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The River at Our Door

By Randy Baldrige

"Once upon a time two little girls lived in a house on a hill in a town called Hampton. Now, Hampton, was on the banks of a mighty river called the Mississippi which flowed from a cold north country called Minnesota to a great warm shining sea called the Gulf of Mexico." Those opening lines set the tone for hundreds of bedtime stories for our children who often fell asleep before I could even develop a story. They drifted off comforted by the peaceful image of the often repeated words of my introduction. Soon enough the day came when I realized a story had not been requested for years. Reflecting on my standard, "Once upon a time . . ." opener, I realized that I said more about the river than anything else. And why not? It is a world known geographical feature forming our western boundary. It makes us special, different, interesting- this river at our door.

For me, as a native of Chicagoland, the Mississippi River acquired its mystique from reading Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* in sixth grade. I still remember Mrs. Prather rolling down a map of the U.S. and tracing the river with her finger. There was a surge of pride as I first learned that it ran the length of Illinois. In 1957, we went to visit relatives who had moved to St. Louis. As we approached the Mississippi, dad slowed down. We dove on our cameras, sought a place to pull off and we hoped to see Huck and Jim on their raft. The next year, we crossed the Mississippi River at Clinton on our way to Colorado. Somehow, the vacation did not officially begin until the Mississippi was crossed! Indeed, I felt Iowa was where the "West began" and I fully expected things to look different on the Iowa side.

In 1973, I moved to Hampton perceiving that its location on the river was one of the town's great assets. (I liked our size, living on a hill and for some reason - even our name!) When friends and relatives came out to visit we

always went down to the river, crossed the river, and had a picnic or restaurant (is that a word?) on the river. Friends we made from England, France, Japan, and Germany all heard of the Mississippi River and were anxious to see it. A friend from England was giddy as a child and he had to put his hands in the water. A French student was eager to be able to swim and fish in it. One comment we heard, though, was the expectation that it would be bigger. A volunteer at the Iowa Visitor's Center said she had often heard the same comment, too.

We can thank Mark Twain for this disappointment, because he describes a stream three miles wide in places. But a few statistics usually satisfactorily explain the matter to tourists. The Mississippi River is about 2,350 miles long and varies in depth from a few feet at its source to hundreds of feet deep at the Gulf. Here at Hampton, it is a little under a half mile wide, nine to twelve feet deep, and roughly 1,800 river miles from the sea. Three million gallons of water per second flow past Hampton and, yet, we have a river which is actually less than one quarter of

the size it will be. Snaking southward, it gains water from the Rock, the Illinois, the Des Moines, and the Missouri, not to mention countless creeks and springs. Few people realize that the Ohio River brings twice the volume of water the Mississippi carries at that juncture and so technically the Ohio River captures the Mississippi. This means that below Illinois and to the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi River should actually be called the Ohio. (Keep this to yourself!) It is at the tip of Illinois that the "Old Man River" of legend and lore begins its meandering journey through delta country. In that section of river, widths of three miles and ninety mile wide floods are common. Natural habitats along thousands of miles of shores are being developed. A local young man, Chad Pregracke, has worked diligently raising funds and organizing work crews to clean the shore line and river bottom. More on Chad and his project in the May Crier.

Thanks to environmentalism, the Mississippi is reasonably clean and healthy today. Blue Herons, cranes, sea gulls, pelicans, vast numbers of other water birds, and, of course, Bald Eagles have

returned. Some people complain that the water is dirty, but it is only dirty like a bag of humus is dirty. *The natural state of a great meandering river is one where organic and mineral matter are kept in a constant state of suspension by the flow of the water.* Surface currents are five to seven miles per hour, a few feet below the surface the current can be two to three miles per hour, while at the bottom as little as one-half miles per hour. As curves are encountered, the water flows faster on the outside of the meander picking up silt and it flows slower in the inside of the meander tending to deposit the silt. Water actually stacks and piles up forming mounds and valleys. An expanse of the river might look flat but can actually be six to eight inches higher or lower in places. Add to these forces, rain, tributary streams, and winds and it is easy to see how the water is kept turbulent and brownish. A discussion of the Mississippi River would not be complete without mentioning its fame, history and scenic beauty. The April issue will focus on them. In May, the Crier will review Chad Pregracke's progress on cleaning the river as well as his future plans.



The waters of the Mississippi River were glistening in this photograph by Jonna VanDieren, a senior art student at Illinois State University, Normal.

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PTA Needs Volunteers for 'Back to the Future' School Carnival

By Sherri Wells

It's carnival time again and we are really excited about it this year! In honor of Hampton PTA being 50 years old, we are bringing back some of the carnival games from past years. Some of you old-timers will get a kick reminiscing about those years, when your kids were in school and you were involved in the carnival. We have games that date back to 1974. Some of the things we are bringing back are the Queen and King Contest, the Spook House, a Fortune Teller, Car in the Garage, Lemon Roll, Shoot for the Stars, Pinball Wizard, Hawk Bowl (was made by Howard and Millie Mason in 1985) and many more. The Cake Walk and Duck Pond have been used at every carnival since 1974 and they will be back again this year.

It has been very interesting looking back at past carnival records. The oldest records we have are from 1974. A lot of things have changed since then. One thing that hasn't changed is that it takes a lot of volunteers to put on a carnival. In our busy lives these days, it is hard to find the time. I do hope you can find the time. The carnival is a very fun evening for everyone. We will be needing workers for 29 different games, two shifts per game. That way you can work half the carnival and the other half you can enjoy it with your family. The head room moms will be calling their class list for workers. The carnival is Saturday, March 27th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you can't help, we are always in need of donations. Things that we need are cakes, cookies and cupcakes for the cake walk, desserts (especially pies) for the dining room, and 24oz. to 2 liter bottles of pop for the Ring a Pop game. If you would like to help or donate, and you don't have kids going to Hampton School; please call Sherri Wells 496-2884 or Cheryl Reader (after 4 p.m.) 755-0753.

Hampton School Carnival
Saturday March 27th, 4:30 to 7:30
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Whitehall Home Demolished by Consumers

By Rocky Nelson

In past Historical Society columns, the Whitehall house near Barstow has been mentioned. It was probably built before 1850 by Ira Weatherhead. Weatherhead's wife was Jane McNeal Wells, sister of Hampton's founder Henry McNeal. It was one place in this area that was verifiably visited by Abraham Lincoln. The Weatherhead family had a calling card from him, probably from the 1850's when Lincoln was in this area for the Effie Afton Trials. It is sad to relate that the house is no more. The bulldozers have done their job. Mr. Ellis of Consumers Corp. resisted all efforts of various people to buy the property, buy the house and move it, and in various ways try to save it. Corporate America has again triumphed over historical significance.

Remembering Richard "Dewey" Tapia

By Randy Baldrige



We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Max Tapia who lost their son, Richard, under tragic circumstances in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 15, 1999. Richard was, affectionately known by his family, as "Dewey". It seems the day he was born it was raining and a gentle joke about dew worms evolved into a nickname. He loved football and played both offense and defense on United Township's 1988 undefeated sophomore team. A painful foot problem did not stop his aggressive play. Upon graduating in 1990, he received a scholarship to Illinois Valley Community College. His dream was to become a

chiropractor and he followed a course of study that would allow him to enter a chiropractic college. St. Ambrose offered him a two-year football scholarship, which he accepted. He left St. Ambrose and moved to Phoenix, Arizona, with intentions of accumulating some extra college credits and saving money to go to an Arizona chiropractic school.

Why anyone would have to lose an intelligent strong handsome son in the prime of his life is beyond comprehension. We can only assure Max and Penny and the entire Tapia family that we care.

Crier Founder Wins E. M. Primary

By Randy Baldrige

Carol Doose, founder of Hampton's Crier, won her bid in the Feb. 23rd primary. By a margin of three to one, she was elected to replace 4th Ward Alderman Doug Strand. After years of attending East Moline City Council meetings, she decided to get involved and she did so with a bang. Carol, with a lot of assistance from her husband, Bill, is the Founding Mother (you've heard of founding father, haven't you?) of the Hampton Towne Crier. Congratulations and much success, Carol!

Kindergarten Round-up Slated for March 12

By Michaela VanDieren

Children five years of age on or before September 1, 1999 are eligible to register for school for the fall. On Friday March 12 at 1:00 p.m., there will be a kindergarten round-up held in the school library at 1:00 p.m. At that time registration forms and information will be given to parents. Please bring a *Certified Copy* of your child's Birth Certificate. The school will make a photocopy of it to place in your child's school file. Certified Birth Certificates can usually be obtained from the county clerk's office in the county in which your child was born. It is recommended to call the county to inquire what documents would need to be brought in order to obtain the certified document. Hospital certificates cannot be used for this purpose.

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

Ryherd Park is Dedicated

By Sharon DeBo

On November 1, 1998, a group of residents, village trustees and family members of Gladys Ryherd gathered to dedicate a small park on the hill in Hampton in the memory of Gladys Ryherd. It is appropriate to honor her memory, however, many of you may wonder, who was Gladys Ryherd?

Gladys was one of the most dedicated and ambitious women in Hampton. A commemorative plaque, located in the Village Hall, reads, "She was here just a short time, but greatly influenced the lives of those she touched. Her God, family, church and community were of utmost importance to her and were improved by her gentle, loving ways. she always had time to listen and help anyone in need.

Gladys had four children- Mary, Tim, Tony, and Sue- and two step-daughters -Marsha and Sheila. She was married to Fred Ryherd. He died from injuries in an explosion at work. While rearing her own family, many youth of the community considered her a surrogate Mom. If they had a problem, she took the time to listen and comfort them.

One of her many accomplishments was the organizing the Hampton Youth Community. She saw a real need for activities to keep children busy during the summer vacation months. She saw an article in the newspaper requesting volunteers to set up such programs throughout Rock Island County. She discussed this with several residents and enthusiasm rapidly spread. A phone call to Mr. Tom Stimpson, Rock Island County Athletic Program, set the ball rolling and the Hampton Youth committee was formed in 1977.

The forming of the youth committee was her way of trying to bring families together by providing activities right here in Hampton. Thus, the beginning of co-ed softball. The first concession stand was the trunk of her car, coolers full of pop and a roaster oven full of hot dogs and buns with a few candy bars on the side. She had a way of getting volunteers to help. She was one of the greatest people to work with. She never said, "No, I can't" nor "I don't have time." She made the time for all of our children who grew up around her and she left us many wonderful memories.

Gladys lost her life in a boating accident in Kentucky in 1986. She would be proud to know the Youth Committee is still a major part of our community. Thanks for paying tribute to this wonderful lady. She will never be forgotten by those who had the privilege of knowing and working with her.



On a rainy November Sunday, family, friends, residents and village board members weathered the raindrops to attend the ceremony dedicating this park to the memory of Gladys Ryherd. Pictured from left to right are Susan Ryherd, Rachel Davis, Mary Geiseman, and Tim Ryherd.

Elementary School Will Make-up Snow Days

By Michaela VanDieren

Hampton students missed three days of school in January because of the severe winter weather. Superintendent Ron Paquette has petitioned the State Department of Education to **schedule classes on March 1** (Pulaski Day), and **March 26** (an inservice day), with the third make-up day at the end of the school year. Hampton received authorization to change the calendar on those days. The last day of school will be Friday, June 4, 1999. Please change your calendars.

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1850's Stove Found for Black Store

By Rocky Nelson

Ron Nelson, the historical society's restorer, has located a stove similar to what Francis Black had put in the store in October of 1849. This type of stove is referred to as either a seven plate or a six plate stove, a step or two ahead of the original Franklin Stove that moved the fire from the fireplace into the middle of the room. They were basically an iron box. Hopefully, it will be ready when the museum season starts Memorial Day. Ron is busy restoring three rooms at the south end of the second story. Two of the rooms, complete with lowered ceilings, plastered walls and baseboards, must have been living quarters. The third had no windows and might have held a heating stove. Unfortunately, we do not have specific references as to the purpose of the rooms. Apparently, they weren't there in 1854, because they are not mentioned in a building usage paper Black wrote inquiring about insurance. He states only that the upstairs was used to store grain. We don't know if Black's clerks lived there or if river pilots and skippers used it on layover. In an effort to find out, Gene Dennhardt my wife, Jane, and I went to Putnam Museum where Black's papers are stored, hoping to find some hints in the records concerning the rooms. We were unsuccessful in finding naything about the rooms in the 1855 and 56 records, however, we did find some interesting items about the business.

Yard Waste Disposal Will Change

Due to new composting requirements, all yard waste must be placed in paper bags for pickup beginning April 1. The bags will require a prepaid sticker to be placed on the bag. Stickers will be available at the Village Hall and at Porter's Village Rx. The price of the stickers has also been reduced to \$1.25 from the previous \$1.75 to purchase a prepaid plastic bag for yard waste. The paper bags are bigger and are available at all Hy-Vee Stores, Eagles and many area hardware stores. If you have prepaid plastic bags left over from last year, you can still use them until they are exhausted. If you have any questions, call Heartland Enterprises at 755-3232.

Yard waste pickup will begin on April 1st and run through November 30th and can be set out for pick up on Mondays with garbage and recycling.

Village Gives Awards for Christmas Lights

At the Village Board Meeting on February 8, 1999, Scott Newberg presented three residents with certificates for their outdoor Christmas light display. It seemed there were more houses decorated this season than ever. Pictured below are residents receiving their appreciation certificates.



First Place - Al Kipp, 401 - 6th Street.



Second Place - Pete Brachtel, 514 - 14th Avenue. Accepting the award for Pete is his son, Tim.



Third Place - Al Miller, 606 - 10th Avenue.

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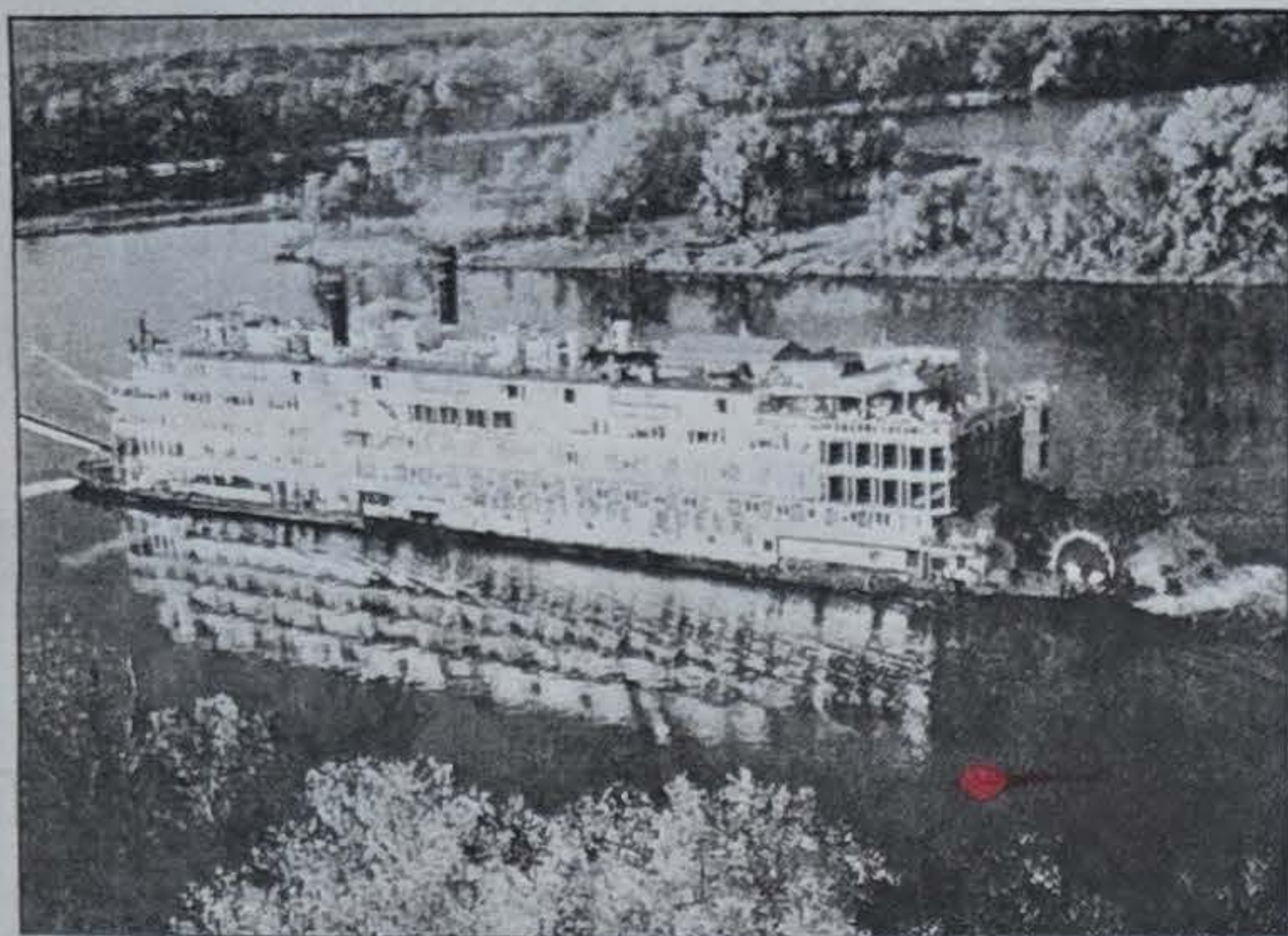
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1850's Patent Medicines Came by Steamboat to Hampton



The Mississippi Queen, a modern-day steamboat, is one of the largest steamboats on the river. (Photo courtesy of Marshall Beals)

By Rocky Nelson

Papers at the Putnam Museum show that an amazing amount of business was done by Brettun and Black. The names of fifty-five steamboats were listed as stopping between April and November of 1856. Some stopped as many as eight or ten times in that interval. The names of the boats are interesting, maybe a column will be devoted to them sometime. Until then, I can tell you my favorite steamboat was called "Fire Canoe."

The boats delivered a wide variety of goods, including patent medicines. Black's contracts with companies supplying the patent medicines were fascinating. We found orders for dozens of bottles of Clemen's Indian Tonic. (It seems one bottle was cracked and lost upon delivery.) Also, quantities of Arab Liniment, Moffitt's Pills, and Mighty Pills were received. (It doesn't say what was mighty about them.) In the 1850's, you would also have been able to buy Smith's Pills, Champions Ague Pills, Children's Panacea, gargling oil, Sarsaparilla, pile ointment, and cough 'candy.' An order dated Jan. 19, 1862 was notable in that it was the first on a printed form rather than written in longhand. It was

for Trask's Magnetic Ointment, Ransom's Hive Syrup, Judson's Mountain Herb Pills and Worm Tea.

The nineteenth century was the golden age of patent medicine, partly, because, outside of the very large towns, doctors and hospitals were few. There was a ready market for anything that might cure one's ills. In some states, the doctor shortage was solved by allowing non-doctors to practice medicine. In Tennessee, it was not until 1950 that it could be said that every doctor in the state had graduated from medical schools.

The claims made by the nostrum peddlers were outrageous. Carter's Little Liver Pills, which were still around in the 1960's, were supposed to relieve sick headaches, backaches, and bad complexions. Most medicines would cure virtually everything including diabetes and cancer. One remedy was Dr. Bull's Vegetable Worm Syrup. The good Doctor advertised that if people didn't give their children his remedy that worms would crawl out of their mouths and nostrils. It seems to me that Dr. Bull was a very appropriate name.

The most successful of the cures was Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, introduced in 1875. It is still on the market. The label read "Will cure entirely the worst forms of female complaints, ovarian trouble, inflammation, ulceration, displacement, spinal weakness. Will dissolve and expel tumors, relieve bloating, ... sleeplessness, depression and indigestion. Cures kidney complaints in either sex."

These types of claims were tempered by the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act in 1906. Lydia Pinkham's contained iron, Jamaican Dogwood, pleurisy root, and licorice; all dissolved in a solution of 20% alcohol. Most nostrums contained alcohol up to 40% (80 proof). No wonder the remedies were popular with temperance people! Morphine and cocaine were frequent ingredients. Kopp's Baby Friend was sweetened water with morphine. Advertising said it was "perfect to calm babies." A competitor was Dr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, which advertised, "Makes them lay like dead until morning." Scary to think about! Even the popular Coca Cola started as a medicine, the coca coming from the use of coca beans, the base for cocaine. We must hasten to add Coke has not used that ingredient for many years.

So, now, in our sophisticated modern era, we do not use these things. Or do we? Check what's on TV, the print media and the store shelves. There are dozens of nostrums containing ginkgo, ginseng, St. John's wart and other herbal remedies advertised. *Some things never change.* Perhaps, we should say "People never change."

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March 2 - Fire Department Meeting - 7:00 PM

March 8 - Village Board Meeting - 7:00 PM

March 8 - School Board Meeting - 7:00 PM

March 9 - Fire Department Meeting 7:00 PM

March 12 - Kindergarten Round-up in the School Library - 1:00 PM

March 16 - Fire Department Meeting - 7:00 PM

March 16 - Free registration for all 3 - 5 year olds in Hampton School District as required by State law.

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day.

March 18 - Ladies Auxillary Meeting at Fire Station 7:30 PM.

March 22 - Village Board Meeting - 7:00 PM.

March 23 - Fire Department Meeting - 7:00 PM

March 26 - School - Snow make-up day.

March 27 - School Carnival 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM.

March 28 - Fire Department Pancake Breakfast 7AM - Noon.

March 30 - Fire Department Meeting - 7:00 PM.

March 30 - School Sports Banquet - 6:00 PM.



First Day of Spring

The vernal equinox takes place in the northern hemisphere on March 20 at 2:55 PM EST, marking the first day of spring. On this day the sun rises due east and sets due west everywhere on earth (except near the poles). Daylight length is virtually the same across the world, lasting 12 hours and eight minutes.

Only 92 days until summer!

Obituararies

Mollie Hofmann

Mollie J. Hofmann, 97, Aledo, died Feb. 3, 1999, at Mercer County Hospital, Aledo.

Services were held on Feb. 6 at Family Funeral Services, Aledo. She was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Rock Island. Memorials may be made to Andalusia Community Baptist Church.

Mollie was born Feb. 6, 1901, in Buffalo Prairie Township, the daughter of George and Johannah Kuentje Kadel. She married George Hofmann Sept. 10, 1921, in Rock Island. He died in 1954.

She farmed her entire life, even until 92 years of age. She enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include sons, George Hofmann, Taylor Ridge, and William Hofmann, Aledo; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Annie Steffen, Hampton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one daughter, two brothers and four sisters.

Ernest DeDoncker

Funeral services for Ernest L. DeDoncker, 76, Hampton, were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hampton. He was buried in Rock Island National Cemetery with military honors.

Mr. DeDoncker died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1999, at Rosewood Health Care Center, Moline. Memorials may be made to the church, where he was a member.

He was born Sept. 15, 1922, in Moline, the son of Rene and Alice (Jorez) DeDoncker. He married Erma Huyvaert July 20, 1946 in East Moline.

He retired in 1980 after forty years at John Deere Harvester Works, East Moline. He was a member of East Moline American Legion Post 227 and VFW Post 2056. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and, most of all, golfing. He also enjoyed working in his yard.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Force in the South Pacific.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Diana Carson, Port Byron, and Carol Archibald, Rapids City; a grandson, Mark Archibald, Rapids City; sisters, Rose Marie Uzelac, Carbon Cliff, and Joan Ludin, Colona.



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Wedding Announcement



The marriage of CPT Ivan Beckman to Haerin Lee took place Dec. 20, 1998 at the First Methodist Church in Moline with Rev. Glen Bocox officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother, Koonja Kim. Hae Eun Lee, the bride's sister was matron of honor. Laura Beckman, sister of the groom, was a bridesmaid. CPT Quay Jones of San Francisco, CA was best man and Joel DeGrawe of Moline was a groomsman.

Parents of the bride are her father, the late Hanyoung Lee and her mother, Koonja Kim, of Seoul, South Korea. Parents of the groom are Phil and Ann Beckman of Hampton, IL.

The couple resides in Norman, Oklahoma, where the bride attends the University of Oklahoma. The groom, a graduate of United Township High School and the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, is an engineer at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Pre-school Screening Set for Mar. 16

By Michaela VanDieren

According to Illinois State Law, all three to five year olds must register in the district in which they reside. These permits schools to plan effectively for future enrollments. If you have a child or children in this age bracket, please contact the school before March 16.

In addition to the registration of pre-schoolers, Hampton Elementary School in conjunction with Black Hawk Area Special Education will be conducting a free pre-school screening for three to five year old children in the school district. Vision, hearing and development of the child will be evaluated. The screening will be conducted by appointment between the hours of 9 a.m. to noon at the Hampton Methodist Church, 400-2nd Avenue, using the basement entrance on the south side of the church on 4th Street. Thirty children can be screened on the morning of March 16. Call the school for an appointment. If you cannot come on March 16, there will be some opportunity on the rescreen day of March 25. Remember registration of 3 to 5 year olds is required and the screening is provided free to those parents who sign-up for it.

Hampton School Board Meeting January 11, 1999

All Board Members were present. Visitors: Georgia Baldrige, Joleen Cameron, Judy Hammerburg, Ann Maletta, and Penny Tallman.

Minutes of Dec. 14th regular meeting and executive session were approved.

Joleen Cameron addressed the board, explaining that the Cheerleading Coaches and Athletic Director wanted to discuss a policy change to enable more students to be involved in cheerleading. After some discussion regarding the policy change it was agreed that the policy committee would meet with them at a later date.

What's happening in School: Dr. Paquette congratulated Gerry Walker on receiving a **Library Grant-"Access for All"** in the amount of \$2500. The grant money is to purchase equipment such as a 31" monitor, with closed caption feature for hearing impaired students. Six students have been recognized by the **National Science Merit Awards Program**. The students are Jaynie Covemaker, Krystal Carmack, Cody Ruark, Cory Ruark, Nicole Norin, and Brianna Paquette.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: On the recommendation from the committee, the telephone carrier was changed to McLeod for a 36 month contract. Motion passed 7-0. Roger Braddy noted the great job Ken Wright did clearing the playground after the snowstorm, and Braddy noted that Steve Reader, working for the Village did a great job cleaning snow near the school. Also Al Kipp worked very hard cleaning the snow so that the school would be ready for classes to resume.

Finance: A suggestion to refinance school bonds came from the Dec. 14 public hearing on the tax levy. After much discussion, Mr. Husman recommended to the board not to refinance the bonds as it is very costly and it would make very little difference to the taxpayer and make the payments for a longer period of time.

Unfinished Business:

A. Board viewed 20 minute *Quality Assurance* videotape.

B. Referred job descriptions for school nurse and treasurer back to committee.

C. Employed Kevin Duncalf as School Treasurer at a pay rate of \$100. per month.

New Business:

A. Approved Ann Maletta as a tenured teacher.

B. Evaluation forms for the Superintendent were distributed to board members.

C. Reviewed the 2nd Quarter Superintendent's Goals Report- Dr. Paquette believes Discipline with Dignity has worked over all. The detentions have been greatly reduced, however, he feels the policy on playground detentions should be reviewed.

D. Certification of Status of Exempt Property was signed.

Thank you cards were read from Bev Hull, Ann Beckman, and Lee Hanseman thanking the Board for the Gift Certificates received at Christmas.

Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss school nurse applicant.

The board returned to open session at 9:55 p.m. The board directed Dr. Paquette to re-advertise for a school nurse, but to notify Jennifer Jacobs they would offer her 20 hours per week.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Taken from Approved School Board Minutes by Michaela Van Dieren

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Jammin' With Jane



By Jane Nelson

I usually talk about food in this column. It has always been of great interest to me, as you can tell, if you know me, but one of my other great loves is crafts. I think my favorite craft over the years has been ceramics. At least I have spent the most money and time at it. I first started it in the 60's. At that time my neighbor, Bobbie Beals, and I went to By Jo's in Davenport. The place is now a parking lot. I still have a lot of the things I made then- a lamp, a chess set, and a basket. Most of the things I make, I gave away. My Mom still has a white ceramic cat I made for her in 1967.

At present, I go to Suzie Q Ceramics in Coal Valley. Of course Bobbie Beals is still with me. Once in a while, her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Beals, and Cheryl's mother, Marlene Carlson, go, too. There are a lot of other nice folks from all over the Quad-Cities attending classes. We have gift exchanges at Christmas, and several times a year we have potluck suppers before class. We average about 10 people per class. There are classes Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday nights (you ordinarily only attend one night a week). Sue Gorge teaches all of the classes and her husband Joe does all of the pouring. Getting back to food, I got new ideas and recipes from some of my classmates. I told them about my column and they gave me the following that I felt were rather unique:

Becky Rodriguez's Pretzel Dip

1 cup Miracle Whip Lite
1 1/2 cup German style mustard (Boetje's)
1/2 cup sugar
a sprinkle of garlic powder or a clove of garlic crushed
3 squirts yellow mustard
Mix and use the large rod pretzels to dip in the mixture. Becky was served this at a party and said it was delicious.

Bobbie Beals gave me 2 recipes from the Dispatch:

1 Made Rites

1 lb ground chuck
8 oz Pepsi or Coke
salt and pepper
Brown chuck, separating as it cooks to form pieces like in sloppy joes. Drain off fat. Add salt and pepper. Add Coke or Pepsi and simmer for 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Serve on buns. Makes about 6.

2 Mock Made Rites

2 lbs lean ground beef, minced onion (to taste), 2 T Worcestershire Sauce, 1 12 oz can Coke.
Brown ground beef. Add onions. Add Worcestershire Sauce and Coke after meat is browned. Simmer until liquid evaporates. Diabetics can use Diet Coke.

A nice gal from Tuesday night, named Lori gave me a homemade noodle recipe. She says she makes all her own noodles. She used a pasta maker to roll them out but I'm going to try with my noodle rolling pin. They sound very simple.

Home Made Noodles

1 cup flour
2 eggs
1 pinch salt
Mix (I've heard you can use your food processor). Use a lot of flour when you roll them out. The thinner the better. Then cut.

Cheryl Beals gave me this recipe. It sounds really unique.

Tiger Butter

4 chocolate bark squares
4 white bark squares
Melt in separate bowls. You may use the microwave. Stir into the melted white bark 1/2 cup peanut butter. Coat a cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Pour the melted bark in 1/2 in wide strips, alternating white and chocolate. Then swirl with tip of a knife to look like tiger stripes. Cool. Cut or break into pieces. Simple, easy, and good!

For St. Patrick's Day, an Irish recipe:

Irish Soda Bread

1/4 cup sugar
1 T baking powder
1 T baking soda
1 t salt
4 cups plus 1/2 t all purpose flour
6 T cold margarine or butter
1 cup golden or seedless raisins
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease large cookie sheet. In a large bowl, combine sugar, baking powder, salt, baking soda, and 4 cups flour. With pastry blender or 2 knives used scissors fashion, cut in margarine or butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. With spoon stir in raisins, then buttermilk just until evenly moistened. With floured hand, gently kneed dough a few times until dough forms a ball. Place dough on cookie sheet. Shape into a 7 inch round loaf (dough will not be smooth). Sprinkle loaf with remaining 1/2 t of flour. With sharp knife cut 4 inch long cross about 1/4 inch deep on loaf. Bake loaf 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Makes about 12 servings.

Next month brings Easter the very first of the month. I hope I find some unique ideas for the occasion. If any of you have anything to contribute please give me a call.



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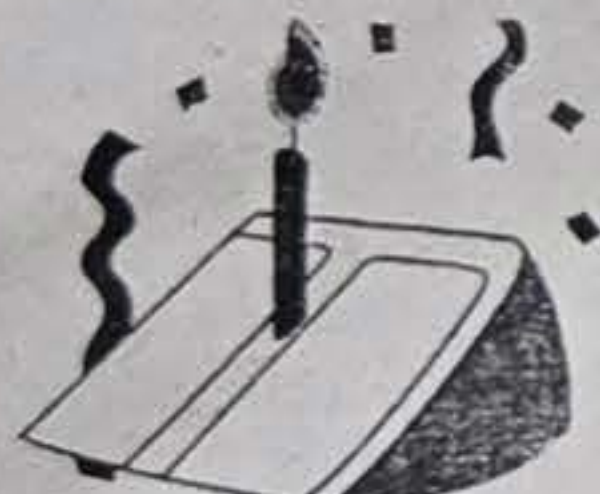
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Weigh Down

Weigh Down, a Christ-centered weight loss program meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Wildwood Baptist Church, 18717 Hubbard Road, East Moline. Childcare is available. For more information call 792-8009.



Easter Service Schedule for Wildwood Baptist Church will be posted in April Crier. Plans are being made for a sunrise service, as well as, two morning services with a breakfast scheduled between them.



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| March 4 | Happy 4 th Anniversary to Michael and Martha (Nelson) Holston , Love your parents, Rocky and Jane Nelson |
| March 10 | Happy Birthday Pat Marr |
| March 10 | Happy Birthday Heather Baldrige , Love your family |
| March 15 | Happy 4 th Anniversary to Merlin and Fern Nelson , Love your parents, Rocky and Jane Nelson |
| March 17 | Happy Birthday Michaela , Love your family |
| March 18 | Happy 19 th Anniversary to Myron and Melinda (Nelson) Erickson |
| March 19 | Happy Birthday Claire Ellen Coder , Flagstaff AZ, Love you grandparents Jack and Bev Coder |
| March 23 | Happy Birthday Shelby McKay , Love Great Grandma |
| March 26 | Happy Birthday Paula Chiolero , Love Grandma |



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Lenten Services

Catholic Churches: St. John, Rapids City and St. Mary, Hampton

Schedule of Daily Masses:

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| Mondays: | 5:30 p.m. St. Mary |
| Tuesdays: | 8:30 a.m. St. John
11:30 a.m. St. Mary, followed by noon meal |
| Wednesdays: | 6:30 a.m. St. John
5:30 p.m. St. John, with religious education children, followed by a soup supper |
| Thursdays: | 8:30 a.m. St. John |
| Fridays: | 5:30 p.m. St. Mary |

Stations of the Cross

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| Wednesdays: | 8:30 a.m. St. John |
| Fridays: | 6:00 p.m. St. Mary, followed by supper |

Bible Study

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| Thursdays: | 9:00 a.m. St. John |
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Vespers: (evening prayer with Holy Communion)

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| Thursdays: | 5:30 p.m. St. Mary |
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Communal Penance Services, Sacrament of Reconciliation

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| Sunday March 7 th : | 3:00 p.m. St. Mary |
| Monday Mar. 29 th : | 7:00 p.m. St. John |

Adult Education-"Preparing for the Jubilee Year 2000"

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| Mondays: | 7:00 p.m. St. John Parish Center (March 1, 8, 15 and 22) |
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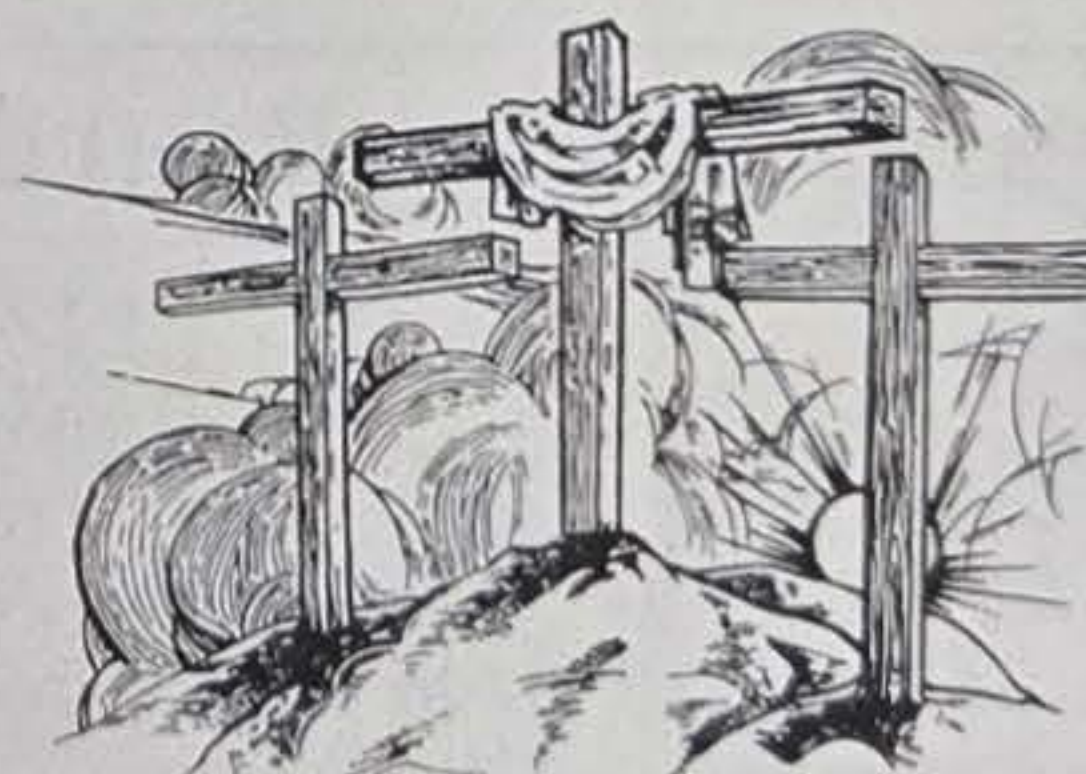
Food Pantry Collection on March 7 at both churches

Food and non-food items to distribute to the needy of our area through two area food pantries or cash donations in an envelope marked Food Pantry will be collected. As always, paper products, personal hygiene items are especially needed. Canned fruit is always appreciated.

Holy Trinity Mission School Collection on Sunday March 21st

Both churches will take up collections for Iowa's only mission school located in Davenport at St. Joseph's Church. The school must be remodeled for safety and life concerns.

Seder Meal 4:00 p.m. Sunday March 28th at St. John



Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday

Catholic Churches: St. John, Rapids City and St. Mary, Hampton

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| April 1 | Holy Thursday | 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper, with Adoration following, St. John Church Reception in parish center |
| April 2 | Good Friday | 3:00 p.m. Service, St. Mary
7:00 p.m. Service, St. John |
| April 3 | Holy Saturday | 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, St. John Reception following |
| April 4 | Easter Sunday | 8:00 a.m. Easter Mass, St. Mary
9:30 a.m. Easter Mass, St. John |

Village Board Meeting Minutes

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

January 25, 1999

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

Minutes of the January 11, 1999 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

The agreement with Tim Downing, the architect for the interpretive Center was discussed. Attorney Lee discussed the changes he had requested in the agreement, and it now met with Lee's approval. It was motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to enter into the agreement with Downy for the design of the Interpretive Center with the signed letter for the amendment of January 21, 1999. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Attorney Lee discussed the agreement with the Methodist Church in regards to the parking. The agreement should be ready within a short period of time.

The ordinance adopting the newly published Title Nine of the Code Entitled "Zoning Ordinance" was presented for approval and passage. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to waive the three readings. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin to pass and approve the Ordinance entitled An Ordinance of the Village of Hampton, Rock Island County, Illinois, Adopting the Newly published Title Nine of the Hampton Village Code Entitled "Zoning Ordinance". Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Dan Johnston, Aero Blast would like to install a six foot high cedar fence. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson to approve the installation of a six foot cedar fence around his business. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ron Bolin has completed his 90 day probationary period. It was then motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McKay to increase his pay to \$11.00 per hour, with an increase to \$12.00 per hour after 90 days, based upon DPW Sparrow's recommendation. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Garrison stated Dean Sparrow and the Street Department did an excellent job of plowing after the storm.

Trustee Carmack thanked Trustee McKay for the good job done for the Appreciation Dinner.

It was motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Burrill to adjourn to Executive Session due to possible litigation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

It was then motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to adjourn until the next Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

February 8, 1999

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

Village and School Boards Met

By Glynn Johnson

On Feb. 9th the Village Board and the Hampton School Board of Education met at the Village Hall to discuss tax increment financing districts (TIF). On TIF II and TIF III the school and the village have an intergovernmental agreement.

Mr. Bob Howard and Mr. Robert Vancil of Community Economic Development Corporation were present to explain TIF to the boards and the manner in which the school is compensated. Community Economic Development Corporation serves as administrator for the village's TIF districts. They used examples and handouts to explain how the amount due the school is calculated under the agreement and in accordance with state law. The net result is the school receives the same amount of money as if the development took place not in a TIF district.

However, when handouts were produced using the actual figures for TIFs II and III, it was discovered the school and the village TIF administrators had different figures. Rock Island County had provided different totals to each group. If the figures given the school are accurate, the school will receive more money. Mr. Howard promised to investigate the matter and adjust the payment to the school as necessary.

Both boards agreed that the joint meeting was informative and productive. Also, it was agreed now that lines of communication have been established they should be kept open.

Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 1998. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to accept and approve the minutes of the January 25, 1999 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$28,067.71 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, 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 \$14,524.82 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McKay to approve payment of the Public Works Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF #1 bills in the amount of \$2,700.00 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Burrill, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of TIF #1 bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motor Fuel Tax Fund bills in the amount of \$1,475.55 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay to approve payment of the MFT Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Ordinance amending the Village Code changing the name of 10th Street to 9th Street was presented for passage. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to waive the three readings. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin to pass and approve the Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance of the Village of Hampton, Rock Island County, Amending Section B of Paragraph 4.8.7 of Title Four of Hampton Village Code'. Roll Call vote as follows: Trustees Carmack, Norin, Garrison, Johnson, and McKay, "Yes"; Trustee Burrill, "Abstain". Motion carried.

The ordinance amending the Village Code in regards to drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis was presented for passage. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second By Trustee Burrill to waive the three readings. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to pass and approve the Ordinance entitled 'An ordinance of the Village of Hampton, Rock Island County, Illinois, renaming the Title of Article 15 of Title Four and amending Paragraph 4.15.7 of Hampton Village Code'. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The ordinance amending the Village Code requiring a business license was presented for passage. Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Johnson to waive the three readings. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McKay to pass and approve the Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance of the Village of Hampton, Rock Island County, Illinois, Amending Paragraph 3.1.8 of Article 1 of Title Three of Hampton Village Code'. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Newberg stated it is great to see all the houses that had holiday light displays. In light of that, he presented Appreciation Certificates to the following: 3rd place; Al Miller, 10th Avenue, 2nd place; Pete Brachtel, 14th Avenue; and 1st place; Al Kipp, 6th Street.

Tom Dalton of Ruhl and Ruhl was present. He would like the plat signed. Dan Solchenberger of Ament Engineering is in the process of reviewing the drainage of Orchard Park #2. There was a delay in the receiving the information from Landmark Engineering in regards to the construction plans. Ament should have it reviewed within a few days. Dalton would like to meet with the Board to discuss an agreement for the dedication of green space in Orchard Park #2.

There was discussion on the proposed Ethics Law. The time has been extended until July 1, 1999, for governmental offices to have an Ethics officer. Hopefully, by then, the confusion over the requirements will be corrected.

Discussion on the road abandonment at the marina project, and the drainage on the south side. Attorney Lee suggested that the Ameritech lines could be raised higher, rather than the expense of burying them. The final walk through for the 10th Street project was satisfactory, and the final pay request should be forthcoming.

Director of Public Works Sparrow stated he would like to have another shut off valve installed on the new water line in orchard Park 2. Water line construction has not started, so it could be provided.

George McNeal was present and thanked the Village Board for the job done for his Scouts Campere last fall.

The pump at the lift station on 1st Avenue needs to be replaced. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack to purchase pump, etc. and the labor for the repairs at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

A resident from the upper portion of the Village requested that a sidewalk be installed from the upper portion to the lower portion of the Village. Trustee Carmack will check into the matter.

Budget meeting is scheduled for February 24, 1999, from 6 to 9 PM.

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

Hampton Police To Begin Enforcement of Junk, Trash and Abandoned Vehicles Ordinances.

Via Chris Wolfe, Community Service Officer

Spring time is quickly approaching which means for most of us it's time for our yearly spring cleaning duties. This is also true for the Hampton Police Department. As Mayor Newberg mentioned in the January/February issue of the Towne Crier, many residents have complained about property owners who are in violation of our Junk, Trash and Abandoned Vehicle ordinances. The Hampton Police Department will start "Clean up Hampton" by looking for residents who are in violation of these ordinances.

To avoid being in violation of the Junk and Trash ordinance, look in your front and back yard to see if there is any litter. Litter is defined as "any discarded, used or unconsumed substance or waste. Litter may include, but is not limited to, any garbage, trash refuse debris, rubbish, grass clippings or other lawn or garden waste, newspapers, magazines, glass metal, plastic or paper containers or other packaging, construction material, motor vehicle parts, furniture, oil, carcass of a dead animal, any nauseous or offensive material of any kind, any object likely to injure a person or create a traffic hazard, potentially infectious medical waste as defined by the Illinois Environmental Act, or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature." I believe that litter, junk and trash can be declared a nuisance if it is on private property and is open to public view.

A derelict or abandoned vehicle is defined as "any car, motorcycle, truck, truck trailer, auto trailer, camper, or any other vehicle for use

on the streets and highways, that is inoperable, unregistered or discarded, regardless of title, having lost its character as a substantial property left unattended without justification on owner's land, any vehicle in a state of disrepair rendering the vehicle incapable of being driven in its condition (incapable also includes not having updated registration or insurance), or any vehicle that has not been moved or used for seven consecutive days or more and is apparently deserted. The simple solution is to ensure your vehicle is driven or moved within seven days or keep it inside a garage out of view. A car cover will not do.

There are solutions to these problems. Some of you may not know what to do about some of these items. I would like to see the residents of Hampton take care of these problems before they become an eyesore in our community. Never fear, I am just a phone call away. If you call me at 496-9123, I will be more than happy to provide you with information on how to dispose of vehicles, used tires and appliances. If I'm not in, leave a message and I will get back to you.

Residents who fail to comply with these ordinances will be served a notice of violation. Property owners with abandoned vehicles will be given seven (7) days to comply with the ordinance. Anyone in violation of the Junk, Trash and Refuse ordinance will be given ten (10) days to comply. Residents not in compliance within the time limits will then be issued an ordinance violation with a fine. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

Superintendent's View of the School "YOURS FOR BETTER SCHOOLS"

By Dr. Ron Paquette

We can best achieve continued improvement in our school by working together. I invite you to join with Board of Education, teachers, staff and administration in taking an active part to ensure school improvement continues in a positive and constant manner. Research supports stability in school improvement efforts. The initiatives already underway by the Board of Education are going to help us raise the levels of knowledge and understanding for all students as well as increase student performance.

I have conducted many observations of our teaching staff. We are instructing to include the Illinois Learning Standards and are accountable to the new Standards Achievement tests. Our professional development efforts last summer and this year have focused on the use of engaged learning activities to promote critical thinking, and the use of technology to improve reading and other subjects. In almost all cases our teachers are using these tools to deliver improved instruction to our students.

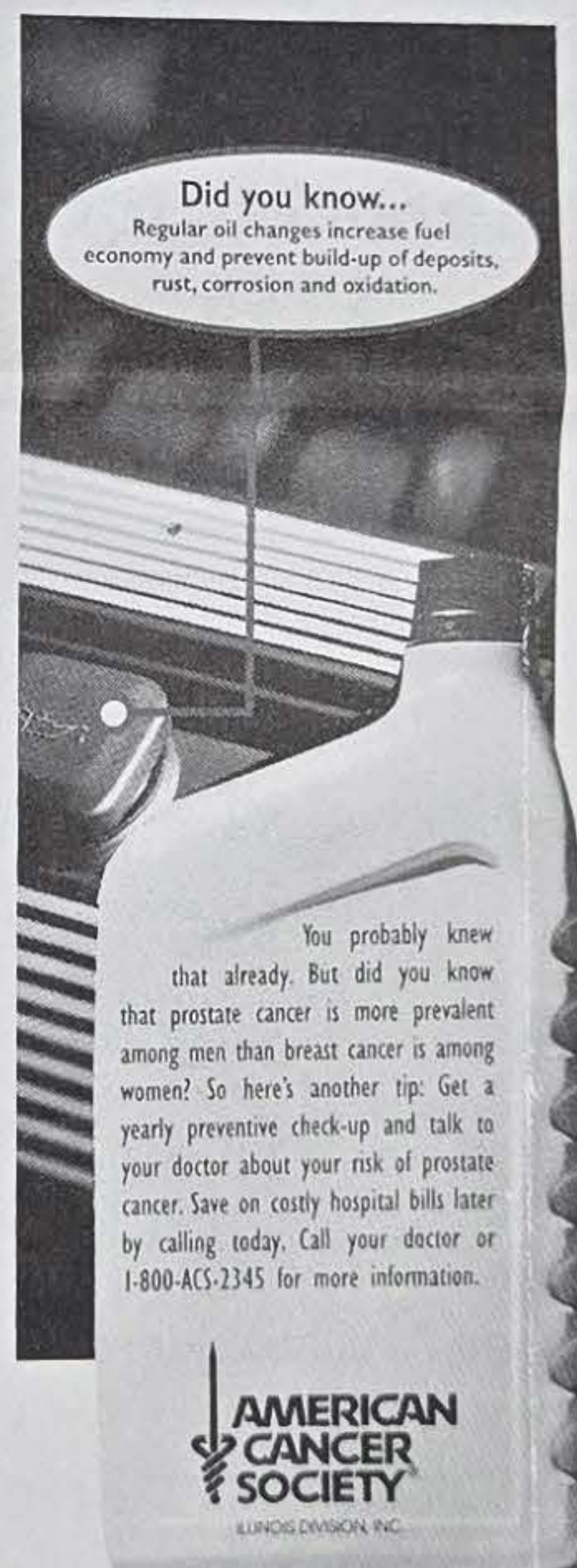
Let me address the myth of our failed education system.

Myth verses facts:

Myth: Teachers teach only nine months so why do they bellyache about low salaries? Fact: Repeated studies show this isn't true. If you count hours worked, the average teachers does in nine months what it takes regular 40 hour workers to do in 11.5 months.

Myth: Today's students need to take the rigorous courses provided in the good old days. Fact: I wish somebody who could talk slow enough would explain it to the likes of Rush Limbaugh, William F. Buckley or G. Gordon Liddy that there is a report entitled "The Condition of Education 1995" with 50 indicators related to preschool, elementary, secondary and postsecondary education. It revealed stunning improvement in public education. Between 1985-1995 the percentage of high school graduates taking core courses increased 47 percent. Critics who think schools are soft ought to check today's math, science, and social studies texts. They make yesterday's stuff look like kindergarten.

Myth: Private schools do a better job with less money. Fact: The average Private per pupil cost of \$3,200.00 compares with the \$5,884.00 in public schools, but that's where the comparison ends. Public schools are required to provide regular education, vocational education, special education, attendance control, bilingual education, compensatory education, after school athletics, regular student transportation, student activities, health and psychological programs, food services, security and violence prevention and much better employee benefits - such as living wage and retirement programs. Check out the quality of the education your child is receiving.



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Fact: When diagnosed early, prostrate cancer has a cure rate of nearly 100 percent.



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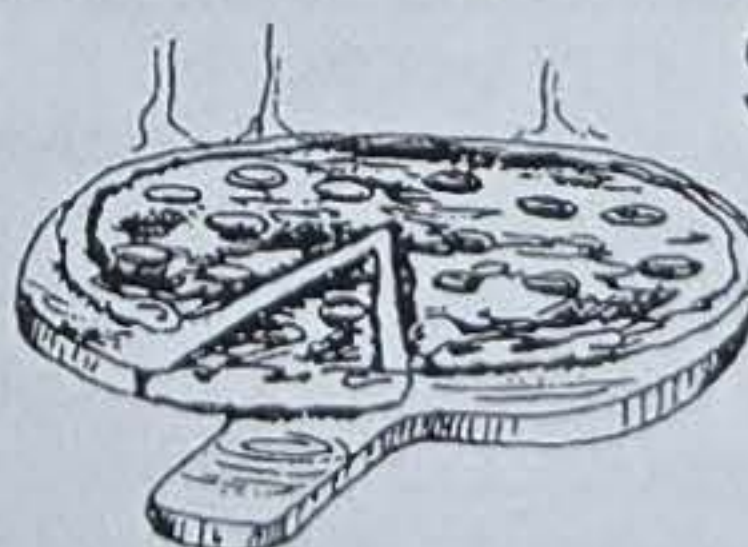


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