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Pow Wow Returns to Spirits in the Oaks

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In center, Butch Studer, Flathead Salish, dons traditional American Indian regalia. The bone breast plate and bone and bead choker were designed to deflect arrows or prevent someone from slitting the wearer's throat. A feather head dress, buckskin leggings, a feather fan in his left hand and a dance stick in the other hand complete his regalia.

By Dixie Preslar (Chicksew Nation)
and Mary DeNeve

A new, local organization is bringing the Pow Wow to the forefront in our area again this year. Spirit's Pow Wow and Culture, Inc. is a local group formed to make the public aware of the Native American culture. The pow wow is being held at the Spirit's in the Oaks Campground at the old Shadow Lake (near Joslin) on June 12, 13 and 14th.

This colorful celebration of dancing is a long held Indian tradition of many nations. Native Americans from around the country will be represented. There are currently 520 registered nations and approximately 60 more that are still seeking to be acknowledged. Each nation has it's own tribal customs and beliefs weaving a rich tapestry of diverse culture in our United States. For centuries friendly tribes have been coming together in song, dance and prayer in a common celebration of life and worship through gatherings such as the modern day pow wow.

Today's pow wow includes a wide array of dance style and dress by many different tribes. Vendors prominently display art forms ranging from music and hand crafted items, including jewelry and beadwork, to dance regalia and traditional Indian food such as fry bread. The dancers are an awe-inspiring sight with their towering headdresses of feathers and beads. Their brightly colored bustles rustle and sway with the beat of the drum, emulating the graceful movements of nature and their brothers the wolf, eagle, bear and other relatives of the land. Each step is a communication of dancer and spirit embodied by the drum and it's singers.

Our local area is rich in Native American history. Black Hawk had one of the largest villages in the United States located where Rock



A visiting dancer displays a horsehair roach on his head. He is holding an eagle head fan, and he wears leggings above his moccasins. His bustle is made from eagle or turkey feathers. In the background is one of the many oaks in the campground. The oaks, dating back more than 300 years, surround the dance circle at the pow wow. (MORE PICTURES on Page 2)

Island and Milan are now. Various village sites were situated up and down the Rock River Valley. Our farmers' John Deere tractors have long turned up the resurfacing of these ancient cultures. Early settlers learned about tilling and planting the land from the Indians who were our first farmers. They introduced the white man to our present day largest, staple commodity-corn. Where a father in moccasined feet once walked, patiently hunting food for his family; now walks a local citizen, thrilled by the discovery of that father's arrowhead.

Today, traditional lodges, such as teepees, stand side by side with modern motor homes and pop-up campers. Dancers, singers and families often still camp in a traditional way at the pow wow site sharing meals and story telling around the campfire. This traditional setting allows the public to come and share their forefathers' land with its original citizens. Most importantly of all, it is just a fun family day to be enjoyed by all!

Spirits in the Oaks Campground is located three miles east of Joslin or eight miles north of Geneseo on Highway 92. Admission is affordable: 6 and under are free; 7 through 15 are \$1.00; senior citizens are \$2.00; and age 16 and up are \$4.00. Programs containing a variety of interesting articles will be available for \$1.00. Grounds open to the public at 4:00 p.m. on Friday with dancing at 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday the grounds open at noon. Saturday dance times are 1:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday the dances are at 1:00 p.m. Indian games are scheduled for Saturday and are open to the public for participation. Games are especially exciting for children. Hope to see you there!

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Village Unveils Its Comprehensive Land Use Plan To Citizens

By Mike Toalson

Before a group of 25 residents, the Village Planning Commission unveiled its Comprehensive Land Use Plan at a public meeting held at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Gena McCullough, senior planner for Bi-State Regional Commission was on hand to present highlights of the plan at the meeting.

The Hampton Village Board of Trustees created its first Planning Commission last year to develop a comprehensive land use plan. The comprehensive land use plan is a development guide which sets goals and policies for future growth, development and land uses in and around the corporate limits. The purpose of the plan is to ensure quality development and safeguard the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Hampton. Future development will be weighed by its consistency with the plan. Elements of the plan are based upon input from the public meeting held last October and from the community surveys returned. The plan also addresses future annexation and includes a map of Hampton's proposed future corporate limits extending north to I-80 and east to I-5.

At the meeting, Scott Newberg, President, Village Board of Trustees stated "Hampton has got to grow or we will be swallowed up by East Moline. This plan will set policies and goals for our future growth."

Newly Revised Park Plan Includes Environmental Nature Center And Nature Trail

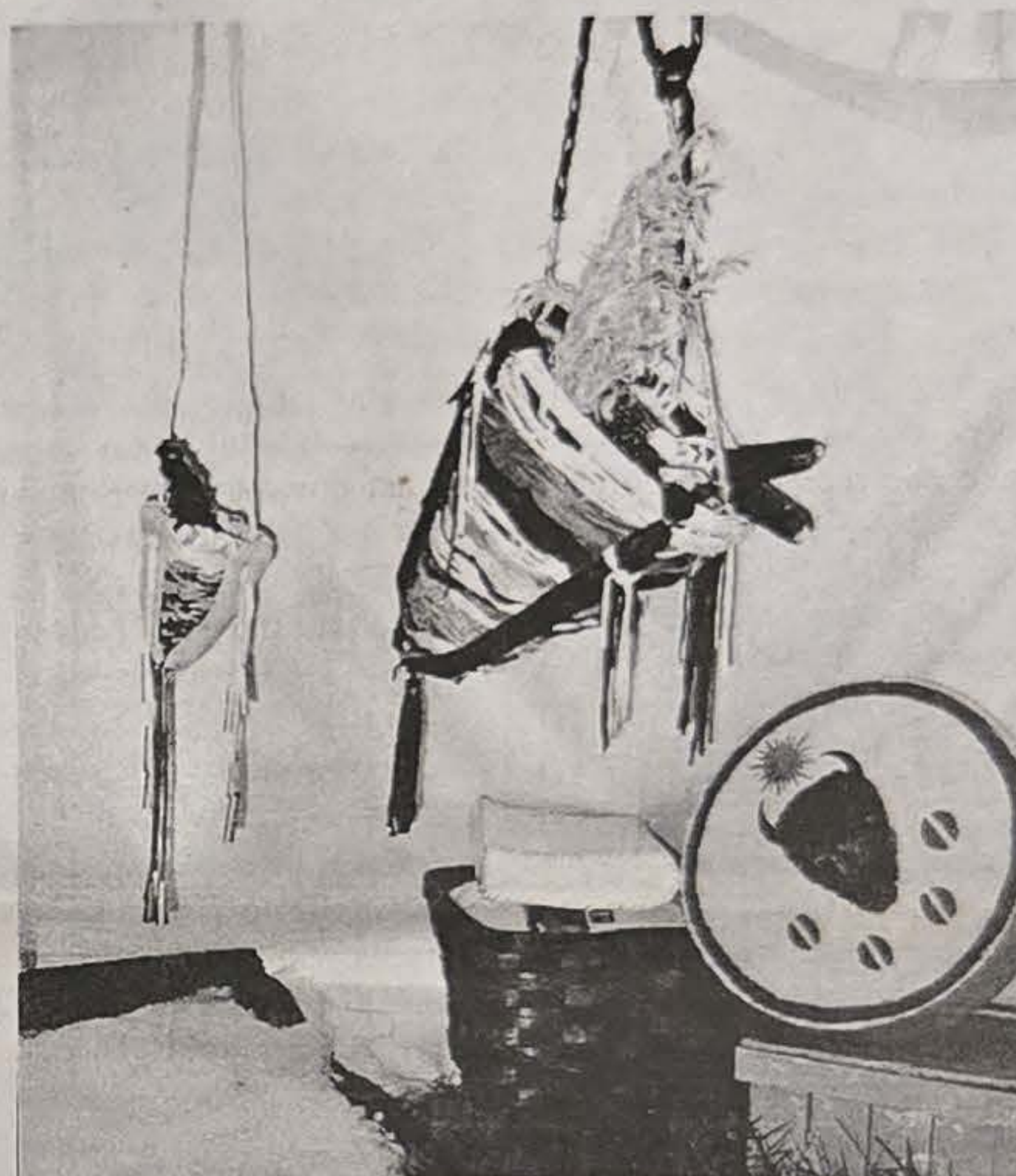
By Mike Toalson

At the public meeting held on Monday, May 18, 1998, The Village Park Committee unveiled its newly revised park plan for the Mississippi River Park located adjacent to East Moline's Empire Playground. The plan, compiled by Meg Flenker of Flenker Land Architecture Consultants, includes a Environmental Nature Center building which will also serve as a community center for the Village. A 50 - 60 car parking lot with an access drive to the civic center, sand volleyball courts, a fitness area and enhancements to the beach are also included.

The need for a civic center was expressed by numerous residents on community surveys returned last fall when the Planning Commission was seeking input for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan they were developing for the Village. Once the plans are finalized, the Park Committee will seek grants to help pay for the enhancements. The plan is on display at the Village Hall



Rodney Fuller, Davenport, scrapes the fat off a buffalo hide staked down for cleaning and tanning. He will demonstrate this at the June 12, 13, and 14th Pow Wow held at Spirits in the Oaks Campground near Joslin. Many other demonstrations are scheduled for the event. Complete information is in the article on the front page.



Two burden baskets are hanging on the walls of the teepee pictured above. The right one belongs to an adult, while the left one is a child's. They are carried by a tumpline around the forehead or shoulders. The drum, with a buffalo head painted on it, is made of seasoned hide. In the lower left is the bed covered with animal skin. The teepee belongs to Denise Rudolph of Moline. (Pow Wow photos courtesy of Mary DeNeve)

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Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

I forgot last month to tell you. My youngest daughter Martha Halston graduated with her MBA from Loyola University in Chicago, May 9 at 4:30. It was a lovely ceremony, but even in Chicago people don't know how to behave and know proper behavior in a public place. I blame it on the schools, cutting out weekly assemblies. We have not taught people how to behave in crowds for over forty years. I've been to more graduations than most, but I quit going to UT's graduation because of the annoying behavior of the crowds. At Martha's they announced not to clap until each group had all been called forward for their diplomas, so you could hear all the names. About 1/3 of the crowd did not pay attention. They clapped and shouted when their particular graduate was announced and even went down to take pictures and present flowers.

We had great seats in the second row. Martha's husband's mother has been in charge of Loyola's graduation for years. She is even retired but she comes back the month before each graduation to work so it will be run correctly. We even had reserved seats. Martha's husband, Mike, was there to greet us and give us the tickets. He ushered us to our seats. A lot of people don't think graduations are important but I enjoy them and this one was especially nice, A BIG THANKS TO JEAN HALSTION.

Just another note of interest, the Halstons are members of the Hampton Historical Society. They have also been to several of our Apple Festivals. They are Chicago natives but feel our building and the society are worthy of their support. I hope more of you in Hampton join our efforts. We really need help with the work and maintenance of the Brettun and Black's Store. We have a very historically significant building.

I only have one recipe this month. I will get down off my soapbox and give it to you. I found it in the June FAMILY CIRCLE magazine. I thought it looked interesting.

SPICED BROWNIE BRITTLE

makes: 36 pieces for \$2.20
prep: 15 minutes
bake: at 375 degrees for 10 minutes

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1 oz. unsweetened chocolate, I used pre-melted
1/2 t ground ginger
1/2 t ground cinnamon
1/4 t ground black pepper
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 t vanilla
1 egg slightly beaten
1/3 cup flour
1/2 cup ground nuts (pecans, almonds or walnuts)

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees
2. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add chocolate ginger, cinnamon and pepper. Remove from heat; stir until chocolate is melted and well mixed.
3. Stir in sugar, vanilla and egg until smooth. Stir in flour and mix well.
4. Pour batter into 15x10x1-inch jelly-roll pan. I sprayed with pan spray. Tilt pan back and forth allowing batter to flow into thin, even layer across bottom of pan. Use spatula to spread of necessary. Scatter nuts evenly over the top.
5. Bake in 375 degree oven for 10 minutes or until cake is just set. Remove to a wire rack to cool for 20 minutes.
6. Cut into 36 rough shaped pieces as you would a nut brittle. You can use a spatula to remove from the pan.

(Editor's note: I sampled them and they are thin delicious brownies!)



Pictured at right are Stonewall Jackson and his wife, Anna. Jim and Corine Briggs portray the 19th century historical figures. The authentic clothing is only a small part of the presentation. Details of history interwoven with humor, sadness, and hope describe the everyday lives of the Jacksons. Jackson's first taste of war was the Mexican War. There, he discovered he liked war. In the Civil War, he liked strategic planning. He hoped and tried to persuade General Robert E. Lee to try and move the war to the North. In fact after leaving the Hampton Historical Society session, he was on his way to meet General Lee to discuss his ideas for furthering the Southern cause. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)



Jackson Speaks on 1800's

By Michaela VanDieren

Stonewall Jackson (a.k.a. Jim Briggs, East Moline) explained his education, including graduating from West Point in 1846. The Hampton Historical Society hosted Stonewall and his second wife, Anna (a.k.a. Corine Briggs). The Briggs have been involved in reenactments for the past four years.

Jim Briggs exhibited all the mannerisms and eccentricities of Jackson as recorded in history. In the audience, Rocky Nelson, a former history teacher and history buff, remarked how realistically Briggs portrayed what has been written about Jackson. Jackson described what he would eat for meals, his days in the army, his life as a professor of philosophy, his first love, Ellie Johnson, and her death. He was proud to obey orders. In fact, he stood like a "Stonewall on his horse" refusing to retreat, because he was ordered not to retreat.

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The Technology Integration Program Grant for \$35,067.00 is to fund staff development activities that will increase student performance in Reading by using engaged learning activities and technology to deliver instruction in the classroom. The Technology Team recommended a professional developed training plan that was comprehensive and addressed individual teacher needs. We are very thankful for the assistance Sheila Lillis from the Rock Island Regional Office in surveying and identifying staff needs. The Rock Island Regional Office of Education through a Goals 2000 Grant entitled Raising Standards for Tomorrow's Learning was able to offer Ms. Lillis as a consultant to come to the school to interview every staff and identify their technology and instructional needs to improve Reading instruction in the classroom and student performance on the IGAP Test.

The Technology Team recommended to the Board of Education and they approved employing a Technology Consultant, Maureen Conway, to coordinate and deliver individualized technology in-service to the staff. She will provide five additional specialists to give specific training as follows: On June 8, 10 and 12 with seven additional days of training to be arranged prior to September 30, 1998.

- Ty Chuich = WIN95 review and download software from the Web. Installing software to the hard drive or saving to disc.
- Rob Anderson = Scanning documents and importing scanned images into documents from the Web, CD and other sources.
- Carrie Delcourt = Creating a newsletter using MS Word and other Word activities related to Reading in the classroom
- Trudy Watts = Power Point for lesson Planning and Power Point for student activities in Reading.
- Tom McCall = Lesson Plans in Reading using integration of technology.
- Maureen Conway = Principles of Instructional Design using technology for instruction, presentation, student activities and management

Each teacher will get additional instructional in-service on June 5 as follows:

- Gary Martin = Using Excel Formulas for grade book setups
- Diane Kussatz = School Vista: Instructional Plan Design
- Dr. Marrietta Castle = Applying Engaged Learning to Reading

Teachers will get an initial day training and will get 20 hours of follow up instruction that will result in a lesson plan in Reading that will use engaged learning activities and technology to improve Reading instruction. The in-service created lesson will be observed by the superintendent. In addition, the Technology Consultant, Maureen Conway, will provide a summary report of all training activities with recommendations for any future technology training. Diane Dussatz our ACRUX IBM consultant will provide follow up instruction in the use of School Vista operating system and assist teachers to create electronic lesson plans in Reading. Dr. Marretta Castle from Western Illinois University will be writing a final evaluation report that will reflect on the effectiveness of the Reading lesson Plans developed during the training.

We want to invite the community and parents, in particular, to come to the school and observe first hand the high quality training in technology and Reading instruction on June 5, 8, 10 and 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We also have identified four of our teaching staff that will serve as Mentors and Tutors in technology to other teachers. They are Mark Bressler, Jyll Baraks, Ann Maletta and Gary Martin. Please free to visit any of these teachers, if you have questions about how we will be supporting our teachers to use technology more effectively in the classroom next year.

We feel that technology is not a passing fad. It is part of our every day lives and it will become more important to our students in their future lives.

Hampton PTA News

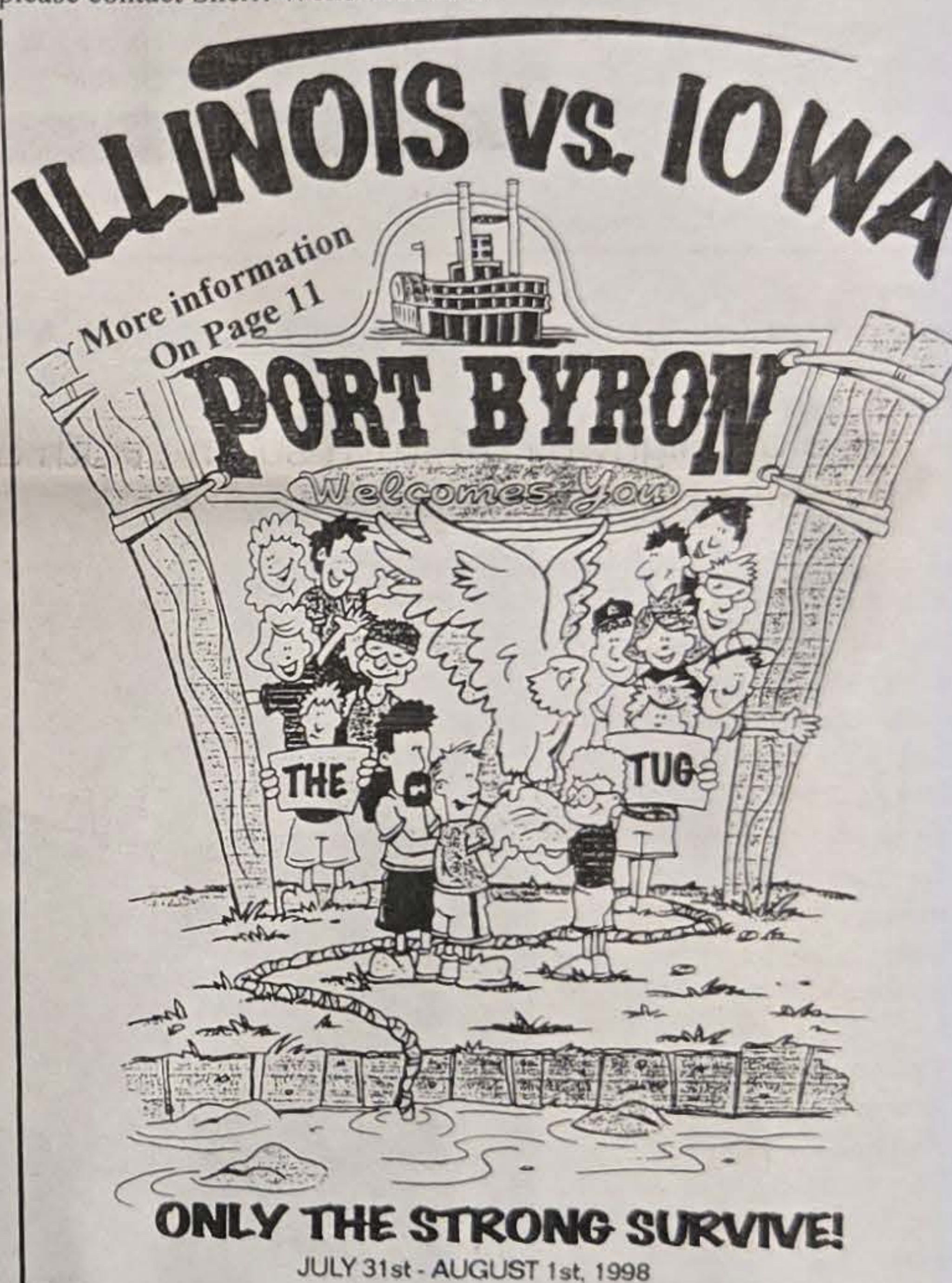
By Sherri Wells

The PTA would like to thank everyone who helped this year. Every little thing helps, from working carnival to bringing cookies to an event. A big thank you goes to Cheryl Reader. She has been PTA president for the last two and a half years. Thanks Cheryl Reader for all your time and energy you put into the PTA. I am sure the children and parents appreciate it!

The new officers elected are: President Joleen Cameron; Vice-Pres. Cheryl Reader; Secretary Peggy Mason; and Council Delegates Sue Wright and Sherri Wells. The chairpersons appointed for next year are: Rita Hanson and Rae Benzon-Cultural Arts; Nancy Mohr-Room Rep. K-5; Janet Norin and Cheryl Reader-Room Rep 6-8; Sue Wright Kindergarten Round-up; Peggy Mason-Publicity; Joleen Cameron-Scholarship; Cheryl Reader-Book Fair; Sue Wright-Spelling Bee; Cheryl Reader and Sherri Wells-Carnival. Chairs for subcommittees for carnival include: Glenda Webb, Nancy Mohr, Peggy Mason, Lisa Paquette, Sherri Wells, Cheryl Reader, and Janet Newlon. One more person is needed to help Peggy Mason with door prizes. Other chairpersons for the year are: Rae Benzon and Donna Schaffer-Santa's Workshop; Sherri Wells-Historian; Joleen Cameron-Legislation; Janet Norin and Cheryl Reader-Family Read; and Sherri Wells-Membership.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at graduation. There were several well-qualified applicants.

Next year the Hampton PTA will be fifty years old! A scrapbook is being made of the last 50 years. Anyone with information or pictures, please contact Sherri Wells 496-2884.



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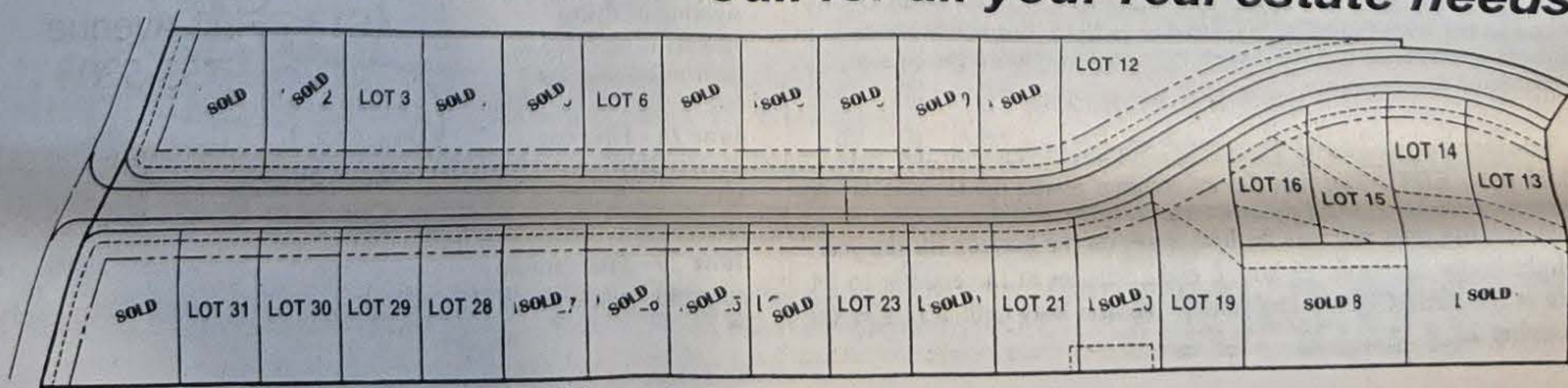
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7	8	Fire Dept. 7pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	Village Board 7pm	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	Fire Dept. 7pm	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day							
28	Village Board 7pm	29	Fire Dept. 7pm	30			

What's so special about . . .

June?

Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944. Operation Overlord took place on the beaches of Normandy in the early morning hours as the Allied forces invaded Europe to defeat Germany, leading to the end of World War II.

Flag Day, June 14, 1998. This holiday celebrates the anniversary of the formal adoption of the Stars and Stripes in 1777 as America's official flag.

Anniversary of First American Woman in Space, June 18, 1983. Dr. Sally K. Ride became the first American woman in space when she and four crewmates flew aboard the space shuttle Challenger, which was launched on this date from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Ride participated in subsequent flights in 1984 and 1985.

Father's Day, June 21, 1998. First initiated by Louise Smart Dodd's tribute to her own father on his birthday in 1910, this holiday became a national observance in 1966, when President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation.

Summer begins, June 21, 1998. Summer begins on this date at 10:03 a.m., EDT. The first day of summer marks the longest day of the year, meaning that in the area between the equator and the Artic Circle, the sun rises and sets farthest north on the horizon for the year. Daylight hours last from 12 hours, eight minutes at the equator to 24 hours at the Artic Circle. The summer season lasts until 1:37 a.m. on September 23.

Modest Moments in June

- June 1** - First Superman comic book is published, 1938.
- June 3** - World's first tattoo is performed, 208 B.C.
- June 4** - World record for hacky-sacking is set: 48,825 consecutive kicks, 1988.
- June 5** - First drive-in theater opens, 1933.
- June 8** - First stolen car is reported, 1896.
- June 9** - National Football League and American Football League merge, 1966.
- June 10** - First drive-thru restaurant opens in America, 1952.
- June 14** - TV show "Mr. Ed" premieres, 1951.
- June 16** - First baseball game is played, 1846.
- June 17** - The Broadway musical "Oh! Calcutta!" opens using the naked human body for the first time as a stage costume, 1969.
- June 24** - World record is set for spitting a watermelon seed _ 68 feet, 9 1/8 inches, 1989.
- June 26** - First movie theater opens, with 10 cent movies, 1896.
- June 27** - First sighting of flying saucers is reported in the United States, 1947.
- June 28** - First dog show is held, Newcastle, England, 1859.
- June 29** - First remote control is sold with a TV, 1964.





Step Up to the Plate

With baseball season in full swing, we've decided to test your knowledge of baseball lingo. Match these colorful terms to their definitions:

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. air it out | A. A female baseball groupie. |
| 2. banana stick | B. A hit ball that skims along the ground. |
| 3. can of corn | C. An easily played fly ball. |
| 4. Daniel Webster | D. A pitcher's arm. |
| 5. greenfly | E. An automated pitching machine used by hitters in batting practice. |
| 6. Iron Mike | F. A thinly padded flat glove preferred by some infielders because it allows a fielded ball to be quickly grasped and thrown _ important in a doubleplay situation. |
| 7. keystone | G. A player known for debating or arguing with the umpires. |
| 8. men in blue | H. Bases loaded. |
| 9. nightcap | I. Second base. So called because second base is halfway around the bases and key to the game. |
| 10. pancake | J. Bat made of poor quality or soft wood. |
| 11. rabbit | K. The second game of a doubleheader _ often played in the evening. |
| 12. soupbone | L. To hit a ball a long distance, or to pitch a ball very fast. |
| 13. the table is set | M. The bounce or liveliness of a baseball. |
| 14. worm burner | N. The umpires. |

Answers on page 11

Happy 80th Birthday to Harold Newberg

Harold Newberg, 819-Second Ave. Ct., Hampton will be honored at a family dinner June 20 at Short Hills Country Club to celebrate his 80th birthday.

He was born June 20, 1918 in East Moline. He married Mercedes Mellon in 1944. They recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. Harold retired in 1982 from International Harvester as a chemist after 46 years of service.

Harold is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Moline, and the Elks, Svithiod, and Vikings Club of Moline. His children are Cheryl VanDeWalle, St. Louis, Noel Schweitzer, Champaign, and Scott Newberg, Hampton. Scott was two months old when the family moved to Hampton. The Newbergs have three grandchildren.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- June 1-Happy Birthday **Kayla Jared**, Love, great-grandma
- June 2-Happy Birthday **John VanDierendonck**, Love, your family
- June 3-Happy 51st Birthday **Thomas Kirk**, Love your family
- June 7- Happy Anniversary **James and Salomea Quinn**, Love your family
- June 9-Happy Anniversary **Rick and Jennifer Jared**, Love, Grandma
- June 10-Happy Birthday **Helen McKay**, Love, your family
- June 12-Happy Birthday **Alexandrea Stanton**, Love, great grandma
- June 18-Happy Birthday **Sam McKay**, Love, Mom
- June 23-Happy Birthday **Joshua McKay**, Love, great-grandma
- June 24-Happy 26th Anniversary **John VanDierendonck**, Love, your wife
- June 29-Happy 30th Anniversary **Don Littig**, Love, your wife

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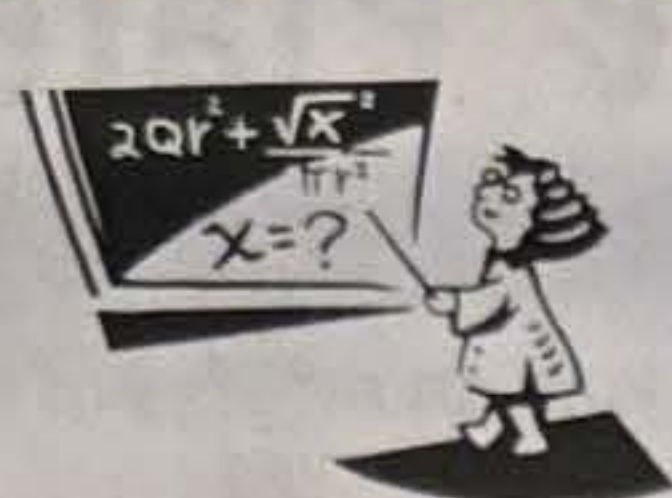
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Potential Scientists Share at Hampton School Science Fair



Science project winners display their trophies. Front row: Heather Baldridge, Alex Hanson, Audrey Cosgrave. Second row: Mark Beals, Drew Hanson, Kaycee Akers, Nicole Begeski, and Jerome Harms. Absent from the picture are Alex Curran, Joey DeJaegher, Tommy Harker, Nathan Hussman, David Hull, and Sarah Nutt. Congrats to the winners and all participants. (Photo by Georgia Baldridge)

by Georgia Baldridge

The 1998 Hampton Elementary School Science Fair was held on April 23rd. Each year the fair seems to be getting better and better. Although, the 4th through 8th grade students' science projects are eligible to be judged, it seems our younger classes are also anxious to join in the fun of experimenting. I was amazed to see these students being so involved.

This year, there were fresh new challenges of completely different aspects in science. There were so many projects I felt as though I had to rush in order to see each and every one of them. Of course, I then backtracked to study some of the more interesting ones to me.

I suggest next year that the school make some posters to put up inviting our community to come to their "SCIENCE FAIR". I think there are many of our Hampton residents that would enjoy seeing what our children are doing and see how enthusiastic they are to research the many corners of science, how things run, what makes them tick, and what happens if - - -. So all you science buffs - hope to see you there next year.

The projects were judged prior to the public viewing. The judges commented that the exhibits were all very good, and it was very difficult to choose the winners. They commented the 5th and 6th graders had outstanding exhibits.

The "4th - 8th Grade Individual Science Project Winners" were:

4th Grade: 1st place - **Jerome Harms** for his apple seeds project

2nd place - **Jerad Alex Hanson** for his liquid evaporation project

5th Grade: 1st place - **Nicole Begeski** for her amazing insects project

2nd place - **Heather Baldridge** for her craters project

6th Grade: 1st place - **Joey DeJaegher** for his reinforced behavior project

2nd place - **Audrey Cosgrave** for her lifting ice cube project

7th Grade: 1st place - **Kaycie Akers** for her solar energy project

2nd place - **Nathan Hussman** for his themite welding project

8th Grade: 1st place - **David Hull** for his melting ice project

2nd place - **Tommy Harker** for his yeast project.

The "Best of Show Science Project Winners" were:

1st Place - **Mark Beals** (5th grade) for his weather forecasting project

2nd Place - **John Drew Hanson** (6th grade) for his Hot Wheels D-Force & Travel project

3rd Place - **Sarah Nutt** (8th grade) for her density project

4th Place - **Alex Curran** (8th grade) for his matter project.

A special thanks is extended to Mr. Gipson (the Science teacher), all other faculty who helped, all the staff for their help, the judges, the Hampton Fire Department for use of their tables, Metro Bank for donating the trophies, McKay Plating for the cash awards, all the participating students, and all the parents for making the "1998 Hampton Elementary School Science Fair" a big success.

Hampton Historical Society will host the annual potluck picnic on Sunday July 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the Black Store Building.

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Messages from 1898 are found in the 1960's

By Rocky Nelson

We've mentioned the way the village of Hampton looked in the mid-19th Century, with its picket fences surrounding each house and the streets being a dirt strip (or an ice strip in winter). Also, a little about what daily life was like and about the clothing of the time. The shoes were particularly interesting. Up until Civil War time there was no such thing as right and left shoes. You bought shoes that you could get your feet into and then time and usage molded them to your feet. This resulted in foot problems that we can't believe today. One group of items that always attracts attention are displays of antique tools, including shoemakers tools, many of which were designed to alleviate the pain of the many ailments. Tools that stretched leather at a particular place in a shoe to ease the pressure on a corn, bunion, or callous. They were very innovative about designing tools.

General stores might carry shoes but most people went to the shoemaker. Hampton's shoemaker was Mr. Webster. He lived in the house on Second Avenue now occupied by George Johnston. His shoes were made to order and made very well. As time went on, shoes were made more and more to the shape of the feet that would go in them.

We mentioned previously in this column, how sleds of all kinds were utilized in winter months in this village. A local citizen, Frank H Stevens, made many of these sleds. He was a wagon maker by trade and his shop was north of Crompton's blacksmith shop, north of Black's Store. He and Crompton worked together, Stevens doing the woodwork and Crompton the ironwork. Both were good at their jobs and turned out outstanding products. Handmade wagons, buggies, or sleighs were considered far superior to factory products in those days. Stevens also made wheelbarrows, push carts, kid's wagons, and many other useful articles. He lived on Second Avenue where Melvin Monson now lives. This writer is particularly interested in Frank Stevens because he worked on our house and left messages for us to find. Apparently he also did trim work on houses. When we moved into our house in 1960, we took up a doorjamb and found a message from October 1898, from Frank H Steven's, saying it snowed all day. Later we took off some coating in the kitchen to put in some cabinets. Several pieces had messages, all dated in May 1898. One particularly interesting for May 28 said it rained all day, Walter Black, and Mr. Hermes came by, and they had a can of beer. A can of beer in those days would not be what we know today as a can of beer, but rather a empty lard can or something similar filled with beer. Interesting how our ancestors reach out to us over time.

Crier Wants You

The volunteer staff of the Crier has dwindled to five families. Please consider offering your talents and time to the readers of the paper. Typing (no computer skills necessary) and paste-up are the most critical needs now. If you have an hour, 2, 3, 4 or more per month, we can use your help. Of course, ideas and articles are always appreciated.

June schedule: Deadline for articles-June 15

Typing-at an individual's home on a computer or at Quinn Hardware, I can set-up format and you just type- June 16-19 (any hour)

Paste-up-at the village hall basement, call Mickey at Quinn Hardware 755-1641, if you are coming. June 21 4-7 p.m., June 23, 24, 25 from 7-9:00 p.m.

All ages welcome! Yes, that means you!

Thank You



Learning is a Life-Long Process

Thirty-five Graduate from Hampton

Eighth grade graduates include: Jennifer Baldrige, Renee Champion, Emily Cosgrave, Alex Curran, Terran DeMeyer, Matthew Dies, Scott Engemann, Elizabeth Grabin, Thomas Harker, Todd Hill, Mariah Hofstetter, James Hood, David Hull, Jeremy Jacques, William Kiger, David Kindred, Ben Ledbetter, Jenay Lindsay, Holley Manthei, Jeffery Martin, Ryan Martin, Fay Mattson, Jacquelyn Nino, Sarah Nutt, Stephanie Phillips, Ryan Rafferty, Ashley Reisenbigler, Steven Rogers, Summer Sappington, Amanda Sedgwick, Christopher Shaffer, Maximilano Tapia, Steven Taylor, Ashley Webb, Jeremy Werner. The Valedictorian is Jacquelyn Nino and the Salutatorian is Elizabeth Grabin. The graduation ceremony will be held Wednesday June 3 at 7:00 p.m.

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Tug Pageant Will Be Part of Tug Fest

The Tug Fest will host the first annual Pageant Event during the Port Byron Great River Tug Festival. The Great River Tug Festival will be held on July 31 and Aug. 1, with the Pageant event on Friday July 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gazebo in downtown Port Byron.

The Pageant will consist of girls and boys aged 2-5 years and girls aged 15-19 years. The judging will be based on overall appearance and personality. There is dress attire required for all contestants. The young boys and girls will wear dress or Sunday clothes. The 15-19 year old girls will show two outfits (one formal and one casual). The formal may be long or short. There will be a limit to the number of candidates accepted only the first 40 of 2 to 5 year olds and the first 20 of 15 to 19 year olds. For further information, applications are in the Tug Fest brochure at area businesses or you may contact Tug Fest c/o Connie Johnson P.O. Box 511 Port Byron, IL 61275. A special thanks to pageant sponsors listed in the brochure.



Tug Fest Needs More Crafters

The Port Byron Tug Fest committee is seeking more crafters to display their wares July 31 from 4:00 p.m. to dusk and Aug. 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Jamie Coffey, 301 N. High St. Port Byron, IL 61275, phone 309-523-3848. Pictured above: Meg Nitz, one of the owners of J and M Specialty Baskets, displays some products available at the craft show. Jody Chaffee and Meg Nitz are the two owners of J & M. They will be showing off their new business at the Tug Fest. The contents of baskets vary from bath products to books and sculptures. They also will custom design one for you. Prices begin at \$15. For more information or to order baskets call 496-2559.

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FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1998

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
3:00	Kid's Barrel Painting Art & Craft Displays	North of Boat Ramp South end of Main St.
4:30	Most Wanted Karaoke	River Front Stage
5:00	Tug Fest Hoops Tip Off	North End of Main St.
5:30	Tug Royalty Coronation	Gazebo
6:00	Kid's Tug of War	River Front-South
7:00	Riff Raff rock-n-roll band	River Front Stage
9:30	Rumble Over the River	All Along River Front
10:00	Riff Raff rock-n-roll band	River Front Stage

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 1998

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00	Pancake Breakfast	Fire Station
7:30	Flag Raising - Boys Scout	Fire Station
8:00	Tug Fest Hoops Kid's Fun Run	North end of Main St. Main St. at War Memorial
8:15	8K Tug Run	Main St. at War Memorial
9:00	Arts and Crafts	South end of Main St.
10:00	Kid's Games	Main Street
11:00	Kid's Tug of War	River Front - South
12:00	Q-106 Live Remote Parade of Tuggers	Tug Site Fire Station
1:00 - 3:00	THE TUG	Tug Site
3:00	Quad City Karaoke	River Front Stage
3:30	Awards Ceremony	River Front Stage
4:00	Quad City Karaoke	
5:30	Neon's classic rock and roll	River Front Stage
9:00	Hap Hazzard classic rock-n-roll band	River Front Stage
12:00	Thank You.	We'll see you next year.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 1998

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There we are, huddled around the tribal campfire, telling and retelling the stories of our people.

Superintendent's View of the School

"Change equals Improvements"

Over the past three years the Board of Education and Administration have been improving Hampton School by following the goals set by the Community/School Survey in 1994. We have fixed the roofs that were leaking, replaced doors and glass that were not meeting fire code, replaced the fire alarm system and PA system, replaced tiles in ceiling and floor, completed asbestos compliance work, put in a hot lunch program and added space for a bookkeeper, as well as, worked with the PTA to put in a playground with equipment and a fenced in area. There are many other physical improvements that were made that had been neglected over the past twenty years. In addition, at parents' request, have moved the school into the age of technology in the classroom. In a short three year period the school has been improved with the use of your tax dollars.

A recent parent/community involvement survey compiled by Shelly Wallace supports the fact that Hampton School has improved over the last three years. Through the survey we were able to identify strengths and weaknesses at Hampton School. The following were considered strengths:

1. We have brand new playground equipment for our students.
2. Hampton School is a very safe environment. We are a drug free zone and police patrol quite often.
3. The turn over rate is very low for the faculty and staff. Students get to know all of the teachers before they have them.
4. Since we have such a low turn over rate the standards have been set and, therefore, Hampton has a reputation of having a strong academic program. Everyone wants to keep this reputation going.
5. We have a low percent of single parent households.
6. The great majority of our parents work to support their families.
7. We are a handicapped accessible school.
8. The office personnel are very friendly and courteous.
9. The office sends home a monthly calendar with the menu and special events.
10. Teachers and administrator will set up conferences or meetings upon request. These meetings are usually after school hours to accommodate the parents.
11. The PTA meets the first Monday of every month to plan parties and other special events.
12. Parents' observations are welcomed in the classrooms.

13. Upon entering the classrooms, parents can easily get a sense of what takes place on a regular basis.

14. Teachers let parents know of expectations for homework.

15. Teachers make it clear, when they have to, that some decisions regarding a consequence are not negotiable.

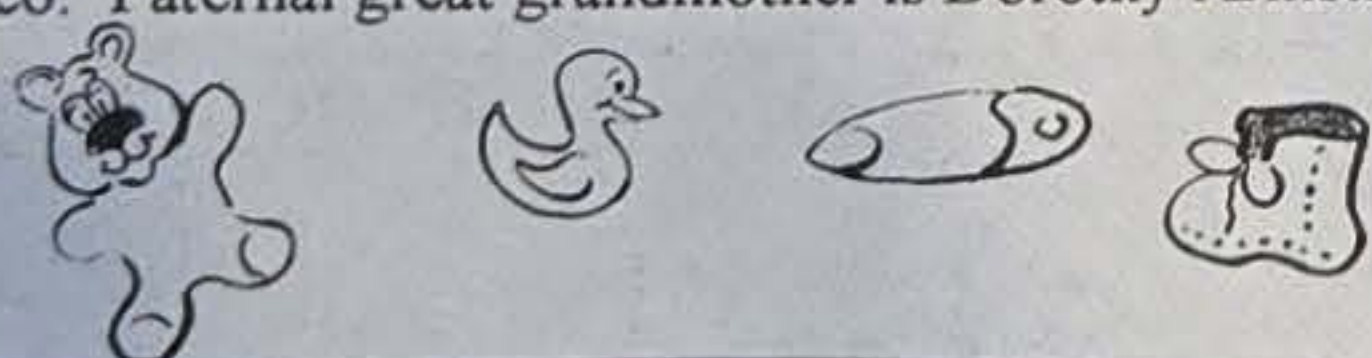
We do have some weak areas that will give us an opportunity to further improve Hampton School. These weakness are:

1. We need to stop the political battles going on about our school and administrator.
2. We should have the school be a polling place on Election Day to expose students to the process.
3. Hold more school sponsored events for the parents and community.
4. Start a day care/after school program.
5. To get the unsupervised students into a program.
6. We need to have welcome signs welcoming our visitors to our school.
7. We need to have directions or "you are here" signs showing visitors what they need to find.
8. The Principal should have posted hours and be in his office or the building at those times.
9. We need to up-date our Handbook.
10. We need more volunteers working in the school and classrooms.
11. Teachers need to attend PTA meetings. At least one teacher should be at every meeting.
12. Teachers need to be in-serviced on how to talk to students about divorce, death, or other social topics.

The recommendation is to increase parent/community involvement by starting with a few of our weaker areas instead of trying to fix all of them at one time. The Board of Education, teachers and administrator will sit down at a meeting to discuss the politics going on within our district. There are too many false and unfounded rumors flying around. The tension is not healthy for everyone concerned. We would like to have more hands-on workshops for parents and children and fun activities such as the talent show. We want to investigate a before and after school program together with the PTA and the First Choice Program so that we do not have children being at home alone and unsupervised. We feel the spirit of community is alive and positive in Hampton thanks to all those who support the changes and improvements at our school.

Birth Announcement

Melodie and Daniel Keefe of Springfield, IL are the parents of a daughter born April 24. Madison McGinnis Keefe was welcomed home by her three year old brother Patrick Daniel Keefe. Maternal grandparents are Evelyn McGinnis of Hampton and the late Everett E. McGinnis. Paternal grandparents are Edward and Ann Keefe of Rock Island. Maternal great grandparents are the late Charles and Lorina Pinks of Geneseo. Paternal great grandmother is Dorothy Armstrong of Juneo, Florida.



Reading in the Park is Planned

Children are invited to a summer reading program at the park on the hill. Children may bring books to read, borrow books, or have someone read to them each Saturday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 6th St. and 11th Ave. from May 30 to Aug. 22. A special surprise visitor will be there each week. Come and join the fun.

Hampton Resident Named Head of Q-C Convention and Visitors Bureau

Quad-Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau appointed Joe Taylor as the bureau's President/CEO effective May 1, 1998. Taylor has been serving as Acting President /CEO since the death of Bruce Riley McDaniel on Jan. 4. The board of directors selected Taylor following a nationwide search, according to board's chairman Steve Hyman.

Taylor has served as the bureau's Director of Communications and Membership since 1990 when the bureau was founded.

He previously served as Executive Director of the Davenport Area Convention and Visitors Bureau which merged with tourism offices in Bettendorf and the Illinois Quad-Cities to form the Quad-Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau. Prior to entering the tourism field, Taylor was editor of The Times Record, Aledo and a reporter for the Muscatine Journal.

Taylor and his wife, Kathy, a senior computer operator at 3M Cordova, reside in Hampton.



Pictured above is Joe Taylor, recently appointed President Q-C Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Baseball Lingo Answers:

1, L; 2, J; 3, C (This term originated with the grocer's habit of storing cans on a high shelf. To retrieve such a can, the grocer would tip it forward with a broom handle so that it would tumble easily into his waiting hands.); 4, G (Named after the loquacious - and long-winded - 1800s statesman.); 5, A So named after a persistent type of fly); 6, E; 7, I; 8, N; 9, K; 10, F; 11, M; 12, D (So called because the pitcher's arm is as important and central to the success of the team as a key ingredient is to a pot of soup.); 13, H; 14, B.

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