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Megan (pictured at left), age 11, daughter of Jeff and Patty Lattner, Hampton, has a vision to be a teacher. She currently participates in volleyball and track. Meadowlark Lemon (pictured at right) signs a souvenir photograph for her after he spoke on Visions and Dreams. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)

Globe Trotter Focuses on Game of Life

By Michaela VanDieren

Twin Rivers Methodist Church and other area churches joined together to host Meadowlark Lemon, the famed Harlem Globe Trotter, in the Quad-Cities the third week of May. The first night he addressed more than two hundred people from toddlers to folks in their eighties at the Hampton School gym. He preached a message of "Visions and Dreams," opening the evening with two songs from his album, "Welcome to My World."

The audience clapped along to "My Lord's Been With Me All the Way." The words to this song offer hope that God's been there in both times of gladness and sadness. "I've been an empty vessel, been Holy Sprit filled. Had many tears and sorrow; had many happy days. My Lord's been with me all the way." The second song, "Nothing but the Blood," answers the question, "What can wash away my sin?"

Meadowlark has a wonderful voice that captured the interest of the listeners.

In a moving ceremony, Meadowlark called the future athletes (some eighty children in the audience) to come and stand next to each other shoulder to shoulder. They spanned the width of the gym and a second row stretched nearly as far. Meadowlark prayed and touched each child on the head or shoulders. He explained he wanted to pass the torch to the next generation, mentioning several Biblical references.

Many in the audience of all ages were involved in responding to what was their dream or vision. Then he asked, "What it means to be Christian?" Nikki Ross of East Moline responded, "To know Jesus." Meadowlark said, "Satan knows Jesus!" Nikki answered, "A Christian loves Jesus and knows He died on the cross for us." Needless to say the audience and Meadowlark were

impressed. She received a souvenir T-shirt. Another youth received a basketball after copying several of Meadowlark's ball handling tricks.

At the conclusion of the program, Meadowlark stayed to sign autographs until the line ended. It was a most refreshing evening. Funds raised from the sale of pictures, basketballs, tapes and CDs are used for inner-city youth organizations to fight gangs.

The Quad-City area actually had connections in order to arrange for Meadowlark Lemon's visit. Pastor Ed Mutum of Asbury United Methodist Church, Bettendorf entered the ministry later in life. He had been a road manager for the Globe Trotters for many years when Meadowlark was playing. Pastor Ed made the arrangements for the visits to the QC.

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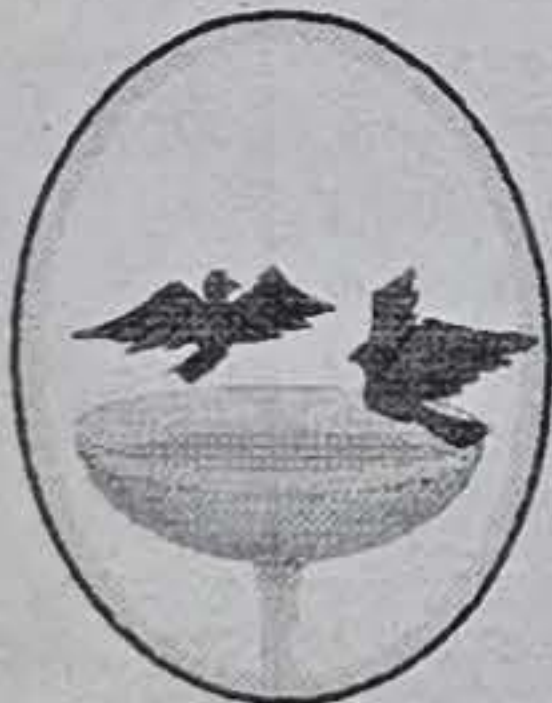
Botanical Center's Garden Walk to be Held Sat. June 19

The Quad-City Botanical Center is offering its annual Garden Walk on Saturday, June 19, 1999. The daylong event features a bus and walking tour of six spectacular private residential gardens in Rock Island and Moline. Included on this year's tour are a Cottage Garden, Wildflower Garden, Crystal Garden, Waterfall Garden and an English Shade Garden.

Buses originate from the Botanical Center, located at 2525 4th Avenue in Rock Island. They will run continuously, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with the last bus departing at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of the event, which will be held rain or shine. The price includes free parking, bus transportation, and admission to the Botanical Center. Proceeds from the tour support the Botanical Center and its educational programs. Tickets will be available at all Younkers stores and at the QC Botanical Center.

Participants are encouraged to take one tour in the morning, break for a boxed lunch and tour of the Botanical Center, then board another tour bus in the afternoon. The Botanical Center features a 6,444 square foot tropical Sun Garden conservatory, a connecting outdoor Conifer Garden, and the Window Box Gift Shop offering garden related merchandise and other fine gifts, books and art work. An optional boxed lunch may be ordered in advance for \$8.00. It includes two petite croissant sandwiches, two salads, relishes, dessert lemon bar and a beverage. Boxed lunch tickets can be purchased at the Botanical Center only, through June 11.

Each of the gardens features a professional artist with original works for sale. Master gardeners will also be stationed at each of the homes to answer any questions. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for an energetic day of walking and gorgeous gardens.



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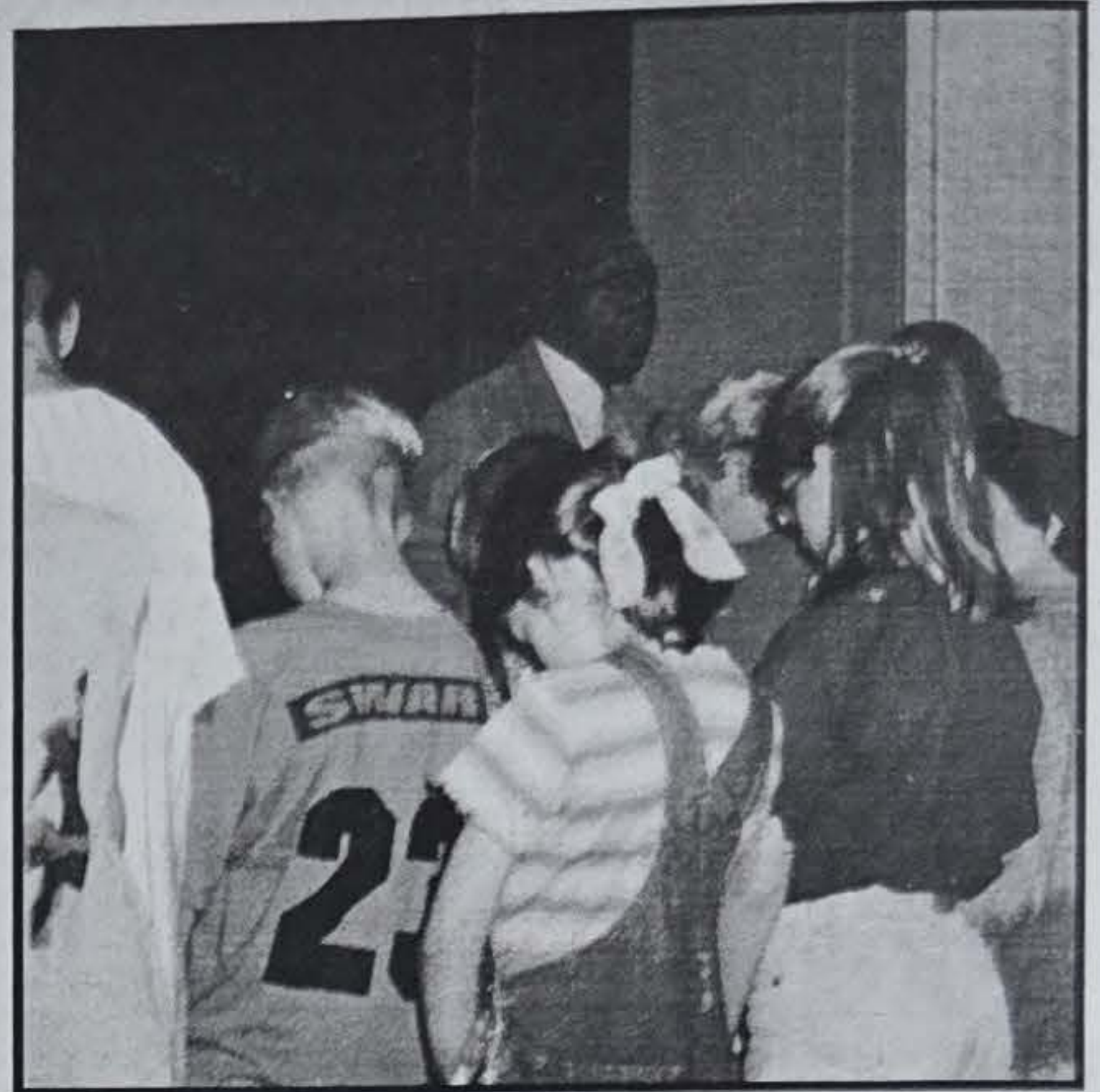
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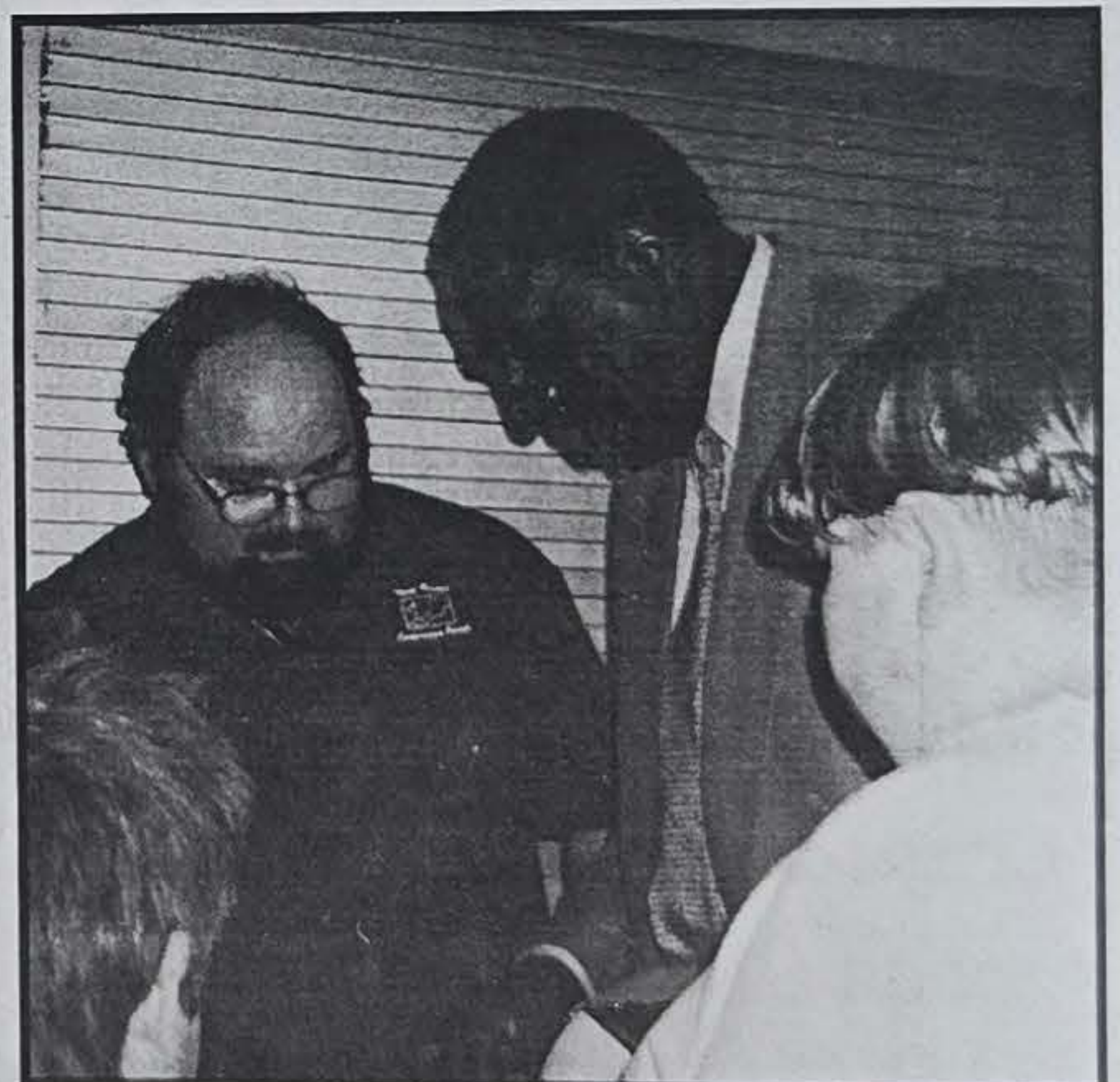


Publishing Deadline is the 15th of the Month !!!

Meadowlark Lemon Ministers to Hampton Audience



In a moving ceremony, Meadowlark Lemon, touched the head or shoulders of each youth as he prayed. More than 80 children responded to his request to come forward. He explained that he wanted to pass the torch to the next generation. Meadowlark believes that the real role models are the people you see every day, not those you see say twice a year. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)



Rich Plocher, Bettendorf (on left) and Nathan Ross, East Moline (on right) watched as Meadowlark Lemon, former Harlem Globe Trotter star, inflated a basketball for a demonstration of his ball handling skills. Meadowlark played 9,925 consecutive games, playing sixteen games per week. He now travels the country to spread the word of the Gospel. Funds generated from the sale of tapes, balls and other souvenirs finance gang prevention programs. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)

Local Cancer Survivors Make Hands of Hope Banner

Local cancer survivors are invited to take a few minutes of their time to join in a celebration of life! All cancer survivors in the Rock Island County area are encouraged to make their handprint on "Hands of Hope" banners which will be predominately displayed at the "Relay for Life" events on August 13 and 14, 1999. The events will be at both Augustana College and Black Hawk College Field and Track Arenas.

Two opportunities remain for local cancer survivors to place their handprints on the banner. On Saturday June 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the banner will be in front of Younkers at Southpark Mall, and on Friday June 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the banner will be at Black Hawk College on the upper level of Building One.

The "Relay for Life" is an eighteen hour community event in which families, co-workers, and friends join to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. creating the "Hands of Hope" banner offers the opportunity for the community to unite and celebrate those who have survived their personal battle against cancer. For more information about "Relay for Life," contact our local American Cancer Society area office at 794-0601.

Hampton Officers Receive Recognition Award

Hampton Police officers Robert Hartman and Mark White received a special recognition commendation from Illini Hospital for their efforts in an attempt to resuscitate a heart attack victim on May 4, 1999 at Golfmohr. Officers Hartman and White were the first to arrive on the scene and immediately started CPR on the victim. Illini paramedics arrived shortly thereafter and transported the victim to Illini Hospital.

Illini paramedics were impressed to see both officers attempting to resuscitate the victim and submitted the officers names to receive special recognition for their attempt.

Hampton Hosts Exhibit, "Lincoln through the Years,"

By Rocky Nelson

"Lincoln through the Years" is an exhibit of 12 photographs spanning nearly two decades of Lincoln's life. It can be seen at Black's Store and Museum. The exhibit, sponsored by the Illinois Association of Museums, and produced by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, will run until July 15. The photographs are from the Illinois State Historical Library's Henry Horner Lincoln collection.

A list of the photographs follows:

1846- The first photograph of Lincoln, made by Springfield daguerrotypist Nicholas Shepherd. (original picture on metal)

Feb 28, 1857- A photograph made in Chicago by Alexander Hesler of which Lincoln wrote: "I think, a very true one; though my wife and many others do not...My judgement is worth nothing in these matters."

April 25, 1858- Attorney Lincoln posed for Samuel G Alschuler while attending court in Urbana.

April 26, 1858- U.S. Senate candidate Lincoln was photographed by T. P. Pearson during a campaign stop in Macomb.

February 27, 1860- Presidential aspirant Lincoln made a major speech at New York's Cooper Union, and was photographed by Matthew B Brady.

June 3, 1860 - Chicago's Alexander Hesler photographed the newly nominated Republican presidential candidate in Springfield.

August 13, 1860 - Lincoln was photographed by Springfield's Preston Butler at the requests of portrait artist John Henry Brown.

November 25, 1860 - The new president-elect was photographed by Samuel G Alschuler while visiting Chicago. The image is the first to show Lincoln with whiskers.

February 9, 1861 - A full bearded Lincoln was photographed in Springfield by C S German two days before departing for Washington, DC and the presidency.

November 8, 1863 - The president was photographed by Alexander Gardner less than two weeks before delivering the Gettysburg Address.

January 8, 1864 - A harried president posed in the Washington studio of Matthew B Brady.

March 6, 1865 - President Lincoln poses on the White House portico for Boston artist Henry F Warren. The sitting results in the last photograph of Lincoln from Life.

Black Store Building is open Saturday and Sunday afternoons from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Silver Knife: 1930's Miracle Cure

By Franciska Rasmussen

Being a city kid, going to the farm was a great treat. The farm was out by the city of Cordova. It was about twenty miles from where I lived in East Moline. As a small child riding in a model-A, it seemed like a long, long way and I thought we would never get there, but we did.

Oh, there were so many things to see and do on a farm. There were places to explore and other children to play with. We went to play in the big barn and in the hayloft. It was a wondrous thing! The loft had nice soft hay to tumble in. But as with many great things, there are some hidden dangers. I did not know the hay was slick and I was bouncing all over. Another thing I did not know was that there was a trap door and it was open. Still bouncing, I took a belly flop and slid to the trap door and to a good eight-foot drop to a cement floor. "Hey, I didn't know it got dark so early!" I just couldn't see anything, but I could hear everyone talking and yelling. It was determined I hadn't broken anything because I could walk and I could see, but I had one big ugly knot on my forehead, which was swelling and getting bigger all the time. It was in the 1930's, so there was no trip to the hospital. Instead, I was brought into the parlor. What a treat! Children were seldom allowed in the parlor. There I was placed on the sofa. (It was made of horsehair and it itched.

Then wonder of wonders-a country miracle. The solution for my big bump on the head was a cold silver knife pressed hard on the bump. Yes, that's right. All I got was a cold silver knife for my ordeal. Are you wondering if I came out all right? Well, it all depends on whom you talk with. I'll tell you, "I'm just fine." However, I have relatives that will say, "No, she hasn't been the same. She's nutty as a fruitcake." I'll let you be the judge, whether I am "Fabulous Fran" or "Fruitcake Fran."

A post script- Years later when my son was married and he and his wife moved out to that farm, I really did tell him about the trap door.

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Village Board Meeting Minutes

April 26, 1999

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

Minutes of the April 12, 1999 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Norin to approve and accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Howell, 301 7th Street, was present in regards to his Zoning Board Hearing for a variance to construct a garage. Zoning Boards recommendation was to grant the variance. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay to grant Howell the variance for the construction of the garage. Variance is for five (5) feet from the alley. Motion carried by voice vote.

Joe Taylor, Quad City Convention and Business Bureau, was present and explained to the Board what their organization is doing to promote Hampton.

Shelia King, 401 2nd Avenue was present. She wanted to know if there will be an area for skateboarding. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Newberg stated he would contact Senator Jacobs in regards to insurance and liability of municipalities and Mrs. King will check into Iowa's laws.

Year end bills for the amount of \$1,491.21 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee McKay to approve payment of the Fire Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Year end TIF #1 bills in the amount of \$15,377.00 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to approve payment of the TIF #1 bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Changes to the budget before passage are: Trustee Garrison motioned that 9-494G, Fire Fund be increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 due to the Fire Dept. receiving a \$1,000.00 grant. Second by Trustee Burrill. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Discussion on escrowing in the Fire Fund for air packs. It was then motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay to purchase eight (8) air packs for the Fire Department from TIFs #1,2, and 3, at a cost of \$14,500.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Budget for fiscal year May 1, 1999 to April 30, 2000 was presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson to pass and approve the budget with the noted changes. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Rock Island County Treasurer would like to deposit property tax checks automatically. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to have property tax checks deposited automatically. Motion carried by voice vote.

Trustee Carmack stated that May 3, 1999 is the deadline for the address changes for the homes in the last block of 1st Avenue.

Five Year maintenance Agreement with Orchard Park LLC was presented. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack to enter into agreement with Orchard Park LLC. Motion carried by voice vote.

A meeting with Community Economic Development Corp. will be arranged to discuss TIF Agreement with McChurch for the marina development.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to adjourn Sine Die. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Newberg and Trustees thanked Burrill for his contributions while on the Board.

Newly elected Board members were sworn in by Clerk McBride.

Meeting called to order by Village President, Scott Newberg. Trustees Carmack, J. McKay, Johnson, Norin, Garrison and S. McKay present.

Kathy Wine of River Action needs to know where the kiosk is to be placed. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson to have the kiosk placed in front of the Village Hall, adjacent to the bike path. Motion carried by voice vote. McKnight foundation has awarded the Village \$10,000.00 for improvements to the park/bike path. Trustee J. McKay will meet with Kathy Wine.

Mayor Newberg wants to know if residents with GTE North phone service are able to contact 911 when circuits are all full.

Mayor Newberg distributed copies of his annexation letter (draft) he will send to non residents.

Trustee Garrison want another lock installed on the pump house.

Trustee S. McKay stated he will resign from the Zoning Board.

DPW Sparrow stated he needed motions for various items: Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to purchase 100 meters not to exceed \$17,000.00. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Carmack to purchase weed spray not to exceed \$700.00 and marking paint not to exceed \$400.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Chief Irby stated by purchasing the 8 air packs, a savings of \$130.00 per air pack is realized.

The trailer at Orchard Park was discussed. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack to have Building inspector Clapp determine if it is a construction trailer or a business office. This will determine if a Zoning variance request is needed. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

May 10, 1999

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

General Fund bills in the amount of \$16,691.71 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee J. McKay to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Works Fund bills in the amount of \$15,078.85 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the Public Works Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF Fund bills in the amount of \$7,700.00 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee J. McKay, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the TIF Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Dan Solchenberger of Ament Engineering was present to discuss the bid results for some street repairs. The low bid for the 8th street and

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May 16-Happy Belated Birthday to **Jaelynn Jared**, Love Great-grandma

June 1- Happy Birthday **Kayla Jared**, Love Great-grandma

June 9- Happy Anniversary **Rick and Jennifer Jared**, Love, Grandma

June 10- Happy Birthday **Helen McKay**, Love your family

June 12 -Happy Birthday **Alexandra Stanton**, Love Great-grandma

June 18- Happy Birthday **Sam McKay**, Love, Mom

June 20-Happy 40th Anniversary **Denny and Barb Miller**, Love, Wendy, Chris and Todd

June 23-Happy Birthday **Joshua McKay**, Love Great grandma

Hampton Youth Committee News

By Shelley Smart

Over one hundred fifty children signed up for Hampton Youth Committee Co-Ed Softball this year. There will be eleven teams. The season will start June 7th and run through mid July at the end of tournaments.

Age groups 6 - 8 and 15 - 18 will play on Mondays and Wednesdays, while ages 9 - 11 and 12-14 will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Team pictures will be taken on June 14th and 15th. If the weather is nice, pictures will be taken at the diamonds however, if the weather is not good, pictures will be taken at the school. Your coach will let you know.

The Kiddie Softball Program will run through the month of June on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The dates are June 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, and 29. Games are from 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.. Children from 3 - 5 years old may participate. This is a free program. Just sign up at the softball diamonds at 5:00 p.m. on June 8th.

HYC would like to thank our sponsors, volunteer coaches and umpires. Without you, this wonderful program could not exist. Thanks also to Kelly Walter, our RICAP representative.

The HYC scholarship recipient will speak at the 8th Grade Commencement. It is inspirational to hear a graduating high school senior speak to future graduates. The scholarship winner will be announced in the next issue of the Crier.

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Happenings This Month



June 1 - Fire Department - 7pm.

June 3 - Field Day at School

June 4 - Awards Day @ School (morning)

June 4 - Kindergarten Graduation (afternoon)

June 5 - June Bug Jog - Hampton River Park

June 7 - Last day of school - 1 hour.

June 8 - Fire Department - 7pm.

June 14 - Village Board - 7pm.

June 15 - Fire Department - 7pm.

June 17 - Ladies Auxilliary @ Fire Station - 7:30 pm

June 22 - Fire Department - 7pm.

June 28 - Village Board - 7pm.

June 29 - Fire Department - 7pm.

The Hampton School Library will be open Thursday evenings for children and adults.

Special School Board Meeting April 19, 1999

The special board meeting of the Hampton School Board was called to order by President Dave Wright at 5:40 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 1999. Attendees: Randy Baldrige, Fred Husman, Joe Jordan, Donna Schaffer, Dave Wright and Monty Norin. Roger Braddy and Kathy Kraft were absent. President Wright stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to canvas the votes of the April 13, 1999 election. It was noted that there were 345 people who voted and the votes were cast as follows: Cliff Perry 237; Monty C. Norin 234; Frederick Husman 206; Joseph W. Jordan 206; Donna Schaffer 47 (write-in candidate).

Randy Baldrige seconded and by voice vote all agreed, passed 5-0. All board members then signed the Abstract of Votes which will be sent to the Rock Island County Clerk's Office and to the State. Fred Husman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Donna Schaffer seconded and by voice vote all agreed, passed 5-0.

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14th Avenue repairs was W. Laud. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson to enter into contract with W. Laud Const. at a cost of \$43,736.50 for the 14th Avenue and 8th Street project. Settle Inc. was the low bid for the 6th Street and 6th Avenue repairs. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee J. McKay to enter into contract with Settle Inc. in the amount of \$5,509.50 for the 6th Street and 6th Avenue repairs. Motions carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Solchenberger discussed with the Board the letter he will forward to the EPA for the loan request for the water tower construction.

Some discussion on the proposed marina development by John McChurch. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin that Solchenberger of Ament Engineering is to review the plans for the development at McChurch's expense. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pete Brachtel of the Hampton Fire/Rescue was present. The Fire Rescue boat motor is in need of repair. After contacting several boat repair businesses, Brachtel stated Ted's Boatarama was the lowest. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by S. McKay to have the Fire/Rescue boat repaired at Ted's Boatarama. Roll call vote as follows: Trustees Carmack, S. McKay, Norin, Johnson; "Yes"; Trustee J. McKay, "No". Motion carried.

DPW Sparrow stated that the department needs a 50 gallon drum of vegetation killer at a cost of \$550.00. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee J. McKay to authorize the purchase of the vegetation at a cost of \$550.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Newberg commended the police dept. for the trash and abandoned vehicle citations.

Mayor Newberg stated there will be a meeting with River Action May 12th to determine the location of the kiosk and plaque.

The bill for the repair of the monument was held for payment as the Board felt there were cracks that needed some attention.

Repairs to Police Squad #4 are needed. Motion by Trustee Norin, second by Trustee Johnson to do the necessary repairs to Squad #4 at a cost not to exceed \$470.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Norin, second by J. McKay to purchase tires for Squad #2 at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for contractual purposes by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to return to Regular Board Meeting by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to enter into a TIF agreement with John McChurch Heartland Development for marina development. Roll call vote as follows: Trustees Johnson, Norin, S. McKay and Carmack, "Yes"; Trustee J. McKay, "No". Motion carried.

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

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

— Bill Cosby

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Preparing Hampton School for the 21st Century

by Ron Paquette, Superintendent

New centuries and new millennia are times for taking stock and for looking ahead. We are faced with a daunting challenge. That is why the central focus of preparing Hampton School for the 21st Century is deciding how to prepare students for a global knowledge information age. While schools have done a masterful job of preparing students for the industrial age, we are moving at warp speed into a whole new area. The future of our nation and of the world depends on our ability to lead and to adapt as we prepare students to turn the infinite information available to them into knowledge, and eventually into wisdom.

Hampton school in partnership with Riverdale School, the River Cities Rotary and the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce have brought together the Riverdale/Hampton Shadowing Project. Shadowing is an opportunity for a student to spend time observing and interviewing a worker in a career area that is of special interest to the student. It is hoped that this experience will provide students with first-hand information which will help them make realistic decisions about the future. The project investigates the 13 necessary skills all learners should know and be able to do regardless of career choice. These skills are:

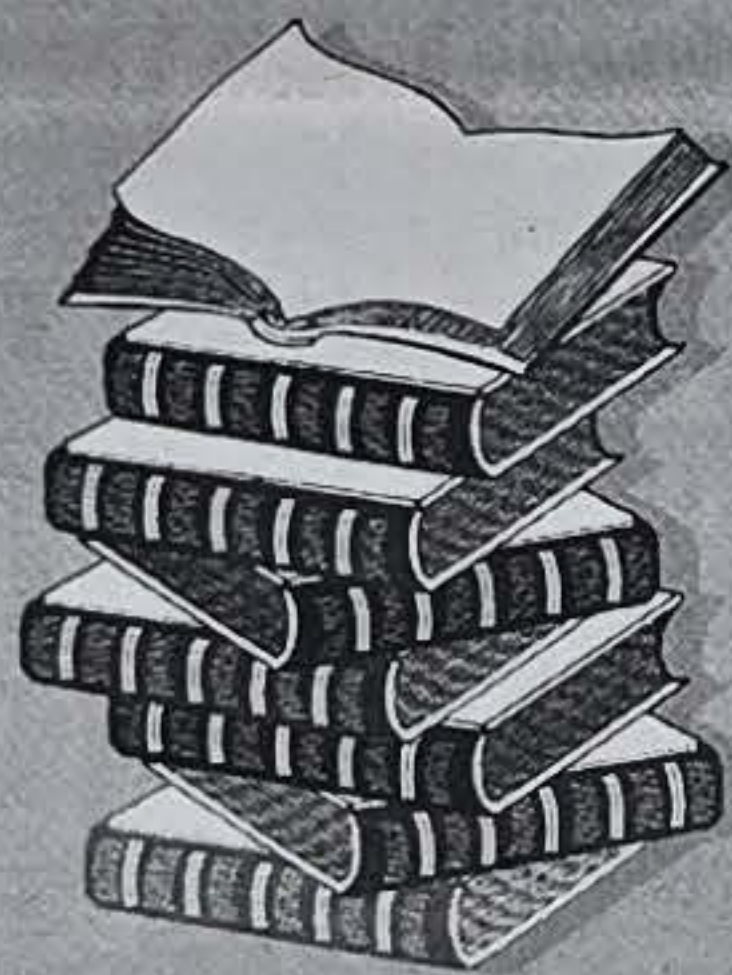
1. Communicate and understand ideas and information
2. Collect, analyze and organize information

3. Identify and solve problems
4. Understand and work with complex systems
5. Apply mathematical reasoning to work-related problems
6. Use technology
7. Initiate and complete entire activity
8. Act professionally
9. Interact with others
10. Learn and teach on an on-going basis
11. Take responsibility for career and life choices
12. Read and understand work-related materials
13. Participate in teamwork



Over 65 students in eighth grade in both schools participated in classroom activities and interviews as well as attending the Riverdale Education Foundation Annual Career Night. It is not too early to start students thinking about planning for the future.

Young Authors Shine



Hampton School recently honored some up-and-coming authors in the world of writing.

The Young Author's Tea was held Thursday, March 18 in the school library after school. The students that were honored for their fictional writing were the following:

- Kindergarten – Joshua McKay, *Lucy's First Christmas*
- Grade 1 – Drake O'Neal, *Ricky, The Tricky Raccoon*
- Grade 2 – Andrew Wright, *My Lucky Day*
- Grade 3 – Matthew Wells, *Vikings Don't Shovel Snow*
- Grade 4 – D.J. Covemaker, *The Caterpillar and the Crow*
- Grade 5 – Olivia Husman, *The Dragon and the Princess*
- Grade 6 – Nicole Begeske, *Frog's Own Holiday*
- Grade 8 – Lisa Patton, *The Real Deal on How the Titanic Sank*.

The student chosen to represent Hampton at the Young Author's Conference was Lisa Patton. Drake O'Neal and D.J. Covemaker were honored for their illustrations.

The Young Author's Conference is at Illinois State University in May. This conference is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Parents, honored students, staff members, and representatives from the board attended the tea.

Hawk Cheerleaders Soar for Athletes

"Best I've seen in 20 years!" That was one of many glowing compliments heard about this year's cheerleading squads. Interest in cheerleading has varied from year to year, often lacking participants because most or all the girls went out for sports.

About 20 girls expressed interest in cheerleading this year and no less than five moms stepped forward as volunteer coaches. Jolene Cameron, Judy Hammerberg, Connie Schulz, Penny Tallman, and Georgia Baldrige put together two fine squads.

The girls responded through many hours of hard work with crisp, snappy cheers, acrobatics, dance routines, and daring mounts. "Spirit Leaders" were added during the season to compliment the cheerleaders. Hampton's tradition of fielding well-dressed athletes was continued by sharp new uniforms which added to the squad's energy. They successfully cheered their teams onto victory while exciting a joyful enthusiasm among the fans. May the Hawk Spirit live on!



Pictured above is the 5th & 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Cheerleading Blue Squad—Jenni Shaffer is perched above (left to right) Nicole Begeske Heather Baldrige, Megan Hill, Ashley Tallman, and Faith Armstrong.

Student Scientists Find Winning Formula

This year's Science Fair was a smashing success. Over 100 entries vied for ribbons and trophies. Science teacher Bob Gipson emphasized to all his students the importance of demonstrating the scientific method in their projects. In the past many students did reports or made models which, though often elaborate and well done, did not catch the judge's eyes.

In a nifty Power Point presentation Mr. Gipson drove home the five-step scientific method:

1. question
2. hypothesis
3. experiment
4. results
5. conclusion

Happily, most of the students "got the message" this year and did very well. Congratulations to all.

The Grand Prize winners are listed below with their entries:

Science Fair Grand Prize Winners:

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| • Heather Baldrige | Corn Popping |
| • Brianna Paquette | Fitt's Law |
| • Drew Hanson | Pendulums and Weights |



Science Fair Winners—First Row: Drew Hanson, Jaynie Covemaker, Brianna Paquette; Second Row: Mark Beals, Ashley Arnold, Johnna Boore, Nikki Norin, Amanda Chaffer; Third Row: Megan Reisenbugler, Jerome Harms, Christina Schaffer, Kristy Broughton, Heather Baldrige

Great Books Make a Complete Summer

Summer means fun in the sun and a break from classes every day. But summer is also a great time to enjoy reading.

Hampton School and the Hampton Library Board wants to keep students reading throughout the summer. The groups are considering combining resources to keep the school library open one evening a week during the summer.

Students in Grades K-5 are welcome to participate in this summer program that could grow in future years. The only requirement for participation is a valid East Moline library card. Applications are free and readily available. Students living outside of the Village limits may purchase a card or limit their borrowing to school library material only.

If you are interested in taking part in this program, please fill out the form below and return it to the school as soon as possible. Hampton School and the Library Board thank you for making this opportunity possible for all of our students.

Hampton Summer Reading Program

- ☐ YES, we are interested in having the use of the school library this summer.
- ☐ NO, we aren't interested in using the library this summer.

Comments _____

Name _____

Hampton Students Tune Up and Perform Well at IGSM Music Contest

Students from Hampton Junior High Band and Chorus participated in the annual IGSM Solo and Ensemble Contest. Students performed a solo or an ensemble in front of a judge. The judge gave them written comments and a score. Students that received first ratings are:

Brianna Paquette—Saxophone Solo
 Brianna Paquette & Aaron Nutt—Saxophone Duet
 Cody Ruark—Snare Drum Solo
 Kyle Cameron—Trombone Solo
 Kyle Cameron & Ethan Paquette—Low Brass Duet
 Brian Rauh—Saxophone Solo
 Aaron Nutt—Saxophone Solo
 Meagan Hill—Vocal Solo

Those receiving 2nd Ratings:

Ethan Paquette—Baritone Solo
 Amy Wright—French Horn Solo
 Amy Sue Henrichs & Taylar Burns—Clarinet Duet

We are very proud of the work that these students put in to the Hampton Music Program. Congratulations to these students, their parents, and Mr. Bressler for the hours of practice and planning that went into these performances. And let's not forget the courage it takes to stand in front of a judge and audience to perform these pieces and open them to critique.

Gavel Sounds on 8th Grade Mock Trial

Hampton's 8 Blue History class had a mock trial as a concluding project to their unit on government. We had a great time preparing for this trial. The case was a murder trial concerning some teens, an older man, and a Lupohound (a cross between a bullmastiff and a wolf.) Nicole Norin and Liz Nino headed up the defense team, while Brian Rauh and Amy Henrichs chaired the prosecution. Cody Ruark was Dale Badger, the defendant. Mr. Steve Kraft acted as our legal consultant and served as judge for the actual trial. We thank him for all his expertise, time, and effort! Mr. Badger was found guilty of manslaughter. Eight Gold served as our jury, bailiff, and audience. The whole thing was a great experience and we really learned a lot about the legal system.



Eighth Grade Readies for Graduation

It's an exciting time for Hampton's eighth grade students as they prepare to graduate and move on to high school. The 1998-99 class officers are President Liz Nin, Vice President Jaynie Covemaker, Secretary Lori Larrison, and Treasurer Amy Sue Henrichs.

The class has announced that their class flower is the white rose, the class colors are royal blue and silver, and the eighth graders are still pondering their class gift. The class motto is "Do not think you are on the right road just because it is a well-beaten path. Follow your dreams."

Eighth grade graduation will be held at 7:00 in the evening on June 4th in the Hampton School Gym.

News from Seventh Grade Language Arts

Seventh grade students have been working on a unit titled "Tales from Here and There." Students will learn about poetry, folk tales, myths, and tall tales.

The culminating activity for students will be to identify if a piece of writing is a folk tale, a tall tale, or a myth. They will write their own stories and share their work with their classmates and an elementary class.



Second Grade Writers Look at Leprechauns

One day I was walking down the road. I saw a leprechaun! I have you! I said and no tricks. He said OK OK you have me. But I just strted being a leprechaun so me don't have any gold. I Said No Tricks!!!!!! Yeagr come good dog! Snif. He fownd the gold and a 4 leaf clovre! I gave it to the leprechaun. The End

Sydney Jordan

One day I was walking down the road and I saw a leprechaun. I tried to catch him but he was to fast for me. He tricked me and he ran into the grass. I could not find him because he is camoflage. I set a trap before I went to school. After he ran into the grass I kept asking my self "where did he go"? Then I saw a 4 leaf clover. I started to pull. Wene I pulled out the 4 leaf clover, I found a hat at the end of stem. Then I looked down and I saw him. I coght him. "Got you!" He refused to give me his gold. Then I started to tickel him. He started to laugh. I said, "Will you give me your gold?" "HA!HA! O.K. HA!HA!" He said. Then he said, "Follow me." So I did. We had to fly ther. When we got ther he gave me the gold. I said, "Thank you and good by." THE END

Nikki DeCrane

One day I was walking dow the road. And I saw a leprechaun it was trying to trick me by eating me. The leprechaun was very mean. Then I ran after the leprechaun. I and he ran out of breth. But I steel caut it, but he ran out of the net, so we ran some more and we ran and we ran, and finely I caut hem agan. He showed me the gold but first he sead do you pramis you will not tell inebody. I sead allrite so the leprechaun showed me the gold. He gave me all of the gold and then I ran home.

Courtney Michelle Contreras

One day I was walking down the road. I saw a leprechaun! I snuk up to him and trapped him. Let mego! He said. NO! I said. Not untill I get your gold. If you let me go I will give you my gold! NO! How can I belive you? Please! I promiss! I cant hear you! Do you need your hearing cheked? No. I was just earatating you. I guss I will take you to my gold now. Good! Wich way is the fastest way? Flying of cors. Then lets get going! OK.Weeee! That was fast. Now go to the end of the rainbow but it is far away. OK. I will run. I'm here. I got the gold! I desidid to stay there.

Jessica Larrison

One day I was walking down the road. Then I saw a leprechaun. Then I got a net — I wanted to trap him but he disappeared. Then he was walking to his pot of gold then I caught him. Then I got the pot of gold and his majic hat. Then I went home. Then I got money. Now I'm rich!

By Alex G.

One day I was walking down the road. I looked be hind a tree and I saw a leprechaun. He ran from me. Then I went home. I got a trap. I put it in the backyard. Then I went to bed. When I woke up I saw a leprechaun in my trap. I ran outside. I got the leprechaun! Now give me your gold! He snapped his fingers and we were at the end of the rainbow. I got his gold. Then he snapped his fingers agin and I was home. Then I let him go. I hope he has a grate life. I am going to have a grate life to!

Jordan Johanson

One day I was walking down the road. I spotted a leprechaun hideing behind a tree. OH! NO! A huoman saw me! I better run! He chasing after me! "I WILL GET YOU" I know I will trap him. I will the trap here. I GOT YOU! Take me to your pot of gold. You can't trick me. He toke me to his pot of gold. I spent it on a manchin and a jukoze a convertabol and a cupil of mades.

Mike David

Note: Stories appear exactly as they were submitted.

Commentary

Small Town Schools: One of Our Greatest Resources

by Paul Johnson

Age bestows many "gifts" upon us—some welcome and others that we can definitely do without.

Perspective is a gift that sort of sneaks up on us, but one that we come to not only enjoy, but depend on. This little present has afforded me the opportunity to reflect on my own educational experience and compare it to that of the one available to students of Hampton School.

I was raised in Tampico, Illinois—a town of 850 cradled among corn and soybean fields, and boasting a grade school population of around 130 students.

When I entered Augustana College in 1984, my classmates, most from the Chicago area, were amazed that such tiny institutions even existed, let alone still thrived.

That was 15 years ago, and despite consolidations and financial pressures, small, independent schools like Tampico and Hampton do exist and do thrive. The pressures on these small schools has increased over the years, but fortunately, so has their resolve to survive.

There is much to be said for a small school, as you well know. But beyond the ability of a community to control the educational philosophy of its school and insulate it from the dangers many larger schools face, there is much more that keeps these institutions alive.

When I graduated from eighth grade, I was joined by 25 others who I had begun my education with as a Kindergarten novice 9 years earlier. We grew up together, moved in and out of friendship circles, enjoyed extra-curricular activities, and played on sports teams. Our parents knew one another and worked together to lead us through the trials of education, competition, and citizenship. Step by step, we became parts of the community that called us their own.

In many ways a community is defined by its school. Township politics tend to divide people into factions, neighborhoods and property values insulate people into social groups, but a classroom of

young students brings parents together toward a common goal, despite their backgrounds.

For the past nine years I've worked in the educational publishing industry as an editor and author. I've had the opportunity to work with nationally-recognized leaders in reading, special education, and speech pathology. In that short time I've witnessed an encyclopedia of educational buzzwords and trends come and go, but some things remain constant: involved parents, passionate teachers, and enlightened leadership build excellent schools. Methods are important, but those cornerstones seem to always spell success.

My wife Kenya and I feel privileged that we were able to introduce our daughter Maureen to the world of education through Mrs. Robinson's Kindergarten class. From our first visit to Hampton School last spring we both felt at home in this small school that was so much like the one in which we grew up.

As the school year has progressed, we've continued to see that this small school is very much alive. A stroll through these *Hawk Talk* inserts illustrates the rich opportunities students in this community have to succeed. Hampton's fine athletic tradition is evident, as is its emphasis on technology, art, music, and many other activities. The professional staff, support personnel, and administration wear their love of education and students on their sleeves every day. And a walk through the halls before or after school displays more than anything else that our students love their school. What better testament can there be to the success of an educational institution?

Small schools can stay alive, but they don't have to settle for simple survival. As parents we can make our schools thrive as safe places for our children to build friendships, explore their creativity, experience competition and success, and simply be kids.

There are many ways to be involved in our school. Seek those ways out and keep Hampton School as one of those very special small schools.



This Just In:

News and Notes

Current Events Winners

Five students from Hampton completed against the Quad City's finest in the Rock Island County Current Events Contest. The event was held at Wilson Middle School in Moline on May 5. Participants were Brianna Paquette, Nicole Norin, Cody Ruark, Ricky Nino, and Kayla Toland.

Prizes included a \$200 U.S. savings bond for first place, \$100 U.S. savings bond for second, and a \$50 savings bond for third place. While no one from Hampton won an award, each participant received a Certificate for Excellence in Current Affairs.

Young Artists Honored

Several students submitted posters to the United Township Area Career Center for judging recently. Three students were honored with ribbons for their entries:

Seventh Grade

Joey DeJaegher, Honorable Mention

Eighth Grade

Nicole Norin, Honorable Mention

Andy Mann, Honorable Mention

All competition participants, their parents and family, and teachers were invited to view all the work in the competition at the Area Career Center's Open House on April 25.

Quad City Musicians Compete

The Quad City Federation Music Teacher's Association held its annual Junior Festival with 800 area piano, voice, and violin students performing.

The following students from Hampton received superior ratings: Jonathan Hood, Stacy Carmichael, and Alex Hanson.

New Sports Opportunity This Spring

Following consultation with the Athletic Director and Physical Education Teacher, Hampton has decided to give its students the opportunity to take part in a new golf conference for UTHS feeder schools. This new sport is being added without cost to the district, and Mr. Martin is the golf sponsor.

Practice began May 10, with meets scheduled on May 19 and 26.



Second Graders Get Computer Savvy

Students in second grade are using their computers daily. They are learning word processing skills as they write stories at the keyboard. Students work on deleting text, capitalization, indenting paragraphs, using correct punctuation, and saving their work.

Computers are an important part of the reading program in second grade. Students use a software package called *Stories and More 2* to practice reading.

Minutes of Hampton School District #29

April 12, 1999

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting for Monday, April 12, 1999. The regular School Board Meeting was called to order by President Dave Wright at 7:03 p.m. Attendees: Randy Baldrige, Roger Braddy, Fred Husman, Joe Jordan, Donna Schaffer and Dave Wright. Kathy Kratt was absent. Visitors: Mrs. Sharon DeBo, Mrs. Mary Boster and Mrs. Gerry Walker. Joe Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes of March 10 & March 19th meetings with corrected dates. Roger Braddy seconded and by voice vote all agreed. President Wright welcomed everyone and asked if anyone wished to address the board. Mrs. Gerry Walker stated she had a proposal to bring before the board. She would like the **School Library opened one night a week during the summer for the community**. This would be in conjunction with the Hampton Library Board, and East Moline Library. Books would be borrowed from the East Moline Library. Mrs. Walker would be responsible for managing the Library and carrying out this program with the help of the Hampton Library Board and Dr. Paquette. Mrs. Walker would have computers available and the Internet could be used. She will see about getting public e-mail addresses. The Board gave Mrs. Walker their approval to go ahead with this project. They asked her to make the necessary arrangements and let them know at the next board meeting. Joe Jordan made a motion to pay the bills. Roger Braddy seconded and after some discussion, roll call vote was taken, Baldrige-yes, Husman-yes, Schaffer-yes, Braddy-yes, Jordan-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0.

What's Happening in School: Dr. Paquette stated that he had talked with Bob Howard regarding the corrections for the TIF monies. Mr. Howard is currently waiting for data from the Hampton Village Board. He assured Dr. Paquette that additional payment, if necessary, will be made when the numbers are verified. Dr. Paquette received a letter from the Rock Island County Clerk's Office indicating the tentative levy for the school is \$3.40 and the Bond and Interest is 62 cents. Dr. Paquette also stated that he received a letter from Lane Evans in response to his letters. Dr. Paquette had sent Mr. Evans letters about the E-Rate Grant we did not receive and the Title I Grant that was rejected by the State and Federal Governments. Mr. Evans will look into these matters. Dr. Paquette stated that our students have performed very well academically at United Township High School. Dr. Paquette had received information on the class standing of our Hampton Graduates for the last four years at United Township High School. Many of the students are in the National Honor Society and many of the students placed very high in class rank.

Committee Reports- Building & Grounds: Roger Braddy reported that his committee had three meetings. Mr. Braddy stated his committee had discussed many proposals regarding the steam boiler and the repairs that need to be done. Honeywell made a proposal on March 24th, regarding replacing the steam boiler with hot water heat. It was noted that this would be compatible and easy to change to a cooling system. Illinova made a similar proposal on March 29th. Building & Grounds Committee proposes that the Hampton School enter into negotiations with a Company like Honeywell or Johnson Controls for replacement and upgrade of the system with no increase in tax rate. Honeywell also mentioned replacing the lights that have not been replaced. Mr. Braddy recommended that the board give the Building & Grounds Committee more time to look into a plan but to negotiate with Honeywell or Johnson Control for a heating system that would give the school the best deal and best pay back. By voice vote all agreed. Mr. Braddy stated that he received the requests for summer maintenance from the teachers and he had made a standard check list. Roger Braddy made a motion to authorize Al Kipp to purchase supplies in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the summer maintenance work. Randy Baldrige seconded the motion, roll call vote: Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Baldrige-yes, Braddy-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0. The Building & Grounds Committee will be checking to make sure the building is being cleaned properly. It was noted that the new telephone system was in and the teachers seemed pleased. There will be an inservice at 3:30 p.m. on April 13 for the teachers.

Finance: It was agreed that Dr. Paquette would prepare a tentative budget and the finance committee would go over it. **Negotiation:** No report. **Personnel:** Donna Schaffer reported that flowers and cards had been sent. A thank you note from Miss Baraks was read stating how much she had enjoyed attending the dinner sponsored by the Regional Office. **Planning:** Randy Baldrige stated that the Planning Committee is well ahead on the Hawk Talk insert for the May issue. **Policy:** Joe Jordan reported that the Policy Committee will meet to discuss new policy changes. The policy book is still being revised by the State Board

of Education. **Public Relations:** Randy Baldrige stated that the Public Relations Committee is working with the Planning Committee on the Hawk Talk insert.

1999 Special Committees- DLT Coinmittee: Randy Baldrige stated that the last meeting was well attended. The committee is planning on doing a survey for students and parents, questions will be submitted by the DLT members, regarding such things as parental involvement and what can we as parents do to compliment the learning process.

Unfinished Business- Employ Technical Support Person: Dr. Paquette stated there were ten (10) applications received for the advertised position. Roger Braddy made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and employ Mike Toalson for 8 hours per week at \$20.00 per hour to fix and maintain computer equipment. Randy Baldrige seconded the motion, roll call vote: Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Baldrige-yes, Braddy-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0. **Up-Date on Joint Board. Administrator-Teacher ROE dinner meeting:** Randy Baldrige stated that it was a wonderful meeting with excellent speakers. Fred Husman also state he enjoyed the meeting and the speakers. Dr. Paquette stated that Regional Superintendent Joe Vermeire does an excellent job in arranging these dinners, with great speakers and wonderful entertainment. **Superintendent Evaluation and Recommendations:** It was stated by President Wright that six (6) people rated Dr. Paquette's evaluation as satisfactory overall and as stated this recommends him to be considered for a salary increase and fringe benefits. A motion by Donna Schaffer to accept the Board's recommendation and evaluation Joe Jordan seconded, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Braddy-yes, Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0. **New Business:** Discussion of purchase of copier for the office. Advance Business Machines gave two proposals. After some discussion it was recommended that the Planning Committee look into this matter. Discuss purchase of Lunchbox program for lunchroom. Building & Grounds Committee will look into this matter. Discuss salaries for non-certified employees or RIF This will be discussed in executive session. Donna Schaffer made a motion to accept the resignation of Stacey Coberley as Lunchroom Aide with deep regret and wish her good luck with her new job, and to authorize the Superintendent to place an advertisement in the newspaper for this position. Fred Husman seconded the motion, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Braddy-yes, Jordan-yes, Husman-yes, Schaffer-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0. **Approve Election Policy for 1999:** Joe Jordan stated that since the school board election has shifted to April some policy changes needed to be made as follows: Encourage newly elected board members to attend board and committee meetings. These individuals will receive all pre-meeting materials except materials designated for executive session discussions. Newly elected members will not be allowed voting privileges. Their participation in board and committee meetings will be limited to the participation privileges of the general public. At the conclusion of each meeting, the board and new members will discuss protocol, procedures, etc. pertaining to the meeting. While this post brief is part of the board meeting, new board business will not be discussed. Newly elected members will not be allowed to sit in on executive sessions. All new members should attend a new board member orientation within a year after this election. Joe Jordan made a motion to accept this interim policy for new board members. Fred Husman seconded and by voice vote all agreed. Approve attendance at AASA Summer Conference. After some discussion Donna Schaffer made a motion to allow Superintendent Paquette to attend the AASA Conference in Florida in July, traveling the most economic and feasible way. Roger Braddy seconded the motion, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Braddy-yes, Schaffer-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0. **Schedule a Board Canvassing meeting by April 20th:** A meeting will be held on April 19th, at 5:30 p.m. to canvas the votes. Randy Baldrige made a motion to renew the School Board Legal Liability Application for Brokers' Risk. Donna Schaffer seconded the motion, roll call vote: Braddy-yes, Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Baldrige-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0.

Roger Braddy made a motion to go into executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss salaries for noncertified employees and re-employ or RIF employees. Fred Husman seconded and by voice vote all agreed. The meeting returned to open session at 11:05 p.m. Dr. Paquette recommended that the board accept that Mrs. Johnson did not sign her contract as an indication that she intends to resign and retire from her position at the end of this school year. Roger Braddy made a motion to accept Mrs. Johnson's defacto resignation and retirement. Randy Baldrige seconded and by voice vote all agreed. Joe Jordan made a

Jamin' With Jane

Late spring brought to mind that unusual food source, known as rhubarb. I call it unusual because it seems like a fruit but it is really a vegetable. In cooking it is used mainly in pie or other desserts. It is often used for preserves and jam. Oddly, it is a member of the buckwheat family and is native to the western provinces of China adjoining Tibet. It is a perennial plant, meaning it grows year after year. It is now cultivated in most of Europe and in the US. There are many species and varieties of rhubarb as well as many plants that resemble rhubarb but are not edible.

In the beginning it was mainly cultivated in China for medicinal purposes. The earliest records date back to 2700 BC. It is recorded in many dynasties as a cure and was banned from being traded to barbarians. Marco Polo probably brought it to Europe. In America it first appeared in 1790. It became popular in produce markets in 1822 in Massachusetts. Here are some interesting rhubarb recipes:

RHUBARB CREAM PIE

Ingredients: A bunch of rhubarb, diced (2-3 cups? Enough to fill the pie.) Honey to taste (probably about a cup). 1/4 cup water. Orange zest (about 1/2 an orange). 1 envelope unflavored gelatin. 1/2 cup or so whipped cream.

Procedure: First make a graham cracker crust and set it out to cool. Heat rhubarb, honey, orange zest, and water until rhubarb gives off its water and gets soft. Taste often to judge honey amount. (You might want to make it a little on the sweet side, because the cream will dilute it somewhat.) Meanwhile, whip the cream. Sprinkle gelatin over rhubarb mixture and stir until dissolved (you could use sugar-free strawberry Jell-O and less honey). Remove pot from stove and put base in a larger pot of ice water. Stir occasionally until you can feel the mixture begin to thicken. Immediately remove the pot from the ice water and fold in the whipped cream. Pour filling into crust. Refrigerate for an hour or so, and then devour.

STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB COBBLER

Filling:

- 1-qt strawberries, washed, tops removed and cut in half (4cups)
- 4 cups chopped rhubarb washed and sliced into 1/2 in pieces
- 2/3 cup white granulated sugar.
- 4 T Vanilla sugar

Topping:

- 1 1/2 Cups all purpose flour
- 1 T baking powder
- 1 pinch salt
- 6T (1/4 stick) butter, cold
- 3/4 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place the strawberries, rhubarb, white sugar, and 3 T Vanilla Sugar in a bowl. Toss gently and set aside.

To prepare topping, mix the flour, 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt in bowl and stir to blend. Cut the butter into small pieces, put into the flour mixture and blend with your fingers until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add the milk and stir to blend.

Butter a 9 x 12 inch baking pan (we prefer glass). Place the fruit in the pan, and spoon the topping over the fruit. Spread it out with a spoon as

best you can, but don't worry if it doesn't reach all the edges, as it will smooth out while baking. Sprinkle the crust with the remaining tablespoon of Vanilla sugar. Place the pan in the oven for 40-50 minutes, until crust is golden brown. Let cool before cutting and serving.

RHUBARB PRESERVES

- 2 1/2 lbs. fresh rhubarb, diced
- 2 cups sugar
- Zest of 2 oranges (about 1/3 cup)
- 1/2 cup water

Place all ingredients in a large heavy saucepan, and bring to a boil over medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the mixture has thickened and rhubarb has softened, 30 to 45 minutes.

Allow the preserves to cool, then ladle into jars. Cover and refrigerate up to 1 month. Makes 2 pints.

And now my favorite and old reliable:

RHUBARB PIE

If you like rhubarb pie less tart, scald the rhubarb first. Add less sugar.

- 2 cups rhubarb
- 2 T flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- Plain pastry crusts

Cut rhubarb in 1/2 in pieces before measuring. Mix sugar, flour, and egg and add to rhubarb. Bake between crusts or in 1 crust with lattice strips of pastry across top. Makes 9 in. pie.

In case you missed my column last month, it wasn't printed. If you would like to read it is on my web site.

Hometown. aol.com/jamwjane. You also might like to know I'm on the road to recovery. I had the middle lobe of my right lung removed April 30. I had a small spot called a carcinoid, which was cancerous. It did not involve any lymph nodes and the pathologist report was good. The only problem is it ordinarily is not found in the lungs. It usually starts someplace else. They could not find it anyplace else. I am very lucky. I had a bad cold the end of February and Dr John Peterson had me take a chest x-ray fearing I might have pneumonia. As a result my spot was found and is now past history.

Thanks to all for the cards, flowers, food, calls and help. It was much appreciated. Martha, our second daughter was home to help when I came home. She was the one who set up the web site.

You can't stay mad at someone who makes you laugh.

— Jay Leno

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motion on the recommendation of the Superintendent to re-employ the non-certified personnel as per attached list. Roger Braddy seconded, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Husman-yes, Schaffer-yes, Braddy-yes, Jordan-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0. Randy Baldrige made a motion to RIF Mark Bressler and Chris Dieckmann. Donna Schaffer seconded, roll call vote: Braddy-yes, Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Baldrige-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0. Roger Braddy made a motion to pay Superintendent Ron Paquette a new salary of \$62,600, for the 1999-2000 school year. Randy Baldrige seconded, roll call vote: Husman-no, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Baldrige-yes, Braddy-yes, Wright-yes, passed 5-1. Randy Baldrige made a motion to increase the Kindergarten Aide/Playground Aide, hours to six effective immediately if Rita Hanson is in agreement. Donna Schaffer seconded, roll call vote: Braddy-yes, Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Schaffer-yes, Baldrige-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0. Joe Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 p.m. Donna Schaffer seconded and by voice vote all agreed.

Father's Day

Father's Day is observed annually on the third Sunday in June — this year June 20th. The idea for the celebration dates back to the early 1900s, when Louise Smart Dodd of Spokane, Wash., set out to find some way to pay tribute to her dad. William Smart raised Dodd and her six siblings single-handedly after their mother died in childbirth. The first documented "Father's Day" was celebrated in Spokane on June 19, 1910, on Dodd's father's birthday. The idea soon spread across the country and into Canada. Vancouver set aside a special day for fathers in 1912. Four years later, President Woodrow Wilson officially recognized the holiday in the U.S., but it wasn't until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation which established a permanent national observance.



In the photo above, Deborah McKay of McKay's Cake Creations displays one of her many artistic endeavors. Her new business is catching on as more people realize her talent and reasonable rates.

New Business in Hampton: McKay's Cake Creations

Deborah McKay came to Hampton three years ago after her marriage to Shad McKay. In 1997, she enrolled in some cake decorating classes in the Quad-City area. Each week she would make a cake for McKay Plating to practice her latest knowledge. After completing all the courses that were offered locally, she enrolled in a week-long course on "Lambeth" at the Wilton School of Cake Decorating in Chicago. The old-world technique of lambeth is a form of decorating where layers of frosting are piped on top of another to form a three-dimensional raised design. Deborah said, "I want to share my love of the art and creativity that cake decorating can bring." She started a small business in her home doing all kinds of cakes and designs. Some are done by freehand, from a pattern book, or based on a design from the many books she owns.

In addition to cakes, she dabbles in cookie baskets, airbrushing on cakes, rubber stamped gift cards, gift tags, gift bags, stenciling and calligraphy. Deborah has furthered her skills this month by taking a class in airbrushing so she can incorporate these talents into her cakes. She added, "I want to keep up with demand and the creativity on my part to be able to keep the interest of my patrons and for myself."

She specializes in all occasion cakes such as Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding, Graduations, and all Holidays. Even though her business is fairly new, she decorates cakes very well. She takes the time to listen to what a customer really wants. She may be contacted at home any time during the day for an order. Deborah McKay, 628-Thrid Avenue, Hampton, 751-9711. Only one day's notice for a small cake is needed. Other reservations, like a wedding cake, need several months to be sure Deborah has reserved the date for your special wedding cake. She is available to share her gift of art for you to celebrate and remember a special occasion.

McKay's Cake Creation's
all occasion cakes

(309)751-9711
Deborah McKay
628 3rd Ave.
Hampton, Illinois

School Library Hours Coming Evenings This Summer

By Michaela VanDieren

The Hampton school library will be open for Hampton residents this summer one night a week. On Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. the school library will be open to check-out books, work on computers, and parents can explore the Internet. The actual hours listed above are tentatively set, so please watch for poster at Post Office announcing the times on Thursdays.

This venture is a jointly supported project by the Hampton Library Board and the Hampton School. The East Moline Library will supply many books for check-out. Gerry Walker, school librarian, is excited about the potential for our youngsters to keep reading alive during the summer. She has generously volunteered her time this summer.

Westward Trails Were Actually Buffalo Migration Routes

By Rocky Nelson

We don't think of Illinois as being buffalo country. To the west on the Great Plains where the grass grew shorter is where the herds were immense and stretched as far as the eye could see. That doesn't mean our state had none of these great beasts, the largest land animals in North America in historic times. You must go back to the time of the mammoths and mastodons to find any larger. We had our share of buffalo. Actually, they are not buffalo, but a different species, Bison. But who pays attention to that? We will continue to call them buffalo in this piece.

The buffalo congregated on the prairies in the summer. In the winter most of them disappeared. Where did they go? The Indians had explanations for it. Some believed the buffalo went underground in the fall and emerged in the spring. Indians would swear they could hear them fighting beneath their feet. The Sioux believed the buffalo guarded the gates to the immortal world (the Happy Hunting Grounds). Other tribes believed that Mother Earth sheltered the buffalo as spirits in the Underworld. In time of need the tribes would pray to Mother Earth to awaken the spirits and lead the buffalo to the prairies to provide sustenance for the people. In some tribes, ceremonies to call back the buffalo were an annual occurrence.

In actuality, the buffalo did not go underground but migrated. Where they went depended on what part of the country they were from but they always went more or less, to the same place. The Illinois buffalo went south to graze on the bluegrass of Kentucky. A few got as far as Virginia and North Carolina. Come spring they started back to the Illinois country in huge herds. They always took the same route. Those from Virginia and North Carolina crossed the mountains at Cumberland Gap. Then they followed the Cumberland River into Kentucky. The herds crossed the Ohio at New Albany and followed a route through southern Indiana, fording the Wabash near Lawrenceville. This was where the Lincoln family forded when they came to Illinois. The buffalo pushed west into lush prairies in what was then called the American Bottom around Cahokia, across from St. Louis. From there they spread north to our part of the state. The route I have described was called "The Buffalo Trace" and centuries of buffalo traveling it had distinctly marked it. For centuries Indians had used it when traveling west. When the white man came he called part of it leading into Kentucky "The Wilderness Road". He used this "road" to get to Louisville and on into the western settlements.

In 1837 the young state of Illinois, striving to make it easier for settlers set out to improve the old Buffalo Trace. Post riders had followed it since 1805 but it was now improved to the status of a stage road. Bridges and culverts were built. Between Vincennes and Lawrenceville wooden trestles were constructed to make it passable during the spring floods. This area was called Purgatory Bottoms. Today US highway 50 follows the Buffalo Trace.

We brag about how our pioneer forebears challenged the trackless wilderness to come west. Perhaps we should give some credit to the great beasts that literally showed us the way and cleared it for us.

I must acknowledge that much of the above material comes from my home town paper "The Tonica News" in an article by publisher Ray Richardson, July 10, 1953.



Hampton Graduates Kindergarten and Eighth Grade Students

The following are a list of Kindergarten Students. The Hampton School Kindergarten Graduation is Friday, June 4, 1999 at 12:30 p.m. Kindergarten Graduate Students are:

Mitchell Beck
Brennan Burklund
Kendra DeBord
Jacob DeJaegher
Bailey Escontrias
Paulina Gallegos
Carrie Geier
Taylor Harrington
Robert Hood
Emily Hubbard
Maureen Johnson
Kelsi Kipp
Stephanie Kroeger
Pedro Martinez
Joshua McKay
Dustin Patz
Alex Penning
Alexis Rogers
Andrew Smet
Jordan Sprague
Brittany Weber
J. Tyler Whitnire
Mitchel Wright

The following is a list of the 8th grade graduates. The Hampton School Graduation is Friday, June 4, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduates are:

Francisca Aceviz
Taylar Burns
Krystal Cannack
Jaynie Covemaker
Jessica Davis
Carl Griffin
Amy Sue Henrichs
Jill Hollars
Nathan Husman
Billy Kilps
Lori Larrison
M. Garrett McGuinty
Andrew Mann
Chase Martin
Elizabeth Nino
Ricardo Nino
Nicole Norin
Brianna Paquette
Lisa Patton
Brian Rauh
Cody Ruark
Cory Ruark
Thomas Tapia
Jessica Tallman
Kayla Toland
Amanda Twigg
Amy Weber
Debbie Wright

Kid's Fishing Derby Set for June 12th

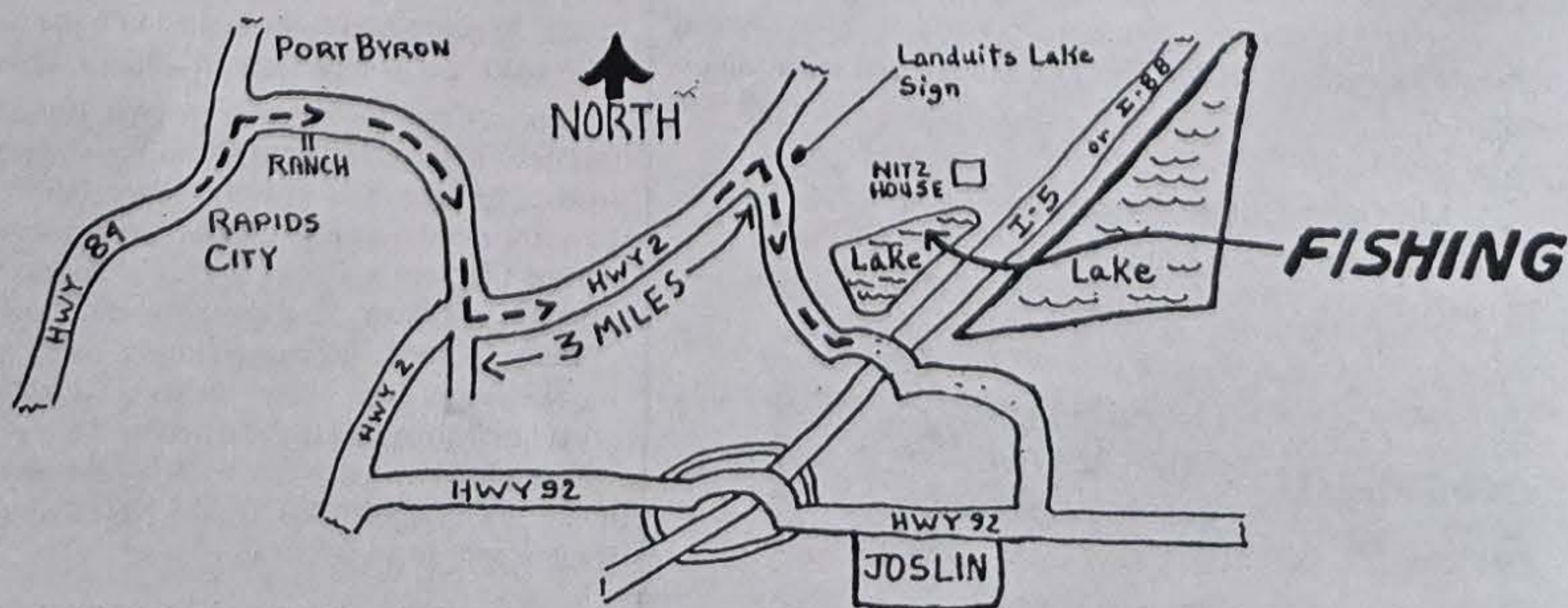
A kid's free fishing derby sponsored by River Cities Rotary is scheduled for Saturday June 12th at the George Nitz' Farm from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded for largest fish, most fish, first fish and other prizes. The activities are open to children ages 5 to 16. Parents are requested to assist. Some equipment may be available and there are abundant fish. A map showing how to locate the Nitz farm is at the bottom of this page. For more information call 309-523-2385. Application blanks may be obtained at Porter's Village RX, Quinn Hardware, and Hampton school.



Hampton Elementary School District CALENDAR 1999-2000

August	16-STUDENT REGISTRATION 7 to 1 & 5 to 8 20-NO SCHOOL - TEACHER INSTITUTE 23-1ST DAY FOR STUDENTS (1/2 day out 11:30) 24-FULL DAY FOR STUDENTS hot lunch starts
Sept.	6-NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY 20-PTA OPEN HOUSE 6:30 p.m. 22-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY (1/2 day O. 11:30) 25-FIRST PROGRESS REPORT ENDS
Oct.	11-NO SCHOOL- COLUMBUS DAY 15-GRANDPARENTS DAY 22-NO SCHOOL- TEACHER INSTITUTE 29-FIRST QUARTER ENDS
Nov.	4-1/2 DAY ATTENDANCE - PAR./TEACH CONF. 5-1/2 DAY ATTENDANCE - PAR/TEACH CONF 11-NO SCHOOL - VETERANS DAY 15-PARENT VISITATION OF SCHOOL - AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK 17-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY Dismissal 2:00 25-EARLY RELEASE DAY (2:00) 26 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING DAY 27 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK
Dec.	3 -SECOND PROGRESS REPORT ENDS 17-EARLY RELEASE DAY (2:00) 18-31-NO SCHOOL - WINTER VACATION
Jan.	1-2 NO SCHOOL - WINTER VACATION 3- SCHOOL RESUMES 17-NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 19-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY Dismissal 2:00 21-SECOND QUARTER ENDS 27-1/2 DAY Attendance- PAR./TEACH CONF. 28-1/2 DAY Attendance - PAR/TEACH CONF.
Feb.	1-11-ISAT TESTING 18-THIRD PROGRESS REPORT ENDS
Mar.	6-NO SCHOOL - CASIMIR PULASKI DAY 15- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY Dismissal 2:00 24-NO SCHOOL(Institute) & 3rd QUARTER ENDS
April	3-14-STS TESTING 14-EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 17-22 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK 28-FOURTH PROGRESS REPORT ENDS
May	17-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY Dismissal 2:00 19-NO SCHOOL(Institute)& 4th QUARTER ENDS 29-NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY 30-TENTATIVE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL





Important School Dates

The following are a list of special dates to remember for Hampton Elementary School

June 3-Field Day

June 4-Awards Day Grades 1st - 5th - 8:45 a.m. School Gym
Grades 6th - 8th - 10:00 a.m.

-Kindergarten Graduation 12:30 p.m. reception following

-8th Grade Graduation Rehearsal - 1:15 p.m.

-8th Grade Graduation Ceremony - 7:00 p.m. (School Gym)

June 7-Last Day of School one hour from 8:30 am. - 9:30 am.

-PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.

June 8-Teachers Institute

Aug. 16-School Registration 7:00 am-1:00p.m. & 5:00 - 8:00p.m.

(Students entering Kindergarten, & 5th Grade must have physicals)

Aug ? Sports Physicals sponsored by PTA (At a date & time to be announced)

Quinn Hardware Will Celebrate Fourth Anniversary

Quinn Servistar Hardware opened for business four years ago in 1995, serving upper Rock Island County residents, contractors and businesses. The full service hardware has complete plumbing, electrical, hardware, paint, lawn and garden departments. Other departments in the store include housewares, tools, gifts, toys, and copy center. Many services are available such as screen and window repair, UPS, color copying, keys made and, also, cut and thread pipe.

The convenient schedule from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. provide many hours of shopping.

Be sure to see the Quinn Hardware ad insert featuring many sale items. Now is the time to plant flowers and vegetables. The healthy plants include many varieties. Help your green thumb by fertilizing your plants.

New Valves Will Be Required on Propane Cylinders

By Michaela VanDieren

Last month the Crier provided safety tips for grilling. This issue will focus on the latest requirements for propane cylinders. Twelve years after a cylinder is manufactured it must be re-certified (checked and tested) and then every five years it must be done again. However, since October 1, 1998 **new small cylinders must have OPDs** (over-fill protection device). That's the easy part. Eventually all small cylinders, and there are as many as 50 million out there, must be retrofitted with OPDs at the time of requalification (12 years after manufacturer's date). Most consumers are selecting to purchase a new cylinder at the time of re-certification because the cost of a new valve is near \$25 and a brand new tank is about \$30. After April 1, 2002, small cylinders without OPDs cannot be refilled.

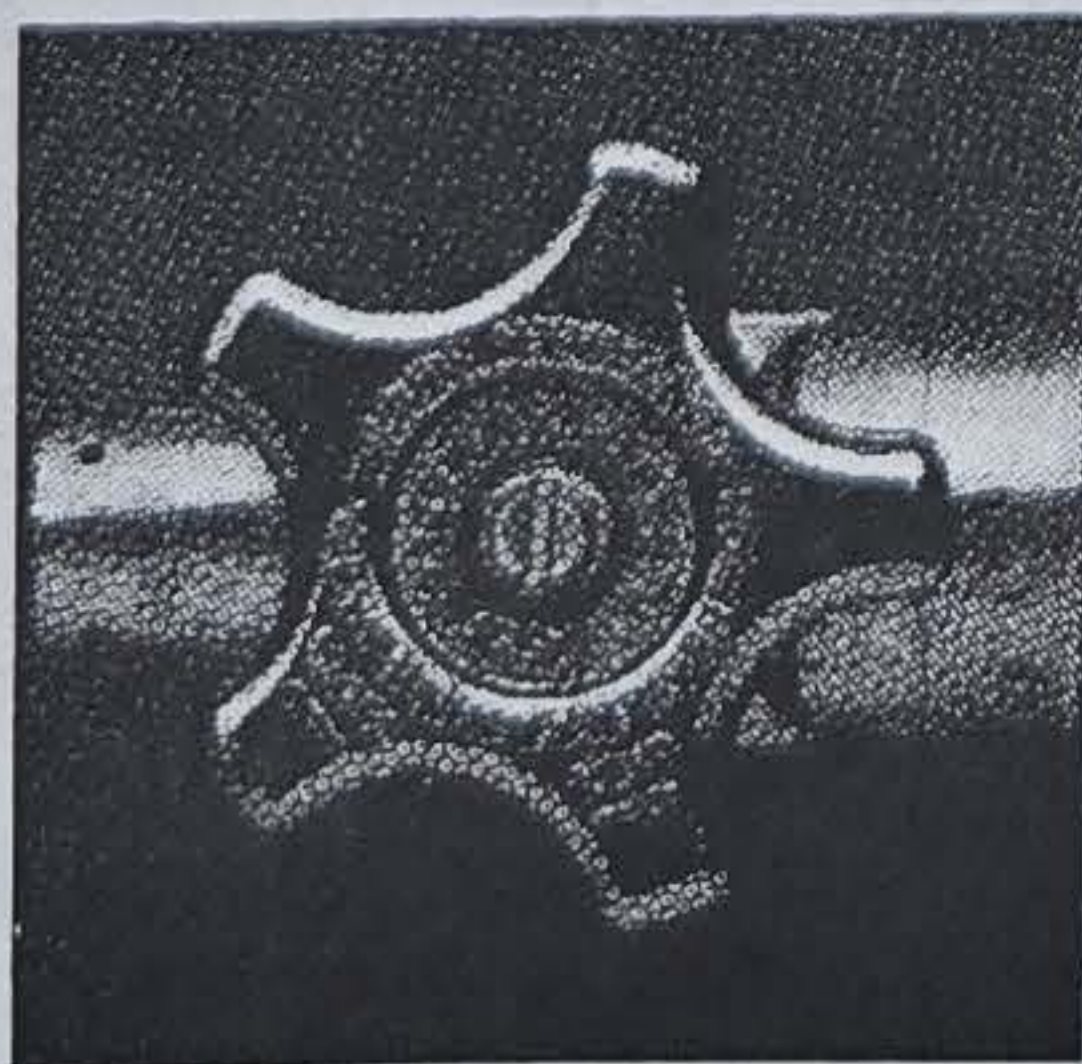
What does an OPD do? OPDs are intended to be a secondary means to protect against the overfilling of cylinders. The OPD valve shuts off the flow of propane to the cylinder when the liquid level reaches approximately 80 percent of capacity.

Does my cylinder have an OPD? To determine if you have a new OPD cylinder, examine the open-close handle. The handles on the traditional valves look like a flat captain's wheel, while the OPD design is similar to a triangle. (Refer to diagram below)



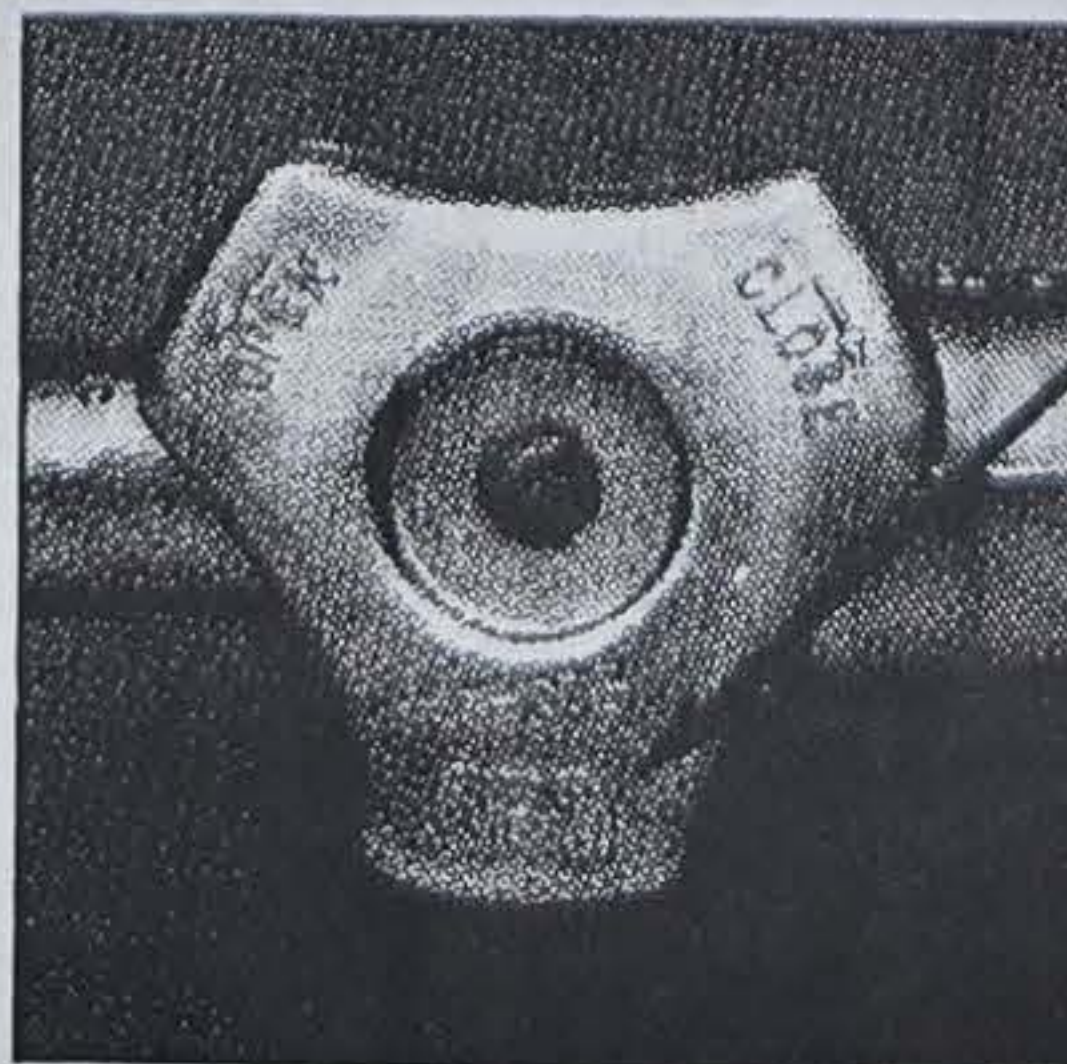
Typical old-style handwheel

(Each manufacturer has their own style.)

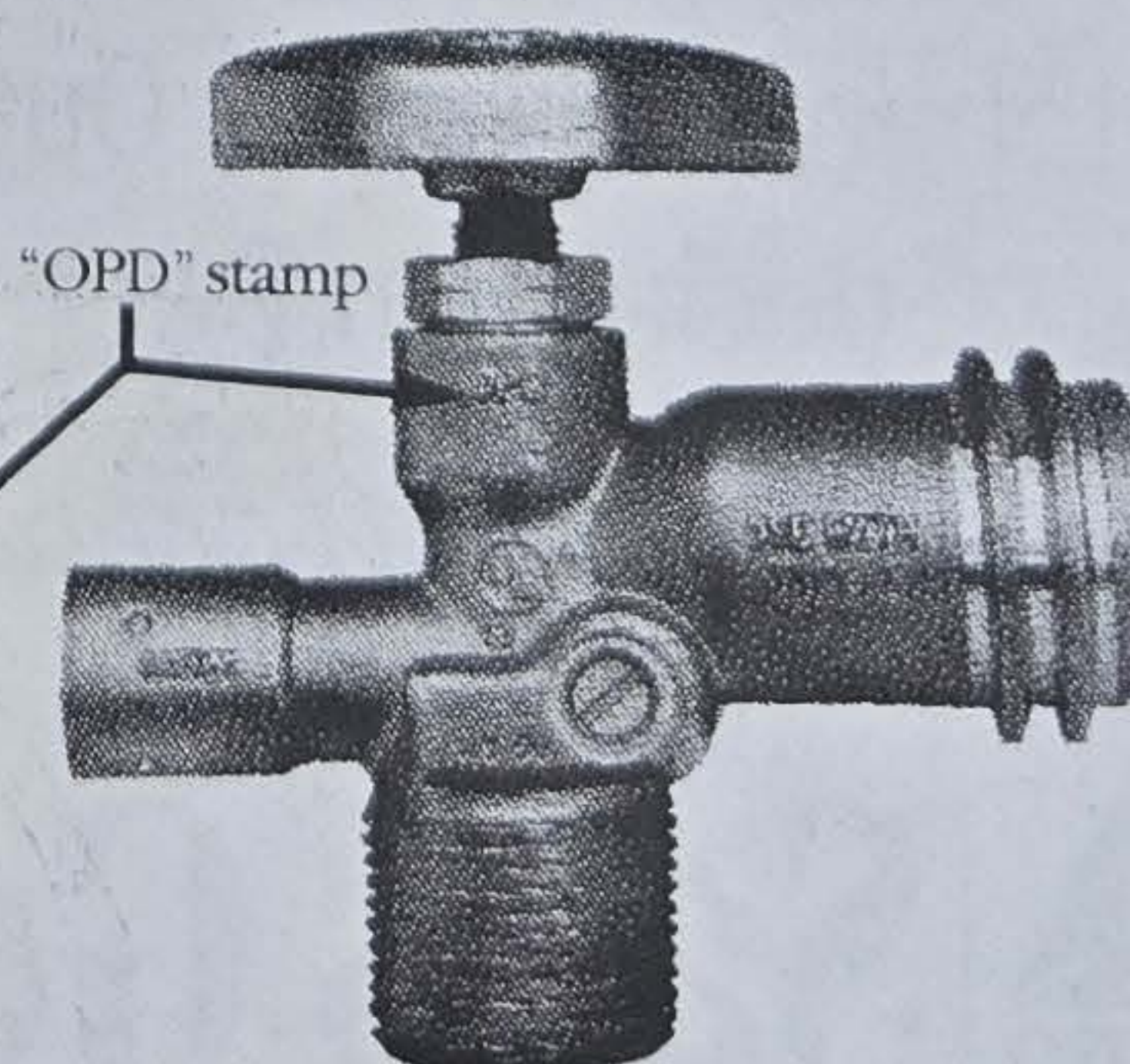


New OPD handwheel

(All manufacturers will use the same shape.)



OPD forged in brass

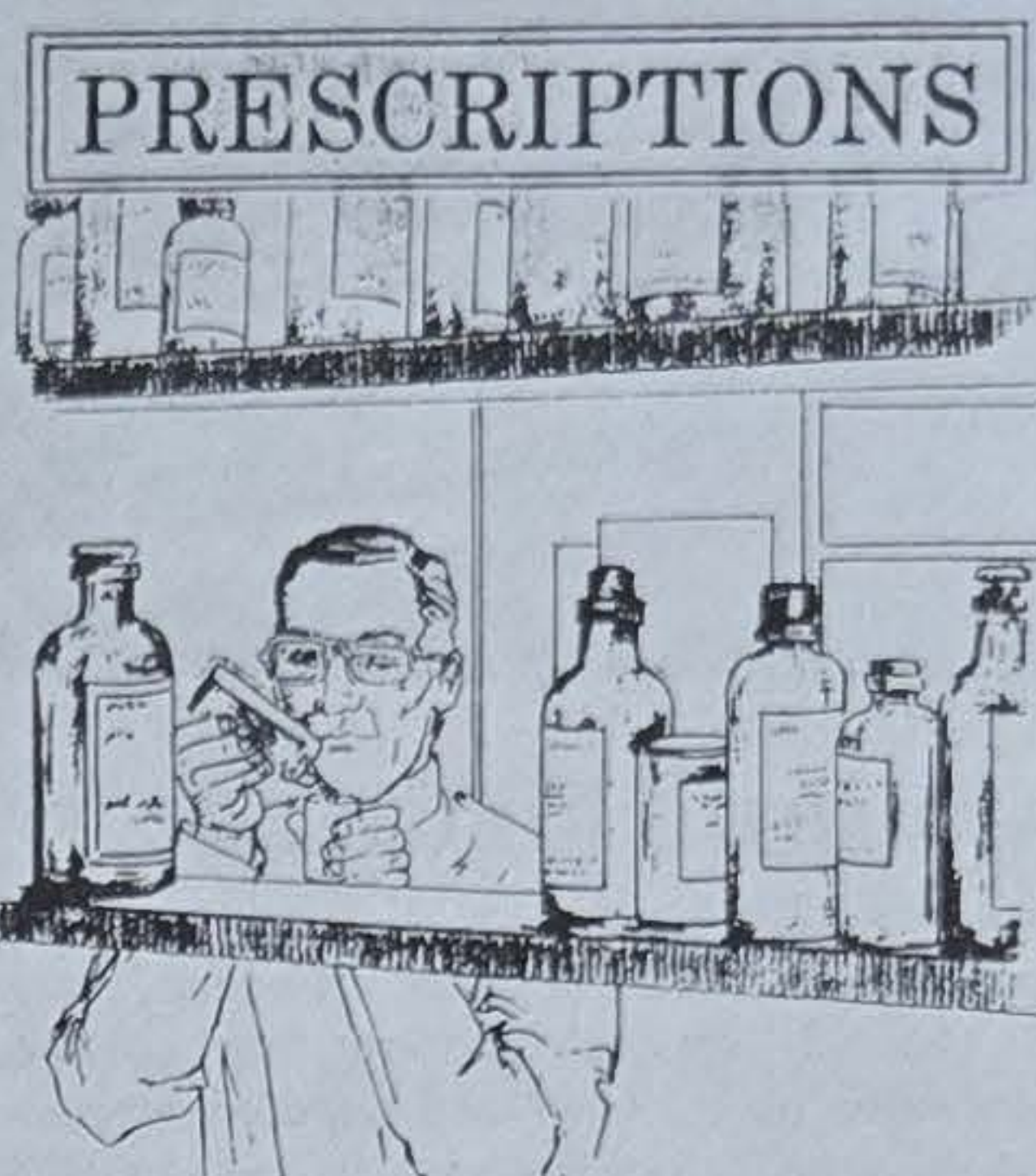


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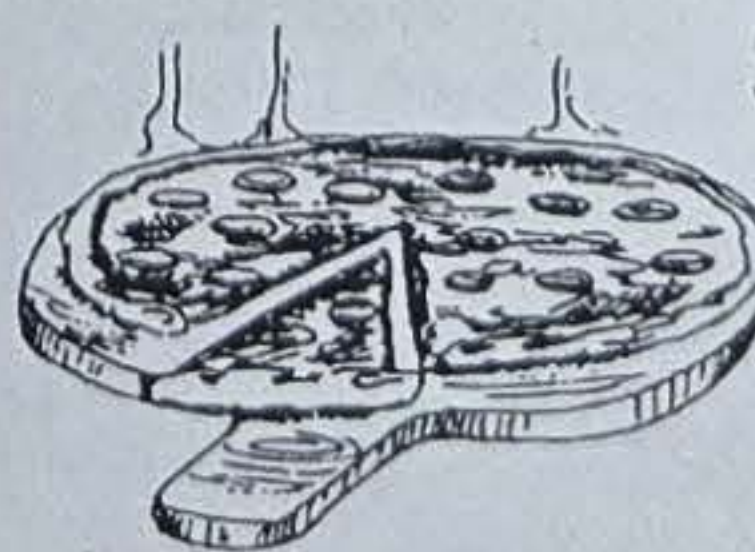


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