



Last week we were talking about the days when we were stationed in Germany and our experiences driving on the autobahn which is famed for its high speed traffic.

We got a call a few days later from Gene Tammen who was in the Army in the mid to late 1960s with a transportation unit based near Mannheim. Gene said it was his unit's job to drive those big fuel tankers on the autobahn amongst the high speed motorists. He related one day when he looked in his rear view mirror at the hill he had just come down and saw a speck of a car way back. Turns out the car was a Maserati and it was going about 200 mph and it didn't take long for the car to go flying by him.

We don't think we would have liked Gene's job. We were nervous just to drive our little car on those roads. Our unit used to go to a training area three or four times a year and most of the time we would railhead the track vehicles. One year we decided to road march and our armored personnel carriers at 35 mph were not a big hit with German motorists who waved as they went by.

We are a member of Clan Elliot Society, USA, and once visited the home of the clan in New Castleton, Scotland with three other cousins. In the most recent newsletter they asked if we knew why the standard railroad gauge is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. We didn't know-do you?

What's Coming Up At The Fair

Wednesday

6:00—Family Fun Night

8:00—Talent Show

Thursday

Livestock judging continues and the 4-H obedience show is set for 3:00 while one of the hottest nights of the fair is the demo derby which is set for 7:30.

Friday

The draft horses start the day at 8:00 followed by the master showman contest at 9 a.m. and the draft horse hitch at 11:00

The livestock sale is at 1:00 and the quilt show runs from 2:00-6:00.

The 4-H clothing style show is at 4:00 with the open class style show at 5:30.

The Latting Rodeo, one of the fair highlights, is set for 7:00 and a teen dance is set for the evening.

Saturday

The Gaming Expo horse show is set for 7:30 while livestock judging

and the tractor drive are at 8:00.

The presentation of tractors is at 1 p.m. followed by the costume goat show at 3:00 and the 4-H dog agility show at 4:30.

The fair headliner, Jason Pritchett, is on the stage in the grandstand at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday

The last day of the fair starts with the open pleasure horse show at 8:00 followed by an all-faith church service featuring the gospel music group, The Natural High.

The grill master cook-off contest starts at 11:00 a tractor pull will start at 12:30 p.m.

The costume lead sheep contest starts at 1:00.

The ITPA tractor pull will be held at 6:00.

Ongoing Events

•Chainsaw carving at 11:00, 2:00 and 5:00 each day.

•Petting zoo.

•Kids zone

Summer Winding Down Faster Than We Think

Nothing has been normal the past several months—we've all had to adjust our thinking as to what's possible in the light of pandemic restrictions but it appears that Father Time is attempting to take control.

Memorial Day has come and gone as has the Fourth of July and Labor Day is only about six weeks away—as is the first high school football game of the season.

Iroquois West will be in a different conference this coming season so things have changed a little but high school athletes will be facing competition for the most part beginning Aug. 23.

Football

The first high school football game has a foe from years past—Hoopeston, coming to town for the first game Aug. 27.

Cross Country

Cross country teams have their

first meet Aug. 25 against PBL.

Volleyball

The IW spikers will be traveling to Blue Ridge Aug. 23 before hosting Donovan Aug. 24 and Tri-Point Aug. 26.

Soccer

The soccer team opens with three contests in four days with Kankakee Trinity and Bismarck-Henning coming to town Aug. 23 and 24 respectively before the Raiders travel to Grant Park Aug. 26.

Golf

The golfers get back to competition earlier than most with a match against Watseka, Cissna Park, and Beecher at Onarga's Shagbark on Aug. 18 for both boys and girls followed by a match against Milford Aug. 19 on the same course.



There is a effort underway in Onarga to have wood carvings in numerous spots in the village to create a source of tourism for the town. This latest carving sits on the lawn on the east side of the United Methodist Church.

Gilman Council Ponders Recycling Program, Infrastructure Needs

The Gilman city council spent a good deal of their meeting time Monday night going over the technical aspects of a recycling program and the need to do some engineering on fixes for some sewer main projects.

Cory Kline, a Gilman businessman who also does recycling, went over some of the technicalities of a community recycling program and the city is getting some requests from residents for such a program.

(The village of Onarga was also discussing a recycling program at their meeting being held that same night. Kline has done a recycling event for Onarga previously which cost the town approximately \$3,000.)

Gilman city officials are very much in favor of recycling but are wary that the cost of such a program could be extremely expensive because there are charges to recycle some items.

Kline went into some detail telling the council that some items earn a credit, like computers, while others, like TV sets, cost because they have to be processed.

Gilman officials also expressed some concerns that people from other towns would bring their stuff to town which the town would then have to pay for in terms of recycling.

Gilman officials expressed their desire to pursue a recycling plan and Theesfeld said he would speak to Onarga officials about their effort.

Super Saturday

Kline also is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and came to the meeting with another Chamber rep, Cheryl Bohlmann to seek financial help from the city to promote Super Saturday which will be held in September.

Bohlmann briefed the council on the events planned and the fact that

a request for a military jet flyover had been received.

The council agreed to donate \$2,500 which they have done in the past.

In other action...

The town is experiencing sewers backing up on South Crescent in the vicinity of Park Street in a spring where there has been a lot of rain-water and sewers are backing up.

That particular sewer line has been an issue for several years and the council voted to spend \$35,180 for engineering on the project.

•Approved a bid from Iroquois Paving Corp. for \$88,052 for motor fuel tax work.

•Heard Theesfeld say he had received a legal opinion on the request Gilman firemen had made at a recent meeting to hold a raffle to generate funds for equipment to the effect the firemen could not qualify for the necessary license.

Onarga Board Awards Contract For Downtown Sidewalk Project

By Janet Elliott

The Onarga village board took a step towards completion of a downtown renewal project when they approved a bid of \$98,500 Monday to Nacin Buhrmester of NBC demolition to do the project with the exception of some concrete work and railings.

No date was given for the construction.

In the public comment portion of the meeting, David Ebert presented a rebuttal to trustees after his request for a building permit for a structure to house machinery was denied. The location where Ebert wanted to put up the building was deemed to not be properly zoned, but Ebert cited parts of the town ordinance book he felt said otherwise.

The board said they would contact building inspector James Claridge.

The board has set the second week in August for the town's annual cleanup day although there was a discussion regarding the costs of the annual cleanup. The cleanup cost \$10,592 last year and is expected to cost \$11,060 this year.

Iroquois West Middle School Athletic Director Kris Kimmel met with the council about the use of Durham Park for a junior high girls' softball program.

IW does not currently have a junior girls' softball program but the IW board is looking at starting one following a request from parents.

The Onarga village board agree

to let the team use a diamond and would increase the fee now charged for diamond use by the IW middle school baseball team from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Kimmel will take the matter back to the school board for a decision.

In other matters, the board:

•Heard that the Mary Helen Roberts trust and the Donovan Truste has awarded \$3,163 to the park for electrical work. The pool is planning a fall fest.

•Agreed to pay a tree carver \$5,000 to carve a third tree in the town. One has been done in front of the Methodist Church.

