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Gene and Beri Dennhardt pose in front of their pumpkin shed at Shady Knoll Farm.
(photo by Randy Baldrige)

Harvest Time at Shady Knoll Farm

by Randy Baldrige

Shady Knoll Farm is enjoying a great season. Visiting Shady Knoll is becoming a tradition for many Hampton families. A true pioneer farm, it has been in the Dennhardt family for one hundred forty years. It began with German immigrants who left Cobitz, Germany in the late 1850's. Cobitz is about 40 miles east of Berlin. Whether war, persecution, or economic necessity drove the Dennhardts from Germany, they entered America from the Port of New Orleans and came to this area via Mississippi River boat. Curiously, family oral history would have them disembarking at Rock Island and walking to Hampton! It would not be unusual in those days for the river to be too low for a boat to approach Hampton. Or perhaps, they had arranged for someone to meet them in Rock Island.

In a few years, the family had earned enough money to purchase the 43-acres, which is now known as Shady Knoll Farm. A log cabin was built and its approximate site is known. Timber was cleared and the wood was sold to the local coal mines to shore up the tunnels. In 1882, the present home was built and it now shelters the fifth generation of Dennhardts, Andrew and Christian. Present owner, Gene Dennhardt bought the land from his father in 1985. He married a lovely hard working young lady named, Beri Holland, and together they developed an interesting and educational attraction, which also sells fresh from the farm produce. In the recent past, corn and soybeans had been the routine crops. In the pioneer past, many different vegetables were grown. Gene knows that his grandfather successfully grew potatoes and carted them to Rock Island to sell in the streets. On a patch of unused land, Gene planted pumpkins almost on a whim, put a sign out on Dennhardt Road, and sold them to the public. This proved to be both profitable and fun. He and Beri then shifted the emphasis from grain or soybeans to more of a truck farming endeavor.

Now, they offer asparagus from late April to early June and our family can attest to the good price and quality to say nothing to the freshness. Strawberries are available mostly in June; raspberries in July. Peaches and Cream variety sweet corn is usually available through July and August. Rows of flowers are available on a "cut your own bouquet" basis through July, August, and September.

Fall is the most important and busiest time of the year for Beri and Gene. Beri said, "We celebrate the beauty of fall and see Shady Knoll as a place a family can visit and see their children's eyes light up." Allow me to digress for a moment. It is hard for we city dwellers to remember that to all farmers, harvest time is sacred. Six or seven months work would either succeed or fail by the numbers generated in October. In our pioneer past, survival itself would be guaranteed by a good harvest and a good harvest brought reasonable hope that the cycle could be renewed in the spring. In the fall at Shady Knoll, there is an atmosphere of joy and celebration. It is the time of year for selling pumpkins, squash, gourds, Indian corn, dried flowers, cornstalks, bales of straw, and wheat craft creations made by Beri.

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Hampton Village Board Happenings

by Glynn Johnson, Trustee

In addition to publishing the minutes of our meetings monthly in the Towne Crier the Village Board will be including this monthly article. The reason for the article is twofold.

First, to inform you, the Village residents, of the plans and actions being taken and considered by the board on your behalf.

Second, to address, in a public forum, any questions or concerns you may have in regards to the administration of our Village.

As our first order of business we would like to introduce you to your Village Board and staff. They are:

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* Denotes Village Hall phone number during regular business hours.

If you have a question or a problem we ask that you contact Sue or Mike at the Village Hall first. If you are not happy with the answer you have gotten or need more information we ask that you feel free to contact us at home.

Next, if you have a gripe, complaint, burr under your saddle, something stuck in your craw, or just a regular old question about the Village and you would like to see the matter addressed in this column. Send your complaint/question to me care of the Village Hall. Please include your name and phone number so if there is a question I can contact you.

A matter that we discussed at a prior board meeting that I feel merits attention in this first column is the matter of Village residents and businessperson's who's property is in less than desirable condition.

Truth be told some are down right eyesores. We take great pride in our Village and the residents of our community. We feel that these property owners do the majority of the residents a disservice by the condition of their property. Especially those who are along Route 84. Remember, first impressions are lasting impressions. In most cases there is nothing we can legally do except appeal to these persons sense of self and community pride. Come on people, lets show those who pass through our Village what kind of a community we really are.

If you have been anywhere in the vicinity of the marina lately I'm sure you've noted some major changes in the last few weeks. With the cooperation of the weather the developer and contractor have been moving at breakneck speed to complete the rip rapping and leveling of the area before the snow flies. The area is really looking good and we look foreword to further progress on the project. The marina certainly has the potential to be a real asset to the growth of our community.

Big news for residents on the top of the hill! We are presently in the process of getting engineering proposals for the construction of a new water tower. Our present tower has a 50,000-gallon capacity and is approximately ninety feet high. Our present capacity is no where near adequate for planned future expansion and the present elevation is the cause of the low water pressure on top of the hill. We are presently looking at an approximately 250,000 to 300,000 gallon capacity tank at an elevation of approximately 120 feet. Just think, no more running around in the shower to get wet! We will keep you informed as plans firm up on the project.

On the eighth of October Jeanne McKay, Jan Norin, and Meg Fleckner of Fleckner Landscaping Architecture traveled to Springfield to present the plans for our Interpretive/Civic Center to the grant committee. Also, in the area of Parks and Recreation, the Board has officially voted to name the small park on Sixth Street the Gladys H. Ryheard Park. K and D Woodworking will construct the sign and the date for the dedication ceremony is tentatively set for Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m. For those of us who were parents of young children when we moved to Hampton we were fortunate to have someone like Gladys in the community. I think she felt that every child and young person in the Village was her own kid or grandkid and dedicating this park to her memory is a fitting tribute to a very special lady.

Several street improvement projects are in the works and bids on these projects were opened at 10:00 a.m. on the 13th of October with action expected to be taken at the board meeting that evening. The board meeting was moved to the 12th to the 13th due to the Columbus day holiday.

Next month we will update you on the Interpretive/Civic Center grant and the projected street projects.



How You Can Reach Us . .

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

Attention Voters Change In Polling Location

If your normal polling place is the
Village Hall, this polling place
has been moved.

You now vote at the

Hampton Fire/Rescue Station
609 - Third Avenue

*Remember to VOTE on
Tuesday, November 3rd*



Great Apple Harvest At Stone's Orchard

By Randy Baldrige

Dorothy Stone reported to the Hampton Towne Crier that this year's apple harvest is complete and that it was a very good year despite rough spring winds that mauled many mid-west orchards. Stone's Apple Barn is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Besides offering 58 varieties of apples, they also sell pears, honey, apple butter, apple cider, and other seasonal items. It is an interesting place to visit.

Manager, Vince Bull, mentioned that he was unhappy over the recent flap on pasteurization of cider. Pasteurization involves heating the cider to 150 degrees for 10 to 15 seconds. Vince feels this is unnecessary and that your chances are three times greater to be struck by lightning than having a problem with natural cider. All of Stone's cider is made from picked apples never dropped apples and so their cider is always very pure.

A recent FDA inspection gave Stone's an excellent rating, a fact of which Vince was very proud. Be sure to visit Stone's Apple Barn soon - - - and often. They are located on Hubbard Road about 1-1/2 miles east of Route 84.



Vince Bull busily sorts apples at Stone's Apple Barn. As the seasons change, so will the work change at Stone's. They will soon be selling fresh home-grown Christmas trees (Photo by Randy Baldrige)

Happy Birthdays & Anniversaries

Belated Wishes for October:

- Oct. 6 Happy Anniversary to my wonderful husband, Tom Kirk, Love, Kathy
- Oct. 10 Happy 16th Birthday Tom, Love, Dad, Joleen, Kyle and Ryan
- Oct. 18 Happy 12th Birthday Kyle, Love, Dad, Joleen, Tom and Ryan
- Oct. 26 Happy Anniversary Tom, Love, Joleen

November wishes:

- Nov. 1 Happy 21st Birthday Jonna VanDieren, Love, your family
- Nov. 2 Happy Anniversary Sam and Jan McKay, Love, Mom
- Nov. 6 Happy Birthday Pete Chioloro, Love, Grandma
- Nov. 7 Happy Anniversary Dick and Ann McKay, Love Mom
- Nov. 22 Happy Birthday to Georgia Baldrige, Love, Randy & the girls
- Nov. 25 Happy Birthday to Sara Brown, Love, Mom
- Nov. 29 Happy Birthday Joseph Chioloro, Love, Great-grandma

HYC News

By Shelley Smart

We hope that all of you Trick-or-Treaters received a nice treat from the HYC Witchmobile!

We look forward to the Holiday Seasons. Each year, HYC collects food products to help make Thanksgiving and Christmas a little brighter for our less fortunate neighbors. The HYC **Thanksgiving Food Drive Dance** will be held on Friday November 13, from 7-9 PM at the school. Grades 5-8 are invited with an admission of \$2.00 or two canned or boxed foods. Pop, chips, and nachos will be served. There will be a great DJ for dancing. If anyone would like to donate food, please drop it off at Porter's Village RX where Shelley will have a box set up.

Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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P.S. Hope to see you soon!



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Village Board Meetings

Note: Reprinted from the approved official minutes of the Board meetings.

August 24, 1998

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees M. Burrill, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, and S. Carmack present. Trustee J. McKay absent. Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the August 10, 1998 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dan Solchenberger of Ament Engineering was present. He stated the MFT street improvements have been submitted to IDOT. TIF improvement projects are being prepared for bidding.

Solchenberger stated he had nothing new to report on the marina project. Mayor Newberg presented copies of a letter he wrote to Attorney Lee on his (Newberg's) opinion of the marina development. The Board wants a weed violation letter sent to Mosley, the marina developer. Attorney Lee will contact Mosley's attorney to advise him as to the weed and vehicle violations on his property.

Doug Hinkle, Landmark Engineering was present. He stated they are shooting the topal and are about 60% done. The crossing of the private road is not done. Easements have been obtained from Robin Peterson, Tom Dalton, and the Hampton Township Cemetery.

Meg Flenker of Flenker land Architects was present. There is a cost estimate change due to a trail changing to A.D.A. accessible, thus the revised cost for the center and surrounding area is \$497,000.00. The new plan will be sent this week. Architect Tim Downy will provide plans for the building, with Trustee McKay arranging a meeting.

Fire Chief Irby approached the Board on the Fire Department's need for an additional 25 pagers. The total cost is \$8,100.00. There are four options: 1) TIF money, 2) Truck Escrow, not paid back, 3) Truck Escrow, Association pay back, 4) General Fund loan. After some discussion it was motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to purchase 25 pagers for the Fire Department at a cost of \$8,100.00 from Lectronics, to be paid for with TIF moneys, to be reimbursed at \$2,400 per year. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A letter is to be sent to Dungarvin to restore the property that was dug up for a water main tap. They will have 10 days to complete the job.

Trustee Garrison stated the Board will accept the bid from Chicago Cab Co. for the 91 Caprice squad car.

Discussion on some properties in the Village not being maintained.

The request of Larry Anderson to move the barricade located on 8th Street near Charles Howell's house at 400 8th Street will be denied. The approximate cost to the Village would be about \$450.00. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson to keep the barricade where it is now located due to the railroad easement. Motion carried by voice vote.

The condition of the Village Hall front steps was again mentioned.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson to adjourn until next regular meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

September 14, 1998

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees S. Carmack, J. McKay, G. Johnson, J. Norin, and J. Garrison present. Trustee M. Burrill absent. Pledge to the flag.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$42,447.36 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Works Fund bills in the amount of \$13,806.71 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to approve payment of the Public Works Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF #2 Fund bill in the amount of \$294.48 was presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the TIF #2 bill. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motor Fuel Tax Fund bills in the amount of \$4,438.50 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to approve payment of MFT bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF #1 bills in the amount of \$14,214.86 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to approve payment of the TIF #1 bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Dave Stealy, Landmark Engineering was present to discuss the water loop construction. The Village has received a letter from Robert Alvine, Robin Peterson's attorney advising the Board that the easement obtained from her for the water line construction is lacking a few feet, which needs to be obtained. Stealy stated the footage is a three (3) foot strip, twenty (20) feet long, which is necessary to construct the water line on her property. Landmark Engineering will take full responsibility in obtaining the easement, with no cost to the Village. Staph's easement will now be changed and VanBiesen's will stay the same.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to go out for bids for the water main looping as proposed. Bids to be opened on October 2, 1998. Motion carried by voice vote.

Trustee Carmack stated that the MFT and the TIF street improvement projects will be bid at the same time, but will be two separate contracts.

Lengthy discussion on the marina project. Weeds are now being cut down, and other work is being done.

A request from George McNeal for the use of Hampton Mississippi River for a scouting week end was presented. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee McKay to allow the scouts to use the park at no cost. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's reports for the months ending May 31, 1998 and June 30, 1998 were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to approve and accept the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Newberg read a letter from Roland Bartscher, 912 1st Avenue, stating his astonishment at reading in the Towne Crier the August 10th Village Board minutes stating he had placed obstacles in the 900 block of 1st Avenue to prevent bike riders from using the trail. Mayor Newberg stated that comments alleging Bartscher had placed

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Hampton Hair Company Opens for Business

By Michaela VanDieren

Jennifer Jared, owner and beautician of Hampton Hair Company, welcomes appointments and walk-ins. The business is located at 405-5th St., Hampton, adjacent to McKay Plating. Jennifer has been planning the shop for the past year in order to be convenient for Hampton residents and surrounding communities. The actual remodeling of the apartment into her hair company has been accomplished in less than a month. The classic décor is crisp and modern.

Jennifer, a 1996 graduate of LaJames College of Hair Styling, exhibits experience and enthusiasm. Her knowledge base emanates from schooling and work at Cost Cutters, Pat's Artistic Approach, and The Clipper. She cuts, colors, perms, waxes, shampoos, styles and does up-dos. In the future, she plans to offer nails and a tanning booth. The Hampton Hair Company, phone 755-7090, is open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 to 6 p.m., Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. These hours will expand when another beautician joins her. Jennifer is looking for another qualified operator to rent a chair.

The business opened on October 13 and the grand opening is slated for November 3-7 with some specials the entire month of November. Grand Opening Specials feature \$5.00 off perms and chemical services, adult cuts for \$8.00 and \$6.00 for children age 12 and under. Also, during the Grand Opening refreshments will be served. Each month there will be different monthly specials. In November, adult cuts are \$8.00 and perms and chemical services are \$5.00 off. In December, you can receive a shampoo and style for \$8.00 and/or \$5.00 off color or highlights. Jennifer carries a complete line of Redken products for sale.

Jennifer would not be able to begin this endeavor without the support of her husband, Rick. The Jared's have two children, Kayla age 4 and Jaelynn age 5 months. The Hampton Hair Company has a play and nap room in the shop. This is advantageous and convenient for patrons and for Jennifer.



Jennifer Jared of the recently opened Hampton Hair Company prepares to shampoo Amanda Kruse's hair by putting a cape on her. The beauty shop will have an open house Nov. 3-7 with several specials scheduled. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)

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1	Garbage Pick-up 2	Fire Dept 7 PM 3 Election Day VOTE !	4 Open House Hampton Hair Co. Nov 3-7	5	6	7 K & D Woodworking Xmas Open House 9 am - 5 pm
8	Garbage Pick-up 9 Village Board School Board	Fire Dept 7 PM 10	11  VETERANS DAY	12	13 HYC Thanksgiving Food Dance 7-9 pm @ School	14
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29	Garbage Pick-up 30					

What's so special about . . .

November?

November gets its name from the Latin words for ninth (novem) and month (membrum), thus the "ninth month." In the Georgian calendar in use today, November is the eleventh month, but in the Roman calendar, which originally had only 10 months in a year, November was the ninth.

National American Indian Heritage Month, Nov. 1-30. Last year, Congress declared November to be National American Indian Heritage Month. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-Colo.), the only Native American member of Congress and chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, sponsored the resolution. "In November, Americans look back on the history of our nation and give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy," he said. "It's also a time to remember that unique time in our history when colonists and Indians alike celebrated the bounty of their harvest and the promise of new kinships. It is fitting that this month should serve as a time for remembrance and a time to remember the first Americans."

Some ethnologists make a distinction between the term "Indian" (those members of specific tribes) and "Native American" (a broader term for persons of Indian ancestry, including those who are not affiliated with a tribe).

National Chemistry Week, Nov. 1-7.

This week celebrates the contributions of chemistry to modern life. The American Chemical Society notes that chemistry is involved in the food we eat; the clothes we wear; the medicines we take; and even the sports equipment we use.



Halfway point of autumn, Nov. 6. Jack Frost may be nipping at your nose now, but Old Man Winter is still officially 46 days away.

Sadie Hawkins Day, Nov. 7. On the first Saturday in November, many high schools across the country sponsor dances to which girls invite boys. The tradition began in 1937 when Sadie Hawkins, a homely character in Al Capp's Li'l Abner comic strip, chased and caught a husband in a race organized by her father who worried that she'd never marry. The racers who failed to catch a man decided to make Sadie Hawkins Day an annual event. By the 40s and 50s, the Sadie Hawkins Day dance was widely popular.

Veterans' Day, Nov. 11. Americans observe this day to recognize and pay tribute to the men and women who fought for our country in foreign wars.

Remembrance Day, Nov. 11. Canada also observes this day to remember and honor its soldiers who fought in both World Wars and the Korean War. Canadians wear a red poppy because the flower was said to bloom around the fresh graves of fallen soldiers.

Thanksgiving, Nov. 26. Giving Thanks Thanksgiving dates back to October, 1621, in Plymouth, Mass. Many of the Pilgrims who had come over on the Mayflower the previous year had died, and the survivors had weathered a severe winter. But their fortunes had changed by the spring and summer and they had good crop harvests, thanks to the help of a local tribe, the Wampanoags. To celebrate the better times, the Pilgrims declared a holiday so that all might "after a more special manner, rejoice together."

The custom spread through the colonies with each choosing its own date. In 1789, President George Washington declared Nov. 26 the official day of Thanksgiving, but states continued to celebrate on different days. Sarah Hale, an editor of a women's magazine in Boston, waged a 30-year letter writing campaign to governors and presidents urging them to make Thanksgiving Day a national holiday and pick one day for the celebration. In 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a day of national Thanksgiving. Franklin Roosevelt pushed Thanksgiving into December in 1939, but, two years later, it was moved back to the present fourth Thursday in November.



Hawk Talk

News from
Hampton School

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School Board News

by Dave Wright, President of
Hampton School Board

As the school board president, I'm very excited after seeing the tremendous start to the school year. I'd like to think the board had something to do with the wonderful start, but most of the credit goes to everyone but the board. This great start is a reflection of the "can do" attitude of everyone involved in our kids' education and an indicator of what's ahead for the whole year.

Our school year really started as soon as last year ended. Three teachers, Ms. Maletta, Ms. Baraks, and Mrs. Paxton, worked to write the reading curriculum for the lower elementary. This

effort resulted in detailed strategies our teachers can use to align our reading standards with the Illinois State standards.

Bringing our standards up was just one element that feeds into the school's overall goal of improving reading. The teaching staff also took part in computer training this summer to increase their ability to use technology in the classroom.

Building and Grounds Committee chairman Roger Braddy probably brought about the most visible changes in the school.

The outside doors, corroded and beaten beyond repair, were replaced. All glass was brought up to code. Fire resistant doors

were placed on all classrooms. Electric magnetic door openers were placed on the gym doors. A new fire alarm system was installed as well as a new PA system which allows teachers to

communicate with the office. Two of our five roofs were resurfaced. A handicapped parking space was moved and paved near the southwest entrance.

Fred Husman, the board's Finance Committee chairman also deserves congratulations for having the foresight to delay the required repairs to the boilers until the end of the life, health, and safety timetable. This allowed us to accumulate enough interest on our reserves to replace

our boilers without increasing taxes.

Our learning environment underwent a facelift with the resurfacing and repainting of the playground's hard surface. The ceilings were dropped in several classrooms and better lighting was installed. Floor and ceiling tiles throughout the school were replaced as needed.

The Reading Improvement Program was moved upstairs in the 1880 section of the school. This allowed for a larger and quieter room.

The repairs and building improvements aren't worth anything without the dedicated, caring staff, faculty, and board members. The commitment shown by these folks impresses me every day.

I also want to thank parents and the community for your hard work and support of our school and student achievement goals.



Parents and Teachers Meet at PTA Open House



Parent Sean McKay and Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Robinson look over the Kindergarten class's work at the PTA Open House on October 15.

Welcome to Hawk Talk!

Hampton Elementary School has compiled *Hawk Talk* as an attempt to enlighten, entertain, and inform community members and parents of what's happening at the school. Our goal is to update all members of our community on a quarterly basis through this special insert. *Hawk Talk* is an undertaking by students, teachers, the superintendent, community members, the District Leadership Team, and school board members.

Just as it takes a team effort to produce *Hawk Talk*, it takes everyone to make a good school an excellent school. We welcome your involvement in the many opportunities available to continue Hampton's tradition of excellence for our children. These children are Hampton's future work force, homeowners, and taxpayers. Together we can make a difference and continue the legacy of a great educational system supported by our community.

What We're Doing and Learning

Kindergarten

Kindergartners have been a joy to have in school. We've worked on letters, sounds, numbers, shapes, and colors. We made an "I Feel" book and have set up our "Word Wall." We use the calendar to work on Math skills each day. Mrs. Robinson started the year with great expectations and they have been met. Kindergarten is off to a super start!

First Grade

First grade certainly is busy! September was our "Apple" month. We celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday on September 26th with Apple math and Apple writing. Thanks to our volunteers, we also made applesauce. October is a "Tall" month. We will study trees and leaves. Please keep studying high frequency words and read at home!

Second Grade

Mrs. Mary Boster is our new second grade teacher. We are working on adding to 18, reading "Arthur" books, and participating in many engaging activities with the books. Second graders have also been working with quilts and pioneer life. Stop by and read their "Westward Ho!" writings. We are studying leaves by making a nature collage. Students

could find leaves at home and compare and contrast them. Please see to it that students complete and return their homework!

Third Grade

Third Grade students are on a wonderful adventure with their new teacher, Mrs. Tracy Paxton. We have just finished studying butterflies and communities and

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Who's Who? Mr. Martin, That's Who

Hampton School's very own P.E. teacher, Mr. Martin, has been included in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Each of the approximately 130,000 teachers listed were selected by one or more former students who were listed themselves in either *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List*.

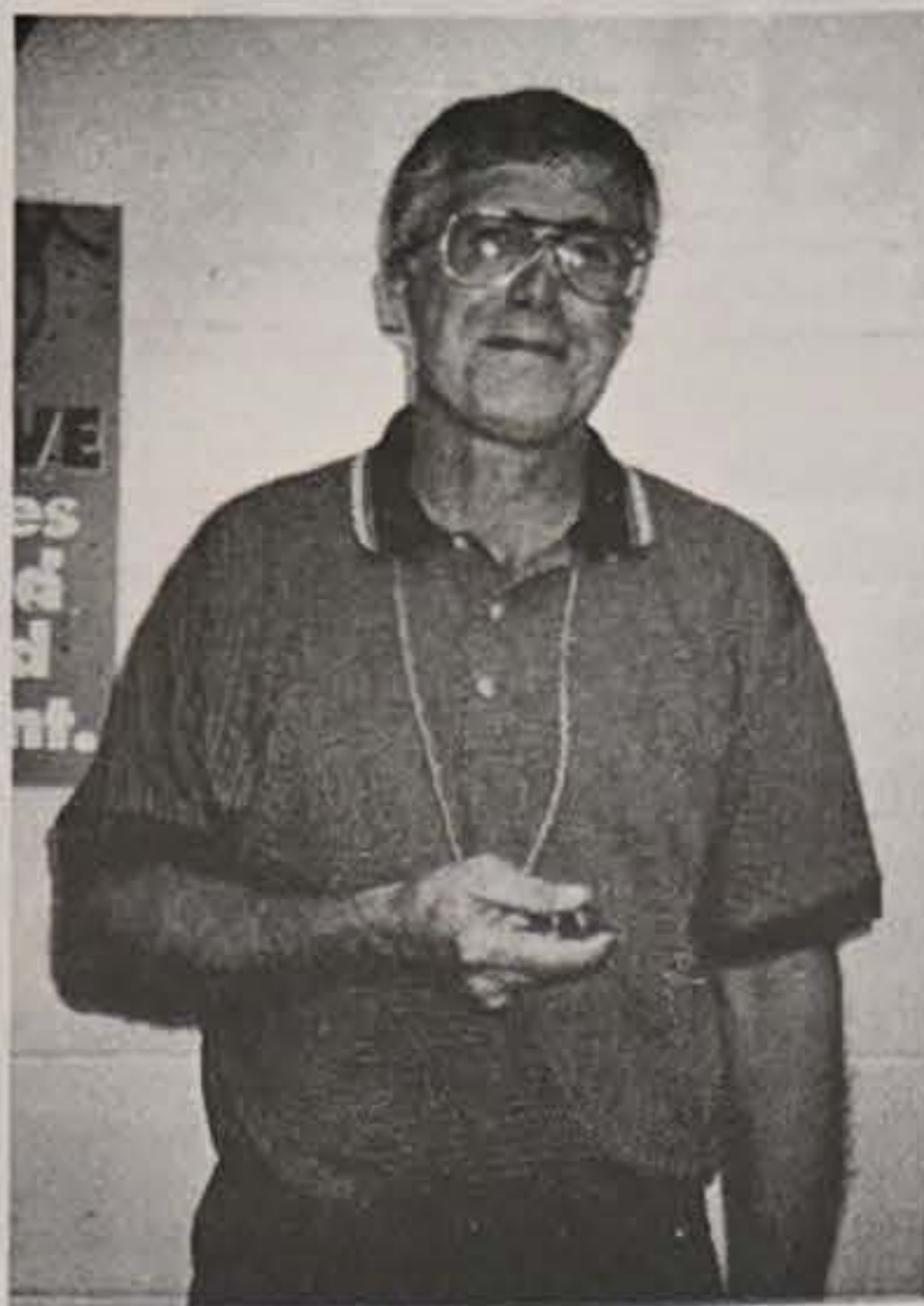
"I had a great time in school and athletics and developed a strong need to give back to others the skills which were freely given to me," Mr. Martin says.

Gary Martin graduated from Illinois State University in 1971 with a B.A. in Health and Physical Education and a minor in Psychology. He is currently in his 27th year of teaching at Hampton School.

In addition to his teaching duties, Mr. Martin has also coached girls' and boys' basketball teams at Hampton and was instrumental in starting the first conference organized games.

His coaching duties extended to United Township High School where he coached sophomore and varsity girls' basketball. He gave up high school coaching in 1992 but has currently returned to coaching the sophomore girls at UT. Mr. Martin has also coached softball and track.

Mr. Martin also has a busy family life. His oldest daughter Ginny recently graduated from the London School of Economics. Mr. Martin and his wife were lucky enough to visit England for



Ginny's graduation and also spent time visiting Northern Ireland.

His other daughter Sarah graduated from Black Hawk College and is following in her father's educational footsteps. She is currently an instructor at the Learning Tree teaching four and five year olds. She's also planning her wedding.

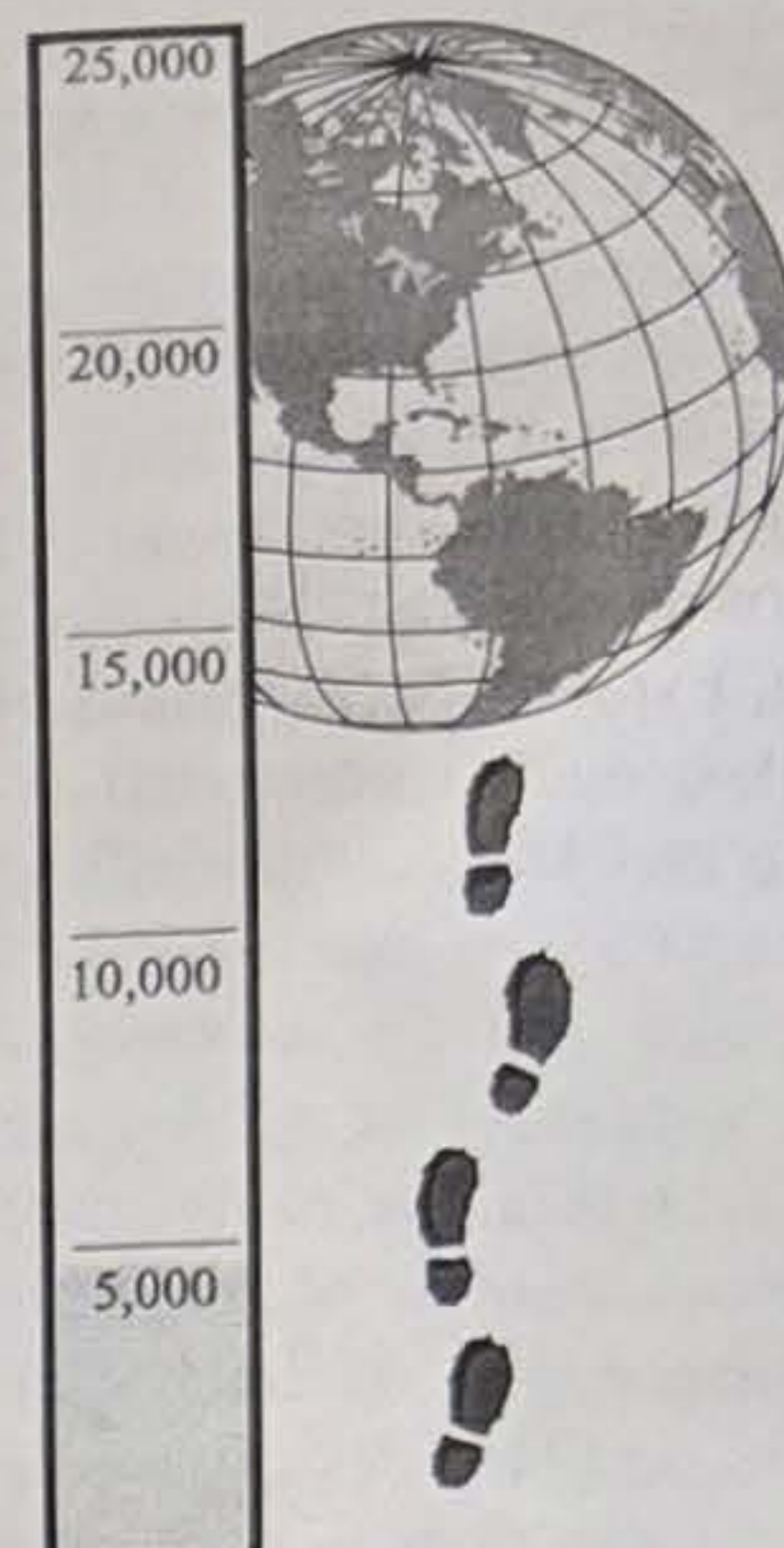
Mr. Martin says he originally went into education to give back some of what was given to him by some great teachers and coaches. He mentions his father, the late Bill Bishop, Herb Thompson, Bill Best, Duane Sandler, David Marr and many others as great sources of inspiration in his life and career.

He says, "It's been a great honor for me to work with the students at Hampton school over all these years. Not everyone in life gets the opportunity to do what they really like to do for so many years."

Hampton School also considers it an honor to have him here. Congratulations Mr. Martin!

Walk Around the World

This year, Hampton School has set a goal for our students and staff to walk 25,000 miles, the same distance it takes to go around the world. Here's where we are so far:



We encourage all community members to join us. The gym will be open for lap walking each school morning from 6:00-8:00.

What We're Doing and Learning

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have planted a beautiful butterfly garden to enhance their learning. Next we will begin our study of states and history (students will use the Internet quite a bit for information). Students have been reading, writing, and listening to *Fractured Tales* and have been summarizing story structure, using context clues, identifying subjects and predicates, combining sentences, and splitting run-on sentences. The students have also been busy using the computer for language and math.

Fourth/Fifth Grade T.E.A.M.

The Fourth and Fifth graders are experiencing, for the first time, the joy of having three teachers! Fourth and fifth graders are working together this year. In science, we began with a study of space. Students learned facts about each planet, constellations, and other galaxies. We also visited the John Deere Planetarium at Augustana College. Students can view the stars and planets from their own backyards! We also



Third grade students work together to plant a butterfly garden in the southeast corner of the playground.

worked on making and reading maps. We're moving right along in math. We started with a short review of multiplication, geometry, and place value. We are now concentrating on subtraction and addition. Remember to study math facts every night! Fourth and fifth grades are busy in reading, too. Some of us have been reading and acting out the story, *James and the Giant Peach*,

while others are working on sounds and writing about a "Witch's brew"! We are now discovering the Age of Exploration and several famous explorers. Next, we will move onto colonization and the 13 colonies.

Junior High

The junior high teachers will teach an exciting interdisciplinary unit titled "Citizenship:

Rights and Responsibilities." One activity for this unit is a field trip to Black Hawk State Historical Site. One of the park staff members will do a follow up with the social studies classes at the beginning of November. The students will role-play a debate between Chief Black Hawk and Keokuk. In art, the students will be making a quilt telling the history of Hampton.

In language arts, each student will research a famous American and give a speech. Students in social studies will honor local veterans for Veterans' Day. Pictures and short biographies about these local veterans will be placed on a bulletin board at school. In science the students will be learning about taking responsibility for the environment.

The junior high students will have a mock election. Community service will be stressed. The students are preparing to perform patriotic songs at the culminating activity, which will be an ice cream social on Monday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Two students will give their speeches and projects will be displayed.

Meet the Superintendent

Ron Paquette grew up in a traditional New England environment. His New England "reserve" shows itself in the steely intensity he brings to problem solving.

Both his parents served in the Marine Corps during World War II. After the war, the young Marines got married in the famous St. Patricks Cathedral in New York City. Baby Ronald was the first of eight children born to Donald and Dorothy Paquette, and the trailer they shared got pretty small pretty fast. At age 10, Ron moved in with his widowed grandmother to help her and keep her company. Grandmother Paquette was French Canadian and part Native American. Ron called her *Mémère*, a French term for grandmother. She was a teacher to Ron and an influence on him.

Ron attended a Catholic grade school, was a Boy Scout, Explorer Scout, Knight of the Alter, and an excellent math student. He received a grant to attend Rice Memorial High School and excelled in sports. Captain of the football team, all-stater in football, he also lettered in basketball and track. In track, he set Vermont State records in the javelin and discus. He also set a record in a 50-mile walk-run event that stood for years.

After graduating he worked for a year as a cement finisher to make money for college. He entered Johnson State College and earned his B.A. His first teaching assignment was in a two-room school house that lacked indoor plumbing. Ron taught all subjects and ate lunch with his students.

After earning his M.A. in curriculum development at night and during summer school, he landed what he considered his dream job. He accepted a position at Burlington High School in Burlington, Vermont, teaching history and coaching football, basketball, and track. Just when he thought life couldn't get any better, he met a young lady named Lisa Leech. Lisa had taken a year of college off to hike the famous Appalachian Trail, which runs from southern Georgia to northern Maine. The two met on a stretch called the Vermont Long Trail.

By that time she had completed 1200 miles. It would seem that a man who run-walks 50 mile races and a woman who hikes 1200 miles would be a match made in heaven, if not an athletic shoe store!

A year later they were married on the summit of Mt. Philo. The newlyweds lived on a farm in Fairfield, Vermont. Ron had accepted a job as a

teaching principal and basketball coach and Lisa completed her B.A. Ammon, the first of their three children was born in 1983. Within the next five years, Brianna and Ethan came along.

Their lives became a whirlwind of parenting, teaching, and earning more degrees. Ron earned his doctorate in Educational Administration from Nova-Southeast University and then his ED. D. from Amherst College (after weekend classes and a six-week immersion session every summer).

Ron then became superintendent at Giant City, Illinois, near Carbondale where Lisa was earning her masters. They moved to the Quad Cities after her graduation, and Ron came to Hampton. Lisa became Physical Education Instructor and Aquatics Director at Black Hawk College.

Ron is probably the first superintendent to live in Hampton and actually have three children in the Hampton Elementary School. He and Lisa attend many athletic events as well as regular events at the school. Counting School Board and committee meetings, Rotary meetings, and endless acronym meetings like BHASED, BECI, and TAT, Ron attends 15-20 meetings a month. Ron has implemented new learning systems recommended by the state and is trying to bring the best the computer age can offer Hampton students.

All change meets resistance, sometimes subtle, sometimes obvious. But change is necessary with questions of direction, speed, and timing always open to debate, suggestion, and criticism. Ron has risen to the challenge and endures the pressures of his position with dignity and honesty. Working well with the School Board, he is advancing the concept of a good education for every child while raising standards and achievement. We are fortunate to have him and his family here.



Superintendent Ron Paquette with his wife Lisa, and children Ammon, Brianna, and Ethan.

Student Writing

Leaves

Leaves are as colorful as they can be,
Very special to Mother nature.
No one is the same as another,
So do not judge them by their color.

— Jessica Larrison, 2nd Grade

Leaves

They are red, brown, green, and yellow too.
There are all kinds of leaves for you!
But I like leaves.
Do you?

— Jeanne Martin, 2nd Grade

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day is special at my school. I love it because you get to see your grandma and your grandpa a lot. I do not get to see my grandparents a lot. It is my most favorite day of the year!

— Josh Reeves, 2nd Grade

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day is special at my school. It is special that they come because they love you. They come to tell you what it is like in the old days. They help you with work.

— Elise Beck, 2nd Grade

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day is special at my school. I like it because you get to meet other people's grandparents and it is fun. I liked it!

— Sydney Jordan, 2nd Grade

Me

Hi, my name is Danny Penning. I just moved here from Pekin, Illinois. I like Hampton because it is small. Pekin was a city of about 36,000 people. Hampton is much smaller. I like how Hampton is on the river. I also like my school which is a lot smaller than my old school, Wilson. Wilson had 689 students. Hampton has 240. I like Hampton!

Hampton School Launches Into Cyberspace

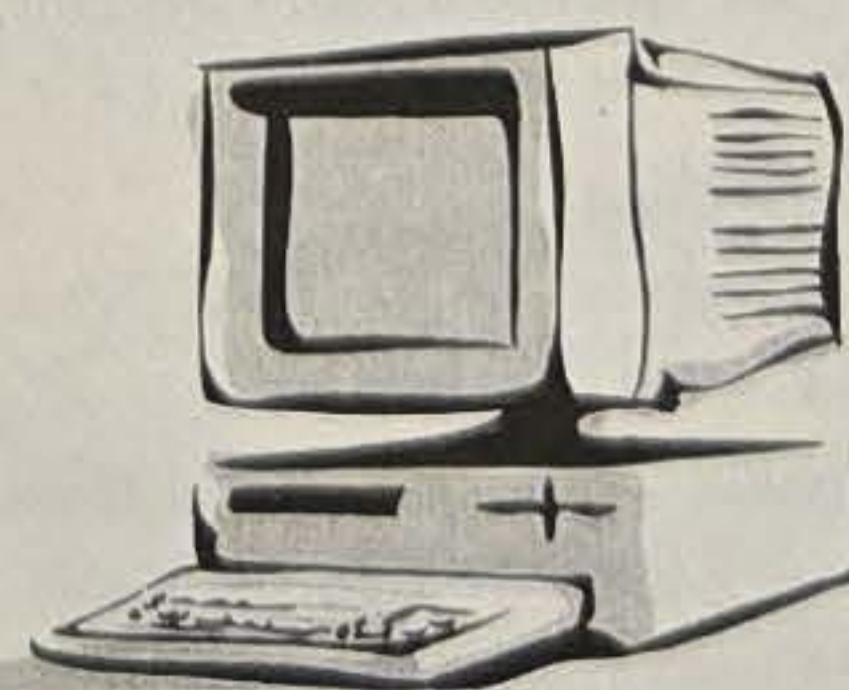
Hampton school has its own little spot on the World Wide Web. The site was launched a year ago this month through a partnership with the Family Education Network (FEN). FEN provides Hampton School with space on their web server at no

cost. Companies like Century 21, America Online, Fleet, and Quick & Reilly, among others pay for advertising to keep the web site running.

Hampton School's web address is <http://www.familyeducation.com/IL/Hampton>. Just type that address into the address bar of your web browser and you will be there in seconds. Hampton's web site gives you access to classroom news, lunch menus, the school calendar, e-mail addresses of faculty and staff, and sports/music activities. Presently, Mr. Bressler, the

school's SYSOP, maintains the site. He is looking for interested students to form a web site club, to help maintain and develop the site one day a week. If interested, please talk to Mr. Bressler.

Good luck and happy surfing to all of you.



Hampton School Report Card

By Ron Paquette, Superintendent

Hampton Elementary School received a good School Report Card from the state. The Better Schools Accountability Law requires all public school districts to report on the performance of their schools and students through school report cards.

This report card includes information about the students, the instructional setting, the finances and student performance in Hampton School District No. 29. Some financial information is from 1996-97, which is the most recent available. State averages in this report are based on information from regular public schools only excluding private and other special-purpose public schools.

The following are highlights from the 1998 School Report Card and reflect our student performance on the Illinois Goal Assessment Program (IGAP) Tests for 1997-98. These tests are given in grades 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 in reading, mathematics, science, and social science. Average IGAP scores are reported on a 0-500 scale, while writing scores are reported on a 6-32 scale. IGAP state performance standards are placed in one of three levels. Level 1 do not meet state goals for learning, Level 2 meet state goals, and Level 3 exceed state goals. The state average score in all subjects is 250 and in writing it is 30.

Thanks to our dedicated teachers, Hampton School scored significantly above the state average in mathematics in grades 6 and 8 where 100% of the students taking the test meet or exceeded the state goal. This is consistent with previous years' student performance, and is credited to Mrs. Diane Stock, our junior high math teacher. In writing,

100% of students in
grades 6 and 8 met
or exceeded the state
goal for math.

100% of the students in grade 6 met or exceeded the state goal, while 91% of the students in grade 8 met or exceeded the state goal. These results are due to a comprehensive approach to teaching language arts in the junior high, and the efforts of Virginia Schaffer and Bev Hull. In science at grade 7 we had 96% of the students meet or exceed the state goal thanks to the efforts of Bob Gipson. In social studies and reading at the junior high, we had 80% of the students meet or exceed the state goal. In the elementary grades we were 75% or better in meeting or exceeding the state goals in all subjects except reading. In reading at grade 3 we had 51% meet or exceed, and 48% who did not meet. In general our report card is good for Hampton School.

Based on information gained from a close review of all the test data, a school improvement plan was written to ensure future success and to improve areas that need to be improved. The plan has three goals:

• **Goal #1: Reading Goal K through 8 for 1998-99**

To improve reading comprehension and reading skills so that 75% of the students meet or exceed the state goal on the IGAP (now called the ISAT) Tests.

• **Goal #2: Writing Goal K through 8 for 1998-99**

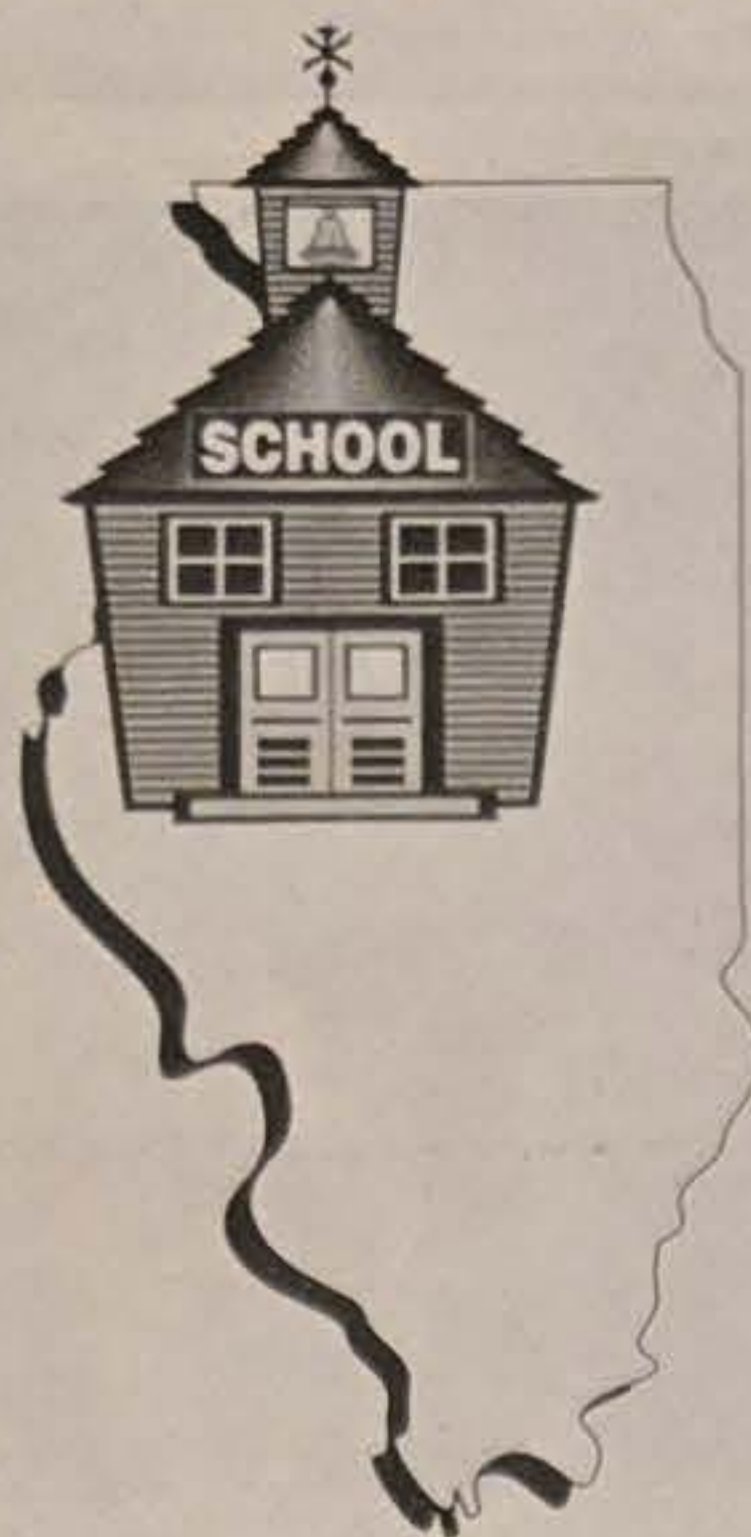
To improve writing process for expository, narrative, and persuasive types of writing so that 50% of the students will exceed the state goal on the ISAT Tests.

• **Goal #3: Social Studies and Science Goals**

To improve social studies and science scores on the ISAT Tests so that 75% of the students meet or exceed the state goal.

To improve the social studies curriculum and recommend texts that are aligned with the ISAT Tests and the new state standards.

We look forward to working with our students, staff, and parents to begin meeting and exceeding these goals.



Back-to-School Snapshots



Fourth and fifth graders make giant peaches! From left are Megan Reisenbigler, Danny Penning, Brian White, Lydia Aceviz, and Aimee Hubbard.



Jacob DeJaegher enjoys grandparents' day with Grandpa and Grandma Mr. and Mrs. Bob DeJaegher.

See You In the Spring, D.C.

By Tracy Paxton,
3rd Grade Teacher

School had just started when Debbie Clark, our school custodian, brought our class two milkweed plants to watch and care for. Just a few days later we had two tiny caterpillars milling about eating LOTS of leaves.

We watered our plant and watched our caterpillars grow. They grew quickly. It wasn't long before our caterpillars hung in a "J" shape. We even got to see one of them turn into a chrysalis. We were all excited.

We watched each day and learned new things about moths and caterpillars. Did you know Monarch butterfly caterpillars eat an average of 5 1/2 milkweed leaves each day?

We were sad when we discovered that the first caterpillar

had died. It never came out of its chrysalis. Our second chrysalis did hatch. It took about 10 days. We chose the name D.C. because our butterfly was a "he" and because Debbie Clark brought him to us. We found out D.C. was a male by the two black circles at the bottom of both of his wings.

We were so excited about moths and butterflies, we decided to make a butterfly garden for D.C. to come back to. We built a wonderful garden. Many community members and Freelance Landscape donated the materials. Family, staff, and students provided the labor. The second graders planted tulips. Next spring we should have a wonderful habitat for D.C. and his family to return to. The rest of the school is excited too. They'll be planting their plants in the garden in the spring.



Photo on left: The mammoth pumpkins maybe too large for these lads to carry; yet, many pumpkins are being carried home from Dennhardt's Shady Knoll Farm. Photo on right: The pumpkin shed at the Dennhardt farm is fully adorned with gourds, pumpkins, drying wheat, and finished braided wheat crafts. (Photos by Randy Baldridge)

- 'Pumpkins' from front page 7

Far more than a roadside vegetable stand, there are many attractions to delight children and adults alike. For instance, there is a small fleet of wheel barrows customers can use to actually go out into the pumpkin patch and pick their own pumpkins. Many city people and a few farm people I might add have never had the joy of experiencing picking pumpkins. You hear the voices of small children calling to their parents as with each few steps they seem to find a nicer pumpkin than the one they have already selected. Mammoth pumpkins are available. Three years ago, the Dennhardt's had a bumper crop of Mammoths and our family fell in love with a 208 pounder that we just had to have!!! We talked Gene into delivering it (for a small fee) and he and a hired man actually delivered it in a horse trailer and carried it into our living room using a blanket as a sling to carry it. Needless to say, once in place in the living room, it stayed until December 8th. We cut it into pieces to get it out of the house! This year, we settled for a 70 pounder.

Besides the fun of picking your own pumpkin, kids can explore a



Purse Stolen from Car at Post Office

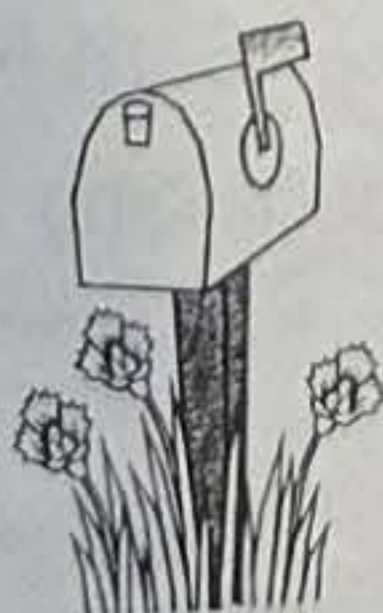
Mrs. Jenny Verheecke stopped at the Hampton Post Office on Tuesday, September 14, to run inside and get her mail. When she returned to her car, her purse was gone. The Hampton Police were notified immediately. If anyone has seen a multicolor leather purse with a short strap handle, please call 755-1830. (A word of caution is extended to all of us tempted to be too trusting, please lock your car, even if it is for a short stop.

Gwelda Reynolds

Gwelda "Gigi" Reynolds was involved in a serious car accident in Des Moines. She is doing better but she must remain in the hospital there. Her address is:



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Des Moines, IA 50314**



Hurry and get well. We miss you !

large maze that Gene cuts through his cornfield every year. Also, to entertain the children there are a lot of animals to see, touch, and feed. "Bunnyville" is featured where your children can pet and feed the rabbits. Chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, sheep, goats, pigs, calves, and a horse or two inhabit the farm. All these can be seen close up. Be sure to bring your camera and plan on spending an hour or two. A visit to the farm makes an excellent field trip for the grade school children (so teachers take note - be sure to call and schedule your trip in advance call 309-496-9636).

Though this season is coming to a close, spring will be here soon enough and the crop cycle starting with asparagus will begin again. Gene and Beri are biological sustainable farmers and so their products are organically grown without herbicides or pesticides, much like their pioneer ancestors grew. They believe healthy soil equals healthy food. If you've never visited "Shady Knoll Farm", it is located off Hubbard Road. Go 2.7 miles from Route 84 and take a right on Dennhardt Road for 1/4 mile. Be sure to say hello to Gene and Beri.... and thank them.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day

By Fr. Jim of St. Mary, Hampton, St. John, Rapids City

God most generous,
We join all people of good will in raising to you a prayer of thanksgiving
Past generations of people of this land have told of your bounty.
We, too, add our prayers to those of our ancestors
For the rich harvest we have received at your hands.
We, also, add our prayers for the realization your presence in our lives.
And so we pray,
Bless each of us, family members, neighbors and friends
And all of your children so that we may always acknowledge your
Goodness, especially as we share fellowship in your name.
Bless the food that we are grateful to receive
And help us to be mindful of the laborers who have brought it to us.
Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen
In our own labors and in our working for peace and justice.
In this time of giving thanks,
May we be generous in our response to those in need.
May we see in the needy the face of our God.
And may you see in us your presence and your love.
To you our Lord be glory, now and forever. Amen



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the obstacles in the way of bike riders were not accurate, as there is no proof as to who placed the obstacles in the way.

The agreement with Architect Tim Downey for the building at the park was presented. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to enter into agreement with Downey at a cost of \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to enter into agreement with Flenker Land Architects at a cost of \$950.00 for a design for an entrance sign for the Village. Vote as follows: Trustees Garrison, Carmack, McKay, Norin, "Yes"; Trustee Johnson, "No". Motion carried.

Notices were received by the Village of changes in the Upper Rock Island County Landfill. In regards to that, it was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin that the Village take appropriate action in opposing the landfill changes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Chief Kevin Irby present and stated he will be interviewing for a secretary next week; the roofing done at the fire station is not acceptable, but Winter Roofing will return and correct; and paperwork is being done to burn the house on 2nd Avenue.

A letter is to be sent to the Methodist parsonage house as it is being used as a business without a Special Use permit.

Trustee Johnson will proceed with the sign for the 6th Street park to be named the Gladys Ryherd Park.

The charge for the cutting of the grass and weeds by the Village at 227 2nd Street will be \$75.00 per hour.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin to adjourn until next Regular meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

September 28, 1998

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Due to the absence of Village Clerk Sue McBride, Administrative Assistant Mike Toalson was directed to take the minutes. Trustees S. Carmack, J. McKay, G. Johnson, J. Norin, J. Garrison, and M. Burrill present. Pledge to the flag.

Mike Shamsie and Doug Hinkle of Landmark Engineering were present. They reported that the bids are out for the water line looping project from Orchard Park to Hampton Woods. Bids are to be opened at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 2, 1998 at the Village Hall. The problem with the easement on Robin Peterson's property has been resolved. The legal description was correct, the drawing was labeled wrong. We still need the revised easement document from Attorney Lee. Robin Peterson has planted trees on the easement for the waterline. Landmark will be at the first board meeting in October with a recommendation for a contractor from the bid opening. The project could start in October.

Dan Solchenberger of Ament Engineering was present. Much work has been done on the marina property. The board agreed it is looking better.

Mr. Solchenberger reported that Motor Fuel and TIF street projects will be advertised tomorrow, September 29, 1998 and the bid opening will be on Tuesday, October 13, 1998.

President Newberg reported that an assisted living home is now going into Cordova. It appears that these type of homes are becoming

popular. President Newberg has asked Senator Denny Jacobs and the Illinois Municipal League to investigate these types of homes.

President Newberg proclaimed October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Hampton.

Trustee Johnson reported the water pump station had a leak problem and repairs had to be made to some of the piping and the controls that got wet. It is possible that we may have an insurance claim.

Monday, October 12, 1998 is Columbus Day, which is a holiday for Village employees. Therefore, it was motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson to move the scheduled board meeting from Monday, October 12, 1998 to Tuesday, October 13, 1998. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Trustee Carmack asked the Board if Beling Engineering is the only engineering firm we are going to talk to about the proposed new water tower. After a lengthy discussion, motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee McKay to have Ament Engineering provide us with a proposal for a new water tower. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Trustee McKay reported she has been contacted by someone who wants to install a drinking fountain at the Mississippi Park near the East Moline border.

Trustee Garrison reported that the Police Department's new Ford Taurus has the radios and lights installed and is in service.

The Board decided that Halloween hours will be from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on October 31.

Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Carmack to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to return to Regular Session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Carmack stated there will be a Street Committee meeting Monday, October 5, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss hiring a part time person for streets.

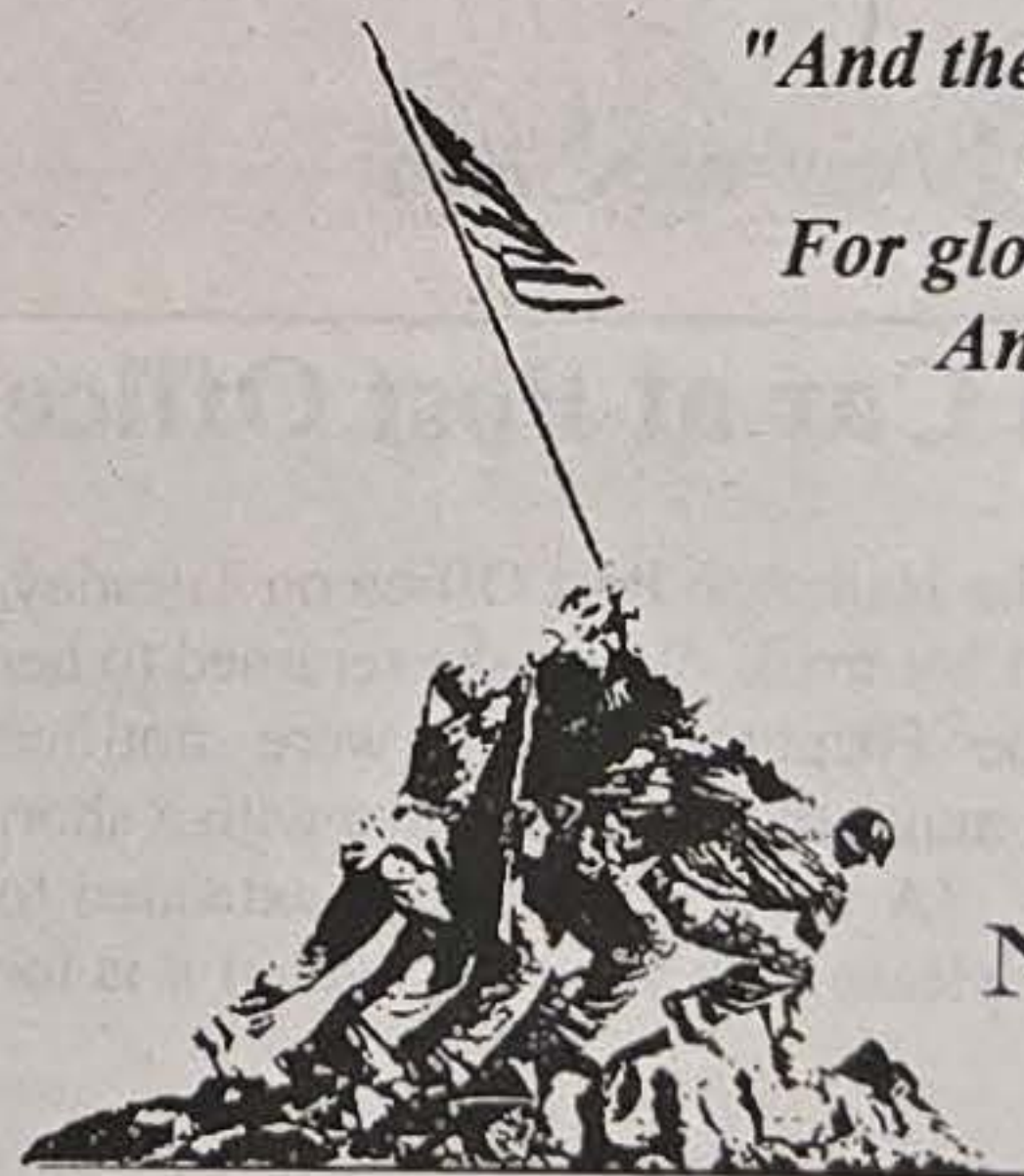
Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to have the chain and bearings replaced on the salt spreader at a price not to exceed \$700. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee McKay to adjourn until the next Regular meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

*"And they who for their country die
shall fill an honored grave,
For glory lights the soldier's tomb,
And beauty weeps the brave."*

- Joseph Rodman Drake

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Burning Those Autumn Leaves



Via Chief Kevin Irby

Its that time of year again when the leaves will be falling -- and people will be raking their yards and burning those leaves. So, as a reminder from the Fire Rescue Department to those of you who do burn your leaves, the text of the Village Burn Ordinance follows:

ARTICLE 14

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION - OPEN FIRES (Ord 616, October 14, 1996)

4.14.1: FIRES PROHIBITED: No person shall cause the open burning of refuse or garbage, or conduct any salvage operation by open burning.

A) No person shall, in the drug free zone around Hampton Elementary School, cause open burning while students are in session.
(Ord 627, October 14, 1997)

4.14.2: FIRES NOT LIMITED BY THIS SECTION: This Section shall not limit the open burning of leaves, grass clippings, shrubs, bushes, branches or any other landscape waste upon the premises where it is produced, the burning of landscape waste for *agricultural purposes, habitat management (included but not limited to forest and prairie reclamation) or firefighter training.* This Section shall not limit the open burning of cooking fires, either charcoal or

wood, campfires or other like open fires determined to be recreational in nature.

4.14.3: LOCATION OF OPEN FIRES: No person shall kindle, maintain, or cause to be kindled or maintained any fire on any private property within the corporate limits of the Village of Hampton unless the fire is at least twenty five (25) feet from any structure or adjoining property line (including easements), or on any seal coated or asphalt streets, avenues or alleys, and adequate provisions (including but not limited to garden hose, bucket(s) of water or properly rated fire extinguisher), are made to prevent the fire from spreading or otherwise burning out of control.

4.14.4: MONITORING OF OPEN FIRES: No person shall allow or cause to allow any open fire to be unattended until such fire has extinguished itself or is extinguished by other means. Extinguishment shall mean that all embers are cool and no longer producing heat or flames and there shall be no smoke or smoldering remnants.

4.14.5: AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT: The Fire Rescue Chief, his designee, the Chief of Police or his designee may prohibit any and all open fires allowed by this Section when atmospheric conditions or other factors make such fires, in their judgment, hazardous, dangerous, inconvenient or inappropriate to the public.

OBITUARIES

Evelyn McGinnis

Evelyn K. McGinnis, 67, 5th Street A, Hampton died Sunday, September 27, 1998, at Trinity Medical Center, Rock Island.

Services were 2 p.m. Wednesday September 30, 1998 at Schroder Mortuary, Silvis. Burial was in the Hampton Cemetery, Hampton.

She was born April 14, 1931 in Geneseo to Charles and Lorina Kissinger Pinks. She married Everett E. McGinnis April 19, 1958, in Geneseo. He preceded her in death on May 13, 1982.

She enjoyed baking, visiting friends and her grandchildren.

Survivors include daughters and a son-in-law, Melodie and Daniel Keefe, Springfield, IL., and Suzan McGinnis, Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Carolyn Pinks, Geneseo; a brother, Jim Pinks, Holland Michigan and two grandchildren.

Donald "Don" Smith

Donald "Don" Smith, 79, of 612 10th Avenue, Hampton, died Saturday, September 26, 1998, at Illini Hospital, Silvis.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, 1998, at Sullivan-Phillips Mortuary, East Moline, with the Rev. Charles Sward and Pastor Tonie Ross officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Rock Island, with military rites conducted by the East Moline American Legion Post 227 and V.F.W. Post 2056.

He was born July 7, 1919, in New Mexico, New York, to Patterson and Hazel Faye Smith. He married Helen Hartman in Davenport. She died June 6, 1986. He married Margaret Keyes December 1, 1990, in Hampton.

He graduated from Bradley University, Peoria, as a civil engineer. He was a city engineer for the city of Rock Island for 25 years. He retired in July, 1979.

He was a WWII Army and Air Force Veteran serving for 6 years. He was a member of the Flying Tigers. He was a T.P.A. member for 35 years and a former member of the American Legion.

He enjoyed woodworking and traveling, and he loved his dog Benji.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; four stepdaughters and spouses, Connie (Ivan) Wilcox, Hampton, Jody (Mike) Loveall, Oskaloosa, Iowa, Natalie Clark, Sheffield, Illinois, and Kimberly (Scott) Mahar, Hampton; a stepson and spouse, Rodney (Janet) Keyet, Eddyville, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; a stepbrother and spouse John K. (Elizabeth) Sansale, Hampton.

Illinois Commerce Commission Sets Hearing Date For GTE North USS Rate Complaint

By Mike Toalson

The Illinois Commerce Commission has set February 2, 1999, 10:00 AM as the date for hearings in the complaint for an investigation and revision of the User Sensitive Service (USS) rates and designated home calling areas of GTE North, Inc. The hearing will take place at the office of the Commerce Commission in Springfield, IL. Additional hearing dates if needed are February 3, 4, and 5.

On October 9, 1998, the Illinois Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, filed a petition to intervene and be made a party in the proceeding. In the petition text, the Attorney General stated, "...Consumers of telecommunications services offered by GTE North Inc. have an interest in obtaining telecommunications services at rates which are just and reasonable and not discriminatory in any way." The Attorney General's petition represents even more support at the state level for the complaint.

The public petitions have been collected from Porter's, Quinn Hardware and Papa's Pantry. We collected 428 signatures. Many were from Rapids City, Port Byron, GTE customers along Hubbard Road and Cedar Brook. The petitions have been mailed to be consolidated along with petitions from all over the state and sent to the Commissioner of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Governor Jim Edgar and GTE Customer Relations. They will also be entered during the hearings by the Citizens Utility Board as part of their testimony. The total number of signatures collected state wide was not available at press time, but it appears the total number could be in excess of 10,000 signatures. I want to thank everyone who took the time to sign a petition. Your collective voice will definitely be heard in Springfield.

Heagy Journal Continues Relating History of Early Hampton Churches

By Rocky Nelson

With the swing into fall, the Historical Society returns to a state of semi-hibernation for the winter. After the furious activity of the September Apple Festival, we need the rest. This year's Festival was not as well attended as last year's, but still it was highly successful. There were too many events going on this year and people just cannot attend them all.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that contributed time, labor or bakery goods to the event. We especially appreciate Stone's Apple Barn for their beautiful and interesting display, including 27 of the 58 varieties of apples they grow. Hampton Historical Society is grateful to the Stone family.

Last month we related some information about the Congregational Church in Hampton, including the church suppers that provided money for the purchase of an organ. By coincidence, Jane (as in Jammin' With Jane) and I visited Moline Public Library a few weeks ago looking for genealogical information. We surveyed microfilm of the "Moline Review", a newspaper published in the last century. We were searching for obituaries of some of Jane's family. We failed to find the obituaries but we did run across some items by the Hampton correspondent (under the by-line "Faust", probably a pseudonym). One item related to the church suppers mentioned last time. The church supper netted \$120 and the supper for the dancers brought in \$175. Odd how that turned up within a couple of weeks of the writing of this column. There were some other interesting items, which we'll pass on later.

Returning to early churches--the earliest Catholic activity was around 1839 when a French priest, Father J.A.M. Pelamourgues came to Davenport. He would visit Hampton twice a year to confirm, baptize, and hold mass in a private home.

When Lucius Wells opened his ferry, Hampton Catholics would cross to Iowa and walk to Davenport to attend mass. There was an influx of German settlers in the 1850's, and some of them were Catholic. Family names appearing on early church records that you may recognize were Mohr, Weigand, Glanz, Schnider, and Hofstetter. In 1856, a new church (St. Joseph) was built by the Germans in Davenport. The priest, Father Niemanns, used to be a sort of circuit rider for surrounding towns, including Hampton. Father Alleman came after the Civil War and tracked to Hampton to say mass on numerous occasions.

The original St Mary's church was built two blocks east of the present location with a cemetery beside it. The gravestones are still there though most of the bodies have been moved. This church was replaced by a second frame church on the site of the present St Mary's. It burned down around the turn of the century and another church was built. In 1953 this church was sold to the Methodists who moved it to

the site of their church for use as an addition to house Sunday School rooms and offices. The present Catholic Church was built in 1953.

Now we will turn to the Methodist Church. There were Methodist circuit riders before there was such a place as McNeal's Landing, going back at least as far as 1824. These men rode through their assigned areas, preaching and attending to funerals, weddings, etc. They met in homes or outdoors. They even devised a way to have music with their services. There were no hymnals around and they couldn't have carried them if there had been. But they did carry a small book with the words to some hymns. They would read two lines to the congregation, who would sing them to the tune of one of several well-known songs of the day. This process was called "Lining the Hymn."

In 1878, the present Methodist Church was built by Hampton resident Hugh Fulerton and his son, Henry. The 1878 excerpt from the "Moline Review" mentions the cost was \$2300. The article also mentions the Methodist women gave a strawberry festival to raise money towards the church, receiving \$25, which was considered a good showing.

A peculiarity of the church was that you entered from outside steps that led to the level of the sanctuary. People entered through two doors on either side of the church. This meant two right angle turns. Of course, great problems were encountered during funerals (is it sacrilegious to imagine having to set a coffin upright on end in order to work it through the doorway? I hope not because that's the picture that comes into my mind). It was not long before the entrance was placed at ground level with the stairs inside as it is now, providing a straight shot to the center aisle.

Heagy remembers a couple of the early preachers. One was D. S. McCown (1882), a young man, jolly and full of fun. He got the young people (including the Congregationalist Heagy) to church. He had a son Chester that became a missionary. Another preacher, Heagy remembered, was G. W. Pregorg, a big red faced jolly man. Also remembered, but for a different reason was S. S. Guthrie (1886). He was a very serious young man just out of seminary. He seemed to think it was his personal responsibility to make everyone in town "tow the straight and narrow path." He berated people about their sins both from the pulpit and face to face. When Heagy's 21st birthday came along, it occurred at a time when Rev Guthrie had a revival going. Heagy's parents thought it was only right to celebrate their only son's coming of age with a party. For entertainment at the party they played euchre. The preacher took it as a personal affront that people would hold a card party while he was conducting a revival. He expressed his opinions vehemently from the pulpit. Never-the-less the party was enjoyed by all. One day he caught Heagy and some of his friends in his father's store smoking "cigarets." This resulted in another lecture and a sermon on the sin of using the "filthy weed". No wonder Heagy remembers this man so well!

Two Longs and One Short

By Franciska Rasmussen

This will not mean much to you, unless you lived in the time of crank phones. We had lived in the city with a phone always available. It was very hard to get used to living in the country with no phone and the nearest neighbor was two blocks away.

Just after the war, there were still many shortages and phones were one of them. We were finally able to get one, because I was pregnant and had no near neighbors.

Oh what a wonderful day- the phone was going to be put in and I had a link to the outside world. Yes, I had that but so did 17 other people-it was a party line. We had a link to the outside world, but, also, into each other's lives. We each had our own ring. Our ring was two longs and one short. The first day and night the phone was in, it nearly drove me crazy. I'd get up every time it rang and even answered it before it gave the proper ring for someone else. It took some time adjusting to just let the darn thing ring till it was the right ring for you.

Another adjustment came when I found out how many people listened in on a party line. You had to be very careful about what you said and cautious about mentioning names. When you got a call you could hear the receivers go up and you knew that others were listening. I did get some satisfaction when I knew no matter how well or how long they listened, I could still carry on a private conversation with my mother. When she would call and I would answer, she would say, "Good-bye," to everyone listening and then she would go into speaking a Flemish (Belgian language) dialect, which my sister and I understood. We would then hear the receivers go down again and the line became clearer. Those were the days of phone number 27RY or two longs and one short.

Minutes of the Hampton School Board Meeting Monday September 14, 1998

...Attendees: Baldrige, Husman, Schaffer, and Wright. Braddy, Jordan and Kraft were absent...

Mrs. Burrill stated she wanted to discuss a **fund-raiser** proposal from the Booster Club. Dr. Paquette stated that PTA had planned a Candy and Merchandise Sales Fund-raiser for Oct. 15 through Oct. 26. He also stated that the Booster Club had asked to hold a car wash as a fund-raiser on Oct. 26. Dr. Paquette stated he could see no conflict, therefore, both organizations will be having their fund-raisers as planned. Mrs. Burrill also stated that the Booster Club is selling shirts... Anyone can order these shirts for \$30.50 each...

Mrs. DeBo asked about the **TIF**...school had received \$2793.00 from TIF II...more funding to come...

Mrs. DeCrane asked about the **IGAP tests**, and Dr. Paquette stated that the teachers would be receiving these test results tomorrow and they would be sending them home...

(Towne Crier will use corrected minutes and therefore they are a month behind.)

The board also received a letter of resignation from Mr. Jim DeBo. He is resigning from the **Tech Committee**. The board appreciates all the hard work, great ideas and effort Mr. DeBo put into this committee....

Building and Grounds: The Handicapped Parking is almost done and the water is draining. The culvert needs to be cleaned out. The sealant still needs to be applied and the new lines drawn. There was a small chip out of the new glass door on the southwest side, the paving company will take care of the replacement. Children have been biking at the front of the northeast door, this needs to be stopped and parents will be contacted.

Negotiations: President Wright stated that the contract for the superintendent is ready for signing. Randy Baldrige made a motion to sign the superintendent's contract. After some discussion, Mr. Baldrige made a friendly amendment to his motion to wait for the signing of the contract until after discussion in executive session. Donna Schaffer seconded the motion and friendly amendment, roll call vote... passed 4-0...

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By Jane Nelson

Jammin' with Jane

This month I'm going to give you a little history and a few recipes involving pumpkins. I hope all of you visit Dennhardt's Shady Knoll Farm for your pumpkins. With a little luck, they'll have some left over after Halloween.

One year I prepared pumpkins around Halloween and froze them for use at Thanksgiving. You can enjoy pumpkin recipes year round by freezing them in the fall. You can do this in either of two ways. Clean and peel the pumpkin and cut into large pieces, about 4 inches square. Blanch in boiling water that contains the juice of one lemon and 2 or 3 tablespoons of olive oil, for about 4 minutes. Drain and cool the pieces and seal in plastic freezer bags to freeze. The second way is to prepare mashed pumpkin for freezing. Clean and peel the pumpkin pieces and steam until very tender. Run them through your food processor and put in plastic freezer cartons. Squeeze a little lemon juice on top to prevent browning in the freezer. If you would rather can than freeze you should do so with a hot water bath or pressure cooker. It takes 3 hours by hot water bath and 1 hour by pressure cooker. Of course, you can buy cans of pumpkins in the store.

One of the very first ways that pilgrims and pioneers made pumpkin pie was baked whole pumpkin. This was done back in colonial times and the dish was said to be a favorite of George Washington. Here the custard pie is found inside the pumpkin and the whole thing is served as a very unusual dessert.

BAKED WHOLE PUMPKIN

- 1 pumpkin, 5-7 lbs.
- 6 whole eggs
- 2 cups whipping cream
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 T molasses
- ½ t freshly grated nutmeg (I prefer ½ t cloves)
- 1 t cinnamon
- ¼ t ginger
- 2 T butter

Cut the lid off the pumpkin just as if you would a Jack-o-Lantern. Remove the seeds and save for toasting.

Mix the remaining ingredients together with the exception of the butter. Fill the pumpkin with the mixture and top with the butter. Cover the pumpkin lid with aluminum foil and place it on the pumpkin. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 to 1 ½ hours or until the mixture has set like custard. Serve from the pumpkin at your table, scraping some of the pumpkin meat from the sides with each serving.



Meet the School's Art Teacher

Barbara Brandt, a 1983 graduate of St. Ambrose University, is certified in K-12 art education. She has taught K-8 art in the Carbon Cliff-Barstow district for the past three years. She now teaches K-8 art here at Hampton. Barbara said, "I appreciate the warm welcome by the Hampton staff and administration and I love the character of the art room located in the original building. I am delighted to have a room and a sink!" She lives in Port Byron on the Mississippi River with her husband, Roger, and seventh grade son, Mike. She added, "I love the challenge of teaching five different levels each day. There's never a dull moment in the art room!"

Wash the seeds you have saved and drain on paper towels for several days. Place them in a heavy frying pan along with some olive oil and toast until they begin to show a few very tiny brown spots on the husks. Add a bit of salt and cool. These make great snack and are good on salads or soups. Toasting the seeds is a good history lesson plus a different substitution for pumpkin pie.

If you like a modern pumpkin pie, my mother makes the best pie in the world (I think). She doesn't make them any more because she can't roll the crust thin enough. Jack Coder and I make a good substitute (we think).

MARY ELLEN McNEAL'S PUMPKIN PIE

- 1 c pumpkin (Libby's)
- 3 eggs
- 1 c sugar less 2T
- 1 t cinnamon
- ½ t cloves
- ¼ t ginger
- ¼ t salt
- 1 T flour
- 1 ½ c whole milk
- 1 T butter or margarine melted

Beat eggs. Add dry ingredients to pumpkin and mix well. Add eggs. Add milk and melted margarine. Pour into an unbaked pie shell. Bake 10 min at 400 degrees and 40 minutes at 375 degrees.

In case you don't like pumpkin pie here is another easy to make pie:

PECAN PIE

- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- ½ c brown sugar or ¼ c brown and ¼ c white
- ¼ t salt
- 1 c light corn syrup
- ½ t vanilla
- 1 c pecans, broken in pieces
- 1 plain pastry
- whipping cream and whole pecans for the top

Mix eggs, sugar, salt, corn syrup, vanilla, and broken nut meats. Line plate with pastry. Pour in filling. Bake ten minutes at 450 degrees, then 35 minutes at 350 degrees. Chill. Cover or put a spoon of whipping cream on top. Garnish with pecan halves. Makes a 9-inch pie.

This is a sugar free pie I think could be easily made out of pumpkin:

SUGAR FREE PIE

- 1 Graham cracker crust

1 pkg Sugar-free Instant Pudding any flavor. For pumpkin, I would use vanilla pudding and mix in 1 t cinnamon, ½ t cloves, ¼ ginger with the dry pudding. Mix with ¼ c pumpkin and beat in ½ c milk 2 c Light Cool Whip

Whisk pudding, pumpkin, mix well with the milk. Whisk in Cool Whip. Put in Graham cracker crust. Refrigerate.

If any of you have some new Christmas cookie recipes let me know. I'd like to pass them on to the Hampton cooks. Most of the information this month came from "The Frugal Gourmet Cooks American" by Jeff Smith, my own cookbook, and the Pecan Pie from the 1950 Fannie Farmer Cookbook, my old-faithful.

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Special committees: District Leadership Team had a special meeting with Cathy MacDonald and they discussed the Teacher's Institute on Oct. 23rd...

Adopt School Goals for 1998-99 School Year...

1. **Improve Reading Instruction.**
2. **Communications Goal,** to improve within the school and surrounding community; compile, edit and complete a quarterly newspaper (see center 4 pages of this issue of Crier)...

Appoint Tracy Paxton and Jyll Baraks at \$300 each for the gifted program. These salaries will be taken out of the Gifted Program Grant. Dr. Paquette recommended Mark Bressler as 8th grade sponsor, to be paid \$100 each out of extra-curricular salary as per contract. Dr. Paquette recommended the SAP Team of Ann Maletta, Teri Minnaert, Mary Boster, Barb Brandt, Mark Bressler, Julie Engstrom, and Chris Wolfe as police liaison. Ms. Maletta and Mrs. Minnaert will be paid \$100 each out of the Drug Free Schools Grant. Everyone else on the team is volunteering. Randy Baldrige made a motion to appoint teachers and pay them as per negotiated contract or by grant as stated... passed 4-0...

Executive session at 9:18 p.m. Board returned to open session at 9:45 p.m. motion to sign the Superintendent's contract from July 1, 1998 through June 30th, 2002, passed 4-0.

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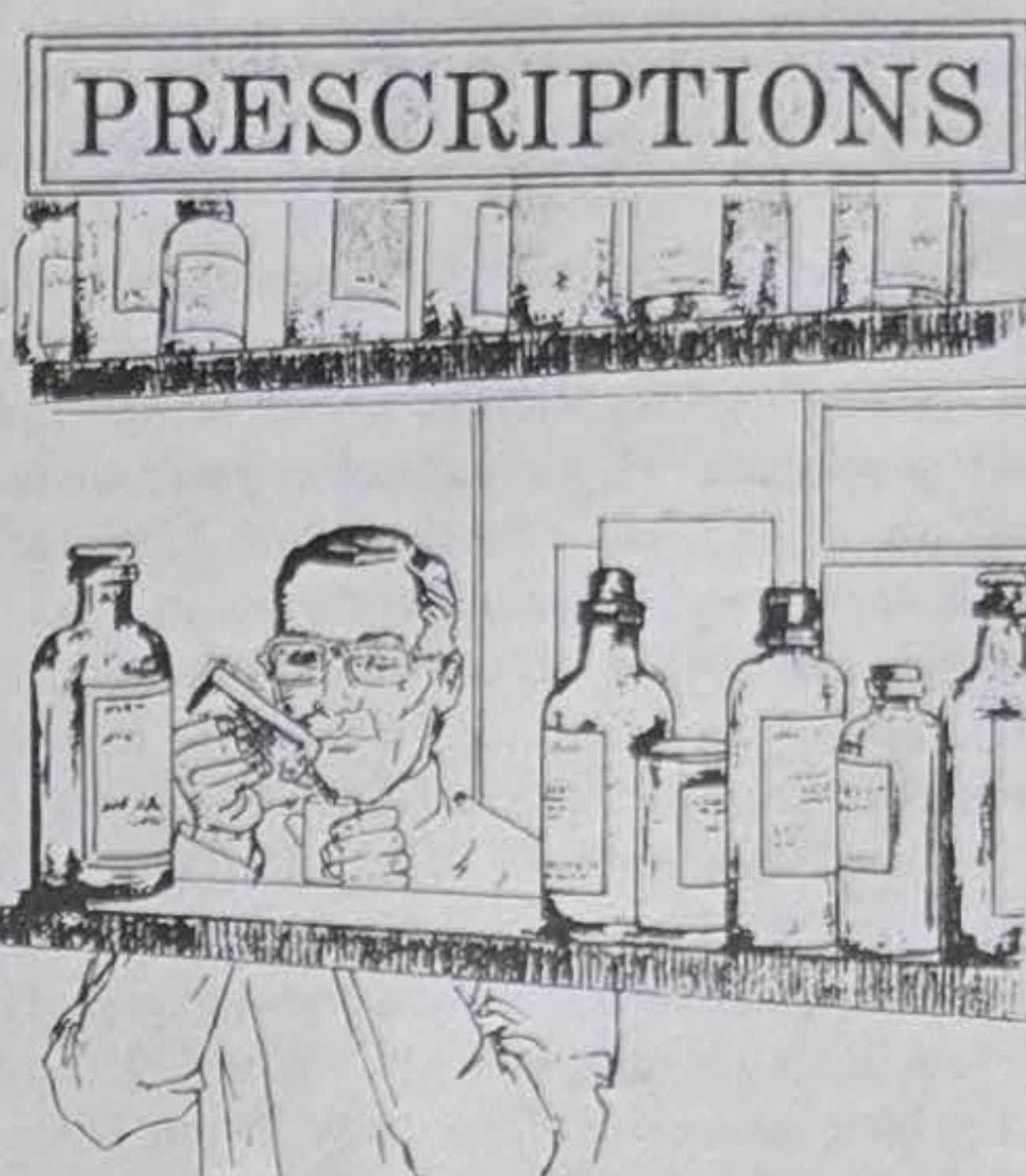
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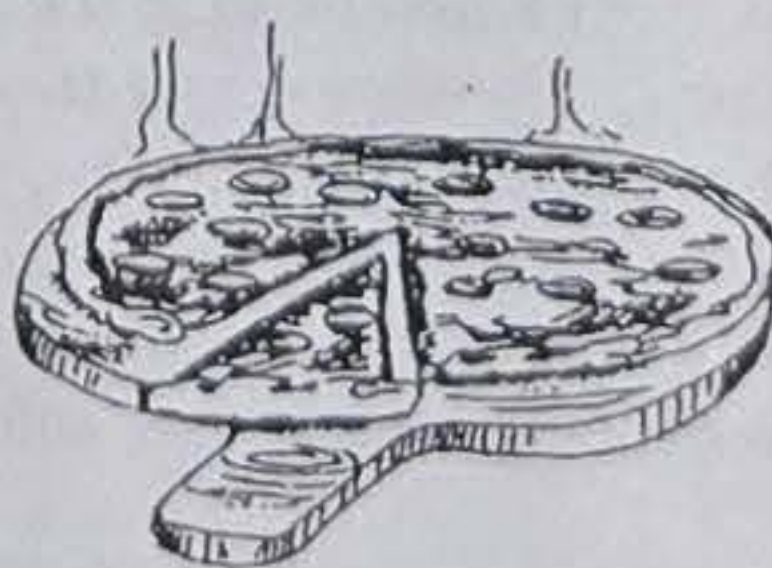
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