ROLLYN B. “ROLLIE”
LUETJHE, 52
Rolllyn B. “Rollie” Luetjhe, 52, of Marshalltown, died Thursday, April 23rd, at his home.

A memorial service celebrating his life and honoring his memory was held Monday, April 27th, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Rollie and his family. Ph 641-844-1234.

Born on November 19th, 1956, in Marshalltown, he was the son of Richard and Yvonne (Groth) Luetjhe. He attended school in Marshalltown and “participated” in the MHS Class of 1974.

On October 15th, 1983, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, he was united in marriage to Patricia Robb. They made their home in Marshalltown all of their married lives where he was employed in bar management – Mom and Dad’s, the Pavilion, and later in Melbourne. Rollie enjoyed collecting many things from old tools to lighters, hats and beer steins. He loved his family and they all loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are Pat, his loving wife of 25 years; children, Chris (Sandra) Robb and their daughter, Hailey; and Allan (Hallie) Lutes, TN; Sarah (Clyde) Kennedy III of BonAqua, TN, his brothers, Randy and Rick; both of Sylvan, NC; sister, Kathy Luetjhe of Marshalltown; father and mother-in-law, Gene and Eleanor Robb of Marshalltown; his in-laws, Nancy Zitzow of Des Moines, Sandy Robb of Eldora, Phil Robb of BonAqua, TN, Mary Robb (Jeff Lippscorn) of Marshalltown and Jennifer Robb (Tracy Hatcher) of Marshalltown; 11 nephews, three nieces and a ton of friends.

In death Rollie has rejoined his Mitchell Family
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ALBERT LEE HEIN, 70
Albert Lee Hein, age 70, of Gladbrook, passed away, Thursday, April 23, 2009, with his family by his side, while under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, 2009, at Peace United Church of Christ in Gladbrook. Burial followed in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Albert was born July 4, 1938, in Darwin, Iowa, the son of Claus and Frieda (Engel) Hein. He was raised in the Darwin area, graduating from Darwin High School. On May 26, 1957, he was united in marriage to Rhonda Grooms at Peace United Church of Christ in Gladbrook. Together they lived on their farm all their married life.

Albert was a member of Peace United Church of Christ where he served on the church board. He was the Tama County Weed Commissioner and a former Gladbrook Jaycee member. Albert enjoyed collecting and restoring John Deere Tractors and scale model horse and buggy teams.

Albert will be missed by his wife, Rhonda; daugh-
ters, Tonia Hein (Jacob Wilkinson), of Portland, OR, and Kristi (Justin) Ingelmann of Hudson; grandchilden, Kiana, Kason, Morgan, and Parker; brother, Don Hein of Gladbrook; sister, Esther Corrigan of Newton, IA, and many nieces and nephews.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Betty Brumun.

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JOHN A. KENNETT, 68
John A. Kennett, 68, of Marshalltown, formerly of Independence, died April 25, 2009, at the Iowa Veterans Home. Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 30, 2009, at the Iowa Veterans Home Chapel.

Private burial services will be in the Iowa Veterans Home Cemetery. There is no visitation being planned. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family to pay for John’s burial expenses. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home has been caring for John and his family. Ph 641-844-1234.

John Arthur Kennett was born on March 12, 1941, in Independence, Iowa. He was the son of Arthur Frederick Kennett and Violet Mae (Potter) Kennett. He graduated from Independence High School. John served our country honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1959-1963. On June 13, 1964, John married Bonnie Thompson in Independence. They were married 44 years.

John had lived in Independence until moving to the Iowa Veterans Home in September 2008. He enjoyed being a member of the American Legion Post 1, the VFW, the Marine Corp League, the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Marine Corp Auxiliary, the VFW Auxiliary, and the Marine Corp Auxiliary. He was also an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Marine Corps Auxiliary, and the VFW Auxiliary.

In death, John was survived by his three children, Kelly Kennett-Petrolito of Independence, Shaun (Lia) Kennett of San Martin, CA, and Sonya Kennett of Jesup, his three grandchildren, Alyssa, Amanda, and Gracie; his two grandsons, Zachary and Trevor; his siblings, Janis (Allen) Thompson, Jerry (Pam) Kennett, Jeanette (Roger) Pini, Jeanne (John) Kennedy, Joni (Kennett) Jill Kennett, Jack Kennett, and Janet (Tim) Duff; and several nieces and nephews.

In death, John has rejoined his parents and his brothers, Jim Kennett and Joe Kennett.
The Blessing of The Bikes Breaks New Barriers

By MCS Max Nelson

As the old saying goes, "You can’t judge a book by its cover" and that is just what happens every year as the local and surrounding motorcycle riders try and do good for their communities plus Marshalltown. Each year, just like this one there is an event held called "The Blessing of the Bikes". The purpose of this event has two main parts, the first and most important is to raise money for a local non-profit organization and to have the motorcycle riders blessed for a safe ride during the summer months.

One could say this group of gentlemen and ladies come from all sorts of professions. The image of the Harley riders and the old Hells Angels movies is long past. But still, like anything else, you will always have a few that look at the bikes and the leather, then cast their opinion. This is done without even realizing just how much this group of people really care about the community they live in and the fact they enjoy riding a motorcycle really has changed their demeanor.

When you look back and it’s time for non-profit organizations to need money who always comes through? Yes, the (Bikers). This year’s event had its problems which were out of everyone’s control and that being Mother Nature, it still didn’t dampen the spirits of these (Bikers). One looks around and you see all the neat bikes, and when you stop and talk to the (Bikers) you learn a lot. Like one group comes from Des Moines every year and consists of Des Moines police officers and detectives.......hmmm wonder if they feel judged as well? Not knowing who for a living I am sure they are put right in the same barrel.

Oh, did I mention the Christian Bikers as well? Yes that is right, a group of Harley riders that ride with the faith. This year the non-profit organization picked to help was The Domestic Violence Alternatives Organization. This year, even with the weather not being so great there was $2,700.00 rose which was more than last year. This was the largest donation the DVAO has ever received. I for one was proud to meet these (Bikers) and take photos of them having fun in an organized order.

but in the long run everything went smoothly, people had fun and the most important is the money raised for the DVAO. Maybe next year the weather will cooperate which will draw more bikes along with spectators so they may raise even more money. Once again, thank you Marshalltown and the Administration for your support.
Protection For Governor

The Marshalltown Noon Optimist Club met April 23 with Cyndi Barber presiding. The meeting was opened with an invocation and the pledge of allegiance. Guests at the meeting were Nancy Park and Denise Bahlman.

Cyndi announced that the annual youth appreciation day would be May 7. Mark Rohde also announced that the Iowa Optimist Golf Tournament for high school youth would be Friday June 12th at both the Elmwood Country Club and at the American Legion golf courses. Pete Peterson spoke to the club about the Iowa Main Street Awards held in Des Moines where the Noon Optimist Club was honored for the Christmas Light Display. The club had been selected by the Marshalltown Main Street Committee for the club’s volunteer work to promote the city of Marshalltown.

Todd Aarhus was introduced by Larry Park as the speaker for the meeting. Todd is a member of the Highway Patrol and is currently assigned to the Executive Protection Unit. In that position he and several other patrolmen protect Gov. Culver and his family and Lt. Gov. Patty Judge. He explained their job entails much more than protection. The unit provides safe movement, coordinate travel both in and out of the State of Iowa, investigate threats to the group, and coordinate security at special events. In the case of a presidential visit they work with the Secret Service on security details.

Patrolman Aarhus said that they have offices at Terrace Hill and at the Iowa Statehouse so that there is one of the unit patrolmen with the Governor around the clock. He said his duties are varied and have ranged from accompanying the Governor to the White House to helping Mrs. Culver pick up groceries.

Each of the patrolmen are expected to remain with the unit for at least one term of the Governor’s office. Special training for the unit takes place at an Executive Protection Unit school in Colorado before they are qualified to be a part of the Iowa