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Mississippi River Crests and Falls



Emily Holt, Jamie Matheny, and Britani Holt pause from playing to smile at the camera at the Mississippi Park.



No swinging today! The river was over its banks up to 50 yards in some areas of Mississippi Park and Hampton Park on Sunday, April 20, 1997.



The Bernard Marsh home on 1st Avenue is surrounded by water.



A peaceful view, across the quarry to homes on 1st Avenue, hides the damage the river can do.



Picture at left: Justin Mitton skillfully uses the oars to row his brother Patrick who came to visit Justin's new home - now under water. Justin, his wife Amy, and their daughter Elizabeth Ann, 2 months old, just moved to Hampton in February. Justin has plenty of experience fighting a flood. Earlier this spring, he assisted his father, Volunteer Fire Chief of Hillsdale, help residents evacuate and protect homes from the Rock River. At Justin's home, the crawl space is full of water but the main floor is dry. It is protected by a wall of sandbags. The Mittons continually pump out water. The Mittons knew the home had flooded in 1993, but they didn't realize by how much until someone recently showed them videos. Justin remained at home but took his wife and daughter to relatives during the ordeal.

Flood Photos by Michaela VanDieren.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Hampton Village Trustees:

I would like to express my thanks to the trustees for beginning a curbside recycling program. Even though a resident said it is "too much trouble to rinse out every jar" and "residential recycling is a small percentage of the overall recycling process," still every little bit helps "garbage mountain" (the East Moline landfill) from getting that much bigger, and we should all make an effort to make the environment a better place for our grandchildren to grow up in. I appreciate not having to take our recyclables to other cities, and from the many green bins I see out all around Hampton on Fridays, it looks like many other Hampton residents appreciate our recycling program also.

Sincerely,
Cindy Cornelius

What's Happening at the East Moline Library?

By Cynthia Coe

If you reside within the village limits of Hampton, you are entitled to a library card at the East Moline Public Library. We are part of the River Bend Library System which includes libraries on both sides of the river, and once you receive your card you may use it at any of our member libraries.

Please stop in and fill out an application for your card. You'll need one form of identification which shows your Hampton address. We'll mail your card to you and you can begin to use our library or any of the public and academic libraries in the Quad Cities.

We have a good selection of books, tapes, cd's, and videos for you, and anything you don't find at our library can usually be obtained on an interlibrary loan. So, please give us a call if you have any questions, or drop in and get your library card today. Our winter hours are 9am-9pm Monday through Thursday; 9am-6pm on Friday; and 9am-4pm on Saturday. Our phone number is 755-9614, and our address is 740 - 16th Avenue, East Moline. We hope to see you soon.

Goals 2000 Panel Will Present Report

Community leaders, parents and school representatives met on April 17 to evaluate present technology efforts and to make recommendations for future grant applications for the school. Their report will be presented at the next school board meeting May 13. The new grant applications for next year will be submitted to the state by the end of the school year.



BI-STATE VOLKSWAGON CLUB

By Rob Engeman

The Bi-State Volkswagen Club was formed last year by Hampton residents Rex Newman, Sean McKay, Rob Engeman, and Mick Lile of Princeton, Iowa. This is a family oriented club that is not limited to people who own Volkswagens, but includes those who share an interest in VW's. The club has quickly grown to over 35 members. They meet the second Sunday of each month at 3:30p.m., in Rex's garage, located at 921 5th Street A. If you're interested, we invite you to attend one of our meetings. Please contact Rex (496-2441), Sean (496-9660), or Rob (496-9597), as the meetings are occasionally held at remote locations. If you would like to join the club, family membership fees are \$10 per year. This fee entitles you the monthly mailing of our club newsletter, The Bi-State Update. Each newsletter features a calendar of upcoming events, a "spotlight" article on a club member, and a classified section for cars and parts. Also included is a listing of special prices on VW parts from the newsletter sponsor, **Foreign Car Parts, Inc.** Club members also receive a discount price from **Foreign Car Parts, Inc.** on all parts and supplies, foreign and domestic.

Three basic restoration disciplines are represented by the club's organizers. Sean's "Stock" Super Beetle, Rob's "Resto-Custom" Beetle, and Rex's "Full-Custom" Beetle.

Sean McKay's car is a green (not unlike the famous farm implement's color) 1973 Beetle. The car was bought from the original owners, the former Mr. and Mrs. Gnatovich of Hampton. It was restored by Sean and his brother, Scott (also of Hampton), to its original "stock" pristine condition.

Ron Engeman's car is a turquoise 1966 Beetle on a 1970 chassis. It appears "stock" cosmetically, but benefits from the later model mechanical upgrades. It is "custom" because it has a fully-chromed, dual-carburetor, 1641 cc engine.

Rex Newman's car is a bright red 1973 Beetle. It sports some highly coveted (among VW enthusiasts) BRM aftermarket wheels. Power comes from the 1835 cc motor through large dual carburetors. This Bug's interior is anything but "stock". It boasts plush seats and electric window.

This month, the **Stateline Volksfolks**, (a Rockford area club) will be hosting "The Uneventful Event" in Hampton's Illiniwek Forest Preserve, May 24-26. This is a weekend of camping for the entire family. We invite you to come on down and view the VW's and talk to their owners. This is a first time event that we hope will turn into a yearly outing.

The Bi-State Volkswagen Club's 2nd Annual Picnic in the Park will be held in Hampton's Illiniwek Forest Preserve, Saturday, August 17th. The community is invited to come and take a look at the VW's and chat with club members.

Volkswagen's introduction of "The New Beetle" next year is sure to spark interest in Volkswagens in general. The Bi-State Volkswagen Club is anxiously waiting for this release, and anticipating an increase in membership.

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Vocational Grant Winner Announced

Sara M. DeBaillie, daughter of Rick and Denise DeBaillie, is this year's recipient of the \$500 vocational grant presented by Barbara and Fred Smith.

Sara, a senior at United Township High School, has been on the honor roll and is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has been a member of the Student Council and a football cheerleader for the past four years. She is listed in Who's Who in American High Schools and received a Project Pride award. Sara is well-known in the community by serving as a reserve member of the Hampton Volunteer Fire Department and serving as a Hampton Youth Committee softball coach working with 6 to 8 year olds. She will be attending the University of Iowa where she plans to prepare for a career in nursing, with an emphasis in neo-natal care. Congratulations to one of Hampton's fine young women.

HAMPTON FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

Thank You! Hampton Fire Rescue would like to thank everyone who attended our annual fire department pancake breakfast last month. Thanks to you, Hampton Fire Rescue once again had another successful fund-raiser and we thank you for your continued support.

Welcome! Hampton Fire Rescue would like to welcome our newest member of our team. Christy Gilbert, a soon to be paramedic, joined us last month to add to our Emergency Medical Team. Just remember, we are also looking for you! If you have an interest in either fire, or medical service, contact Chief Kevin Irby, or come down to the fire station to pick up an application.

Just for Reminders! The fire department still has 50th anniversary mugs for sale if you still would like to purchase one. The price is \$7.50 each and proceeds go to support the department history book. The 50th anniversary book is being fabricated and should be made available in the near future. The history book committee will keep everyone informed on its progress. You still can purchase one if you haven't already. If you are interested, contact Keith Ward or Julie Christenson at the fire station.

Hampton School Science Fair Winners Announced



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 1997 SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!

First Place Trophy Winners (standing left to right in back row) are: Nathan Husman-6th Grade, Jennifer Baldrige-7th grade, and Ammon Paquette-8th grade. Standing left to right in front row are: Johnna Boore-5th grade, and Emily Holt-4th grade.



Second Place Trophy Winners (standing left to right in back row) are: Ashley Meeker-6th grade, Emily Cosgrave-7th grade, and Brian LaJeune-8th grade. Standing left to right in front row are Dameon Pizano-5th grade, and Jennifer Shaffer-4th grade.



Overall Winners (standing from left to right) are: Drew Hanson-5th grade (recipient of \$100.00 and a Trophy); 1st Place: Brianna Paquette-6th grade (Recipient of \$50.00 and a Trophy); and 2nd Place: Heather Schildwachter (Recipient of \$25.00 and a Trophy).



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From front page



Justin and Patrick Mitton travel by boat to Justin's home (The Mitton home is on the right.)



Maybe the basketball net can be used as a fishing net! Residents used boats to reach their homes from the dike at Illiniwek Park.



No traffic on 1st Avenue!

Taking Advantage of Technology

(reprint of IASB School Public Relations Service)

President Clinton has suggested that every school in the country be wired to the Information Superhighway, and every state is including technology planning as part of the Goals 2000 legislation. Meanwhile, school districts themselves are already spending millions of dollars on computers. And more of today's educators are aware of the ways that technology can enhance learning and teaching.

In the classroom, computers can help students learn at their own pace, organize their thinking, revise their work and collaborate on projects with others. On-line services give students access to information from hundreds of libraries, allow teachers to share lesson plans and ideas with other teachers, and allow poor urban or rural school districts access to resources formerly available only to wealthier suburban districts. Technology can enhance learning for students with disabilities, students with limited English proficiency, and other students with special needs. Administrative staff can use computers to streamline record-keeping tasks and reduce time-consuming paperwork.

However, despite its many advantages, the majority of schools have yet to take full advantage of technology. The U.S. Department of Education lists four major problems that keep school districts from reaping the full benefits of existing technologies:

1. Only a small percentage of the nation's public school classrooms have Internet access.
2. Teachers need training with the new technologies. For schools to take advantage of technology, teachers must have more time and opportunity to integrate it into the curriculum. The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment found that a majority of teachers feel inadequately trained to use technology and are not aware of how technology can improve learning or help them do their jobs better.
3. Funding is a major barrier. Lack of funding is the most commonly cited reason for failure to get up-to-date telecommunications in schools.
4. Poor resource planning is common. Even when schools have the resources to spend on technology, they often hurry to buy equipment without sufficient planning and without investing in training and support. A survey conducted by the Washington D. C. based Consortium for School Networking found that lack of institutional support and lack of infrastructure (telephone lines, computers, modems or local area networks connected to a wide area network, and low cost telephone service for schools) also posed barriers to effective use of technology.
5. Define the problems you want to solve or the goals you want to achieve before investing. The educational purpose should always drive the technology, not the other way around. Technology is a means not an end.

On-Line Tips For All Users Of The Internet

1. Never give out private information over the internet to strangers.
2. Never assume e-mail messages are private. Private information is better sent through other means.
3. Respect other peoples privacy. Do not forward mail that was meant for you without their permission.
4. Respect copyright and license agreements. Don't save something for commercial use when it is copyrighted. If you are not sure, check the bottom of the webpage or contact the company or person in question. It could save you money from a lawsuit.
5. Make sure you copyright your own material if you have a page, unless you don't mind that it is used. A simple one will do. Copyright 1997 Hampton School for example. It will work until the actual copyright can be purchased.
6. If you join an electronic discussion group, exercise caution, you do not know these people. So observe awhile before you start participating.
7. Express yourself carefully. Choose words carefully and if you mean it humorously or otherwise be sure that you know the correct Net user symbol to accompany your message. Examples are j/k, :-), LOL, etc. You can find the definition for many different symbols from on-line services.

I hope the information helps you on-line.



Rita Hanson (on left) and Barb Haggard (on right) display one of their wedding cakes.

"Cake Babes" Personalize Their Creations by Randy Baldrige

In the past, Rita Hanson and her sister, Barb Haggard, worked in a bakery. A co-worker acknowledged their cake decorating skills by calling them "the cake babes." So, when they started their business, the name stuck.

Rita and Barb have been working together for five years creating beautiful cakes. Baking is done in their kitchen ovens and they use regular cake mixes, though Rita says they have learned special techniques for handling larger batches.

Highly skilled professional decorating makes their cakes special. Self-taught to a large degree, the sisters have also taken courses and attended seminars sponsored by companies. With justifiable pride, Rita explained how "The Cake Babes" are flexible, versatile, and creative. Rather than working from standard designs, each cake is created to be unique for each customer. They create raised figures in icing and in addition to the usual flowers, borders, etc. they can make "piped" three-dimensional figures of pure icing.

Speaking of icing, they flavor it and they are careful to keep a smooth consistency, as opposed to a grainy sugary icing often found on fancy cakes. Everything on their cakes is edible. They avoid toys, letters and figurines made of plastic. They normally can reproduce a customer's picture or drawing, unless it is a registered trademark.

In addition to cakes, "The CakeBabes" will bake giant cookies and make up cookie bouquets. We ordered giant cookies for our two daughters' birthdays and Rita demonstrated her skills with a raised icing characters. The cookies tasted great too!

But cakes are what they prefer to do. Anniversaries, birthdays, showers, retirements, graduations, and of course weddings are all cake occasions. Rita indicated that she and Barb enjoy making wedding cakes most of all and they find special pleasure when they are making wedding cakes for friends. It is important to get wedding cake orders placed six to eight weeks before the wedding. June and July are busy months for them. They take orders on a first come first served basis. So place your orders now. Rita can be reached at 496-9646 or Barb can be reached at 523-2120.

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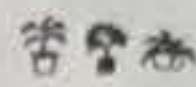
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Hampton School Technology Update

by Mark Bressler

Well the school year is slowly coming to an end, and we have seen many changes. A new Lunch Program, a new computer system, and many repairs to the school have been made.

First of all the school would like to thank the taxpayers of the Hampton School District for purchasing them for us. As we get more experienced you will see that we will meet or exceed our educational goals for the next decade.

First of all, I am happy to report that most every student has received some computer time on the new system, and all of our teaching staff have started to use the available technology in a variety of different ways, but we still have a long way to go. We are growing leaps and bounds every week, but like all children we will need time to grow and prosper.

As of this month our Network has had minimal problems. We are working very closely with ACRUX Integrated Solutions from Rockford, IL. They are helping us maintain the network, and they are also giving our teachers training in many of the programs that we have here.

Our students in the junior high are the most active. They have used the internet for research on music, art, and health reports, and they have been working on presentations with a program called Powerpoint. The Student Council has been writing articles for the TownCrier throughout the year using Microsoft Publisher, and last but not least several students and teachers have been using CD-ROM programs like WorldBook Encyclopedia, Encarta97, and many others as teaching tools and research articles.

Our younger students have been using Cornerstone, Stories and More, and Write Along programs when it comes to reading and writing. I have seen some of the biographies that the 2nd graders have been doing in Mrs. Wallace's class. They are very good, and I am excited about the possibilities.

I would also like to invite any parents or community members to come and see this exciting technology. Just call the school, I am sure we can find a time and place for you to observe and maybe even interact with the technology yourself. Computers are a marvelous thing. They open the mind to many endless opportunities.

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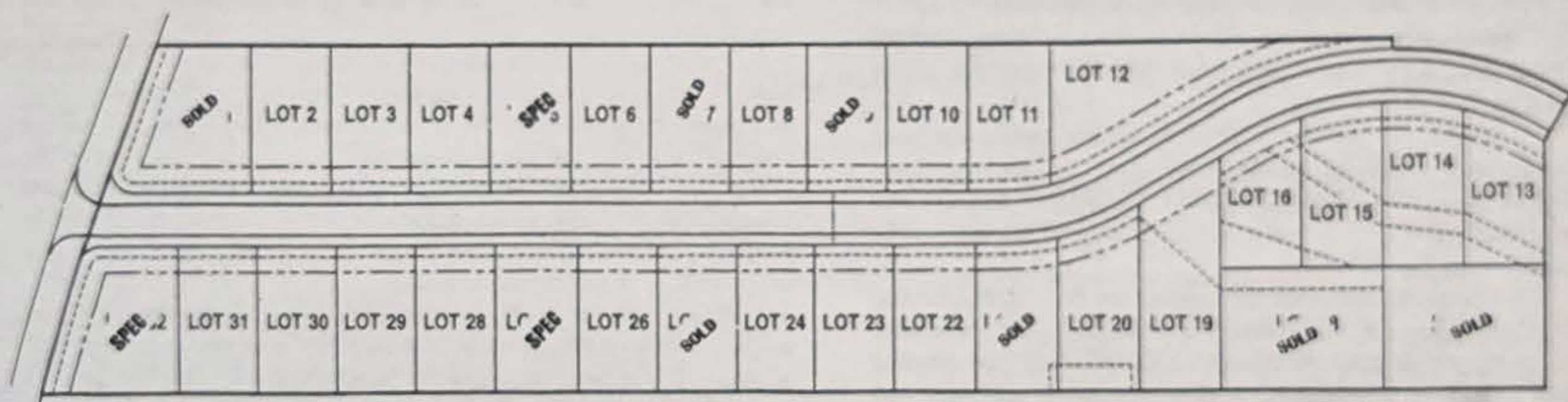
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to Shad and Deb McKay on May 4th! Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday on May 5th to Rebecca Jared! Love, Mom.

Happy Birthday on May 5th to Debi McKay! Love, Grandma.

Happy 67th Birthday on May 9th to Beverly Coder!

Happy 39th Birthday on May 16th to Melinda (Nelson) Erickson!

Happy 25th Anniversary To Tom Burney May 20th, Love, Kay!



Jamin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

May, May, the lovely month of May. With May comes Cinco De Mayo, a celebration in Mexico and Spain. We always celebrate with a few Mexican dishes for dinner. You already have my recipe for enchiladas. It is always a good choice. We often also have chili and I think that is one of the first recipes that I gave you.

Merlin and Fern were recently in Texas. There, Fern visited with an old employee who gave her a cookbook from the restaurant where Fern worked. I tried the Everyday Pinto Bean Soup and found it quite tasty. The ranchero sauce that you use in it is also quite good.

At Sylvan, I tried to give a Master Chef's test to a young man named Jeff Whittington. While waiting for some technical problems to be ironed out, I mentioned I write this column. I asked him if he was related to the Whittingtons that used to live in Hampton. He said he didn't think so but had a sister that lives here now. Unfortunately, I didn't get her name. He also said he was related to the famous Dick Whittington who had a cat and became Lord Mayor of London. He is a chef at the Aledo Country Club. He gave me a recipe for a tortilla soup.

Last month my column sounded rather strange. Perhaps because it had the first few paragraphs deleted. Also, the recipe for boiled icing called for two cups of egg whites. That should have been two egg whites. (Editor's note: The Towne Crier apologizes for this inaccuracy.)

Next month, I'll tell you about my experiences with ceramics. Also, I'll include a couple of quickie recipes. Now for the Cinco de Mayo recipes:

EVERYDAY PINTO BEAN SOUP From: Cafe Maria Cookbook, by Joe Caballero

- 1 cup pinto beans
- 3 cups water
- 2 finely chopped jalapenas
- 1 sprig chopped cilantro
- *1 cup ranchero sauce
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 2 T. chicken base

Mix water and beans in covered pan for 1 hour over medium heat. Add salt. Re-cover and cook another 45 minutes. Add all other spices and cook for 15 minutes uncovered. Stir before serving.

*RANCHERO SAUCE

- 1/4 cup chopped onions
- 1/4 cup chopped bell pepper
- 1/2 cup fresh tomatoes
- 1 16oz. can of chopped tomatoes
- 1 t ground hot pepper
- 1/4 t ground cumin
- 1/4 t garlic powder

Sauté peppers in oil. Add onions, sauté till onions are clear. Add tomatoes and all other spices and water. Simmer 15 minutes. This sauce may be used in other recipes or as a salsa.

JEFF WHITTINGTON'S TORTILLA SOUP

- 3 cans chicken broth
- 1 carrot, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 16oz. can diced tomatoes

Sauté above 5-10 minutes in 1 T margarine. Add chicken broth. Add 1 16oz. can tomatoes, chopped. Cook until vegetables are tender (about an hour on low). Before serving, add a tsp. of garlic powder (or 1 clove of garlic), a tsp. of cumin, and a sprinkle of cilantro. When serving, garnish with tortilla chips and shredded cheese.

Towne Crier Announces Summer Intern Program

Interested students ages 12 to 18 are needed to volunteer this summer with the Towne Crier Summer Intern Program, sponsored by Project Success. Students partaking in this summer activity will learn and participate in all aspects of producing The Hampton Towne Crier. This valuable experience may be used on resumes and scholarship applications. If interested, please contact Mark Bressler at Hampton Grade School, 755-0693.

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Yard Waste Pick Up

Yard waste is now being picked up weekly by Heartland Enterprises on **Thursdays**. Yard waste does not have to be placed in special bags but, **it does require** a special sticker for each bag. Yard waste stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall or Porter's and cost \$1.75 each. Beginning Monday, June 2nd, yard waste, recycling and garbage will be picked up on the same day **MONDAY!!!!**



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Cinco de Mayo Is Celebrated



On Saturday, May 3, the Hampton School gymnasium was converted to a scene south of the border for The Methodist Church and Grace Methodist Church Mexican Dinner. The decorating committee did an outstanding job with bright colored ribbon, flags, shawls, Mexican hats, clothing and other souvenirs from Mexico. The food was authentic enchiladas, rice, and beans. Entertainment was provided by local dancers and the Association of Spanish Students from Western Illinois University. A skit, describing the defeat of the French at Pueblo by Mexicans in 1862 on May 5th, was performed using local actors from Hampton. Concluding the program, the audience participated in the Mexican Hat Dance and the Macarena. Picture above left: Pastor Charles Sward joins others doing the Macarena. Picture on right: Western Illinois University student dancing the Mexican Hat Dance with Hampton youth.

Hampton School Board Welcomes New Member

On April 8, 1997 the Hampton school board swore Roger Braddy as it's newest board member. Mr. Braddy will finish Tom Brown's term until the next election. Mr. Brown resigned his term at last month's board meeting due to professional conflicts. Mr. Braddy works for Commonwealth Edison as a trainer and supervisor.

The board had a very busy agenda Tuesday night. They viewed a video concerning a proposal that Governor Edgar is supporting on fair funding for schools. The proposed bill which has yet to reach the house floor will revamp education funding in a more fair and honest ways for schools and tax payers. If this bill is passed Hampton School will reap monetary benefits but UTHS will see a modest drop in tax monies. The purpose of the bill, as explained on the video, will take dollars from areas where schools spend well over \$7,000 per pupil and send that money to districts that spend less than \$4,000 per pupil. This bill will assist downstate schools tremendously. It will also prevent other schools from having to go back to the taxpayers for more revenue. According to an interview this reporter heard on WGN-radio concerning education revenue, approximately 900 schools haven't exploited all tax possibilities, but most of these districts that haven't are either trying to exploit them or do not need to. The board is urging all Hampton taxpayers to write and call your state representatives and senators in support of this bill. If passed we could see a lot more money that can be spent to help prepare your students for the competitive world out there, with the purchase of needed equipment, supplies, and facilities.

In other business the board approved to act on health/life safety issues by authorizing the architect to get bids. The life/safety issues that will be bid on are: Roofing, Fire Alarm, Handicap accessibility, Stove Hood, and Electrical repair.

The board furthermore allocated monies not to exceed \$12,000 in the purchase of hardware and software for bookkeeping through Tremont Systems of Tremont, IL. This purchase was necessary since East Moline will not continue it's bookkeeping service for the school.

The Lunch program has reported a net income of a little over \$200 for March, and it is going well according to Lunch Room Coordinator Tina Rideout.

The board Amended the calendar for the remainder of this year by approving June 6, 1997 as the last student attendance day, and June 9, 1997 as teacher institute. Graduation will occur on June 5, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

The board also approved an expenditure of \$130 to join the Chamber of Commerce of the Illinois Quad Cities.

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Playground Plans Continue: Volunteers Needed

Thanks to the community, the Hampton PTA and Playground committee have met the goal of \$15,000 to put towards the purchase and construction of school playground equipment. On Saturday, June 14, 1997, Midwest Sales Inc will supervise the installation of a 9 unit obstacle course and a seven unit play station. An old-fashioned "barn-raising" style of installation we'll be used when volunteers gather together on one day to install the playground equipment. At least 50 volunteers will be needed from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. An additional 8 workers will be needed from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Hampton resident and businessman, Dave Gier, will be working throughout the week of June 9 on landscaping preparations.

Those interested in volunteering may sign-up in early May at local businesses, Hampton school or by calling Sherry Wells at 496-2884 or Lisa Paquette at 496-1813. Volunteer assignments are as follows:

Volunteer	Description	# needed
Crew-Chief	Experienced with tools and construction. Available from 8:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. or 8:00-10:30 a.m.	8-10
Construction-worker	Willing to work and follow directions. Available 10:30-3:00 p.m.	50
Lunch crew	Help to serve &/or organize lunch 11:00-1:00	5-8
Landscaping	Help to maintain new grass seed in the school playfield. Periodic work from 2-4 weeks after construction	5-10



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Historical Society Receives Achievement Award

By Rocky Nelson

A few months ago we informed you that the Society had applied to the Illinois Historical Society for an award for our restoration of the Black's Store elevator. We have recently been informed that we have received an AWARD OF SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT in the category of PRESERVATION PROJECTS: HISTORIC STRUCTURES. The Society, and indeed the entire community can be proud of being recognized for an outstanding contribution toward preserving the cultural heritage of Illinois. There are far too many people involved to thank them individually, but we must single out our Restoration Specialist, Ron Nelson, whose expertise and enthusiasm made it come to pass. The award presentation will be May 17, at Carbondale, Illinois.

In spite of past success the project goes on. Ron has finished off around the elevator and built a fence around it to prevent accidents. Also, considerable clean up has been done with much more to do before serious restoration can continue. Arrangements have been made to have Black's offices plastered and painted. Ron has determined what colors were used in 1849, so when we open this summer you can see what the place looked like 148 years ago.

The season opening will be Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day). The traditional ceremony will be held, starting at 10:00AM in front of the monument. If you haven't made it a family tradition to attend, start this year.

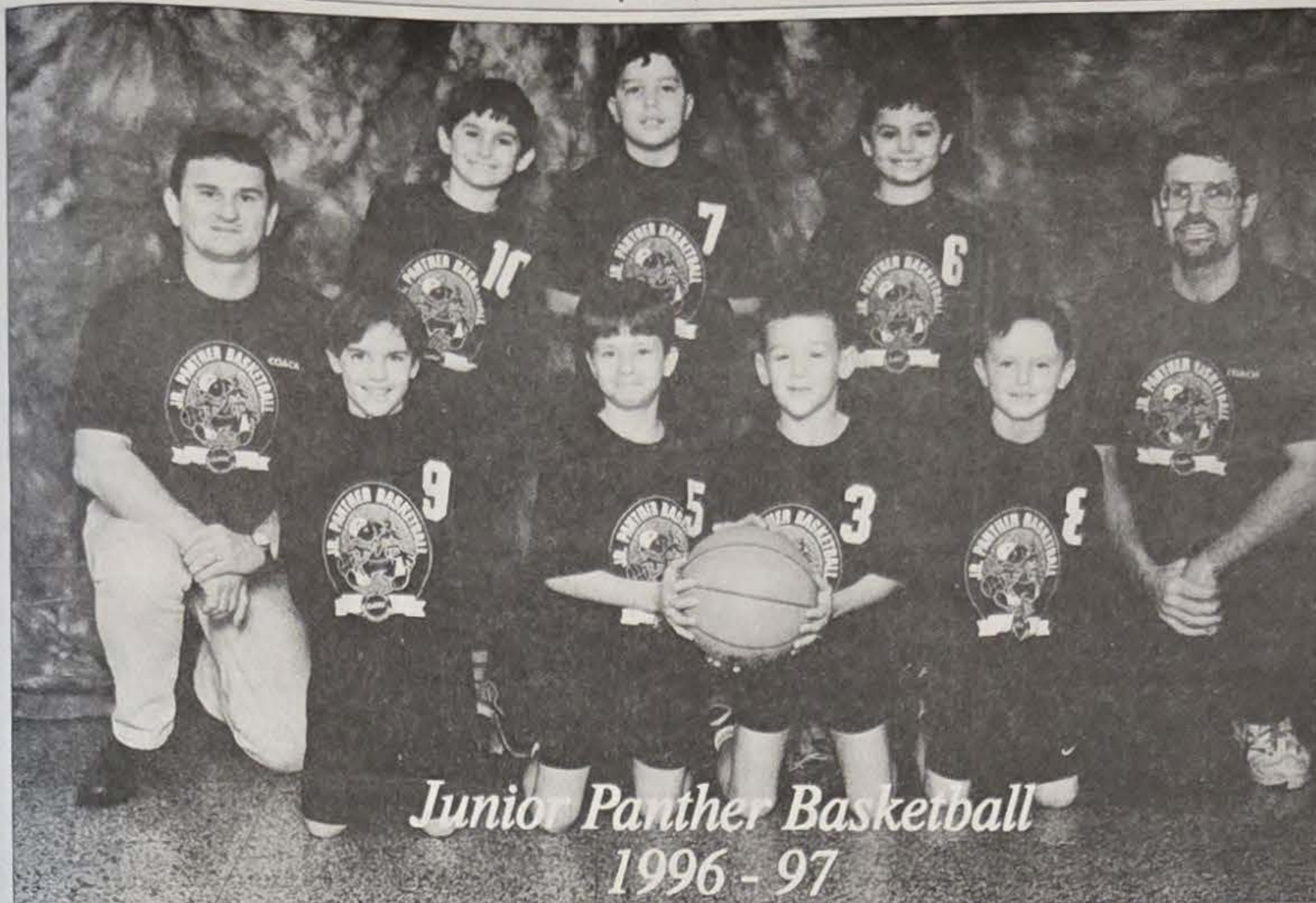
Another significant date is May 21, when the Hampton Historical Society will hold its next meeting at 7:30PM. Program will be announced.

Last month we mentioned the interaction between various communal communities, specifically the Shakers of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, and the dissenters from the Church of Sweden that lived in Bishop Hill, Illinois. My son-in-law, Myron Erickson, an ordained minister, gave me some more details. He got them from a book: THE SHAKER EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA, by Steven J. Stein, published in 1993 and considered the most complete information about that sect. Last month we mentioned a Shaker named Anders Bloomberg. It seems Mr. Bloomberg started out as one of Jansson's followers at Bishop Hill. In 1848, he and other missionary named Olaf Stenberg, journeyed to Pleasant Hill believing they could make common cause with the Shakers, both believing in the perfectibility of human nature and the possibility of living without sin. The drawback for Stenberg was the Shaker principle of celibacy, but Bloomberg bought into it and he and his wife joined the "Believers" as the Shakers called themselves. When the combination of Jansson's murder and economic problems brought down the Bishop Hill commune, large numbers of Swedes (including Jansson's widow) went to Pleasant Hill. Mrs. Jansson's stay was short, as was that of most of the Swedes, few of which saw much appeal in the celibate life.

Bloomberg remained an ardent promoter of Shakerism. In 1866, he went to Sweden to persuade people to accept the Shaker ideals. He returned with several converts, followed by others until nearly 60 immigrants came to Pleasant Hill. Again, most stayed only a short time. The shaker journal keeper noted the steady departure of these people by referring to the "Swede Stampede" and "Swede Trotting".

It is interesting how communal societies are still with us. The mass suicide in California, the Branch-Davidians disaster in Texas, and the unbelievable mass suicide of Jones' followers illustrate the great power these kinds of societies can generate. At least the Shakers and the Janssonites didn't kill themselves.





Congratulations 3rd Grade Boys Basketball Team! Hampton 3rd Grade Boys finished in a tie for first place in the U.T.H.S. Junior Panther Basketball League. Pictured in the first row from left to right are: Kevin DeWalsche, Jerad Hanson, Sean Joyce and Ben Boore. Second row: Coach John Baker, Jason Baker, Ethan Paquette, Jamison Baker and Coach Mark DeWalsche.

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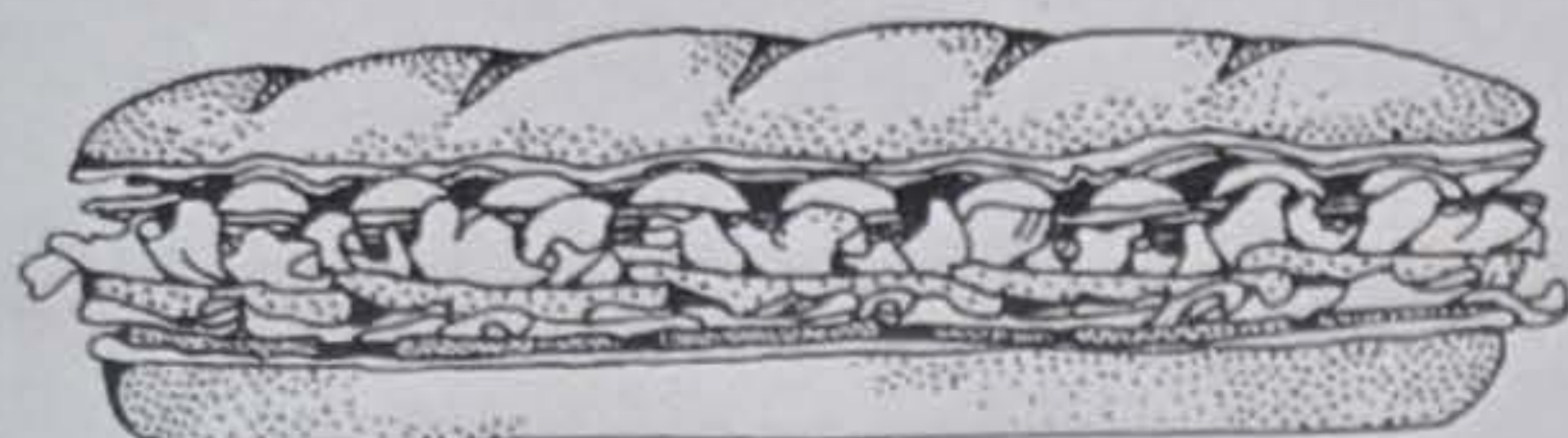
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