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Four Vie for Three Seats On Hampton School Board

By Michaela VanDieren

The Towne Crier wants you to meet the candidates for the April 3 election. Incumbent School Board member, Randy Baldrige, is seeking re-election to a four-year term. Donna Schaffer, a former board member, would like to serve again. Many of you know Al Kipp. He retired from Hampton school last spring. The fourth candidate is Jennifer Marker, a social worker and mother of a Hampton student. Each candidate has individual strengths that can be brought to represent Hampton residents and benefit Hampton school students. On election day a voter may mark one, two, or three candidates, but not four.

In order to be objective in reporting, each candidate was asked to respond to the following three questions:

1. Why are you running for school board, that is, what do you hope to accomplish?
2. Do you foresee ways to lower costs?
3. Tell us about yourself.

Randy Baldrige

1. An idealist, I want to give back what public education gave to me. I believe a quality community must offer quality schools. You cannot have one without the other, and I know that we can have a premium school just like we produce premium teams. Much progress has been made and I want to be part of what is to come. We must be united in the belief that we all have children in Hampton School and that we must help them succeed.

2. Walk the halls of our school and you will find nothing extravagant whatsoever. It is a friendly patchwork of building additions, fixtures and furniture all tossed together with the goal of keeping cost low. It is all held together by a dedicated teaching corps, staff and administration. The single greatest cost is salaries and so we must look there first for savings. We must unite with the Village Board to find ways to increase town revenues. I feel that we must all, very aggressively, demand more help from the State of Illinois to get away from property tax supported schools. Consolidation has been investigated, but we could lose our autonomy, and even our school, and be presented with a higher tax bill!

3. Married to Georgia for 24 years, we have two daughters 13 and 16. I have lived here for 28 years and cannot conceive ever leaving. I have supported the Historical Society, HYC, PTA and was the first chairperson of the District Leadership Team. I now serve on the School Board. I

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Donna Schaffer

1. Having once served a four-year term on the Hampton School Board, I found it very rewarding to know that I was able to help each child in some way with their education. I hope to have another chance to help each child again.

My accomplishment would be that each child would get the best education that this community could support. These children will one day govern this community.

2. With the rising cost of energy and fuel, I feel that the state and federal governments need to help schools with more grants and other federally funded programs.

3. Occupation: Office Manager at Freelance Landscaping and Garden Center, Inc.

Background: Rock Island High School Graduate, past-President of Hampton PTA, past Hampton School Board member, and current Secretary of Hampton PTA.

Family: Husband Charles, pipe fitter/ welder at Northwest Mechanical; son Chuck, a junior at Northern Illinois University and a daughter Christina, a sixth grader at Hampton School



Al Kipp

1. a. I want to represent the residents of Hampton and to make sure our young people continue to acquire an excellent education.

b. If elected I would like to accomplish:

COMMUNICATION:

There appears to be a great lack of internal and external communication between the school board, the teachers and staff, the village residents, and the village board. Rarely is anything in the daily newspaper about school board happenings and it is always a month late in our Town Crier.

SCHOOL BUDGET

A school must learn to live within its projected budget. Constantly raising taxes is not the proper direction. The village does not have that great of a tax base.

2. How to lower cost:

a. Cut programs that are not cost effective

b. Monitor gas & electric costs more closely.

c. Limit travel expenditures.

d. Get board members more involved with the day to day school operations and purchases rather than putting that responsibility on the superintendent.

3. -Life-long resident of Hampton (66 years) — Born and raised at site of present home.

-Worked 16 years for Hampton School Dist # 29 (now retired).

-Thirty-seven year military veteran — retired as Command Sergeant Major.

-Served 4 years as a Village Board Member.

-Spent 18 years as a Hampton volunteer fireman.

Personal information: Married to

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Jennifer Marker

1. A good education is a necessary foundation for our youth. My son attends Hampton school and soon my daughter will too. As a fairly new member of the Hampton Community I like to participate in supporting Hampton School and one way to do this is by participating in school activities and functions. I spend time with my son's class, but I'd like to contribute more. I hope to help represent ideas and opinions to the Board that are representative of the community. I'd like to help participate in program and curriculum development and the day to day issues that the school faces.

2. There is always a lot of focus on cutting costs and I realize this is a concern. I would first focus on learning about the School budget; what money do we have coming in and what are our expenses. We also need to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the school and our budget and then go from there. I believe that we must make cost effective decisions, but I don't believe we can just cut costs without looking at what the ramifications would be. For example, would we lose a valued teacher, valued supplies or would our children be less likely to learn important skills. I believe we should explore other possible funding sources (fundraisers, grants, etc) and as a community support the school.

3. My husband, David Marker, and I live with our two children in "unincorporated East Moline"(and in the Hampton school district). We've lived here

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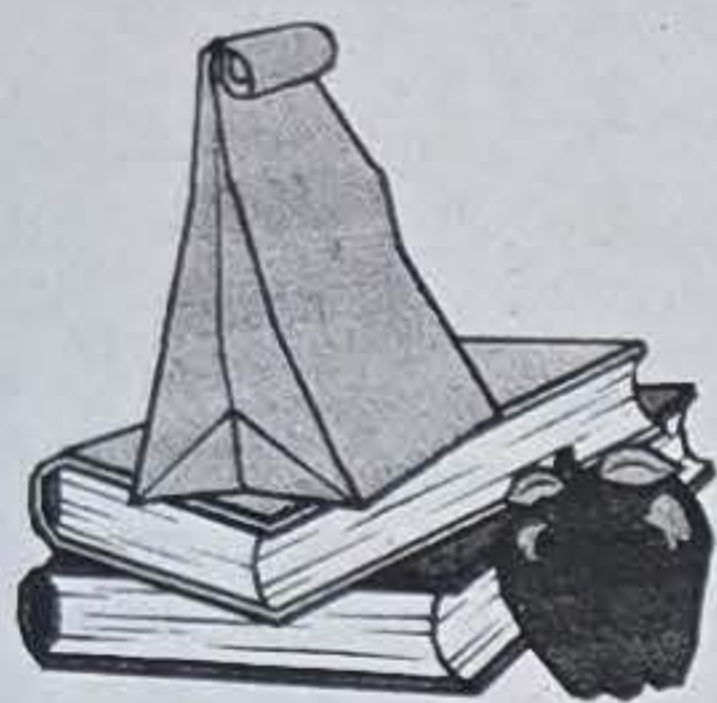
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try to write articles and sell ads for the Towne Crier and have been, at times, the reason it comes out late. I have a BA from Elmhurst College that I received about 35 years ago. I sell printing paper for a living. Thanks for allowing me to write.

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wife Carol for ten years; Father of two; grandfather of three; three step-children and four step-grandchildren; Hobbies include woodworking, decorating the home for Christmas; square dancing and car racing events.

**-From "Maker" Page 1**

for almost two years and have been quite content. I currently work in Moline, IL as a Clinical Social Worker in private practice. I work with children and their families. Prior to this I worked at the Robert Young Center for Community Mental Health and I, also, helped develop The Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center. Most of my work experience has been with children that have suffered from various types of trauma. I enjoy spending time with the kids. Jonathon is involved in sports and I like helping out (but I'm not much of a coach), I also co-teach Sunday School at St. Mary's. I grew up in Davenport and our extended family is in this area and so we spend a lot of time together. My hobbies include roller-blading, bike riding, baking cookies, making crafts, and I'd like to try to learn how to golf (although my husband thinks it's hopeless!!)

DID YOU KNOW?

By Dawn Porter

The East Moline Public Library has an excellent children's room. You can check out CD-ROM's. Some new titles are: Franklin's Clubhouse Adventure, Disney's Princess Fashion Boutique, and Donald Duck's Going Quackers. New books include: Dream Snow by Eric Cane; Moosetoe by Margie Palatini; Jingle Bells, Homework Smells by Diane DeGroat; Witches by Stuart A. Kallen; Awesome Experiments in Light & Sound by Michael DiSpezio and Disoriented Express by Brad Strickland. New movies include Casper's Haunted Christmas, Chicken Run, Return to El Dorado, Fantasia 2000 and Christy. They also have several new CD's in stock. Story hour is Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:00a.m. on March 27th. April dates are April 3 and 24. There is no story hour during the weeks of spring break.

If you live in the Village of Hampton you are eligible to receive a library card at the East Moline Public Library. You pay a library tax and the Hampton Library Boards contracts with East Moline for library services. This library card can be used at most Quad City libraries. Contact the East Moline Public Library at 755-9614 for more information.

Griffiths' Western Auto Ready with Parts, Maintenance and Repairs

By Randy Baldrige

Just five minutes from Hampton, Griffiths' Western Auto in Rapids City is an excellent business to get needed repairs, parts or maintenance products for your car or truck. A family owned operation, Larry and Pat Griffith have been at the Rapids City location for 17 years. Son John and his wife Pam are also part of the picture. Three certified mechanics are available supported by state of the art diagnostic equipment. John is a certified ASE Parts Specialist, which means he knows what he is talking about.

John mentioned that their business has been very strong, but new customers are always wanted. In an era of giant impersonal service corporations it is comforting to deal with someone who knows your name and who has dealt with you for years, and even knows your vehicle! John also mentioned that potential customers "down river" tend to make a much longer drive into town for parts when they could get to Griffiths' in minutes. We assured him that advertising in the Hampton Towne Crier would change all of that.

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Hampton Youth Committee

The Hampton Youth Committee presented three awards this year. The HYC Award was given to Deb Bankhead for her years on HYC as Adult Coordinator. The Lifetime Award was presented to Chris Chaffee for his work with HYC as Vice President, with scholarship and with softball. Lee Hansmann, secretary at Hampton Grade School, was awarded the Gladys Ryherd Award, for her enduring devotion to the children of Hampton.

HYC Softball sign-up was held March 17, 2001 from 1 - 3 PM at the school. Any boy or girl from age 6 through high school senior may play. The cost is \$14.00 per child. Optional insurance is offered at a low cost. New players must have a copy of his/her birth certificate. We can make a copy at the school at sign-up.

HYC Softball is strictly for fun!!

HYC will held a Spring Dance on Friday March 16, 2001 from 7-9 PM at the school. Justin Miller will provided the entertainment.

The Hampton Youth Committee Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 14th at 1 PM at Hampton Park, across from Empire Park. Ages pre-school through 4th grade are invited to participate. In case of bad weather, we will meet at the school for distribution of Easter candy to the children. Bring the kids to Hampton Park for a great Hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Each year, HYC awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating Hampton senior. To help fund this HYC directors are selling raffle tickets. They cost \$1.00 and the first prize is \$50.00 and the 2nd and 3rd prizes are \$25.00 each.

Please support the scholarship by purchasing a raffle ticket. The winner of the Scholarship will speak at Hampton Grade School's 8th grade graduation ceremony.

Happy spring from the Hampton Youth Committee.

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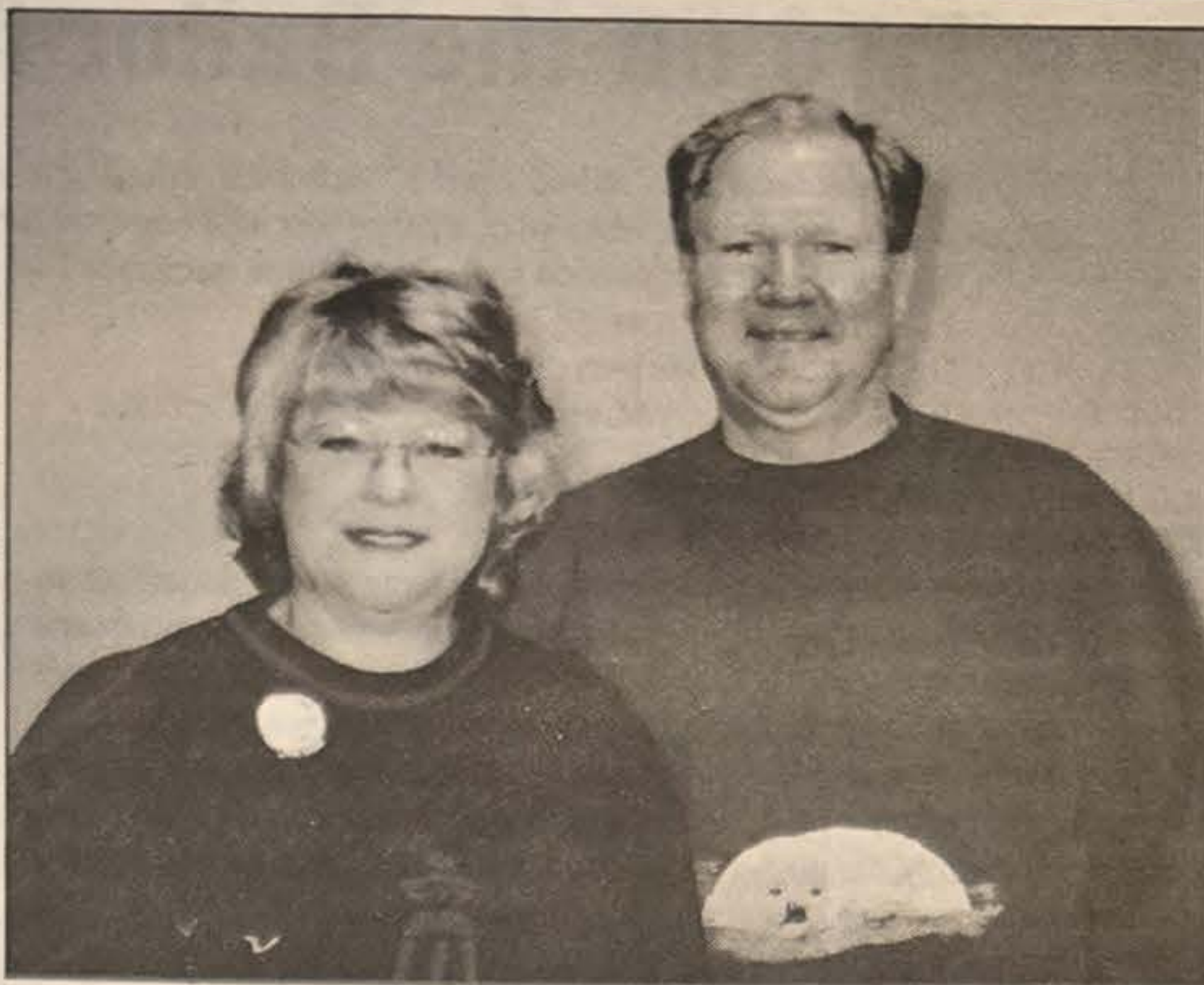
New Freedom Enterprises Comes to Hampton

By Randy Baldrige

New Freedom Enterprises is a thriving, Hampton, home-based company owned by Ted and Harriet Phelps. Recognizing the fact that there are millions of "baby boomers" that are facing aging problems, Ted and Harriet entered the "alternative wellness" field. Part of the denial process we all face is the fact that we tend to hurt ourselves with bad habits, i.e. drinking, smoking, excessive sun exposure, overeating with its attendant obesity, heart disease, joint problems and so on. As we age these things compound and we fall apart, some times quickly and some times slowly. New Freedom Enterprises offers products, which delay or even reverse the aging process.

Ted and Harriet are quick to emphasize that they make no medical claims but rather offer products that maximize the body's ability to keep it healthy. They are also proud of the fact that unlike many natural and dietary supplements in the market place, an independent lab to be certain of purity and content tests theirs. Much has been written in the popular media about what has been generally described as alternative medicine. Even the AMA has conceded that certain folk remedies and vitamin supplements do have some value. It is also a fact that European doctors have long prescribed products like St. Johns Wort and other natural products with positive results. A strong argument for "natural products", is with the possible exception of over dosing certain vitamins, they cannot harm you. This writer is currently taking an arthritis drug that requires a monthly blood test to make sure the cure won't kill him.

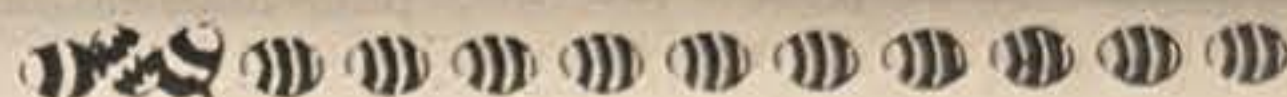
Among the natural supplements offered under the "New Image" label are products to promote skin care through increasing hydration and elasticity; a product to promote and encourage weight loss and still another supplement designed to aid in quitting smoking by actually dampening the craving for nicotine. "New Image Total" is a combination of the best known antioxidants available. It is scientific fact that aging and the increased presence of free radicals go hand in hand, and these in turn seem to open the door for major diseases that are more common for the older population. Antioxidants, found in fruits and vegetables, combat and neutralize free radicals and so there is strong evidence that supplements of antioxidants really help.



Pictured above are Ted and Harriet Phelps owners of New Freedom Enterprises. Their home-based company here in Hampton offers numerous products to keep the body healthy. They carry vitamin supplements, skin care products and other items.

Maxflex is a product designed to discourage arthritis. It is a combination of glucosamine, chondroitin, and other substances that seem to alleviate joint pain. Yet another product helps children with ADD or ADHD and frees them from the very powerful ritalin. For more information on these items and more, contact Ted or Harriet Phelps at 309-496-1188. Enthusiastic customers also become dealers and the Phelps can explain how you too can start a home business in this exciting and growing field of alternative wellness.

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Two on the Ballot for Village President

The two candidates on the April 3rd ballot for Village President are incumbent Scott Newberg and David Wright. Joe McLaughlin conducting a write-in campaign was also contacted by the Crier, but he did not respond to our questions.

The candidates responded to the same three questions that were asked of the school board candidates.

1. Why are you running?
2. Do you foresee ways to cut costs?
3. Tell us about yourself.

Scott Newberg

Why am I running for village president?

To continue leading the Village of Hampton in an effort to assure progress and prosperity. To do whatever is necessary to benefit Hampton's residents. During my 27 years on the Village Board, I have always attempted to accomplish those projects which our citizens have said they wanted done. I can say with pride that a number of projects have been started or completed. Scott listed many of these projects: restaurant property cleaned up, marina project, Heritage Center, Great River Trail, new water tower, police protection to Rapids City, and annexation.

Ways to cut costs? There are many ways to cut costs. The real question is how to lower costs without adversely affecting services. Lowering costs of each department is the purview of the Board. As President of the Board, it is my task to have a broader view toward keeping us fiscally sound. First, we keep an eye on pending legislation in the State Capitol which may raise Village costs. As a Director of the Illinois Municipal League, I am kept constantly apprised of all legislative action impacting on our community. With fellow Directors we lobby our lawmakers on proposed legislation designed to raise our costs with little benefit to taxpayers. Second, it is important to forge a strong link with our representatives in Springfield. Through Senator Jacobs and Representative Boland, I have been able to take advantage of low interest loans programs and grants to fund Village projects. If we hadn't, our taxes would be very high or Village services would have been severely curtailed. Finally, we want to assure the Village is getting the highest possible rate of return. Recently Metro Bank offered us a very favorable rate of return which matched a financial vehicle the Illinois Municipal League recommended to its members. This allowed us to get the highest rate of return possible plus maintaining a close working relationship with a local financial institution.

Tell us about yourself. A lifelong resident of Hampton, I am 47 years old. I attended Hampton Elementary School, U.T.H.S. and two years at Blackhawk College where I am continuing to take Adult Education classes through the Outreach program. My parents, Harold and Mercedes, continue to make their residence in Hampton in the same home they purchased 47 years ago.



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Dave Wright

Why am I running for Village President?

I am running for Village President because I feel it is time for change. Unity is important in a town of our size and I hope to accomplish just that. I would find ways to increase our revenues to lighten our tax burden. We must address problems like street, sidewalk and waterline repairs. Solid progress on the heritage center is also a concern.

Ways to Cut Costs?

To lower taxes, or at least slow down increases I would look to model communities for ideas. We can ask our citizens, "What would you be willing to give up?" Most important, is to find ways to increase revenue through new businesses.

Tell us about yourself.

I love this town and the people in it. I have lived here 28 years and my wife has lived here all her life. Our three children attend the grade school naturally leading Sue and I into coaching, Booster Club, HYC and PTA among other activities. I have served on the School Board for four years. I am a graduate of UTHS and am in middle management at Siver Steel.

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Thumbing Through 1852 Daybooks

By Rocky Nelson

The record books that were kept at the Brettun & Black's Store are almost complete from the start to the end and they are catalogued at Putnam Museum in Davenport. This is a never-ending pool of information and we have barely scratched the surface of it. A team of us went on two occasions to gather data about the store itself for restoration purposes. Another team went on another occasion to find information about the two rooms upstairs that were plastered and outfitted for habitation. We failed on that one, but still learned some interesting facts about the store and its stock.

If any of you readers are interested in doing this kind of research. Let's hear from you, even if you have no experience. We need all the help we can get. It is fascinating work but let me warn you, it is exhausting. Remember, these old records are handwritten, sometimes easier to read than other times but always requiring intense concentration. After a couple of hours you are as tired as if you were digging a ditch. But it is fun and very rewarding when you come up with something neat like when I found the receipt for the delivery of the elevator parts in 1849.

One part of the records can be described as the daybooks. These were ledgers in which was written a daily record of all the transactions that took place. Some reflect purchases, others reflect deliveries, including eggs, butter, poultry, and other items which came in often as a sort of barter for goods the farmer was purchasing. Black also had a pork packing business and a grain business and these transactions are recorded in the daybooks.

One of the most valuable records from the restoration standpoint is one for Monday, Oct 8, 1849. The store had opened that summer and winter was on the way. On that Monday, a steamer delivered what the daybook records as "store fixtures", among which was a "7-plate stove". We didn't know what that looked like but we found out and were able to secure one very similar to the original.

Along with the stove, other fixtures were 1 lard screw, 1 lard cleaner, 1 molasses gate, 1 counter scale, 1 platform scale, and 5 curtains. Except for the scales and curtains we don't know what the other items looked like. If anyone knows, please let us know. If you count the windows in the storeroom you get 5. What did they look like? salaratus (how many of you know what that was? I'll tell-salaratus is an old name for baking soda).

We could go on and on. It gives great insight into what life was like in the mid-19th century. There is an invoice in the records dated 28

July 1852. Black purchased from Blanchard, Converse, & Co of That same day a fellow named Charles House brought in and sold 25 3/4 lbs. butter, 5 turkeys, and 18 hides, partly dried. These items would be sold in the store.

The names in the books are almost like a census of who lived in this area. Remember, this was the biggest store in this area at that time and people came from far away when serious shopping was to be done. You will rarely find a woman's name, maybe now and then, a widow. Shopping was business and in those days the men did the business. I suspect the women were usually present when quantities of material for clothes were purchased. One entry on August 10, 1849 is Ira Wells and in parenthesis "daughter". Perhaps she made the transaction but they couldn't bring themselves to write her name. The purchase was 3 yds. of fine shirting, cost: \$.88.

Even postage for letters was recorded. We find Maverick Wright paid \$10 and Roswell H. Spencer paid \$.05 the same day as the above transaction.

On October 23, 1849, Ziba (?) Nolt brought in 87 sacks of winter wheat, 83 sacks Hinjan (?) wheat, and 32 sacks of barley. For this he was paid \$325.20. This grain would be stored on the second floor. To compare the money of those days with today, simply multiply by 50 to get an estimate. Therefore this transaction would be roughly \$1500 today.

Speaking of money, most of the retail trade was on paper. Long-standing accounts were the rule. Often times a person would pay someone for a service or an item by giving them a check-like piece of paper which said: Mr. Black, pay to (name) (an amount) and charge to my account. Thus Black's Store served as a bank. The record folders at Putnam overflow with these little sheets.

Black's pork business amounted to several hundred thousand dollars a year (in modern money). On December 10, 1849 William Raymond brought in 10 hogs. They would have already been butchered. They didn't deal in squealing porkers. 4 were over 200 lbs. and Raymond received \$21.08; 6 were under 200 lbs. and were \$22.92. Different rates for different weights. These would have been stored in the basement for shipment up and down the river when the river opened in the spring. Do you see now why Black had an elevator built in the store?

One page we copied because it seemed fun. December 24, 1849, Christmas Eve. It was a busy day. Some of the transactions were: E F Arcularius brought in 5 hogs (\$29.50, all big ones), Harrison Ballard

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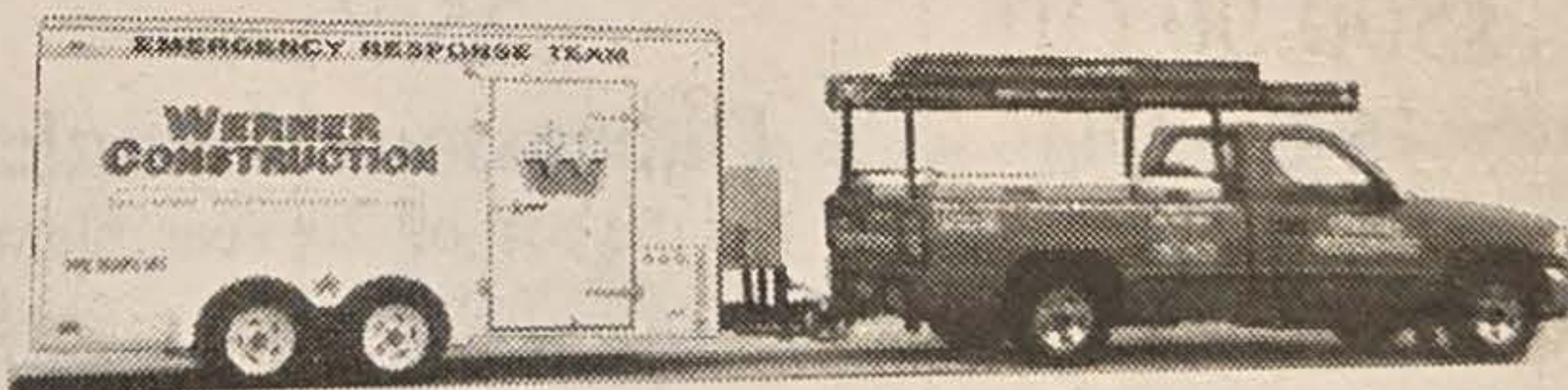
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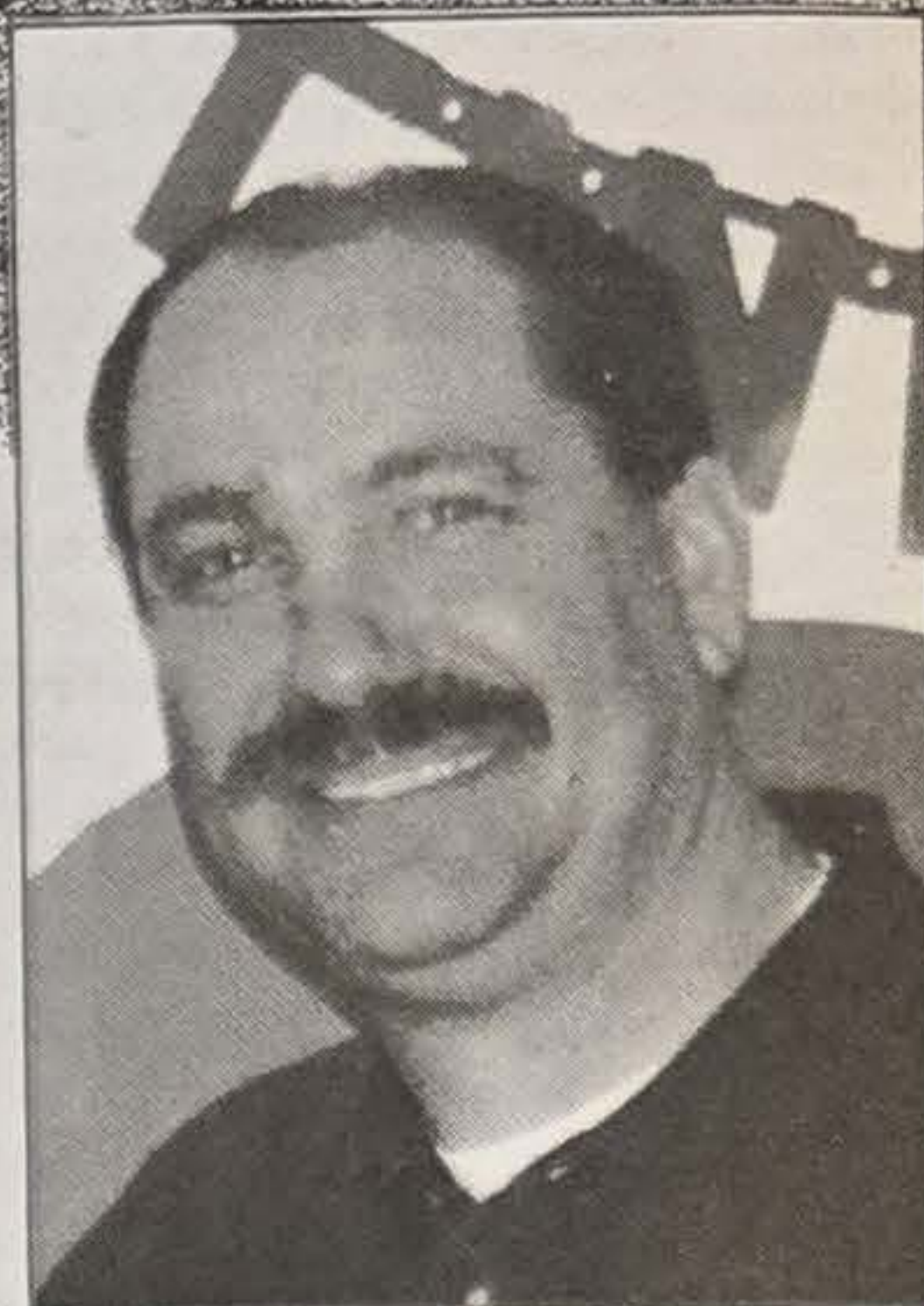
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Jammin' With Jane

By Jane Nelson

March is here and for me it has three anniversaries; March 4 is Martha and Mike Halston; March 15 is Merlin and Fern and the longest one is March 18 Melinda and Myron. If any of you have ideas for gifts to send let me know. I hope the snow will have melted and we will see the green grass again. We still have brown leaves on our Norway maple so we will probably have to rake before we mow. I do have a really great pie for March. It is from one of my high school classmates from Colona. Her name is Bernadine McGee. It is a really simple recipe for:

KEY LIME PIE

1-14 oz can condensed sweet milk

¼ to 1/2 c lime juice (2 limes)

a few drops green food coloring

Mix together. Then fold in 8 oz of low fat whipped topping. Pour into a prepared graham cracker crumb crust. Refrigerate 4 to 5 hours or overnight. You may like to rename this Shamrock Pie or St Patrick's Day Pie.

Bernie brought this to the soup luncheon we had in January. She left several pieces in exchange for some soup. I took two over to my Mom and she said it was delicious. Then I called Bernie for the recipe and she was very willing to give it to me.

Last week my boss at Sylvan, Chris Chuich, wanted a Strudel recipe. I looked up several. One very complicated in The New York Times Cookbook. I also had Rock look on the Internet. He found 6,000 sites and printed out about 5. The one that sounded the best was one from a little booklet titled "Olde Family Favorites Cookbook" printed by Favorite Recipes Press, a division of Great American Opportunities, 1983, P.O. Box 77 Nashville TN 37202.

APRICOT JAM STRUDEL

½ lb butter

2 c flour

1/2t salt

1 c sour cream (fat free can be used)

1 ½ c apricot jam

½ c white raisins

1 c shredded coconut

2/3 c chopped walnuts

Powdered sugar

Combine butter, flour and salt in a bowl and mix with a pastry blender. Stir in sour cream. Refrigerate over night. Bring to room temperature. Cut dough into thirds; roll each part to a 10 x 15-inch rectangle. Spread with 1/2-cup jam, raisins, coconut and walnuts. Roll as for jellyroll. Place on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hr or until golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes on a rack, sift with powdered sugar. You can cut them in 1-inch pieces.

I made a double batch because I had a lb. of butter. It made six rolls for six strudels. I used the 100 percent sugar free jam from Smuckers. I make one apricot, one strawberry, one blueberry, one blackberry, one 1/2 blueberry & 1/2 peach, one peach and one cream cheese with cinnamon and sugar. I only used chopped walnuts. They were all very good especially when still warm. I didn't cut them but put them on red plates and into bags. They were very fragile and you had to handle them with care. They don't have much sugar but a lot of fat, 1/6 lb. to a strudel. This was submitted to the cookbook by Jean McNeil Humphreys, Morgan town West Virginia. Rather a coincidence since I am Jane McNeal Nelson.

I promised you a couple dip recipes I didn't have last month. One is a variation of the Seven Layer Dip except you put it in a bowl and do it the night before. I also made this on a plate in the opposite order.

SEVEN-LAYER DIP

2 medium tomatoes seeded and diced (about 1 c)

2 small ripe avocados, pitted and peeled

¼ c chopped fresh cilantro

1 clove garlic, minced

1 T lime juice

2 c shredded Monterey jack cheese

1 can (16 oz) refried beans

½ c sour cream

¼ c sliced, pitted black olives

3-4 green onions, sliced (about ¼ c)

Assorted tortilla chips. Serves 6

1. Line a 1 quart bowl with plastic wrap, allowing at least a 6-inch overhang. Spoon tomatoes into bowl. To make the guacamole, in another medium bowl, mash avocados together with cilantro, garlic and lime juice.

2. Carefully spoon guacamole over tomatoes in an even layer. Sprinkle Monterey Jack cheese over guacamole, pressing down to form another layer.

3. Spread refried beans on top of cheese, smoothing surface and gently pressing down to form the top layer.

4. Fold excess plastic wrap over the refried beans, covering top of dip completely. Chill in refrigerator for 1-2 hours.

5. Remove bowl from refrigerator. Carefully unfold plastic wrap and gently ease the molded layers out of the bowl, inverting immediately onto a large serving plate.

6. Spoon sour cream over tomatoes. Top with black olives and sprinkle with green onions. Place chips around molded dip; serve immediately.

A couple of hints: Be sure to use the lime juice because it keeps the avocado from turning brown. If you place the cut tomatoes on a paper towel for about 5 minutes it will absorb the moisture. This is very pretty and looks very appetizing. Don't use too deep a bowl.

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Obituary

Doris Oltman

Services for Doris E. Oltman, 76, of 605 2nd Ave., Hampton, were held at Zion Lutheran Church, East Moline. Burial is in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, East Moline. Schroder Mortuary, Silvis was in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the church.

Mrs. Oltman died Monday, February 26, 2001, at Trinity Medical Center, West Campus, Rock Island.

She was born September 11, 1924, in Bureau, Illinois, the daughter of Sam and Nina Butters Grogg. She married Herbert Oltman November 9, 1946, in East Moline. She was a homemaker.

Doris had been a 55-year member of Zion Lutheran Church and was president of the Mission Bells at church. She and her husband were among the founders of the Hampton Historical Society. She enjoyed cooking for her family and being with them. She also enjoyed traveling, gardening and needlework.

Survivors include, her husband, Herbert; daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Jack Wheeler, Moline, and Julie and Kent Denison, Parkview, Iowa; sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Sue Oltman, Port Byron, and Joel and Anna Oltman, Geneseo; nine grandchildren, Joey and Kathleen Oltman, Matthew and Elizabeth Oltman, Jeffery Wheeler, Cory, Kasey, Bethany and Kyle Denison; and a brother, Sam Grogg, Los Angeles California. She was preceded in death by a brother, Norman Grogg.



Little Eskimos

The preschoolers at Little Lambs Preschool did a few hands on activities to experience Arctic life. They participated in alphabet ice fishing and conducted other water and ice experiments. They also constructed an igloo, using about (250) one-gallon milk jugs. For information about registration for the fall school year, please contact Little Lambs Preschool, 17628 Hubbard Road, East Moline, IL at (309) 496-3512; you may also call Zion Lutheran Church at (309) 496-2186.

Hampton Fire Auxiliary

Officers, for the Hampton Fire and Rescue Aux., were elected at the Feb. 22nd meeting.

President – Shirley Bideaux
V. President – Hattie Gillespie
Treasurer – Sandy Carmack
Secretary – Sandy Ainslie

Our "Spring Bunco" will be Wed. April 18th. Eat at 6:00 - Play at 7:00. Ticket price \$6.00 advance sale. \$7.00 at the door. Raffles, Door Prizes, food and fun. Join us that evening at the Hampton Fire Station. Proceeds benefit the fire department. Raffle donations will be greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be March 22nd, at 7:00 in the Hampton Fire Station. New members are needed. Please visit us.

Tickets are available from members call: Hattie Gillespie – 755-8053 or Shirley Bideaux - 755-7351.

Griffiths' Western Auto Ready with Parts, Maintenance and Repairs

By Randy Baldridge

Just five minutes from Hampton, Griffiths' Western Auto in Rapids City is an excellent business to get needed repairs, parts or maintenance products for your car or truck. A family owned operation, Larry and Pat Griffith have been at the Rapids City location for 17 years. Son John and his wife Pam are also part of the picture. Three certified mechanics are available supported by state of the art diagnostic equipment. John is a certified ASE Parts Specialist, which means he knows what he is talking about.

John mentioned that their business has been very strong, but new customers are always wanted. In an era of giant impersonal service corporations it is comforting to deal with someone who knows your name and who has dealt with you for years, and even knows your vehicle! John also mentioned that potential customers "down river" tend to make a much longer drive into town for parts when they could get to Griffiths' in minutes. We assured him that advertising in the Hampton Towne Crier would change all of that.

In addition to thousands of parts and exterior maintenance products, Griffiths' is a distributor for Craftsman's Tools. Open 8:00AM to 6:00PM Monday through Friday, and 8:00AM to 5:00PM on Saturday, they are located at 1212 2nd Avenue (Route 84) Rapids City, Phone 496-2200.

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bought 2 toys \$.30 and 1 mug \$.25; John Mahoney, 1 pair wool socks (cold weather, you know) \$.58; Cyrus D Perteneame, toys and raisins \$.84 and 2 oz cloves (for Christmas cooking?). S L Brettun, even though co-owner, bought 1 toy stand, 1 toy rattle, 1 mental arithmetic (last minute Christmas gifts?) No prices recorded, I'll bet he didn't pay. John Skinner bought 3 1/2 lbs. sugar, \$.25; 2 lb. coffee, \$.25, and 1 lb. Boston, Mass, \$1799.41 in dry goods, mostly material. The list goes on for 2 long pages, front and back, handwritten, closely spaced and includes every variety of cloth you ever heard of and, I venture to guess, many of which you haven't heard. Gloves are the only ready made item on the list. There was no railroad to here in 1852, so most likely, this was sent from Boston by ocean going ship, and transferred to steam boat at New Orleans. Life required great patience in those days.

Stop in this summer and we'll show you some of the papers we have.

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(Tennessee Outreach Project)

Martha Leader: Chile

Blaine McCoy: Chile

State of the Village

By Scott Newberg

The following describes projects our citizens have said they wanted done and the progress we have made on them.

At a recent public hearing, residents present stated they wanted to see the restaurant property cleaned up. Finish the marina project, signage and beautification of the entrances into the village and a community center. I can say with pride, all of these are either finished or underway. Let's quickly review. Legal efforts are underway with the owners of the old restaurant property. We wish to see the site cleaned up and, possibly, a new restaurant on the site. Legal proceedings are also underway to demolish an old residence on Third Avenue. The marina will be completed this year and we hope new condos will be constructed which will add considerably to Hampton's tax base.

The Heritage Center is a focal point of a fund raising campaign. We have reached a goal which enables construction of the facility. Fund raising is devoted at the present time to build a driveway, parking lot and other external amenities. To this end we look toward major corporations for further financial support. We are developing "in kind" donation to complete the project without using Village funds, although we did pledge some TIF 1 funds in the initial planning stage. Much of this lies in our ability to lobby for Hampton with our State legislators. This includes a grant of \$300,000 from the Illinois First program, one of the largest awards of its kind given in the state.

The Great River Trail will be completed in the Illiniwek Forest Preserve this year. We look forward to seeing the entire trail to Savanna finished. I am happy to say 90% of the funding for this greenway is with the aid of federal and state resources. We are the beneficiaries of a great tourist attraction which in turn will help support our community. Add to this, Highway 84 (Great River Road) is now a federally designated National Scenic Byway.

Our New water tower goes "on line" at the end of March. This project will deliver a needed increase in water pressure for residents on the hill. It is important to note our Police and Volunteer Fire Departments continue to upgrade equipment and skills to provide residents with the highest level of services possible. These departments deserve our heartfelt thanks and support.

We maintain a contract with Rapids City to provide Police protection. It helps us reduce our costs and provides Rapids City with quality protection. Bid requests have been asked for resurfacing First Avenue from about 8th Street to the marina bridge. We have waited for this construction to avoid the new surface being torn up by heavy construction equipment. I apologize to residents in that part of town. It has been a long wait, which we regret. Thank you for your understanding. This project will be 100% funded by TIP 1 funds. Our Motor Fuel Tax money will be used to repair other streets in the Village. (Winter was not kind to any of our streets.)

We have a good Board, a sound Village Administration and superior departments. All of us are constantly in search of means by which services can be heightened without incurring additional expense. In my almost three decades of service to Hampton, we have always remained "in the black". We have no need to call for referendums for tax increases. Needless to say, any large tax increase does not help in getting new home construction. We must remain competitive with our neighboring communities. The more new home we have, the more we expand our tax base. A large tax base means reduced tax assessments.

To this end, I want more aggressive annexation of property through Cedar Brook and Evergreen Village. We cannot be surrounded by East Moline with nowhere to go. Small towns must be progressive to survive. There is no substitute for the experience of civic involvement. My 27 years on the Village Board has seen great strides in our town. I dedicate myself to four more years of community progress and accomplishment.

School Board Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Hampton School Board was called to order at 6:36 p.m. on January 8th, 2001 by President Dave Wright.

Attendees: Randy Baldrige, Joe Jordan, Janet Newlon, Monty Norin, Cliff Perry and Dave Wright. Fred Husman arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Visitors: Jennifer O'Hare-Marker and Mark Bressler.

Joe Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11th with a correction made to page three section B under New Business. Janet Newlon seconded the motion, and by voice vote all agreed, passed 6-0.

Janet Newlon made a motion to pay the bills. Joe Jordan seconded the motion, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Norin-yes, Perry-yes, Jordan-yes, Newlon-yes and Wright-yes, passed 6-0.

What's Happening in School: Dr. Paquette stated that Hampton School has been chosen to participate in a quality assurance process. A regional team will come and evaluate the school ensuring that the school is following state expectations. Dr. Paquette challenged the students and teachers with a new program called "Start Something". The next Rural/Small Schools Conference will be held on July 15-18th, 2001, at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The school enjoyed a great assembly on "The World of Robots." The assembly was arranged by Mary Boster and the School Improvement Team.

Building & Grounds: There was some vandalism done to window screens on Friday evening, January 5th, 2001. The police are investigating this incident. Unfinished business:

A. Discuss the After School Program: Dr. Paquette stated a survey had been sent home recently and it indicated that people were not interested in an After School Program at this time. After some discussion the board decided to have Dr. Paquette ask teachers to make recommendations to parents during conferences of students that might

want to attend this program.

B. Set date for Second School Board meeting in the month: After some discussion Fred Husman made a motion to hold a special meeting on Monday January 29th, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and ending no later than 8:30 p.m. Joe Jordan seconded the motion, by voice vote the motion passed 6-1.

C. Appoint Board members to Cost Reduction Committee: President Dave Wright appointed Cliff Perry as Chairman of this committee and Monty Norin will also join this committee along with President Wright.

D. Discuss "Confidentiality" of Executive Session: President Wright stated that all board members needed to be aware that everything said in Executive Session is confidential and not to be discussed with anyone. This is stated in the policy book.

E. Board Self-Evaluation: President Wright will contact Doug Blair and set up a new date for the Board Self-Evaluation.

New Business:

A. Walk through and review of the building: Dr. Paquette requested that the board reschedule the walk through until the next meeting. He then asked the board to go into Executive Session to discuss a student matter. Joe Jordan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Cliff Perry seconded the motion and by voice vote all agreed, passed 7-0. The board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m. with no action to be taken.

B. Authorize Superintendent to sign Certificate of Status of Exempt Property: Randy Baldrige made a motion to have the Superintendent sign the Certificate. Cliff Perry seconded the motion and by voice vote all agreed, passed 7-0.

C. Review 3rd Quarter Superintendent's Goals Report: Dr. Paquette went over his goals that had been set by the board and himself. They include Student Performance Goal, Academic Goal and Communication Goal. These goals were discussed and questions were answered.

D. Pass out Superintendent's Evaluation forms: President Wright passed out the evaluation forms and asked that they be returned to him by February 1st, 2001. He will compile the data and set up an evaluation meeting for Dr. Paquette. Joe Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Janet Newlon seconded the motion and by voice vote all agreed.

Special School Board Meeting

Monday January 29th, 2001

The Special Board Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on Monday January 29th, 2001, by President Dave Wright.

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

Visitors: Georgia Baldrige, Nicole Begeske, Jorge Esparza, Midori Hoshi, Rene Noppe, Jenni Shaffer and Amy Wright.

President Wright welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone wanted to address the board. Jenni Shaffer, 8th Grade Class Vice President, informed the board the 8th grade class was planning a Valentine Dance and they would like the board's approval. After discussing the details Janet Newlon made a motion to allow the 8th grade class to hold a Valentine Dance on Friday, February 16th, from 6:00 -9:00 p.m. Fifth grade students are invited to attend this dance as per request of the 8th grade. Cliff Perry seconded the motion and by voice vote all agreed.

President Wright then presented Midori Hoshi with a plaque and small gift from the Hampton School Board in recognition and thanks for all her good work and efforts with our children and introducing them to the Japanese culture.

Georgia Baldrige thanked the school for having Midori come and allowing the Baldrige family to be Midori's host family. The board in turn thanked the Baldrige's for being a great host family for Miss Hoshi.

Dr. Paquette then introduced Mr. Rene Noppe, Superintendent of Silvis School. Mr. Noppe is writing his Doctoral Dissertation on Perceptions on Consolidation and Perceptions of School Board Members regarding Consolidations. Mr. Noppe discussed his plans regarding this subject and he answered questions from the Board. Mr. Noppe asked all board members from the five feeder schools to complete the survey and permission slips. He hopes to have all survey returned within ten days and he hopes to have his information completed by May. He will share his findings with all the School Boards. Mr. Noppe thanked the Board for their cooperation with this project. Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: The Board did a school walk through.

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The committee stated that they did not see any major problems that needed to be done, although they are concerned about snow removal on the playground. They will check with the custodians regarding the summer painting schedule. It was noted that the school did receive the School Maintenance Grant.

Finance: It was noted that Mr. Baldrige, Mr. Husman and Mr. Jordan attended a workshop sponsored by Franczek & Sullivan recently. They received many good ideas from the different programs offered. The expense of Health Benefits was discussed and one suggestion was for schools to consider pooling together to get a reduced rate.

Negotiations: It was noted the IFT has withdrawn their grievance. Steps are being taken by the teachers regarding making and collecting ideas from each teacher regarding the State Mandated Recertification Plan.

Personnel: Cliff Perry suggested that the Superintendent's evaluation form be changed. Also the Athletic Director has requested a list of the duties she is expected to do.

Planning: The committee will begin making arrangements for the Board Retreat and summer meeting schedule.

Policy: Mr. Baldrige stated that at the Franczek & Sullivan workshop it was noted that a medical emergency plan should be in place for each child who has a special health problem.

Public Relations: Mr. Baldrige reported that the Hawk Talk will be out this week. Monty Norin made a motion to pay the bill of \$53.14 to Mr. Baldrige for the plaque and present given to Midori. Janet Newlon seconded the motion, roll call vote: Baldrige-abstain, Jordan-yes, Petty-yes, Newlon-yes, Norin-yes, Wright-yes, passed 5 and 1 abstention. Mr. Baldrige made a motion to proclaim Thursday, February 8th, 2001, Midori Hoshi day. Janet Newlon seconded and by voice vote all agreed, passed 6-0.

Special Committee: DLT: Mrs. Newlon stated that the DLT are currently working on recommending a school calendar. It was noted that an after school program for CCC is in the works. The DLT will be discussing gym usage, mentoring program, identification tags and buses being used to transport students to athletic events at their next meeting.

Cost Cutting Committee: Mr. Perry noted that he has been working on ways to cut costs such as checking with custodians regarding cutting down on cleaning supplies, and other cost cutting measures. (Note correction page 3 from Feb. 12/01 meeting).

Hampton School Board

Minutes Regular Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Hampton School Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on February 12th, 2001 by President Dave Wright. Attendees: Joe Jordan, Janet Newlon, Monty Norin, Cliff Perry and Dave Wright. Randy Baldrige and Fred Husman arrived at 6:35 p.m. Visitors: None

Joe Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8th, Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session and to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 29th with a correction made to page two under Committee Reports. The correction reads as follows: Cost Cutting Committee: Mr. Perry noted that he has been working on ways to cut costs such as checking with custodians regarding cutting down on cleaning supplies, cutting travel to conferences, perhaps eliminating the Circa 21 trip, canceling the cell phone if it is not being used, and not paying dues to organizations not required by state law. Janet Newlon seconded the motion and by voice vote all agreed, passed 5-0.

Joe Jordan made a motion to pay the bills. After some discussion Cliff-Perry seconded the motion, roll call vote: Baldrige-yes, Husman-yes, Newlon-yes, Norin-yes, Perry-yes, Jordan-yes, and Wright-yes, passed 7-0.

The Board then took a walk to check on the leak in the gym roof and also the leak in the Boiler Room.

What's Happening in School?

Dr. Paquette stated that Rob Sweetgall from the Walking Fitness program wrote a nice letter to the school congratulating the Hampton School on their walking program. Dr. Paquette told the Board that **Lee Hansemann had received the Gladys Ryherd Award** given by the Hampton Youth Committee. Dr. Paquette stated that there were 32 students who made **honor roll** this last semester; that is ten more than last year at this time. The PTA and River Cities Rotary Club have

both donated money for the students to go on a ski trip to Snowstar as a reward for their hard work and effort. **Mrs. Diane Stock has been picked to speak at the Illinois Council of Mathematics Teachers, which will take place next October.**

President Wright then asked the Board Members if anyone had anything to report from their committees.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: Monty Norin stated that he will be meeting with Dr. Paquette this week to go over the summer work schedule for the custodians. President Wright stated that Committee Reports will be given at the second meeting of each month.

Unfinished Business:

A. Discuss the After School Program & New CCC Program: Dr. Paquette stated that 20 students are enrolled at present in the CCC Program without any additional costs. After March 2nd the program will be reviewed to see if other students can attend. Dr. Paquette also stated that progress reports went home on February 9th, and some letter were sent home regarding the retention policy of the Board.

B. Set date for Second School Board meeting in the month: After some discussion it was decided the second board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2001. The Superintendent's Evaluation will also be done at the February 22nd meeting.

C. "Bully Proofing our School" - A program for 8 Grade: Dr. Paquette stated that the first of these programs was held on Thursday, February 8th. He also stated that there has been a problem with some of the 8th grade girls. He is working towards getting this problem resolved and Dr. Paquette stated that he may hold a meeting with the students involved and their parents to go over what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior in school. Dr. Paquette also stated that other schools have programs where students can learn character building and earn rewards for good behavior.

New Business:

A. Adopt Substitute Pay Rate - 2001 - 2002: Fred Husman made a motion to accept the Substitute Pay rate of \$80.00 per day for the 2001 - 2002 school year. This motion did not receive a second, however the Board decided to table this until the March meeting.

B. MidAmerican Energy Corporation - Cancellation Notice: Dr. Paquette informed the board that he just received a letter from MidAmerican Energy canceling the Electric Service Savings Agreement between MidAmerican and Hampton School.

C. Approve Leave of Absence Without Pay: After discussion Randy Baldrige made a motion to grant Mr. Gipson his request to take May 25th off without pay, but to waiver Mr. Gipson's offer to pay a Substitute Teacher and this motion will be based on a case to case request. Cliff Perry seconded the motion, roll call vote: Husman-yes, Jordan-yes, Newlon-yes, Norin-yes, Perry-yes, Baldrige-yes, Wright-yes, passed 7-0.

D. Appoint Gorenz and Associates, LTD as auditors for FY 2001 for a fee not to exceed \$3,995.00. Randy Baldrige made a motion to appoint Gorenz and Associates, LTD as auditors for the 2001 - 2002 School year at the fee not to exceed \$3,995.00. Fred Husman seconded the motion, roll call vote: Jordan-yes, Newlon-yes, Norin-yes, Perry-yes, Husman-yes, Baldrige-yes, Wright-yes, passed 7-0.

Joe Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Monty Norin seconded and by voice vote all agreed, passed 7-0.

Village Board

Committee of the Whole-Jan.8, 2001

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

Director of Public Works, Dean Sparrow reported the repairs to the sewer connection at 9th Street and First Avenue for Safe Harbor Marina were supposed to start today, but didn't. Sparrow was directed to get a price from All Action Plumbing, Silvis for the repairs. DPW Sparrow reported on a water main break at 1st Street and 2nd Avenue that was repaired on Sunday, January 7, 2001. The main is bent in that location and may have to be replaced if the repair does not hold.

Trustee Johnson asked Clerk Toalson if he has had any success finding another vendor for a water billing program. Clerk Toalson reported no luck and discussed with the Board the possibilities of upgrading the current computer, and purchasing another. After discussion, Clerk Toalson was directed to obtain prices for the upgrade and a new computer. Trustee Johnson presented pay requests # 5 & 6 for the water tower from Caldwell Tanks. Discussed holding back payment for the painting until the lettering issue is resolved. Trustee Johnson stated there is already a 5% retainage on all pay requests. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Village Board

Regular meeting-Dec. 27, 2000

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

Gallery: There was no one present in the gallery to address the Board of Trustees.

The Omnibus Agenda was presented for approval. Items on the agenda were: A. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 4, 2000. B. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2000. C. Approval and Authorization for Payment of Bills. D. An Ordinance Providing for Election of Officers of the Department Foreign Fire Insurance Board. E. An Ordinance in Connection with Rights and Responsibilities Related to the Locally Imposed and Administered Taxes of the Village of Hampton, Illinois. F. Approval of Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending October 2000. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Jeanne McKay to approve and pass the items on the Omnibus Agenda. Roll call vote as follows: Johnson, Jeanne McKay, Norin, Garrison, and Sean McKay; "Aye". Trustee Carmack absent. Motion carried.

The variance request from Mr. John Shannon, 242 South State Avenue, was presented for consideration and approval. Mr. Shannon was not present. Clerk Tolson explained that Mr. Shannon has subdivided his lot, creating two lots, where his residence is so he can build a commercial building for a business. The variance requested is for relief from the requirement that each lot must abut a public street. The lot that was subdivided did not abut a public street. There is an easement from Route 84 on the lot where Traveler's Mart is located to allow Mr. Shannon access to his lot. Mr. Shannon would not be able to meet the requirement in the subdivision ordinance, since his lot does not meet the requirement now. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson to grant a variance to Mr. Shannon for relief from the requirement that each lot must abut a public street. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Tolson will send a letter to Mr. Shannon and Mr. Gary Clapp, Building Inspector.

Mayor Newberg submitted an End of Year Report to the Village Board. A copy of the report is attached to, and made a part of, these minutes.

Mr. Dan Solchenberger, Ament, Inc. reported on MFT paperwork that needs to be submitted to IDOT for road maintenance for 2001. He recommends that the Village should at least request 200 tons of salt at this time. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to submit a resolution to IDOT for the year 2001 maintenance program for 200 tons of salt. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Solchenberger reported that if the Village wants to finance part of the 1st Avenue repaving project with MFT funds, it will have to be bid and built according to IDOT specifications, mainly curb and gutter, which will increase the cost substantially. Mayor Newberg asked if the engineering for the water tower that was paid prior to approval for the EPA loan was ever paid back. Treasurer Lage will check on that. The Trustee Norin called a Finance and Street Committee meeting to discuss financing options on Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Administration, Insurance and Code Enforcement Committee: The sanitary sewer connection at the manhole on First Avenue and 9th Street is still leaking and has not been repaired. Motion by Trustee Sean McKay, second by Trustee Garrison directing Attorney Lee to look into any legal options the Village may have to force Heartland Development to make the necessary repairs to the sanitary sewer connection at 9th Street and First Avenue. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Trustee Sean McKay asked when a Heritage Action Committee meeting will be held. Mayor Newberg reported that one will be held shortly after the holidays.

Public Safety Committee: The new payroll schedule plan submitted by Fire/Rescue Chief Kevin Irby was discussed in the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson to implement the payroll schedule for the Fire Rescue Department effective January 1, 2001. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Newberg reported on a phone conversation he had with the East Moline Postmaster regarding snow around mail boxes. The Postmaster stated to Mayor Newberg per postal regulations, if the postal delivery person cannot reach a mailbox from their vehicle, they will not leave the mail at that address. Dean Sparrow has been working on clearing snow from mail boxes as time permits, however, residents need to take on some responsibility also.

Parks and Recreation Committee: No report.

Streets and Alleys Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: Trustee Norin reported she has reviewed the monthly statements of all Village bank accounts and they all balance. Mayor Newberg reported that we have received an anonymous donation of \$7,000.00 for the Heritage Center with a challenge from the donor for someone else to match the donation. Trustee Garrison stated that the forfeiture and seizure, and the DUI Equipment funds for the Police Department does not show on the Treasurer's Report. These funds are to be accounted for separately according to Illinois Statutes. Treasurer Lage stated the fund activity appears in the revenue and disbursement reports.

Public Works Committee: Mr. Dan Solchenberger, Ament, Inc. reported on prices for new check valves for the pump house upgrade for the new water tower. The original valves were planned to be used, but are now considered inadequate. The valves need to be replaced with the upgrade to the pumps. Mr. Solchenberger presented two cost estimates, one with hydraulic operated valves and another with air operated valves. Mr. Solchenberger recommends the air operated valves. Discussion on holding costs within the budget. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Sean McKay to approve Change Order #2 for the replacement of the check valves with air operated valves at a cost not to exceed \$17,030.40. Roll call vote as follows: Johnson, Sean McKay, Garrison, Norin, and Jeanne McKay; "Aye". Trustee Carmack absent. Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Jeanne McKay to adjourn until the next Regular Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

March 10, 2001-Happy 14th Birthday, Heather Baldrige

Village Board

Regular Meeting-Jan.8, 2001

Meeting called to order by Village President Scott Newberg. Trustees present: Sean McKay, Janet Norin, Glynn Johnson and Jeanne McKay. Trustees Jim Garrison and Sandra Carmack were absent. No visitors.

The Omnibus Agenda was presented for approval. Items on the agenda were: A. Approval of Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting Dec. 5, 2000, B. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Dec. 27, 2000, C. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting Dec. 27, 2000, and D. Approval and Authorization for Payment of Bills. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Jeanne McKay to accept and approve the items on the Omnibus Agenda. Roll call vote as follows: Johnson, Jeanne McKay, Norin and Sean McKay; "Aye". Trustees Garrison and Carmack were absent. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: Trustee Norin noted the Treasurer's Report for the month ending Nov. 2000 was presented. Motion by Trustee Norin, second by Trustee Johnson to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending Nov., 2000. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Trustee Norin noted the Fire/Rescue Department is doing an excellent job keeping a path in the snow to the fire hydrants open.

Public Works Committee: Pay request #5 from Caldwell Tanks in the amount of \$60,291.83 was presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Jeanne McKay to approve pay request #5 from Caldwell Tanks in the amount of \$60,291.83. Roll call vote as follows: Johnson, Jeanne McKay, Norin, and Sean McKay; "Aye". Trustees Garrison and Carmack absent. Motion carried. Pay request #6 from Caldwell Tanks in the amount of \$20,542.80 was presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Jeanne McKay to approve pay request #6 from Caldwell Tanks in the amount of \$20,542.80. Roll call vote as follows: Johnson, Jeanne McKay, and Norin; "Aye". Sean McKay; "Nay". Trustees Garrison and Carmack absent. Motion carried. The new tower will not be on-line until this Spring.

Mayor Newberg reported he was in Springfield today. He checked with Senator Jacobs about the status of the \$300,000.00 for the Heritage Center and reported the paperwork has been sent back to DCCA. We should be receiving the check soon. Also, Senator Jacobs is working on getting our reimbursement for the bike path released. The Great River Trail will be completed through Illiniwek Park this summer.

Fire Rescue Chief Kevin Irby explained proposed Ordinance changes discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting on December 5, 2000. The proposed change to Section 4.2.6 was discussed that would allow out of district members to be fire fighters or medics. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by trustee Norin to approve the proposed change to Section 4.2.6 (D). Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The next change discussed puts a cap on training costs that will be reimbursed and the level of training that the Village will reimburse. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Jeanne McKay to approve the changes to section 4.2.7, Training. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Discussion held on which fire code was adopted. The Uniform Fire Code was adopted by motion, but it needs to be adopted by Ordinance. Attorney Lee will review. All other references to the National Fire Code should be removed from the Code of Ordinances. Chief Irby reported he will be going to Arson School in Champaign, IL the last two weeks of March.

Mayor Newberg reported that Attorney Lee is checking on the progress of the proposed new restaurant. Mayor Newberg also reported that the heritage Action Committee will meet on January 18, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

A Great Big Thank You to many volunteers for this issue. Judy Fox spent at least 12 hours typing and scanning. Jonna and John helped with typing. Carol and Sarah Nutt helped with layout. The April issue is already underway so if you have news for it, we need it now. Thanks, Mickey

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Dear Porters,

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Thank you for giving us five pizzas. They were good. We had 1800 points. The seventh grade was winning, but we beat them fair and square. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Timothy McCannon

Dear Porters,

Thank you for making the pizzas and giving us 5 free pizzas. I am a 6th grader. We ate all but one slice of pizza. All of us got many spelling points to get them. We beat the 7th and 8th graders. Thank you!!

Sincerely, D.J. Covemaker

Dear Porters,

Last quarter our sixth grade class had a pizza party. Your pizzas are very good. We enjoyed them a lot. I just want to thank you for the five free pizzas you gave us. I like the pepperoni the best. Thank you. Bye.

Hampton school student,

Kayla Farron

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