work is not complete. If you have issues of papers from long ago (especially those gone out of business), it is worth a look on the project's website to see if they are aware of that paper. If you think you have a real "find", contact the project to see if they would like to microfilm what you have. They are looking for complete newspapers, not just cuttings.

Due to the volume of information, microfilm is made available through libraries on a loan basis. If you go to the website to locate the Crier or the paper in your parents old home town, you will be able to put in a loan request at your local library. They will order the microfilm you'd like to see and you'll be able in a short time to use the library equipment to view and copy articles for your family history. The Crier appears as "Ye Old Towne Crier" until 1993 when it became the "Hampton Towne Crier".

If you are interested in research or just what was happening in another area, visit this website: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/inp/>.

Why would you even want to see this stuff? Who can resist the "What was happening 100/50/25/10 years ago" section in the daily papers? It's just interesting. High school and college papers earn high marks for this type of information. If you are a writer – perhaps taking one of Joanne Wiklund's series at the Port Byron Library – the atmosphere and details that make a book readable are taken from this type of documentation. Finally, everyone is doing a family history these days and making scrap books for the next generation. Copies of these articles are the most accurate you'll find. Why not take a look today? If you are not on the internet, go to your local Library (in any state) and have a Librarian get you onto this site. Enjoy!

"Nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts."
Henry Adams

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 2007 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

--Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas."
--Keppel Enderbery

Decide to Be Well

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Hampton Health and Wellness



This month is a series of facts stating the crisis of health care and the decreasing health of the average American. It's time to step up and choose to be proactive toward your life and health because nobody else will do it for you!

Are you aware that PREVENTABLE illness makes up 70% of the burden of illness and its associated expenses?

Did you know that according to a recent study by Harvard University, researchers found that 50% of all bankruptcy filings in the United States were the direct result of excessive medical expenses? Did you know that over 95% of our nations expenditures are committed to diagnosing and treating disease ONLY after it becomes manifested?

What happened to prevention? We are a society of feelings. We have to feel something before we will go to a doctor or seek any kind of healthcare. Have you asked yourself WHY? We visit a dentist on a regular basis although we don't have a problem, yet this is one of the only healthcare practitioners who have done an excellent job of educating their patients on the importance of preventative care.

What about the other fields of health care? You are only given one body and there are no returns. Our advancements of healthcare are making progress to provide knee and hip replacements but that is never the ideal choice though it can provide great relief and improvement for many people. Poor choices regarding lack of exercise, improper food choices, lack of rest and poor thinking all contribute to a sick body and mind.

Most people are shocked to find out that Starbucks Coffee spends more money on health care costs than they do on coffee, and General Motors spend more on health care costs than they do on steel! That means that \$15 of every \$100 of our economy goes toward covering the cost of being sick in this country. According to the National Coalition on Health care, the U.S. Health care spending is expecting to increase at similar levels for the next decade, reaching \$4 trillion in 2015, or 20 percent of GDP!

We all pay for these costs in the form of increased taxes and increased costs for all of the stuff that we buy on a daily basis. Consider this. Every time you spend:

\$10 for a movie ticket approximately \$1.50 goes to cover medical costs.

\$50 for a tank of gas approximately \$7.50 goes to cover medical costs.

What can we do about these facts? We all have choices to make. Would you rather turn to drugs for the answers to your problems or seek out the cause and give your body the ability to heal naturally? We all have to answer that question ourselves.

Drug expenditures have been the fastest growing segment of health care spending in this country, rising by more than 15 percent every year since 1998. Do you want to be a part of the drug culture or part of the wellness phenomenon that grows by leaps and bounds yearly? Again it's a matter of choice.

Take this information for what its worth, It's time to realize there is the ultimate solution to American's health care crisis. Discover Wellness through living a preventative lifestyle and seek out practitioners who address all facets of living a healthy life and reap the benefits!

The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% the world's oxygen supply.

The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean.

The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States.

S.M.O.M.

The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (S.M.O.M.). It is located inside the city of Rome, Italy, has an area of two tennis courts, and as of 2001 has a population of 80, 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican is.

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Turn signals are for everyone's safety!

It might be interesting to learn how many accidents could have been avoided had intentions been made clear by using turn signals. At the request of some Crier readers, this comes by way of being a reminder to us all to use signals in these situations:

- When pulling away from a curb
- When merging with traffic
- Whenever making a turn
- When changing lanes
- When double parking for even the shortest time. (If you don't have double flashing hazard lights, use a turn signal)

Using turn signals at all times is just as important as using child safety seats or seat belts. Making sure you have visible turn signals is also key to safety. This time of year, our cars are splattered with mud and salty water. If your schedule doesn't allow you to go through the car wash frequently, at least use a wet towel to wipe off the lenses of your turn signals front, back and side.

Have a family member stand outside the car and test the signals front and back and the flashers if you have them. No one around? Pull into the garage, turn on the signals and watch for the reflected blinking signal lights. If they don't all work, replacement bulbs are inexpensive and a snap to change. I just learned that when the sound of the turn signal becomes very rapid, you probably have a burned-out bulb.

FOR THE KIDS & ALL PEDESTRIANS: When walking, using a skate board, skates, scooters or bikes, watch the turn signals on the cars! Be aware of where vehicles are going and stay out of the way. No matter who has the legal "right-of-way", a car or truck is really, from your unprotected position, a heavy, moving, weapon that can cause you a lot of grief. Be alert, watch for signals and at odd intersections, don't trust signaling cars. Wait for the lights to change or ALL the vehicles to be at a safe distance.

The name for the popular snack chips, Pringles was inspired by the Cincinnati, Ohio phone book listing for "Pringle Drive". Pringles have been on the market since 1968.



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