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Novel by Hampton Author to be Released in April

by Randy Baldrige

Patt Marr, a long time Hampton resident, has sold her first book to a major publisher. *Angel in Disguise* will be available at Walden Books, KMart, and many other outlets this April. A native of Chillicothe, Missouri, Patt read books by Grace Livingston Hill while working as a librarian. The books were very popular and Patt read them to see what the attraction was. Hill wrote love stories but also combined faith in Christ throughout the story line. Patt felt inspired to write the same kind of novel, but she was an extrovert who loved interacting with people and the image of an isolated author pecking out a story in a quiet room did not appeal to her.

As a freshman in college, she won a writing award and was also "romanced" by the senior captain of the basketball team, Dave Marr (Dave went on to be one of the most loved and successful coaches at UTHS for many years). At Northeastern Missouri State University, Patt earned her BA in business, graduated at twenty and married that aforementioned team captain. Two children followed, Jani and Dane, both whom were destined to graduate from Hampton Grade School.

The Marr's family moved to this area in 1973. While Dave taught and coached mighty basketball games at UT, Patt also taught and counseled at UT for a total of 28 years. During our conversation for this article, Patt emphasized that good writing is a full time job and would be very difficult working 40 hours a week and raising children. But, in 1989, with an eye to retirement as an opportunity for writing, she began to lay some groundwork. She went to a meeting of "Romance Writers of America" (RWA), an organization that helps and encourages writers who want to write romance novels. This organization is composed of people from all walks of life including many professionals such as doctors, lawyers, and teachers. Patt pointed out that it



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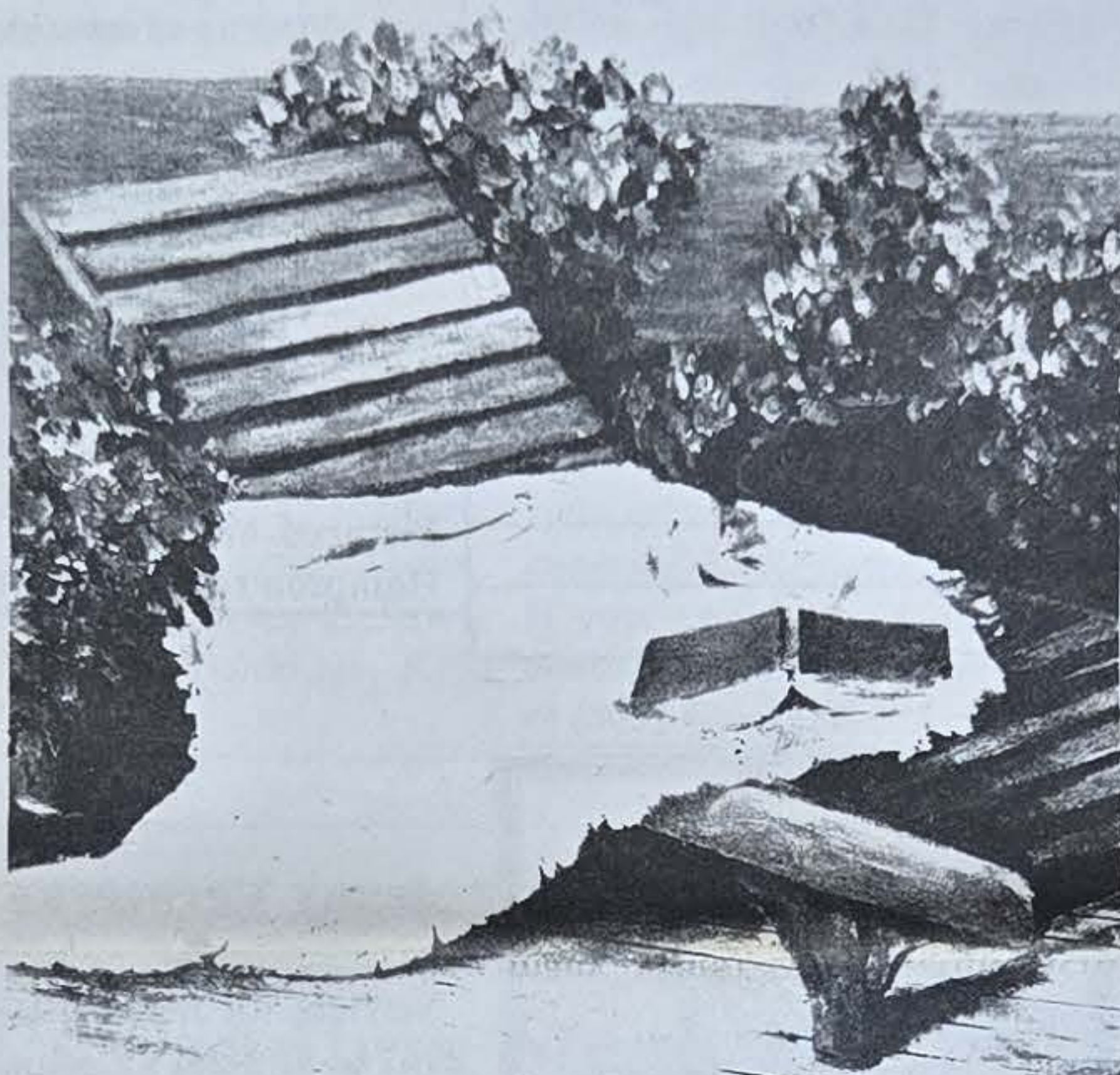


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Angel in Disguise Patt Marr



Pictured above is the book jacket for a novel by Hampton resident, Patt Marr. *Angel in Disguise* will be released in April by Steeple Hill Publishers. Patt wrote a novel containing "romance with an element of faith in it." On page two of this issue of the Crier, the back of the book may be seen.

was a rather unusual organization since authors actually train and help their competition by offering advice and encouragement to new comers. Of the 8,200 members, about 1,500 have been published in some form.

Through the people at RWA, Patt quickly learned that book writing was an extremely difficult task and that selling a book to a significant publisher practically took a miracle. But, she was encouraged by some early victories such as winning first place in a contest sponsored by the Mississippi Valley Writers Conference in 1993. Also, she was a finalist in 1994 and 1995 in a prestigious contest for unpublished romance writers.

Amazingly, she put her writing career on hold to serve as a full time volunteer at Calvary Church with Pastor Tim and Cathy Bowman. When the church grew from 40 people to over 1,000 members in a few years, there were sufficient funds to hire the work, that Patt had been doing as a volunteer.

Thus, she returned to serious full time writing. Thanks to advice from RWA, Patt knew that she had to target a publisher who in turn knew how to target a specific audience. In a country as large as ours, there can be millions of people who favor one type of book such as spy novels, murder mysteries, and so on. Inspired by the works of Grace Livingston Hill, which she had

read as a young girl in Missouri, and her own strong Christian faith, Patt felt that her niche would be in the "romance, with an element of faith novel".

Romance novels are 53% of the mass market fiction bought in the U.S. Over 40 million people enjoy this kind of book, 91% being women. Nearly 2,000 titles were published in 1998 alone accounting for sales in excess of one billion dollars. There are degrees of sensuality ranging from obscene to wonderfully gentle. Harlequin Enterprises had identified a market that desired the kind of romance novel that Patt felt inspired to write. Harlequin established a division called Steeple Hill, which set guidelines for the type of book they wanted their authors to write. While allowing infinite room for creativity, they look for

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For Patt, it was her second marriage made in heaven (her marriage to Dave being the first) because Steeple Hill bought her first major novel "Angel in

Disguise". Even more exciting, is that in the field of writing success tends to beget success. And so, in addition to the prestige and acclaim, this book will bring Patt, there is an excellent possibility that with a publisher like Harlequin more books will follow. Wouldn't it be great if she used Hampton as a setting for a future novel?

Even though this genre is primarily directed towards women, I promised Patt that everyone in Hampton would buy at least one copy of "Angel in Disguise". (That's 1,600 books people. Don't let me down.) April's Towne Crier will do another article about the Patt Marr success story and we will list times and places where Patt will be for book signing appearances.

Patt, on behalf of the Towne Crier and the people of Hampton, good luck, God Bless, and congratulations!

DATE WITH AN ANGEL

Betrayed by her handsome fiancé, girls' basketball coach Sunny Keegan knew for a fact that fairy tales faded. So when her rowdy team successfully challenged her to appear on *Dream Date*, Sunny gritted her teeth...and groaned when she "won" a date with blue-eyed, raven-haired Pete Maguire.

Yet impossibly gorgeous carpenter Pete seemed a reluctant contestant, too, and Sunny sensed secrets behind his thousand-watt smile. Still, as he gently shepherded Sunny from hurt to hope, from loss to love, she began to wonder if she'd finally found Prince Charming. Or was Pete a heaven-sent angel in disguise?

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Pictured above is the back of the (soon to be released) novel by Hampton resident, Patt Marr.



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Obituary

Jeany Verheecke

Services for Jeany J. Verheecke, 72, of Hampton, were held February 15th at St. John's Catholic Church, Rapids City. Burial is in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline. Visitation was held at Van Hoe Funeral Home Ltd., East Moline. Memorials may be made to Rock Island County Humane Society or St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hampton, where she was a member.

Mrs. Verheecke died Friday, February 11th, 2000, at Trinity Medical Center, West Campus, Rock Island. The former Jeany Volcke was born April 1, 1927 in Wallaceburg, Ontario Canada, the daughter of Leon and Marie (Nieuwenhuyze) Volcke. She married Wilbur E. Verheecke December 6th, 1947, in East Moline.

She worked as a computer librarian at the Rock Island Arsenal, retiring in 1991. She loved traveling and going out to dinner with her sister Elaine. She had a special friend "Maggie Mae" who was a golden retriever.

Survivors include her daughters, Marcia Verheecke, Coal Valley, and Nancy Dempsey, East Moline; grandchildren, Jennifer St. John and Giles Verheecke; a great-granddaughter, Ashley St. John; and her sisters, Elaine Wilson, Moline, and Agnes Rigsby, East Moline.

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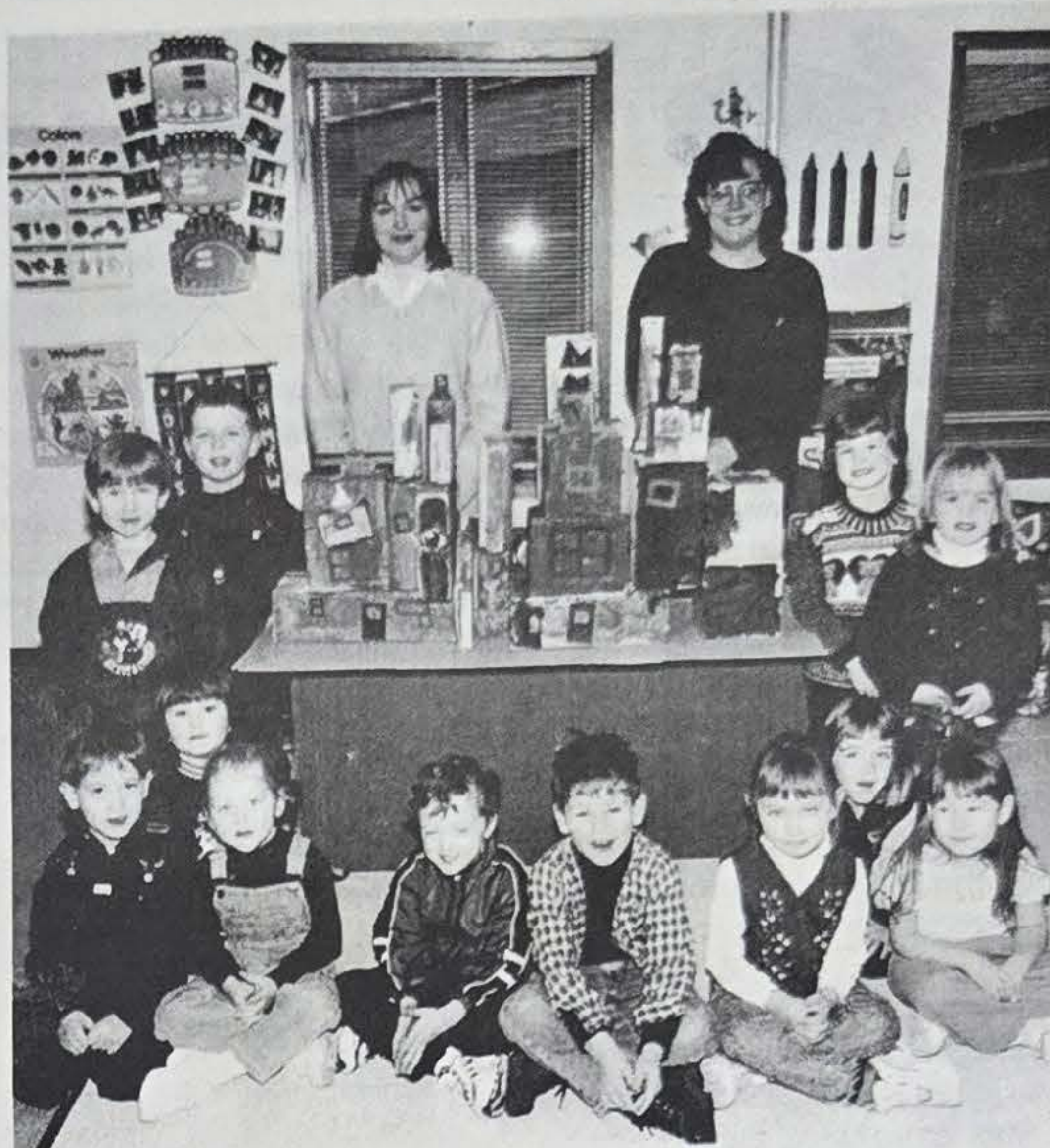
Hampton Elementary School District #29 proudly announces the 1st Semester Honor Roll and Honorable Mention for Junior High. The Honor Roll is composed of all students earning a semester grade average A and Honorable Mention is composed of all students earning a grade

Honor Roll – Grade 8: Kelly Champion, Jonathan Hood; Grade 7: Amanda Chaffee, Kyle Cameron, Heather Baldridge, Mark Beals, Jenni Shaffer; Grade 6: Laura Schippers, Olivia Husman, Ethan Paquette, Megan Reisenbigler, Alex Hanson

Honorable Mention – Grade 8: Jacob Clark, Drew Hanson, Omar Aceviz, Dameon Pizano; Grade 7: Amy Wright, Aaron Nutt, Kristi Henrichs, Tanner Lindsey; Grade 6: Megan Thoman, Cara Neary

The following students have received **Achievement Awards** for the period ending January 21, 2000. Kindergarten: Jordan Kelty, Alexis Rogers; 1st Grade: Bailey Escontrias, Stephanie Kroeger; 2nd Grade: Braden Davis, Charlie Jordan; 2nd/3rd Grade: Zachery Farren, Kasie Pedersen; 3rd Grade: Jennifer Littig, Ritchie McCannon; 4th Grade: Ashley Chaffee, Stephanie Whitmarsh; 5th Grade: Alexandra Benzon, Jerome Harms; 6th Grade: Stephanie Carmichael, Alex Hanson; 7th Grade: Kyle Cameron, Kristi Henrichs; 8th Grade: Brad Hawkins, Jonathan Hood.

The following students have received **Straight A's** for the first semester of 2000. Kindergarten: Jordan Kelty, Alexandra Meeske; Grade 2: Logan Wells, Jonathan Tapia; Grade 2/3: Sydney Jordan; Grade 3: Austin Hubbard, Nikki Sue DeCrane; Grade 4: Matthew Wells, Lisa Schippers, Cory Henrichs, Andrew Mohr, Derrick Thiem; Grade 5: Alex Benzon, Stefan Escontrias, Jerome Harms, Christina Schaffer; Grade 6: Laura Schippers; Grade 7: Heather Baldridge, Kyle Cameron, Amanda Chaffee



Future architects and builders may be found in the pre-K classes at Little Lambs Preschool. The Pre-K three and four year olds constructed a unique building using different sized boxes and containers. Registration for the Fall 2000 classes is beginning now. If you would like more information about the preschool, please contact the director, Mrs. Allene Williams or Miss Amy DeMeyer at (309) 496-3512.

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Jammin' With Jane



By Jane Nelson

Spring should be here soon, I hope. Rock and I are ready because we have been on a diet for a month. I have been on many diets from the ABC Diet to Weight Watchers. I think this is the first serious diet that Rock has ever tried. It is called the "All You Can Eat Soup Diet". Rock has lost more weight than I have. I always have a problem with nibbling. We found it in the GOOD HOUSEKEEPING for January, 2000. I will give you several recipes we have found pleasing, including the soup.

The main plan of the diet is to eat the menus they give and the first week eat soup each night. This sounds like a lot of soup but the soup is changed each night by the addition of various ingredients. The second week you eat soup 5 nights. The third week 4 times, etcetera. The other nights they provide various recipes for low fat dishes. Here is the recipe for the Basic Soup:

BASIC SOUP

- 5 medium carrots, cut in 1 inch slices
- 3 medium celery stalks, sliced
- 3 large onions or 3 medium leeks chopped
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 1 can (28 oz) tomatoes with juice (I used the diced tomatoes with onions and basil)
- 1/2 medium cauliflower cut into bite size pieces
- 12 oz green beans cut in thirds
- 3 medium zucchinis (6 oz each) cut into 1 inch pieces (I like it sliced thinner)
- 10 oz of spinach leaves
- 2 chicken flavor bouillon cubes (we used 1 12 oz can V8 Picante juice)
- 4 cans vegetable broth
- 1/2 c chopped fresh parsley
- 1 t salt
- 1/2 t black pepper

1) Coat 8-quart saucepan with nonstick cooking spray. Over medium high heat, add carrots, celery, onions, and garlic. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes.

2) Stir in tomatoes with their liquid, breaking up tomatoes (not necessary if you use diced). Add cauliflower, remaining ingredients and 12 c water (we use the tomato juice and vegetable broth). Heat to boiling over high heat, stirring occasionally.

3) Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally or until vegetables are tender. Add more salt and pepper if desired. Makes about 24 cups. You can keep a days supply in your refrigerator and store the rest in 3 c portions in the freezer.

Some of the additions to the 2-3 cup portions of soup are:

- 1) 3 oz skinless chicken breast, cooked and diced (2/3 c), 3 T instant rice, 1 t soy sauce, 1/4 t thyme. Heat to boiling and simmer until rice is tender. 4 sesame bread sticks or 1/2 whole wheat pita.
- 2) 1/2 c drained canned corn. 2 t lime juice, 1/2 t ground cumin. Top with 1/4 c shredded Monterey Jack cheese w/ jalepeno peppers. 1 oz baked tortilla chips (about 18 chips).
- 3) 3 oz reduced fat turkey Kielbasa sausage cut up 2/3 c. Sprinkle on 2 T grated parmesan cheese.

- 4) 4 oz peeled raw shrimp, 2 T dry couscous, 1 t soy sauce, 1/4 t thyme.

1) You usually get 1/2 a pita bread or triscuits with the soup. Breakfasts vary. One is: 1/2 grapefruit, 2 eggs scrambled, 1 slice whole wheat bread spread with 1 t mayonase.

2) 2 frozen low fat waffles, toasted. Top with low calorie pancake syrup and 1 c fresh or frozen unsweetened berries. 6 oz orange juice.

3) 1 c fat free sugar free yogurt (plain or fruit flavored). 1 tangerine or 3/4 c fresh or frozen unsweetened berries. 1 toasted English muffin spread with 1 t light butter.

- 4) 1 c high fiber or whole grain cereal-Grape Nuts or Cheerios. 1 c fat free milk. 1/2 banana or 2 T raisins.

Lunches are usually sandwiches on pita or whole wheat bread, turkey, chicken, tuna, deli roast beef, usually with lettuce, tomato, and onion. One noon you can have a small cheeseburger with the works and a green salad on the side with fat free Italian dressing.

I haven't tried all the dinner recipes but they are really good. Since this is getting long I'll just give you a couple:

PAN-FRIED STEAKS WITH SPINACH & TOMATOES

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Makes 4 main dish servings

1 large garlic clove, crushed

1 t freshly grated lemon peel

1/2 t salt

1/2 t coarsely ground black pepper

1 t olive oil

2 boneless beef top loin or rib-eye steaks, 3/4 inch thick (10 oz each)

1/2 c chicken broth

1 t cornstarch

1 c grape or cherry tomatoes, each cut in half

1 bag (10 oz) pre-washed spinach, tough stems discarded

1) In cup, with fork, blend garlic, lemon peel, and pepper. Spread mixture on both sides of steaks.

2) In nonstick 12 inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add steaks and cook 10-12 minutes for medium rare or until of desired doneness, turning steaks once. Transfer steaks to plates and keep warm.

3) In cup mix chicken broth with cornstarch. To same skillet, add chicken broth mixture, tomatoes and spinach. Heat to boiling over medium high heat and cook spinach mixture 1 to 2 minutes until spinach wilts, stirring. Cut each steak in half, serve with spinach mixture.

TOFU AND VEGETABLE STIR FRY

Prep time 15 minutes

Cook time 20 minutes

4 main dish servings

1 cup rice

4 t vegetable oil

1 package (16 oz) extrafirm tofu, patted dry and cut into 1 in by 1/2 in pieces

2 T reduced sodium soy sauce

8 oz (half 16 oz bag) broccoli flowerets

1 medium red pepper, cut into 1/2 in pieces

2 T grated peeled fresh ginger

1 T brown sugar

1 T cornstarch

1 large clove crushed garlic

1 bag (10 oz) shredded carrots

3 T fresh lime juice

1) Prepare rice as label directs, keep warm.

2) Meanwhile, in non stick 12 inch skillet (or wok) heat 2 t vegetable oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add tofu and 1 T soy sauce, and cook 5 minutes or until heated through and golden, gently stirring frequently. Transfer tofu to plate and set aside.

3) In same skillet, heat remaining 2 t vegetable oil. Add broccoli and red pepper. Cook, covered, about 6 minutes or until vegetables are tender-crisp stirring occasionally.

4) In 2-cup glass measuring cup, mix 1 cup water with ginger, brown sugar, cornstarch, garlic, and remaining 1 T soy sauce.

5) Return tofu to skillet and add carrots. Stir soy sauce mixture and add to skillet. Heat to boiling. Boil 1 minute gently stirring. Stir in lime juice. Serve over rice.

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Hampton School Board

Monday, January 10, 2000

The regular meeting of the Hampton School Board was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Dave Wright.

Attendees: Randy Baldrige, Joe Jordan, Janet Newlon, Cliff Perry and Dave Wright. Fred Husman arrived at 7:10 p.m. Monty Norm was absent. Visitors: Elaine Ryerson, Donna Morford, Ann Maletta, and Diane Stock

Joe Jordan made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the December 13th meeting, and the Executive Session of the December 13th meeting. Janet Newlon seconded and by voice vote all agreed, passed 5-0. President Wright welcomed all visitors and asked if anyone wanted to address the board. Joe Jordan made a motion to pay the bills. Randy Baldrige seconded, roll call vote: Newlon-yes, Perry-yes, Baldrige-yes, Jordan-yes, Wright-yes, passed 5-0. Dr. Paquette stated that some of the Jr. High students had pictures and articles printed in the Dispatch. Dr. Paquette stated that John Deere Insurance will be taking over in February from Wellmark Insurance. Dr. Paquette noted how informative and interesting the newsletters were from many grades. Jeri Dilulio, the school nurse, is celebrating her first anniversary as our school nurse. Mrs. Dilulio's newsletter covered many things she has accomplished since joining Hampton School. The Board will decide what to give her as an appreciation gift for all her hard work. Dr. Paquette stated that the school has made great strides with the new workpads, computers and CCC software recently purchased. The board viewed this equipment and Dr. Paquette gave them a quick demonstration. Hampton School has received a joint mini-grant with Riverdale School for \$10,000.00 to work together with the School to Work program and career curriculum for grade 5 through 8. DARE will be hosting their Snowstar ski night on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The fifth grade will have their DARE Graduation on Monday, January 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend. The school received its 1999-2000 Certificate of Recognition for meeting state standards in the operation of our school. Rick Gillespie emailed Dr. Paquette regarding the Census that will be taken during the summer. It is very important to the school that an accurate count is taken. An article regarding the census will appear in the Hawk Talk. A thank you note was read from the Quinn family. Mrs. Bartscher, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Clark, Miss Baraks, Mrs. Schippers, Mrs. Hanseman and

Mrs. Beckman sent notes to the board thanking them for their generosity for the Gift Certificates received at Christmas. Also Mrs. Bartscher and Miss Baraks sent thank you notes to the board for the new lap top computers they are using.

Building & Grounds: Dr. Paquette stated that the new custodian has begun and things are working out very well. There have been a few problems with the new heating system. A 10-inch gas flow valve will be installed tomorrow. Johnson Control has been aware of these problems. The Board thanks Al Kipp and Deb Clark for a great job in waxing and cleaning the school during the break.

Negotiations: Joe Jordan stated that the negotiations committee wants to begin meeting with Mrs. Stock and her committee regarding the teachers' contract.

Planning: Janet Newlon reported that the Planning Committee had a meeting on November 30th. They discussed changes to the report card. Mr. Baldrige contacted the Social Science Research Company and they sent some information comparing Hampton School with other schools who are similar to Hampton. The Committee will also begin working on ideas for the summer retreat.

Public Relations: Randy Baldrige stated that Nancy Bartscher is working on the Hawk Talk issue for February with him. They have located a person to do the lay out work. The Hawk Talk will include information on New Board Members. The teachers will be asked to submit articles regarding what they are doing in each class.

Special Committee Reports: The DLT will meet on January 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library.

A. **Discuss Breakfast Program Survey:** Dr. Paquette stated that the school consists of 124 families. The Breakfast Survey was given to each child, but only 55 families responded. Of the families that completed the survey, 34 stated they would not use the program. After much discussion the Planning Committee will review this survey and come back to the board with a recommendation.

B. **Discuss Library Renovation Plan:** The Board reviewed the draft plan for the renovation of the Library. After much discussion it was decided that the Building & Grounds Committee and the newly formed Library Committee will get together and review the plan and make recommendations.

C. **Approve application for Technology Literacy Challenge Grant:** Dr. Paquette stated that he would like to apply for two grants which are due February 24th, 2000. The first Grant would help fund 30

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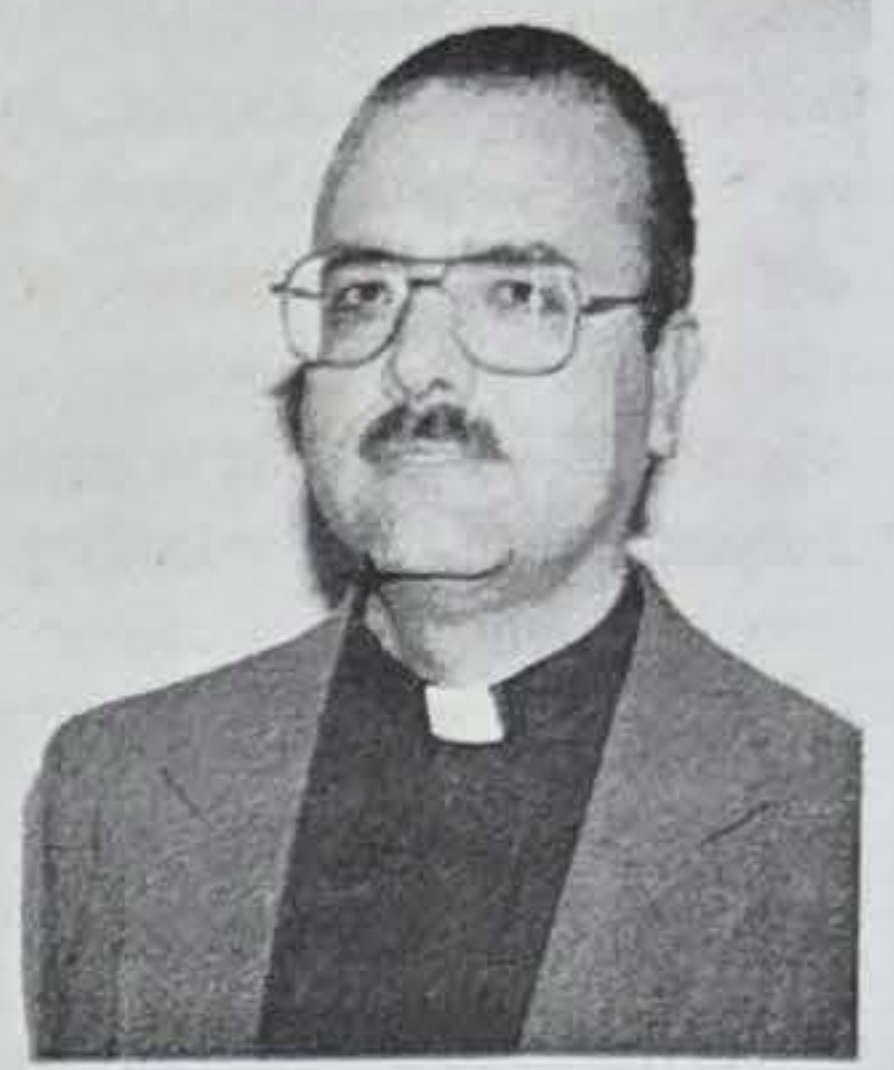
laptop computers and CCC Software programs and more licenses. The second grant would be filed with the Rock Island County Group, and the general purpose would be to purchase software for schools. Fred Husman made a motion to authorize Dr. Paquette to apply for these two Technology Literacy Grants. Janet Newlon seconded and by voice vote all agreed, passed 6-0.

- D. **Approve Mid-American Energy Proposal:** Dr. Paquette stated that Mid American Energy is offering a proposal of 9% savings discount for seventeen months. Dr. Paquette checked with the Illinois Energy Consortium, but they have not been able to do better. After some discussion Fred Husman made a motion that we accept the Mid-American Energy Proposal after checking with Johnson Control. Randy Baldrige seconded, roll call vote: Jordan-yes, Newlon-yes, Perry-yes, Baldrige-yes, Wright-yes, passed 6-0.
- A. **Sign Certificate of Status of Exempt Property:** Dave Wright made a motion to sign this Certificate. Joe Jordan seconded and by voice vote all agreed, passed 6-0.
- B. **Discuss parking places/safety for teachers:** Dr. Paquette stated that there have been concerns from teachers regarding slippery walkways. The walkways are Village Property and although the school staff has salted the areas and the village has been contacted regarding the slippery conditions, and the Village Crew also have salted, there is still some safety concerns. The Building & Grounds Committee will check into some low spots that are causing some problems. Cliff Perry made a motion to re-key another entrance door to be decided by the teachers. Randy Baldrige seconded and by voice vote all agreed passed 6-0.
- C. **Discuss HFT negotiations request:** Dr. Paquette stated that request for some material has been made by the HFT. After discussion, it was decided that the Negotiations Committee would furnish any materials needed for negotiations with the teachers.
- D. **Review and Quarter Superintendent's Goal Report:** Dr. Paquette went over the goals set out for him. He discussed all aspects of each section and discussed the various goals and how they have been reached or are in the process of being completed.
- E. **Pass out Superintendent's Evaluation forms:** President Wright asked each board member to carefully go over the evaluation form and complete the form and return it to him no later than Tuesday, January 25th, 2000.

The Board discussed how to mark the nurse's first year anniversary and to thank her for a great job. The Personnel Committee will meet and come up with a recommendation. Randy Baldrige made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Janet Newlon seconded and by voice vote all agreed, passed 6-0.

Zion Lutheran Church Welcomes New Pastor

The Reverend Gary A. Wright has accepted a call to become Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, East Moline-Hampton Bluff (17628 Hubbard Road). Pastor Wright, his wife Karen and their two children, three-year old Justin and one-year old Katie, currently reside in Hampton, IL. The congregation and friends of Zion Lutheran Church will welcome Pastor Wright and his family during a Service of Installation on Sunday, March 5th beginning at 3:00 P.M. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.



Rev. Gary A. Wright
Zion Lutheran Church
East Moline, IL

What's Happening in March?

- March 4- Census Training at Hampton School from 1 to 3 p.m.**
Everyone welcomed. Census jobs start at \$11.00 per hour.
Pick your own schedule.
- March 5-Welcome Pastor Wright at Zion Lutheran Church,**
During a Service of Installation and Reception at 3:00 p.m.
- March 6- No school. Casimer Pulaski Birthday**
- March 8-Ash Wednesday**
- March 10-Pre-school screening at Hampton Methodist Church**
9 am to noon. Call 755-0693 for appointment, for children age 3 to 5.
- March 11-Three Soup Supper at Hampton United Methodist Church 4 to 6 p.m.** Tickets purchased in advance by Mar 8, Call Lee Hanseman 496-9721 evenings
- March 13-School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.**
- March 15-Early dismissal 2:00 p.m. School Improvement Day**
- March 16-Kindergarten Round-up 1:00 p.m.**
- March 17-8th grade attends Youth Conference at Black Hawk**
- March 20-Boy Scouts' Pinewood Derby 6:00 pm at school**
- March 21- Vote in the Primary**
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- March 24- No school**
- March 25-PTA School Carnival 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.**
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H.Y.C. News

By Shelley Smart, Secretary

With the holidays behind us, we are looking forward to spring activities in H.Y.C. There will be a **St. Patrick's Day dance** at the school on Friday **March 17th** from 7 to 9 p.m. 5th through 8th graders are welcome. Admission is \$2.00.

Our first **sign-up for H.Y.C. Co-ed Softball** will be Saturday **March 18th** from 1 to 3 p.m. at the school. The cost is \$13.00 and new players must have a copy of his/her birth certificate. (We will have access to a copy machine.) Kids ages 6 through high school senior may sign-up to play. This league is strictly for fun—so come on out and play!

H.Y.C. presented awards to some out-standing Hampton residents. **Tom Summers** received the H.Y.C. received the **H.Y.C. Award** for his many years of service- for countless hours coaching and umpiring at the diamonds, ordering shirts, and coordinating drafts for teams.

Toni DeJaegher was presented with the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for her volunteerism and hard work at parties, dances, and softball signups.

The **Gladys Ryherd Award** (named after one of the founders of H.Y.C.) was given to **Barb and Fred Smith** for their "Reading in the Park" program.

A **special award** was presented to **Nick DeBaillie**. Since grade school, Nick has helped with concessions at dances, ball games, and for the last several years, he has run the concession stand at the ball diamonds. His dedicated work deserves recognition and H.Y.C. plans to establish the Nick DeBaillie Award to present annually to our young volunteers.

These are fine people who care about our community and our youth. H.Y.C. is proud to recognize them. H.Y.C. also gives a college scholarship to a graduating Hampton senior each year. Members will be selling raffle tickets through March and April to help fund this. Please support the program. Thank you!



Lenten Services

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

Schedule of Daily Masses:

Mondays: 5:30 p.m. St. Mary
Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m. St. John
Wednesdays: 6:30 a.m. St. John
5:30 p.m. St. Mary
Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. St. John
Fridays: 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross:

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

Bible Study:

Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. St. John
Vespers: (Evening prayer with Holy Communion)
Tuesdays: 5:30 p.m.

Adult Education:

Mondays: 7:00 p.m. St. John Parish Center—"The Creed"

Food Pantry Collection on Sundays 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 4: Happy 5th Anniversary **Martha (Nelson) and Mike Halston**

March 9: Happy Birthday **Bobbie Hansen**, from Dick and Shirley Bideaux

March 12: Happy Birthday **Mary Johnston**, Love, your children

March 14: Happy Birthday **Shirley Bideaux**, Love, your Husband

March 15: Happy 5th Anniversary **Fern and Merlin Nelson**

March 18: Happy 20th Anniversary **Melinda (Nelson) and Myron Erickson**

March 23: Happy 6th Birthday **Shelby McKay**, Love, Your Great-Grandmother

March 28: Happy Birthday **Lindsey Bideaux** Love, Grandma and Grandpa Bideaux



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What is the Greatest Maritime Disaster in American History?

By Rocky Nelson

How many of you readers can name the greatest maritime disaster in American History that cost over 1500 lives, more than the loss of life on the Titanic? How many of you have ever heard of the Sultana? I would venture a guess that not many of you have. But the sinking of the steamboat Sultana in 1865 was a world class disaster which has been largely hidden in the shrouds of history.

I have had a yearning for a long time to write a column about the Sultana but have never done so because there was no direct connection with our town or people from our town. However, recently there was a TV program on WQPT about it and I found out one of the survivors was an ancestor of Stan Woods who works at Moline High School and his sister is Joan Hovey of Bettendorf. I have known Stan Woods for years and I'm taking this as a close enough of a connection to write this column.

To begin at the beginning (usually a good place to start), the Sultana was a Mississippi steamboat. By mid-April of 1865 the Civil War was ending. Lee had surrendered to Grant. Lincoln had been assassinated. Johnston had surrendered to Sherman. For all practical purposes the war was over, though there were pockets of Confederate resistance in places, and the last Confederate army, that of Kirby Smith west of the Mississippi would hang on another month or so. The mood of the country was jubilation tempered with sorrow as people finally realized what President Lincoln had done for them. Everywhere soldiers were being mustered out and sent home.

The Sultana left New Orleans, April 21, for a regular run with 100 cabin passengers and a cargo of livestock and hogsheads of sugar. Her captain was J. C. Mason of St Louis, a riverman with a good reputation. On April 24 she made her regular stop at Vicksburg. She had engine problems and a repair gang went to work. Meanwhile, she was taking on passengers--a stampede of passengers. They were repatriated Union prisoners of war from the notorious Andersonville Prison, near Plains, Georgia (present home of ex-president Carter), and also from Cahaba Prison, near Selma, Alabama. Not as infamous as Andersonville but bad enough in its own right.

One of the Union POWs from Cahaba was Matthew Woods (Stan and Joan's ancestor). He was from Ohio and had lied about his age to join the 102nd Ohio Infantry at the age of 15. He had been captured in September of 1864 and sent to Cahaba. The place had been built as a cotton and corn shed, 193 feet x 116 feet, with walls 8 to 10 feet high. It was only partially covered. So many prisoners were crowded into the place, so that they had only 6 square feet of space per man. Figure it out for yourself, living and sleeping in a space 2 feet x 3 feet. Daily rations were 10 to 12 oz of corn meal (which included the cobs and husks ground with the corn) and 5 to 7 oz of bacon or beef. In hot weather the meat gave off such a nauseating odor, few could eat it.

In the Woods family oral history, it is told how Matthew hung around under a section above which horses were kept, fighting other prisoners for bits of horse feed that trickled down. In February, 1865 there was a huge flood (the place was on the Alabama River) and virtually the whole prison was under water. The prisoners were left to stand 4 days and nights in waist deep freezing water. Finally, some were allowed to leave the prison and gather driftwood, which was stacked to form

platforms.

It was out of this place, where he had been for over 6 months, that Matthew Woods was repatriated and sent to Vicksburg for shipment north. He was emaciated and sick as were all the prisoners (pictures of some of them look like survivors of Nazi extermination camps). In Vicksburg the Union officers in charge were loading the Sultana with many times its capacity. By law she was authorized to carry 376 people, including crew. At Vicksburg they loaded between 1800 and 2000. Partly, because the soldiers were so anxious to get home and partly because the steamboat company was paid by the head for transporting soldiers. The exact number will never be known, because under the pressure of all these men they quit processing them before boarding in favor of filling the boat and then going around among the men to get names, destinations, etc. One wonders how many men were never accounted for and simply dropped off the face of the earth in the disaster.

Forty-eight hours, after casting off, the boat got to Memphis. Some soldiers got off to see the sights and a few of them missed the boat when it left. These were the lucky ones. Sultana was bound for Cairo, IL where most of the soldiers were to disembark (they were mostly from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee) and proceed up the Ohio in another boat. The going was slow against a spring flood type current. About 10 miles north of Memphis it happened. The stressed and hastily repaired boilers gave way with a tremendous explosion that was heard back in Memphis. An orange colored pillar of fire lit up the sky and the black, swirling river. It was seen in Memphis by the watch aboard the USS Grosbeak, a Federal gunboat. It immediately cast off and steamed north to help. On the Sultana hundreds were blown into the river and many others were scalded to death. Men threw planks and firewood overboard and then jumped into the cold river. As we have mentioned most were weak and ill from their previous ordeals and their efforts to save themselves were pitiful.

Matthew Woods was lucky. He found a man with strength who helped him. They got a plank loose and were about to jump with it when a man in an officer's uniform, struggling below them, yelled to Matthew's friend to join him and bring the plank. Matthew's new friend said, "No, I have to help Matthew". It was a decision that saved Matthew Woods life. They jumped off and with the help of the plank were able to float until rescued. Some survivors drifted over 10 miles to below Memphis before being rescued. Of course the majority were not rescued at all. For several weeks afterward, boats went out from Memphis to pick up dead bodies from the river and its banks. How could there be a more sad and ironic end to so many men who had endured so much for their country?

As for Matthew Woods, he survived, came home, married, had a family and homesteaded in Nebraska and Colorado where they lived in a sod house. Perhaps after what he had experienced he felt like he was on vacation.

So that is the story of America's greatest maritime disaster. An incident history has largely ignored. It occurred during one of the most event-filled months in history and the newspapers generally printed it on an inside page. I will presume to ask the reader for a favor. Please remember the Sultana. Those soldiers deserve it.

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Regular Village Board Meeting Jan. 10, 2000

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: Sean McKay, Jim Garrison, Janet Norin, Glynn Johnson, Jeanne McKay, and Sandy Carmack. Pledge to the flag. Mayor Newberg administered the Oath of Office to Michael Toalson for Clerk and Collector.

Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to accept the items on the Omnibus Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to pass the Omnibus Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Richard Nino was not present. He was supposed to inform the Board how long the office trailer was to remain on his property. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack instructing Attorney Lee to write a letter to Mr. Nino demanding removal of the office trailer within 10 days of receipt of the letter. Motion carried by voice vote. The Police will also site Mr. Nino for the ordinance violation.

Water Tower bids were discussed at Committee of the Whole. Trustee Johnson stated there will be a Public Works and Finance Committee meeting on January 18, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss options.

Progress on the marina project was discussed. A Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing has not been conducted. Clerk Toalson will set up a hearing as soon as possible.

Police Chief Larry Hufford was present. He stated that a part time and full time officer have left the department recently. Chief Hufford recommended hiring Sam Colburn as a part time officer and promoting part time officer Robert Hartman to full time. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee J. McKay to accept Chief Hufford's hiring recommendations. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Chief Kevin Irby was present. Discussion held on replacing the Rescue Squad with a suburban type vehicle and a 1 ton truck with a custom box. Chief Irby also reported that the bell on the corner of the Fire Station was hit by a car and knocked it off the legs. The legs are broken and he is in the process of getting them repaired.

Director of Public Works Dean Sparrow was present. He reported that the lift station on 9th Street is running more than the one on 8th Street. After discussion, on possible causes, Dean will check the lift station on 9th Street for proper operation.

Trustee Garrison stated he is meeting with a vendor for Village signs Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Norin reported her committee has picked winners for the Christmas Lights Contest. Trustee J. McKay stated the Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner will be Saturday, January 29, 2000 on the Celebration Belle in Moline. Invitations will be sent out this week. Trustee J. McKay also stated there is a Great River Trail meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday, January 19, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Carmack stated there will be a Street Committee meeting Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to adjourn until the next Regular Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Public Works Committee Meeting Jan. 18, 2000

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Glynn Johnson. Present: Scott Newberg, Sandy Carmack, Jim Garrison, Glynn Johnson, Janet Norin and Director of Public Works Dean Sparrow. Also present was Dan Solchenberger, Ament, Inc.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss finance options for the water tower project. Options were reviewed. TIF revenues were reviewed. A \$2.00 surcharge on water bills per quarter would net \$102,400.00 over the 20-year life of the loan, which would offset the increase in cost. The committee, by consensus, agreed to place this on the agenda for the Regular Board meeting on January 24, 2000. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Village Board Meeting Jan. 24, 2000

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: Jim Garrison, Janet Norin, Glynn Johnson, Jeanne McKay, and Sandy Carmack. Trustees absent: Sean McKay. Pledge to the flag.

Tom Dalton, 61 Barrington Circle was present. He complimented the Street Department on the excellent job on Barrington hill during the recent snow. Jim Graham, 914 5th Street A was present to hear the status of the water tower project and the Heritage Center.

Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to accept the items on the Omnibus Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to pass the Omnibus Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Richard Nino was present to discuss the office trailer on his storage building property. Mayor Newberg expressed the Board's displeasure that Mr. Nino was not at the last meeting and the general condition of the property next to the storage buildings. Discussion was held. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to rescind the previous motion made on January 10, 2000. Voice vote as follows: Trustees Garrison, Norin, J. McKay and Carmack "yes"; Trustee Johnson "no". Motion carried. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin that the construction trailer on Mr. Nino's property be allowed to remain until May 1, 2000, and no later, provided he complies with the following terms: 1) His business located in Hampton shall comply by February 5, 2000 with all business requirements needed to properly operate a business. This means acquiring a State sales tax number, a Federal Employers I.D. Number as well as comply with all other Village ordinances, County ordinances and rules as well as all State statutes and business regulations; 2) He shall no later than April 1, 2000, have the property in Hampton cleared to the satisfaction of the Village Board. All items on the property shall either be removed or put into a building and kept stored inside. Items referred to include but are not limited to barrels, kegs, tires, wood and the like. The lift trucks and conveyers that are part of his sale business will be kept in a neat and orderly fashion. This would mean regular lineal parking in an even row or rows at all times. The Styrofoam shall be removed and either stored inside a building or trashed; 3) In order to have a truck on the property which at times is kept up to 24 hours with construction debris meant to be trashed, he shall keep the truck covered at all times. The truck is not to remain on the property loaded with trash longer than 24 hours. If the agreed deadlines are not met the trailer must be removed within 48 hours after receiving notice to remove the trailer. Should the trailer remain after the allotted time, that a fine of \$100.00 per day will be assessed. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Attorney Lee will send a letter to Mr. Nino detailing the motion.

Trustee Johnson reported that the Public works Committee recommended a \$2.00 per quarter surcharge on water bills be assessed for 20 years to help defray the additional cost of the water tower. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to direct Village Attorney Graham Lee to draft an ordinance adding a \$2.00 per quarter charge on water bills for a period of 20 years to pay for a portion of the new water tower. Roll call vote as follows: Trustees Carmack, Garrison, and Norin "yes"; Trustees Johnson and J. McKay "no". Motion carried.

Attorney Lee reported that we may need a new ordinance authorizing the Village to borrow the funds for the water tower, due to the amount of the loan increasing.

Director of Public Works Dean Sparrow reported that the 9th Street lift station is still not pumping correctly and would like to have the contractor, Valley Construction do a flow test. Trustee Johnson will contact Dan Solchenberger, Ament, Inc. to set up a test.

Trustee J. McKay reminded everyone that the Employee Appreciation Dinner is Saturday, January 29, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at the Celebration River Cruise.

Trustee J. McKay set a Park Committee meeting for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2000.

Trustee Johnson reminded the Board that Michael Toalson's term as Clerk runs out at the end of the month. Mayor Newberg appointed Michael Toalson Clerk until February 29, 2000. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to approve the appointment of Michael Toalson as Clerk until February 29, 2000. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to adjourn until the next Regular Meeting.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Jan. 24, 2000

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: Jim Garrison, Janet Norin, Glynn Johnson, Jeanne McKay, and Sandy Carmack. Trustees absent: Sean McKay.

Meg Flenker, Flenker Land Architecture Consultants was present to review with the Board the topographical survey and the timetable for construction of the Heritage Center. The McKnight Foundation Grant money needs to be spent by this Spring. The Board discussed options for spending the money with Meg. Trustee J. McKay will set a Park Committee Meeting for February 8, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Regular Village Board Meeting

Feb. 7, 2000

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: S. McKay, Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, J. McKay, and S. Carmack. Also present was Treasurer Christine Lage, Director of Public Works Dean Sparrow and Chief of Police Larry Hufford. Pledge to the flag.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee J. McKay to remove item #8, Ordinance # 658, An Ordinance of the Village of Hampton, Rock Island County, Illinois adding a \$2.00 per quarter charge on all water bills to help defray the costs for the new water tower. Roll Call vote as follows: "Ayes": Johnson, J. McKay, S. McKay, and Garrison; "Nays": Norin and Carmack. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin to approve and accept the items on the omnibus agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion held on Ordinance # 658, An Ordinance of the Village of Hampton, Rock Island County, Illinois adding a \$2.00 per quarter charge on all water bills to help defray the costs for the new water tower. Mayor Newberg questioned if it was legal for the TIF III District to pay for 80% of the tower. Trustee Johnson expressed the need for a public hearing on the ordinance in order to inform the residents and provide for feedback. Mayor Newberg reported on water and sewer rates for East Moline and Rapids City. Ours appear to be lower. The board needs to send out a letter informing residents of the charge. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to pass Ordinance # 658, An Ordinance of the Village of Hampton, Rock Island County, Illinois adding a \$2.00 per quarter charge on all water bills to help defray the costs for the new water tower. Roll call vote as follows: "Ayes": Johnson, Garrison, Norin, and Carmack; "Nays": J. McKay and S. McKay. Motion carried.

Clerk Toalson reported that the deadline for Mr. Nino to apply for a business license passed on February 5, 2000 and he has not been in. Attorney Lee reported that he talked to Mr. Nino's Attorney who stated that he is not going to operate any business on the property. He now has until April 1, 2000 to comply with the remainder of the items in the letter.

Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the months ending November 1999 and December 1999. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Trustee Johnson reported that he will coordinate a time for the Orchard Park lift station startup and notify all concerned.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires a modification to the engineering contract with Ament Engineering. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee J. McKay to accept the

amendment to Ament, Inc. contract with the Village for the Water Tower Project. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack to waive the requirement in the bid specifications for the water tower project for a certificate of publication of an advertisement seeking qualified small, minority, and women's businesses for subcontracting opportunities that must run 15 days prior to bid opening. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to accept the low bid for the water tower project from Caldwell Tanks in the amount of \$715,900.00 for the water tower project pending approval of the load from the I.E.P.A.. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Dan Solchenberger, Ament Inc. was present. Dan is preparing a new cost estimate for the Barrington drainage project based upon changes discussed at the Streets Committee meeting. The Board needs

to send a letter to Hampton Woods, L.L.C. about moving the trees that will be affected by the project at their expense and inform them that the Village is considering a special assessment for the area to cover the cost of the project.

Attorney Lee stated that an Ordinance will be needed for the Zoning change approved for Heartland Development of the Quad Cities. He will draft an ordinance for the next Regular meeting.

Attorney Lee reported that the E.P.A. will require a new ordinance authorizing the Village to borrow the funds from the E.P.A. for the water tower due to the increase in the amount. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin authorizing Attorney Lee to draft a new ordinance authorizing the Village to borrow the funds from the E.P.A. for the water tower. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Newberg thanked Trustee Jeanne McKay for her work on the Employee Dinner held on January 29, 2000. Mayor Newberg reminded the Board of the Great River Trail Meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee S. McKay to adjourn until the next Regular Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Feb. 7, 2000

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: S. McKay, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, J. McKay, and S. Carmack. Also present was Treasurer Christine Lage, Director of Public Works Dean Sparrow and Chief of Police Larry Hufford.

Clerk Toalson reported that he met with Benefit Planners about quotes on health insurance for full time employees. They are unable to help us with cheaper premiums. Our current health plan is a benefit rich plan that is very competitive. Suggestions were to keep our current plan and review it again at renewal time in July of 2000. After discussion, the committee decided to have Benefit Planners obtain a quote for John Deere HMO with the same benefits as McKay's Plating. Clerk Toalson will contact Benefit Planners.

Trustee S. McKay presented a revised part time clerical worker job description. He suggested taking out the duty of retrieving the mail and eliminating an auto allowance. Maximum hours worked can only be 20 per week without paying IMRF benefits. Trustee S. McKay set an Administration Committee meeting for Tuesday, February 15, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the part time position and review the new health insurance quotes.

Trustee Norin set a Finance Committee meeting for Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion held on appointing Mike Toalson as the IMRF Authorized Agent in place of Treasurer Lage. This item is on the Omnibus Agenda for approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Police Committee Meeting

Feb. 7, 2000

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Jim Garrison. Trustees present: S. McKay, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, J. McKay, and S. Carmack. Also present was Village President Scott Newberg and Chief of Police Larry Hufford.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposal for police services for Port Byron. Clerk Toalson and Chief Hufford presented the proposal and the committee reviewed and discussed the details. The proposal will be presented to Port Byron at the citizens police merger committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. on February 10, 2000 at the Hampton Village Hall. Attorney Lee will review the draft contract included in the proposal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Park Committee Meeting

Feb. 8, 2000

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: S. McKay, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, J. McKay, S. Carmack. Also present was Meg Flenker, Flenker Land Architect Consultants, Jim Gillespie and Rick Gillespie.

Purpose of the meeting was to decide if the Board is willing to proceed with the fundraising efforts and the construction of the Heritage Center. Current estimates for the construction are \$515,000.00 to \$575,000.00 plus the cost of the access drive and parking area. Mayor Newberg asked if the Village was able to secure an additional \$250,000.00 in funding from U.S. Representative Lane Evans and State Senator Denny Jacobs, if the Board would commit support to the remaining \$125,000.00. Discussion was held on the question. Mayor Newberg left the meeting at 7:32 p.m. After a lengthy discussion, the committee decided to send a letter to U.S. Representative Lane Evans and State Senator Denny Jacobs and ask for \$215,000.00 in additional funding from each. Trustee J. McKay will visit their offices tomorrow to try to get a commitment from each of them as to when we could expect a decision on the amount, if any.

Jim and Rick Gillespie stated they have contacts that are willing to aggressively apply for grant money from various sources for additional funding. They need a commitment from the Village that the project will proceed. After additional discussion, it was decided by the committee to form a Fundraising Committee. Possible names of persons in town to serve were recorded and an invitation letter will be sent out after we hear back from U.S. Representative Lane Evans and State Senator Denny Jacobs. A tentative meeting will be set for February 22, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Carmack left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and Trustee Johnson left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

In other business, the committee reviewed the revised drawings of the proposed new entrance signs to the Village. The vendor indicated the signs would be done in May, 2000. The Village will need permission from IDOT to erect the signs. The Committee's recommendations will go to the Board of Trustees for approval at the next regular meeting on Monday, February 21, 2000.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Administration Committee Meeting

Feb. 10, 2000

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Sean McKay. Trustees present: G. Johnson, J. McKay, J. Norin, and J. Garrison. Trustee S. Carmack absent. Also present was Village President Scott Newberg.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss and finalize the proposed job description for the part time clerical worker. The position will be limited to 20 hours per week or 1,000 hours per year and not be eligible for I.M.R.F. benefits. Hours of work will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Removed from the list of duties was retrieving mail from the Post Office and adding duties of Deputy Clerk. Beginning rate of pay will be \$6.00 per hour. Clerk Toalson was directed to advertise for applications at the Post Office, Porter's, Quinn Hardware and the Towne Crier.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Coming Soon:

**Hampton Volunteer Fire Dept.
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April 2, 2000**

Finance Committee Meeting

Feb. 10, 2000

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: S. McKay, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, and J. McKay. Trustee S. Carmack absent. Also present was Treasurer Christine Lage.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implementation of the Investment Policy. The committee reviewed the policy to determine what needs to be done, who is responsible. The committee decided to use Cadre Institutional Investors Trust. In order to maintain a good relationship with Metrobank, a minimum of \$100,000.00 will be kept on deposit with them. Clerk Toalson will contact Cadre for assistance in filing the application.

Trustee Norin will review the Village bank statements as suggested by the auditor. Treasurer Lage will provide copies monthly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Administration Committee Meeting

Feb. 15, 2000

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: S. McKay, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, and J. McKay. Trustee Carmack absent. Also present was Thomas Mueller, Benefit Planners & Co.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the Village's current health insurance plan and quotes for John Deere HMO. Tom Mueller presented recommendations and cost quotes from John Deere HMO. The Village needs to increment cost sharing of health benefits with employees through some plan. Discussion resulted in the following ideas: The Village would pay for major medical benefits and the employees would pay for vision and dental and any other optional coverage they desire, plus the employee would pick up any cost increase in the major medical plan in the future; The Village would pay for health, dental and vision coverage for the employee only and the employee would pick up the cost for their dependents. The employees contribution could be deducted from their paycheck before taxes through a "cafeteria" plan. The committee will need more information which Tom has problems getting from our current provider. Tom will send a letter for the Village to sign authorizing him to act as our agent so he can obtain more information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Park Committee Meeting

Feb. 15, 2000

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: S. McKay, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, and J. McKay. Trustee Carmack absent. Also present was Jim Gillespie, Rick Gillespie and Ron Paquette, Superintendent of Hampton School.

Rick and Jim Gillespie presented an outline for the Fundraising Committee Meeting to be held on February 22, 2000. The committee questioned the legalities of Trustees serving on the committee. Trustee S. McKay will contact Attorney Lee for his opinion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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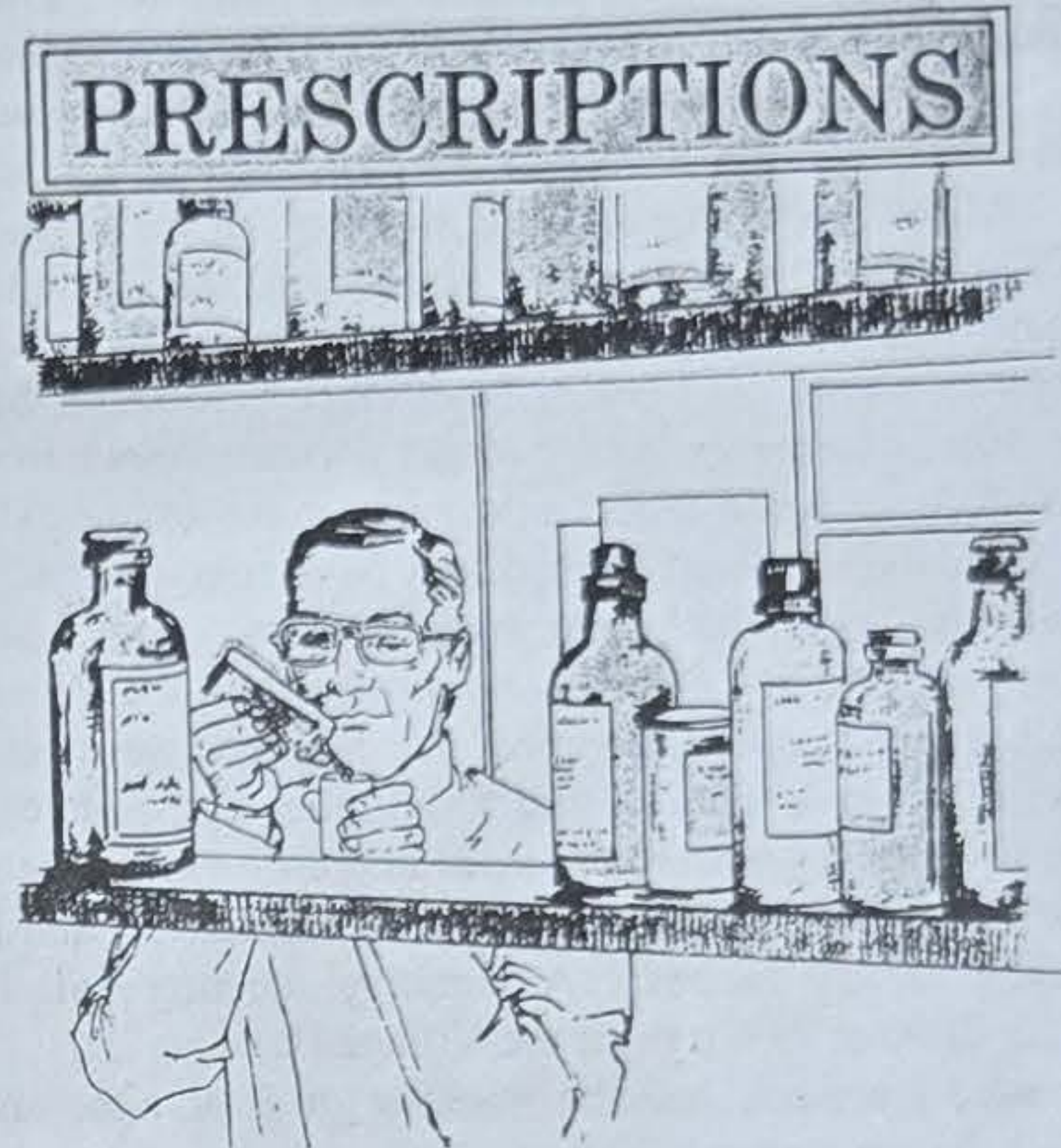
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