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Go-Karting Not Just a Dream for Matt Duncombe



Matt Duncombe displays some of his trophies that he has won in the past two years. Both his mother, Angel, and his father, Mike Duncombe, support his hobby.

By Tammy Harms

Eleven year old **Matt Duncombe** has a rather unique hobby...Go Kart racing. Matt doesn't have an ordinary Go Kart, he has a **GO KART!** It has a specially built engine, which allows him to race with speeds up to 65 miles per hour. Matt bought his Go Kart two years ago. He stripped it down to the frame and totally remodeled it, with the help of his father, Mike Duncombe. Matt, with the help of his parents, has approximately \$3,000 in his Go Kart. There is also a weekly cost of \$50.00 for gas and entry fees for the races. Local Hampton businesses have donated materials for the repairs, time, and regular maintenance needed for his Go Kart.

Matt's Go Kart weighs 170 pounds and runs on alcohol. He does not wear a seat belt while racing because the alcohol is so flammable; therefore, Matt has to wear a special fire suit with fire proofed neck roll, gloves and helmet when he races. The cost of this gear is approximately \$600. The Go Kart is very stable and extremely hard to flip over. The Go Karts receive an inspection prior to each race.

In the two years Matt has raced, he has won approximately 25 trophies for various categories within the races. Matt's helmet has four special words on the right side. Those words are "I Love You Mom." Matt starts every race by patting those words as a special signal to his mother, Angel Duncombe. This signal is an understanding that he is alert and he will be careful.

Number 6, Matt's kart, has two sponsors this year. They are Hy-Vee and Jiffy Convenient Stores. Matt races weekly at Sprint Kart Speedway in Mt. Joy. During May through August, races are held on Friday nights, and in September on Sunday nights. Matt has dedicated a lot of time and hard work on his Go Kart and has participated in many races. He really enjoys the thrill of racing, so come watch him race and cheer him on! Admission is only \$1.00. Practice races start at 5:00 p.m. with races starting at 7:00 p.m. You might want to bring a lawn chair, as seating is limited.

Where is the Hampton Police Chief?

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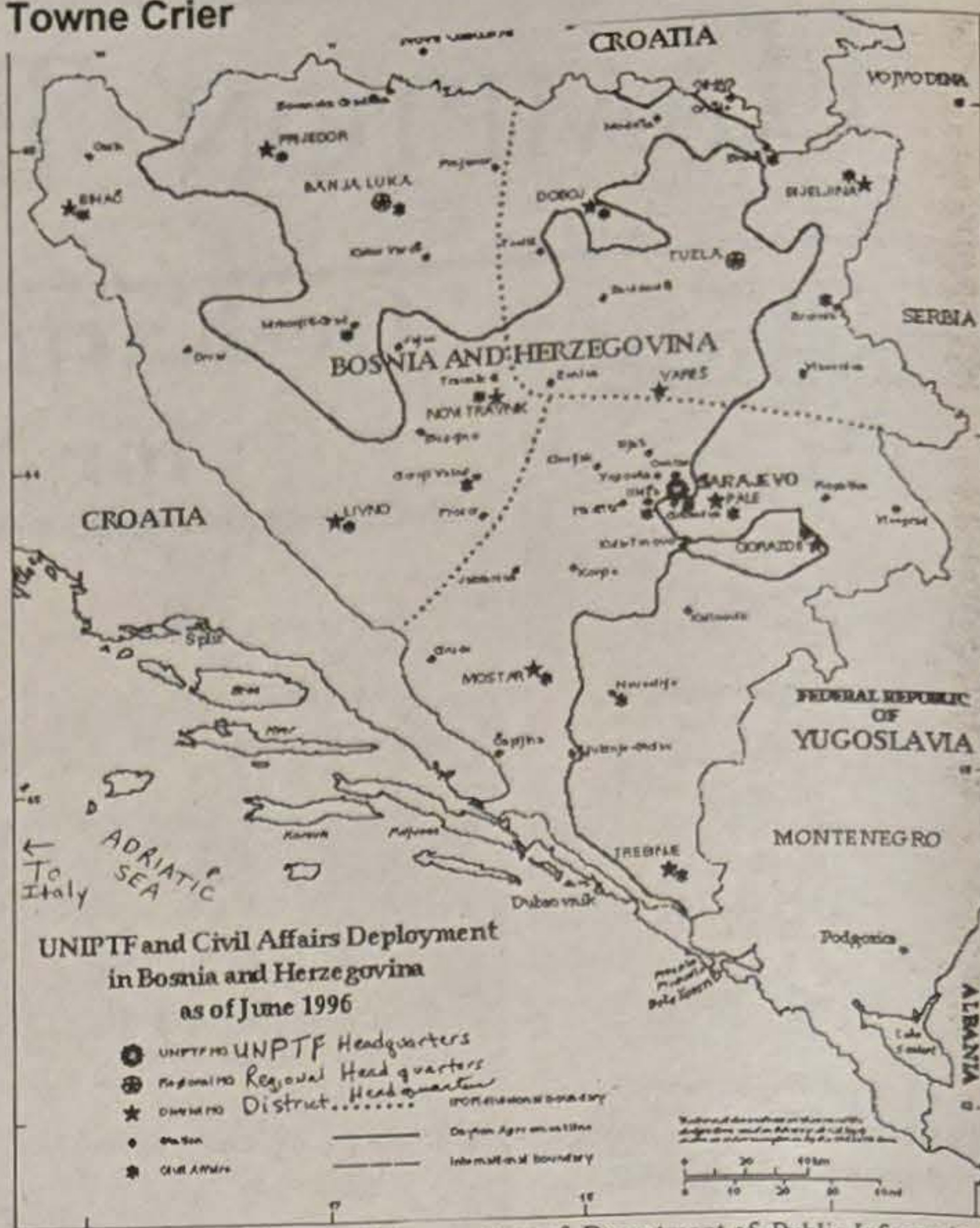
by Randy Baldrige

When the 8th graders met with their class sponsors in the fall of 1997, a comment was made that the class field day should provide memories for a lifetime. Little did anyone guess that a combination of parents and students would excel at fund raising. Dances, a carnation sale at Valentine's Day, and a food sale promotion called Club's Choice were extremely successful thanks to the students, parents, faculty, and community support. Part of the funds raised provided music, decorations, and part of the food for the class student/parents dinner dance, but most went towards the spectacular field trip.

A Scenic Cruiser bus left Hampton at 6:00 AM on May 28, 1998 with 31 eighth grade students and 8 chaperons (hoping for the best). At 9:30 AM the day started at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry for an all too brief stay. As they left the museum, the skies were dark and rain was pouring down threatening to spoil everything. It is humorous and ironic that Bob Gipson, our science teacher and aviator commented, "It's a local cell, it will pass in a half hour or so." Twenty nine minutes, fifty nine seconds later, the skies were blue which was important because the next event was a Lake Michigan cruise on the "Odyssey II". The Odyssey is a 200 foot, four deck ship, designed to accommodate groups. Our deck featured a dance floor with a very loud DJ and a beautiful buffet complete with large silver plated warmers. It was both interesting and heartening to observe that our students were in a racial minority. About half the kids were from a predominantly black high school, Harper, and there was a large mix of Hispanic and Asian students from various locations. To see them all share the dance floor, the buffet line and the sun deck with joy, dignity, and respect sent a powerful signal that we are doing something very well to bring about a color blind society.

The sun was brilliant, the lake aquamarine, the scenery awesome as the Odyssey cruised the shoreline with the huge skyscrapers to the west and the vast lake stretching to the eastern horizon. Too soon it ended and they were back at Navy Pier where they experienced the IMAX Theater which was a 3-D short movie filmed off the southern coast of California entitled "Into the Deep". It seemed logical to see the city from the air as well as from the lake and the Sears Sky Deck provided that view. After 45 minutes of viewing the city from the sky deck, they headed to "Ed DeBevics". Ed DeBevics is a restaurant they selected which is a 50's hamburger joint featuring raucous rock music, insulting "Fonz" type waiters, and gum popping waitresses. At one point the service people sang and danced on the lunch counter. The kids loved it.

"Memories for a Lifetime" had been well secured as the tired group headed home at 7:00 PM. However, one more memory was added. Around the 65 mile marker on I-88, it became pitch black with spectacular lightening. Within seconds, the 95 mile an hour winds that hammered Sterling and Rock Falls, hammered the bus which was forced to slow down to 15 m.p.h. Vision was cut to a few hundred feet as sheets of dirt and debris flew across the road. Sobs from a few girls were not inappropriate as in many ways peril seemed imminent. Some of the awe for Bob Gipson was lost since he failed to mention this weather cell (just kidding Bob). In ten to fifteen minutes they were through it and within an hour they were safely home with their "Memories for a Lifetime" plus one.



(Map courtesy of Department of Public Information)

Where in the world is the Hampton Police Chief?

If you answered Sarajevo, Bosnia, you are correct. Chief Larry Hufford left for Bosnia on June 17. He will spend one week in orientation and then he will receive his one-year assignment, somewhere in the Bosnia-Herzegovina area. (Sarajevo was formerly in Yugoslavia.) During Chief Hufford's absence, Sgt. Chuck Barrett will serve as chief. For more information, please refer to the article on page 11 on Hampton's Police Chief.

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Publishing Deadline is the 15th of the Month !!!

"Puttin' Around" Begins 8th Season



Do you want a wild ride or a tame ride? It depends on the driver. Soon you will be able to experience bumper cars at Puttin' Around. They had planned to be operational by now; however, the days of rain in June caused many delays.

by Randy Baldrige

"Puttin' Around" is open for its 8th consecutive season of offering family fun. This summer, owners, Tom and Judy Peterson, are adding a new feature - "Bumper Cars"! They will begin as soon as the rain stops pouring and the concrete pouring can begin. The ride will have five individually driven cars and one super car driven by two people. Hopefully, they will be ready the first week of July.

The eighteen hole "Adventure Golf" is one of the largest mini-golf courses in the area. A game called "Bank Shot Basketball" involves scoring points at each of eighteen stations by banking shots off specially designed back boards. "Water Wars" allows dueling with water filled balloons propelled with sling shot like devices. The object is to soak your friends before they soak you.

Many safety features are built into the design of the facility and the bumper vehicles. These unique cars combine the fun of a go-cart, bumper cars, and a spin & whirl all in one unit.

Party packs are available and offer combinations of pop, pizza, hot dogs, and games at great savings. Packages vary according to the number of people you are trying to accommodate. Sounds like a great way to have party fun keeping the noise and mess out of your home.

Judy mentioned that their concession stand has a treat called Hawaiian Shaved Ice, which is very popular. In addition to the flavors of cherry, strawberry, root beer, lime, and pineapple, they have added two exotics called blue vanilla and tigers blood. Why don't you stop in and play a few games and try the last two flavors? You can do so between noon and 10:00 PM everyday June through August. And the same times on May and September weekends.

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JAMMIN' WITH JANE

JANE NELSON

Everybody must be planning picnics, because we have had non-stop rain the first half of June. With all the gray cool days, it is very difficult to become inspired to write or find new recipes. I do, however, have a new cookbook that I purchased at the Raggedy Ann Festival in Arcola. We were there for my daughter Melinda's birthday on May 16. I won't tell you her age, but Brenda Pfau could tell you. Last year, we just missed the festival, because we attended the State Historical Meeting in Carbondale. There is a wonderful shopping center or outlet mall at Tuscola. I purchased the cookbook I used for the first recipe at a Harry and David's Store. It is "I Can't Believe This Has No Sugar" cookbook. It is by Deborah E. Buhr, 1997, St. Martin's Place, 175 5th Ave New York N.Y. 10010.

One of the two recipes I have tried is Rhubarb-Strawberry Pie. Thanks to Bobbie Beals who shared rhubarb she had gotten from Mrs. Robinson. Rock and I picked strawberries in the rain at Happy Hollow. I thought we had about 2 1/2 cups but I froze enough for another pie along with the rhubarb.

RHUBARB STRAWBERRY PIE

- 1 C plus 2 T (9 oz.) UNSWEETENED FROZEN APPLEJUICE
CONCENTRATE any brand
6 T minute tapioca
2 T vegetable oil
2 C chopped rhubarb
2 1/2 C sliced fresh strawberries or frozen
Your favorite crust for a 2 crust pie or 1 crust with a crumb topping.
1. Preheat oven to 400degrees
 2. In a large bowl, stir together concentrate, tapioca, oil, rhubarb, and strawberries; allow to stand for at least 10 minutes to soften the tapioca.
 3. Pour mixture into pie shell of choice. Top with crust or topping. I used a top crust on mine.
 4. Bake 10 min. at 400 degrees and then cook 50 min. at 375
 5. Be sure the top is a golden brown and the middle is bubbling.
- We like this served with a scoop of Porter's vanilla ice cream. The pie is 133 calories a slice without the ice cream. Diabetics
Exchanges starch 1, fat 1/2, fruit 1.

I planned to put the Blueberry Crisp recipe from this book next. I tried it and it needs a little work. It had a barley topping and I found it to hard to chew. I will try it with Grape Nuts and see if that will improve it and you may see the recipe in August.

Here is a rather tasty quick recipe. You can make it in about 30 minutes start to finish. The basic recipe is from the Spring and Summer 1998 cookbook from Pampered Chef. I cut it down to about 3 or 4 servings the original was for 6.

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN

- 3/4 C red or green bell pepper
1t fresh ginger root peeled and chopped
4 green onions with tops, thinly sliced
1 can (20oz.) pineapple chunks in juice (I think next time I will try tidbits.)
2 boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 package (3oz.) baked chicken flavored ramen noodles (I used oriental original)
1/3 C raspberry fat free dressing or sweet sour sauce.
Combine green pepper, onions, and drained pineapple. Measure the drained juice and add water to make 1 cup.

You can use 2 packages of noodles and 4 chicken breasts and 2 cups of water for 6 helpings. Lightly spray the skillet and brown the cut up chicken breasts. Stir frequently for 3 to 4 minutes. Add ginger and stir for 30 seconds. Add pineapple liquid, bring to a boil. Add noodles, broken into pieces; add seasoning packet from noodles. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer 3 minutes until noodles are tender and most of the liquid is absorbed. I sautéed the green pepper and onion in another small pan with the pineapple. Add the raspberry dressing or sweet sour sauce and combine mixtures. Cook until it is hot and serve.

This would go well with a nice green salad and a frozen dessert of some kind. This is a very quick and light meal, if the temperature ever gets really warm. This would be great meal on a hot night when you don't really feel like cooking. It would be a lot less calories than fast food.

HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Superintendent's View of the School

July, 1998

Board Retreat and Superintendent's Goals Planned

Board Retreat! We will start the new school year with a common focus and sense of direction that is a direct result of the Board of Education's Retreat to be held at St. Mary's Church Hall on July 18, 1998. Your superintendent will facilitate the retreat, which features a session on school finance, planning, communication and policy. The end result will be a common focus shared with the District Leadership Team that has received Blackhawk Collaborative for Education Improvement training to facilitate a shared vision for the entire staff and school system for the next school year. What is best for the children and setting tentative Goals for the 1998-99 School Year will be discussed from 6:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon. The Board will act at their regular board meeting on August 10, 1998 to adopt these goals. The tentative goals were aligned with the five original goals developed by the School/Community Planning process conducted in the 1994-95 School Year.

Tentative Goals for 98-99

#1 - aligned with original #5 & #3

Create a positive two way Communications Program

- A. Survey/ Re-survey community on wants and needs.
- B. Disseminate School Improvement Plan
- C. Public Relations Committee of Board to take a more active role:
 - work with newspaper to publish Board column in the Town Crier, quarterly Board newsletter, Flyers on issues, open - house/tours of the school facilities and hold a "town meeting" to get information out.
- D. Create an on-line living calendar for the Board to be up-dated as needed.

#2 - aligned with original #2 & #3

Provide a quality education for all students and a sound educational program that uses technology to improve Reading scores on the IGAP Tests and STS Tests.

- A. Develop a written curriculum plan to increase student performance in Reading
- B. Align the Reading Curriculum goals with the new State Standards for Learning
- C. Include in the plan the use of engaged learning activities and use of technology

#3 - aligned with original #1 & #5

Develop a plan to keep everyone informed on improvements to the building and grounds, improvements in the educational program, and use of technology in the delivery and evaluation of curriculum.

- A. Reports to the Board of Education at regular meetings.

The faculty and staff will be asked to use these goals to keep the focus on what is best for children to accomplish the Mission of the school district. The superintendent will by contract have performance goals and will assist the staff to ensure that a team effort is in place to accomplish goals. Each staff member will be responsible to write objectives specific to their job assignment to help accomplish these goals.

- See Supt. View Page 5

Supt. View From Page 4 -

As superintendent my vision has always included what is best for students. My goals are aligned with and support the Board of Education's goals. I will share below the outline of my goals that will be further refined by the Board.

1. Help to create a communications plan for our school
2. Assist teaching staff in writing a K-8 Reading Curriculum to improve Reading

scores on the IGAP tests by using engaged learning activities and technology.

3. Schedule Reports to the Board regarding curriculum and other improvements.

To accomplish our school district mission to provide the best possible education for all students we all need to work together. This is an invitation to everyone in the community and especially parents to take an active part to support the Goals of the School. Please comment on any of these tentative proposed goals before they are adopted at the August 10, 1998 board meeting by contacting any board member or superintendent Paquette.

UNITED STATES ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY HONORS LOCAL YOUTH

by Randy Baldrige

Chris Shaffer, who graduated this year from Hampton, received two awards from the United States Achievement Academy. One was for being selected an "All American Scholar" and the second for "Achievement in Science". The Academy selects students upon the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors.

We congratulate Chris and his proud parents, Dawn and Jim. We encourage Chris to carry the banner of academic excellence onto United Township High School and join the other scholars who have represented Hampton School District so well.

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Congratulations **Monica VanDieren-Weiske** on receiving her Masters Degree in mathematics from Carnegie - Mellon University, Pittsburgh. Monica continues to receive a teaching fellowship as she pursues her doctoral studies.



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5 Historical Society Picnic @ Black's Store 1:00 p.m.	6	7 Fire Department 7 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12 Village Board 7 p.m.	13 Village Board 7 p.m.	14 Fire Department 7 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Fire Department 7 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26 Village Board 7 p.m.	27 Village Board 7 p.m.	28 Fire Department 7 p.m.	29	30	31 Tug Fest Activities See last month's issue for details	

What's so special about ...

July ?

National Recreation and Parks Month. This observance, sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, pays tribute to the thousands of individuals who work to bring the social, health, cultural and economic benefits of parks and recreation facilities to communities across the country.

Canada Day, July 1, 1998. Canada Day, celebrated each July 1, commemorates the union of the Canadian provinces to form the Dominion of Canada in 1867. The British House of Commons approved the confederation of the country's North American colonies to ward off annexation by the United States. Canada West, Canada East, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were united under the British North American Act (later renamed the Constitution Act). Until recently the celebration was known as Dominion Day, but in an attempt to downplay the country's colonial history, the name was changed to Canada Day in 1982.

Halfway point of 1998, July 2, 1998. At noon on this day there will be 182-1/2 days left until Jan. 1, 1999.

Dog Days, July 3- Aug. 15, 1998. These days are statistically the hottest of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. This six-week period is named after the Dog Star Sirius, which appears at or just before sunrise during this time.

Independence Day, July 4, 1998. The Fourth of July celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the original 13 colonies of the United States in 1776, thereby severing their ties to Great Britain. That historic document was drafted by Thomas Jefferson, with substantial edits made by other members of the Congress. An officially inscribed version was signed by 56 members of

the Continental Congress on August 2. Celebration of the day began during the American Revolution with fireworks and parades, traditions that continue today. The best-known observance takes place in Washington, D.C., and includes a spectacular fireworks display.



Republican party formed, July 6, 1854. The "Grand Old Party" was officially formed on this day at a convention in Ripon, Wis.

Running of the Bulls, July 6-14, 1998. As part of the festival of San Fermin, each morning young men race through the streets of Pamplona, Spain, "escorting" to the bull ring the bulls fighting on that day.

World Population Day, July 11, 1998. The world's population is estimated to have reached five billion on this day in 1987. The United Nations has proclaimed the date as "The Day of the Five Billion" to draw attention to the world's rapidly increasing population — expected to top 6.2 billion by 2000.

Moon Day, July 20, 1969. Moon Day marks the 29th anniversary of man's first landing on the moon. Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin alighted from the lunar module Eagle onto the moon's surface at 4:17 p.m., EDT. The Apollo 11 astronauts spent more than two hours exploring the moon outside the spacecraft while Col. Michael Collins, command module pilot, remained in lunar orbit.

Birth of the first test tube baby, July 25, 1978. Louise Brown, born 20 years ago in Oldham, England, was the first baby conceived through in-vitro fertilization. More than 50,000 "test tube babies" have been born since that time.



Important Hampton School Dates and Fees

By Lee Hansemann

SCHOOL REGISTRATION - Thursday August 6, 1998 from 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. If you can not make these times or date, please contact the school at 755-0693 to make arrangements to register your child.

SCHOOL PHYSICALS Required for all students entering Kindergarten and 5th Grade.

All Kindergarten students need lead screening test and certified Birth Certificate if you did not turn it in at Round-Up.

REGISTRATION AND SCHOOL FEES \$30.00 per student for book rental - wavers will be available at registration.

BUS FEES 1 child = \$31.25 per quarter or \$125.00 per year
2 children = \$43.75 per quarter or \$175.00 per year
3 or more children = \$50.00 per quarter or \$200.00 per year

FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS Monday, August 24, 1998 from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER !!!!!!!!!!!

R. I. County Contig Winner is Named

By Tammy Harms

Matt Duncombe, of Hampton, is the Contig winner for Rock Island County. The Contig coordinator is Ms. Maletta, Hampton fifth grade teacher. Contig is a math game, which uses addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division of three special dice to make an answer. The answer is marked off on a number board; i.e., the dice show 3, 5, 7 and to get a sum the player could use $3+5=8-7=1$, with one being the sum. The players must calculate all problems mentally without the aid of paper and pencil. The sum must equal a number on the number board. Points are given when the same player has two or more sums marked off on the board that are touching. Matt won the First Place Trophy, which is a traveling trophy, going to the school of the winner each year. This year, other students participating at the county level from Hampton are Olivia Husman and Brian Taylor.



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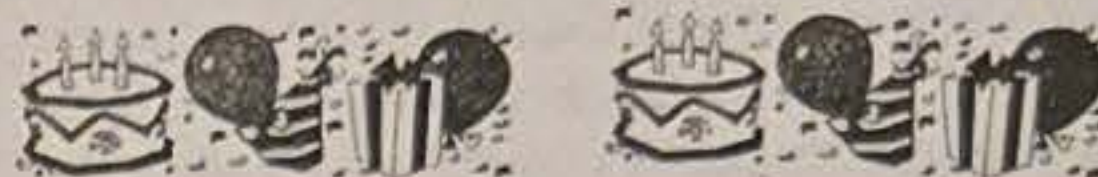
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Historical Society Hosts Potluck Picnic

The Hampton Historical Society will hold an old-fashioned summer picnic on Sunday, July 5, at 1:00 PM at Brettun and Black's Store. Everyone is invited to bring a couple of covered dishes and share them with your neighbors in an 1849 vintage building. Take a step into the past and have fun.



July Birthdays

July 3 Happy Birthday to **Shad McKay**, Love Grandma
July 8 Happy 68th Birthday to **Jack Coder**, Love your family
July 17 Happy Birthday to **Roberta (Bobbie) Beals**, Your Neighbors
July 18 Happy 3rd Birthday to **Becca Kosminsky**, Love your family
July 18 Happy Birthday to **Jan McKay**, Love Mom
July 21 Happy Birthday to **Scott McKay**, Love Grandma
July 21 Happy Birthday to **Ben McKay**, Love Great-Grandma
July 29 Happy 15th Birthday to **Jim VanDieren**, Love your family



WATER SAFETY

By Tammy Harms

It's That Time Of Year Again...Boating And Jet Ski Season! We just want to remind everyone to please practice boat and jet ski safety:

- 1) Wear a life jacket at all times - especially children!
- 2) Be alert and aware of who is around you on the water.
- 3) Be courteous to others on the water and watch your speed in congested areas.
- 4) Most of all... Please remember, **ALCOHOL does not mix with boating, jet skiing or any other water sport!** Have a fun summer and enjoy the water - SAFELY!

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Years Ago Horse Whisperer Visits Hampton

By Rocky Nelson

Two weeks ago at Black's Store, we had a visitor named Robert Baumbach from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Although a member of the Society, he had not ever been here. He is a descendent of one of Hampton's most significant people. Henry Baumbach went to the Civil War in 1861 as a fifer at the age of 12. He was discharged four years later as a Fife Major, which was considered a commissioned officer. It is claimed he was the youngest commissioned officer in the Union Army, which may or may not be true. In any case, being a soldier as a pre-teen and an officer in his mid-teens, is a notable achievement. His descendent, our visitor, is researching genealogy and is tracing his roots. The Baumbachs were early settlers, and various members lived here throughout the last century. It was a pleasure helping the congenial Mr. Baumbach look for information and we are pleased that we were able to supply some. There actually was more than we expected to find. The Baumbachs were related to the Glanzs, the Guckerts, and Mohrs. Also the Adams, though the Hampton Adams did not seem to fit in Baumbach's family tree. He left happy at his discoveries and headed for Wisconsin to look for his wife's Danish relatives who came in the 1900's to raise potatoes.

This writer has become interested in genealogy and since last August has devoted a good deal of time to tracing the paper trail of a bunch of old, dead Swedes. That may not sound very interesting but somehow the thing takes hold and you end up with an intense fascination with long deceased people. My parents were both Swedish immigrants so the search had been mainly through Swedish Church Records. The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints has a Family Research Center in Davenport and we've been able to obtain what we need on microfilm from Salt Lake City. Genealogists are extremely grateful to the Mormons who have more information on ancestry than any other source.

One of my relatives (my mother's brother) was brought to mind recently when Jane and I went to see the movie "The Horse Whisperer", starring Robert Redford. I found myself watching a person with powers similar to my Uncle who was also a "Horse Whisperer". A "Horse Whisperer" is a person who breaks and trains horses, but not in ordinary ways. A few people seem to have the power to communicate directly with the animal. Such was my Uncle John.

He was born in Skivarp, Sweden on November 5, 1883. In Sweden his name was Jons Anderson (Jons was pronounced Yun) but here he went by the Anglicized John Anderson. His ability to handle animals became almost legendary in his time. My Aunt Eda (his sister and my mother's sister) dictated her life story to her daughter who transcribed it. I have a copy and some of it relates to Uncle John. One of my aunt's reminiscences involved a neighbor who was trying to break a

young horse. He had no success, whatsoever, with the high spirited animal. Uncle John happened to walk by and asked if he could try. The neighbor was more than happy to let him. For years afterward, the neighbor told that within two hours the horse was following John wherever he went without a bridle. A scene in Redford's movie relates an incident like this almost exactly. This kind of story was commonplace. Many horse breakers used force, beating the horse until they dominated the animal. John never beat a horse or any other animal.

It wasn't just horses. The old adage is "You can't teach an old dog new tricks", but Uncle John could! He would be driving down a road with his horse and wagon when a farmer's dog would run to bark at them. Before long, the dog would be sitting beside him in the wagon and John would take it a few miles down the road, teach it some tricks and sell it. (I didn't say Uncle John was an honest man, just that he had a power with animals).

I have one personal memory of him. It must have been in 1934, because the World's Fair was in Chicago. I was 3 years old. I recall this big, tall man staying at our house for a few days on his way to the fair. He had a new wife and a new dog. For Uncle John taking a dog on his honeymoon was perfectly reasonable. What I remember about him was his making a harness out of twine so I could lead the dog around. Actually, I remember more about the dog than about my uncle. It was a huge (at least to a 3 year old) dog, and a German Shepherd, if my memory serves me correctly. I remember thinking he was very nice and I wished they would let me ride him, though I was too shy to ask.

John's life was interesting and unconventional. He would disappear for months at a time with his horse and wagon. One day he would reappear, usually with a pocketful of money. He never seemed to have a problem making a living with his amazing gifts. At one time he was offered the job of State Veterinarian of Minnesota, but it fell through, as did many things in his life because of his propensity for drink. His sisters blamed the drinking on being afflicted with asthma. My mother was even more afflicted with asthma and so am I. Asthma is one of the legacies my ancestors have given me. In any case, Uncle John finally alienated his sisters and moved to Nebraska. We saw him only once or twice after that. He did stay married and apparently adopted a more conventional life style.

So that was my family's "Horse Whisperer". A man who never hurt anybody except himself. I retrospect, I wonder how my over-protective mother could have allowed her 3-year-old baby to play with a huge dog. But really, it's not that hard to believe. You see she knew John had trained him.

Hampton Police Join State-Wide Safety Belt Use Crackdown

"We need to reach out to nearly 2.5 million people in Illinois to reach the buckle up goal of 85 percent usage by the year 2000," said Officer Chris Wolfe of the Hampton Police Department. These figures are estimates according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Safety belts have proven to be effective and are estimated to save close to 9,500 lives every year. But usage rates in Illinois have dropped over the past few years.

"Based on a survey conducted by the Illinois Department of

Transportation in 1997, the belt use rate in Illinois is at 64.2%. This rate is down from a high rate of 68.7 % recorded in 1995," Officer Wolfe stated.

"We are joining the ranks of police agencies around the state in cracking down on not only speeders and drunk drivers, but also on safety belt use. We are going to get tough, and will accept no excuses for not being buckled up," he said.

The seat belt law has been on the records in Illinois since 1985 when the usage rate was 16%. Through directives like Buckle Up America, the rate should go up not only in Illinois, but indeed, nationwide.

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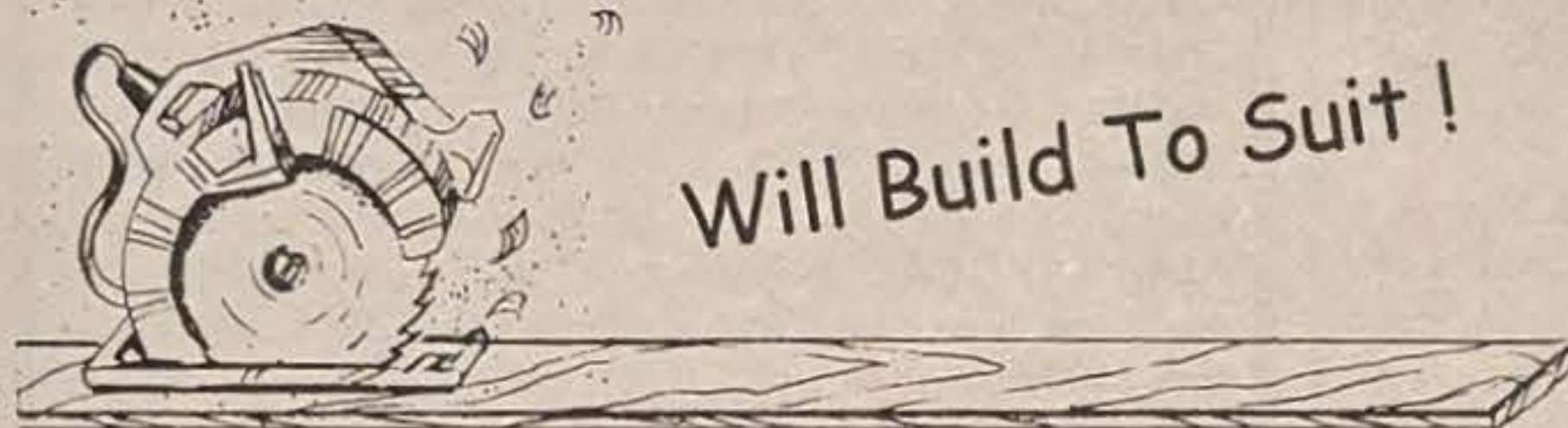
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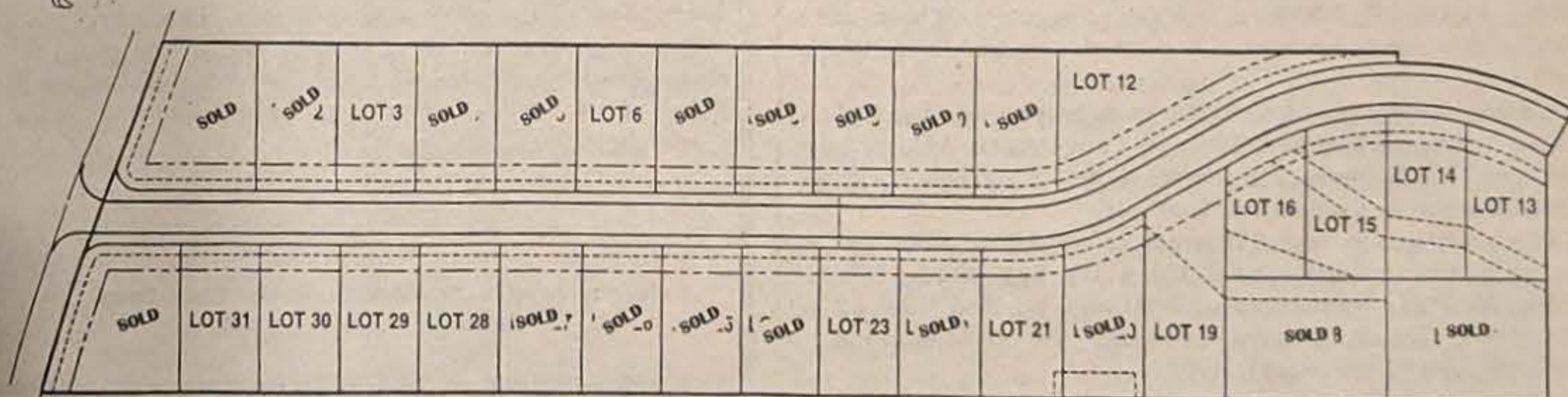
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Remembering Washday Blues

By Franciska Rasmussen

Long before the days of automatic washers and dryers, even as far back as when women would go to the creek to wash their clothes with stones, Monday was wash day.

At our house on Sunday night there was a ritual observed. It was the cutting of the soap. There were no detergents or soap powders in those days. What they had were bars of laundry soap. The bars of soap were Fels Naptha, and Procter and Gamble. Many years later the powders came on the scene, which was really a boon to the lady of the house. One of the most famous was Oxydol (which we still have) along with Rinso and Gold Dust Twins. We still had to wait a while for the detergents to do dishes though.

Mother would cut paper-thin shavings off the soap bar so when the shavings were put in hot water, they would dissolve. Another thing to prepare was the starch, which had to be boiled. Clothes were sorted as to colors, etc. Of course every laundry room had a wash board that was used to help loosen the more difficult stains.

On Monday morning, mother would be up by 4:00 A.M., putting on a large oval copper-boiling kettle that covered the two burners on the gas stove. Into this, would go the pre-washed white clothes that we turned and rearranged with a long wooden stick. Oh yes, bleach and some times bluing, was added to the rinse water.

Next came the rinsing, the wringing, and finally the starching. After the whites, the colored clothes were washed with the light background things first, and on down the line until every last bit of work clothes had been washed.

The laundry was down in the basement. We did have a washing machine made out of wood. I think it was oak, like the buckets. Mother made many trips up and down the basement stairs on laundry day. We had steel lines outside on which the laundry was hung but which first had to be cleaned thoroughly. The clothes were hung outside until just past the time of freezing. It was funny to see Dads' long underwear frozen stiff and leaning against the wall to thaw out.

In our neighborhood, Mom had to have her wash out first - - - "she just had to". If someone else hung had wash out before she did, her whole week was ruined. She was very pleased to know that when the other ladies were just starting, she had all her wash on the line. She prided herself on having the whitest wash, and the first one to hang it on the line. There was one thing no one knew. While the others were hanging their laundry out, mom went in the house and took a little cat nap. It was well deserved and a perfect ending to the race of the wash day shuffle. Now all there was left to do, was take the wash off the line and get ready for - Ironing Tuesday.

TEAMS FORMING FOR FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

The American Cancer Society is looking for teams of runners and walkers for its annual *Relay for Life* fundraiser, August 14-15, to be held at five locations - in Rock Island, Geneseo, Galesburg, Kewanee and Monmouth. The 24-hour walk/run for cancer raised a total of \$85,000 last year for the three counties that held the event.

The formation of teams is taking place now. An early sign-up is important so people can mark their calendars. Proceeds are used to fund cancer research, to provide services to cancer patients in northwest Illinois counties, and to help educate the public about cancer.

Many teams are formed among families and friends. Organizations form their own teams, too - local hospitals, businesses, schools, running/fitness clubs, service organizations, neighborhood groups.

Five northwest Illinois locations will host this year's event - Augustana College Stadium, Knox College Stadium, Monmouth College, Geneseo Community Center and Windmont Park. Opening ceremonies begin on Friday, August 14th, 6:00 p.m., with the introductions of teams and a victory lap by cancer survivors. The event ends on Saturday at Noon or 3:00 p.m.

A special ceremony with thousands of luminaries placed around the stadium tracks will be held at 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 14th, at all five locations. Each luminary represents a cancer survivor or victim. Luminaries may be purchased for \$5.00 each.

To register or for more information contact: Rock Island County (American Cancer Society, 1-800-322-4337); Knox County (Marsha Biddle, 344-3821); Warren County (Chris Gavin, 734-2265 & Bob Dillon, 924-11146); Geneseo Area (Norma Mosher, 944-6067); or in Henry-Stark Counties (Tricia Lay, 853-5959).

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

By Ron Paquette

The Planning Committee of the Board of Education chaired by Randy Baldrige met with the Technology Committee to evaluate the Technology Plan. The result of the two-hour meeting was a detailed review with some changes and improvements. The Revised technology Plan will be printed in the Towne Crier in September. There will be a Technology Town Meeting held on the open house night to present to parents and other interested community members all the positive accomplishments the teachers have created over the summer with the technology training to improve reading curriculum. The open house is planned for Thursday, October 15, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

New Street Nearing Completion 8th Street Crossing To Close

By Mike Tolson

By the time you read this, the new street that runs from Route 84 to First Avenue should be complete. The new street, partially funded with post 1993 flood grant funds, will allow residents at the north end of First Avenue access to their homes during periods of high water. It will also allow the developer of the marina to cut an access channel to the river across a portion of First Avenue. First Avenue will be barricaded at approximately the bridge.

Part of the project involves closing the railroad crossing at 8th Street. In order to obtain a crossing and easement across the railroad's property for the new street, the railroad requested that an existing crossing be closed. The Illinois Interstate Commerce Commission which oversees railroad crossings in the state, ordered the closing of the crossing when it granted the opening of the crossing for the new street. Temporary barricades are in place and permanent barricades will be erected soon.

HAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT DAY AT NIABI ZOO

WHEN: Friday, August 7, 1998
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COST: FREE !!!

WHO: Children ages 5 through 12

Admission into the zoo will be covered by the Hampton Police Department. A bus will be provided to and from the zoo leaving from the Hampton Police Department at 1 p.m. and returning at 4 p.m. If your child is interested in attending, please return the permission slip by **Saturday, August 1, 1998** to the Hampton Police Department. Any questions can be directed to Officer Chris Wolfe, at 496-9123.

PERMISSION SLIP AND WAIVER

As the parent / guardian of _____

CHILD'S NAME

I do hereby give permission for my child to attend the Niabi Zoo Trip sponsored by the Hampton Police Department, and further do hereby waive any claim for damages or injuries arising out of the trip. Waivers are in favor of the Village of Hampton, the Hampton Police Department, and their agents.

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Return this slip to the Hampton Police Department by
Saturday, August 1, 1998.

Hampton Police Chief Joins U.N. Peace Force

By Michaela VanDieren

Hampton Police Chief Larry Hufford will serve as a voluntary police monitor to help the United Nations keep peace in Bosnia. The United Nations International Police Task Force (UNIPTF) was created to help implement the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Two months ago, Chief Hufford saw a request in a police magazine for U.N. officers to serve in Bosnia to assist Bosnians in police restructuring and training, investigation of police human rights abuses, and assessing and developing related judicial organizations. Just one day after sending his inquiry and resume, Chief Hufford received a phone call from the search and screening company in Texas. By Next Day Air, they sent him application forms and a psychological test. They also requested references and a physical exam. He had both an FBI check and a financial background check. The testing and background searches required nearly two months. He was notified to report to Texas for a week of orientation and more tests. He underwent more psychological testing, another physical exam and an agility test. On the day of the agility test the heat index was 120. Chief Hufford passed all the tests. He and at least seventy of the seventy-five in Texas passed the final screening. Those traveling to Bosnia represent 47 states, including Hawaii. Interestingly, there are two sets of husband and wife teams, all police officers. In addition, two more women were selected among the candidates.

Chief Hufford and his wife, Peggy, have three children and six grandchildren. Daughter Amy has three sons and lives in Omaha; daughter Laurie of Joliet has a son and a daughter; and Larry Jr. has a son. Larry is a police officer in Rock Island. The family will miss Larry, but they realize the importance of the mission. Communication with him will be limited to mail with several weeks delay. Peggy sends her mail to Texas and it is forwarded to Bosnia. Larry's mail also goes through Texas, but only leaves Bosnia every two weeks. Peggy has contacted all the long distance carriers seeking a phone card for him to use, only to discover that most of the phone system, which had on few phones on it, incurred severe damage in the earlier fighting. The entire railroad system has been blown-up.

Chief Hufford plans to write letters back home of his experiences and everyday life in Bosnia. He hopes to locate a room to rent from a family with members about his age, in order to have a little common ground. After a week orientation in Sarajevo, he will receive his assignment. The officers arriving from Texas will be rotating into positions of other volunteers returning to their respective homelands.

Presently, one of the major dangers in Bosnia comes from landmines. The officers were warned to stay on sidewalks and never walk across the grass. Unfortunately, mine infestation hampers the development of normal civilian life. The efforts to detect and remove landmines continue.

Peggy has been watching the news from Koskoba near the Albanian border. The Serbs are fighting Albanians. She hopes more trouble does not erupt in Bosnia. Bosnia is not a unified society. Two principal threats to relative security are the friction between Bosniacs and Bosnian Croats and friction between Bosniacs and the Bosnian Serbs. The UNIPTF is a crucial element in building reliable law enforcement institutions.

According to Peggy, Larry is "Proud to have an American flag on his sleeve. He is excited and thrilled at the opportunity to serve. He has always thought of doing something like the Peace Corps after retirement. Then this came along." The Huffords are grateful to the village board for granting him a one-year leave of absence, with no pay.

Peggy Hufford just returned from visiting her daughter Laurie in Joliet. Granddaughter, Kelly, age 6, returned with Peggy in order for them to spend a few days together. As of June 25, Peggy has not heard anything from her husband since he left for Sarajevo. She said, "I imagine he would have called if he could." The Huffords can get together after six months, when Larry has a brief vacation. He may terminate his one-year tour of duty at any time. This adds some comfort to the family. Although, Peggy remarked, "He's not known to be a quitter."



Sue Harris bottle-feeds an orphaned fawn. The fawn was found near Preemption and it required Sue to care for it for nearly two months. The fawn was released to the wild on 800 acres with no hunting on it.

Harris Shares Wildlife Wisdom

By Sue Harris

Spring may be past us now and we are into the summer months. Because the robins, chickadees, and other birds have built their nests, layed their eggs, and hatched their young, we don't think too much about them now, however, we still have wildlife being born this time of year. In a few weeks, the squirrels and bunnies will be giving birth to their second litter for the year and it is now the time when baby hawks and a few other baby birds will be fledgling from their nests. Keeping this in mind, the following are a few tips you should know if you happen to find one of these baby animals in your back yard or nature's back yard:

1. Always evaluate the situation before you step in to help. So many times we try to give assistance to our wildlife when it's truly not needed. Just because you don't see the mother around does not mean she is not there. You may not be able to see her, but she can see you.

2. Unless the animal is in immediate danger, wait at least an hour, then check again to see if the mother has been by. However, this is still not the time to step in.

3. Bunnies: If you have ever seen a mother bunny sitting on her nest during the day, it is because she usually feeds her young at night.

4. Squirrels: If you find one on the ground, leave it alone and wait to see if the mother attempts to put it back in the nest. If not, then call a wildlife rehabilitator, or the Illinois State Police, District 7.

5. Even though we want to help, we frequently end up doing more harm than good.

6. These babies may be cute and cuddly, but they are still wild animals.

7. There are laws that protect our wildlife and if you are caught with a wild animal in your possession, the fines from the state can go as high as \$500. If you are caught with a federally protected bird, the fines go much higher.

Please consider these facts I have given you and call someone who is trained to handle situations of sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife and save yourself from what could be deadly to the animal or very costly and dangerous to you.

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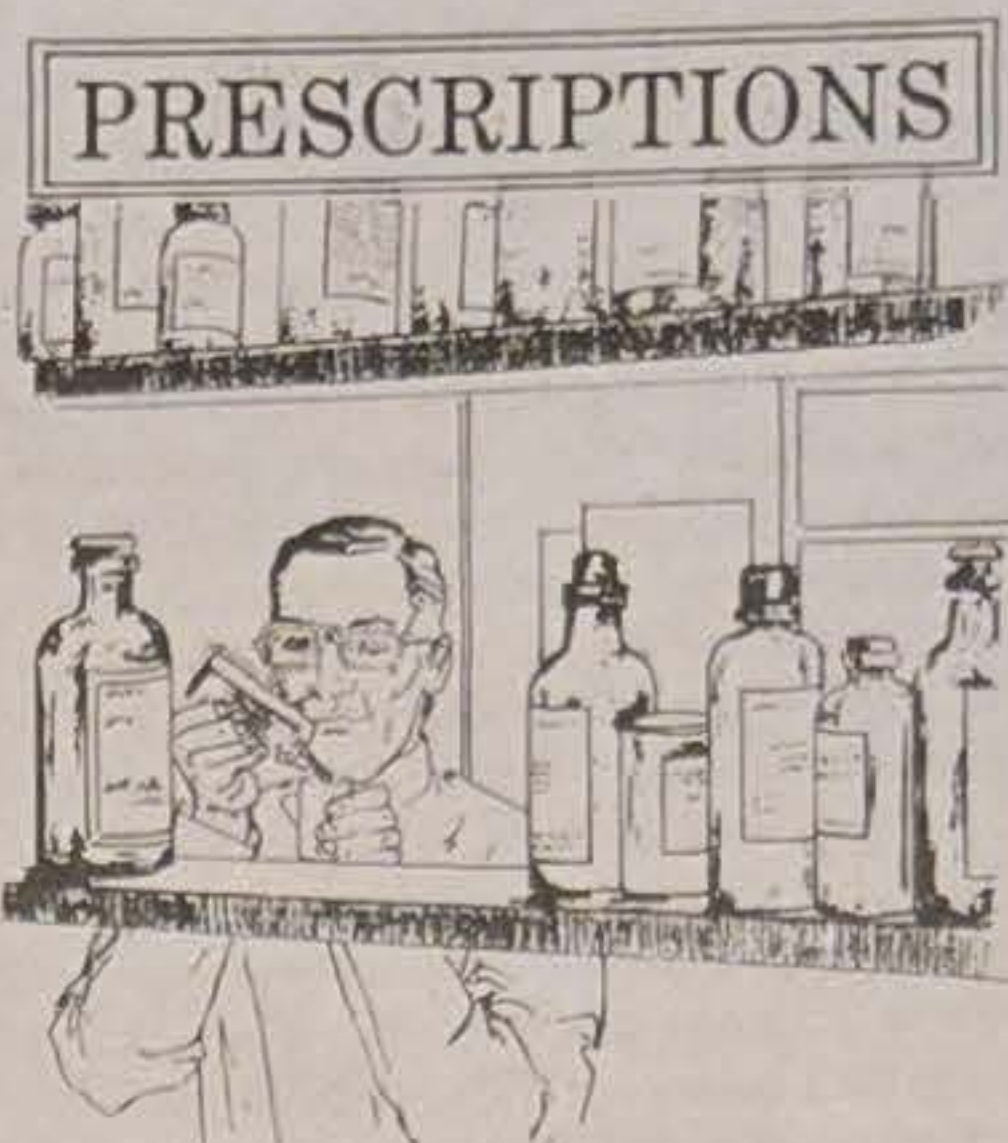
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