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HAMPTON FIRE RESCUE TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Hampton Fire Rescue Department will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. To help celebrate, the Anniversary Book Committee is in the process of compiling historical information photos, facts and figures from the Department's past and present. The publication will include a history of the Department and its people, various interesting events from the past, photos of all personnel and facilities, action photos and sections on civilian and retired personnel.

This book is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It will be something for you and your family to treasure, a permanent record of your association with the Hampton Fire Department.

This book will be a limited edition. Only the number of books that are sold will be printed. The book will be a deluxe hardbound leatherette volume. This commemorative book will be available by advance order only for the price of \$50.00. You'll want a copy for yourself and your family or



How many of these firemen can you identify from this 1950s photo?
Answers appear at the end of the article.

to give to a friend. Deadline for orders is November 1, 1996.

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This special publication will include the divisions' activities with pictorial highlights, information on the past and the present, division specialization units and photographs of active

and retired personnel. Most of all, this book will portray what it means to be a member of the Hampton Fire Department and the pride shared in the common
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The Towne Crier Continues

Volunteer Group Picks Up The Ball And Continues To Publish Paper

by Nancy Bartscher

The Hampton Towne Crier will not give up without a fight! Mike and Stacey Graham, who saved the Towne Crier from extinction back in June of 1993, are "passing the torch" so to speak.

Stacey and her family are moving, and this community will greatly miss having such wonderful people as neighbors.

In addition to the monthly Towne Crier duties, Stacey and Mike volunteered at Hampton

Grade School, coached the volleyball and softball teams, and were involved in the Hampton Youth Committee. Stacey was also a member of the Hampton School Board.

Stacey and Mike will continue to remain involved in some of the community activities, but will certainly enjoy some "time to breathe" in their new home.

The Towne Crier will go on through the efforts of several volunteers: Georgia Baldridge, Randy Baldridge, Nancy Bartscher, Jeanne McKay, Barbara Smith, Fred Smith,

Pastor Charles Sward, Mike Toalson, and Michaela VanDieren. Others who may be helping in future issues include: Ceil Abbott, Betty Carlson, Tere Huer-Burrill, Pat Johnson, Tamara Laud, Cheryl Reader, and Donna Schaffer.

If anyone has any articles, advertisements, or pictures to put in the Crier, please submit them by the 15th of every month to the **Hampton Towne Crier, P. O. Box 224, Hampton, IL 61256**. Anyone wanting to announce a birthday, anniversary, thank

you, college news, military news, birth announcements, etc., please call by the 15th of every month Quinn Hardware at 755-1641.

PLEASE! All submissions must be received by the 15th of every month in order to go into the following month's issue!

A great big Thank You to Stacey for patiently showing us "Towne Crier rookies" the ins and outs of this newspaper! May you and your family always find happiness in your new home.



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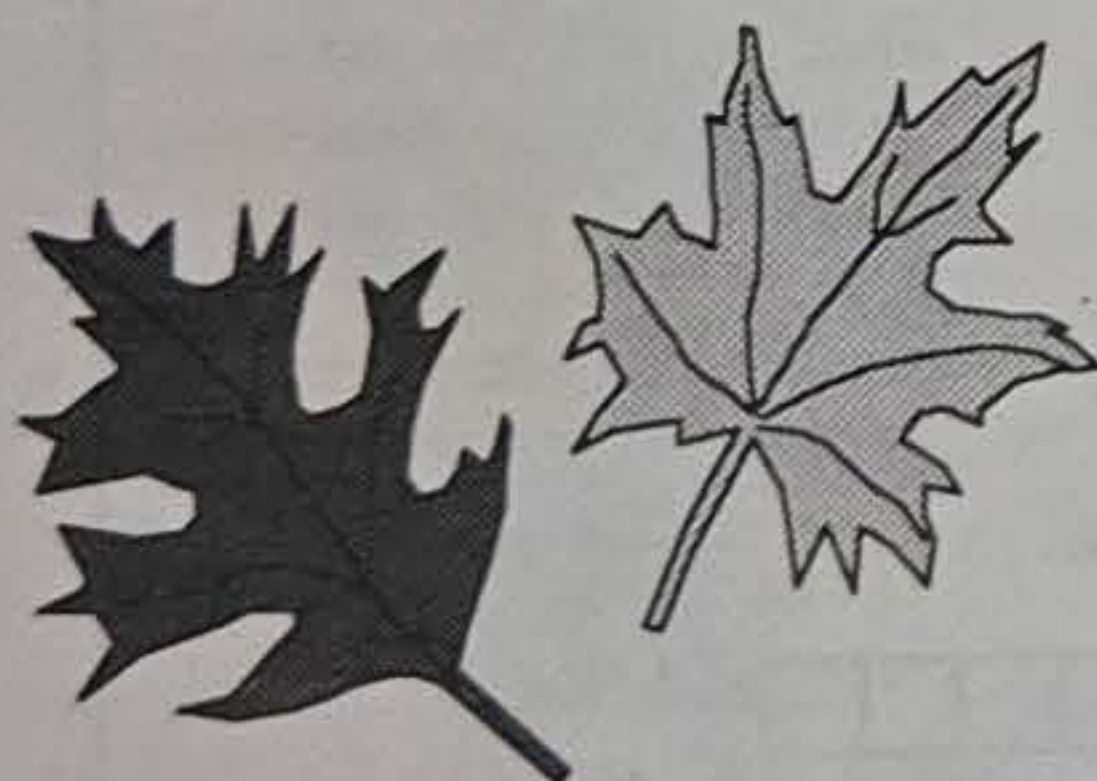
The Hampton Ladies Auxiliary is an organization which helps the Hampton Fire Department in times of need. Money raised from the auxiliary functions goes to the Fire Department and is used for purchasing helmets, gloves, boots, etc., and for various repairs. The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the Fire Station at 7:00 P.M. every third Thursday, and visitors and/or new members are always welcome.

The Hampton Ladies Auxiliary is busy preparing for (Fall) Bunco, which will be held at the Hampton Fire Station (609 3rd Avenue) on Thursday, October 17, 1996. The doors will open at 5:30 P.M., dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M., and Bunco starts at 7:00 P.M. Bunco is held twice a year and

is a game played with dice. There will be an all you can eat salad dinner which consists of a vast array of food items ranging from soup to nuts. Although the dinner is offered to anyone, one must be at least 14 years old to play Bunco. The cost is \$5.00 per person before October 17th, or \$6.00 per person at the door. Children under 3 years old can eat dinner for free. Coffee and Pop will be for sale during the Bunco game. Door prizes will be given away, and there will also be a raffle table with tickets selling for .50 cents apiece, or 3 tickets for \$1.00. If you wish to donate a raffle gift, or have any questions, please contact Shirley Bideaux (President) at 309-755-7351, or Sandy Carmack (Vice-president) at 309-496-2913.

Mississippi Valley Blood Drive

Please donate blood on October 3, 1996 from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. at the Hampton Methodist Church. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, please call **Ann Beckman** at 309-496-2862.



PTA HOT LUNCH



Please note the change in days!

Monday, October 7th
(Grandparents Day)
Spaghetti, soft bread sticks,
ice-cream

- OR -

Hot Dog, chips, ice-cream
Coffee, milk, and water
will be available for the
Grandparents joining us
for lunch on this day!

Wednesday, October 23rd
Tacquitos (rolled tacos),
chips, salsa,
chocolate pudding.

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HAMPTON PTA NEWS

by Melinda Reamy

The next meeting of the Hampton PTA will be held on Monday, October 7th at 6:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be meeting in the library. FREE Baby-sitting is provided by the PTA for those parents attending the meeting.

PTA would like to thank Barb Miller for her many years of driving the school bus for Hampton School. Enjoy your retirement, Barb!!

The PTA will be hosting a contest for Grades K - 5th. The room collecting the most Campbell Soup labels will receive a special party. Details will be sent home. Please start saving your Campbell Soup labels to turn in to your teacher. These labels are used to purchase computer equipment, programs, and other school supplies as well as for our school through the Campbell Soup Company. Good Luck classes!!!

We have a new item to save this year. Anyone using General Mills Cereals can help the PTA by saving the box tops. There will be a special container for the box tops. These box tops will help the PTA raise money to help in the purchase of new library chairs to replace the ones we are borrowing from the Hampton Fire Department.

You can also help with this purchase by donating to the collection boxes located throughout the town businesses. Thank you for your support of this cause.

There is a fund-raiser going on to help raise money for playground equipment. Students from grades K - 8th will be selling miscellaneous Christmas items, i.e., candy, cookies, gifts, wrapping paper, etc. Please help support this fund-raiser!

Look for information about the Carnival to be coming home. We will need baked goods, 2 liter bottles of pop, stuffed animals for the Surprise Walk, desserts for the Dining Room, 2 liter bottles of pop for the ring toss, as well as lots of willing volunteers to help make the Carnival a success! When your room mom calls you to ask for help, please say YES!! Also, there will be ten grapevine wreaths available at the school for people in the community to take home and decorate. The wreaths will then be on display and will be voted on. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each at the Carnival. Carnival is lots of fun if we have enough workers and donations to make the jobs easier.

This year's Carnival will be held on Saturday, November 9th from 4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. See you there!!

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Fifth Graders are on the move!

Submitted by Mrs. Beverly Hull

Science: We have finished studying 8 classes of invertebrates from the simplest to the most complex. The culminating activity was sponge painting in art class. Did you know that the sponge is the simplest invertebrate? The fifth graders do. The test is going to be Tuesday.

Social Studies: We have finished reviewing map skills. All fifth graders should be able to define and use latitude and longitude lines. They should be able to use a grid. They should know the locations of the seven continents, the four oceans, the Tropic of Cancer, the Tropic of Capricorn, the Equator, and the Prime Meridian. Now we are ready to study American history. We begin by studying, briefly, the different Native American cultures of North and South America.

Language Arts and Reading: We have read four stories: one historical fiction, one fiction, one biographical sketch, and one essay. We are refining our work attack skills and increasing our vocabularies by studying prefixes and suffixes.

See 5th GRADERS Page 10**Village Board News 09-23-96**

The Village Board approved the request of three Eagle Scouts (Steve Bornhoeft, Alex Curren, and Andy Pratt) to do 20 hours of work at the Hampton Memorial Park. This will not only help the city, but will also enable the Scouts to attain an Eagle Scout rank. Andy Pratt will achieve his rank by planting 6 trees, 50 flower bulbs, and pulling dandelions and weeds at the park.

Mark Jones resigned as the Plumbing Inspector, and the Village approved the hiring of Joe Kauzlarich to be the new Plumbing Inspector.

The Board agreed to require Langman Construction to remove and replace a section of concrete on Barrington Drive.

There is a concern over the city bus drivers driving too fast through our community. The Village Board will look into this issue.

The Board is also looking into the storm drainage problem at the 4th St. and railroad track intersection. This will cost \$2500.00 to repair.

There will be an Ordinance Committee meeting held at the Village Hall on September 30, 1996 at 6:30p.m.

St. John's Church in Rapids City will be having a Pancake Breakfast on October 5, from 7:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. at the St. John's Parish Center. Tickets are on sale for \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 5-10. Children under five can eat for free. For ticket information, please contact Louis Shelangouski at 496-2337, or Lillian Fox at 792-1883. Proceeds will go toward buying furnishings for the Parish Center. There will also be a raffle, and donated items are needed for this. If you would like to donate an item, or for information on raffle tickets, please contact Carol Frits at 523-3312.

Hampton Methodist Church

Pastor: Charlie Sward
Worship services: 10:30a.m.
Sunday School: 9:00a.m.

United Methodist Women will be having a steak dinner on October 10, from 4:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. at the Hampton United Methodist Church. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For ticket information please contact Lee Hanseman at 496-9721, or Ann Beckman at 496-2862.

**DRUG AND
ALCOHOL
AWARENESS
DARE/VAGA**

Hampton Police Department will be offering a four month session for K-4th grades with Officer Craig Gelande. Officer Marilyn Andress of the Rock Island Sheriff's Department will start DARE in Mrs. Hull's 5th grade on October 7th. VAA and Jr. High DARE programs will be offered during P.E. classes starting on October 21st. Mr. Martin will coordinate RED RIBBON WEEK. Acting Police Chief Barrett would like the whole community to participate by displaying a red ribbon.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Submitted by S.D. Samalon.
Pastor: Fr. Jim DeBisschop
Telephone: 496-2414
Sunday Masses: 8:00a.m.
Weekday Masses: 5:30p.m.
(Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Religious classes meet on Sundays from 9:00am to 10:00am. Richard Nino is the Coordinator. Teachers and classes are as follows:

Maria Nino: Pre K - K
Marcia Kastner: 1st - 2nd grades
Kathy Nino: 3rd - 4th grades
Nancy Mohr: 5th - 6th grades
Bill DeCastecker: 7th - 8th grades

Rosary Makers who "string" each Monday morning will gladly accept no longer used rosaries, necklaces, beads, and other jewelry. These can be used to make finished rosaries which are donated to Missions and shut-ins at home and at the hospital. For further information, please contact Lillian Fox at 792-1883.

**HAMPTON YOUTH
COMMITTEE****By Shelley Smart**

The Hampton Youth Committee held its first fall meeting on September 5th.

The summer coed softball season went very well this year with only a few minor problems. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who coached, umpired, ran the concessions, maintained the diamonds, or helped in any other way. Without you, the kids of Hampton would miss out on a lot of fun!

The Kiddie softball program, run by Dave Wright, Dave Geier, and Stacey Graham, was also a success. Fifteen preschool and kindergarten children participated. HYC hopes to see this program grow.

HYC will serve pizza and pop to show their appreciation to all the Hampton Youth Committee coaches and their assistants. The Appreciation Dinner will be held on October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

See HYC Page 10



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HAMPTON SCHOOL WILL HOST ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

On September 16th through October 7th, the Hampton School and the PTA will host David Stoeri as our Artist in Residence.

David Stoeri is a former elementary school teacher who's interest in the performing arts has turned into a full-time occupation. Mr. Stoeri specializes in the rote traditions of folk music, storytelling, and the making of instruments.

Mr. Stoeri will perform an assembly for the Hampton students on September 16th and then he will release a core group of students through October 7th. These students will prepare a presentation with Mr. Stoeri for our annual Grandparents Day celebration, October 7th at 1:00 P.M.

Hampton School and Mr. Stoeri will also offer a K-8 assembly presentation on Monday, October 16th, at 2:00 P.M. All parents, grandparents and friends of Hampton School children are invited to attend.

We are excited that Mr. Stoeri is coming and we invite you to join us and share the experience on October 7th of folk music in it's truest sense. It is a great honor to welcome a performing artist of his caliber to our community.

This residence project is supported by Quad City Arts Access Funds provided by the Illinois Arts Council, The Hampton PTA, and private donors. The community thanks each of you for this wonderful program.

VILLAGE OF HAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

by Officer Gelande

Once again, it is fall and that brings out the rite of passage for many youngsters; Halloween. Halloween also poses several dangers to the children in our community. These dangers can be eliminated by taking a little time to prepare yourself and your children.

One of the most essential things a parent can do to ensure their child's safety is to dress them in reflective, lite colored clothing. This will make them more visible to drivers. Children should also trick-or-treat in groups, with at least one adult or chaperone. The chaperone should allow the children to visit only houses in which they are familiar with. Any candy received should be thoroughly checked by an adult before allowing the kids to eat it. If any candy appears to have been tampered with or opened, parents should dispose of it.

The Hampton Neighborhood Watch will soon be revitalized, but we will need volunteers to be block leaders. If anyone is interested in this, or has any comments, concerns, or questions, please contact me at 496-9123 or mail your letters to:

Craig Gelande
Community Service Officer
Hampton Police Department
P.O. Box 205
Hampton, IL 61235

GARDENERS CORNER by Barbara Smith

Some of the trees are beginning to get a bluish of color indicating fall is on the way.

The weatherman wasn't very cooperative when it came to gardening, but once the rains quit and the warm weather arrived, things really began to grow. I did have to visit the Farmers Market at K-Mart because I had lost faith in my zucchini plants. However, three days later I found my own plants had not let me down, our tomatoes have reached new heights for a bumper crop. My seed pellets of green peppers are five feet tall and loaded with peppers.

Anyone who planted petunias has had a season of fragrant, colorful flowers. A walk past Tapia's profanes the air. They are beautiful, nice job, Joe.

The bulb catalogs have been arriving offering huge discounts if you order early. I prefer to purchase mine locally.

Mums and asters are starting to bloom. Once they are finished, we'll have to wait until March for the crocus to say hello.

OVER THE FENCE

by Barbara Smith

A new column designed to let area residents know who makes up the areas friendliest town!

Tuesday, August 27th, was a joyous day. Yes, it was the first day of school, but it was also the day the street was poored in Orchard Park.

Concrete trucks rumbled down the road all day. There were a lot of sidewalk superintendents from young kids in awe of the end-loader and concrete paver, the baby boomers who were wondering if they should be picking out a lot, to the seniors who couldn't wait to take a walk or a bike ride down the new street.

The coons and deer will be good neighbors. We are glad you chose Hampton.

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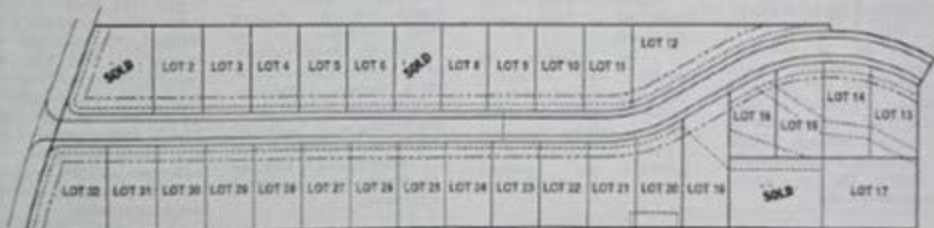
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Hampton Elementary School Superintendent's View of the School

September 16, 1996

We are at the midpoint of the first quarter with progress reports going home the week of September 23, 1996. After a very successful start of school we are in full swing with all the fall activities. Our enrollment on opening day was 242 and has decreased to 234 since then. We added a full time instructional aide for the kindergarten class and a part-time clerical aide to assist the junior high staff. Our renovated library / media / computer center is completed. Watch for a special feature story next month. The board of Education conducted a Retreat on August 10, 1996 to review current goals and develop a new plan of action for this school year. The outcomes and future actions will be published in outline form and will be made available to the public. The Board and Superintendent will meet to discuss specific objectives and goals that will serve as the agenda for school wide activity and allocation of resources. These goals will be aligned with initial Community and School Planning Committee's original five goals.

Also, the Board will be interviewing to appoint a replacement for Stacey Grahan, who resigned from the board. We are very sad to lose such a great board member, coach, and community volunteer. Thanks Stacey for all you have done for Hampton. Our loss is another community's gain.

The entire Hampton School staff team is working hard to provide every student with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, attitude, and skills necessary to be a successful high school student, a responsible citizen, and a lifelong learner. Some activities underway to support that mission are the Artist in Residence project, subject oriented labs (study halls) for junior high, K-4 Drug Awareness/DARE/VAGA/IR, DARE/ 8th grade Health, Fine Arts Classes for 8th grade (Music/Art), Band in the school day, Gifted Program (Challengers grades 1-8), Project First Choice for grades 4-8 after school, Multi-Age Class (2-3 grade), Internet Access in the library, Computer stations for each classroom, School Improvement Planning K-8 to write an Education Plan, investigation of Modern Red Schoolhouse curriculum, Goals 2000 Technology Training for teachers/staff/students, and additional use of technology and computers to be used for instruction and management of student learning outcomes. In addition to these academic activities, we continue to offer extra curricular sports activities like Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading and Track. The PTA is actively trying to raise funds for a New School Playground.

We encourage the parents and community members to be involved in our school as volunteers or in any other way you can. Some ways to help be involved in by donating any computer CD-ROM materials like

ENCARTA 94, reading to students in class, and offering to speak on a specific topic of your interest to classes, like Travel or Hobbies. You can contact the school office or your child's teacher if you are interested.

Some up-coming events to take note of are:

- PTA Playground yard sale on Saturday, September 28, 1996.
- Student Picture Day on Friday, October 4, 1996.
- SOTAVENTO, a Latin American Music presentation at 1:45 P.M. on Wednesday, October 2, 1996.
- Grandparents Day on Monday, October 7, 1996.
- Artist in Residence, David Storlie, Folk Arts Assembly at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, October 7, 1996.
- Parent Conferences on October 16th and 17th, 1996.
- NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 18, 1996 for Teachers Institute.

Please stop by and see firsthand our school in action.

The Board of Education is faced with reviewing the current financial condition of the District to determine how to address the need identified in the Fire, Health, Life-safety 10 year resurvey that found deficiencies totaling over \$440,000.00, and funding Early Teacher Retirement Option - Technology/Curriculum upgrade and other Building needs estimated to be \$367,000.00. Options currently being explored because the regular operating budget does not meet these financial needs are Working cash Bonds and Fire, Health, Life-Safety Bonds. The Board's goal is to keep the tax impact on the community to a minimum.



Kyle Cameron (grade 4), and Randi DeCrane (grade 2) are taking orders for cards and gifts to raise money for the Hampton School playground equipment. Here, Dave Wright places his order.

We will be participating in the Big G Box Tops for the Education program. If your family eats General Mills brand cereals please save the box tops for us. There will be a collection box in the computer lab. As soon as our information packet arrives from General Mills we will share any additional information with you.

PANTHER PLAYERS PRESENT

via Bob Hanks

The Panther Players of United Township High School will present "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis" as the fall play offering. The play will be presented at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 10th, 11th, and 12th, in the United Township High School Auditorium at 1275 42nd Avenue, East Moline, IL. Ticket cost are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students, children, and senior citizens.

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BIRTHDAYS

Happy 65th Birthday to Charles "Bub" Weiss on October 7th. Love, Valeria, Stacy, Mike, Hilary, Jay, Tami, Gay, and Morgan.

Happy 86th Birthday to Dorothy Murray on October 25th. Love your kids, grandkids, and great grandkids.

Happy Birthday Lee HANSEN on October 28th. Love Smokey and Lisa.

Happy 11th Birthday to Stephanie Phillips on October 30th. from Jennifer Bulbridge.

Happy 69th Birthday to Joe McKay on October 6th. Guess who?

Happy 64th Birthday to Joanne McKay on October 29th. Guess who?

Happy Birthday to Dick McKay on October 16th. Love Mom and Dad.

Happy Birthday to Shelby Crossmaker on October 16th. Love Hilary and Stacy.

Happy 1st Birthday to Victoria Ellen Nelson on October 27th. Love Merlin Jr. and Jennifer Nelson, and Grandpa Joe and Grandma Rocky Nelson.

Happy 41st Birthday to Christopher McNeal Coder of Flagstaff, Arizona. Love Jack and Beverly Coder.

Happy Birthday to Deanna Talak on November 2. Love, Jennifer and Heather, Georgia, and Randy.

Happy Belated 3rd Birthday to Caitie Woodard on September 15th. We love you, Jennifer, Heather, Georgia, and Randy.

Happy Belated 12th Birthday to our grand daughter, Krystal Carnack, on September 27th. Love Grandma and Grandpa.

Happy Belated Birthday to Richard Vershaw on September 28th. Love your outlaws!

Happy Belated Birthday to Theresa Vershaw on September 12. Love your outlaws!

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to Chip and Mandy Weiss on October 13th. Love Mom, Dad, Mike, Stacy and family.

Happy Anniversary to Sean and Debi McKay on October 19th. Love Grandma and Grandpa.

Happy Anniversary to Dan and Deb Clark on October 21st. Guess who?

DEATHS

Robert Hofstetter
Services for Robert J. Hofstetter, 72, of 328 1st Ave., Hampton, were Sept. 9th at the Hampton United Methodist Church, where he was a member.

Mr. Hofstetter died Friday, Sept. 6, at his home. He was born Dec. 25, 1923, in East Millin, the son of Charles and Ruth Westray Hofstetter. He married Emma Kipp June 15, 1946, in Hampton. She died Sept. 29, 1995.

He had been employed as a laborer at John Deere Harvester for 48 years, retiring in 1969. He had served as a merchant marine. He enjoyed collecting photographs, especially of his grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Lorenz App, Walcott, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Pam Hofstetter, and grandchildren.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Fire Dept. 7:00 PM		H.Y.C. 7:30 PM		St. John Pancake Breakfast 7:30 - 1:30
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Grandparents Day Assembly w/ Artist	Fire Dept. 7:00 PM School Board 7:00 PM	Parther Players	Parther Players	Parther Players	Parther Players
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Columbus Day Village Board 7:00 PM No School	Fire Dept. 7:00 PM	% Day School Parent Teacher Conferences	Fire Aux. 7:30 PM % Day School Parent Teacher Conferences	No School Teacher Institute	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Historical Society Open House Elevator Dedication 4:00 PM		Fire Dept. 7:00 PM				
27	28	29	30	31		
	Village Board 7:00 PM	Fire Dept. 7:00 PM	Halloween 			

JAMIN' WITH JANE

by Jane Nelson

Now that October is here, we can be sure it is Fall. September was pleasant but now we can expect things to get "Fallish". Our garden is very late this year. Hopefully, we'll have a few pumpkins for Halloween. Every year it seems someone picks some of our late summer treasures. One year it was green peppers, last year it was all our buttered squash. Whoever felt the need for our garden produce --- I hope you enjoyed it. This year, I've made dill pickles and two kinds of bread and butter pickles. I have 14 plants of green beans and some pizza sauce so far. I do hope I'll have time to do tomato juice, our all time favorite. With every batch of tomatoes I add one onion, one green pepper, and a stalk of celery for flavor. If I have time, I run everything through the food processor which makes it easier to run through the colander. At our house the colander is called the Witch's Hat, because it looks like one. Tomato juice is great in chili and sauces. Also, it's sort of a tradition to have it as an appetizer with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

I will give you a recipe for pita bread I have used:

- 1 pkg. active dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water (110-115 degrees)
- 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 cups all purpose flour (bread flour might be even better)
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt

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In a large mixing bowl, soften yeast in warm water. Add 2 cups of the flour, the shortening, and the salt. Beat at low speed of the electric mixer for 1/2 minute and at high speed for 1 minute. Stir in as much of the remaining flour as you can. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead in enough of the remaining flour to make a moderately soft dough that is smooth and elastic (3 to 5 minutes). Cover, let rest in a warm place 15 minutes. Divide into 12 equal portions. Roll each between floured hands in smooth balls. Cover with plastic wrap or a damp cloth, let rest 10 minutes. Using fingers gently flatten balls without creasing dough. Cover and let rest 10 minutes (keep dough pieces covered until ready to use). On a well floured surface, lightly roll one piece of dough at a time into 7 inch rounds turning dough over once. Do not stretch, pull, or crease dough. (Work with enough flour so dough does not stick.) Place on a baking sheet. Bake two at a time in a 450 degree oven about 3 minutes or until dough is puffed and set. Turn with a spatula and bake about 2 minutes or until dough is slightly brown. Repeat with

remaining dough, baking one batch before rolling and baking next batch.

To serve, slice cooled bread crosswise to form a pocket. Fill with desired filling (allow extra bread to cool before wrapping for storage). Makes 12 pita rounds.

For whole wheat pita bread, 2 cups whole wheat flour; 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 all purpose flour. For party pits divide rounds into 24 pieces, make 4 inch rounds. Bake 2 minutes on each side.

This type of bread is less calories than other breads. It is really a fun bread for kids. It will puff up like little balloons. If you have read this column before, and you have never made a yeast bread, try this one. All yeast breads have a great feel. This is soft and warm.

Marc Nelson Performs
in England

Marc A. Nelson, son of Rocky and Jane Nelson, is back in Jelly old England. He left September 10th and he will be gone six weeks. He is in a play called "Dog" written by Tracey Letts. He also wrote the play "Killer Joe" that Marc was in last year in London.

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HYC from Page 5

The Hampton Youth Committee is now eligible to receive contributions through United Way. Although we are not an agency of United Way, people may designate HYC on their contribution forms at work. Any money that HYC receives will be used to benefit the youth of Hampton.

The HYC Witchmobile will be out again this year on Halloween. Look for it and get your candy!

5th GRADERS from Page 5

Read to your student and have him/her read to you. Take turns reading. It is a time to share. The good way to improve vocabulary is by reading. Reading is also an excellent way to improve writing skills.

It has been a great three weeks. The fifth graders are very enjoyable youngsters.

Question to eighth grade parents: Do you know who Elizabeth Blackwell was? The eighth grade literature students should know. They just read a narrative poem about her.



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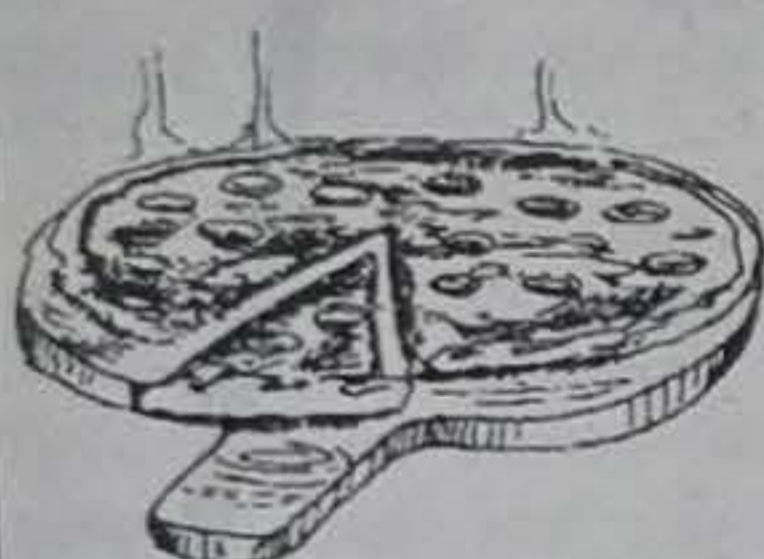
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