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Guelda Reynolds (pictured on the right) came home to Hampton three months after the Oct. 6th accident that changed the lives of the Reynolds family. Daughter Lisa (on the left) moved from Missouri to be able to help her mother with her recovery. Guelda's doctor recently increased her physical therapy from two to three times a week. Guelda hopes to be able to use a cane soon instead of a walker. She is determined to improve her strength and endurance. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)

Guelda Reynolds Comes Home

By Michaela VanDieren

The road to recovery for Guelda "Gigi" Reynolds has been slow and painful. On October 6, 1998, she was a passenger in a Jimmy truck near Des Moines that was driven by her brother-in-law, Monty Pollner. In the front seat with Monty was his wife, Guelda's sister, Nelda. In the back seat were Guelda and her sister Linda Sullivan. A car driven by a Knoxville Hospital female mental patient came barreling down a hill. She failed to stop at the stop sign hitting the Jimmy truck in the left front fender. The Jimmy turned around several times rolled over and slid upside for a distance. Guelda was thrown 75 feet from the point of impact. She believes she is very fortunate not to remember anything from the accident until about the second week of December. By that time she had been in Trinity for two or three weeks already.

First Two Weeks were Tough and Go

One of Guelda's three daughters, Lisa, told how the doctors did not believe Guelda would survive. The family had a beeper. One night at two a.m., they were paged because Guelda's 105-degree fever would not come down. After that they took turns so at least one family member could be at the hospital at all times.

Gratitude is Evident

Guelda said, "I have always appreciated my health, and I'm thankful for what I have left." The healthy condition of her body before the accident contributed to her survival. Guelda relayed how her faith had increased. She is grateful for all the prayers that were said for her family and her. Guelda discussed the support she has received from her family, friends, and her church family. She added, "I was not alone. My heart goes out to anyone who doesn't have family or friends." She was emotional as she said, "I hope someday to help someone else."

Four Incur Massive Injuries

Authorities were notified of the accident immediately by another motorist using a cell phone. An ambulance arrived while the wheels of the Jimmy were still spinning. The jaws of life

were used to extract the others from the Jimmy. Guelda was airlifted to Mercy in Des Moines. Others went to Methodist in Des Moines and to Knoxville's Hospital. Nelda was black and blue all over and she broke her wrist. The wrist was repaired with a metal plate. The herniated discs in her neck needed support. If metal were inserted, it would not curve to allow for her spinal chord that was swelling. So physicians used a bone from her hip for this purpose. Nelda is recovering with her husband in their home in New Boston. She still undergoes therapy and is unable to use a walker until her wrist is healed. Monty did not have any bruises, but his right arm was severely lacerated with cuts severing many nerves and tendons in his left arm. Although his arm was saved and the skin grafts were successful, he has little use of this arm. Guelda said, "Fortunately, he is right-handed." Linda received compacted ribs and a bruised heart.

Guelda's entire body was swollen and she had severe trauma when her right side and the back of her head absorbed the force of her landing. Her children could barely recognize her when they arrived at the hospital because she was so swollen, especially her head. A tracheotomy was performed to assist her breathing. She had fluid in her lungs, internal bleeding, a broken right leg, and the bruises on her back later became infected. She had at least five or six surgeries. It is truly a miracle what the medical profession is able to accomplish.

Prayers Said, and Letters & Visitors Came

Guelda told of the many cards and letters she received from Hampton residents and friends. "I'm glad so many prayed for me," said Guelda. Guelda's youngest daughter, Lindsay, said, "The visitors at Trinity really helped her through it. Her church helped her tremendously." Guelda recalled with a tear in her eye, "PV's (Pleasant Valley's) Black Hawk School students raised some money by selling carnations. Some students came to Trinity to wish me well and gave me the money they had raised." Guelda was the curriculum

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Many Hazards Face Those Traveling West in the Fall of 1846

By Rocky Nelson

At this writing the prairies of Illinois lie under a snow blanket a foot or more deep. We've also had our share of sub-zero temperatures. All this reminds me, of some events that occurred over 150 years ago to some people who, though they weren't from Hampton, were fairly close, and very much the same type of people that inhabited our town then. In 1846, a group from Illinois decided to go to California. There was a fairly steady exodus to the west including the Mormon trek and two years away from the Gold Rush. Most members of the expedition were from Sangamon County (Galesburg area) and some from around the Monmouth area. The leader of the group was a man named George Donner, assisted by James Reed. Almost all of the 87 members were either related to the leaders or worked for them.

They got off to a late start and since they wanted to make up time they decided to take a new trail instead of the established Emigrant Trail. They were told this new trail was shorter. Whoever told them, neglected to say it was virtually impassable for large wagons.

Crossing the desert south The Great Salt Lake was a disaster. They lost most of their livestock and many wagons. James Reed, a prosperous businessman, set out with 3 wagons, 4 hired teamsters, a maidservant to care for Mrs. Reed and 4 children. After crossing the desert they were down to one wagon. Much of what we know about events on this trip comes from the diary of thirteen year old Virginia Reed. She writes poignantly about how she cried when they had to abandon her pet pony on the desert. She would soon have experiences that made the loss of the pony seem trivial. They were a full month behind schedule after crossing the desert.

On October 5, 1846 a critical event occurred. One of Reed's teamsters tried to pass another wagon on the narrow trail. The two teams of oxen became entangled, and the other driver, John Snyder commenced beating his team with the butt end of his whip. Just then James Reed, who had been away hunting, returned and tried to stop him yelling that they were dependent on their oxen. Snyder became even more violent and when Reed tried to restrain him, Snyder struck him with his whip stock. Mrs. Reed ran to assist her bleeding husband and Snyder aimed a blow at her but Reed plunged his hunting knife into the man. Reed regretted the act immediately and tried to help him but Snyder soon expired.

The members of the Donner party then took time out from their traveling to hold a formal meeting concerning what should be done. Some were in favor of hanging Reed but after much argument it was decided to banish him from the party without a gun or food. (Virginia doesn't say it, but one gets the idea Reed was not a popular member of the group). The banishment took place, but Virginia was able to sneak his gun and some food to him. This seemed like a calamitous event but later you will see it was a blessing in disguise.

Soon the wagon had to be abandoned when the animals became too weak to pull it. The Reeds together with most of the others set out on foot using what animals were left as pack animals and mounts for two-year-old Tommy and five-year-old Jimmy. On October 19 they caught a break. An acquaintance, 35 year-old Charles T Stanton, had left the

party during their trouble in the desert, fearing they would not have enough supplies to make the rest of the trip. Riding ahead to California he now returned with 7 mules loaded with provisions, accompanied by two Indians: (baptized Christians from Fort Sutter). He had met Jim Reed on the trail, saving him from starvation in the nick of time. Reed had continued west to Sutter's Fort to organize more relief efforts.

Stanton and his Indian companions urged greater speed. There was already snow in the passes of the Sierra Nevada, winter was starting in a month early. The snow was soon to deep for any wagons. Men and women were soon walking in snow up to their waists. The Indians, who had scouted ahead returned to say they could still find the trail and Stanton wanted to make a forced march to get over the pass while it was still possible. Most of the people said they were exhausted and so they camped three miles from the summit.

With night came the snow! In huge feathery clouds so thick you could not see more than a few feet. The Indians knew they were doomed. One of them covered himself with a blanket and stood under a tree all night. Mrs. Reed stayed awake, periodically shaking the blankets that covered her children keeping them from being buried alive. At daylight they managed to reach a cabin that had been left by a previous party. More cabins were built and they prepared as best they could for the winter. The camp, which might have been named the Camp of Death, was on the shore of a small lake, ever since bearing the name Donner Lake.

Stanton and the Indians took care of the fatherless Reed family, helping them build a cabin. All the cattle, horses, and mules were killed and the meat buried in the snow. There was no danger of spoilage. The temperature averaged zero. In December, Stanton, the Indians and a party of seven men and five women tried to cross the pass on snowshoes. They succeeded, but Stanton died and the rest of the party killed the Indians and ate them.

On Christmas day Mrs. Reed made a feast out of a few dried apples, some beans, a bit of tripe, and some bacon. These items she had hidden away for this purpose. The storms did not abate, sometimes lasting ten days. In January there was nothing to eat but rawhides which were boiled yielding a sort of glue like substance that had some food value. The dead were everywhere. Most people were too weak even to bury them in the snow. It was then that some members of the party turned to human flesh to keep alive. How many? We can't tell. Some admitted to it afterward, some denied it, but most would not speak of it.

On February 19, a rescue party from Sutter's Fort made it to Donner's Lake. The banished James Reed had never ceased trying to get relief, but was turned back by the snow several times. He was not with the first party but soon arrived to find his family still alive. Ironically, his banishment had led to saving the lives of about half of the 87 people who had started from Illinois in the summer. If you think our recent snow and cold was a hardship, contemplate the ill-fated Donner party.

-From "Guelda" on the front page

director's secretary at Pleasant Valley for many years.

From an Empty Nest to 2 Girls Back at Home

Guelda's daughters: Julie, age 37, Lisa, age 28 and Lindsay, age 22, spent many days in DesMoines. Lindsay was a student at Western Illinois, Macomb. Lisa, of Kirksville, MO, was beginning to study for another degree. Julie age 37, lives in East Moline. Allen Gooding, Guelda's brother of Batavia, IL, also spent much time in DesMoines. Lisa withdrew from school and moved home to help her mother with her recovery, when she would be released from the hospital. After the initial couple of weeks in DesMoines, Lindsay was able to complete her semester at Macomb, returning to DesMoines on weekends until Nov. 23 when Guelda and Nelda were transferred to Trinity in Rock Island. This semester Lindsay student teaches in Davenport and now lives at home in Hampton.

Recovery is Slow

Guelda relayed, "I did a few dishes this morning. That's a triumph, but it completely wore me out." She told how she hurt every day until the third week at Trinity, when the pain finally lessened. Her left knee and hip still hurt, but she is optimistic now that her endurance has increased. She can now have therapy three times a week instead of only two. She can get up from a chair with the use of her walker. Also, she can get in and out of bed by herself. Way to go, Guelda!

Guelda still sports a smile even after enduring the trials of the past months.



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Tags Found More than 50 Years Later

By Michaela VanDieren

Chase Martin was planning to skip rocks across the surface of the water one afternoon last fall, when he moved a log to look for rocks. Instead of a pebble, Chase found an old dog tag. The location of the log is about 10 yards from the drinking fountain in the park at the south end of Hampton at a point that looks out to the river. He could read the name Larrison so he brought it home to his parents. Chase's parents, Gary and Darlene Martin, believed it might belong to Chet Larrison because the name Charles C. Larrison was engraved on it.

Betty Larrison found Chet's military records. He had enlisted in the Army Air Force in July 1944, when he was nineteen. He served as duty soldier in the air corps and as a supply clerk. In November 1945, he was discharged for hardship because his father was ill. Neither Betty nor her son Gary had ever seen Chet's dog tag. No one is sure when it was lost, but probably shortly after Chet's return from the service. Betty would like to get the tag gold-plated, but she is having trouble locating someone able to do it. The date Chase found it was October 23, just one month before the anniversary of Chet's death November 23, 1982. Betty found comfort with this memento, especially at that time of year.



In the picture above right are Chase Martin (left) and Mrs. Chet Larrison (right) holding Chet Larrison's 1945 military dog tag. Chase found the dog tag this fall by the river.

Pictured at right is a photo of nineteen year old, Chet Larrison, when he was in the Army Air Force in 1944-45. The recently found dog tag is setting on the frame. (Photos by Michaela VanDieren)



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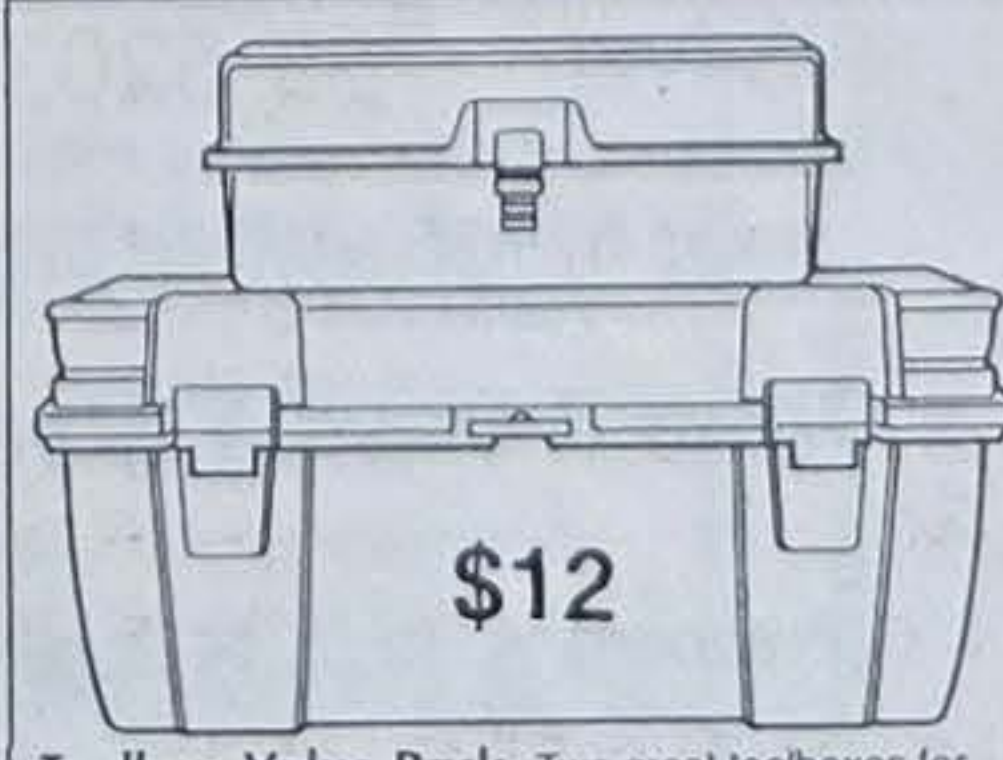


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1999 State of the Village Report

By Scott H. Newberg, President, Hampton Village Board of Trustees

The end of the calendar year marks a time for reviewing that which has occurred previously and establish goals for the year ahead. Unfortunately, fiscal years do not end at the same time nor do ongoing projects. Consequently, this review embraces the past and future in an attempt to reiterate our accomplishments in 1998 and goals in 1999.

In 1998, we saw work completed on the new water loop for the Hampton Woods housing development. This increased the water pressure by 23%. With the added extension of water lines, it was quickly imperative planning had to be started on a new tower for the village.

The village and its residents are pleased to see the vast improvements of the marina site accomplished last year.

When Hampton's comprehensive planning commission met, it offered many fine ideas for the improvement of our community. Topping the committee's list was the need for a public building in the large park along the Mississippi. Consequently, the Board of Trustees made application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a \$200,000 matching grant for an interpretive center which was awarded in November.

Another suggestion which surfaced was the need for welcoming signs along Highway 84 and the need to make the transportation corridor more attractive to visitors. Hampton is the upriver portal of entry to the Quad Cities Metropolitan area. Work is in progress to accomplish these goals.

The need for Hampton to expand its corporate limits has created considerable attention to expanding eastward. Although the procedure is straight forward, it requires a considerable depth of planning before realization of an ambitious project.

This preface of activities in 1998 brings us to goals we hope to attain in 1999. Again, bear in mind, in community planning years overlap.

Hampton's goal of attracting new home owners to the village has been successful. New water lines have compounded the hilltop's low water pressure problem. To satisfy the need for proper water pressure, the Village of Hampton has signed engineering contracts for phase one of the 250,000 gallon project. This will determine the financial options available to Hampton. The cost of the project will be borne by the Orchard Park TIF #3. When completed, it will have ample water in reserve and needed water pressure for our hilltop residents, important to annexation plans and for fire protection.

The village has employed an engineer to observe the continuing construction of the marina and to determine compliance with village zoning regulations. The site has been attractively developed and is ready for phase two of its construction program, the cutting of a channel to the Mississippi. We look forward to the completion of the much needed facility.

Overshadowing many of our goals for 1999 is the Interpretive Center in the park along the river. Sited atop the hill overlooking the park and nature area, it will be a very visible improvement as seen from Highway 84. The center will accommodate displays of area flora and fauna plus rotating exhibits from outside resources — ideal for the education of our young people and adults alike. However, it will also

be available for public gatherings. It will be a dynamic facility for the Village of Hampton. Construction is planned for the fall of 1999.

The Interpretive Center project means a fund raising campaign to which we hope everyone will favorably respond. Some village moneys are available from TIF #1 and funds have been offered through other resources, public and private. Although we have not commented previously on this undertaking, we are confident the goals will be met.

Preliminary sketches of designs have been shown to the Village Board of the welcoming signs to be placed on Highway 84. They are colorful and appropriate for the purpose of bringing people into the community rather than passing through it. We very much want to see the highway 84 right-of-way cleaned up and groomed to attest our pride in Hampton. More than a cleanup project, these plans call for additional planting of trees and other landscape options. It will help give us identity as a proud part of the Quad City metro area; an important plus!

Annexation is critical to the ultimate survival of Hampton. We must move our corporate limits eastward to embrace new residents and land. If we don't do it, East Moline will — immediately restricting our option to grow. To homeowners adjacent to Hampton, it is a pristine opportunity to have low and reasonable taxes, find comfort in telephone service as we battle against GTE in a class action suit before the Illinois Interstate Commerce Commission. The village would be more responsive to opposition of further expansion of the Upper Rock Island County Landfill and development of an industrial park. We want to give people living just outside of Hampton the opportunity to be involved in and a part of our growing community and at the same time protect their way of life and current use of their land. Our new water tower can provide this area with the good water it requires.

The Village Board would like to see development of the old Adantes Restaurant site along Highway 84. Many of our residents have complained about its present appearance. The eyesore needs to be rectified as soon as possible and restored to productive use.

The Village board will continue to give the Orchard Park 2 development oversight. It is an important addition to the community and we want it to be representative of our quality of life.

The Village Board is in the process of finalizing plans for street repairs with work scheduled to begin in the late spring or summer.

With the assistance of the Police and Fire Departments, the Board will again review the Village Flood Plans. This is undertaken each year to keep abreast with new concepts and ideas beneficial to our well-being during high water times.

Work in progress includes modernizing our existing ordinances, bringing them up to date and current with local, state and federal regulations. Some concerns include liquor laws, easements and tree planting.

We will promote a "Clean Up Hampton" campaign. Because of the many complaints we receive from property owners, we are deeply concerned with the need for some residents to remove clutter and garbage from their yards. People living next door fear their property

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Jammin' with Jane

By Jane Nelson

What do you do on a cold winter day after Christmas? You sit and watch 24 hours of Michael Jordan, dreading the thought of basketball without him. I've always enjoyed basketball and when Michael came to the NBA I started watching those games prior to that I had watched college games. This year I may go back to watching college games. The Iowa Hawkeyes are very exciting. We have tickets to go to Urbana to see Iowa play Illinois. That should help me cheer up from the absence of Michael Jordan.

Now for some recipes. Over the holidays I came up with a new Jello recipe I like a lot. I have missed jellied cranberry sauce because I can't have a lot of sugar. I have a jello and applesauce recipe that has the same consistency.

Cranberry Sauce (sugar-free)

- 1 package sugar-free cranberry jello
- 2 cups applesauce (no sugar)
- 1 can diet cherry 7-up
- 1 cup boiling water

Dissolve jello in the hot water. Cool slightly and add applesauce. Stir. Add 7-up. Chill. You can make more by adding a lemon jello and ice cubes. You could put this in a heart mold and it would be nice for Valentine's Day.

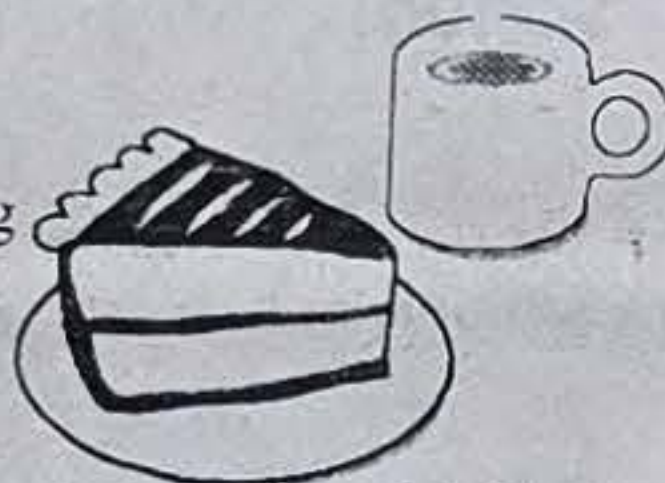
Since this is a new year, I have started cleaning a small chest in my laundry room that is stuffed with recipes, some that I saved in college. I have cleaned 1 1/2 drawers and have filled three bags with throw away. I have some that I can't part with. Some recipes from 1927 that I'm saving for historical value. I found this great chocolate cake: Triple Chocolate Cake.

Triple Chocolate Cake

- 1 package Betty Crocker devil's food cake mix
- 1-1/4c water
- 1 package chocolate instant pudding and pie filling
- 1/4cup vegetable oil
- 1 package (6 oz) semi sweet chocolate chips
- 2 eggs

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients in ungreased oblong pan 13 x 9 x 2, with fork scraping corners frequently, until moistened. Stir with fork vigorously 1 minute. Scrape sides with rubber spatula. Spread batter evenly in pan. Bake until top springs back when touched lightly in center. (40-45 minutes) Cool. Loosen cake from sides, cut and serve directly from pan. Store any remaining loosely covered in refrigerator.

I frosted this with my fudge frosting recipe that was originally my sister Beverly's Fudge Frosting



Beverly's Fudge Frosting

- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 6 T butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 tsp vanilla

Stir until butter melts. Boil 1 minute. Add 1 t vanilla and chips and beat until thick. Pour on cake. This can also be served by itself as candy.

As I continued to clean out my recipes I found a long time favorite cake recipe I always used to make for my sister's birthday. She recently asked me for the recipe but I couldn't find it until I got to the third drawer. It was put out by Ann Pillsbury for their Grand National Cake Bake in 1952. This was a \$4000 winner and was submitted by Mrs. Richard W Sprague, San Marino, California.

Aunt Carrie's Bon Bon Cake

- 1) sift together 13/4 cup sifted all purpose flour, 2-1/2 t baking powder (single acting) or 2 t double acting baking powder, 1/2 t salt. set aside and add this mixture in step 6
- 2) combine 2 sq. (2 oz) chocolate, finely cut, and 5 T boiling water. Stir until smooth and of custard consistency, set aside for step 4
- 3) cream 1/2 c butter (half shortening may be used); gradually add 1-1/2 c sugar, creaming well.
- 4) Add cooled chocolate and 1 t vanilla
- 5) Blend in 4 egg yolks one at a time, Beat for 1 minute
- 6) Measure 1/2 c milk. Add alternately with dry ingredients to creamed mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Blend thoroughly after each addition (with electric mixer use low speed)
- 7) Beat 4 egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold gently but thoroughly into butter.
- 8) Pour into 3 well greased and floured 8 in round layer pans at least 3/4 in deep.
- 9) Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees), 30 min. Cool layers, then fill and frost

Bon Bon Filling

Cook 1c sugar, 6 T water, 1 1/2 t light corn syrup, 1/8 t salt over low heat. Stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cover sauce pan for 2 or 3 minutes to dissolve sugar crystals on sides of pan. Uncover and continue cooking until a little syrup dropped in cold water forms a soft ball (236 degrees). Remove from heat. Beat 1 egg white until stiff but not dry. Add hot syrup very slowly to beaten egg white, beating constantly. Blend in 1/2 t vanilla. Beat until filling is of desired consistency. Spread between layers

Fudge Frosting

Combine 2 c sugar, 3/4 c top milk or thin cream, 2 sq. unsweetened chocolate, 2 T light com syrup, 1/8 t salt in saucepan. Cook over low heat and stir until dissolved. Continue cooking until a little syrup dropped in cold water forms a very soft ball (230 degrees); stir occasionally to prevent scorching. Remove from heat. Add 2 T butter and cool to lukewarm (110 degrees). Add 1 t vanilla and beat until thick and creamy. If necessary, thin with a small amount of cream. Spread on top and sides of cooled cake.

This cake takes a lot of time but it is well worth it. You can cut some comers. You can use a German Chocolate Cake mix. Use the Bon Bon filling. Use the other fudge recipe in this article for frosting. It isn't exactly the mine but a tasty substitute. Hopefully when next we meet, we'll see some green and the snow will have disappeared.

Minutes of Special Board Meeting for Tuesday November 17, 1998

Called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: All seven board members Visitors: None

President Wright stated that the board would now enter into an organizational meeting to elect officers of the Hampton School Board. Election results- President: Dave Wright; Vice-President: Fred Husman; Secretary: Donna Schaffer.

Regular board meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. The school, Porters, and the Post Office will have the notices posted for all meetings. All previous policies were accepted. Official depository for School Funds and Illinois Funds (FNBCI) will continue to be MetroBank. Lastly, all transactions, commitments and obligations of the past board will be honored. Organizational portion of meeting adjourned.

Regular Meeting November 17:

1. Approve tax levy, passed 7-0
2. Dave Wright was appointed the voting delegate at the 1998 School Board Conference in Chicago.
3. There are a number of workshops and general sessions at the School Board Conference. Dr. Paquette will compile an agenda for board members.

Executive session at 6:45 p.m. for personnel. Open session at 7:23 p.m. Motion for Dr. Paquette to address the unacceptable performance of the Health Link Contract.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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H is for Mallards...Why?
Because the Mallards are Highly number 1!

I is for eskimo...Why?
Because eskimos live in Igloos!

J is for pumpkin....Why?
Because if you carve a pumpkin it becomes a Jack-O-Lantern!

K is for ostrich...Why?
Because they Kick!

L is for key...Why? Because it Locks the door!

M is for squeak...Why?
Because Mice squeak!

N is for horse...Why?
Because they neigh!

O is for is for ink...Why?
Because an Octopus shoots ink!

P is for bird...Why? Because a Parrot is a bird!

Q is for ice skating...Why?
Because you can ice skate at the Q.C.S.C.

R is for lion...Why? Because a lion Roars!

S is for Hampton...Why?
Because Hampton SCHOOL is #1!

T is for Mrs. Paxton....Why?
Because she great Teacher!

U is for rain...Why? Because an Umbrella keeps the rain off you!

V is for people...Why?
Because people live in Villages!

W is for state...Why?
Because Washington is a state!

Eighth Grade

The Hampton 8th grade has been involved in a very challenging and intensive unit on simple machines. Our students have completed projects, labs, investigations, and demonstrations on six simple machines — levers (all 3 classes), pulleys, gears (wheel and axle), inclined plane, screw, and wedge. They have performed very well, showing excellent mechanical aptitude.

Seven students in our 8th grade have been nominated for National Science Awards!

The 7th grade is just completing their studies on the 9th phylum of the Animal Kingdom. The 6th grade is doing a great job on the weather unit (with the help of the internet — www.weather.com!)



Music Happenings

The Hampton Music Program has been very busy the last few months. During the month of December the entire school put on a Holiday Concert titled "Forgotten Carols." A week before the holiday program the junior high band and chorus performed at the Citizenship Ice Cream Social. Members of these performance ensembles played patriotic music to a small crowd.

Upcoming music/art events here at the school include:

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Birthday — January 27
- PTA Cultural Arts Festival — February 26
- IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest — March 13

The students of Hampton school will celebrate Mozart's birthday with cake and music on January 27, 1999. The classical composer celebrates his 243rd birthday that day and our students will honor his memory and his music.

Volunteers for the PTA Cultural Arts Day are needed, and they may contact Rita Hanson or Rae Benzon if interested. Members of the Quad City Symphony will be visiting and performing in conjunction with the Arts Day.

Lastly, students who are involved with junior high chorus or band will be participating in the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo and Ensemble contest at Glenview Junior High. We will be sending 15 events to be judged this year.

Until next time. Have a happy musical month.

Refinance Our Bonds?

At a special School Board meeting a citizen asked whether we could refinance our bonds at new lower rates and save our taxpayers money. Fred Husman, board treasurer, said he thought not but would answer the question in more detail at the January 11th meeting.

A bond is not a simple loan and different rules apply. A bond "bonds" you to a certain amount at a fixed interest rate for a set period of time. You do not approach your bond holder and say, "I found cheaper money; here is what I owe you. Goodbye!" Guarantees and tax advantages are what make bonds attractive to investors.

The past school board felt it was protecting our interests by financing all our needs in one lump because rates had dropped to a twenty year low of 5.25%.

Best professional advice told us that the rates could only go up, but they in fact went down to 4.3%! This .0095% difference would be a savings of about \$29,000 if this were a simple loan. However, when bond interest rates go down the value of bonds with higher rates go up.

Fred's conclusion at the January 11th School Board meeting was that our bonds are not callable and the "buy out premium" plus all the costs of refinancing would eliminate any advantage in refinancing. Questions on this matter are welcomed.

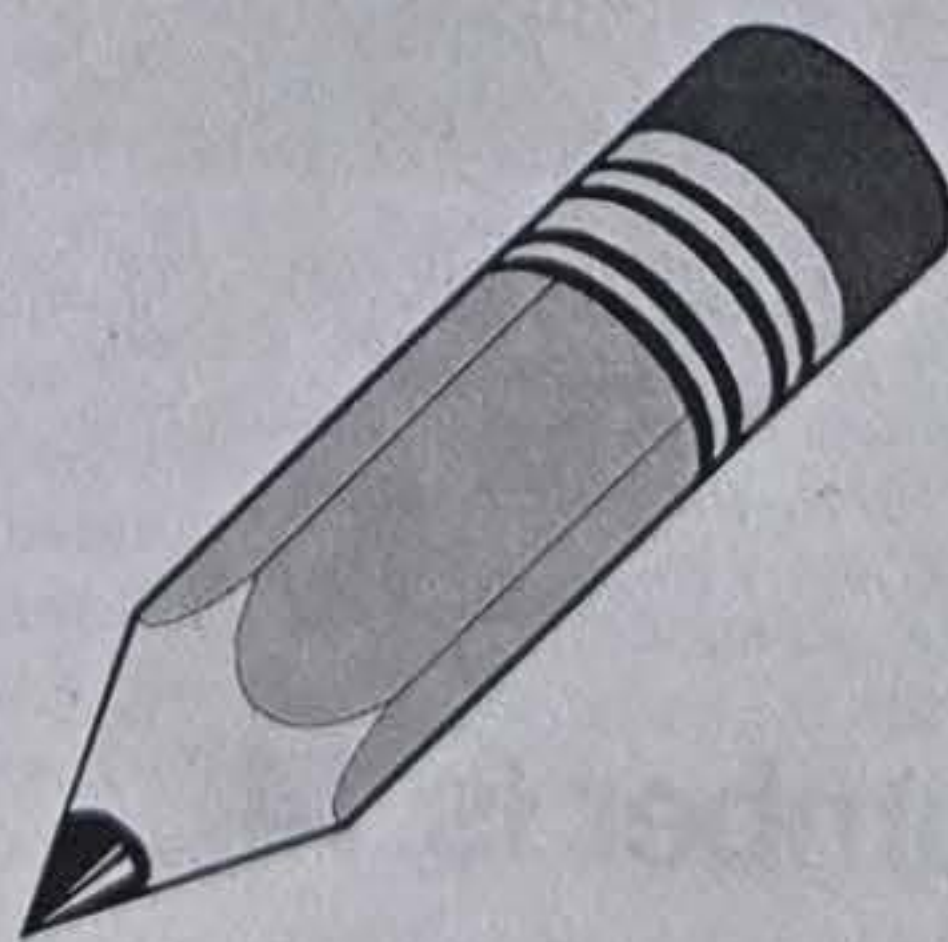
Authors Are Ready to Write

Hampton students at every grade level are writing their stories for the state Young Author's Conference.

This is the 25th year for the State of Illinois Young Author's Conference.

One story will be chosen from each grade level by the classroom teacher. This story will be typed and pasted in a bare book. The students will then draw illustrations for their stories.

One story will be chosen from



Hampton to go to the May conference at Illinois State. The school population determines that Hampton can only send one student and her or his book. Get those creative juices flowing!

Hampton School Gets Ready for the New Millennium. *Continued from page*

achievement test. In our School Improvement Plan, Social Studies and Science are targeted as areas to improve curriculum. This may result in the adoption of a new Social Studies textbook series. It will eventually lead to a rewrite of the curriculum in much the same way as we have done with the Reading program.

A four-year plan exists to continue the reduction of detentions and to improve school-wide discipline. We hope to keep the public informed through continued use of *Hawk Talk*. If you have comments or feedback regarding our efforts, please write them and give them to any School Board member:

- Roger Braddy
- Fred Husman
- Joe Jordan
- Donna Schaffer
- Randy Baldrige
- Kathy Kraft
- Dave Wright

Correction

In the last issue of *Hawk Talk*, we ran a biography of Ron Paquette. We erroneously stated that Mr. Paquette received his Ph.D. from Amherst. The doctorate was awarded from Nova Southeast University. We regret the proofing error.

Hampton Fourth and Fifth Grades At Work

Promises for the New Year



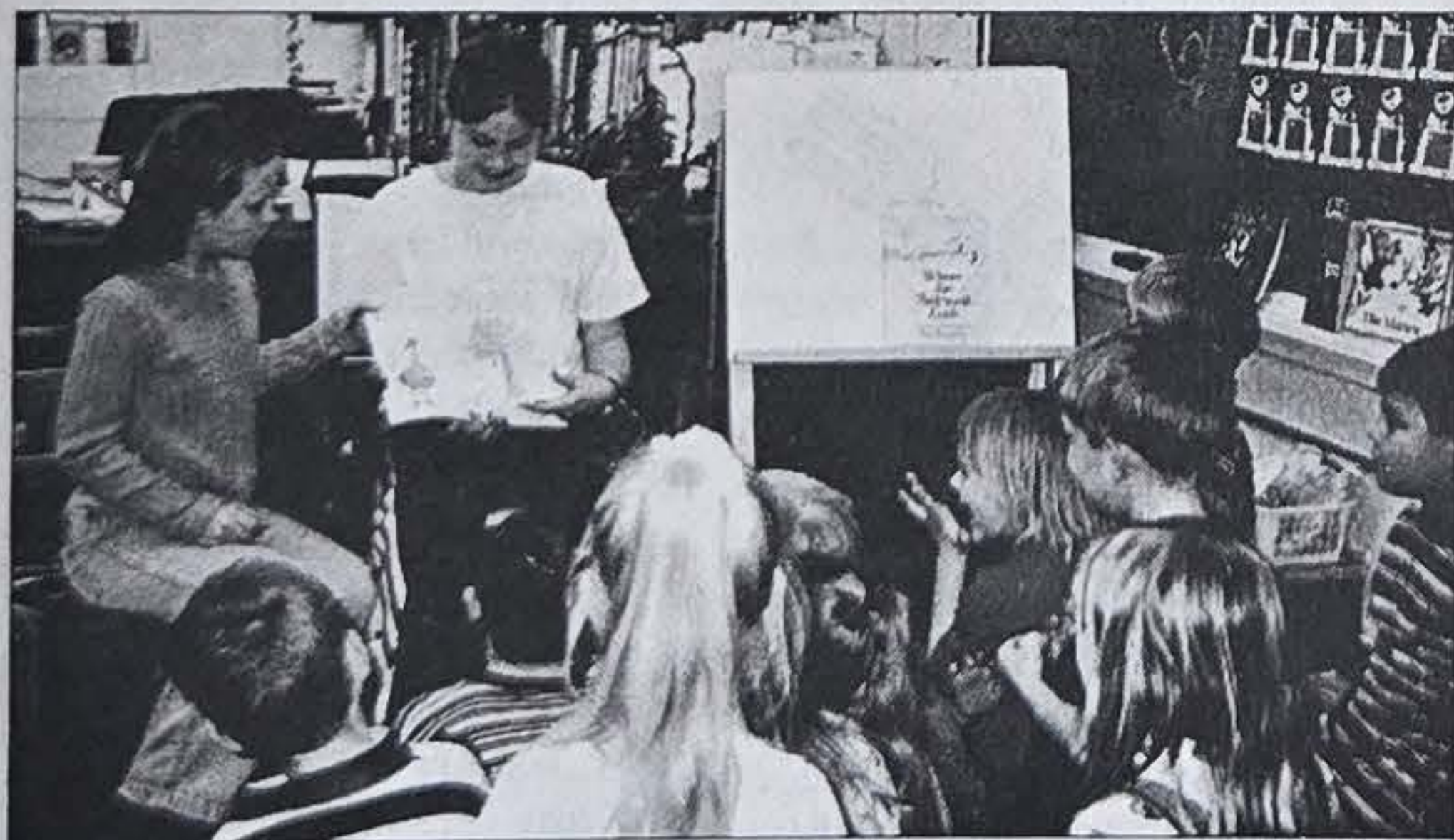
Fourth and fifth graders made their New Year's resolutions to ring in the New Year.

Down On the Farm



Robby Martin, Chrissy Schaffer, Ericka Babcock, and Lydia Aceviz enjoy their field trip to the hog confinement.

Sharing a Story



Olivia Husman and Megan Thomann (Grade 5) share their self-made story with the First Grade Class.



Thoughts on Second Grade From Kids Who Know!

My favorite part of second grade is reading. It's a good subject. My favorite books are the Horrible Harrys. They are funny. It's fun to read. Do you like to read?

Sydney Jordan

My favorite part of second grade is art. I like art because we paint a lot. Today we painted with straws. We draw a lot too.

Michael David

My favorite part of second grade is writing. I like writing because you can write stories. I like writing because my teacher is good with writing. Do you like to write?

Jennifer Jean Littig

My favorite part of second grade is art. I like art because I like to draw the Titanic.

Richie McCannon

My favorite part of second grade is P.E. I like games and running and climbing and basketball and jumping because it's good at P.E.

Codie Ray O'Neal

My favorite part of second grade is Math. I like math because it's fun. I like it cause I like adding and subtracting. I like Math cause I like telling time. I like it cause I like to count money. I like it cause I want to multiply.

Nick Armstrong

My favorite part of second grade is p.e. I like p.e. because I like to race. I like p.e. because I like to do lay ups. I like p.e. because I like to play basketball. I am good at basketball.

Tyler Eikenberry

My favorite part of second grade is p.e. I like p.e. because we do sports. We run 5 or 4 laps every day. We have been playing Basketball. I like to dribble the ball.

Alex Gallegos

My favorite part of second grade is math. It is because it's challenging. Subtracting is fun. Adding is fun. I am good at it.

Josh Reeves

My favorite part of second grade is P.E. I like P.E. because we play basketball. I like other games too. The best part of P.E. is soccer.

Curt Alan Geier

My favorite part of second grade is math. I like math because it is fun. I also like math because we have fun problems. Math is fun because our teacher is nice. My favorite part of math is counting money and telling time.

Nikki Sue DeCrane

My favorite part of second grade is working on the computers because I know a lot about them. I know a lot because I have one computer. I like them. I'm good at them.

Kyle Penning

My favorite part of second grade is p.e. I like p.e. because we play basketball. I like p.e. because we have races. I like p.e. because Mr. Martin is fun. I like p.e. because I like to run.

Jordan Lee Johanson

My favorite part of second grade is my teacher Mrs. Boster because she is really really really smart. She is really good at math. And she is the best teacher I ever had.

Jessica Larrison

Note: Stories appear exactly as they were submitted.

Hampton Hawk Memories

Remembering the Early Days of Hampton School

Our grade school has a long history when compared to other schools. Hampton was incorporated only ten years after Illinois was granted statehood and was about 37 years old when President Abraham Lincoln died.

Sean McKay, a member of the School District Leadership Team, suggested that his grandmother, Mrs. Helen McKay, might be an interesting source of information about the school. At least four generations of the McKay family have attended Hampton Elementary School in the last century.

We contacted Mrs. McKay and had a wonderful conversation with her. She in turn suggested we also contact Mrs. Juanita Finley Farmer who had been a classmate of hers, to help round out a story. We also had a wonderful conversation with Mrs. Farmer.

Both ladies entered school in 1928. To set the time frame, Hoover was President, soon to be replaced by Franklin Roosevelt, and it was a time of great spiritual and economic depression in America as war clouds gathered in Europe.

The only school structure in Hampton at the time was the single two-story brick schoolhouse, which is now embraced by two additions.

In 1928 there were not eight separate grades. There also was no kindergarten. First and second grades were combined and taught by a Mrs. DeVinney. Third, fourth, and fifth grades were in a single classroom and taught by Mrs. Larson.

A young man named Mr. Paul Powell, taught the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Mrs. McKay said he was a very young man, possibly only twenty-one years old, who went on to earn his M.D. and practiced as a prominent Moline physician for many years. In fact, Dr.

Mr. Paul Powell taught the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades . . . [then] went on to earn his M.D. and practiced as a prominent Moline physician for many years.

Powell, passed away within the last few years.

There was no full time principal in those days, but the superintendent would stop by occasionally to see how the students were progressing. Juanita said she was actually asked to stand up and demonstrate her reading skills for a visiting superintendent. We imagine this tactic kept both the teachers and the students on their toes.

Because there was no gymnasium or inside exercise area, all eight grades were given a recess every day. There was no playground equipment or athletic equipment. Boys played tag, marbles, and ball;

the girls jumped rope and played hopscotch.

Hampton Grade School offered no organized sports activities at that time. Contrast this with the four sports we now offer both boys and girls complete with quality coaches, uniforms and equipment!

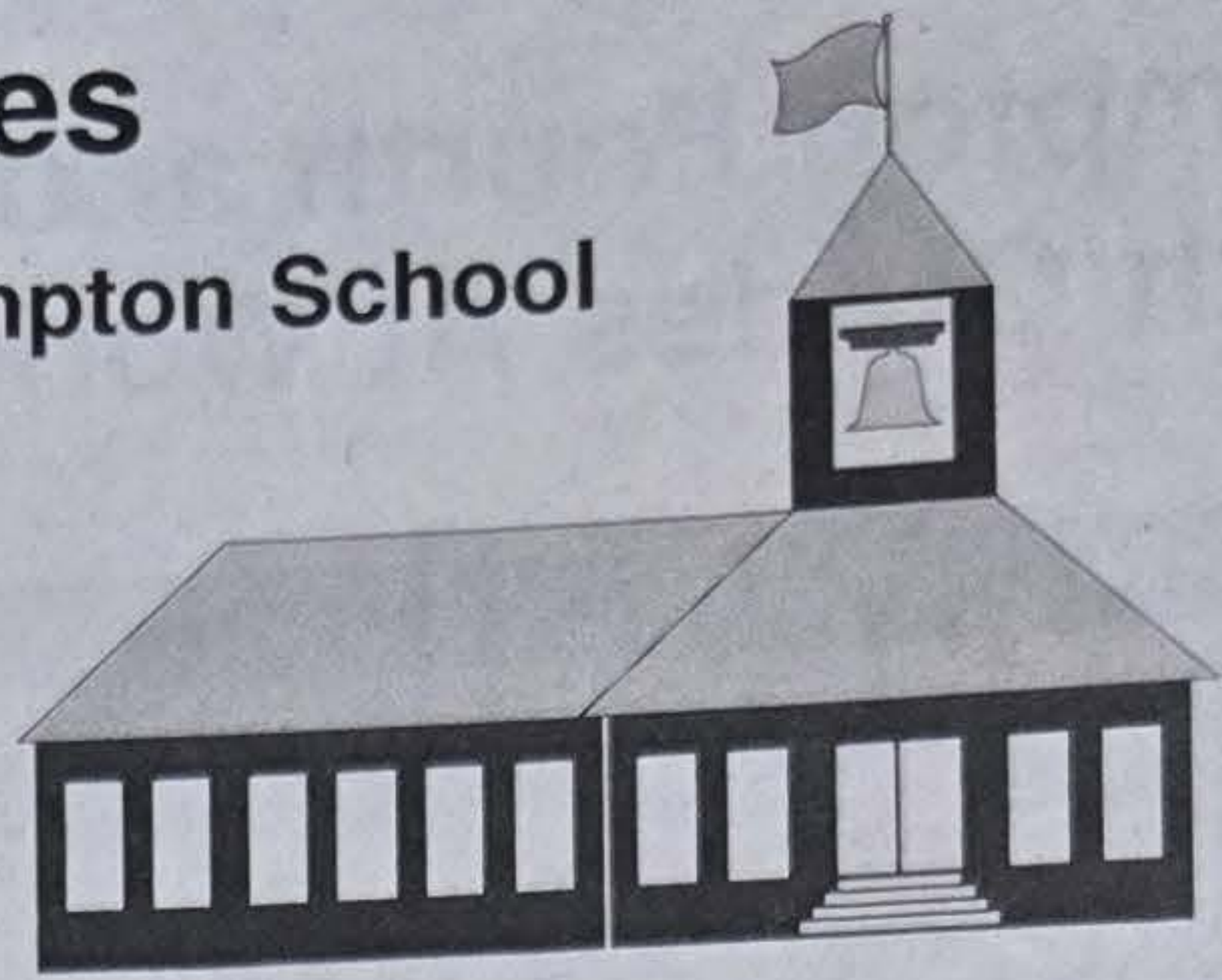
Most of the children went home for lunch and those few who lived too far away, brought their lunch and ate at their desks. No school buses existed, and everyone had to find their own way to school and for most that meant walking, even several miles (regardless how cold, wet, or hot it was. Incidentally, there were NO snow days)!

Both ladies agreed that the school, to their memory, was warm and well lit. We must remember that children were a lot less finicky then. Though Helen and Juanita enjoyed electricity and central heating as Hampton Grade Schoolers, the taxpayers had not gotten around to providing plumbing. Therefore, there were two outhouses, one for the boys and one for the girls separated by a shed.

Helen mentioned the outhouses were "6 holers" and certainly no treat. A water pump was outside the school on the bluff side which was the original entrance. Water was brought inside to a cooler, but Juanita says she has a memory of a community drinking cup on a chain on the pump. This practice is still common in rural Russia and China.

Neither Helen nor Juanita recall major discipline problems. In an age of stay-at-home moms and hickory switch-carrying dads, adults were feared and respected. Also, the classes had a familial atmosphere, with older students helping the younger ones. The language of dating or going out was pretty much nonexistent. Graduation, which for Helen McKay and Juanita Farmer was in 1936, was held in the fourth classroom, a room used for storage and special events.

We appreciate the pleasant conversations we had with these former students and in some respects envy the simplicity and charm of those times. Thanks for the memories! In future *Hawk Talk* editions, we would like to visit with more past students and report the history they have to tell.



Seventh Graders Cook Something Special

Seventh graders are beginning a unit called "Friends" in Language Arts. After word webbing about the qualities they would like to have in a friend, each student made a "Recipe for Friendship."

The following are a few of their recipes.

1 c. respect
1 t. kindness
1 t. humor
3 c. loyalty
3 t. the same interests
Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes.

Damion Pizano

3/4 c. kindness
1 t. loyalty

5 c. caring
3 t. humor
4-1/2 T. respect
1 T. honesty
In a bowl add 3/4 c. kindness, 3 t. humor and 5 c. caring. Mix and simmer for 5 min. While simmering, whip in 4-1/2 T. respect and 1 T. loyalty. Combine and bake at 400 degrees until golden brown. Then pour on 1 t. honesty.

Jonathan Hood

1 c. honesty
3 t. loyalty
1 t. kindness
1/2 c. caring
1/4 c. humor
2 t. unselfishness
4 t. fun



Pour the honesty into a large mixing bowl. Then stir in the caring, humor, and fun. Add the rest of the ingredients and stir. Bake in a pan for 25 minutes at 350 degrees.

Johnna Boore

2 c. kindness
1 c. of humor
3 c. trust
4 c. caring
1 c. honesty
1 t. of comfort
Mix all ingredients together and put in baking pan. Preheat oven at 450 degrees. Bake for 15-20 min. until golden brown.

Kristie Broughton

1 t. care
1 t. unselfishness
1/2 c. honesty
1 t. trust
Bake at 350 degrees in the oven for 20 min.

Chef Kelly Champion

Mother Gives a Bath by the Book!

By Franceska Rasmussen

My daughter Colleen had a cleft pallet when she was born in 1946. At that time, we did not have the wonderful medical system we now have in the Quad Cities. It was decided that she had to go to the University Hospital. We took her from Moline Public Hospital right to the hospital in Chicago. She was carried in a bassinet and I was very frightened and over-protective.

After she was examined by the Doctors there, it was determined she was too young for the operation. We were told to go to the hospital supply and buy special nipples that would cover the hole in the roof of her mouth and let the milk go into her throat instead of coming out her nose.

Home coming was a joyous occasion. We were now a real family since we had Colleen home. Reality soon set in, when my husband went off to work and I was all alone with the baby. There was so much I did not know about babies. I had never been around any, I had never even held one and here I was with my own baby and I was overwhelmed. I had expected my mother to come to help me, on my first day home with the baby or maybe even my sister could come. Mother had the flu and my sister's daughter had the chicken pox.

Bath time was delayed as long as possible, but then it could be put off no longer. You would think any rational person could give a baby a bath ---- wrong ---- not this one. Thank heavens for Better Homes and Gardens Baby Book. It gave wonderful directions to the new mother. Therefore, I went step-by-step according to instructions. Both baby and I survived. I felt as if I had built the great wall of China all by myself. I was so pleased because I had not dropped our slippery squirming bundle and she was now sleeping all clean and 'comfy'. I got better at the bath ritual and all the joys of motherhood fell in place. Come to think of it, being a grandmother is OK, too.

Obituary

Richard 'Dewey' Tapia

Services for Richard J. "Dewey" Tapia, 27, Phoenix Arizona, formerly of East Moline, were Jan. 22 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Davenport, Iowa. Burial is in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Davenport.

Visitation was held at Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport. Memorials may be made to St. Anthony's Care and Share, at the church.

Mr. Tapia died Jan. 15, 1999 in Phoenix. Surviving are his parents, Max and Penny Hayes-Tapia, Hampton, a sister, Nicolasa "Nikki", brothers, Max Jr., Alex and Lee, all at home; grandparents, Erasmo Tapia, in Mexico, and Theresa "Teddy" Lopez and Jack Hayes, and a great-grandmother, Fanny Lopez, all of Davenport.

Dear Hampton friends:

I'd like to tell all of you a heartfelt thank you for the cards and gifts sent to me during my recent hospital stay. I simply can't say enough words to make you realize how your concern touched my daughters and me. I always knew Hampton was a caring community, but I was overwhelmed by it all. Your encouragement certainly helped me with my therapy, and I will never forget your kindness.

Sincere regards,

Guelda Reynolds

THE GTE FIGHT IS HEATING UP

As the ICC hearings scheduled to begin February 2, 1999 draws near things are heating up. The ICC issued their written testimony December 22nd. In their testimony they did find that GTE is making more money with the USS rate structure. When asked if there is good reason to investigate the customer impact of USS at this time, the answer was as follows: Yes, there is significant reasons to examine the impact on GTE customers of the conversion to USS. First, the fact that this case has such a large number of complainants filing testimony suggest that the company's forecast of "customer acceptance" may be in error. Second, the Company not providing a cost/benefit analysis as required for any of its filings since the ICC 1993 and 1994 Docket. Third, increases in USS usage may also be causing the revenue neutrality condition to be violated.

In the beginning an analysis was performed on the effect of metered service on usage. It was expected that moving from flat rate to metered usage this would cause customers to be more conscious of their talk time. Therefore, the revenue neutrality analysis subsequently reflected lower usage levels for USS than for flat rate service. In response to data request, GTE stated that "some decreases in calls and minutes per line were expected due to the change from flat to measured rates". Thus, the projected revenue for USS was developed assuming that usage levels would decrease.

However, the Company has in fact experienced increased usage and increased average hold times since 1994. In fact, USS calls and holding times have increased dramatically from 1994 to 1997. With usage levels increasing, it follows that USS revenues also increases. The numbers provided by GTE uses the combination of business and residential impacts for all USS exchanges to show a total revenue increase of only 2.4%. It appears from this data that the 6.1% revenue increase for residential customers is offset by a 10.4% revenue decrease for business customers.

GTE has two classes of exchanges for Illinois. Class A, which includes the company's six largest exchanges: Jacksonville, Macomb, Freeport, Carbondale, De Kalb, and Bloomington/Normal. Class B, includes the remainder of the company's exchanges. Within these two

Classes there are two types of exchanges, residential and business. When the ICC did their own analysis of the revenue data separating residential and business they found the following: Only one Class A exchange has been converted since the last rate case, the Freeport exchange. Revenues from Freeport's residential customers increased 13%. For Class B exchanges, revenues increased 4.6% for residential customers. No increase in revenue for Class A or Class B business customers was found.

The ICC Staff is suggesting a per-call option as a simple but effective way of addressing the revenue issue and providing relief for high volume users. ICC Staff is recommending a \$0.15 per-call option for extended area service (EAS) calls as an additional component to USS. I personally would rather see this implemented as a maximum per-minute rate for EAS calls. Then customers would not have to pick one plan over the other and gamble as to which plan would save them the most money. Also, with a \$0.15 cap on EAS calls all customers making EAS calls would benefit. During peak hours, 8a.m-8:59p.m. the \$0.15 cap would benefit customers if an EAS call lasted over 6 minutes. During off-peak hours, you would benefit if the EAS call lasted over 13 minutes. The ICC does not recommend expanding the "home" calling area due to reciprocal compensation agreements between local phone companies.

When it comes to terms such as, community of interest, reasonably comparable and toll or toll like charges, we and the ICC differ in our understanding of the meaning of these terms, and how they are used in FCC law and in previous ICC Dockets.

We are currently working on our reply testimony to be filed with the ICC January 22nd. We are also consulting with our own statistical expert regarding the GTE revenue information. Hearings with the ICC begin 2/2/1999 at 6th and Capitol at 10:00 a.m. Hearings are open to the public and may run through 2/5. We also plan to move forward with our legislative House Bill 44 to expand the "home" calling area. We have gained a lot of support for this bill, both Democratic and Republican. We hope to get this bill through legislative hearings and to the House floor for a vote early this year.

Hampton School Board Minutes District #29

Minutes for Monday, November 9, 1998

The meeting of the Hampton School Board was called to order by President Wright at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 1998.

Attendees: Randy Baldrige, Roger Braddy, Fred Husman, Joe Jordan, Donna Schaffer and Dave Wright. Kathy Kraft was absent.

Visitors: Sharon DeBo, Carla DeCrane, Bev Hull, Tracy Paxton, Amy Wright, Jenni Shaffer, and Heather Baldrige.

Roger Braddy made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 12th meeting with correction. Randy Baldrige seconded and by voice vote all agreed. President Wright welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone wanted to address the board. Mrs. Hull stated some of her students in her **sixth grade social studies class were attending the meeting** as the Jr. High are doing a unit on Citizenship. They will visit the town hall on Friday, November 13th. On November 30th they will hold an ice cream social. They are also doing a bulletin board on local veterans, and they also will be collecting food for Thanksgiving food baskets.

Joe Jordan made a motion to pay the bills. Roger Braddy seconded, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Husman-yes, Schaffer-yes, Braddy-yes, Jordan-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0.

What's Happening in School: Dr. Paquette stated that 18 students received achievement awards. They receive a video rental courtesy of Porter's Village RX. **Mrs. Diane Stock was named Teacher of the Month.** This program is sponsored by Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors and Junior Achievement. Mrs. Stock has worked with Junior Achievement for many years. Mrs. Barb Brandt, the Art Teacher received a \$500.00 School Improvement Grant from the Regional Office. Mrs. Brandt received a similar grant for Aldrin School. The school needs to purchase a banner to be placed in the gym for the *Boys Volleyball team*. The Boys Volleyball Team is the Conference Champion and also winner of the Conference Tournament for 1998. *Walking Wellness* program is going well, and the school is open at 6:00 a.m. for anyone who wants to walk in the school. The Personnel Committee will look into doing something nice for the teachers who are recognized for their accomplishments.

Committee Reports: Building & Grounds: Board Members received minutes of the November 4th, 1998 committee meeting from Roger Braddy. The meeting discussed the items left to be completed for Life/Health Safety. The list was compiled into three separate packages. Package 1 consists of *exterior building repairs*, package 2 consists of *boiler replacement, controls and room ventilation*, and package 3 consists of *replacing gym floor and other floor tiles*. It was discussed that the combined packages **will cost approximately \$179,000 to complete**. Roger Braddy made a motion to have the Board of Education authorize Life/Health/Safety work packages 1, 2, & 3 be let out for bid, and to authorize the Superintendent to engage the architect to get bid specs and report back to the Building and Grounds Committee with bids. This was seconded by Randy Baldrige, roll call vote: Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Baldrige-yes, Braddy-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0.

Roger Braddy then discussed item 2, which is the *glass in the trophy cases*, and also to find another location for the trophies. The committee will discuss this with the Booster Club and the Athletic Director who have shown interest in this issue.

Roger Braddy mentioned item three which was Janitorial supplies. It was agreed that if new equipment is needed the proper procedure of seeing the crew leader and then submitting a formal request slip must be followed.

Roger Braddy stated that item 4 is the need for new blinds in room 15. The current blinds are completely nonfunctional and need to be removed. Roger Braddy made a motion to *replace the blinds in room 15* at a cost to come out of general fund and *not to exceed \$1,200.00*. Randy Baldrige seconded the motion, roll call vote: Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Baldrige-yes, Braddy-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0.

Roger Braddy stated that item 5 is the **gym roof repair**. It was noted the gym roof is leaking and the older section of the school needs a new roof. Economy Roofing had submitted bids for these two separate roofing jobs. After much discussion, Roger Braddy made a motion to adopt the amendment for the emergency approval for the repair of the old school roof at an approximate cost of **\$9,000.00** with Life/Health/Safety funds. Randy Baldrige seconded, roll call vote: Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Baldrige-yes, Braddy-yes, Wright-yes. Roger Braddy made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to enter into contract with roofing contractor to repair old section of roof after receiving approval to spend Life/Health/Safety

funds, and to accept the bid from Economy Roofing. Joe Jordan seconded, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Braddy-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0. Roger Braddy made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to engage Economy Roofing to repair the gym roof at a cost of \$2,345.00. Donna Schaffer seconded, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Braddy-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0.

Roger Braddy stated that Item 6 are future projects which included new lockers, hallway tile, room painting, and wood chips for the playground.

Finance: Fred Husman stated that he and Randy Goddard attended a meeting at the Rock Island County Assessors Office. This was to get some information regarding TIF's. Randy Goddard is compiling a comprehensive report on the actual numbers involved with TIF. Mr. Husman also stated that he found out some very interesting information such as the Tax Freeze for Senior Citizens. Mr. Husman suggested hosting a meeting to let Senior Citizens know more about their options, such as the tax freeze. The School Board hopes to meet with the Village Board sometime in December to go over all figures pertaining to the TIF district to see how much money is due to the school from these TIF areas.

Negotiations: No report. **Personnel:** No report. **Planning:** No report. **Policy:** No report. **Public Relations:** It was noted that *the Hawk Talk insert* in the Town Crier was excellent. A big thank you to Joe Jordan, Randy Baldrige, Paul Johnson and everyone else who submitted stories or worked on the articles to help make this insert become a reality. **Special Committees:** No report. **Unfinished Business:** A. Accept resignation of Mark Bressler from SAP team. B. Review School Board Election Calendar: Dr. Paquette noted there were some very good tips regarding school board elections. C. Complete DLT training (District Leadership Team): Dr. Paquette stated that two training dates have been set-up to complete training and set-up a mission statement and objectives. The days are December 15th or 16th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Substitute teachers will be needed for the teachers to attend. A decision needs to be made on the best day for the teachers, support staff and parents to attend. D. School Technology Star Chart Comparison: Dr. Paquette stated that this is a survey on what technology presently is in the schools and what is expected by the state. In most cases we met or exceeded the targets nationally. Mr. Bressler did a survey with the teachers regarding 13 questions. The teachers expressed a great interest in having access to lap top computers. The Planning Committee and Technology Committee will meet to discuss the results of this survey. E. Update on TIF II and TIF III agreements with the Village Board. It was agreed to still hold on to the check and once the school board received the information Mr. Goddard is working on, the school board will meet with the village board regarding monies due on the TIFs. F. Confirm plans for attending Chicago School Boards Conference: Dr. Paquette passed out information and hotel confirmations. The board will hold a special meeting on November 17th to discuss workshops and other details for the conference.

New Business: A. *Request from Mrs. Robinson to have an aide in her classroom for a longer period of time each day.* This was tabled for executive session. B. *Approve estimated Tax Levy and set hearing:* Dr. Paquette noted that there is growth in the community and the net evaluation for 1998 is 6.48 percent higher than last year. Our tax rate should go down to 3.41. The board discussed student expansion. There will be a public hearing on the tax levy on Dec. 14. C. *Approve staff-board winter season party.* It might be held in January. Motion for \$250. to the staff Holiday Party, passed 6-0. D. Information on Math Articulation with UTHS: Mrs. Stock attended a meeting of all the feeder schools to UTHS. Most schools are teaching algebra in Jr. High. *Mrs. Stock is interested in algebra for Junior High.* She and Dr. Paquette will do more investigation on this. Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. Returned to open session at 10:18 p.m. Motion to employ *Gorenz and Associates to come and reconcile the books*, passed 6-0. Adjourned 10:20 p.m.

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Hampton Village Board Minutes

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

November 23, 1998

Meeting called to order by Village president Scott Newberg. Trustees Garrison, Norin, Johnson, and McKay present. Trustees Burrill and Carmack absent. Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the November 9, 1998 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to approve and accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 13, 1998 were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to approve and accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Final Plat of Orchard Park Second Addition was presented by developer Tom Dalton. He stated the ravine areas are to be filled with culvert installed to slow down the water flow. The Planning Commission did not want the sidewalk requirement removed from the subdivision. The entrance to Lot 13 is to be changed to the required 30 feet, as it does not meet the subdivision requirements. Dalton would like a variance from the sidewalk requirement. Mayor Newberg stated he wants an area set aside for a park; waive the sidewalk requirement for a park. Dalton stated Lots 15 and 16 in Orchard Park First Addition for a green space, not a park, which would be approximately 18,000 square feet. Dalton will check into Lots 16 and 16. Dalton was advised that if Lots 15 and 16 are deeded to the Village for a park, it is the Village's property and will be for the use of all. Developer Dalton said that a sewer lift station will be required, and requested the Village Board include the estimated cost of \$50,000 for the lift station in with the bonding of the water tower. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin that the sidewalk provision for Orchard Park Second Addition be waived for a dedicated green space of Lots 15 and 16 in Orchard Park First Addition with appropriate landscaping, such as picnic facilities, gazebo, or the like. Before dedication, the drainage on Lots 15 and 16 will be mutually resolved between Orchard Park Development LLC and the Village, including proper fill so as to have an area which may be utilized. The entrance to Lot 13 is to be changed to the 30 foot entrance requirement. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McKay to pursue possible financing of the sewer lift station through TIF #3 moneys, not to exceed \$50,000. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There will be a meeting December 2, 1998 to discuss the planning of the building with Architect Downey.

The meeting with Port Byron to discuss a merger possibility of police departments was changed to 6:00 P.M. on December 7, 1998, with a Finance Committee meeting at 7:00 P.M.

The TCI/AT&T merger resolution was presented for Board approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to approve merger. Motion carried by voice vote.

Testing of the new water main loop should be done by November 24th.

Attorney Lee has sent a letter to the United Methodist Church attorney in regards to the parking problem.

The drainage in Orchard Park was again discussed. It was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to have Ament Engineering do a storm drain study of Orchard Park Second Addition at a cost of \$300 to \$500 with the necessary fill included. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to approve Mayor Newberg's appointment of James Beals to the Planning Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 1998 was presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to approve the report. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McKay to renew the contract for the cathodic protection for the water tower at a cost of \$675.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

Trustee Johnson stated it appears the drainage tube on 10th Street is too high in some areas and some dredging should be done. Some

discussion on the drainage of 10th Avenue as well as the proposed marina. Trustee Johnson will contact Greg Mosley, President of Heart of Hampton to discuss the drainage.

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

December 15, 1998

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

Due to the upcoming holidays, it was motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee McKay to cancel the Regular Board meeting of December 28, 1998. Next meeting is to be held on the regular meeting day of January 11, 1999. Motion carried by voice vote.

Minutes of the November 23, 1998 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Norin to accept and approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$49,968.75 were presented for approval. Additions of \$600.03 and \$2,962.74 were added and a deduction of \$1,776.00 for the 10th Street roadway improvements due to the Village not receiving the as-builts, for a total of \$51,755.52 for the General Fund bills. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motor Fuel Tax Fund bills in the amount of \$2,285.55 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee McKay to approve payment of Motor Fuel Tax Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF #1 bills in the amount of \$18,682.67 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the TIF #1 bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Works Fund bills in the amount of \$16,015.64 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.

Meg Flenker, Flenker Landscape Architects was present and presented the contract for the Interpretive Center. Attorney lee will review the contract, discuss with Flenker, and it will be presented at the next meeting.

The Tax Levy Ordinance for fiscal year ending April 30, 1999 was presented for passage. There is an increase of 4.2%. Motion by Trustee McKay, Second by Trustee Garrison to waive the three readings. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Motion to approve and pass the Tax Levy Ordinance for fiscal year ending April 30, 1999, by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Ordinance Abating the Tax for year 1998 on the \$205,000 General Obligation Bonds for Water and Sewer Improvements Series 1995A was presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, Second by Trustee Norin to waive the three readings. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Motion to approve and pass the Ordinance Abating the Tax Levied for Year 1998 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Water and Sewer Improvement Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 1995A by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Burrill. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Ordinance Abating the Tax for the year 1998 on the \$325,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds Series 1995B was presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to waive the three readings. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Motion to approve and pass the Ordinance Abating the Tax Levied for year 1998 to Pay the Debt Service on \$325,000 General obligation Street Improvement Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 1995B by Trustee Norin, second by Trustee Johnson. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Reverend Charlie Sword was present at the 6:00 P.M. Committee of the Whole to discuss the parking along the 400 block of 2nd Avenue. Since the Methodist Church now has various offices in the parsonage

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the entire 400 block of 2nd Avenue has cars parked on it, restricting the parking of the residents. Sword stated they would add 9 spaces behind the parsonage, but that he does not want a Zoning Board Hearing to request a Special Use Permit for the offices and the parking. The Board feels they should have a Zoning Board Hearing. It was therefore motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay that the church needs to request a Zoning Board Hearing for a Special use Permit by December 31, 1998. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Attorney Lee will contact Sword.

Trustee Johnson stated that Ament Engineering will be reviewing the drainage for the Orchard Park, 2.

The drainage pipe installed at 10th Street appears to not be draining much. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson to purchase a check valve for the pipe at 10th Street at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dan Solschenberger of Ament Engineering will contact Heart of Hampton's engineer in regards to the marina.

Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to enter into a contract with the Corps of Engineers for police protection at Fisherman's Corner in the amount of \$4,606.00 for one year. Motion carried by voice vote.

The bill for the storm drain repair that Millage Construction owes the Village will be forwarded to Attorney lee for him to contact Millage.

Trustees would like a representative from the fire dept. at Board meetings.

A date for the municipal dinner will be secured.

Ament Engineering's proposal for services for the water tower construction was presented. Attorney Lee will review and discuss with Ament.

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

January 11, 1999

Meeting called to order by Jeanne McKay, Village President Pro-tem, due to the absence of Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present were M. Burrill, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, J. McKay, and S. Carmack. Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the December 15, 1998 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin to approve and accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

There being no Treasurer's Report, it was motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin that a Treasurer's Report be presented by the next Board meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$71,089.68 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee norin, second by Trustee Burrill to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Works Fund bills in the amount of \$17,437.14 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the Public Works Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF #1 bills in the amount of \$4,609.51 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Burrill to approve payment of the TIF #1 bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.



The Hampton Volunteer Fire Department and the Village Board asks if you have a fire hydrant in your yard, that you keep it clear of snow so that it can be used if needed.

THANK YOU in advance.

Valley Construction bill in the amount of \$69,654.95 for the water main looping construction was presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to approve payment of the Valley Construction bill. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Dan Solchenberger of Ament Engineering was present. He stated that the street width of the 400 block of 6th Avenue is not wide enough for DOT standards for MFT construction; he will check into changing that to DOT maintenance.

Discussion on the resurfacing of 1st Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to chip and oil the portion of 1st Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets, if the cost is feasible. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Ament Engineering contract was accepted as presented with the changes recommended by Attorney lee. It was then motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin that the Village enter into agreement with Ament Engineering for the Phase #1 of the water tower construction, which is the Facility Planning Report at a cost of \$4,400.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Flenker Landscape Architect Proposal was presented with the recommended changes for the Interpretive Center. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to approve agreement as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Dean Sutton, Attorney for the Methodist Church is preparing an agreement between the Village and the Church that will allow keeping the facility as is but nine parking spaces will be provided in the rear of the building to eliminate the parking on 2nd Avenue.

Landmark Engineering provided the Village with the as-builts for the 10th Street project.

Fire Chief Irby was present. He stated fire hydrants are being cleared of snow by youths for community service work. Irby will provide a fire hydrant map.

Irby stated he has calculated about a 23% increase in the water pressure in Hampton Woods since the water loop construction has been completed.

Fire Chief Irby stated that the fire department has received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend.

As the Village Board has asked for a representative from the Fire Dept. be at Board meetings, Chief Irby stated he will attempt to have a representative at meetings he is not able to attend.

Trustee McKay stated she will have a Parks Committee meeting to determine the cost etc. of the "Welcome to Hampton" signage.

McKay stated the recognition for the lights of the homes in Hampton was as follows: 1) Al Kipp, 2) Pete Brachtel, and a tie for 3) Al Miller and Joe Tapia.

Tom Dalton of Ruhl and Ruhl was present. He stated when Hampton Woods was developed the approach to Cherry hill was damaged. He is considering developing the portion Ruhl & Ruhl has of the Cherry hill property with eight units and a duplex on the northern lot, possibly in the spring.

The contractual services of Bi-State Regional Commission for the study of the police merger of Hampton, Rapids City, and port Byron police departments or the contractual services of the three Villages was discussed. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson to enter into agreement with Bi-State Regional Commission for a cost of \$1,200.00 for the study of a possible merger / contractual services with the Villages of Rapids City and Port Byron. Vote as follows: Trustees Johnson, McKay, Burrill and Norin, "Yes"; Trustees Garrison and Carmack, "No". Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Johnson, Second by Trustee Norin to adjourn until the next Regular Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Hampton Volunteer Fire Dept.
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Library Board

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Deadline for March issue is Feb. 15 Thank you

School Board Minutes

Minutes of the Hampton School Board Public Hearing on the Proposed Levy and Minutes of the Hampton School Regular Board Meeting for December 14, 1998

The public hearing of the proposed Tax Levy of the Hampton School Board was called to order by President Wright at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 1998. **Attendees:** Randy Baldrige, Roger Braddy, Fred Husman, Kathy Kraft, Joe Jordan, Donna Schaffer and Dave Wright. **Visitors:** 35 residents

President Wright began the public hearing by **discussing the rationale for the 4.7% tax levy increase**. He also discussed the EAV or Equalized Assessed Valuation rate and the decrease in the **school tax rate to \$3.41 per \$100.00 of assessed value**. He also discussed the TIF districts. The Village Board members were on hand and discussed the TIFs in detail. It was agreed that the Village and Hampton Boards should meet and discuss the TIFs in more detail so that everyone becomes more familiar with all the details included in the TIFs. Several community members asked questions regarding the tax levy and they expressed concerns regarding their property taxes and also TIFs. After much discussion and an informative question and answer period, the public hearing on the tax levy ended at 8:00 p.m.

President Wright called the regular School Board Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Fred Husman made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 9th meeting. Donna Schaffer seconded and with voice vote all agreed. Donna Schaffer made a motion to accept the executive session of the November 9th meeting. Joe Jordan seconded and with voice vote all agreed. Roger Braddy made a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 17th, and the Executive Board Session of November 17th, 1998. Randy Baldrige seconded and with voice vote all agreed. President Wright asked if anyone wanted to address the board. Mrs. Teri Minnaert addressed the board on behalf of the **Student Assistance Program Team (SAP)**. She introduced the new members of the team, Mrs. Mary Boster and Mrs. Barb Brandt. The team had attended a training meeting on November 30th and December 1st, 1998. Mrs. Minnaert stated the team would like the policy committee to look over the detention policy. Dr. Paquette, the Policy Committee and Mr. Gary Martin will get together with the SAP team and go over the policy. Dr. Paquette thanked the SAP members for the great effort they are putting into this team.

Sean McKay asked a question regarding the **head lice problem** at the school. It was noted that many precautions are being taken and there are not many children who have this problem at this time. It was also noted that many schools are having the same problem with lice.

Letters received regarding personnel. They will be addressed at another time.

Roger Braddy and Fred Husman plan on attending the Fifth Annual School Law Conference on Jan. 30 at the Hamburger University at

McDonald's Office Campus, Oak Brook, IL.

Financial Report and Treasurer's Report bill was approved to pay. New style of report is easier to read.

What's Happening in the School: Some **eighth graders are working with the River Cities Rotary in a Community Literacy Program**. The students read to other students in libraries at Hillsdale, Colona, Port Byron and Hampton. The students receive a little pay for this.

Mike Toalson was helpful in getting the school linked up with TCI for special cabling access in the Library.

Mrs. Paxton and Miss Baraks attended a three day conference in Springfield, IL on the Gifted Program.

Dr. Paquette congratulated the Hampton Booster Club, and the Hampton Youth Committee and Tere Huber Burrill, on a great **basketball tournament** recently held at the school and also the fun activities sponsored by the Hampton Youth Committee. The children enjoyed a movie and then came back to the school for lunch, crafts, and a visit from Santa. The 5th and 6th grade Boys Basketball Team won the tournament and the 7th and 8th grade boys came in third.

Buildings and Grounds: Braddy presented an estimated cost of 1555.00 to have a picture of a hawk centered on the floor. Committee will review. Proposals for phone systems will be reviewed by the committee.

Negotiations: Committee will review information on collective bargaining that she received at the convention.

A. *Approved 98 Tax Levy, passed 7-0.* B. *District Leadership Team will meet on Dec. 16 to write an agreement and planning long range goals.* C. *Employee Appreciation Program:* Last year's program will continue by giving each teacher and staff a gift certificate to South Park Mall in the amount of \$10.00, passed 7-0. D. *Approve Algebra I Pilot* at a cost of \$1000, passed 7-0. D. *Accept resignation of school treasurer Wayne French.*

New Business: A. *Employ Valerie Brosius as ESL (English as a Second Language) Coordinator at \$93.62 per day for 17 days at a cost of \$1591.54, passed 7-0.* B. *Increased Special Education Program Aide from 10 hours per week to 22 hours per week, passed 7-0.* C. *Motion tabled to require all employees and volunteers to be tested for TB.* D. *Resignation of Cheerleading Coach because she is moving. Georgia Baldrige was approved as 5th and 6th grade cheerleading and Penny Tallman as Asst. Cheerleading Coach for 5th and 6th grade, passed 6-0, 1 abstained (Randy Baldrige)*

Executive session at 10:44 p.m. for teacher evaluations. Open session at 11:00 p.m. with no action taken. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

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values will diminish if their neighbors do not become more responsible to themselves and others. We are determined to remove blighted areas, large or small.

We are engaging the services of Bi-State Regional Commission to do a study determining the feasibility of combining the Hampton, Rapids City and Port Byron Police Departments through merger or contractual agreement. Shared costs will give us greater professionalism and the assurance of quality service throughout the area.

We are concerned with the overall deterioration of Illinewek Forest Preserve. Citizens complain to us about this valuable resource which has not received the attention it should have over the years. These concerns will be addressed to the Rock Island County Board.

Completion of the Hampton portions of the Great River Trail will be completed in 1999. We look forward to many people using the recreational facility not only in our community but throughout the entire course of the trail.

We strive for better relations with our School Board and clear up some of the unfortunate perceptions currently held by it. A primary issue is how Tax Increment Financing seems to harm school districts. We beg to differ.

Finally, a reminder to vote in our next election. On April 13th, you will elect trustees to the Village Board and on the same day, School Board elections are held. Voting is an important action. If you are concerned with taxation in its present form, this is your opportunity to use the polls and make your wishes known.

This completes our report, but I would be remiss if I did not express my very best wishes to you for the year ahead. May it be richly rewarding and satisfying in every regard.

Hampton Honor Roll and Honorable Mention

	Honor Roll	Honorable Mention
Grade 6	Amanda Chaffee	Jennifer Schaffer
	Kyle Cameron	Tanner Lindsey
	Heather Baldrige	Erin Rafferty
	Mark Beals	Aaron Nutt
Grade 7	Kelly Champion	Omar Aceviz
	Drew Hanson	Johnna Boore
	Jacob Clark	Dameon Pizano
	Jonathan Hood	
	Brian Taylor	
Grade 8	Brianna Paquette	Cory Ruark
	Amy Henrichs	Taylor Burns
	Nikki Norin	Jaynie Covemaker
	Liz Nino	Debbie Wright
	Cody Ruark	Ricky Nino
		Brian Taylor

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS for period ending January 22, 1999

Kindergarten: Taylor Harrington, Maureen Johnson
1st Grade: Jonathan Tapia, Drake O'Neal
2nd Grade: Sydney Jordan, Jessica Larrison
3rd Grade: Ashley Chaffee, Chad Reader
4th Grade: Cory Hanson, Chrissy Schaffer
5th Grade: D. J. Keopple, Megan Reisenbigler
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7th Grade: Jacob Clark, Dameon Pizano
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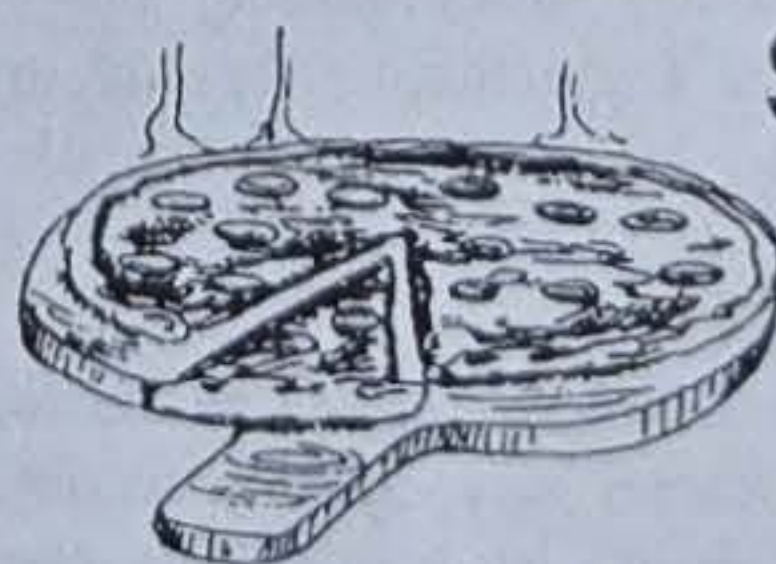
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