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Quad-City region

Kewanee girl dies after accident

April Verway, 17, of Kewanee was pronounced dead after a one-vehicle accident over the weekend on U.S. 34 west of here.

Bureau County Sheriff's Department officials were dispatched to the scene of the accident about 8 p.m. Saturday. The girl was taken to Kewanee Hospital, where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Her passenger, a 14-year-old girl, was transported to Kewanee Hospital and was admitted to St. Francis Medical Center, Iowa. The passenger's name and medical condition were unavailable late Sunday.

The Bureau County Sheriff's Department is investigating the accident with the assistance of an accident reconstructionist from the Henry County Sheriff's Department.

Linda Cook

Deavenport

Corps arranges towboat open house

Every year, thousands of people flock to the mighty Mississippi River to enjoy its natural beauty and endless recreational opportunities. But few know the river's historic past and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' relationship with the river.

Today, the Corps' Rock Island District is inviting the public to take a journey through the river's past, present and future during an open house on the Moore Vessel Mississippi.

About the M.V. Mississippi, the largest towboat ever built, the public will get an opportunity to explore some of the challenges facing the river and learn about the Corps' work on the river. The open house will be 4-6 p.m. Saturday.

The journey will begin with an interactive historical presentation by Corps ranger Steve Vaek. Dressed in the hat and shirt of a riverboat captain, he will share stories of the Mississippi River's historic past.

Numerous displays also will illustrate the Corps' diverse role on the river. Topics will include the history of the river, the 20th floor, the Lock and Dam 12 rehabilitation project, water safety and natural resource management.

For those curious about the M.V. Mississippi, the crew of the 32-foot-tall vessel will provide brief presentations on their daily duties.

The M.V. Mississippi is primarily a working towboat that weighs 2,600 tons and is powered by three Caterpillar 3606 diesel engines and four generators. The vessel is 241 feet long and holds 90,235 gallons of fuel. Its home port is Memphis, Tenn.

For more information, call Dena McClurkin at (309) 794-3808.

Illinois Quad-Cities Energy assistance program begins today

All Project NOW locations will begin accepting appointments beginning today for seniors, the disabled and residents whose utilities have been shut off. Appointments can be made by telephone at the Rock Island, East Moline, and Moline offices. Appointments for all others will begin Oct. 1.

At the time of the appointment, applicants must have proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members, social security cards for all household members, a recent utility bill, and a rent receipt if heat is included in rent.

Any family member who receives Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or TANF, funds, must provide a medical eligibility card. For more information, call Rock Island at (309) 793-6361, East Moline at (309) 752-2686 or Moline at (309) 736-3670.

Fair ends on a hot note

Official estimates 'moderate' total attendance figures

By Linda Cook QUAD-CITY TIMES

Charlie Daniels and the high heat index gave the Mississippi Valley Fair a red-hot finale Sunday.

The fair's final day was "the biggest Sunday we've ever had," said Bob Fox, general manager of the Mississippi Valley Fair.

More than 15,000 people turned out to see Charlie Daniels on Sunday night, he said. "Today I was really knocked out by Charlie Daniels. I'm going to have to bring him back," Fox said. "He's very friendly and he knows how to work an audience."

Overall, attendance was moderate, Fox thinks. He expects to have total attendance counts later in the week. Attendance was "soft" on Tuesday and Wednesday because of the scorching heat in the late morning and early afternoon, he said. But when the sun went down, fairgoers turned out in droves, with 22,000 attending the Last State concert and 20,000 turning out for Randy Travis.

Danny and the Juniors, the Royal Rockers, the Eagles tribute band Hotel California and Chinese acrobats also drew lots of attention, he said.

"People in the Quad Cities, they come out," he said, even in the heat. "They'll wait until the sun goes down."

Fox heard many comments about the great lineup in the grandstand, "and also that our fair is almost like a mini state fair, because the grounds



The fun and excitement of the last day of the Mississippi Valley Fair is a little too much for Taylor Critch, 3, of Davenport as she dozes in her stroller under the watchful eyes of her new, inflatable alien.

John Schantz/QUAD-CITY TIMES

attractions are so diversified. If you've got sharks, you've got tigers, you've got alligators, you've got a puppet show and you've got a thrill bike show."

This was Fox's sixth year with the fair. He said he'll remember most the heat, and "the fact that we got through it with a great staff, the volunteers, and the people in the

Quad-Cities supported us even though we had record heat for two days."

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Kewanee Wal-Mart to offer discount vaccines

Clinic is part of a pilot immunization program nationally

By Cheryl Busto QUAD-CITY TIMES

Kewanee, Ill. At the Kewanee Wal-Mart, the store's back-to-school deals soon will include children's immunizations.

The Kewanee store is one of only two Wal-Marts in Illinois to be selected as sites hosting a vaccination clinic as part of a pilot program. No Iowa Wal-Mart stores were chosen.

While some Quad-City area health department leaders are praising the plan to make shots readily available to youngsters, some doctors around the nation question whether children should be getting health care at a discount store.

Wal-Mart is opening up its parking lots and stores in Indiana, Illinois and 14 other states to let health officials give immunizations to infants, toddlers and preschoolers. At the Kewanee Wal-Mart, the Henry Stark Counties Health Department will provide the vaccines and the staff to administer the shots, which will cost parents \$6 per vaccine — quite a discount at, of course, the gigantic discount retailer.

The Kewanee Wal-Mart management and some Quad-City area health department officials say the program can serve as a way to reach families who might otherwise go unprotected from preventable diseases.

But some pediatricians say children should be regularly visiting a doctor rather than making a single stop at a retailer.

"It's a little bit better than nothing," said Irwin Redlener, a pediatrician and president of the national Children's Health Fund. "Wal-Mart is too big and too powerful to do something that's just a little bit better than nothing."

CLINIC DETAILS

The immunization clinic at the Kewanee Wal-Mart will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday. The cost is \$6 per vaccine. Families must bring their children's immunization records. Children from throughout the region are eligible, no matter where they live.

Buying a bag of sugar

Immunizing children should not be as simple as buying a bag of sugar, said Jane Siegel, a pediatrician at the Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

"When we are not in an active outbreak, we like to really emphasize every child having a medical home," said Siegel, who is also a professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Redlener said his New York-based, nonprofit organization also stresses the importance of connecting children with consistent medical care.

"If Wal-Mart can help reinforce medical homes, they are doing a service," he said. "If they separate the immunization process from the rest of the medical care that children need, they are doing a disservice."

But Ann Jemel, the immunization coordinator for the Henry Stark Counties Health Department, said such criticism is a bit harsh. "The immunizations should be accessible for all children, no matter if their families can afford it or not," she said.

"Plus, shots will be given only to children who have a record of previous immunizations, she said.

Precedent set in Q-C

While no Iowa Wal-Marts are offering the service, Roma Taylor of the Scott County Health Department said offering the immunizations where families are sure to be is an effective tool.

The Scott County Health Department has held clinics in the past as part of the Back-to-School Expo at NorthPark Mall in Davenport. The department also has offered immunization

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There should be a law against inhumanity

It's a head shaker. The case of the Bettendorf woman who disposed of a newborn in a veterinary incinerator and left another in a bucket in a closet is, of course, bizarre and disturbing. But it's also curious from a legal standpoint.

Most of us remember the case of Carole Bowe, of LeClaire, Iowa, who is now doing hard time for killing and abandoning her two babies.

She pleaded guilty to murdering a viable fetus born alive and was sentenced to a 50-year prison term.

One of Bowe's babies was found in a bag near the Ben Butterworth Parkway in Moline, and the other was discovered in a shallow grave near her home.



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many No. 1 difference is critical. The Bowe babies were born alive. There is no evidence the two newborns in the Bettendorf case ever drew a breath.

According to Iowa law, the Bettendorf woman didn't do anything wrong because she didn't take a life. The law says there was no life to take. Until you have breathing, you don't have a body. And there is no evidence to show the babies ever drew a breath.

Isn't that weird? But that's largely what the whole abortion debate is about, and I didn't want to go there. But Scott County Attorney Bill Davis did.

"It's not a crime to abort yourself," he explained. No one is saying the Bettendorf woman aborted her babies — only that she wrapped one in plastic bags, placed it in a bucket and put the bucket in the closet. On another occasion, she cremated a baby in a veterinary incinerator.

In the baby-in-the-closet case, officials had a chance to perform an autopsy. Certain phrases in the June 24 report have the potential to inspire great emotion. For instance, "hair is brown, abundant and curly." Even the little details like her birth weight, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, can tug at you.

But one thing Davis said also inspired emotion: anger. He said the mother of those babies is in her 30s. I figured she was another frightened teen-ager who went into labor and panicked.

But this is an adult woman who had given birth at least once before and should have known what was coming and how to prepare for it. I'm no doctor, but I do wonder whether the lung infection described as the baby's cause of death could have been treated if she'd been delivered in a hospital.

Emergency network relies on radio

Moline man seeks voluntary local REACT chapter

By Brian Golden QUAD-CITY TIMES

In an era of cell phones, pagers and geo-tracking devices, a Moline man is attempting to create a local emergency communication network that will work if the power is out and telephone lines are down.

William Van Brunt is searching for fellow operators of two-way radio — HAM, CB or business — to participate in an area chapter of Regional Emergency Check out REACT online at www.reactnet.org or REACT, an international radio organization that provides community service and assistance in disaster situations.

"Anyone in their homes can use a two-way to report an emergency on a REACT network," he said. REACT units are versatile, performing services as varied as highly accurate weather spotting to providing emergency communication support for the recent RAGBRAI bicycle ride across Iowa.

Van Brunt also cites an incident in New York where flooding knocked out telephone lines and cellular phone services. Local radio operators worked with authorities to provide communication between damaged areas.

Communicators in a REACT network use channel 8, the emergency radio frequency. Van Brunt also would get his group familiar with the General Mobile Radio Service, or GMRS.

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Pleasant Valley, Iowa

**Fireworks start small
fire at country club**

Fireworks are to blame for a fire that forced the evacuation of the Davenport County Club Wednesday night, Bettendorf firefighters said.

The fire started when a remnant from the club's overhead fireworks show landed on the roof. Chief Gerry Voeliger said. It burned a nine-square-foot spot in the roof of the new clubhouse at the country club on Valley Drive in Pleasant Valley.

A manager received minor smoke inhalation while trying to fight the fire. Voeliger said. No one else was injured.

"This place was packed," he said.

The \$4.2 million, 33,000-square-foot building opened in October 2000.

Ann McGlynn

Baldwin, Iowa

**3-car crash injures
Maquoketa man**

A Maquoketa man is in critical condition in Iowa City after he had to be extricated from his vehicle following a three-vehicle accident Tuesday night.

Iowa State Patrol is still investigating the accident which happened at 10:08 p.m. Tuesday, one mile west of Baldwin in Iowa 64.

Joseph Christopher Thomas, 33, of Maquoketa was driving eastbound on Iowa 64 when his vehicle crossed the centerline and collided with a westbound vehicle driven by Ben Wright III, 22, of Cedar Rapids. Thomas then hit another vehicle driven in westbound lane by William Dean White of Cedar Rapids.

Thomas was taken to Jackson County Public Hospitals by ambulance and later airlifted to University Hospitals in Iowa City.

A passenger, Dan DeMoss, 21, was taken by ambulance to Finley Hospital in Dubuque with a broken left leg.

Wright was taken to Jackson County Public Hospital with minor injuries.

Sheri Melvin

Fulton, Ill.

**'W Day' is planned
for Sunday**

The authentic Dutch windmill in Fulton will host "W Day" Sunday in honor of several features starting with the letter "w" that are planned at the windmill.

Quad-City Times columnist Bill Wandram will be a guest at the windmill from 2-4 p.m., signing his book, "What Where and Why?" The book looks at places to visit within a day's drive of the Quad-Cities.

Another "w" willow furniture-making, will be demonstrated in Windmill Park by Andy and Ben Heun, teen age brothers reviving the craft that flourished in Fulton in the 1930s.

Andy, 17, uses river willows to make chairs, while 15-year-old Ben works with willow tables. Local residents who own willow pieces from that era are encouraged to bring them along.

If the wind and weather are right, windmill workers will grind wheat that day.

The windmill will be open from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, and the special events are scheduled from 2-4 p.m.



Kyle Wisely, 10, looks back at his dad, Steve Wisely, of Davenport, as their boat sinks during a race at the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Potter in Rock Island.

Cardboard creations set sail

Boat regatta began as a final exam for Illinois school

By Jennifer DeWitt
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Whether they sailed to victory or sank in defeat, fun was the name of the game Wednesday as worthy competitors proved that even a cardboard boat will stay afloat given the right craftsmanship.

Lake Potter at Rock Island's Sunset Park for the 15th annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta. Boaters arrived with pre-made boats in all shapes and sizes. Some had been in the works for weeks. Others just days.

Even more competitors entered the "instant boat" category in which they were given only a couple of hours to manufacture their craft using a piece of cardboard, plastic, duct tape and bolts. "Each one is unique," said William Nelson, executive director of the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Board, one of the sponsors. "It's always

interesting to see how they make it."

For many participants, the Regatta is an annual family event, which for some involved as many as three generations. "This is our 13th race and we've done new things every year," said Myron Hazen, of Milan, Ill. His family entered this year's race with a boat named "Mrs. McGregor's Garden." Decked out in bunny ears, cotton tails and rabbit teeth, the Hazen crew managed to keep their craft sailing for three trips around the

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CELEBRATING A NATION'S INDEPENDENCE



Clara Shannon, 3, daughter of Sean and Michele Shannon, of Moline, watches the 4th of July parade in East Moline.

Coming home to Iowa

From Aledo, Ill., to Bellevue, Iowa, people took to the streets for annual hometown holiday parades celebrating the best of American independence. Times reporters curbside at parades in DeWitt and Bettendorf, Iowa and East Moline, Ill., filed these reports showing that patriotism is alive and well in the Quad-City region.

By Brian Goiden
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Homecomings interspersed with long-held traditions Wednesday on the streets of downtown Bettendorf during the town's annual Independence Day parade.

Bettendorf native Laurie McIlvane, now a resident of Schaumburg, Ill., returned home with her children to once again watch the parade

she remembered from her childhood.

"We always catch the fireworks but it's been many years since I've been back to see the parade," she said. "It's wonderful."

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**Unopposed,
but spending
thousands**

**Legislators open
wallets despite
no opposition**

By Anthony Man
QUAD-CITY TIMES
Springfield Bureau

SPRINGFIELD — None of the three members of the Illinois Quad-City legislative delegation had opponents in last year's election, but they still spent tens of thousands of dollars on their campaigns.

A report released Tuesday showed Rep. Joel Brunsvold, D-Milan, was the biggest spender per vote.

He spent \$57,151 on the general election campaign. That worked out to \$1.71 for each of the 33,607 votes he received.

Rep. Mike Boland, D-East Moline, spent \$39,260, or 56 cents for each of his 33,994 votes, and Sen. Denny Jacobs, D-East Moline, spent \$64,443. That worked out to 94 cents for each of his 68,720 votes.

They were not alone. All of the candidates for the House and Senate reported some spending whether or not they had election opponents. Incumbent legislators often spend campaign money for political purposes, such as supporting other candidates, and for official functions if their office accounts are insufficient.

Veterans without opposition, especially those in their party's leadership like Brunsvold, are expected to give financial help to their party's other candidates. It is in their interest to do so because it can make the difference between serving in the majority party, like Brunsvold in the House, or in the minority party like Jacobs in the Senate.

The numbers are contained in a study released Tuesday by the Illinois State Board of Elections. The information is based upon campaign finance reports filed in connection with the 2000 elections. Overall, legislative candidates spent more than \$10.6 million in last year's primary elections and \$23.3 million in the fall election.

political races last year — including legislative and judicial races, primary and general elections and money from political parties, political action committees and independent groups — hit \$126.9 million. Spending was roughly equal between the two parties.

"Winners usually spend the most money and money does talk, and it's quite obvious," said Ronald Michaelson, the executive director of the elections board. "Only in a minority of cases do people win when they've been outspent by their losing opponents."

"While seeing the average cost of campaigns continue to increase. This is not only a trend in Illinois, but nationally. The general trend certainly is more money," he said.

Other findings in the study:

• The top-spending special-interest group is teachers' unions. The Illinois Education Association's Political Action Committee, or PAC, spent \$673,000 last year, which is No. 2 in the state PAC rankings. The No. 3 spot went to the Illinois Federation of Teachers, which spent \$781,000. The Chicago Teachers Union PAC spent \$223,000, which put it No. 13 on the list.

The teachers' unions have many issues before the Legislature. Education funding, which translates into higher teacher pay, is one, but others include working conditions, minimum performance standards and licensing procedures.

The single PAC that spent the most money was a state campaign operation of U.S. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. His "Keep Our Majority" PAC spent \$1.4 million. Hastert, of Yorkville, was especially interested in the 2000 contests because the Legislature elected last year was in charge of a new map for congressional districts.

Hastert ended up with what he wanted: congressional redistricting plan designed to preserve all but one of the state's incumbent members of Congress and that will turn the current 10-10 Republican-Democratic split to a 10-9 advantage for the Republicans. Illinois is losing one seat in Congress.

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In the summer of life, it helps to stay cool

There's nothing quite like a little discomfort to gauge your age.

I'm somewhere between a fake ID and middle age.

This summer looks like a turning point for me. I may be 35 years old, but my tolerance for some of life's little inconveniences should get me a 10 per cent discount at most restaurants.

Just last month I had central air installed at my house. Now before retiring each night in the cool comfort of a controlled setting, I include J.L. Brady Co. in my prayers.

It was an easy 1 took off for a few days' vacation to Starved Rock State Park and left two strangers in my basement. When I came home, the men had replaced my Smithsonian model thermostat with a digital display model.

Since I'd never had central



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air. I wasn't sure where to set my new thermostat. I thought 65 degrees sounded good. A couple hours later, after digging a sweater out of the upstairs closet, I reset it to 78 degrees.

A couple hours after that, I took the frozen wash cloth out of the freezer, wrapped it around my neck, scraped the cats off the basement floor and returned to the thermostat. Turns out 72 is about right.

I would spoil myself by dropping the temperature a couple of degrees before stepping out to mow the lawn if my recent jump on geriatrics hadn't completely turned me off the lawn.

And, you know, I used to enjoy mowing.

I dig it. The sense of accomplishment, the exercise, the sweat.

Now, I hate it. The seemingly senseless circles, the noise, the sweat.

But nothing disappoints me quite like the swimming pool. Like any other kid, the smell of chlorine and the sight of a beach towel would instantly launch me into a fit of blinding excitement.

"Mom, watch Mom. Mom. Mom! Watch. Watch me. Mom."

children and made myself comfortable in a lawn chair.

It wasn't all that long ago that I was like them. I didn't care if the grownups put their hand in the cooler to warm up after testing the pool water. I was going in.

This summer is different. Comfort has won out over fun.

I have not caught a single firefly — only hoped silently that they stayed out of the house. I have not been tempted by a single sprinkler — only hoped silently for rain so that I would not have to run the hose.

I drive less with the windows down and more with the air up. And I did not spend so much as a minute this season searching the ground for rabbit nests.

I am too young to be so old. I long for the energy to toss the Priuske around the yard or shoot free-throws at the neighbor's hoop. I long for the old

interest in bird eggs and water-ski shows.

Maybe my peers are staying younger because they have kids to keep them that way. Maybe they get the strength to decorate the Christmas tree or to color the Easter eggs from that blinding excitement that I used to know.

Or, maybe it's just a rut. Maybe the next time I'm at my sister's swimming pool, I will jump right in without even testing the water. Maybe I'll force myself to pick up the basketball after work or check the old lamp post in the front yard for sparrows.

Maybe I'll even run through the sprinkler (in the BACK yard) or organize a neighborhood game of Kick the Can.

If things go really sour, I've still got the thermostat.

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Terry Brahm, president of Deere Harvester Credit Union, waves to the crowd at the East Moline parade.

DEWITT A big, fun Fourth in small town

By Jennifer Reed Murrell
QUAD-CITY TIMES

De WITT, Iowa — Restored tractors chugged and field sprayers lumbered along thoroughfares lined with lawn chairs and patriotic bunting, while children scrambled for the bubble gum and candy tossed from passing parade floats and truck cabs.

Military veterans led DeWitt's July 4th parade, walking, riding and waving as mindful spectators stood in homage. The city's annual parade attracted participants from around Clinton County, delighting crowds with such yearly favorites as the large Belgian horse teams clomping along the route, pulling towering wagons. With a theme of "Back to the Future," this year's parade celebrated DeWitt past, present and future — much of which is steeped in agriculture. Freshly painted antique John Deere, International and Farmall tractors coughed down streets while restored Ford and Chevy cars and trucks revved their engines.

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one reason for the parade's appeal. "We come here for the candy," they both said.

The floats and cars, representing groups as varied as Korean War veterans, Riverdale firefighters, and the Quad-City Steam-wheeler "Deck Mates," began marching just after 10 a.m.

The cars were driven down a long stretch of Grant Street before making two quick left turns and heading back the other direction on State Street.

The car greeted with the loudest reception of the day was the Ford Mustang carrying the parade's grand marshal, former long-time Bettendorf High School football coach Merv Habenicht.

On the route, the parade passes many homes and businesses that have become just as much a part of Independence Day as the cars and candy. Ann Schroeder, owner of The Tiddley Tap since 1976, has provided food and beverages to parade watchers for the last 10 years.

The day's festivities continued around Middle Park with hot dog and Twinkie-eating contests, patriotic music by the Lewis and Clark File and Drum Corps and an evening performance of the Bettendorf Park Band.

Fireworks, visible from across the city, capped the day-long event.

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Members of local 4-H clubs and FFA chapters chucked candy from hay bale-covered flatbeds. The Low Moor Lions group appeared in usual fashion with members zooming about on all terrain vehicles. Representatives from Kinau Implement were equally enthusiastic, ziping about on zero-radius turning lawn mowers.

Volunteer fire departments from Charlotte, Goose Lake, Low Moor, Walton, Grand Mound, Calamus and Wheatland all joined DeWitt's own department, whose chief John Burken served as Grand Marshal of this year's parade, to show off their engines and blare sirens.

Scouts, along with baton twirling and dance groups, were plentiful. The Central Sensations high school dance team formed several years ago when cheerleading nearly died out in this town, strutted in sequined red, white and blue Spandex, followed closely by the rejuvenated and growing Central Sabers cheerleaders, pausing often to lead a cheer.

Many organizations promoted raffies for lawn mowers, cars and cash prizes while others simply encouraged organ donation and life. The parade was followed by entertainment at DeWitt's Lincoln Park and later, fireworks in neighboring Grand Mound.

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EAST MOLINE Deere green mixes with red, white and blue

By Matt Griswold
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Throngs of people draped in red, white and blue lined the streets, many of them children anxiously awaiting a thrown Tootsie Roll or a piece of bubble gum or just hoping for a quick wave from a fireman or pageant queen.

A near-cloudless sky smiled on the large crowd at the AMV/ETS Fourth of July Parade in downtown East Moline Wednesday where a slight Mississippi River breeze kept it just cool enough for the folks enjoying the day off work.

You could not look in any one direction without seeing a multitude of star-spangled banners.

Eyes hidden behind sunglasses soaked in the slight vintage John Deere tractors, war veterans, the United Township High School marching band and East Moline city council members riding in cars most everybody wished they were taking home.

The vast majority of parade-goers had been there before, but life-long Quad-Citians Barry and Pat Davison, of Moline, witnessed the parade for the first time.

Barry said he ran in the Firecracker Run prior to the start of the parade like he does every year. Instead of going home afterward, Pat convinced him to stick around.

"Yeah, my wife likes parades," he said.

Both are retired from John Deere Harvester Works, he said, adding how impressed he was by the value of some of the classic Deere tractors.

"All those old tractors are selling for more than double what they cost when they were brand new," he said.

Pat proclaimed the event, "a very, very nice parade."

"Now that she's got a taste of it I suppose we're going to have to come back out next year," Barry said.



Hillary Graber, 17, marches with the Bettendorf High School band in her town's annual Fourth of July parade.

It was a proud day for Lupe and Bea Cruz of Silvis, Ill. Bea beamed as she waved at her granddaughter who rode a float with the rest of the all-stars in the Silvis Little League.

"I'm having a good time," Bea said. "I'm going to come out and

see her every year." Three-year-old Emily Flores, of Silvis, Ill., sitting with her dad, Don, seemed to be enjoying herself as well.

She was smitten with a little dog she had seen go by and was hoping for a chance to pet the

pup later. Smiling as she held a handful of candy reminiscent of a little trick-or-treater, she said she was definitely coming back next year.

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200-yard course even with nine people on board.

Harold Ryckwert, of Milan, entered the only two boats in the mechanical division, the category that allows participants to use metal parts in the mechanics but not in the boat frame. Two of his grandchildren provided the pedal power for each boat.

"It takes a little more engineering, but it's not tough," he said of the category. "We try to get a little faster every year, but it's hard because your grandkids are different. It's always experimental — nothing's for sure."

Emceeding the event was Bill Archer, whose father, Richard, first came up with the idea of

building cardboard boats in 1974 as a final exam for his three-dimensional design students at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. "For the first 10 years, it just stayed in Carbondale, then my dad started getting calls..." Archer said, adding that Rock Island has the third-longest running regatta.

"I was 8 when I raced my first boat," the 42-year-old said. "Once you see one of these you think, 'Wow, that's really cool.'"

The regatta was copyrighted in 1988 and today, it even boasts a Web site, www.gcbt.com. Now the regattas draw more than 1,500 participants and more than 100,000 spectators across the country each summer.

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BOAT RACE WINNERS

The winners of the 15th annual race were:

Class 1 (Pre-made self-propelled boats)
1st — Gary and Jessica Piss, Streator, Ill.
2nd — Lucas Green, Geneseo, Ill.

3rd — Myron, Linda, Todd, Kris, Marty and John Hagen, Frank Sealf, Mark Stevens, Doug Palmer, Milan, Ill.
Class 2 (Mechanical propelled boats)
1st — Adam Roels and Bret Wilson, Milan

2nd — Zach Meyers and Aaron Roels, Milan
Class 3 (Instant boats)

1st — Jesse Trondson and John VandeMortel, Rock Island
2nd — Brian Pruitt and Abby Stiles, Rock Island
3rd — Emma Wilson, Rock Island

Best Team Spirit — Ryan and Sean Murphy, Chris Mandle and Mike Bernas, Orion, Ill.
Vigilant Award — Adam Roels and Bret Wilson, Milan
Best Dressed — Myron, Linda, Todd, Kris, Marty and John Hagen, Frank Sealf, Mark Stevens, Doug Palmer, Milan, Ill.
Pride of the Regatta — Brent Herbert, Rock Island
Titanic Award — Anna and Kara Weigandt, Elizabeth and Kahle Moore, Moline



Mark Kane rings a bell on the roof of the Rock Island Arsenal Clock Tower 13 times Wednesday as part of a nationwide ceremony sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Kane uses the bell's original swinging clapper to strike 13 rings from the four-inch black bell, cast in a West Troy, New York foundry in 1867. The bell usually is struck by the automated mallet at the lower rig, which is connected to the tower's clock.

CELEBRATING A NATION'S INDEPENDENCE



Jeff Cook/QUAD-CITY TIMES

Clara Shannon, 3, daughter of Sean and Michelle Shannon, of Moline, watches the 4th of July parade in East Moline.

Coming home to Iowa

From Aledo, Ill., to Bellevue, Iowa, people took to the streets for annual hometown holiday parades celebrating the best of American independence. Times reporters curbside at parades in DeWitt and Bettendorf, Iowa and East Moline, Ill., filed these reports showing that patriotism is alive and well in the Quad-City region.

By Brian Golden
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Homecomings intersected with long-held traditions Wednesday on the streets of downtown Bettendorf during

the town's annual Independence Day parade.

Bettendorf native Laurie McIlvane, now a resident of Schaumburg, Ill., returned home with her children to once again watch the parade

she remembered from her childhood.

"We always catch the fireworks, but it's been many years since I've been back to see the parade," she said. "It's wonderful."

McIlvane's children, Katie, 15, and Craig, 11, enjoyed the homecoming from a blanket at the corner of 15th and Grant streets. Craig and his friend Josh Barenthin, 8, agreed on

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one reason for the parade's appeal. "We come here for the candy," they both said.

The floats and cars, representing groups as varied as Korean War veterans, Riverdale firefighters, and the Quad-City Steamwheeler "Deck Mates," began marching just after 10 a.m.

The cars were driven down a long stretch of Grant Street before making two quick left turns and heading back the other direction on State Street.

The car greeted with the loudest reception of the day was the Ford Mustang carrying the parade's grand marshal, former long time Bettendorf High School football coach Merv Habenicht.

On the route, the parade passes many homes and businesses that have become just as much a part of Independence Day as the cars and candy. Ann Schroeder, owner of The Tiddley Tap since 1976, has provided food and beverages to parade watchers for the last 10 years.

The day's festivities continued around Middle Park with hot dog and Twinkie-eating contests, patriotic music by the Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps and an evening performance of the Bettendorf Park Band.

Fireworks, visible from across the city, capped the day-long event.

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Davenport
Murder suspect
returning to Q-C

A Davenport man accused of gunning down the boyfriend of his ex-girlfriend is scheduled to return to Scott County today, three days after his arrest in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Scott County Attorney Bill Davis said Juan Amaya Lozano (aka Juan Lazano) has chosen not to fight extradition from the Michigan city where he surrendered with out incident to a police SWAT team on Wednesday. He is scheduled to arrive in Scott County District Court at 8:30 a.m. for an initial hearing on a charge of first degree murder.

One week ago today, police said, Lozano, 28, kicked in the door of his former girlfriend's Davenport apartment, 122 W. 10th St., and fired bullets into the dwelling, killing Jacinto Caldera, 29, of Moline.

Davis said Lozano was motivated by his part in a "jealous love triangle." Lozano shares three children with the woman who lives at the apartment and was barred from having contact with her and from coming near her residence by a court order issued just 24 hours before the shooting.

Marc Chase

Davenport
Accused rapist
plans new appeal

Scott County prosecutors expect yet another delay in bringing a traveling comedian to trial on rape and kidnapping charges now that he intends to appeal his extradition case to the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Vinson Champ, 39, is accused in a string of rapes at Midwest college campuses where he had performed stand-up comedy. He already has been convicted during two separate trials in Nebraska for such attacks and faces charges of first-degree kidnapping and rape for an alleged 1997 attack of a student at St. Ambrose University in Davenport.

Since his conviction on the Nebraska rape charges last year, the former comic, who appeared on the television variety show "Star Search," has been fighting extradition to Iowa.

His latest appeal before the Nebraska Court of Appeals failed Tuesday. But Scott County Attorney Bill Davis said Friday that his office has received notice Champ intends to appeal the decision to Nebraska's highest court.

The court could take 30-60 days to review such a petition and if justices there deny the appeal -- a move Davis expects -- Champ still will have the option of appealing to the federal court system.

If convicted of the Scott County charges, he would face a mandatory sentence of life in prison. He already is serving two prison sentences in Nebraska, one of 30-40 years and another of 25-30 years.

Marc Chase

Bettendorf
Lifeguards stir waters
at Splash Landing

Now that the pool is full, lifeguards at the Splash Landing Aquatic Center in Bettendorf got a chance to cool off Friday afternoon by taking a dip in some very green water.

Officials said algae has turned the water a bright green because the filter system has yet to be turned on. City employees were put in charge of agitating the water to test for clarity, the cause of the pool's shutdown in early July.

For the next five days, the pool water will be monitored, chemical tests performed and lifeguards will continue agitating the water to test for cloudiness.

Rachelle Treibler-Herder

DOWNTOWN CLINTON FIRE
Faulty wiring suspected in fire

Fire official: Likely
culprit overheated
extension cord

By Kay Luna
QUAD-CITY TIMES
Clinton Bureau

CLINTON, Iowa — Fire officials said Friday they believe faulty electrical wiring caused a huge fire that destroyed a strip of businesses and apartments.

After spending hours sifting through the blackened rubble, Clinton Fire Marshal Mike Brown said an overheated

extension cord providing power to a window air conditioner most likely sparked the blaze Wednesday night in an upstairs rear apartment in the building that housed L & L Music Studio.

The burned air conditioner and several wiring samples will be sent to an insurance company of the building owner's choice for further study, but Brown doesn't expect a different outcome.

"It's safe to say there is nothing suspicious," he said. "It was not arson."

The fire started about 10 p.m. Wednesday in the rear apartment upstairs from the music

studio at 416 N. 2nd St. Witnesses saw flames coming from an upstairs air conditioner and called for help.

At first, firefighters thought they could contain the flames to that building, especially after they pulled down a ceiling and found no flames. However, the fire was roaring above several false ceilings in an attic area opened into the adjoining buildings on that block, Fire Chief Mark Regenwetter said.

The flames quickly spread to all five buildings and raged into a huge inferno that lasted hours, destroying the structures

that housed these businesses:
■ L & L Music Studio
■ McSwiggins Bar and Grill, 423 N. 2nd St.
■ American Family Insurance agent Larry Hoefler's office, 422 N. 2nd St.
■ Manning's Whistle Stop, 424 N. 2nd St.
■ J.Q. Jefferies Realty, 426 N. 2nd St.

The buildings were nestled between downtown Clinton and the Clinton County Courthouse, housing about a dozen apartments in addition to the storefront businesses.

A backhoe was used Friday to pick up heaping piles of twisted

metal and burned wood, so investigators from the city and state fire marshal's office could inspect its contents.

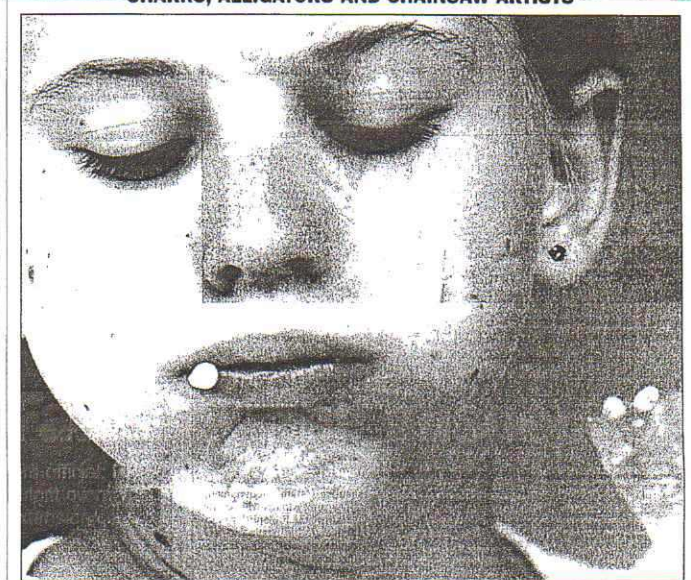
Officials also snapped photos of the mess, occasionally turning the fire hose onto a pile of still-smoldering debris.

Brown said the busy street will be reopened for traffic, but lanes will be diverted from the side of the street where the buildings are barely standing.

"We're concerned about the collapse hazard," he said.

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SHARKS, ALLIGATORS AND CHAINSAW ARTISTS



Ashley Dexter, 10, of Eldridge, Iowa, is a picture of total concentration as she expels a watermelon seed during the seed-spitting contest Friday at the Mississippi Valley Fair.

Finding engaging fair acts
is a year-round adventure

By Brian Golden
QUAD-CITY TIMES

It takes David Watson about 15 minutes to cut a bald eagle statue out of a piece of wood.

It takes Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds General Manager Bob Fox an entire year to find entertainers as engaging as Watson, who draws a circle of onlookers with a buzzing chainsaw and a menagerie of carved figures.

"This fair is 82 years old," Fox says. "My job is to constantly be reinventing our form of entertainment."

After this year's Mississippi Valley Fair concludes, Fox will hit the road and travel to other county and state fairs, searching for fresh ideas.

Then, in November, Fox begins to officially plan the next year's fair, booking acts and signing

contracts for performers. By February, he will have traveled to a show business convention in Las Vegas, where he meets and deals with potential entertainers.

This year, he snagged live shark and alligator shows and an Eagles tribute band. He's got a stiltwalker and another prize find, Watson the chain

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Yapp sets tone for his campaign

Well, at least it won't be boring. Bob Yapp's decision to run for mayor will go a long way toward answering one of the complaints I hear about this year's mayoral field: That it's kind of dull.

It may not, however, cure the campaign complaint. That there isn't a candidate to truly get the voters excited for the kind of progress he or she can bring to the city.

In announcing his decision to run, Yapp clearly is taking up the rallying cry of the departing mayor, Phil Yerington. Too many backroom power brokers have run things for too long.

Yapp said Thursday.

It's the kind of thing that has been the most appealing to some people (and appalling to others) about Yerington.

In some respects, he's been right on, but in some quarters, this kind of rhetoric is seen as

BEHIND THE NEWS



Ed Tibbetts
Viewpoint

a divisive rallying cry that, used indiscriminately, can only serve to hurt the city and drive away people who might build it up.

Regardless of whether you think it's good or bad for the city, it has proven to be politically effective. Don't be surprised to hear it again. Of course, it's more effective, and more honest, if it's aimed like a

laser beam at the perpetrators and not at some unnamed bogeyman.

Don't be surprised, either, if Yerington endorses Yapp in the near future.

Yapp clearly has established a provocative tone for his campaign, and the challenge for the other candidates will be to accentuate themes that not only show what they're about, but that galvanize the electorate into getting out and voting for them.

Money talks

Federal legislators turned in their mid-year campaign finance reports earlier this week, and U.S. Rep. Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, reported \$214,000 in contributions, a full \$50,000 more than he had at this time two years ago.

Even though the money he has in the bank is \$40,000 less

than in 1999, Nick Ryan, Nussle's campaign manager, says anyone looking for a message in the figures should know that financially Nussle is getting fully prepared for a 2002 bid and that he doesn't intend to be outspent by anyone.

By contrast, U.S. Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, only reported \$92,000 in contributions and \$86,000 in the bank.

Democrats looking to oust Leach in the newly created 2nd District took some comfort in that.

They're saying that's among the lowest of House incumbents and it only adds, in the words of a party spokesperson, to the "intense vulnerability" of the Davenport soon-to-be Iowa City congressman.

A Leach aide, Bill Tate, says the congressman is typically a slow fund-raiser.

Of course, people who remember the 1996 campaign

know that Leach dipped into his own wallet to loan his campaign \$40,000 in the closing days of that race against a well-funded opponent, Bob Rush of Cedar Rapids.

The real estate section

Leach has found a house northeast of Iowa City, aides say. He will close on it sometime this month. In the meantime, he's put his own home in Davenport on the market.

Not that this is a real estate column, but another Davenport Republican is changing addresses. Scott County Supervisor Pat Gibbs has put his Itrahat home on the market. He says he's not leaving town, just "downsizing." Gibbs still owns a home on West 4th Street in Davenport.

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► MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FAIR RESULTS

Here are the winners from among competition results provided so far by fair officials.

Open Beef

Division 8, Angus, Cara Clausen, Shookton, Iowa
Division 9, Hereford, Kelly Condon, Princeton, Iowa
Division 10, Shorthorn, Double M Shorthorn, Davenport
Division 11, Simmental, Shella Simmentals, Katoia, Iowa
Division 12, Limousin, Amanda Blasi, Davenport

Grand Champion Bull

Best Place
Division 8, Angus, Swanson Angus Farms, Durant, Iowa
Division 9, Hereford, Blaser Herk, Taylor, Iowa
Division 10, Shorthorn, Matt Frick, Geneva, Ill.
Division 11, Simmental, Shella Simmentals, Katoia, Iowa
Division 12, Limousin, Scherer's Limousin, Davenport
Beginners' Beef Class
First Place, Stribny, Marshall, New Leech, Iowa

Agriculture Division 60

Field corn, single ear, Jim Kinrd, Bettendorf
Field corn, 10 ears, Dan Kirt, Eldridge, Iowa
Field corn, 30 ears, Jim Kinrd, Bettendorf

Grains and Seeds

Barley, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Bry, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Seed oats, Jim Kinrd, Bettendorf
Soybeans, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Wheat, Jim Kinrd, Bettendorf
Shelled Corn, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Giant sorghum, Jim Kinrd, Bettendorf
Barley in straw, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Oats in straw, Jim Kinrd, Bettendorf

Grass and forage

Arkula, Eric Herman, Dixon, Iowa
Arkula Clover, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Brome Grass (smooth), Ron Schroeder, Davenport
Medium Field Clover, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Sedgwick, Ron Schroeder, Davenport
Sweet Clover, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Timothy, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Ludwig Clover, Don Kirt, Bettendorf

Antique Department

Division 1, classes 1-10, pressed pattern glass, bread plate, Mary Cook, West Branch, Iowa
Division 2, classes 1-6, depression glass, blue candle holder, Vivone Garrison, Davenport
Division 3, china, old china, Bergler glass, Elaine Frick, Durant, Iowa
Division 4, classes 1-4, carnival glass, carnival glass, Elaine Siddle, Iowa City
Division 5, classes 1-4, miscellaneous, milk glass plate, Alberta Peterson, West Branch, Iowa
Division 6, classes 1-4, pottery, McCoy crock jar, Dorothy Curtis, Don Kirt, Iowa
Division 7, classes 1-4, kitchen items, coffee mill, Elaine Frick, Durant, Iowa
Division 8, classes 1-10, miscellaneous, bead work dress, Lori Curtis, Don Kirt, Iowa

Flower Show: Division 87

Best of show, Peggy Reding, Colona, Ill.
Best of beginners, Pam Schmeckloth, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Best of juniors, Kayla Pumphrey, Princeton, Iowa
Best of houseplants, Phyllis Dywak, Davenport
Best of cut flowers, Louise Marot, Davenport
Best of miniature, Diane Pumphrey, Princeton, Iowa

Ceramics

Best of Class
Hobstet, Laurel Lykam, Bettendorf
Professional, Nancy Boyer, Davenport
Best of Show
Hearts and Hands Trophy, Nancy Boyer, Davenport
Children 12 and under, Julia Leisner, Bettendorf
Ages 13-18 years, Amanda Larson, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Horticultural Department

Best of Show
Fruit, apple collection, Harvey Kirt, Bettendorf
Table vegetables, bell peppers, John Witt, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Pumpkins and squashes, crookneck squash, John Witt, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Potatoes, Howard, David Kirt, Eldridge, Iowa
Ornamental, gourds, Don Kirt, Bettendorf
Children's division, white potatoes, Kate Pausan, Walcott, Iowa

Plastic Models

Best of Show
Adult, Mark Schoemer, Bettendorf
Teen, Drew De Voe, Rock Island
Child, Drake Denger, Davenport

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Best of Show, Dawn Kahle, Geneva, Ill.
Most unusual, Roz Kahn, Greenfield, Mo.

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► FAIR SCHEDULE

Today

Sponsored by Iowa Wireless and Rhythm City Casino

8 a.m. — 4th Game Show at Clauson Building
9 a.m. — Midwest Home Show at Home Arena, 4th Rabbit Show at SMA building
10 a.m. — Culinary at Statler Ballroom, Davenport
11 a.m. — Burpee opens; Great Cats of the World; Old-Time Cooking and samples in Heritage House; Evans United Carnival opens
Noon — Apple pie auction at Clauson Building; Chinese Acrobats at Trinity North Stage; petting zoo opens; pottery making in Heritage Tent
12:30 p.m. — Live shark show
1 p.m. — Sitewalker Todd Lagasse; Great Cats of the World; Antique tractor parade; arm wrestling in Genesis Health System Tent
2 p.m. — Chinese artist Dave Watson; Chris Short Puppets; potato and apple peeling contests in Heritage tent
2:30 p.m. — Open dog show followed by the 4-H Goat show at Clauson Building; alligator show; live shark show
3 p.m. — Hotel California at Trinity North Stage; sitewalker Todd Lagasse; Great Cats of the World; Team Extreme bike show; karaoke contest, ages 1-6, at Genesis Health System tent; sheep shearing in Heritage Area
4 p.m. — Chris Short Puppets; karate demonstration, ages 7-12, in Genesis Health System Tent
4:30 p.m. — Chinese artist Dave Watson; live shark show
5 p.m. — Chinese Acrobats at Trinity North Stage; sitewalker Todd Lagasse; Great Cats of the World; Karaoke Contest, ages 13-16, in Genesis Health System Tent; Lanman Family quilting in Heritage Tent; Elvis impersonator Greg Toland at Isle of Capri Stage
5:30 p.m. — Alligator show
6 p.m. — Belgian incense; Team Extreme bike show; Royal Robbers at Isle of Capri Stage
6:30 p.m. — Hotel California at Trinity North Stage; chairman artist Dave Watson; live shark show
7 p.m. — Sitewalker Todd Lagasse; Great Cats of the World; Danny and The Juniors at Isle of Capri Stage; Q-C Cloggers at Wells Fargo Pavilion; Karate demonstration, ages 17 to adult, in Genesis Health System Tent; Country Rebels at Farmer's Best tent
7:30 p.m. — Jim the Mule at Wells Fargo Pavilion
8 p.m. — Phil Vassar in the grandstand; Chinese Acrobats at Trinity North Stage; Royal Robbers at Isle of Capri Stage
8:30 p.m. — Chinese artist Dave Watson; alligator show; live shark show
9 p.m. — Chris Short Puppets; Danny and The Juniors at Isle of Capri Stage
9:30 p.m. — Hotel California at Trinity North Stage; Dan Lynn Howe at Wells Fargo Pavilion
10 p.m. — Elvis Impersonator Greg Toland at Isle of Capri Stage

Tomorrow

8 a.m. — Hotel California at Trinity North Stage; chairman artist Dave Watson; live shark show
9 a.m. — Sitewalker Todd Lagasse; Great Cats of the World; Danny and The Juniors at Isle of Capri Stage; Q-C Cloggers at Wells Fargo Pavilion; Karate demonstration, ages 17 to adult, in Genesis Health System Tent; Country Rebels at Farmer's Best tent
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Friday

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Saturday

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Sunday

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Fair: Carver entertains fairgoers

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saw artist.
Watson, of Wisconsin Delta, Wis., is entertaining fairgoers in Davenport for the second time, but has traveled to similar events for 22 years.
After 15 years as a chef in Wisconsin, Watson taught himself to carve designs in butter. He moved on to chocolate, then to ice carving. Once he picked up a chainsaw, Watson says, "It's pretty much took off."
He now owns a full-time business carving wood and trees for customers. According to Watson, his customers request art that ranges from the ordinary to

the divine.
"I've done owls, bears, chairs and squirrels," says Watson. "A church in Michigan once ordered a large, pregnant Virgin Mary for their display."
What is amazing about Watson is not only his skill and versatility but his speed. Fairgoers can watch him carve a complete eagle repiece in just over 15 minutes.
"You have to know what you're doing, because the chainsaw is a fast whittler," Watson explains. "You make a plan and execute it."
After watching Watson craft a

piece, everyone has the chance to make it their own. Sunday afternoon from 1-2 p.m., all of Watson's 18 pieces from the week will be auctioned. According to Fox, last year's carved wood auction netted more than \$10,000 for the fair's 2001 budget.
It's fitting that the money Watson's work raises is set aside for next year, because Fox will be more than ready to create an exciting use for it.
"If you don't plan ahead and act fast in this business," Fox says, "someone else will."
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City promises soil testing at new swimming pool site

By Tom Saul
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Davenport will hire a consultant to test the soil for benzene contamination at the site of a new city swimming pool to be built at East 28th Street and Eastern Avenue.
The testing is expected to take about two weeks and is not expected to delay construction of the \$2.74 million aquatic center, said Jeff Farland, the city director of leisure facilities and services. The department that will oversee construction and operation of the new pool.
Geotechnical Services Inc. of Davenport will be hired to do the testing. Farland said after groundbreaking ceremonies for the new pool Friday.

Department of Natural Resources, or DNR, ordered the removal of a total of six buried fuel tanks in late 1986 and early '90s.
Both locations have been classified by the DNR as requiring no further cleanup action, but that could change if development occurs and soils are disturbed, James Humston, the supervisor of the DNR's underground tank section, said earlier this week.
At one of the locations, a city maintenance building on East 28th west of the pool site, Davenport was required to excavate and remove soil contaminated with spilled fuel. The location contained three tanks with a total capacity of 2,500 gallons.
"When the tanks were removed, the bottoms were rusted out of some of them," said Jim Shell, a former city public works supervisor who was involved in the cleanup. "The city didn't have any idea how much fuel might have leaked out because they didn't keep accurate inventory records then."
Information supplied to a pool subcommittee of the city's Parks

and Recreation Advisory Board was that the potential for any contamination of the site was "indefinitely small," chairman Frank Klipsch said. The full board recommended the site, and it was approved by aldermen in December.
At-large Alderman Bill Sherwood, a candidate for mayor, was at the groundbreaking. If there is any question about the safety of the site, the city should err on the side of caution, he said.
"I'm confident that the tests will come up negative, but we have to be sure," he said. "Now is the time to do it. It's certainly better to know now than to find out halfway into the project."
The new aquatic center will be built similar to one that opened in Pottery Park in 1999 and will feature a water slide, diving boards, an octopus slide and a sand play area. It will replace a pool in Garfield Park that is more than 40 years old and will be pooled.
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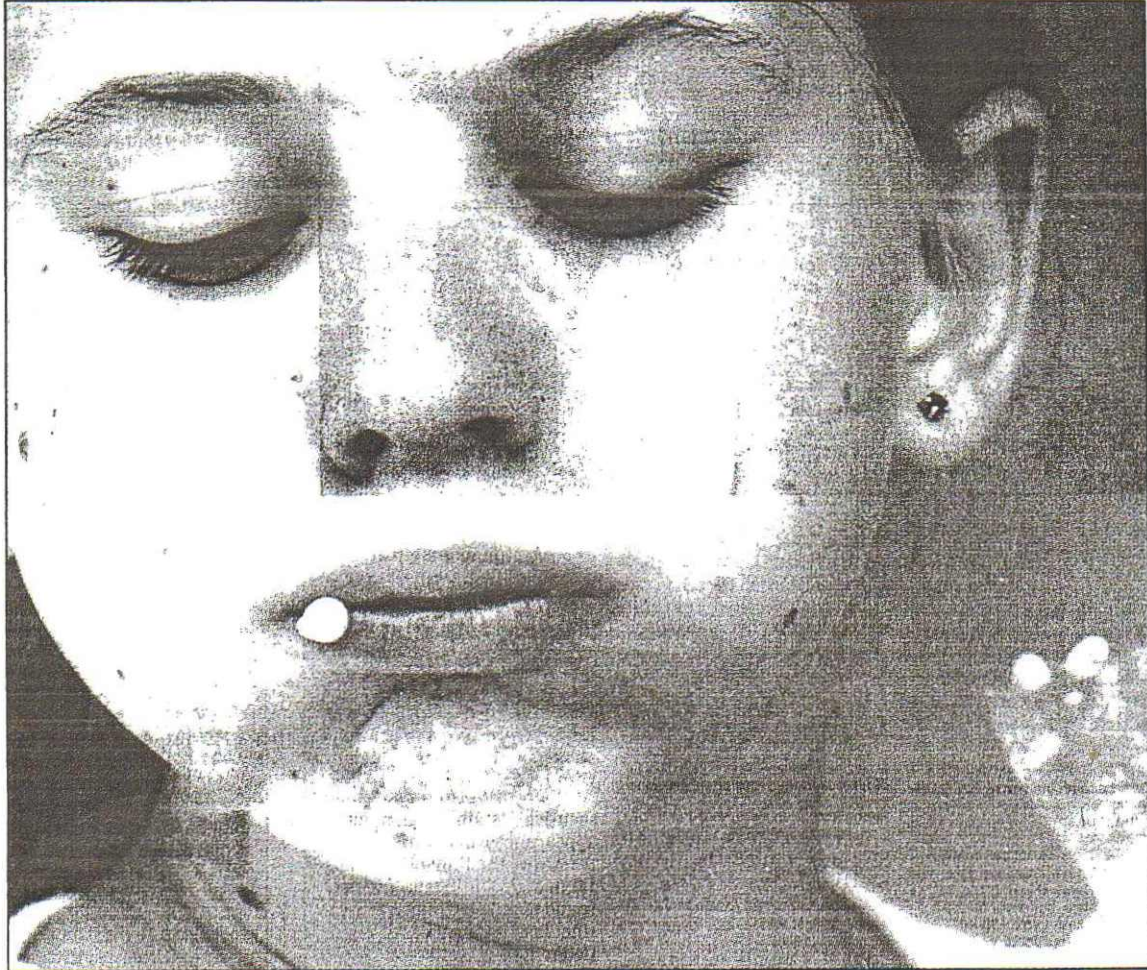
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SHARKS, ALLIGATORS AND CHAINSAW ARTISTS



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Ashley Dexter, 10, of Eldridge, Iowa, is a picture of total concentration as she expels a watermelon seed during the seed-spitting contest Friday at the Mississippi Valley Fair.

Finding engaging fair acts is a year-round adventure

By Brian Golden
QUAD-CITY TIMES

It takes David Watson about 15 minutes to cut a bald eagle statue out of a piece of wood.

It takes Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds General Manager Bob Fox an entire year to find entertainers as engaging as Watson, who draws a circle of onlookers with a buzzing chainsaw and a menagerie of carved figures.

"This fair is 82 years old," Fox says. "My job is to constantly be reinventing our form of entertainment."

After this year's Mississippi Valley Fair concludes, Fox will hit the road and travel to other county and state fairs, searching for fresh ideas.

Then, in November, Fox begins to officially plan the next year's fair, booking acts and signing

contracts for performers. By February, he will have traveled to a show business convention in Las Vegas, where he meets and deals with potential entertainers.

This year, he snagged live shark and alligator shows and an Eagles tribute band. He's got a stiltwalker and another prize find, Watson the chain

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Watson, of Wisconsin Dells, Wisc., is entertaining fairgoers in Davenport for the second time, but has traveled to similar events for 12 years.

After 15 years as a chef in Wisconsin, Watson taught himself to carve designs in butter. He moved on to chocolate, then to ice carving. Once he picked up a chainsaw, Watson says, "it pretty much took off."

He now owns a full-time business carving wood and trees for customers. According to Watson, his customers request art

the divine.

"I've done owls, bears, chairs and squirrels," says Watson. "A church in Michigan once ordered a large, pregnant Virgin Mary for their display."

What is amazing about Watson is not only his skill and versatility but his speed. Fairgoers can watch him carve a complete eagle replica in just over 15 minutes.

"You have to know what you're doing, because the chainsaw is a fast whittler," Watson explains. "You make a plan and execute it."

piece, everyone has the chance to make it their own. Sunday afternoon from 1-2 p.m., all of Watson's 18 pieces from the week will be auctioned. According to Fox, last year's carved wood auction netted more than \$10,000 for the fair's 2001 budget.

It's fitting that the money Watson's work raises is set aside for next year, because Fox will be more than ready to create an exciting use for it.

"If you don't plan ahead and act fast in this business," Fox says, "someone else will."

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REGION BRIEFLY

Hannibal, Mo. Quad-City man dies in Missouri accident

Clinton, Iowa New water slide opens Monday

Moline Sewer project will close 7-block area

Davenport Business Horizons camp begins today

Long Grove, Iowa Activities planned at pioneer village

Nicholas Slavens, 5, of Bettendorf, sounds the horn while taking a tour Saturday on the M/V Phyllis towboat during an open house on the Mississippi River.

Domestic dispute turns deadly

Police search for man accused in Saturday shooting



BIKE RIDE CONCLUDES IN MUSCATINE RAGBRAI riders cruise down Mulberry Avenue in Muscatine as they head toward the Mississippi River to dip their tires in the water, ending the statewide journey.

Struckman said. At least four adults and a couple of children were in the apartment when the shooting occurred, he added.

than two days that Lazmo has been to the apartment and gave the occupants and neighbors a reason to call police.

Family pitches in to help ailing girl

12-year-old needs transplant to repair virus-ravaged heart

To help A fund has been set up for Nicole Carey at THE National Bank. Donations can be made at any of its branches.

Thousands ride into Muscatine to end statewide trek

By Brian Golden QUAD-CITY TIMES MUSCATINE, Iowa - Before the midday sun hit Saturday, more than 10,000 bicyclists rode from Coralville to Muscatine, completing the Des Moines Register's annual bicycle ride, RAGBRAI, or Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.



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Towboat tours offer glimpse of river life

By Mary Louise Spear QUAD-CITY TIMES Towing vessels and barges are a common sight along the banks of the Mississippi River.

two weeks worth of food. Headphones are mandatory in the throbbing engine room. Two 2,100-horse-power engines power the boat. The room and the adjoining radiator room gleam with gray paint.

IF YOU GO: The tours run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and they are free. To access the M/V Phyllis, enter the main entrance to the Isle of Capri Casino and follow the signs

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Lozano, 26, who police said was identified as the triggerman by witnesses at the scene. He is fac-

found a wounded Caldera, he said. Rescue workers attempted to revive the man, but he was pro-

sketchy, but it appears Lazno allegedly made, "a direct assault on the people in the apartment,"

with the words "crime scene" was placed on the plywood sheet. It was the second time in less

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Lisa Schachter came all the way from Miami to ride and encountered a few surprises. "I've learned that Iowa's not as flat as I thought," she said. Several riders attested that this year the journey was marked by much more hilly terrain than rides in years past.

But the uneven ground did not stop the riders from enjoying themselves. The shorter days were definitely much better, said Lynn Rollins of Omaha. But this event is really about stopping and seeing the towns and people along the way.

That same love of surroundings inspired Kathy and Jerry Groth, now of Madison, Wis., to return to their home state for the week-

long ride. Between them, the two have lived in Elgin, Sioux City, Grinnell and Muscatine, which is why Jerry says the ride holds a special place in his heart.

"I'm from all over this state, he said. "This is my ride."

Kathy Groth shares those feelings.

"This ride has its own personality, and it can not be duplicated," she said. "You couldn't have this type of ride anywhere else."

Bicyclists ride between seven and nine hours each day as they make their way from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River. At night, they sleep in towns pre-selected by the RAGBRAI committee. Most riders bring tents, which are carried behind the throng of bicycles by moving vans.

For riders lacking the time, energy or \$100 entry fee necessary to cross the entire state, one-day ride passes also are sold for \$25. Ride director Jim Green estimated about 1,500 one-day passes were sold each day.

He said the continued

interest in RAGBRAI can be attributed to diligent efforts by the towns along the way.

"The cities just outdid themselves in welcoming us again this year," he said. "The riders were receptive to their efforts and seemed to have a wonderful time."

Roger Tuftee of Davenport said it is the camaraderie between riders and spirit that keeps him coming back year after year.

After a long week on Iowa's highways and trails, almost all the riders had enough energy left to enjoy its completion. Waiting for the convoy's arrival on the Muscatine riverfront were watermelon and sweet corn stands, massage booths, live music, and banners celebrating the tradition of soaking the front wheel of their bicycles in the river to mark the completion of their journey.

All in all, RAGBRAI is a wonderful escape, said Kathy Groth. After she dipped her wheel in the water, she drew a happy cheer from a group of onlookers when she said, "I don't want to go back to the real world."



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