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Serving the River Communities North of the Quad Cities

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Issued Monthly on the 15th

Town Crier Says Farewell After 17 Years

Under the name *Ye Old Towne Crier*, *The Hampton Towne Crier* or *The Town Crier*, for 17 years, the paper has changed format, size and circulation to keep pace with the times. What did not change was the objective of service to the community. Schedules of events, praise for our youth, congratulations for achievements of all types, a little how-to advice and some entertainment has been provided to area homes each month, mostly at no charge. For the last five years, one mission of the Crier has been to create a separate "sense of place" for the small river communities because they are mostly ignored by the Quad Cities organizations and their publications. Hampton, Rapids City and Port Byron, having under 1,800 population offers a non-urban life style, open spaces and parks, great schools and unequalled scenic river views. These areas are connected by a main highway, the bike path, and most of all history. The contrast between our lifestyle and the more urban communities of the formal QCA is well worth preserving and in order to do that an avenue of strictly local communications is needed for the future.

Local small businesses have supported the Crier since it formally began in 1990 and their advertising dollars have covered the cost of printing and mailing. *Thank you business community on behalf of all the Crier Readers.*

Local writers have provided regular columns and articles which, readers tell us, have saved them money, consoled them in their grief, improved health and brought back memories that made them chuckle. *Thank you writers on behalf of all the Crier Readers.* Your contributions have set the Crier apart from the big daily papers with your positive attitudes.

The Crier has made space available to local not-for-profit organizations free of charge. Schools, churches, children's and adult groups have found publicity for their positive activities. The paper has been maintained by unpaid volunteers. Those that provided the schedules and photos of their activities have also been volunteers. *Thank you local volunteers.* You have helped the paper remain useful and readable because of your contribution.

What went before is done but still teaches lessons for today. While reading an old English mystery written in that era, an interesting policy was explained that we all might keep in mind. During WWII, the British effectively banned ALL negative talk about the war. Regardless of how grim their future looked, it became the responsibility of every citizen to participate in community programs as much as possible and at the very least, speak only of victory or to find something positive to say about their country. *That is the parting message of the Crier.*

In the Bible, there is a phrase: "As a man thinketh, so is he." The small communities north of the formal Quad Cities are a marvelous place to live. Scenery, history, local activities and growth potential are outstanding now. In the future, what will happen if you, personally, do not support and hopefully improve on what we all have today. A good beginning is to speak in positive terms. For those activities and issues you feel are looking grim for the future, do something about them. The only possible way to make the future even brighter for this area is for you to participate.

Enough of farewells and philosophizing. You know what you have to do. Best wishes to you all. Have a positive and fulfilling future. Jane Cady, Your Editor

Quick List for Halloween Activities in Hampton:

10/28: Heritage Park 2-5PM. Treasure Island Halloween Extravaganza

10/31 Official Village Trick-Or-Treat Hours: 5:00-8:00 PM

Afternoon at Hampton School: Costume Parade around town
and In-Class Halloween Activities

3:30-4:30PM - Annual Police Department Wiener Roast in Munson Park at 6th Street & 3rd Ave.

5:30-8:30PM - Trick-Or-Treat Candies on main floor of the Brettun & Black Museum and Ghost
Stories on lower level

7:00-??? PM - Annual Hampton Fire/Rescue Haunted House. At the Firehouse at 6th Street & 3rd
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Editorial: Last Words

Its hard putting together a farewell issue and doubly hard to write my final editorial. Because I'm thankful for everything I've learned from putting out the Crier, I'll not publish the names of the few who stiffed the paper for their advertising bills, political adversaries, critics or those that consider their free Crier a monthly exercise in fault-finding. They are not the reason for the ending of the Crier. Technology and all the expense and training needed to adapt to digital printing has done it.

From an old ditto machine to a copier to newsprint, the Crier has held on because volunteers have wanted to serve their community. The volunteers have been steadily aging or passing away and none have been re-placed. People have helped on one or two issues but regularly putting out a paper takes more.

What I would like to say in this final editorial concerns the big "DUH" I've been hearing. *Many readers just don't get it.*

"Duh, why are all the fun activities that used to be free cost so much now?" Well, in those good old days you remember, people often defined themselves by supporting causes and joining organizations that complemented their family's life philosophy. They volunteered their time and talents to participate in activities that gave the adults positive energy and their children a good example of what makes America Great. If you have to pay admission fees at the door plus tickets all over the place, its because of the lack of unpaid volunteers. The "Duh" goes away when the load is shared by many. There is no better feeling than volunteers sitting back after an event ends and sharing a sense of satisfaction for a job well done.

In the daily papers, note obituaries that seems unusually long. The deceased is generally of an older generation. The length of the obituary is often because of the pride the family takes in listing volunteer work and membership in local organizations. The deceased brought honor to their life through participation in worthy causes. What a shame if obituaries, the final historical reference for future researchers, become nothing but a list of jobs and surviving family members.

"Duh, how can the government get away with doing this in my town?" Well, its because you have allowed it through neglect. Have you been seen at your local board meetings? Not just municipal board, but your school, library, township board meetings. What about attending Heritage Center, PTA, Youth Committee or Historical Society meetings. You have been repeatedly invited. Have you accepted that invitation to put in your two cents worth, object to what is proposed or ask a question? If you are unhappy with the way things are run in your town, school or anywhere else, step up and attend the meetings. How upset do you have to get before you decide to observe and participate? No one is prepared to accept event responsibilities for the first time or run for office, it's a leap of faith and a constant learning process. So leap!

Dear Readers,

I am as saddened as you are about the end of the Town Crier. It has been a wonderful paper and we should all thank Jane Cady for all her hard work. But don't despair! In just a few weeks, there will be a new paper for our area, the River Beacon. You can expect the same news as you found in the Crier, plus some new items that I hope you'll enjoy.

I'll properly introduce myself in its first issue. I'm hard at work getting things ready, but if you have any suggestions in the mean-time, please feel free to email them to riverbeacon@mchsi.com. Look for the Beacon sometime in December!

Sharon Wren
River Beacon Editor

Reminder:

Standard Time resumes on November 4th. Turn your clocks BACK one hour on Sunday night. Halloween is BEFORE the time change and Children will be harder to see in the gloom so please drive carefully!

Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better.
— Richard Hooker

Parks Committee Report

By Ruth Speer, Heritage Center Director

Scarecrow Contest – October 22 – Nov. 3

Make a "CHANGE" by contributing monetary donations and vote at the Center for your favorite Scarecrow. Hampton School students will be donating their talents to decorate the Center and raise money at the same time. Voting may be done during open hours at the Center and at the Firemen Chili Supper on November 3rd (4:00-7:00 p.m.). Money will be donated for community food baskets given out during the holidays.

Mark your Calendars – Flu Shots October 26, 2007

9:00 am – 11:00 am at the Heritage Center

Medicare Part B covers the cost. Others: Flue shots are \$25 and Pneumonia Shots \$40.

2nd Annual Memorial Luminary Service December 9, 2007

at 5:00 pm. Remember your loved ones during the holidays call 755-8398 for more information.

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Thank You

This column could go on for pages but allow me to shorten the considerable list by thanking all the businesses that have supported the Crier with their regular paid advertising.

Another group that made the Crier possible are all the writers that have submitted interesting articles through the years. Some have asked where we "got those crazy Whopper Swapper stories" Well, Michael Cady, my brother, Becky Gould, our cousin and I started the Whoppers just for fun. We are glad you have enjoyed them as tall tale telling played a part in our area history.

Closely associated with those writers are the public relations people for the churches, schools and area organizations. Their contributions allowed the Crier to be truly useful to the communities we serve.

Behind the scenes, a special thank you to Mickey VanDieren, Randy and Georgia Baldrige and Tamara Laud for teaching me how to put out the Crier and lent a hand when they could spare the time. Harriette Gillespie has been invaluable by consistently proofreading everything handed to her. (Please note that I have given her nothing included in this last issue so all the errors are mine alone.) I am so grateful for her support!

Finally, thanks to Evelyn Phillips, Franciska Rasmussen and Michael Cady, the Baldrige's and Mickey VanDieren for reigning me in when I started going off on a tangent. Advisors who are dedicated to a positive community paper have taught me a lot in the past 5 years. Thank you one and all.

Reminder:

November 13th is the final day for fourth quarter property tax payments to be received at the County Collector's Office or paid into your bank. Plan ahead!

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Cub Scout News

Submitted by Tony Earl

Stated in the last Crier issue, our pack was having a campout. The event went very well, as boys from all of our dens showed up. I had forgotten (as did the others) how much fun you can have without a TV, X-box and the other gadgets we use for excuses to keep from going outside. The boys adapted well to this new concept of "roughing it" and created games, assembled marshmallow blowers, devoured smores and finally slept like logs. This was a great test for the boys and a great journey for us parents, next time, I'll remember to bring coffee.

We at Pack #861 would like to thank the people of Hampton, Zion Lutheran Church, the Hampton Fire Department and we would like to thank Jane Cady and the Crier for the support, ideas and involvement in our Pack's growth and helping the youth of today be our leaders of tomorrow.



Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.

Around Town New Briefs

Treasure Island

Hampton Park and Heritage Center will be transformed into a Treasure Island for a Halloween Extravaganza on Sunday, October 28, 2007. 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM The family-oriented event will feature games for children, a treasure hunt, Halloween candy, costume contest, inflatable games, face painting, games, treasures for children, and door prizes for all ages. (There is a separate Treasure Hunt for toddler and pre-school aged children and elementary aged children.)

Refreshments will be served and donations will be accepted to benefit the Hampton PTA.

River's Edge Fellowship is pleased once again to sponsor this event for the children in our community for the third year. River's Edge is a non-denominational fellowship that meets every Sunday for worship at the Hampton Heritage Center; 9:30 - 10 AM - coffee & donuts; 10:00 AM - Worship Celebration - "The Best Hour of Your Week"!

River's Edge Fellowship invites you to our Thanksgiving Community Celebration - "A Time For Thanks", on Wednesday evening, November 21st, 7:00 PM, at the Hampton Heritage Center. Join us for a celebration of praise and worship music, reflections of God's greatness, faithfulness, and blessings, and a simple time to pause within the frantic pace of our lives and just simply give thanks!

For more information - please contact Dale McCaulley, Lead Pastor at email: gototheriver@nbson.net Phone: 309-737-2719 web-site (coming soon)

Annual Police Department Halloween Wiener Roast

October 31 from 3:30-4:30PM, at Munson Park, bring the kids for wieners roasted over a supervised campfire. The park is at 6th Street and 3rd Avenue, across the street from the Fire Department and down the block from the school.

Official Village of Hampton Trick-Or-Treat time: 5-8PM

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4+ BR, 5 BA, 2 story, brick and alum. Maint. free home! Ravine lot with exposed base. Has pool and small pond. Bluff area near Mississippi River, parks and bike trail.

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#15 Cherry Hill. New Construction, 2 BR, 2 BA villa w/informal dining room, & main floor laundry! Full daylight basement, 2-car garage.

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#16 Cherry Hill. New Construction, 2BR, 2BA villa w/Deck, Inform. DN. Rm. & Laundry on one level, 2-car garage.

\$119,900—Silvis MLS# 4091985

3+BR, Maint. free ranch with newer bath, floors, siding, insulation. Newer roof, furnace/AC! Lot is fenced, flat with nice 2-car garage.

\$84,900—East Moline MLS# 4088885

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Commercial lot in Hampton, on Rt. 84 in a TIF District. Across 84 from Porter's RX Conv. Store & Gas Station! Lot is 240Wx134D and has a 24x26 Garage. Uses are Bank, ATM Mach., Car Wash, Laundromat, \$General, Med. Building, Mini-Mall, Ins., Real Estate, Vet., Chiro., Office.

\$50,000—Cordova MLS#4091029

5 acres flat to rolling. Sits next to a log home. All hard roads to property. Erie School system, lower taxes. Property sits between two marked metal stakes. Neighbors have horses.

\$30,000—East Moline MLS#4071030

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

\$20,000—Port Byron MLS#4076678

Port Byron Lot on Polk Street. 3-50' lots. Lot size is approximately 142 x 150. Lot is heavily wooded. Could easily have an exposed Basement. Lot is 2 Blocks off RT 84.



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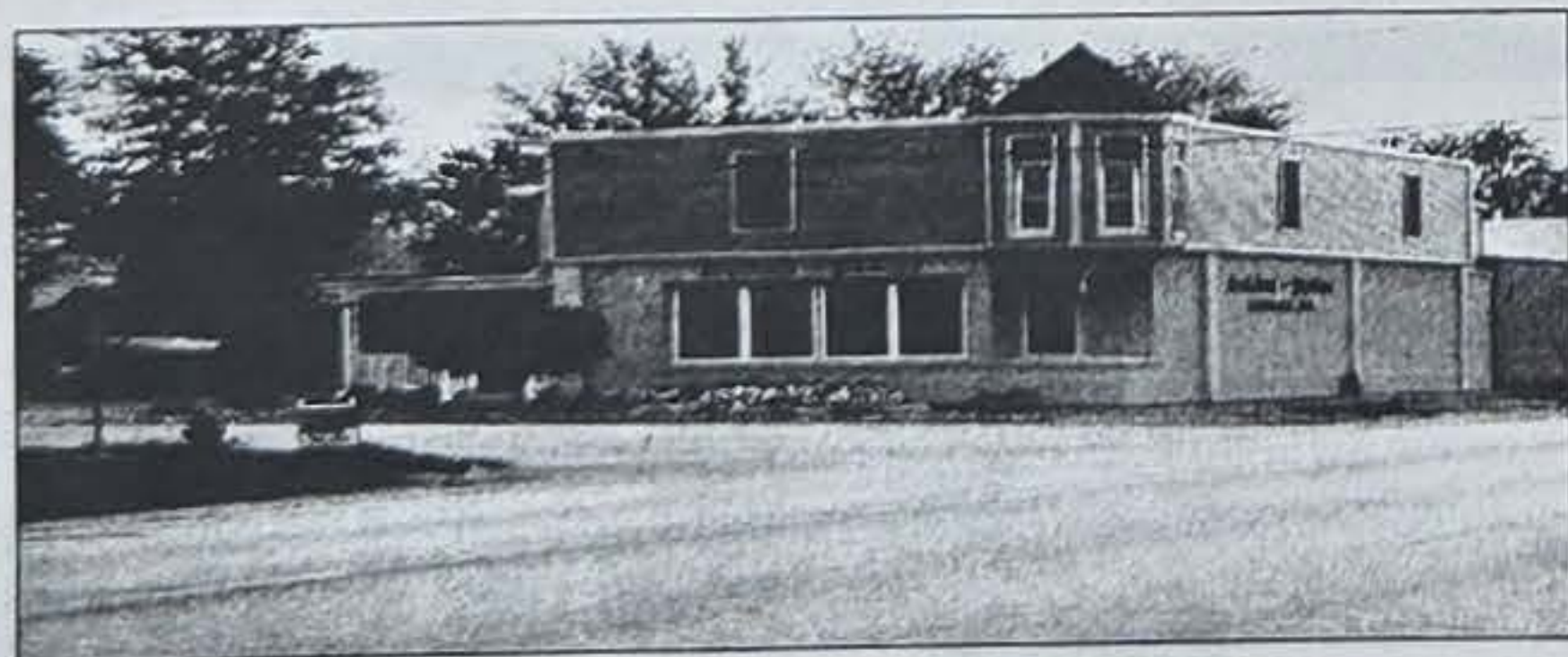
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"The best way for a housewife to have a few minutes to herself at the end of the day is to start doing the dishes." Arthur Godfrey

Hampton Fire/Rescue Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary would like to thank all the supporters that contributed items and all the shoppers that attended their sale at the Fire Department during the All Hampton Yard Sale event in October. Also, thanks to the volunteer firemen that helped during the sale.

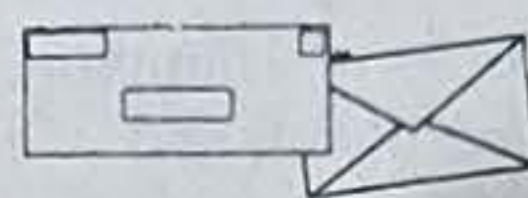
The Auxiliary is offering for Raffle, an afghan and a queen size quilt. Tickets will be sold at the Fire Department Chili Supper to be held at the Hampton Heritage Center on November 3rd and at the second Annual Luminary Ceremony scheduled for December 19, 2007. If you would like to have a well-made afghan or a choice quilt, please support the Auxiliary by purchasing tickets.



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Domestic Mail:

Dec. 15: Parcel Post

Dec. 20: First Class and Priority Mail

Dec. 22: Express Mail

Military Mail Most AE and AA Zip Codes:

Nov. 13: Parcel Post

Nov. 27: Space Available Mail (SAM)

Dec. 1-4: Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL)

Dec. 4-11: Priority Mail

Dec. 4-11: First Class Mail, Letters & Cards

Dec. 18: Express Mail Military Service (EMMS)

Most International Mail:

Dec. 4-11: First Class International Mail

Dec. 4-11: Priority International Mail (PMI)

Dec. 12-18: Express Mail International (EMS)

Dec. 19-20: Global Express Guaranteed (GXG)

An Anniversary Story

Rich was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry. She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in less than 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!!

The next morning Rich got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, and brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Rich has been missing since Friday. Please pray for him

Whopper Swapper

Dear Cuzzin Maudy,

I hadn't heard the tale of our stubborn ancestor, Francine LeRue. That is inspiring. Folks who don't know our family well judge us to be stubborn. They are wrong. We are VERY stubborn.

A tale is told in these parts of an Injun shaman who was just as stubborn and vindictive. His name was Mah-Magwah, the Peace-maker and he lived about a thousand years ago, long before the coming of the white man. From his early youth he had great faith and dedicated his life to the service of his Great Spirit, Manitou.

The Great Spirit came to Mah-Magwah in a vision one night. The Spirit grieved that his people were always at war with one another and some tribes were on the verge of extinction. The Great Spirit promised Mah-Magwah that if he kept his faith he would be given powers to bring peace and prosperity to the people. He would be given the power of persuasion and the gift of seeing into the future. These gifts would come at the cost of dying young but he would be given a final wish at the end of his days and the wish would have no limits.

Mah-Magwah labored without ceasing to bring reconciliation and peace to his people but they would not listen to this prophet of the Manitou and continued in their warring ways. Eventually he was shot by an arrow through his lungs. As he lay dying and gasping for air the Manitou appeared to him in a vision. First he thanked Mah-Magwah for the years of dedication and effort even though it had met with no success and a slow painful death for this faithful servant. The Manitou spoke in anger and promised he would punish his wicked people with wars, disease, and a merciless enemy.

Mah-Magwah begged forgiveness for his people but the Manitou would not relent. He foretold the future to his servant so his last wish might be made with knowledge of what the consequences would be....the people of Mah-Magwah would not be forgiven for what they had done to the servant of the Manitou. The Manitou is a vengeful god and does not forgive. A race of white men would come to take the land of the people. They would be weak at first but cunning and they would destroy the people with their better weapons and cruel diseases. Last of all they would bring a powerful poison that would be loved by men, women, and the children of the people. It would cause unspeakable suffering and a slow, shameful death. The poison would be called whiskey.

With his last breaths Mah-Magwah claimed his reward. He wanted revenge on the white men who would destroy his people. The Manitou asked what that should be and was told the white men should find no peace in this land and they should suffer from an Injun poison that would be loved by their men, women, and children. It was a cruel wish but Mah-Magwah could be as vengeful as the Manitou and the Manitou was pleased. He cursed the land with many future wars. He drew the arrow from Mah-Magwah's lungs and buried it in the ground. When the white men came they found growing from an ancient arrow a beautiful plant that all loved and they called it tobacco.

PTA NEWS

****November 5th** the Hampton PTA will be hosting a Hampton School only Skating party at Skate City from 6-8 pm.! We will also be joining with East Moline, Silvis and rural area school districts to have skating parties on **the 4th Tuesday of every month** this year except for the month of December for obvious reasons. We can earn one dollar per student for the PTA and Hampton School. The first skating event was on Tuesday, September 25th.

Hampton PTA is gearing up for another busy and exciting year. We encourage all parents and teachers of Hampton School students to become involved. We would like to welcome you to attend monthly PTA meetings in the 2007/2008 school year. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and generally last about one hour. Free child care is provided. We hope to see you there! Meetings are scheduled for either Mondays or Thursdays as follows: October 1, November 1, January 7, February 4, March 6, April 7 and May 5th.

If you are unable to attend, yet interested in knowing about the activities of the Hampton PTA, the minutes from each meeting will be available after the 20th of each month. Minutes can be viewed in the Hampton School Office.

[Editor's Note: In this last Crier issue, I'd like to thank all the parents who have worked so hard to give ALL the students wonderful memories of their school years. High School or College Student, parent, grandparent or retirees all have the ability to volunteer for a few hours during school activities that benefit our children. Please help run a game during the annual fairs or serve food at a sporting event. Catch the enthusiasm for life that the kids offer you. It takes so little time. Call the school today and leave your name and number as a volunteer for the next event.]

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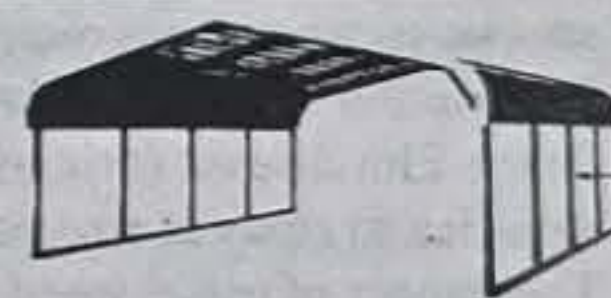
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Teasel is considered a noxious weed and to be eliminated wherever possible. Like many "invaders", the teasel weed was brought to America for a "good purpose" but to date has not had the disastrous consequences realized with the importation of Chinese Carp, Kudzu, and Dutch Elm disease (originally brought to America to study at a research institute.) The danger of teasel weed is that it displaces native vegetation, reducing the quality of grazing, farm lands and wildlife habitat.



In Europe, their dried native teasel was an ancient tool used for "fleecing wool" fibers (raising the nap on woven woolen cloth). When the weaving industry started in America in the 1700's, teasel plants were needed as tools. Because of their massive seed production and plant height, they spread quickly. Very few birds have been observed eating the seeds that would account for spreading the seeds. It is the height of the plants that allow dropping seeds four or more feet from the original plant. Teasel grows in almost any soil or water table as long as it is sunny.

Currently, there is no mechanical equipment combining flexibility and rigidity that has proved more efficient for "fleecing wool" than teasel. There are a few unproved claims that teasel may be a remedy for jaundice or a cleansing agent. Otherwise, teasel is used only as a decorative addition to flower arrangements or in craft projects because of its shape.

Mechanical removal of teasel is difficult. The taproot is very strong and deep. The plants may be cut close to the base before the green seed heads start flowering or dry out. This will at least keep the plant from spreading. Unless a hatchet/ax is used to chop out the roots, the plant will probably return. Use of chemicals is not advised in our area due to contamination of our rivers.

We encourage individuals and organization to create decorative items or flower arrangements that include LOTS of teasel weed! Cut and gather the weeds when green, tie at the base and hang up- side-down in your garage or barn to dry. Teasel has an interesting shape and is easily painted when dry. The oval, spiky shape adapts to animal bodies, colorful ornaments and more. Stop and gather some to try!

"I don't know what use any one could find for a machine that would make copies of documents. It certainly couldn't be a feasible business by itself." -- the head of IBM, refusing to back the idea, forcing the inventor to found Xerox.

Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

Well the Apple Festival by the Hampton Historical Society, 2007, is history. I believe we made over \$2,000, which I think is phenomenal for three hours. I do take orders and sell things on the pre-ceding Tuesday. I also feel our appearance on Paula Sands helped a lot. All the help and support from the Crier added to our success. We didn't run out of dumplings but we did sell almost everything in the bakery including all the caramel apples made by your editor Jane Cady. We sure could have used a few more apple pies. I do have a few dumplings in the freezer in case you need a quick fix.

I always have requests for one of my recipes. This year my friend Bernadine McGee from Colona had a piece of the cake I have made for years. A friend of hers came and bought her a piece and requested the recipe.

This recipe comes from a book called "Apple Country Cooking". I bought the first book at Stone's Apple Orchard and it is written by Patricia B. Mitchell. She lives, I believe, in Vermont where she runs a Bed and Breakfast. I called her once several years ago and talked with her husband. It was a very interesting conversation. I always think our town is very similar to New England. I made a triple batch this year and sold it all.

"Make Somebody Happy" Applesauce Cake

4 c sifted flour	4 t soda
1 t salt	2 t cinnamon
½ nutmeg (Optional)	½ t cloves
2 T cocoa	2 c sugar
1c vegetable oil (I use canola)	½ c raisins
3 c unsweetened apple sauce, heated	
½ c chopped walnuts (Optional)	

Sift together the dry ingredients. In a large bowl, combine oil and sugar. Beat. Stir in hot applesauce, blending thoroughly. Add dry ingredients, blending well. Stir in raisins and walnuts. Turn batter into two well-greased and floured 9 x 9 x 2 inch cake pans. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes; then reduce oven temperature to 375° and bake about 15 minutes. Remove to cool on wire racks for five minutes. Remove from pans cool on rack. Fill and frost with caramel frosting.

Caramel Frosting

½ c butter	¼ t salt
1c dark brown sugar, firmly packed	
¼ c (or a little more) milk	
2 c confectioners' sugar	

Stir confectioners' sugar into mixture; beat until smooth. Melt butter in saucepan over low heat. Stir in brown sugar and salt. Bring to a boil over medium heat: boil hard two minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in ¼ c milk. Return pan to heat; bring to a full boil. Remove from heat; cool to luke-warm. If frosting is too thick, beat in a little milk.

My daughter Martha who lives in Brooklyn and teaches music in Queens sent me this recipe for next years Apple Festival.

Baked Fruit Slices

2 sprays cooking spray	½ t cinnamon
2 medium pears, Bosc, halved and cored	
2 medium apples, Gala, Red Delicious, or Granny Smith	
halved and cored	
2 T SLENDA	

Preheat oven to 375°. Coat 2 sheet with cooking spray. Using a very sharp knife, or slicing blade on the food processor, slice the pears and apples into 1/16 inch slices.

In a small bowl mix together cinnamon and SLENDA. Place fruit slice in a layer on the baking sheets and sprinkle with cinnamon mixture. Bake, rotating baking sheets about halfway through baking, until crisp and lightly browned, about 30 to 45 minutes.

From "More Great Content at Weight Watchers.com" or <http://www.weightwatchers.com/plant/wwwindex.aspx>

I have three more recipes but I think this is enough. If we have a paper next month, I will write them out for you. If not check my web site jamminwithjane.com

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

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People

Lee and Smokey Hanseman of Hampton are ecstatic grandparents again. Lisa and Kris Houser added little Taylor Ann Houser to their family on September 10th.

Big Brother Wyatt and his family live in Davenport, Iowa. Taylor weighed in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Congratulations to the Housers and the Hanseman's and Welcome to the world Taylor Ann!

Commander Ray A. Stapf formerly of Hampton was given command of the USS Oak Hill (LSD 51) during a Change of Command Ceremony on September 2, 2007.

Commander Stapf is the son of Richard and Trudy Dickerson of Hampton. He is a 1973 graduate of Hampton School and a 1977 graduate of United Township High School. He also attended Augustana. He enlisted in the Navy in 1982 as a Machinist Mate. In 1988 he received a Bachelor of Science degree from New York State University and was selected for a Naval Commission as a Surface Warfare Officer. He was commissioned upon graduation from OCS in November, 1988. Since then, he has been involved in numerous Naval operations which included collateral duties as the NATO and SOTHCOR Surface Operations Liaison Officer.

Commander Stapf has been awarded two Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals and numerous campaign and service awards. We salute you Commander for your service!

UT Column

By Eliza Fazliu

The first two-week break is over for the UT students and staff. The break followed the much-anticipated Homecoming Week; which was full of different events.

The events were as follows:
September 24th - Twin Day,

Grape Eating Contest, and Powder Puff Football

September 25th - Toga Day, Chariot Races, and Soccer Game

September 26th - Class Color Day, Battle of the Classes, and Fun Night

September 27th - College Sweatshirt Day, Dance Dance Revolution, and Volleyball Game

September 28th - Orange and Black Day and School Assembly

September 29th - Homecoming Dance

At the assembly on Friday September 28th the homecoming court was announced and crowned followed with skits planned by teachers and students. Near the end of the assembly the UT cheerleaders performed along with the UT dance team.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 19th Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 2nd Teacher Institute

I've learned that there is a fine line between genius and insanity.



A man shows his character by what he laughs at. - German Proverb

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10/26: Computer Basics and E-Mail

Storytime is Back on Tuesdays 10:30AM

No registration is required. If you have questions, call 755-9614
October 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. 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: October 18th

The Library Board meets: October 24th

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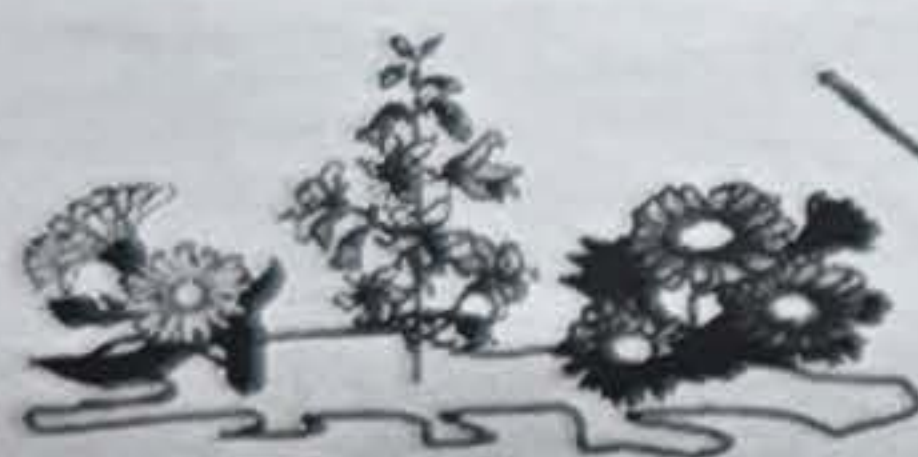
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Halloween Bell

By Mary Lou Schaechter

The small town of Buffalo, Iowa, has an unsolved Halloween mystery. For several years, at midnight on Halloween, the church bell would ring. The town policeman would rush to the church, but no one was there. If he walked away, it would ring again.

Rumors of a ghost flourished. Each person had a different idea as to the origin of the ghost. Some thought it was a murder or accident victim, others thought it was a minister who had died of a heart attack while giving a sermon.

Finally, they decided to catch the culprit who rang the bell. Lights were installed to shine on every door when a switch was thrown. Police from nearby towns volunteered to hide nearby. At last they would solve the mystery!

At midnight all was quiet and the church was dark. An eerie quiet engulfed the area. Had they stopped the ghost? No, the bell began to ring, slowly at first - then faster and faster. They searched the church but no one was there and the bell stopped ringing. When the police walked away, it started ringing again. This happened over and over for two hours. It was still a mystery but that was the last year the bell rang.

Years later I was told that one of my five uncles had climbed the bell tower two weeks before Halloween, fastened a strong wire to the bell, then tied it to a tree a block away. At midnight, he climbed the tree, pulled the wire, watching the police dash around frantically.

Don't delete this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

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Mortality in Old Hampton

By Rocky Nelson

My wife and I are members of Rock Island County Genealogical Society. We receive their quarterly publication which usually contains interesting facts about Rock Island County. This issue I found particularly interesting. It contains the 1860 Mortality Schedule for Rock Island County, Illinois. Transcribed and indexed by Lowell M. Volkel. It was researched by Society member Ken Jones. I am not sure whether Mr Volkel was an elected or appointed official, but he had the job of keeping track of the deaths in the county, giving ages, places of birth, dates of demise, occupation, and cause of death. From my perusal of the document, I would say that it was very carefully done. Reading it gives a great deal of insight into life 147 years ago.

I will confine myself to Hampton and Port Byron Townships, though there are fascinating items throughout the county. In 1860 27 people died in Hampton Twp. and 9 died in Pt Byron Twp. Of Hampton Twp's deaths 19, were of individuals age 6 or younger. In Port Byron 6 were in that category, this is graphic evidence of the high mortality rate among children in those days. When we go to causes of death we see such things as dysentery, pneumonia, croup, diarrhea, epilepsy, and scarlet fever, also, some more exotic ailments. One Pt Byron 6 year old girl died of "General Hepatic Derangement." What in the world was that? A 3 month old Hampton girl had "erysipelas". I remember from my days on the farm that that was an affliction of pigs. Several of the kids died of "infantile disease". That sounds to me what the doctor said when he didn't know what was wrong. Two kids died of "brain congestion". One of these was 1 year old Charles McNabney, a familiar name. 3 year old Wm. Lathrop died from a fall from a second story window. 77 year old Betsey Hobart earned one of the longer explanations. It says she died of diseases of the heart and goes on to say she was not seriously ill until immediately before death which was nearly momentary.

We could go on and on about this but to make fun of it is foolish. Many of the causes of death we label today, I'm sure will be comical 50 years from now. We've mentioned before in the column how the "Good Old Days" weren't that good.

Perhaps it is appropriate that this column be about death as the demise of the Crier's is marked by this issue. The idea for the Crier came from the 1988 Sesquicentennial Celebration when Carol Doose went around with a bell to announce the various events. Later she started this periodical. I used to supply her with announcements about the Historical Society Events. One time I got carried away about something and launched into a historical type piece. I submitted it to her thinking she might not like it, with the directions "feel free to edit the hell out of it". It turned out she was delighted with it and so was born this column.

When Carol left, Stacy (Weiss) Graham took over. It was she that asked my wife to write something in the home economics line and so was born "Jammin' With Jane". Stacy moved to Erie and passed the Crier to a committee with Michaela VanDieren as Editor and included Michael Toalson, Nancy Bartcher, Randy and Georgia Baldrige. That group passed it on to Delores Sierra who did it about a year when our present editor, Jane Cady who has raised it to new heights. Hampton has never had a newspaper in its past and a lot of history has been lost because of that.

****Editor's Note:** The Crier will indeed pass away with this issue. The digital age has arrived and this old dog just can't adapt to another expensive new way to do the paper. A Hampton-based paper will disappear forever but the news is not all bad. A young freelance writer with much more background in publishing that I had before I took over the Crier will be starting her own paper.

Sharon Wren's paper will cover roughly the same area, keep the community service slant but add much more. The multiple-village-paper is the works now.

With the new paper, you will probably see an ad for a collection of Town Crier Tidbits from my last 5 years as your editor. Short How-To articles, general educational pieces, funny stories and editorials are planned for inclusion.

Opening the delivery gates, two animal rights defenders were protesting the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany.

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River Reflections Movies

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

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.

Fingermath Class - October 20, 9:30AM

Teach children to use their hands as an abacus in order to master the basics of math. Everyone is invited to participate in this class. Fingermath is good for anyone who struggles with math!

Japanese in an Hour - October 20, 11:00 AM

You will be given a brief list of various types of vocabulary words and shown how easy it is to put together meaningful sentences in Japanese. Japanese grammar is easier to learn than in most European languages so there is no minimum age to participate in this workshop. Younger participants should have a basic know-ledge of subject, verb, and direct object. Presenter is Charlotte Meyer. To sign up, e-mail Cathy Burt at rvlccathy@mchsl.com

Wine & Cheese Tasting and Auction Fundraiser - Nov. 3 5:00-

7:00PM Free wine and cheese tasting and over 100 auction items up for bid. Free babysitting provided. Funds are dedicated to future expansion of the library meeting spaces, computer lab and community programs.

Christmas In The Library - December 1, 5:00-8:00PM

This event replaces the Christmas Walk of years past. Fun-filled family activities, homemade chili or chicken & noodle soup will be available. See Santa and get in the Christmas Spirit. Details will be on our website in November.

Winter Wonderland Shopping - December 5, 6 and 7 during regular hours. Kids shopping without the help or mom or dad but assisted by library staff will take place on Dec. 5 & 6. All items are under \$10. Kids items may be wrapped and tagged there too.

December 7th, parents may shop during regular library hours.

Open House - December 10, 5:30-7:30PM

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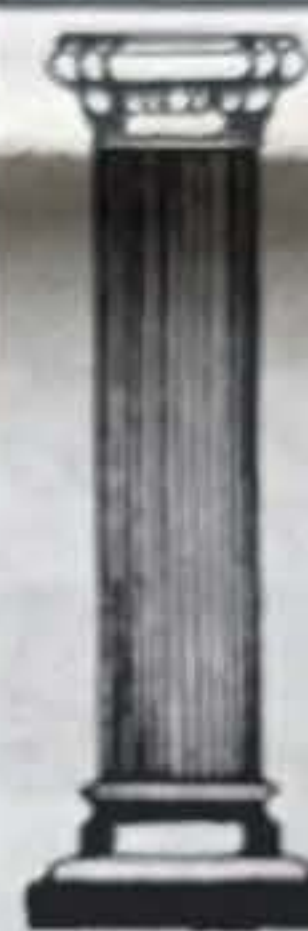
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Warning from a Crier Reader:

Google has implemented a new feature which enables you to type a telephone number into the search bar and hit enter and you will be given the person's name and address. If you then hit MapQuest, you will get a map to the person's house. Everyone should be aware of this!

It's a nationwide reverse telephone book.

If a child gives out his/her phone number, someone can now look it up to find out where he/she lives. The safety issues are obvious, and alarming.

Note that you can have your phone number removed or blocked. I tried my number and it came up along with the MapQuest and directions straight to our house! I did fill out the removal form for myself, and encourage all of you to do the same. It's quite scary.

Please look up your own number.

In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to: Google <http://www.google.com/>

Type your phone number in the search bar (i.e. 555-555-1212) and hit Enter. If you want to BLOCK Google from divulging your private information, simply click on your telephone number and then click on the Removal Form. Fill out the name and address and hit send. Removal takes 48 hours for it to become effective.

Check your own number and although this may not apply to you if you have an unlisted number or cell phone as primary contact, but you may know someone who needs to know this. Put in some of family members information and do this for them from you computer.

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, "62." He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

Everyone is a moon and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.
- Mark Twain

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Rose Bud the Dumb Doll and the Six Shooters

By Franciska Rasmussen



Dear Friends, This is the last issue of the Crier so I decided to bring back a tale of the doll, Rose Bud since I found a photo of her and her carriage. Mom forced me to have my photo taken (below) with this dumb doll and if you look closely at me, you'll see it in my sour face. So on with the story.

Christmas is a wondrous time for children. When I was a very young child, the children on my block anxiously awaited Santa, just as every other child in the world.

In those days, we did not get loads of toys as children do today. The average child received a toy along with a stocking which had an apple, an orange, maybe a tangerine, some nuts and a candy cane. That was it. That was Christmas and we were very lucky to get that.

I was the only girl on the block full of boys, so in order to play and hold my own, I had to be as tough if not tougher than any of them. We saw the movies and Tom Mix, Buck Jones and Johnny McBrown were our heroes. This is why we played cowboys.

I made my wishes to Santa loud and clear but when Christmas morning came, it was not a joyful time - it was a disaster. My present was a doll in a buggy - a dumb doll named Rose Bud. What was I going to do with a dumb doll? I did not know how to play with a doll and just who would play with me - not one of the fellows!

What I had asked for was a set of six shooters and belt. There was no cowboy outfit - no six shooters - just that dumb doll. To add insult to injury, my godmother gave me a tea set! Oh Lord that was another thing I did not know about. Tea parties and those dainty little dishes! No that was not for me.

On that Christmas day, I had one bit of luck though. The weather was bad so the kids were not out playing cowboys and showing off their new guns.

I would have anything to do with Rose Bud and in time she was placed in the attic.

My birthday was in March and then I received my treasured six shooters, the best in the block.

Looking back, I now realize Rose Bud and the buggy, made of wicker, would be a valuable antique today. Maybe I would treat her different now. I could rock her and sing to her because little old ladies can do that but one doesn't see many 80 year old cowgirls now days does one?



"By the time a couple can really afford to have children, they're having grandchildren."
Ashley Robey

LIVING LANDS & WATERS

The Million Tree Project

Living Lands and Waters is not just a clean-up operation. The new project, coordinated by Denise Mitten of Moline, will take place over a five to ten year period.

Just cleaning up our waterways and educating the public on keeping our environment clean was not enough for LLW. Restoring the river's ecological balance by planting native trees and removing invasive plants will maintain the good work started by the clean-ups.

The project begins with collecting and planting acorns from local trees in a nursery environment until they are big enough to transplant along rivers and in towns and cities where needed (several years).

The decline of trees and the diversity of species has contributed to flooding, bank erosion and deprived native wildlife of food and habitat. Once planted and growing, tree roots will act as filters that help reduce the amount of pollution and run-off entering creeks, rivers and streams. They will also anchor the soil while providing a valuable food source for native animals and shelter for birds.

The project starts with collecting acorns. If you will help with this phase, visit the Living Lands and Waters website for collection guidelines: www.livinglandsandwaters.org or call Ms. Mitten at 309-496-9848.

Obituaries

Richard Allan "Dick" Banks, 43, of Hampton passed away on September 19, 2007 in Silvis after a strong battle with cancer.

Dick was born in Davenport on October 22, 1963, son of Don and Darcia Blankenfeld Banks. He married Darci Andrews on October 7, 2000 in New Windsor.

He was owner/operator of Banks Plastering and Drywall for 17 years.

Mr. Banks attended both River's Edge Fellowship Church in Hampton and the Milan 4 Square Church. He was a past board member of the QC Homebuilders Association and a member of the Lindsay Park Yacht Club.

He loved boating, being on the river, snowmobiling and NASCAR. He had a strong love for his family, especially his grandson.

Survivors include his wife Darci of Hampton; daughter Heather Banks and fiancé Kain Kormann, grandson Karter Kormann of Davenport, mother, Darcia Nahra of Bettendorf; father and step-mother Don and Susie Banks of Hampton, Siblings Mike Claudill, Kansas City, KS, Rodney (Cheri) Bank, Eldridge, Michael Banks, Coal Valley, Tammy (Jim) Weisrock, Walcott, Jamie (Sheila) Wardlow, Davenport, Jodi Wardlow, Moline, Casey Cross, Kansas City, Kelli Cross and Danny Nahra of Bettendorf, grandmother, Dorothy Krapfl of Madison, Wisconsin and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible,"
-- Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, 1895.

Hampton Historical Society News

By Bill Beals

I would like to express my gratitude to Jane Cady And the other volunteers who helped carry on the Town Crier all these years. Sadly, due to a lack of volunteers and other issues, the paper itself will soon become part of Hampton's History. Jane Cady has always been a fair and dedicated editor despite undue criticism from some members of the community. The Historical Society could always count on Jane to inform the community about the Society's activities.

I usually like to publish upbeat articles about our community, but have been deeply saddened by the lack of interest by Hampton's Citizen's in keeping the paper going. Now that the area appreciates it's value, it will be lost.

This lack of volunteer effort has also been noted by other area civic groups. The most common excuse people give is "I don't have the time". Believe me, I understand the pressures that work and raising kids put on a family. If only 10 % of the community volunteered for community service 2-3 hours a week that would equate to about 200 volunteers & 400-600 hours a week of total community service. Just think of the possibilities. Isn't that a little more important and worthwhile than watching 10-20 hours of TV a week.

When a person knows that there are fewer days ahead than behind, many people start to reflect on their life accomplishments. What about you? Would you like the satisfaction of making a difference in say, Scouting or the Church, or would you look back and say: "I can name every American Idol since the show began", or "I can name the top 10 episodes of Desperate Housewives"? What is more important?

It is true that we have many worthwhile projects going on; PTA, School Board, Village Board, Historical Society, Fire Department, Scouting, Methodist Women, Catholic Charities... and the list goes on. To the few who dedicate their time, I salute each and every one of you for making this area a better place. Those of you who give to the community know you get something very valuable back... a sense of accomplishment, of making a real difference in someone's life, and taking pride in our community. What about the rest of you?

Apple Festival a Huge Hit

The Society had one of it's best Apple festivals ever!! Attendance was at or near record levels. Jane Nelson appeared on Paula Sands Live on TV. She demonstrated how to make apple dump-lings. The resulting publicity brought in hundreds of persons to the event. There was a huge variety of baked treats for sale and our newly renovated basement opened for business for the first time! Thank you to all the members who donated baked goods and volunteered their time to help! I would also like to thank some of our local merchants; Blimpie's for donating sandwiches (boy were they good) and Pies 'n' Such for donating pies (among the best we had!). and Quinn Hardware for donating printing services and other items. Please support our local merchants to show your appreciation. I have found that their products & services are usually superior to those of the "City Stores" and the hometown service can't be beat! Besides, with the price of gas, it makes economical sense to shop locally.

The raffle winners were: Gene Taets the Candle with Ceramic shade and Bob Schmidt, the hand made wooden tray. Congratulations to both of you!

Face Lift for a 158 Year Old

Just after the Apple Festival and the weather cooled off a little, Tom Bowman carried out a "face lift project" in memory of Historical Society Member, Rebecca Gould. All the entrances and first floor front windows have been totally refurbished. Visit the Brettun & Black Museum during these last few weekends of the season or for the Halloween festivities. The building looks like it must have when it first opened.

Upcoming Events

October 31 Trick or Treat at the museum. Candy will be given out on the main floor & ghost stories (some of them true) will be told in the basement. 5:30-8:30PM

A Sense of Being at Peace

Submitted by Michael J. Ellis.

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East Moline Library News

Computer Classes

Computer classes meet on Fridays at 9:30 AM. Topics are:
10/19: Create With Microsoft Publisher
10/26: Computer Basics and E-Mail

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. Ornaments may be dropped off at the library. Please put the ornament in a plastic bag along with your name and address.

Support The Library By Keeping Ink Cartridges Out Of Our Landfills The Friends Group is raising money by collecting all makes and models of used cartridges. The cartridges accepted are from printers, fax machine and toner cartridges for all makes and models. Just place your used cartridges in the green receptacle at the library.

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ROCK ISLAND COUNTY ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

"PAWS IN THE PARKING LOT" on October 27, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are having food, animal related vendors, games for the animal, and children (with prizes to be given away). There will also be raffles throughout the day. At 1:00 p.m. bring your animal in costume for a "Costume Contest". Best costume will win a prize. On the day of the event the shelter will offer lower price adoptions to the Public. Even if you just want to stop out - Starbucks will be donating coffee and cocoa...

The new "Rock Island County Animal Care & Control" is open on the corner of Route 150 and Indian Bluff Road (near the airport). Our address is 4001 78th Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265. We offer the following services to the public: low cost spay/neuters to cats and dogs; low cost vaccination clinics on Wednesday's from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; microchipping; private euthanasia; cremation services and ADOPTIONS.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Belated Happy Anniversary
September 30th to
Jeff & Chris Heintz

October Birthdays
14 Jaylyn Baldridge
14 Janelle Rasso
16 Elizabeth Parks
16 Bonnie Wheeler
18 Gelda Reynolds
20 Lisa Gillespie
21 Chuck Daniels
22 J.E. "Bud" Gooding
25 Ralph Cox
26 Kyle Emerson Cady
26 Andrew Erickson
28 Denny Gillespie
29 Lee Hanseemann
30 Bob King

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

November Birthdays
1 Toni Ross
2 Michael Braddy
2 Lillian Severtsgaard
5 Judy Bull
7 Scott Williams

More November Birthdays

7 Jim Gillespie
8 Charles Wangelin
14 Anne Hart Cady
11 Cindy Cornelius
12 Daniel Cady
15 David Bull
19 Jim Billings-The Big 60!
21 Connie Yuknis
22 Chris Heintz
22 Connie Leader
22 Georgia Baldridge
23 Steve Reader
23 Harriette Gillespie
24 Aaron Charles Cady
24 Christine Wangelin
25 Linda Bornhoeft
25 Lena Conway
26 Aden Matthew Baldridge
27 Aden Baldridge
29 Patty Wheeler

November Anniversaries

2 Sam & Janice McKay
4 Denny & Lisa Gillespie
4 Harry & Georganna Sedgwick
14 Jerimiah & Ann Cady
17 Sam and Jackie Davis
19 Allen & Melinda Reamy
25 Erwin & Evelyn Millen

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SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

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October-November, 2007

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October 8, 15, 22 : Lunch Box Bingo. 9:30 a.m. (2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays of each month) Cost \$10.00 per day. 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.

Oct. 31: Snacks and Cards 11:30 a.m. (Last Wednesday of each month) Cards & games follow lunch. Bring your own foursome

*** **Trinity Foot Care Clinic. HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to Noon. (4th Thursday of every other month or as scheduled)**

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.

November 5: 1:00-3:00 p.m. Rules of the Road (First Monday of each month)

November 7: Euchre Tournament 11:30 a.m. (First Wednesday of each month) Cost \$5.00 Played according to Hoyle Rules. Men & Women welcome.

November 14: 500 Tournament (Second Wednesday of each month) 11:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00

October 31: Flu Shots 9a.m.-1p.m. With Medicare Part B, Both shots NO Charge, Others Flu \$25, Pneumonia Shots \$40

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

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

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Time Running Out for IRA Transfers to Charities

Submitted by Mark Judy
Edward Jones, East Moline



Last year, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 drew a lot of attention for its efforts to strengthen the private pension system. But this legislation contained a number of other provisions - one of which, in particular, may be of great interest to you if you are over 70-1/2 and you'd like to make a sizable contribution to a charity.

Specifically, the Pension Protection Act allows you to transfer money from your traditional or Roth IRA to a charitable organization. You can donate up to \$100,000 per year, and the IRA distribution will be tax-free. (If you are married, and your spouse also has an IRA, the two of you can contribute up to \$200,000.) However, if you're interested in making this move, you'd better act fast, because the ability to make these transfers expires at the end of 2007.

Apart from providing you with a tax-advantaged way to make sizable charitable contributions, the IRA provision of the new pension laws gives you some added flexibility in another area: required minimum distributions (RMDs). As you may know, once you turn 70-1/2, you have to start taking distributions from your traditional IRA - whether you need the money or not. And these distributions will be taxable. (The required minimum distribution rule does not apply to Roth IRAs.) But the provision allowing you to transfer IRA distributions to charities can help you meet the RMD requirement. For example, if you are required to withdraw 5 percent from your IRA for 2007, you can send the entire amount to a charity to satisfy the RMD requirement - and your distribution will be tax-free.

The IRA-to-charity provision may also benefit you if you aren't planning to itemize deductions on your tax returns. That's because your IRA distribution will eliminate the need to claim a charitable deduction. On the other hand, if you are close to "maxing out" on your income tax deductions because you are bumping up against the rule limiting deductions to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income, you might find that the IRA transfer rule can help you give more to charities than you would otherwise be able to make.

Review Retirement Income Before Taking Action

Clearly, the IRA-to-charity transfer can benefit you as far as making tax-advantaged contributions to support the charitable organizations of your choice. But before you decide to send your IRA distributions to a charity, make absolutely sure you won't need the money to help support your retirement lifestyle. Your financial advisor can help you review your income needs and the various sources of income you can count on.

You'll also need to consult with your tax advisor before you choose to send your IRA distributions to a charity. This move may well benefit your tax situation, but keep in mind that everyone's situation is different - so get the professional guidance you need before making a move.

Once you've met with your financial and tax advisors and you've determined that a charitable IRA rollover is appropriate for you, don't wait too long to act. No one can predict future legislation, but, as of now, the clock is ticking on your ability to make this type of transfer. So, if this action sounds like something that would interest you, contact the charity you wish to support for the paperwork you'll need - and get the ball rolling.

Rotary Club News

On Monday, 10 of the River Cities Rotary members attended the Davenport Rotary Club Meeting at the Outing Club. They had the honor of listening to Rotary International President Elect DK Lee speak. He was in the Quad Cities the previous week for the Rotary Zone Meeting. DK and his wife Young Ja are from Seoul, South Korea. In his speech, he stressed how important it is to invite new people to your Rotary meetings. Membership in the US is declining, and the only way to increase membership is to let people know more about Rotary. River Cities had a great representation of the club with a third present. Other than the host club of Davenport, we had the most in attendance. Other clubs from District 6420 that attended were East Moline/Silvis, Moline, Quad Cities, Rock Island, and Milan.



Pictured are: Kelley Doty, Chuck Sleichter, Bill Jorgesen, Bob Libey, Rick Kessler, Hector Salaverria, David Boaz, Beth Saelens, Sue Hebel, Young Ja Lee, DK Lee, and Amy Nielsen. Also in attendance were Chris Hebel, Doris Libey, Shirley Sleichter, Kim Sidor, and Teresa Cody

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Around Town News Briefs

Wildwood Baptist 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, East 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.

Huge Craft and Art Show November 3rd

Local artisans and top notch crafters will offer you their best on Saturday, November 3rd at Riverdale High School 9624 - 256th Street North, Port Byron.

This year's new location allows for additional artisans and crafters. If you would like to participate, call Cheryl Griffin at 309-523-3603 or e-mail her at cherylgriffin@mchsi.com. She will give you all the details. **Exhibitors from Illinois AND Iowa are welcome.**

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Hampton School News

Schedule for unusual days through 2007:

Oct. 19: First Quarter Ends – Early Dismissal at 11:30AM
Oct. 24 & 25: ½ Day Attendance for Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 31: Halloween Parade & Activities in afternoon
Nov. 22 & 23: NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving
Dec. 21: Early dismissal at 2:00PM
Dec. 24-31: NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break
Jan. 1-4: NO SCHOOL-Christmas Break Continues

Bring in cartridges from home, businesses, family and friends or ask for a box to take to Hampton School. The school can earn money collecting empty printer (inkjet or laser toners), fax and copier cartridges and cell phones. This is a recycling program that goes on all year long. Please remember the school whenever you replace ink or toner!

Computer Printer Ink Cartridges

Years ago, the dream of computers were to create a paperless society, save the trees and reduce the waste we dump into our landfills. Well, things rarely work out as we had hoped. The good news is that the popularity of recycling paper products is finally helping the environment. Separate facilities for "e-waste" (outdated electronic equipment) is also beginning to work. The unforeseen negative effect of computer usage is the waste created by ink cartridges.

Many times, the Crier has asked that old ink cartridges be given to the school who receive some funds from recyclers when they are turned in. Many think the cartridges are just another piece of garbage and toss them in the garbage bags. There are alternatives!

Recently, refill kits have become available on the internet. If your ink cartridge has a plastic-capped access to the ink chamber, it is probably refillable. The trick is to get the appropriate ink. The internet sights will help guide you with cross reference guides. If you have not tried refilling, give it a try. **Refilling saves you about 2/3's of the cost of ink.** For ink cartridges with an electronic "kill chip" that automatically stops the print function after so many copies, the ink and toner refill companies on the internet will sell replacement chips along with refill kits. (The Crier has been very happy with the internet company www.tonerrefillkits.com)

Everyone enjoys saving money on a good deal but if you need an additional incentive, consider these:

- Ink cartridges are made of plastic each requiring 3 to 3-11/2 quarts of oil to produce.
- Over 110 Million cartridges are needlessly thrown into landfills every year.
- Refilling an ink cartridge keeps nearly three pounds of plastic and packaging out of a landfill. Commercial use printer cartridges have even larger waste savings.
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Blood Drive Schedule:

October 15 - 4:00-8:00 pm at Hampton Methodist Fellowship Hall 4th t. & 2nd Avenue
(You are eligible if you donated on or before August 20, 2007)

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.

MORE THINGS TO PONDER

- Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?
- Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?
- If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
- Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
- If Wiley E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME equipment, why didn't he just buy dinner?
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
- Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

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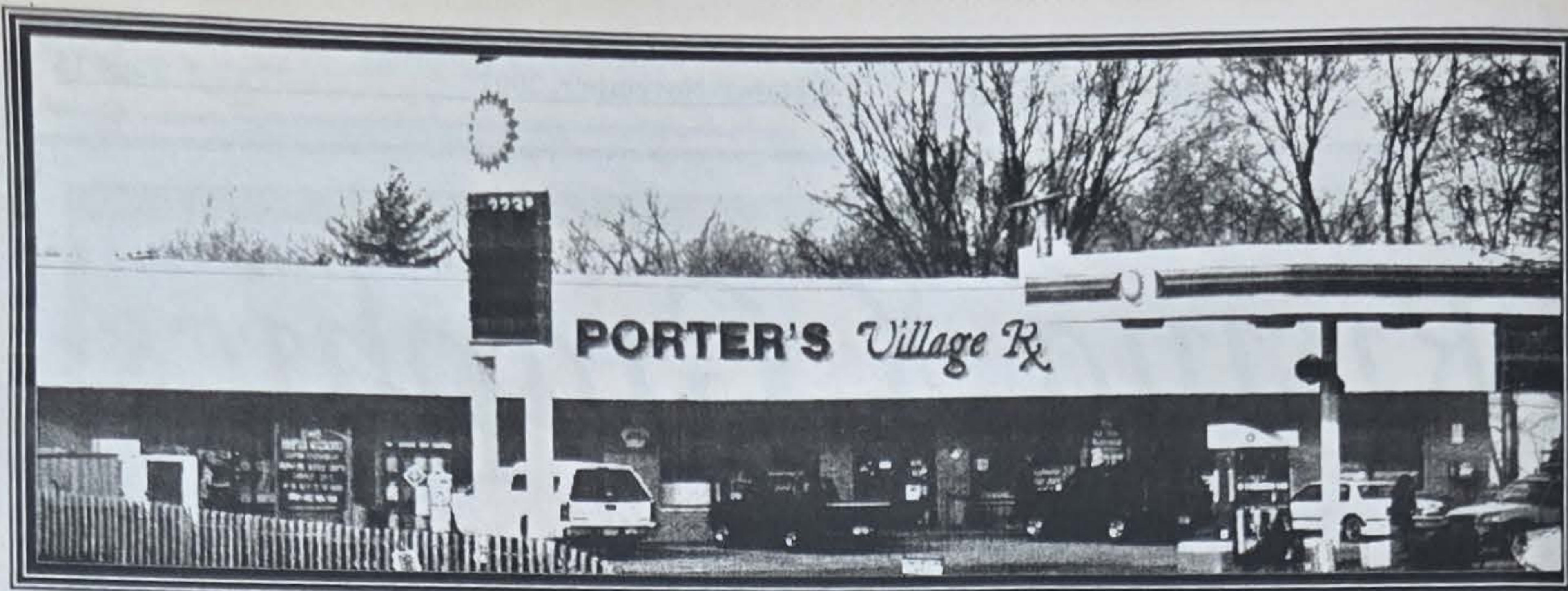
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