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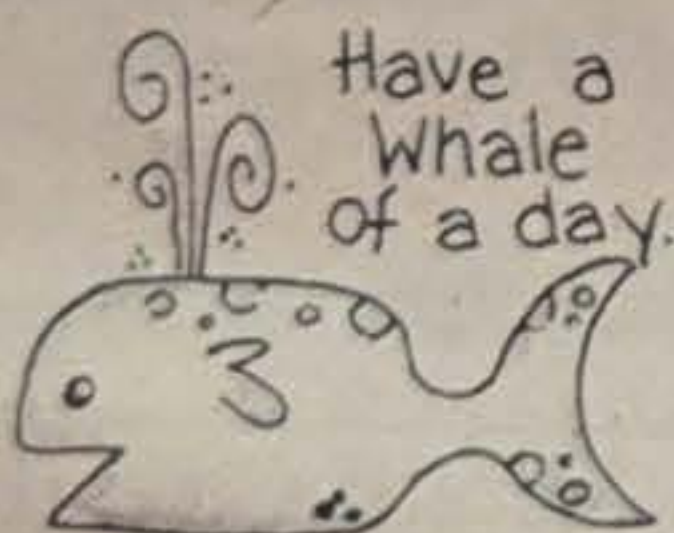
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Midori Hoshi, a Japanese good-will ambassador, hosted a tea ceremony for residents. (Photo by Randy Baldrige)



Midori (on left) and two Hampton students, Jenny Shaffer and Heather Baldrige, give big smiles for our camera.

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"Friendship"

Using finely tapered brushes, Midori taught her students to write the word "friendship."

Friendship Ambassador Comes From Japan

By Randy Baldrige

Midori Hoshi, our Japanese cultural exchange lady, has been with us for nearly three months. Her time and efforts have made her very popular at Hampton School. She received glowing praise from staff and faculty alike and it would be more than a safe bet to say that every child in the school knows her name. Each child was given a small brass coin in a handmade origami envelope as an introduction gift. Within a few days most of the students were wearing their coins on chains around their necks. (The coins had holes in the center.)

In her opening comments Midori said, "The Japanese like all things American. Americans are kind, generous, good hearted people. I very much wanted to see America and learn more about Americans and speak better English." A peace organization in Japan sets up arrangements with host families in the States. They take applicants which they screen and when they have selected certain people they then train them to present facets of Japanese culture at the grade school level. So, Midori is not a teacher, but an employee at a video game company who has been trained to teach.

She brought incredible energy and joy to the task, at times appearing in six classes in a day. Presentations included geography, origami, calligraphy, language and customs. Some days she

wore her kimono to class, weaving a fascinating story about how it was an ancient garment worn on special occasions and how she had to take special lessons on how to put it on herself. Normally, one needs assistance to dress in the 14 piece costume.

To teach chopstick skills, Midori brought chopsticks to class and for food she used miniature marshmallows. As clever as the idea was she mentioned that the kindergarten kids were more interested in using their fingers to scarf the treats. Several adults met at the school library on a cold December night to experience the "Tea Ceremony." With haunting, twangy Japanese music softly playing, Midori, dressed in her kimono, slowly and ritually, prepared cups of tea, one at a time for each "guest." The purpose of the ceremony is to induce serenity and inner peace and indeed it did.

Calligraphy, or artistic lettering, is especially fascinating in Japanese because they use thousands of characters that lend themselves to be small works of art in each word. Using finely tapered brushes, Midori taught her students to write the word "friendship." An ancient form of writing borrowed from the Chinese, many of the letters are pictographs of the word they represent which makes them a little easier to learn than one might expect.

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-From "Midori" Page 1

It was fun to hear her views of America. She commented often about the size of our homes, cars, lawns and our people. The prices of our food, clothing and gasoline seemed impossibly low to her. A big city girl from the Tokyo Yokohama megalopolis, she grew up in a sea of homes connected by streets we would call alleys. For miles there is no room for yards or gardens as 15 million people dwell in a comparatively small area around Tokyo Bay. Every week she would call home to talk with her parents, sisters and a very special man named Kengi. Used to a winter climate that rarely gets down to freezing, she is often cold but seems to really like the snowfalls.

Many people besides her host family have shared experiences with Midori ranging from a "cookie walk" to dinners to a night on the town in the "district." Counting a mad dash to Orlando and three trips to Chicago and an airplane ride provided by science teacher Bob Gipson, she has traveled over 4500 miles since she arrived here. Naturally a warm and friendly person, she seemed as comfortable speaking at Rotary as a guest of Ron Paquette as she was at the faculty Christmas party. She has become a Hampton Hawk fan from attending many basketball games and has grown very fond of the school children.

For all the famous and glamorous parts of our nation she might have visited she chose our little town on the river hoping to meet heartland Americans and meet us she did! We were startled and flattered to learn that she paid over \$8000 for the training, connections to her host family and airfare. She saved all the money she could for one year and then took a six-month leave of absence from her job to visit us and teach our children about Japan. From Hampton she will go to Philadelphia for three months to stay with a Quaker family. (That will be a contrast!)

Midori says that she has had so many wonderful experiences with us that she has not been able to write them all in her diary each night and that her expectations of America and we Americans were all exceeded. Thanks to everyone who was so kind to this brave enthusiastic young good will ambassador. February 10th. she departs. We will miss her terribly and we will remain friends forever, remembering what she taught us about Japan, and about ourselves.

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Meets Each Sunday in Hampton

Are you interested in getting in shape and having fun at the same time? The Hampton Youth Committee offers adult (18 and over) recreational volleyball on Sunday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hampton School gym. This is a night of friendly competition and all skill levels are welcome. Teams are picked each week from whoever shows up. A donation of \$1.00 a week would be appreciated to help fund HYC programs. If you have any questions, please call Allen Reamy at 496-9635. Hope you join us soon.

Heritage Center Fund Grows

State Senator Denny Jacobs has given the Hampton Heritage Center a huge boost by enabling a \$300,000 grant from the Illinois First Fund. This is in addition to \$200,000 received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Scott H. Newberg, president, Village Board of Trustees, commented, "We are very grateful for Senator Jacobs' ongoing support. For many years, he has been there for us, lending his considerable help to projects potentially benefiting each resident of our community."

The local fund raising campaign has netted over \$33,000 which includes a grant of \$3,000 from the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend. Hampton residents have been very generous in support of the Heritage Center. This is a visible demonstration of enthusiasm for the Heritage Center. It will aid the fund raising committee in acquiring additional contributions from major Quad City businesses and organizations.

According to Newberg, "The rising cost of doing business dictates we need about \$200,000 more to complete the Heritage Center. Included is a large parking facility, trails to the natural wild life area located in the northeast corner of the park as well as other amenities. "We are starting a campaign for additional grants from major employers of the Quad Cities. For many years Hampton has provided a dedicated work force to large concerns. Now we ask their support for our need. We will accept 'in kind' support, too."

We have successfully negotiated for one important 'in kind' contribution and look forward to making many more similar contacts. "Because of the nature of this first in kind' award, we do not know the dollar value it represents. This will not be known until Center architects tell us what the building requires. Several other similar awards are pending finalization of needs before announcement can be made."

Of exceptional local interest is a Hampton couple's anonymous challenge donation of \$7,700. The contributors challenge local residents to match this amount before releasing the initial gift to the Heritage Center. There are no restrictions for matching the generous contribution. It can be an individual, a family, business, organization or even a neighborhoods group. The essential element is to gather an additional \$7,700 to assuring a total of \$15,400, a significant sum by any standard.

Ground breaking will be held early in the spring when weather and terrain conditions permit. Newberg concluded, "We want to complete the project in 2001. This is important in keeping state funds presently granted to the Village. The Board of Trustees and I hesitate moving forward with the Center until all money has been received. The monetary guarantee is important. The Board and I are unanimous in maintaining fiscal responsibility. We urge all potential contributors to make their gifts or pledges soon and join their many neighbors now on record." For additional information contact Scott Newberg at 755-4248. (After 3:15 p.m., please)

St. John Catholic Church, Rapids City, IL Will host a **Ham Dinner**, Saturday Feb. 24th

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A Library Card for each Hampton Resident

By Dawn Porter

If you live within the village limits of Hampton, you are eligible to receive a free library card at the East Moline Public Library. This library card can be used to **check out material at any library in the River Bend Library System.** Member libraries include East Moline, Moline, Rock Island, Davenport, Bettendorf, Augustana College and Black Hawk College. The East Moline Public Library is located at 740 - 16th Avenue, East Moline, Illinois. Their winter hours are Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. and closed Sunday.

Besides books, the East Moline Public Library has over 700 **VHS tapes** for rent. The cost is 50 cents per week for each tape. They also have over 1100 **book titles on compact disc and cassette tape.** This is a great way to enjoy your favorite read while travelling.

Interested in book discussion groups? The East Moline Public Library sponsors three.

Mystery Discussion Group

The next meeting is February 7th at 6:30 p.m. and the first Wednesday of every other month. This meeting the topic the works of Charlotte MacLeod and Dashiel Hammett will be discussed.

Romance Discussion Group

The next Meeting is -when else?- February 14th from 6-7p.m. A movie will be shown and refreshments will be served. This group meets the third Wednesday of every month.

Sci-fi Discussion Group

The next meeting is March 7th at 6:30 p.m. and the first Wednesday of every other month. This meeting the topic will be the works of Henry Kuttner and C. L. Moore.

Call the East Moline Public Library at 755-9614 for more information on **Internet classes, story hour times and much more.**

Watch future issues of the Hampton Town Crier for more information about YOUR East Moline Public Library.

Your property taxes support the library. Take the time to use it.

Christmas Fruit Baskets Delivered by Hampton Methodist Church Volunteers

By Michaela VanDieren

Neither cold nor snow prevented fruit baskets from being delivered to Hampton residents age 75 years or older. The thermometer registered zero degrees and thirteen inches of snow covered the ground. On December 20th Dennis Gottwald drove Eliza Haertjens to the grocery store to buy delicious fresh fruit. Early the next morning, Art Kieffer arrived at the Methodist Church to plow the parking lot. Seventeen volunteers began arriving at 8 am and by 10:30 am seventy-six baskets were packed. Everyone got bundled up and set out to visit the elderly and those in area nursing homes.

The annual fruit basket program sponsored by the United Methodist Church Women with Eliza Haertjens as chairperson has been going on many years. In addition to the baskets, sixteen residents age 70 to 74 received cards. The program was again a success in spite of the bad weather. Eliza recalls, "I think the entire adult Sunday School Class of the church was there to lend a hand, as well as a few youth of the church." I know my mom appreciated hers. Thanks to all involved.

Hampton Historical Society Meets

How many readers have visited Walnut Grove Pioneer Village in Scott County Park? If you haven't you should. It is a re-created 19th century village, complete with stores, school, and a big church you can get married in (many people do). Our next Society meeting will feature Ms Tara Youngers. She takes care of this site. It should be interesting to hear about Walnut Grove's experiences and compare them with our own restoration. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 PM at Hampton School Library.** You'll also hear about some interesting things at Black's Store.

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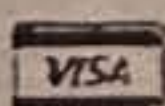
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Hampton Village Board Passes 2000 Tax Levy- Up 4.95%

December 4, 2000

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

Gallery: Attorney Tom Pastmak and Mr. Thorn Gleich were present to discuss the status of the contracts with the Village for the purchase of the ginkgo tree and the artwork. Attorney Lee reviewed the parts of the agreements that he felt were not of the Board's intentions. The agreements were discussed and changes were made mutually agreed to by all. Clerk Toalson was directed to contact the Village's insurance carrier to obtain information on insuring the tree and naming Mr. Gleich as additionally insured. The revised contracts will be put on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

The Omnibus Agenda was presented for approval. Items on the agenda were: A. Approval of Minutes of the November 1, 2000 Public Safety Committee Meeting, B. Approval of Minutes of the November 20, 2000 Committee of the Whole Meeting, C. Approval of Minutes of the November 20, 2000 Regular Board Meeting, D. Approval of An Ordinance Abating the Tax for Water & Sewerage Improvement Bonds Series I 995A, E. Approval of An Ordinance Abating the Tax for Street Improvement Bonds Series 1995B, and F. Approval and Authorization for Payment of Bills. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to approve and pass the items on the Omnibus Agenda. Roll call vote as follows: Johnson, Garrison, Sean McKay, Jeanne McKay and Carmack; "Aye". Trustee Norin absent. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2000 and Ending April 30, 2001 was presented for approval. The tax levy reflects an increase of 4.95%. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to waive the three readings of the Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2000 and Ending April 30, 2001. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to approve the Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2000 and Ending April 30, 2001. Roll call vote as follows: Garrison, Carmack, Jeanne McKay, Johnson, and Sean McKay; "Aye". Trustee Norin absent. Motion carried.

Bills for the Heritage Center Fund Raising in the amount of \$2,590.70 were presented for approval and authorization for payment. Clerk Toalson suggested the money be transferred from the savings account to the checking account established for the Heritage Center. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Jeanne McKay to approve for payment the bills for the Heritage Center in the amount of \$2,590.70, to be paid from the Heritage Account. Roll call vote as follows: Carmack, Jeanne McKay, Johnson, Garrison, and Sean McKay; "Aye". Trustee Norin absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Newberg reported the Village received a **grant from the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Heritage Center.** Attorney Lee presented the **Board with a donation check in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Heritage Center.** The monthly fund manager report from Ms. Julie Bisby was also presented. As of the end of November, the fund has a balance of \$30,175.57. Mayor Newberg reported a meeting will be held soon to reorganize the Heritage Action Committee.

Attorney Lee presented a draft Ordinance creating a Foreign Fire Insurance Fund Board within the Fire Department and an Ordinance implementing the Local Government Taxpayer's Bill of Rights Act. The Taxpayer's Bill of rights ordinance needs percentages filled in where indicated on the draft. The ordinances will be placed on the agenda for the next Regular Meeting.

Clerk Toalson reported that the lease paperwork for the two new squad cars hasn't arrived and the first payment was not included in the bills. The first payment is for approximately \$21,500.00. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson to approve the initial lease payment to Ford Motor Credit for an amount not to exceed \$21,500.00. Roll call vote as follows: Garrison, Johnson, Sean McKay, Jeanne McKay, and Carmack; "Aye". Trustee Norin absent. Motion

carried.

Clerk Toalson asked if the contract for work on the Heritage Center by Flenker Land Architects is still on hold. Mayor Newberg stated that it was and that we need to start moving on that portion of the project.

Mayor Newberg stated to those present in the gallery that the Village does not have \$9 million in the TIF Fund, contrary to what was in the Dispatch/Argus today.

Committee Reports: Administration, Insurance and Code Enforcement Committee- No report.

Public Safety Committee: Fire/Rescue Chief Kevin Irby would like a Public Safety Committee Meeting to discuss a proposed new pay system for Fire Department personnel. Trustee Garrison called a meeting for Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Trustee Garrison expressed his concerns that DUI Equipment Funds and Drug Seizure Funds are not reflected on the Treasurer's Report. Chief Hufford requested to expend some of those funds for equipment for the new squad cars and did not know how much was available. One of the old squad cars has been sold to Welcome Motors, Chicago, IL and the check for \$1,381.00 has been received. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Sean McKay to transfer the \$1,381.00 received for the sale of the squad car, and the money from the sale of the second squad car to the police vehicle escrow account. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Parks and Recreation Committee: No report.

Streets Committee: Trustee Carmack reported there has been nothing done about the drainage retention ponds in Orchard Park II. Attorney Lee was directed to send another letter to the developer. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson to approve the supplemental resolution to the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$4,800.00. Roll call vote as follows: Carmack, Johnson, Jeanne McKay, Garrison, and Sean McKay; "Aye". Trustee Norin absent. Motion carried. IDOT disallowed \$2,271.88 of engineering costs for the 8th Street and 14th Avenue intersection project. The engineering costs have already been paid to Ament, Inc. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to take the \$2,271.88 from budget line 52-438 for services to Ament, Inc. Roll call vote as follows: Carmack, Garrison, Sean McKay, Johnson, and Jeanne McKay; "Aye". Trustee Norin absent. Motion carried. Trustee Carmack presented the Resolution for the permit from Rock Island County to construct the water line for the water tower within the County Highway 52 right-of-way. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to approve the Resolution for the permit from Rock Island County to construct the water line for the water tower within the County Highway 52 right-of-way. Roll call vote as follows: Carmack, Garrison, Sean McKay, Johnson, and Jeanne McKay; "Aye". Trustee Norin absent. Motion carried. Trustee Carmack reported she is going south for the winter - Florida, Texas and Oklahoma, and will return sometime in March, 2001.

Finance Committee: Trustee Norin was absent. No report.

Public Works Committee: Trustee Johnson reported he will set a committee meeting to discuss water billing procedures and the change order for the valves in the booster station as soon as the figures are available. Trustee Johnson also reported that the repair made to the sanitary sewer connection at 1st Avenue and 9th Street is inadequate as it is still leaking ground water. After a short discussion it was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack to hire Action Plumbing, Silvis to make the necessary repairs and to bill Heartland Development for the repairs. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chief of Police Larry Hufford reported that both new squad cars have been received. The first car, received last week is already in service. The second car should be in service by Friday December 8, 2000.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson to adjourn until the next Regular Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Jonna VanDieren Journeys to Another Continent



Mozambique, located on the eastern coast of Africa, is north of South Africa and south of Kenya and Tanzania. The country endured a terrible civil war between 1975 and 1992. A 1999 college graduate, Jonna VanDieren, spent fifteen months working in Mozambique.

Jonna VanDieren returned to Hampton after spending fifteen months in Nampula, Mozambique, Africa. Nampula, 1400 kilometers (about 875 miles) from the equator, is located in the southern hemisphere. When Jonna left Africa, it was winter there. The temperatures were in the 80's. She arrived here in mid-October just weeks before our record-breaking winter began. Summer in Mozambique runs around 120 degrees. Of course, there is no air-conditioning. Needless to say, Jonna has had difficulty acclimating to our climate.

I. Cultural Differences-Grieving

Besides the differences in the weather, Jonna experienced many cultural differences. In Mozambique for just four months, Jonna was notified by our e-mail of her grandfather's death. When word of her grandfather's death reached the local church, she began to have a constant stream of visitors. She relates, "Having the visitors the first night was very comforting. By the third evening I was quite tired of visitors. After a week, people were still coming to the door." Jonna began to leave her house, and soon she learned that many people were disappointed she was not home. In their culture, the grieving person stays in the home for a period of ten days after the death. It was explained to her that church members come to visit the grieving so frequently because the culture is rich in spiritism. The Christians believe they need to come to the home of the grieving to pray continually for God's protection from the evil spirits. So the people came to her house to pray, to sing, and to just sit with her. Even if she got a little worn out with all the company, our family here was glad that she was not alone.

II. Speaking Portuguese

Hearing about those who comforted Jonna, it is no wonder that Jonna said, "The highlight of my trip was working with the people." Jonna taught English to students eager to learn. She was training others to teach English and to translate literature into their own language, Makhuwa. In order to accomplish this, Jonna had to learn Portuguese because her students knew Makhuwa and Portuguese. By the time she left Africa, her supervisor said Jonna was quite fluent in Portuguese. Evidently, she could barter as if she had been born there. Jonna said, "It was not difficult to learn Portuguese because I had Spanish in high school and they are similar languages."

Jonna encountered many languages within Mozambique. The largest people group is the Makhuwa. Others are Ndau, Shona, Shangang, Chichewa and several more. Each group had their own language and their own culture. Jonna relied on Portuguese to communicate. In the cities most knew Portuguese and in the rural areas only one or two people would know Portuguese.

III. Southern Mozambique Floods

Nampula located in northern Mozambique is about two hours from the ocean. When the torrential rains began in March of 2000, Jonna did not have to worry about flooding. Southern Mozambique was not as fortunate. Readers may recall our national nightly news showing film of people hanging onto trees until they could be rescued. However, many perished. The flooding was devastating. Most roads were washed out and whole villages were

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NACO (e) Bertelsen (National Commodore elect) (left) congratulated "Mac" G. H. McNeal (right) at the photo session during Elected Volunteer Office Holder Course (AUX-02) of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The first graduating class of the new leadership course of AUX-LAM finished on 27 October 2000, at TRACEN Petaluma, CA. The Leadership and Management School (LAMS) courses are meant to prepare leaders in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The challenges as the Auxiliary is asked to provide more support to the active duty Coast Guard are expected to increase. McNeal is a member of the Moline Flotilla of the U.S.C.G. Aux., as well as the DRU (Disaster Relief Unit) maintained at the Quad Cities Marine Safety Detachment on Rock Island Arsenal. McNeal is a staff officer in Division IX and Assistant District Staff Officer for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (SO/ADSO-MS). The increase in Active duty assignments & Aux. duties is evident.



Officers from all over the world attend the TRACEN Petaluma, CA courses, schools and programs. This officer was from a country along the China border in the former Soviet Union. Discussions of differences and similarities were a part of many evenings.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, 8th District - Western Rivers is comprised of 2000 volunteers organized into 89 Flotillas in 15 Divisions. The Area of Responsibility (AOR) of the 8th Western consists of the entire upper Mississippi River drainage system, including the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wyoming, as well as major portions of Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Educators, pilots and interested boaters, are invited to attend Aux. Meetings. Contact the nearest U.S. C.G.Aux. Flotilla through <http://www.cgaux.org/> or join Flotilla 9-1 MOLINE at the Olympic Flame restaurant (Silvis, IL) on the 3rd Wed. of each month. 309/755-3537 (ans).

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Boating Courses

By Dr. G. McNeal

The Auxiliary offers safety seminars & classes to increase the safety knowledge of boaters, children and others involved with water recreation.

Seminar Courses

- **Water 'n Kids** to touch the basic safety concepts to children 4 to 7 years.
- **Boats n kids** for older children and youths.

Personal Watercraft for those who want a brief intro to safety issues when using a PWC.

Multi-Lesson Courses:

- **Boating Safety** oriented toward hunters, anglers, skiers and operators of PWCs.
- **Boating Skills and Seamanship** for both beginning and experienced power boaters
- **Sailing Fundamentals** for beginning and exp. sailors
- **Basic Coastal Navigation** an introduction to coastal piloting.
- **Advanced Coastal Navigation** for serious boaters who want to learn piloting techniques.

Contact the nearest U.S.C. G. Auxiliary Flotilla through <http://www.cgaux.org/> or join Flotilla 9-1 at the Olympic Flame restaurant, Silvis on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. E-Mail: mc_neal@qconline.com, 309/755-3537 (ans).

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers free safety checks to boaters who wish check if their boats meet all federal and state requirements. The Vessel Examiners who perform these checks are specially trained Auxiliary members informed on the latest legal requirements for boaters. Vessel Examiners have no legal authority. Their goal is to prevent boaters from getting equipment-related citations and to prevent safety-related accidents. These safety checks are meant to be an educational experience.

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Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

It won't be long until Valentines Day. It hardly seems like Christmas is over. We made three, almost four days of it and it still seems like it was over too fast. We managed to be with my sister's whole family (the Jack Coder clan), and also all of our family. We all met at the Rock in Oglesby, IL, a restaurant run by our great nephew Marty Terselic.

For Christmas, Rock and I both received several cookbooks and mixes. One of the mixes was a pasta salad called Pasta Partners Hawaiian Pasta Salad with handmade pasta shaped like pineapples and palm trees. The address for it is: PO Box 271097, Salt Lake City, UT 84127; Phone 801-977-9077 or 800-PASTA TIME. You add:

Sack of Hawaiian Pasta Salad
2 c chicken, cooked and diced
1 8 oz can pineapple tidbits, drained
1 small red or white onion diced or sliced into rings
2 small avocados, 1 diced, 1 sliced
½ c olive oil
¼ c white wine vinegar
packet of seasoning (poppy seed, sugar, salt)

Heat 4 quarts water to boiling. Stir in pasta and return to boil. Cook for 5-8 min. Do not overcook-pasta should be quite firm for salad. Rinse with cold water until cool. Mix spice packet with olive oil and vinegar in a small bowl or shaker with a tight fitting lid. Shake until well blended (I used the new Pampered Chef shaker. I find it one of their best tools ever). Pour dressing over pasta, fruit, onion, chicken, and diced avocado. Toss and chill at least 1 hour. Serves 8 people (more if used as side dish). Variation: ½ c slivered almonds. Garnish with the sliced avocado.

We also got two soup mixes. One was Bear Creek Tortilla Soup Mix. You can get it at Jewell or HyVee. It was excellent and even better the second day. They give you directions for making your own chips, and they are well worth the trouble. Our other mix is for Roasted Garlic Potato Soup. We haven't tried it at this writing. It comes from Simmering Soups, emailsales@northairemarket.com. By snail mail, it's North Aire Market, inc, PO Box 385017, Minneapolis, MN55438. The company is run by two ladies, Maggie and Mary. They say you won't believe how good their soup is.

At Christmas time, I made three very good dips. Everyone liked them. One of them is called pepperoni pizza dip.

PEPPERONI PIZZA DIP

1 8 oz container Ricotta Cheese
1 c mayonnaise
1 ½ c shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
¼ c grated Parmesan Cheese
¼ c chopped pepperoni
1 t garlic powder (I used 1 clove fresh, crushed)
1 t Italian Seasoning
1/8 t crushed red pepper flakes
For garnish 1 med tomato seeded and diced (about ½ c)
2 T sliced or chopped olives
1 4 oz sliced mushrooms (drained)

(Can combine 1-2 days ahead and refrigerate until time to bake)
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl combine ricotta, mayo, 1 c mozzarella, Parmesan, pepperoni, garlic, Italian Seasoning, red pepper flakes; mix until thoroughly combined.

Spoon the mixture into a small ovenproof casserole dish, sprinkle with remaining mozzarella.

Bake dip until heated through and golden brown on top, 25-30 minutes. Garnishing the dip:

Arrange the tomatoes in the center, sprinkle black olives around in a ring and arrange the mushrooms around next. Serve with wedges of Italian bread or baked refrigerated pizza dough cut in 6 inch strips.

I will save the other two dips and the chips for March. Jim Hall, former earth science teacher at UT brought chocolate truffles to the UT retired-teachers Christmas party at Short Hills. This is the recipe:

Chocolate Truffles

18 oz Hershey milk chocolate bars
1 c semi sweet chocolate chips (or 24 oz semisweet chocolate chips)
1 can Eagle Brand Condensed Milk
¾ c rum (or favorite liqueur)

Melt chocolate over very low heat or about 7 minutes on defrost in the microwave. Stir in condensed milk and liqueur. Cover tightly and set in refrigerator over night. Roll into balls with hands and roll in chopped nuts or cocoa powder. Store in sealed cans.

This would be great for Valentine's Day.

Now How Did I Do That?

By Franciska Rasmussen

Looking at the calendar I came to the realization that if I was going to enter the local art competition, I had better get started on my oil painting. Oil is not like watercolor or pastels, it needs time to dry.

A landscape was what I had decided to do, so I set things up in the sun porch and was working at a tabletop easel. I felt that it was going along fairly well but there seemed to be something missing and for the life of me I could not figure out what it was.

An artist friend of mine stopped by to see how I was doing. I told her "I'm almost finished. Please look and see what you think of it." Her reply was "It is just fine the way it is. I wouldn't do another thing to it." This was good enough for me so I put the paints away and let the canvas dry.

On the day the paintings were to be judged I started packing my entry and something seemed different but being in a hurry, I just loaded it and the other things I needed for my presentation.

The painting won second prize and a gentleman wanted to buy it plus another just like it. He had two daughters so he wanted one for each of them. I brought the painting home to start work on the second one. Taking a closer look I saw that the trees were not as I remembered them. A kind of Spanish Moss was hanging from the branches. It was nice and just what the picture needed.

Try as I might I could not recall putting that in there. The second painting needed to be started. First things first, the back ground and all was put in and then came the trees. That was as far as I could go---No matter how the brush was turned or what strokes I used capturing the moss was next to impossible. Now how did I do that?

Hampton Fire and Rescue Department Gets Practice

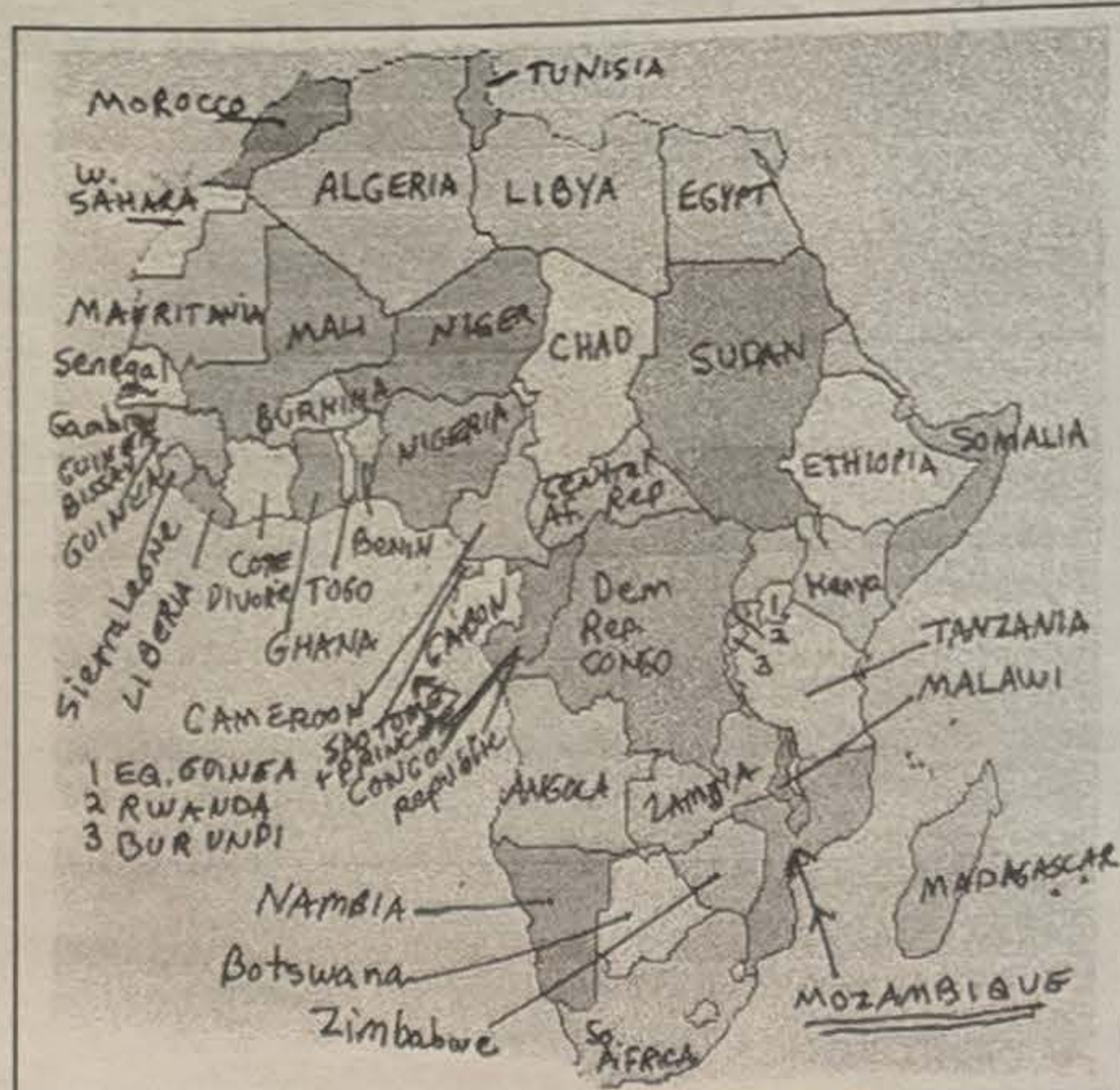


Hampton Volunteer Fire and Rescue members held valuable training at a scheduled house burning at 2nd Avenue and 2nd Street (Ralph Johnson home.) The fire was set after necessary permits were acquired by Chief Kevin Irby and the department. The use of air packs was just one of several exercises conducted. (Photo by Jim VanDieren)

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Jonna VanDieren (pictured at left) distributes salt to a victim of the floods in Mozambique, March 2000. One-third of Mozambique was under water during the flooding. Roads and villages were washed out.



Jonna VanDieren traveled to Mozambique in July of 1999. She would spend the next fifteen months teaching English to Makhuwa people, aiding in relief work in flooded southern Mozambique; and teaching missionary children.

prevalent and medicine is scarce. This results in a life expectancy of 38 years. Jonna said, "If volunteers had gray or white hair, it was a shock to the people." When Jonna showed them a picture of her 94 year-old grandmother (her dad's mother), they were amazed that anyone could live to that age.

V. Customs

Jonna had an interesting observation, the babies rarely cried. She related, "The babies are continually in communion with their mother. The mother uses a wrap to tie the baby on her back and then at feeding she would pull the wrap around to the front for nursing. It was common to see children up to the age of two or three still carried on mom's back". Also, Jonna saw Makhuwa women often wearing a white paste from coconut milk on their faces. This is done for adornment and it serves as a moisturizer.

Some of the locals created works of art and sold them. Jonna brought back original pottery from Malawi; carved wood figures, woven baskets, handmade musical instruments, and other pieces of art from Mozambique, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Kenya.

VI. Conclusion

When many of us think of Africa, we imagine elephants and other animals roaming the fields. Mozambique does not have any wild animals and very few domestic ones. They were all killed during the civil war that lasted from 1975 to 1992. The U.S. State Department still does not encourage anyone to travel to Mozambique and there are no foreign commercial airlines to it. When Jonna arrived she had to land in Zimbabwe and take a small plane into Mozambique. By the way, she later flew that plane several times (with the pilot on board, too.) Jonna misses all the wonderful people she got to know. When she was ready to leave Africa, she was given a farewell party and some gifts including woodcarvings and a "capalana" (the wrap the women wear for skirts and to carry their children.) I am sure Jonna could write a book on her experiences with the missions and I certainly enjoyed listening to her many adventures.



At a camp in Southern Mozambique, flood victims wait patiently for their names to be called in order to receive food and supplies. Jonna VanDieren aided in the relief work.

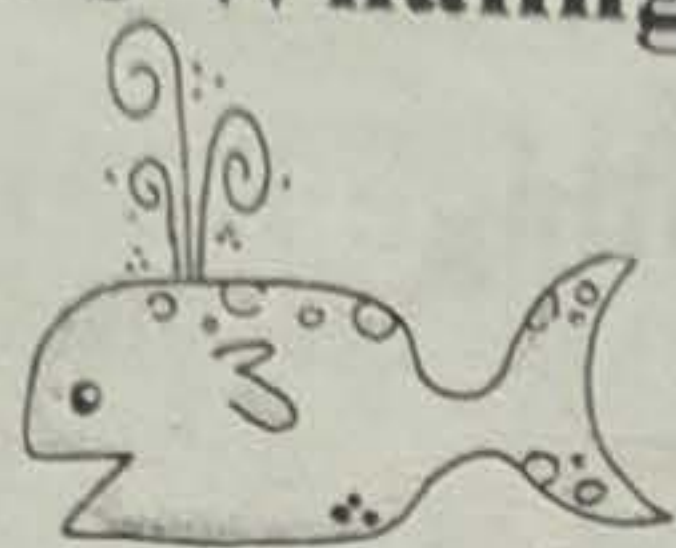
gone. One-third of the country was covered with water. Jonna was asked to assist in relief work for a month. In order to reach the flood ravaged area, she and another volunteer traveled four fourteen-hour days in a truck. Jonna drove the stick-shift truck the entire route passing into Malawi, back into Mozambique, through Zimbabwe, Southern Africa and finally to southern Mozambique. Jonna drove supplies into the relief camp and she helped distribute food and a few kitchen utensils to those waiting. The flood victims in the camps sat waiting patiently for their names to be called. At one site Jonna's mission group distributed cornmeal, salt, cooking oil and beans to 1000 families. For those who lost everything, the workers provided a few pots and pans, blankets, and clothing. The people were very grateful. At another site, 1000 families even received Bibles in their own language, Shangan. The waters were slow to recede and mud was everywhere. When seeds were finally distributed, some areas were able to be replanted. After a month of working here Jonna left as other volunteers arrived.

IV. Low Life Expectancy

Back in Nampula, Jonna kept busy with her work. She was able to have a few conveniences of home i.e. a washing machine, and indoor plumbing. In addition, she had an "empregado," named Henriques. An empregado is a house servant. He prepared food, soaked vegetables in bleach water, and cut them up ready for Jonna to cook. When she had chicken, he cleaned and prepared the chicken ready to cook. Meat was a luxury, she would have it sparingly. Henriques cleaned and did laundry. The clothes were line-dried, but ironed before they were worn because of the teetsy-fly, a parasite. All clothes including underwear had to be ironed. Jonna hired Henriques so that she could have more time for teaching and tutoring missionary children. Jonna learned to eat different foods like "shema," which is cornmeal cooked with water and formed into a mushy ball. Livestock consisted of chickens, a few goats and pigs. Bananas, cashews and mangos were plentiful. Vegetables such as corn, lettuce and beans were enjoyed when they were in season. Some foods would have a "gritty texture" due to small pebbles. It was very difficult to get all the food clean. Another problem is disease. Malaria carrying mosquitoes are common. The few Americans in Mozambique continually take pills to prevent malaria. Even with this precaution Jonna contracted a mild case of malaria. Diseases are

Hampton's Whaling Connection

By Rocky Nelson



Have a
whale
of a day.

"You can call me Ishmael". You probably think this is a weird way to start a column. It is, but this is a weird column. You might ask, "What does whaling have to do with Hampton?" Let me explain.

In 1849 when Black's Store opened, what did they do for light? Candles? Probably, but our restorer, the late Ron Nelson thought whale oil lamps were also used since they were common at that time. Remember that was before kerosene lamps, which did not become common until after 1859. By Civil War times, kerosene, which they called coal oil came into use.

When the Weissmanns had their sale this fall, one of the items sold was a whale oil lamp. Gene Dennhardt, Society member purchased it so it stayed in Hampton. Whale oil lamps came in all shapes and sizes but at least we have one that could have been used in Black's Store. You can see it when the Store opens on Memorial Day. So, in this tedious, convoluted way, there is a connection of the whaling industry to Hampton. Also, it accounts from the line about Ishmael that started this piece. It is the first line of Herman Melville's book, *MOBY DICK* that deals with whaling. Specifically the pursuit of a particular whale, the giant white sperm whale called Moby Dick by the obsessed whaling captain Ahab. I even viewed the start of the video which starred Patrick Stewart (of Star Trek fame) as Ahab, to confirm it. Both book and movie start with that line and Ishmael proceeds to tell the story of Ahab driving his ship and crew to kill Moby Dick which he accomplishes but at the cost of himself, his ship, and whole crew with the exception of Ishmael who tells the story. It's worthwhile for you readers to get that movie. It's excellent.

Between the War of 1812 and the Civil War, whaling was a major industry. Whale oil, whalebone, and whale teeth (ivory) were important products. In addition to lighting, whale oil was the major lubricant, especially for small machinery such as watches. High quality soap was another product. American whaling dominated the economy of New England. Nantucket Island, Cape Cod were whaling centers and most of all New Bedford. Men where catching whales when history began. The Vikings were whalers. Many Indian tribes also took whales especially in the Pacific Northwest. Just a few years ago there was a problem with one tribe, in which whaling was part of their religion, and there was controversy over whether they should be allowed to kill whales, which are now protected by international agreements. The peak year for American whaling was 1846 when 736 ships and 70,000 people were involved.

Whaling voyages were almost worldwide and took years. The average was 2 1/2 years. The longest whaling voyage on record was that of the ship "Nile", out of New London, eleven years, from May 1858 to April 1859.

When a whale was sighted small boats were launched in chase. Usually two to five boats depending on the size of the ship. Each boat carried a boatheader (usually a mate), a harpooner, and four oarsmen. They rowed with great speed, goaded to superhuman efforts by the mate to catch up to the whale. The rowers were forbidden to look over their shoulders for fear they would panic if they saw the size of the beast they were chasing. When they closed in the harpooner would brace himself in the bow and when a few feet away would drive his harpoon into the whale. This was the most dangerous moment of the hunt. The whale might smash the boat with his huge tail or occasionally dive for the bottom. In most cases he would take off and "run" at up to 25 miles per hour-the "Nantucket sleigh ride". If the whale dove, the line was played out with someone ready to cut it if the boat started to go under. Worst case was when the whale came right toward the boat. If this happened the men had to row for their lives. If the hunt was successful the whale would tire and stop, allowing the mate to sink a long lance into the whales lungs and ultimately kill it. It would then be towed back to the ship and the fat cut off in long strips that would be boiled in pots on the deck. The cooled oil was placed in casks and stowed below decks.

Whaling was one of the most dangerous occupations man has ever done. On American ships the crew was paid by shares of the take. Captain's usually got 1/12. Unskilled seamen 1/175 each, and steerers and harpooners proportionally between.

When you stop in this summer and see our oil lamp, think of the men who got the oil that burned in it.

Village of Hampton

Public Works Committee-November 8, 2000

Meeting called to order by Public Works Chair, Glynn Johnson. Trustees present: Sean McKay, Janet Norin, Jim Garrison, Jeanne McKay, and Sandra Carmack. Also present was Director of Public Works Dean Sparrow and Mr. John McChurch, Heartland Development.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the public improvement items at the marina that need to be completed. Mr. McChurch reported the water sampling has been completed. Clerk Toalson reported that the Operating Permit has been received from the Illinois EPA. Mr. McChurch reported the sanitary sewer connection at 9th Street and 1st Avenue has been sealed. The pressure test on the sanitary sewer section that failed the test previously should be done by Monday November 13, 2000. The joint repair to the storm sewer should be repaired in the next couple of weeks. The valve for the hydrant on 9th Street will be repaired Monday, if the sanitary sewer test is done. Trustee Garrison asked about the fire suppression on the docks. Mr. McChurch reported that the water lines are installed on the docks and they are waiting for a valve that is on order. Once the valve is received, it will be installed and that will be complete.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Village of Hampton

Public Works Committee-November 9, 2000

Meeting called to order by Public Works Chair Glynn Johnson. Trustees present: Sean McKay, Jim Garrison, Janet Norin, and Sandra Carmack. Trustee Jeanne McKay was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss changes in the water ordinance that would address the problem of tenants leaving landlords with high water bills when they move out. Discussed changing the ordinance to read property owners are responsible for the water and sewer bill, regardless of who occupies the dwelling. This would make landlords responsible for the water and sewer bills. Also discussed the amount of deposit required for new accounts be raised to \$150.00 refundable when the service is terminated. Clerk Toalson will survey other municipalities about deposits required, the amount and when they are refunded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Village Board

Committee of the Whole-November 20, 2000

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: Sean McKay, Jim Garrison, Janet Norin, Glynn Johnson, Jeanne McKay, and Sandra Carmack.

Mr. Michael Woodward, Moorehead and Peterson Accountants was present. The annual audit for the Village has been completed and was presented for the Board review. Mr. Woodward commented there were not any major problems that he could see. The Trustees will review the audit report.

Clerk Toalson reported on problems with the new water billing program. The vendor, Computer Management Services, now requires Windows 2000 which will require a computer upgrade. This is not what was discussed with the sales representative and Clerk Toalson was led to believe that the program would run on our current hardware and Windows 95. The Board directed Clerk Toalson to ask for a refund of our money and begin the search for new software.

Clerk Toalson presented information on accepting credit card payments for water bills. The discount rate with Metrobank would be 3.25% based upon an average sales of \$1,000.00 per month and \$105.00 average per transaction. There is a \$10.00 minimum service charge per month, so any months with no activity, the Village would be charged the minimum. The cost for a terminal and a printer is \$430.00. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to try accepting credit card payments for 6 months.

Mr. Dan Solchenberger, Ament, Inc. was present. The sanitary sewer line at the marina is to be air tested tomorrow, Tuesday November 21. Mr. Solchenberger reported that the painting is completed on the water tower and they are starting to wire the new pumps and controls this week. Discussed the lettering on the tower and if it is correct. Mr. Solchenberger will inspect the lettering tomorrow.

Trustee Johnson presented revised changes to the water

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ordinance regarding billing. He reported that the current ordinance states that landlords must enter into a payment agreement with the Village along with their tenants. Clerk Toalson referred to a memo detailing a conversation with East Moline about how they handle delinquent water bills. After discussion, Trustee Johnson stated he will call a Public Works Committee meeting the first part of December to discuss policies and procedures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Hampton Village Board**November 20, 2000**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: Sean McKay, Jim Garrison, Janet Norin, Glynn Johnson, Jeanne McKay, and Sandra Carmack.

Mr. Brett Sprague, MidAmerican Energy was present to answer any questions and address any concerns regarding utility services for the Village. There were no questions from the Board or persons present in the Gallery.

The Omnibus Agenda was presented for passage and approval. Items on the Omnibus Agenda were: A. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting November 6, 2000, B. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 6, 2000, C. Approval of Minutes of the Public Works Meeting November 8, 2000, D. Approval of Minutes of the Public Works Meeting November 9, 2000, and E. approval and Authorization for Payment of Bills. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Jeanne McKay to accept and pass the items on the Omnibus Agenda. Roll call vote as follows: Carmack, Jeanne McKay, Johnson, Norin, Garrison and Sean McKay, "Aye". Motion carried.

Administration, Insurance and Code Enforcement Committee: No report.

Public Safety Committee: Trustee Garrison reported the two part-time officers hired are on board and receiving training. One of the new police cars may be here this week. Chief Hufford is painting the inside of the police building. The flagpole that was removed for the new water tower will need to be replaced this spring.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Trustee Jeanne McKay reported she is considering purchasing live evergreen trees to be planted in the park and in front of the police building to be decorated for Christmas. She also reported there are two benches on order for the park.

Streets Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: No report.

Public Works Committee: Trustee Johnson presented a new form to be used for rental property giving consent to the Village to release water bill account information to landlords. Trustee Johnson noted that Mr. Gary Doyle has served his probationary period. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack to hire Mr. Gary Doyle as a full time Maintenance Worker at an hourly rate of \$12.36 per hour, retroactive to November 1, 2000. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Attorney Lee reported on changes to the contract to purchase the Ginkgo tree and the contract for services with Mr. Thom Gleich made by their attorney. Copies were distributed to the Board for review.

Clerk Toalson presented a spreadsheet with the proposed tax levy figures for tax year 2000 collectable in 2001. The proposed increase is 4.95%. The Board directed Clerk Toalson to prepare the tax levy ordinance for the next regular meeting. Clerk Toalson also reported he had received a check from the Illinois Municipal League for Foreign Fire Insurance Tax. The cover letter stated that the Village was to deposit the check into its account and then issue a check to the Fire Department for the amount of the tax. Clerk Toalson questioned if we had ever done this before. Attorney Lee noted the statute referenced and will report to the Board.

Mr. Kerry Sansale, 408 10th Avenue was present in the gallery. He asked the Board how much TIF money had been paid to the school. Clerk Toalson stated that from TIF II, Hampton Elementary has been paid \$4,573.07 and the Board approved tonight a payment of \$7,174.71. Also, Hampton Elementary has been paid \$4,165.81 and the Board approved a payment tonight of \$5,793.08 from TIF III. Mr. Sansale stated he has heard that the school is planning to raise property taxes and blames the Village for non-payment of TIF funds as the reason for the increase. Mayor Newberg explained that the agreements with Hampton Elementary and UTHS are in the process of being changed, as the agreements were illegal to begin with. It is not clear how this will effect the schools in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Hampton Village Board**Committee of the Whole- December 4, 2000**

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

Trustee Sean McKay asked why the bills presented for the Heritage Center were so late. Clerk Toalson explained that when Jim Gillespie brought them to the Village Hall in October, that it was his understanding that they were bills that were already paid.

Dan Solchenberger, Ament, Inc. presented a revision to IDOT for the 14th Avenue and 8th Street intersection project. The revision is a result of IDOT's review of the information provided. They are disallowing \$2,271.88 for engineering. Ament has already been paid for the engineering. The revision needs to be approved and signed so that IDOT can approve the use of MFT funds. The extra engineering will have to come from the Streets budget. The paperwork for the crack sealing is complete. The Board needs to approve a supplemental resolution approving an additional \$4,200.00 for the project.

Mr. Solchenberger presented a resolution required by Rock Island County for a permit for the connection of the water tower to the main. The contractor will provide the required performance bond. The resolution needs to be approved by the Board and Mr. Solchenberger will submit it to the County for the permit.

Mr. Solchenberger reported he is having the contractor develop costs for changing out the pump check valves at the booster station to replace the hydraulically operated valves. As soon as he gets the costs, a decision will need to be made on how to proceed. Trustee Johnson will call a Public Works Committee meeting when the costs are known.

Mr. Solchenberger presented the revised opinion of costs for the 1st Avenue re-paving project. Trustee Carmack will set up a Streets Committee meeting to discuss funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Haz-Mat Tips for Your Home**By Dave Estes, Hampton Fire/Rescue**

Whether you are trying to save money by turning the thermostat down (Thanks Mid-American), or turning up the heat to warm your feet; there is a problem that we all must worry about... CARBON MONOXIDE! It has been named, "The Silent Killer," because it is colorless and odorless. Carbon monoxide is caused by inefficient burning of flammable vapors, or in most cases, natural gas, in your furnace, or other appliances. If you have purchased a carbon monoxide detector for your home, smart thinking. If you haven't, and especially if you have children, you should get a detector. Carbon monoxide detectors for your home can be a great device to keep your home safe in this especially cold winter, because we all find ourselves turning up the furnace because someone is complaining that they are too cold. (Ladies, you know who you are). As a matter of fact, it doesn't matter how new the furnace, stove, water heater, wood stove or fireplace, or gas dryer is, they will all give off carbon monoxide, most of which is exhausted through some form of vent pipe. Now, please, don't confuse carbon monoxide with carbon dioxide, because carbon dioxide is a gas that is naturally produced by your body, and is also used in industrial applications. Carbon monoxide actually bonds with the hemoglobin in your blood and takes four times as long to get rid of than carbon dioxide. Carbon monoxide may produce symptoms like a flu virus will. Symptoms include headache, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, confusion and/or flushed or red skin color. Carbon monoxide is measured in parts per million parts of air. O.S.H.A. says that 35 parts per million is the maximum allowable concentration within an 8 hour period. After that time, you will start to feel the effects that the gas will produce. In higher concentrations, it can become deadly and flammable. The fact of the matter is carbon monoxide detectors for your home save lives. If you don't have one, I would suggest you purchase one. They are inexpensive, \$25.00 and up and they run on batteries. (Editor's note: I know a hardware store that sells them.) If you already have one, my suggestion is to make absolutely sure the battery is as fresh as the one in your smoke detector. Low batteries can cause false readings, or no reading at all. If you have one and the alarm goes off, call the fire department immediately because your situation maybe dangerous, get out of the house and wait for us to get there. We have the tools to detect what specific appliance is giving off the gas.

Hampton School Board

Public Hearing December 11, 2000

The Public Hearing of the Tax Levy was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Dave Wright.

Attendees: Randy Baldrige, Fred Husman, Joe Jordan, and Dave Wright. Janet Newlon, Monty Norin and Cliff Perry were absent.

Visitors: Sean McKay, Jeanne McKay, Sandy Carmack, Scott Newberg, Jim Garrison, Glynn Johnson, Ken Wright, Ken Noel, Dick Churchill, Beth Larrison, Gary Larrison, Al Kipp, Ruth Tyler, Ted Tyler, and Mickey VanDieren.

President Wright welcomed everyone. Dr. Paquette discussed the reasons for the tax levy rate requested by the Board. He explained that the EAV is very high in Hampton but the school does not receive as much funding from this. He explained that enrollment is down

therefore state aide is reduced and because of TIF districts the school receives less tax money. He explained that the new levy is \$62,000 more this year than last year, which is an 11.5 per cent increase. The tax rate estimate is \$3.47, which is up 18 cents from last year. Dr. Paquette showed charts on how this rate effects the tax increase on properties of different values.

There was a question and answer period and much discussion over many issues regarding the tax levy, tax increase, reducing school costs and solutions to prevent taxes from increasing. It was noted that the tax rate for the school has fluctuated from \$2.70 in 1990 to \$3.47 as requested for the coming year. Dr. Paquette stated that the board sets the tax levy but Rock Island County sets the tax rate. Concerns were shared regarding the taxes going up each year especially for people on fixed income. Joe Jordan made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Fred Husman seconded the motion and by voice vote all agreed, passed 4-0.

Hampton School Board Passes 2000 Tax Levy

December 11, 2000

The regular meeting of the Hampton School Board was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by President Dave Wright.

Attendees: Randy Baldrige, Fred Husman, Joe Jordan, and Dave Wright. Janet Newlon, Monty Norin and Cliff Perry were absent.

Visitors: Mickey VanDieren from the Town Crier.

Fred Husman made a motion to approve the regular and executive board session minutes of the November 13th, November 27th and December 4th, 2000 meetings. Randy Baldrige seconded the motion and by voice vote all agreed, passed 4-0.

Randy Baldrige made a motion to pay the bills. Joe Jordan seconded the motion, roll call vote: Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Baldrige-yes and Wright-yes, passed 4-0.

What's Happening in School:

Dr. Paquette stated that one teacher will be attending meetings for the Math Curriculum Text Book Assessment. He still needs another teacher to help on this committee. The teachers are doing very nice monthly newsletters. Dr. Paquette stated that detentions are down and that a good workshop on Bullying was presented to the teachers and staff last week. The staff is planning a potluck lunch for December 20th, 2000. Dr. Paquette invited the board on behalf of the staff to come and join them for lunch.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: It was noted that the new roof over the gym will be started as soon as weather permits.

Finance: No report.

Negotiations: No report.

Personnel: No report.

Policy: Joe Jordan reported he had received the CD from IASB and he will be updating the policy books. Also Joe and Randy will be working on a policy regarding school dances.

Planning: No report.

Public Relations: Cliff Perry and Randy Baldrige attended the Teacher/Staff Christmas Party held on December 8th, 2000 at the Brothers Restaurant.

Special Committees: Randy Baldrige reported that the next DLT Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on January 22nd, 2001. Mr. Baldrige will no longer be head of this committee.

Unfinished Business:

A. Up-date on TIF II and TIF III: Dr. Paquette stated that he has ordered the Population Yield Table. This is information regarding TIF districts and how rates are calculated per dwelling.

B. Approve Barb Rauh as Reading Improvement Aide for Kindergarten: Randy Baldrige made a motion to employ Barb Rauh

as Reading Improvement Aide for Kindergarten. This is a part time position paying \$40.00 per half day with the funding coming from the Reading Improvement and Substitute Teachers accounts. Joe Jordan seconded the motion, roll call vote: Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Baldrige-yes and Wright-yes, passed 4-0.

C. Update on 1999 and 2000 ISAT Scores: Rae Miller provided information for the board regarding Hampton School results on ISAT test scores, comparing them with the other feeder schools. Hampton did very well on these tests.

D. Approve change from STS Testing to ITBS Testing: The School Improvement Team had requested that Dr. Paquette look into changing from using Illinois Standard Achievement Tests (ISAT) which are done in the spring of the year to Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) which are taken in the fall. Randy Baldrige made a motion to change the tests from ISAT to ITBS beginning next fall. Joe Jordan seconded the motion, roll call vote: Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Baldrige-yes and Wright-yes, passed 4-0.

New Business:

A. Walk through and review of the building: Dr. Paquette stated that the architect has copies of the contract from the roofer.

B. Approve 2000 Tax Levy: Fred Husman made a motion to approve the tax levy of \$597,309.00. Joe Jordan seconded the motion, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Jordan-yes, Husman-yes and Wright-yes, passed 4-0.

Randy Baldrige made a motion to establish a Cost Cutting Committee consisting of three board members, including Board President as ex-officio. Fred Husman seconded and by voice vote all agreed. This will be added to the policy book.

C. Review CCC Program: Dr. Paquette stated that there has been substantial growth in each student since using the CCC program.

D. Review Health Insurance Rates and decision to continue with current carrier: Dr. Paquette stated that the bid from Blue Cross and Blue Shield was much higher and he asked the board to approve John Deere Health Insurance Coverage for one more month and he will have Lohman Insurance continue to look for other Health Care providers. Fred Husman made a motion to accept this recommendation and continue with John Deere Insurance for at least another month. Randy Baldrige seconded the motion, roll call vote: Jordan-yes, Husman-yes, Baldrige-yes and Wright-yes, passed 4-0.

President Wright discussed having a second meeting each month as a Committee of the Whole. This meeting would be on a Monday and would have a two-hour cap of time. This request was tabled until the next meeting. Fred Husman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Randy Baldrige seconded the motion and all agreed, passed 4-0.

Dear Readers,

As you are realizing the Jan-Feb issue did not come out on time. In the past I use to do one or two all-nighters a month to complete the paper. For the past six months I have decided not to do that anymore. (I'm not getting any younger.) I apologize for the delay this month, but I have been busy working at H and R Block and the store. The deadline for the March issue will be February 20th, with hopefully, printing the first week of March. Thank you for your patience. Mickey

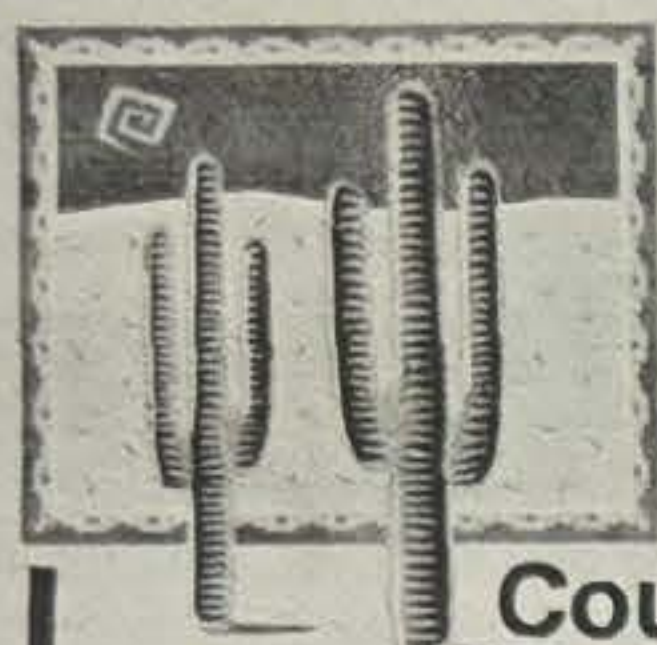
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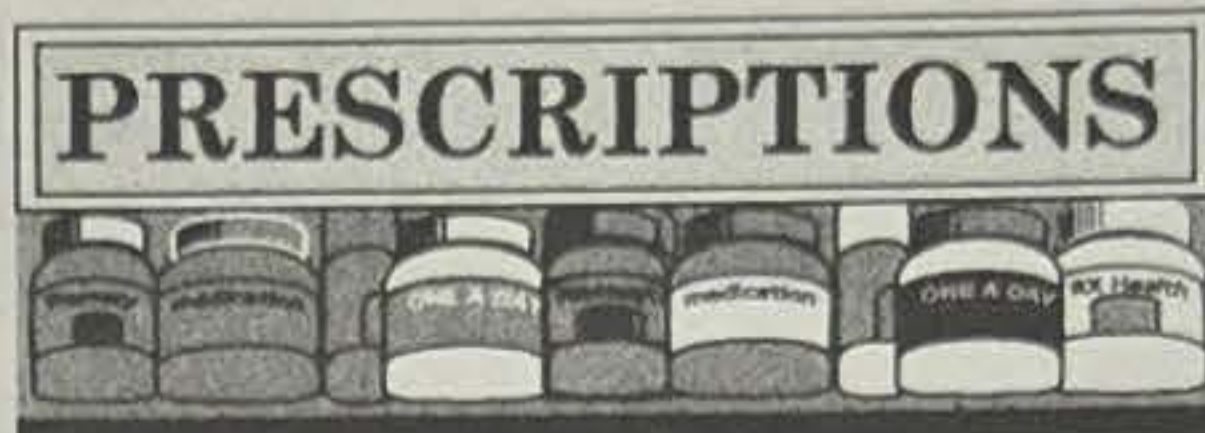
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Dear Porter's Village Rx,

November 9, 2000

Thank you for the pizza. It was better than Pizza Hut's pizza. Thanks for discounting the 10 pizzas. It was so good that we ate all 10 and there was only one piece left. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jordan Cory Hanson

Dear Porters,

November 8, 2000

Thank you for the five free pizzas. We really liked the pizzas. We had ten boxes of pizzas and had only one piece left. The pizza was great! It was way better than the school pizza. We had to earn the pizza.

Sincerely,

Tyler Walker

Dear Porters Village Rx,

November 8, 2000

Thank you for giving us five pizzas for free! You probably know me, Nicole Kroeger, Shelley's daughter? Well, we won a pizza party by getting over 1800 points! Isn't that cool!! I just hope that you will do it again for us if we win again. By the way, the pizza was delicious. It tasted good.

Sincerely,

Nicole Kroeger

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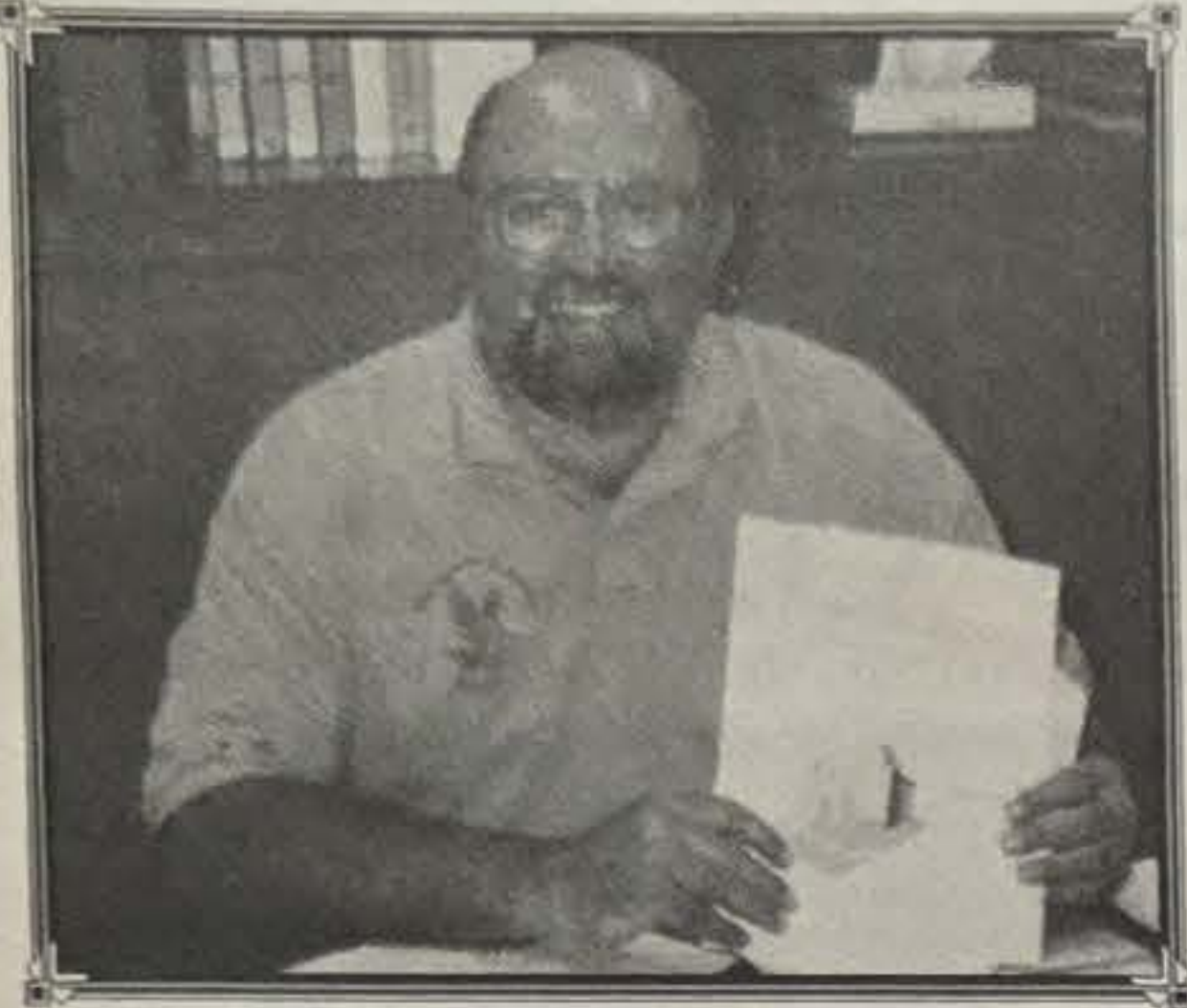
Hawk Talk

News from
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Setting Goals, Making Changes and Challenging Role Models



Dr. Ron Paquette

Ron Paquette, Superintendent

"If I can look back on my career and say I've improved every year, I will be a happy man."

- Tiger Woods

Start something positive this year! I challenge you, as I have the teachers, staff, myself and the Board of Education, to make a difference in the world that will have a lifetime impact.

Something good happens to us everyday. Stop and take notice. Set goals to make GOOD happen! I've created new goals for myself and ways to reach those goals. I will loose weight by walking and using the YMCA. I will continue to be a strong advocate for children regardless of what people say or do to me. Finally, I will renew damaged relationships and build new ones by relating to others in a positive way and by encouraging those who are moving forward to make a difference.

Being in a small community we have a great opportunity to reach out to each other in positive ways and be great role models. There are many ways to do this: by our words, our actions, and our attitude. Let's stop the whining, don't get muddled down in complaining or caught up in negative attitudes. These things bring down everyone else around. I challenge all of us, especially those who want to be School Board members, to reach higher and farther than you ever imagined and start something positive today.

When we are good people we automatically become role models and leaders by set-

ting good examples. Leadership is a responsibility...being positive is a way of life. Can we do this? Are you with me?



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Its A Small World After All



By Mark Bressler

On November 10, 2000 we welcomed Ms. Midori Hoshi to Hampton School. Midori is from Yokohama, Japan. Ms. Hoshi will be enriching our students in the culture of Japan. She will be with us for 3 months. Her stay here was made possible through the STEP program(Sowing Together for Earthly Peace), and Mr. & Mrs. Randy Baldrige. The Baldrige family has graciously opened their home to her.

Ms. Hoshi will be showing us her country's culture through calligraphy, song, and pictures. To the right are some examples of student's names written in Japanese calligraphy. Stop by and introduce yourself to her.

Hampton Students Go International!

- Thanks To A Good Friend -



Disasters (And More) In Third Grade!

By Jyle Moore

The Third Graders are ringing in the New Year with lots of writing! We wrote our Young Author stories over our break. Many days were spent planning our stories and making them creative! We wrote goals for 2001 and next we'll be working on different types of essays. We all want to exceed so we're working very hard.

Room three is also beginning a new adventure for 2001 in Math class. We are memorizing and understanding our multiplication facts. Parents should begin working on these at home as well. Soon we will also be writing about how we solve Math problems.

Have you ever heard of writing about Math... Third Graders have!

2001 ended our Disaster Unit in Reading. Our Reading Skills this unit sure weren't a disaster, but we were enthusiastic as we read about some famous disasters. We read about Titanic, the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in Pompeii, Italy, and the giant molasses tank explosion in Boston in 1919. We also watched real film of the Titanic as it sits now and we ate molasses cookies that Mrs. Beckman baked for us to enjoy! Some students even developed their own comic strips based on one of these disasters.

We've not only been thinking and learning about things in 2000 and 2001, we've

been studying about early America in Social Studies. We learned about the first settlements, trading, and why early Americans settled where they did.

Third Graders are also getting ready for the ISAT test that's coming up. This is a state standardized test that assesses what Third Graders are learning according to the IL State Standards. Students will take tests in Reading, Writing, and Math. We've begun working on test strategies so that we are prepared for the format and we aren't so nervous about such an important test!

We are looking forward to more learning adventures in class and out of class as we ring in 2001!

Investigating Sleuths in Fourth Grade

Mrs. Bartscher

Fourth graders are currently studying about investigations and detective work in Language Arts. So far, we've read detective stories, engaged in activities that tested our memories by detailing "scenes of the crime," and examined our individual fingerprints. One of our very special events was when Officer Bob Atherton and Hampton Police Chief, Larry Hufford, visited our classroom and talked to us about their personal experiences as detectives. The students were very excited, and wrote essays about their visit. We would have liked to print all the essays, but because we have a limited amount of space, only a few were randomly selected for this publication.

Jessica Larrison

When the two detectives came, I learned a lot of things I didn't know, like thieves aren't very smart. They get stuck or fall through a ceiling. I learned that you don't have to be a detective to investigate.

Some detectives go undercover and some don't. Policemen can hold stake outs, too. Sometimes, a criminal does stuff out in the open. Not very smart if you ask me. I didn't know that police could get pictures of criminals on the computer.

I learned a lot when they came. It was interesting. Police and detectives do the same things sort of. It would be fun to do all of that stuff.

Curtis Geier

Today, two detectives came to our classroom. One was from the Hampton Police Department and the other was from the State Police.

They told us about a robbery at a store. The robber fell through the roof and ripped his shirt. Then they used his torn shirt as evidence to catch the robber.

I thought it was cool to see detectives and ask them questions.

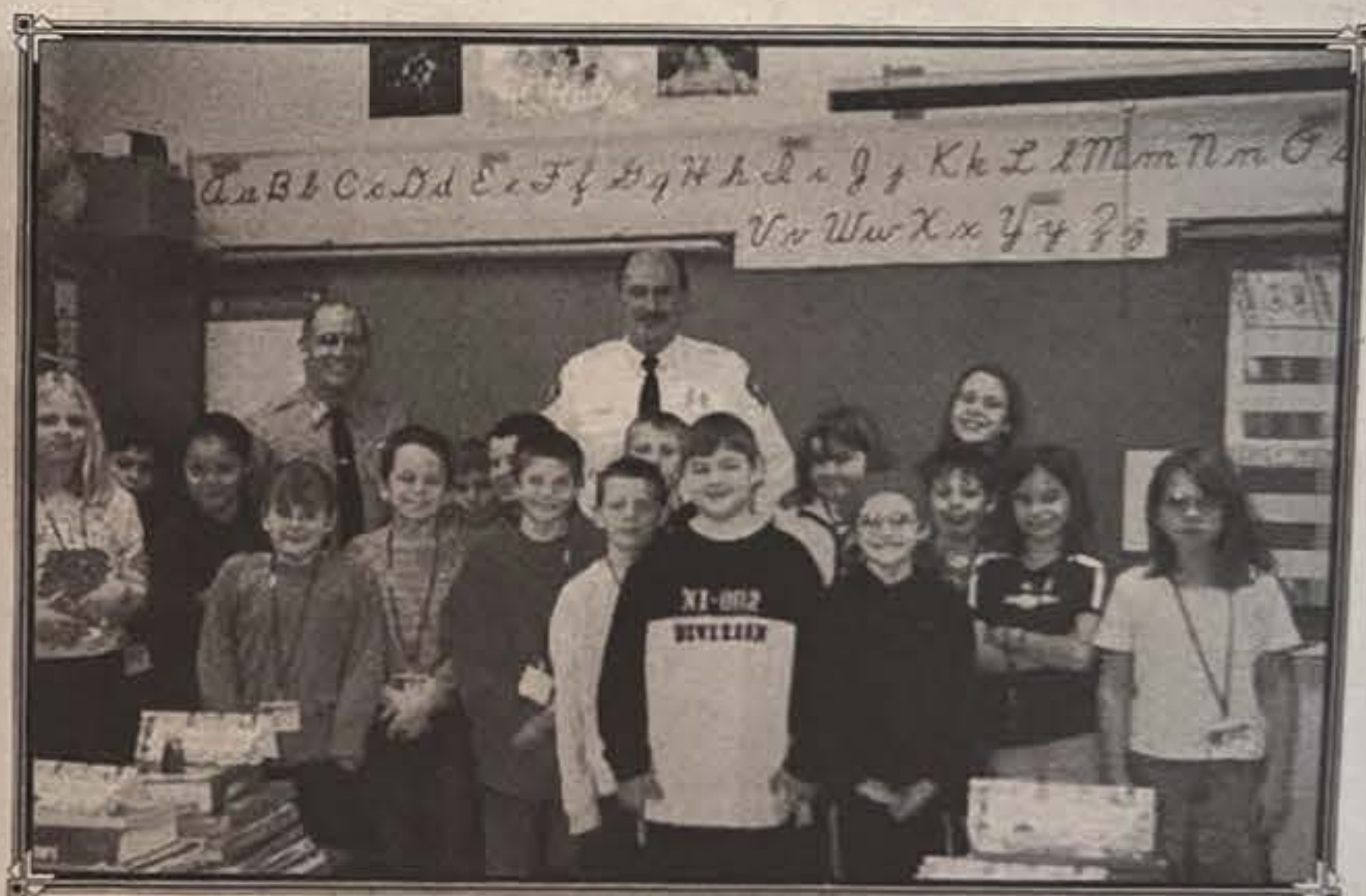
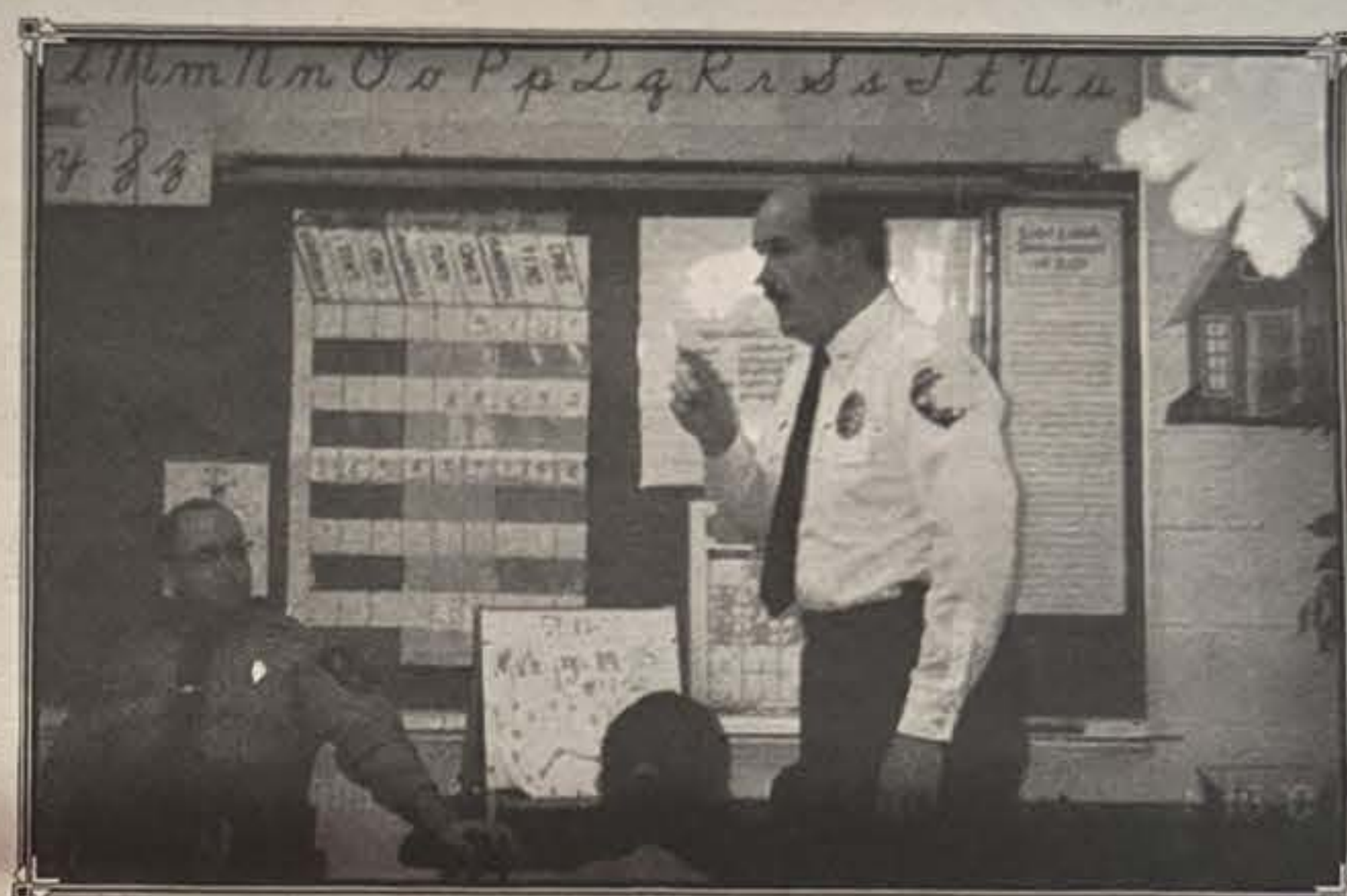
Andy Wright

I learned a lot because the detectives came. I learned that different detectives from different towns get together to solve a case. They all have different clues so they can put together the puzzle. By putting together the puzzle you can find the crook.

I liked when the detectives told stories about some of their investigations. One of the detectives told about three stories. They were all funny. My favorite one was when one of the burglars was running from a cop, and while he was running he got hurt and called 9-1-1. I'm glad they came and let us learn about detectives.

Courtney Contreras

Today I learned a lot about detectives. I had fun learning



about detectives.

The best story that I thought was cool was about the guy falling through the ceiling. I thought the story about the guy breaking through the window and then calling the police (because he was hurt) was funny. I thought that was the funniest story.

I learned a lot from the police. It was very fun having the policemen in our class.

Sydney Jordan

When two sleuths came to our class, I learned a lot. There were things about crime I didn't know.

I learned new things about crime I did not know. At banks, they have a ruler (by the door) to measure the height of a criminal. Sleuths can see things other people can't.

I learned many new things when two sleuths came to our class.

Write On, Second Grade!

By Mary Boster

The second graders have been working hard this month on writing. We write every day, using a variety of prompts. Second grade skills we are progressing with include writing complete sentences, capitalization and punctuation, and tying our writing together with a conclusion. Young Author stories are coming up, and the students will each take their favorite work to perfect for the competition. Write On, Second Grade!



Fifth Graders D.A.R.E. to Graduate!

By Jennifer Hartman

Fifth graders of Hampton Elementary School will become D.A.R.E. graduates soon! The date is set for February 6th, 2001.

Deputy Mark Williams has been teaching the fifth grade class all about gangs, drugs, and violence. Fifth graders started D.A.R.E. in September and the program is coming to an end this month. The fifth grade thanks Deputy Mark Williams for putting his time into the project. Our classmates have all written an essay about D.A.R.E. and two will be chosen and read at the graduation. We thought you might like to read Andrew Mohr, one of our classmates, essays.

By Lisa Schippers and Derrick Thiem
D.A.R.E.

Hi I am an 11-year-old student at Hampton. I am going to tell what I think of

D.A.R.E.

I think D.A.R.E is a very educational class. When we first started I thought it was boring, but now I think it's pretty interesting. Thanks to D.A.R.E I know now a lot of reasons not to smoke, drink- and- drive, or chew tobacco, besides my parents telling me not to.

Here are some reasons not to smoke. Number one is because when you smoke you get tar in your lungs. Another reason is that doctors might have to cut a hole in your throat so you can breathe. These are two reasons not to smoke.

Here are some reasons you shouldn't drink before you drive or drink- and- drive. Number one you could get thrown in jail!! Another reason is that beer mess up your brain, or gives you liver problems. One more reason is that you could cause a fatal car accident, to yourself or another person.

These are some reasons you shouldn't drink and then drive.

Here are some reasons you shouldn't chew tobacco. For one it could do the same as beer. It could give you brain problems, and it puts tar in your body. These are a few reasons that tobacco is bad or you.

So, for all of you, take care of your body and your life, don't smoke, drink beer, or chew tobacco. I know I not going to.

I am also going to give you three reasons not to be in a gang. It just leads to violence. It can lead to possible deaths. It also sets a bad example to others. These are some reasons not to join a gang.

That is what I think of D.A.R.E. I hope they keep doing D.A.R.E at Hampton.

I hope you liked my essay. Now you know what I think of D.A.R.E.

Incentives Proof Positive for Jr. High Students

-Thanks Community-

By Tracy Paxton

The last two quarters have been very successful for the jr. high students. Along with their everyday academic requirements, they push themselves to excel socially and emotionally. We work hard on responsibility and behavior as well as book smarts. Every once in a while it is nice to reward those who work so hard.

One of our rewards is in spelling. The incentive has been a huge success! The grades competed against each other to earn spelling points by doing practice activities to study their words. The points from each grade are tallied at the end of each quarter. The reward is a big pizza party for the class that has the most points. Congratulations to the sixth grade for winning both quarters...however, the 7th and 8th definitely worked hard also. We want to thank Porter's RX for their continued support. They have donated five of the ten pizzas for each party. We also need to thank the River City Rotary Club and an anonymous Hampton family for picking up the rest of the tab. Because of community support, this incentive didn't cost the kids anything and they gained study skills and vocabulary! Thanks

We also had a fun academic/behavior incentive for each jr. high student. The Quad City Sports Center donated FREE PASSES to all students who turned in all (but one) of their assignment and had no detentions. All of our students worked hard to get in their homework and behave themselves. Because of their success and the QCSC support we took 65 students ice skating....for FREE! We'd also like to thank Mr. Kipp for driving us, e school for paying for the fuel for the bus to get us there and the QCSC for the passes. Many students hadn't ice skated before. All of them got out on the ice and gave it a try.

We've got great kids here at Hampton. They are the product of a wonderful little community. I'd like the opportunity to thank all of you who have helped reward our students. I'd also like to invite any family and/or business to help continue the support of our incentive programs. If you are interested, please call me, Tracy Paxton, at 755-0693 ext. 114.



Jr. high Reading/Language Arts

WE'VE GOT IT GOING ON

...everyday in Room 14 we are having fun and learning! When I asked the students, what should we tell the community, they responded with a wonderful array of projects they have all been working on.

Young Author's is just what it sounds like. The students write about anything the they choose. We require that the story have a beginning, middle and end that develop an interesting plot. The students have written about topics such as: dragons, the 1840's, fairys, and diaries from different people to name a few. A story is chosen from each class, then one story is chosen from those to send to the state competition. It's a lot of fun and a good opportunity to be creative.

We are also having the Spelling Bee in February. I'd like to recognize the following students for trying out for the February competition. In 6th Grade: Nicole Kroger, Kelsey DeWalsche, Heather David, Lydia-Aceviz, Tyler Walker, Stefan Escontrias, Chrissy Schaffer, Alex Benzon, Angie Kight, Stacy Carmichael, Ben McKay. In 7th Grade: Ryan Cameron, Travis Martin, Luisa Saenez, Kevin DeWalsche, Michael Begeske, Megan Thomann, Olivia Husman, and Peter Carr. In 8th Grade: Faith Armstrong, Kyle Cameron, Andrea Martin, Amy Wright and Amanda Chaffee. Good luck to all of you.

In class the sixth grade is busy practicing a play called Anne of Green Gables. The students read it in their text book and asked if they could perform it for their peers. So we set up parts and assigned a director and set designer and they're off. In seventh grade we have slowed down and are reading books that they have chosen. They will then find an oral way to report on their story. Maybe they will dress in character, maybe they'll do an interview, maybe they'll present a power point presentation...so many options to spur the interest of their fellow readers. Finally, the eight grade has gotten personal. Huh? We've been reading a lot of Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul, and Prayers On My Pillow. These are stories and collections of poems that deal with teenage issues. They also wrote their own personal experiences to help their friends. This collection will be put together in a book and kept in the classroom for all of us to learn from.

There are great things happening. We invite the community to come join us in the adventure. We're always looking for volunteers and fresh new ideas.

On Trial in the Eighth Grade!

By Diane Stock

The Eighth Grade History class had an enjoyable culminating experience to the government unit. We put on a mock trial! Several students tried out their skills as prosecuting or defense attorneys. Kristi Henrichs and Nancy Carr led the defense, and Jennifer Shaffer and Amanda Chaffee chaired the prosecution team. Both sides had good help from Danielle Frazier, Mark Beals, Brian Werner, Jamie Kiger, Faith Armstrong, and Steve Nino. Heather Baldrige did a great job playing the accused. Other fine witnesses were Amy Wright, Nicole Begeske, Aaron Nutt, Meagan Hill, and Andrea Martin. The jury was selected seventh graders and Mr. Steve Kraft came in to serve as the judge. The students had a good time and learned something about legal procedure.

We have just finished studying the history of American slavery and are well into our unit on the Civil War period. We will soon be preparing a game on Civil War Era personalities and doing a pictorial timeline.



Rewarding and Awarding Art Classes!

By Sue Egger

The Hampton School Art Classes have had a very busy and successful first semester. The seventh grade class entered the United Township Area Career Center's Art Poster Competition in October, as did well over a hundred other talented students. I am very pleased to say that Hampton School received four of the fourteen ribbons that were awarded.

The winners were...Laura Schippers - Red "Superior" ribbon, Olivia Husman - White "Honorable Mention" ribbon, Cayte Honeld - White "Honorable Mention" ribbon, Alex Hanson - White "Honorable Mention" ribbon, Megan Thomann - White Honorable Mention" ribbon. Congratulations!!!!

In November the art classes entered a Christmas Card Contest. The Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center would pick four winning designs from all of their entries. These four designs then would be made into Christmas cards and sold as a fundraiser for the children's center. Congratulations again, the Rock Island County selected all four designs from Hampton. The winners were...Ben Boore, Laura Shippers, Ethan Paquette, and Cassandra Searle.

The Jr. High art elective classes, not to be left behind have also been very productive in weaving, coil basket making, and jewelry classes. They are now entering the ancient world of Batik (Japanese for "wax painting"), which will explain why their hands could be very colorful some days. We are all eagerly looking forward to the upcoming Fine Arts Day.

Technology Today - At Work Everywhere

By Olivia Husman, a student in 7th grade

On January 8th Jack Burrus from Burrus Research Associates Inc. gave us a presentation on robots. Students got to see slides on what robots are like today and what they will do in the future. We students also had the opportunity to view a real robot, the Hero 1. The Hero 1 has computer brain, can speak any language, and has an arm, a wrist and hand, and can move about and has multiple sensors.

The School Improvement System arranged this presentation for motivational purposes for our math and science departments. I believe that it is working because after the presentation, I found myself in awe at all the fascinating technology. This presentation has also broadened

my perspective on robotics and technology.

I was not the only one fascinated by this display of robotics, Megan Thomann (quote) said "I didn't realize that robots contributed so much to our everyday life."

Technology is creeping in everywhere. Our school has much technology and it is becoming part of our everyday lives. We have even updating the school's web pages! (Be sure to check it out in a couple of weeks!)

Technology is a major part of the present and future. Also being well educated on this subject will not only help us to understand it, but to open our eyes to the limitless possibilities of the future.

Music and Fine Arts News

By Mark Bressler

Six students from Hampton were selected to participate at the Illinois Music Educators Association District Junior High Band/Chorus Festival. The students were selected through an audition process and director recommendation.

Students participating in the IMEA Junior Choirs are: Heather Baldrige, Meagan Hill, Olivia Husman, Jamie Kiger, and Nancy-Jane Carr. Our Student participating in the IMEA Junior Band is Kristi Henrichs-trumpet.

The school would like to congratulate all of you on your musical excellence. The students performed on November 18, 2000 at Augustana College.

The Winter Concert for Hampton School took place on Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hampton School Gymnasium. The concert theme was Thoughts and Reflections. The program attempted to find the traditional side of the Holidays. It included

program notes and narration by Meagan Hill, and it was enjoyed by all.

The Metro-East band program is off and running again. This cooperative band program between Aldrin Junior High and Hampton is starting its second year of operation. We have about 30 students participating in this unique partnership. The students will perform for Organizational Contest on March 10 in Geneseo, and they will follow it up with a Concert, and Graduation performances at both schools.

Solo & Ensemble Contest will also take place on March 10 in Geneseo. This year we will have a record number of participants, and events. Students participating will need to find themselves an accompanist. Mr. Bressler is available for extra help, but his time is limited, so set it up now. A practice-a-thon is tentatively scheduled for March 2, 2001 in Hampton.

PTA Cultural Arts Day has been scheduled for March 2, 2001. This all day event brings

area artists to Hampton for special classes, and we are happy to report that Mrs. Rae Benzon, Mrs. Rita Hanson, and Mr. Bressler are planning this special day.

Lastly, the 2nd annual Hampton Spring Play has been decided upon. The Monster Ate My Homework will showcase the acting talents of Hampton Students. Auditions for parts will take place in late March with a performance to be scheduled in May. Any student that auditions will be allowed to participate, however the best auditioners will be selected for the major parts. Also the Hampton Booster Club has stepped forward to assist the play financially. The Fine Arts department thanks you for your help.

An announcement will be sent home later this winter with all upcoming performance dates once we get our athletic schedules in place. The Fine Arts Department works very closely with Athletic Department to avoid conflicts. We want our students to participate in both activities.