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Spring Really Will Come and When it Does.....

You'll want to Remember Your Severe Weather Safety Rules

Ok, so you've lived in the Midwest all of your life, and you know these rules and advisories...It still doesn't hurt to be reminded each year. When a Tornado Watch is issued: Move cars inside a garage or carport, if possible, to avoid damage from hail that often accompanies severe storms. ** Move lawn furniture and yard equipment inside if time permits. Otherwise, they could become damaged or act as dangerous projectiles, causing serious injury or damage. If you're at home, keep your radio or TV tuned to weather reports and account for family members. ** Above all, be alert for changing weather- that's what a WATCH is all about. Tornadoes often - but not always - occur in conjunction with a severe thunderstorm producing hail. If you have any indication that a tornado may be approaching, take cover immediately. Do not wait for a Tornado Warning to be Issued. This means that a tornado has actually been sighted. Realize that tornadoes can be deadly and devastating storms, with winds up to 260 miles per hour.

IF A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED FOR YOUR AREA SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY !!

Don't wait until an emergency siren sounds to start grabbing supplies and thinking about what you should do. ** Plan ahead when it comes to tornadoes. Take responsibility for your own safety.

Some Lightning Facts

The air in a lightning strike is heated to 50,000 degrees F. It is this rapid heating of the air that produces the shock wave that results in thunder. *** A ground stroke can produce somewhere between 100 million to a 1 billion volts of electricity. *** The average peak current in a cloud-to-ground lightning stroke is 100,000 amperes. *** The estimated diameter of a lightning channel is about 1 inch. *** The length of an average cloud-to-ground channel can range from 2 to 10 miles. *** You can tell how far away a lightning stroke is by counting the seconds between seeing the lightning flash and hearing the thunder. Five (5) seconds approximates one (1) mile of distance. *** If you see a flash and instantly hear the thunder, the lightning stroke was very close. Take shelter immediately. (www.noaa.gov)

Severe thunderstorm safety rules...The National Weather Service issues a SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH to give you advance notice that severe thunderstorms are possible in your area. This gives you time to make preliminary plans for moving to a safe location if a severe thunderstorm warning is issued.

The SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING is an urgent announcement that a severe thunderstorm has been reported or is imminent and warns you to take cover. The strong wind gusts of severe thunderstorms can damage buildings, knock down trees, and create a hazard due to wind-blown debris:

Seek shelter but avoid trees as these are targets for lightning. * If indoors, stay away from windows and go to the safest location on the lowest level of your home. * When boating, always stay tuned to the latest weather reports and return to safe harbor before the strong winds arrive. * Mobile homes are especially vulnerable to the high winds of a thunderstorm and are subject to overturning and rolling if not properly anchored to the ground. Professional advice should be

obtained from a reputable mobile home contractor. As a minimum, though, the frame should be secured with heavy steel straps. Heavy straps should also go over the top of the home with both frame and over the top ties secured in concrete footings.

What you can do before a storm strikes...

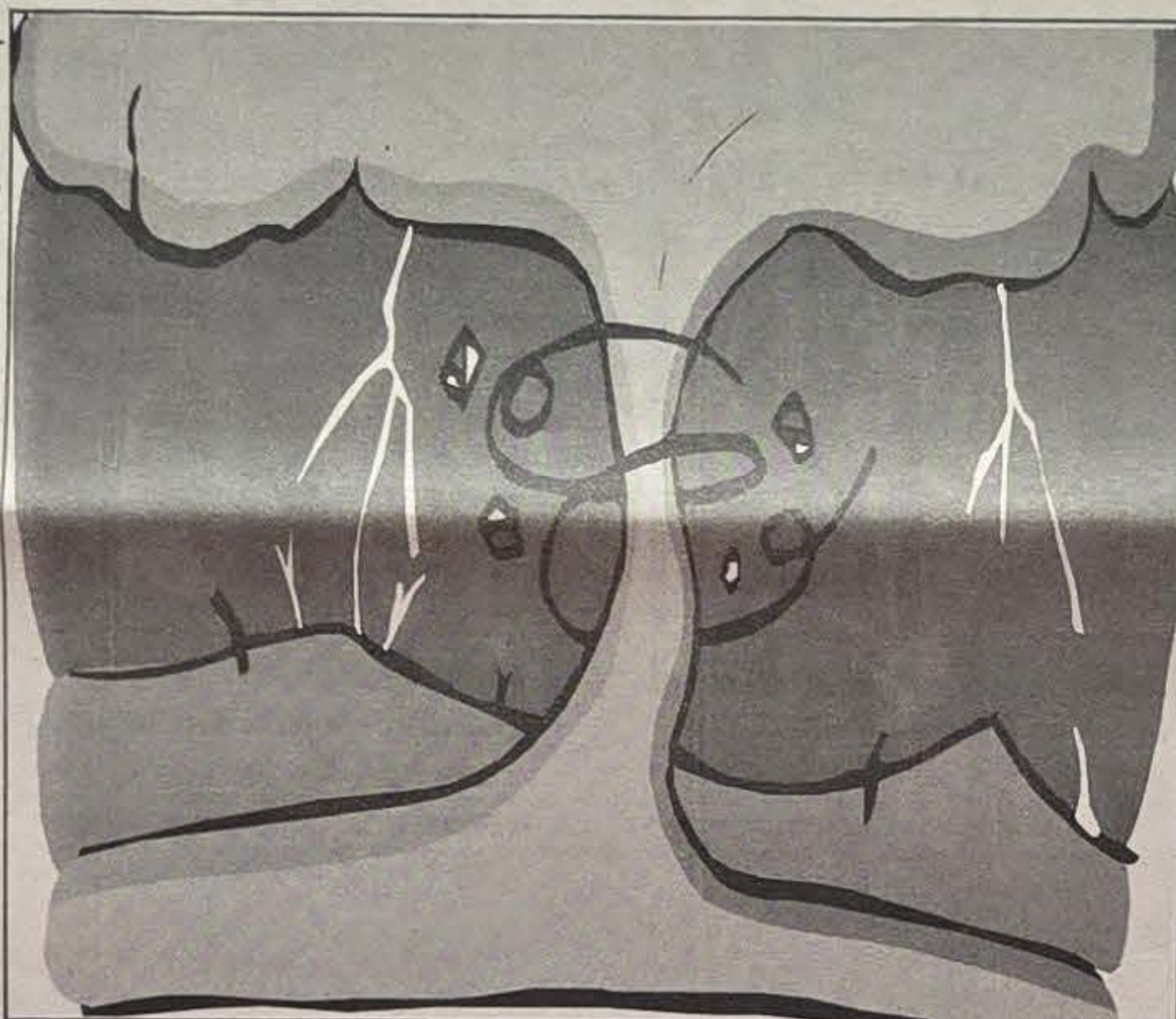
Know the county you live in and the names of the major nearby cities or towns. Severe weather warnings and statements are issued by county and reference major cities. * Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended periods outdoors. * Watch for signs of approaching storms. * If a storm is approaching, keep a NOAA Weather

Radio and/or am/fm radio with you. * Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent. This is your best way to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation. * Check on those who have trouble taking shelter if severe weather threatens.

When thunderstorms approach...

REMEMBER that if you can hear thunder, you are close enough to a storm to be struck by lightning. Go to safe shelter immediately! ** Move to a sturdy building or car. Do not take shelter in small sheds, under isolated trees, or in convertible automobiles. ** If no shelter is nearby or available, get in the a hard top car and keep the windows up. ** If you are boating or swimming, get out of boats and away from the water, get to land and find shelter immediately. ** If you are indoors, unplug unnecessary appliances and only use the phone for emergencies.

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Casey at the Bat

by Ernest Lawrence Thayer

This poem, which has delighted millions over the years, was written as a filler for the San Francisco Examiner. The author, Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was a friend of a young William Randolph Hearst, and occasionally wrote for the paper. A debate has raged since it became popular as to whether or not there really was a "Casey". The author never revealed the secret...but really, who cares? It's baseball season...and might Casey's up to bat!

(A Ballad of the Republic. Sung in the Year 1888).

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day;
The score stood four to two with but one inning more to play.
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,
A sickly silence fell upon the patrons of the game.

A straggling few got up to go in deep despair. The rest
Clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast;
They thought if only Casey could but get a whack at that --
We'd put up even money now with Casey at the bat.

But Flynn preceded Casey, as did also Jimmy Blake.
And the former was a lulu and the latter was a cake;
So upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat.
For there seemed but little chance of Casey's getting to the bat.

OOOPS!

WE GOOFED!

On the front page last month, we neglected to give a last name for the "Wheel"..contestant.
Sorry, Jana Kindred and congratulations on your big win!

But Flynn let drive a single, to the wonderment of all,
And Blake, the much despised, tore the cover off the ball;
And when the dust had lifted, and the men saw what had occurred,
There was Johnnie safe at second and Flynn a-hugging third.

Then from 5,000 throats and more there rose a lusty yell;
It rumbled through the valley, it rattled in the dell;
It knocked upon the mountain and recoiled upon the flat,
For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place,
There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile on Casey's face.
And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat,
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat.

Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt;
Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt.

Then while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip,
Defiance gleamed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip.



And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air,
And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there.

Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped --
"That ain't my style," said Casey. "Strike one," the umpire said.

From the benches, bleat with people, there went up a muffled roar,
Like the beating of the storm waves on a worn and distant shore.

"Kill him! Kill the umpire!" shouted someone in the stands,
And it's likely they'd have killed him had not Casey raised his hand.

With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's visage shone;
He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;
He signaled to the pitcher and once more the spheroid flew;
But Casey still ignored it and the umpire said, "Strike two."

"Fraud!" cried the maddened thousands, and the echo answered fraud;
But one scornful look from Casey and the audience was awed.
They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,
And they knew that Casey wouldn't let that ball go by again.

The sneer is gone from Casey's lip, his teeth are clinched in hate;
He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate.
And now the pitcher holds the ball and now he lets it go,
And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey's blow.

Oh! somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;
The band is playing somewhere and somewhere hearts are light,
And somewhere men are laughing and somewhere children shout;
But there is no joy in Mudville -- mighty Casey has struck out.

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Household Tips

- 1) Flies or bees bothering you? Spray them with hairspray and they will take a quick dive.
- 2) Sealed envelope - Put in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed.
- 3) Use Empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.
- 4) For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dishwashing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't refreeze.

5) Crayon marks on walls? This worked wonderfully! A damp rag, dipped in baking soda. Comes off with little effort (elbow grease that is!).

6) Permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!) rubbing alcohol on paper towel.

7) Whenever you purchase a box of S.O.S Pads, immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. Now a box of S.O.S pads will last indefinitely! In fact, the scissors get sharpened this way!

8) Opening brand new jars can be a feat in itself. Well, the author (unknown) has found a way to make it the easiest thing to do. Instead of banging a jar of jam, pickles, etc., with a knife until it loosens up, simply reach into the drawer and pull out the handy nutcracker. It adjusts to the size of the jar. Simply give it a good twist and off pops the lid!

9) Spray a bit of perfume on the lightbulb in any room to create a lovely light scent in each room when the light is turned on. Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.

10) Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours prior to burning.

11) Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato based sauces and there won't be any stains.

12) When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.

13) Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

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An Old Friend Returns...to tell about The Little Yellow Kid

By Franciska Rasmussen

I live in Port Byron and when I drive into the Quad Cities, I go past the section of East moline where I was born and rasied. One day, as I was going into town, my mind was on other things and I found I had turned onto 10th Avenue. WhY? I have no idea, but I drove on down the block to the house where I had spent my childhood. I parked in front of the old house and looked at it, and looked up and down the block. There was the street light we played under when it was dark. The as I sat there, I began to name the old neighbors, and their children, wondering where they all were now.

It was then a very strong memory came to me. I was about 7 or so and it was summer time. The doctor had come to the house (yes, the did that in those days!) He gave mother medicine for me and told her I was to be house-bound. No children were to be let in to see me.

When I looked in the mirror, I did not like the little girl who looked back at me. She had almost white hair that looked like a whitewash brush, and a Dutch boy cut. Okay, I was used to that, but this little girl had yellow skin! It wasn't me. I had white skin. When I started crying, I was told I had jaundice and the yellow would soon go away.

To add insult to injury, since I could not go out and no one could come in to see me, it was decided that the neighbors should see me. I was placed in front of a window on Saturday afternoon. Most of the people on the block came by to see me and had a good laugh.

Thinking back, I now laugh also. Oh yes, I did turn white again!

Quickie Garden myths

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Myths

abound in the lore of gardening, clouding issues and veiling the truth. The following are some common gardening myths.
MYTH Fall is the best season for pruning.

This is false for several reasons. Shrubs and trees store carbohydrates (food materials) in their branches and leaves, so fall pruning can reduce their cold hardiness. Azaleas and other spring-flowering plants would bloom poorly if pruned in fall, as next year's flower buds are present at that time. Such plants are best pruned in spring right after petals fall.

MYTH Mushrooms and toadstools sprouting in your lawn means that the soil is deficient.

In actuality, these plants are merely the above-ground growth of fungus organisms living in soil. Some fungi live on buried lumber, dead roots, or fine particles of organic matter. Others live in harmony with tree roots, assisting in the uptake of water and nutrients. A few cause plant disease. The sudden appearance of mushrooms does not mean the lawn needs lime, fertilizer of anything else. If you object to their sprouting in lawns or gardens, use a rake to dispose of them. There is no chemical control for mushrooms.

MYTH When it comes to garden chemicals, if a little bit is good, a lot is better.

This myth is not only false but dangerous. Doubling or tripling the dose of any garden input can have disastrous results. Weed killers used in this manner can injure plants you never intended to harm, not to mention leaving long-lived residues in soil. Over-use of insecticides may kill beneficial bugs, harm plants, and render vegetables unfit for consumption. Doubling the recommended rate of any pesticide increases the chances of poisoning people by inhalation, absorption throughFertilizers used too heavily will burn plants, prevent seed germination, and contaminate water resources. Even organic fertilizers such as manure can cause harm if you use too much. (Prepared by Ellen Silva, Extension Technician, Consumer Horticulture, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0327.)



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Railroad Crossings, Railroad Cars...

by Rocky Nelson, Hampton Historical Society

Have you ever approached one of Hampton's railroad crossings and been startled by a locomotive frantically sounding its whistle, passing through pulling a half dozen or so, non-descript rail cars? This is a remnant from what was once a busy railroad with a station here in Hampton. The station stood at the crossing at 6th St on the site which now holds the home of the Mann family.

In the last 30 years of the 19th century there were 4 passenger trains running through both ways every day but Sunday. Three of them made regular stops at Hampton station. There was also a regular freight train each way, stopping here to deliver the goods that would be sold in Hampton's stores. If you wanted to go to Moline or Rock Island or the other way to Port Byron or Cordova you probably would take the train. My wife's grandfather, Henry McNeal, lived in Watertown and as a boy took the train to and from Port Byron Academy, every day. He wasn't the only one! We've grown up with the automobile and tend to forget it has not always been with us.

The first railroad through Hampton was started by the Warsaw & Rockford Railroad Co. They went broke before getting to Port Byron. The Sterling & Rock Island RR picked up the pieces and put the line through to Port Byron by 1860. They didn't get much farther, but after a series of changes the road linked Galena, Rockford, and Sterling. Eventually this became the Chicago, Milwaukee, St Paul, and Pacific Line.

Hampton Historian George McNabney quotes from a Rock Island Argus article of November 5, 1860: "The iron is now laid to Port Byron and cars will soon be running on the road. A grand ball will come off in Port Byron on Thursday evening, November 15, in honor of the event". Apparently, McNabney was very impressed with this big party because he describes it in some detail. The train from Rock Island stopped in Hampton and took on a number of our citizens, joining a large crowd from Rock Island. McNabney says "The first citizens of Hampton were there and the party included the fairest of Rock Island's fair daughters". A Mr Boomer who owned the railroad was present. Upon arrival in Port Byron the company, led by Storm's Band (whoever they were) marched from the cars to The DeSoto House where dancing began. (Any of you readers know anything about the DeSoto House? I assume it was a hotel). The dancing continued to the wee hours of the morning. We can guess our Hamptonians danced with a good many of the fair daughters. McNabney thought the music was good but the food was better. He compliments a man named Lowery and says he outdid himself. I assume Lowery ran the

DeSoto House. There were speeches by Mr Boomer and several other bigwigs. McNabney had such a good time at this bash he even makes a joke, saying "Boomer proved himself a perfect 'Boomerang' his generosity sweeping over the entire company". I didn't say McNabney made good jokes but any kind is unusual in his writings. At 4 AM the whole group loaded on the train and went home.

Our town's other historian, Morris Heagy, also had a lot to say about the railroad. He relates how the first depot burned down around 1880. Heagy was a teenager and his father subscribed for an edition of "The Encyclopedia Britannica". The books cost \$ 7.00 per volume and were delivered by express as fast as they were published. One morning young Morris's dad was going away on business. An edition of the book had come in so he paid for it and told Morris to bring it home. As soon as the elder Heagy boarded the train the younger Heagy, as boys are prone to do, forgot about it and got involved in other things. That night lightning struck the depot, burning it to the ground along with the new book. So Mr Heagy was forced to shell out another \$ 7.00. Morris expected to be punished, but, as he says, his dad was a kind hearted man.

The new depot was built just south of the old. The boys in town tended to hang around depots. They were part of what was then the cutting edge of technology. Commonly, boys had ambitions to work on the railroad. Also, the depot had a telegraph instrument and this was possibly more fascinating than the railroad. A number of the boys set out to learn telegraphy, including young Heagy. Two of his cronies actually became telegraphers. Charlie Stevens and Eugene McNabney (I don't know his connection with George but I'm sure there is one) actually became "students" at Port Byron Junction and became telegraphers. By the way, Port Byron Junction wasn't in Port Byron but rather in what is now East Moline, about where you see a couple of cabooses if you drive down 12th Ave. The only inhabitants in East Moline at that time were frogs.

Even if they never turned pro a lot of other Hampton boys were serious about telegraphy. They strung wire all around Hampton. There was a telegraph instrument at Heagy's Store and another at Black's Store where Walter Black, Francis Black's son had one. Also, several homes around town had telegraph instruments.

So, next time you see Hampton's lonesome little train, I hope it reminds you of when trains were a significant part of our town.

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Jammin' With Jane

I suppose you all know I write this column a month before it gets printed. Somewhere along the line I wrote last month for April and it should have been March. Now we are going out to Arizona for a few days. and won't be back until April. We still have four birthdays in April and I am now writing a column in March for April. I guess I had a senior moment last month.

The other day I had an over supply of ripe bananas so I decided to bake banana bread. Usually I begin looking for a new recipe so that is what I did. I really like the sries of Moosewood cookbooks. I looked in "Sundays at Moosewood Restaurant". It was published by Simon and Schuster im 1990. The recipe is from the Caribbean which made me think of flowere scented brezzes and lapping waves.

YELLOWMAN'S BANANA LIME BREAD

yields 1 loaf. doubled I got 2 loaves and another smaller one.
BATTER

- 3/4 c brown sugar
- 1/2 c butter
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 c mashed banana (about 3)
- 3 T milk(or plain yogurt)
- 1 T fresh lime juice
- 1/2 t ginger
- 3/4 c unsweetened grated coconut
- 2 c white flour
- 1t baking powder
- GLAZE
- 1/4 c brown sugar
- 1 T butter
- 1 T rum
- 3 T fresh lime juice
- 1/4 c unsweetened grated coconut toasted

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and butter 9x5x3 in. loaf pan. To make the batter, in a large mixing bowl, cream the sugar and butter. Stir in the egg, bananas, milk or yogurt, and lime juice. Add the salt, ginger, and grated coconut and mix well. Sift the flour and baking powder together in a separate bowl. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix them until smooth. Pour the batter into the buttered loaf pan and bake for one hour. Cool the bread for about 10 min before removing from the pan.

Meanwhile, for the glaze, combine the brown sugar, butter, rum and lime juices in a small saucepan on low heat. Stir constantly for 5 minutes, until it becomes a thin syrup. Pour the glaze over the loaf spreading it with a spatula or spoon to coat the top and sides, sprinkle with toasted grated coconut evenly over the glazed loaf. note (I used shredded coconut and the lime juice in the little plastic lime container.) To toast the coconut spread on a baking sheet and toast in the oven or toaster oven. 1 min in a toaster oven and about 10 in a regular oven. Watch it closely so it doesn't burn.

I don't know if you have noticed but most all the bakeries have stopped making sugar free muffins or breakfast treats. I have been hospitality chair person for Blackhawk Unit Retired teachers for about 8 years. At our last meeting they needed 1 dozen muffins. I looked for a recipe on the Internet. I found one recipe and i substituted the Splenda for the sugar. They were a big success. In fact, several people ate them because they thought they were more healthy than the coffee cake. The coffee cake they got at Panera Bread. They were very nice looking and quite good.

DATE FLECKED ORANGE MUFFINS

- 1 orange peeled and sectioned
- 1 egg
- 1/2 c buttermilk
- 1/2c chopped dates
- 1/2 c butter or margerine
- 1 3/4 c all purpose flour
- 3/4 c Splenda or sugar
- 1t baking soda



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- 1t baking powder
- 1 pinch salt
- 1t ground cloves
- 1t ground ginger

Preheat oven 400 degrees F. Grease muffin pan or line with paper liners. Place orange pieces into a blender or food processor with the egg, buttermilk, dates and butter. Blend throughly until mixture is thick, fairly smooth with flecks. Pour out into a large mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cloves and ginger. Stir flour mixture into orange date mixture and stir or fold gently with a wooden spoon are spatula only until the ingredients have combined. Don't mind any lumps that may be present. Fill muffin tins to just under rim with batter (I thought the batter very thick so I added more buttermilk about 1/4 c) Bake in a preheated oven for 20 min and cool on a rack. Eat as soon as possible. They are always better to eat while warm.

I had my highschool classmates here for soup in January. Mary Lou Bobb Parker brought this interesting jello salad and gave me the recipe.

MANDARIN ORANGE SALAD

- 2 packages (3 oz) sugar free orange jello
 - 2 (6-8 oz) packages cups orange yogurt (vanilla or lemon may be substituted)
 - 2 cans (11 oz) mandarin oranges drained.
 - 12 oz lite Cool Whip
- Make jello according to package directions using ice. When it is shaky but not solid stir in yogurt until blended. Then fold in whipped cream. Lastly fold in drained oranges. Save several oranges to decorate the top.

I have never used the pizza dough in the refrigerated case. The other day I got a recipe with the coupons that came with my grocery receipt. It is easy, quick and tasty.

CHEESE BURGER PIZZA

- 1 tube refrigerated pizza dough
 - 1 small can pizza sauce
 - 1/2 lb ground beef
 - 1 med red onion
 - 1 package shredded cheddar cheese
 - sliced dill pickles
- Spread dough on an olive oil covered pan. Spread the dough with pizza sauce. Brown the ground beef and sprinkle over the sauce and crust. Also sprinkle on the chopped red onion and then sprinkle with the shredded cheese. Bake 20 to 25 min at 400 degee oven . When it comes out of the oven place the dill pickle slices on the top so each piece has several slices. Cut and enjoy. If you like lettuce and tomato on your cheese burger chopped some up and sprinkle on the top.
- Have a good April and we will see what new recipes we will find for May.

So.....What the Heck is *Bunco*?

I asked the nice lady who called to request the bunco announcement be repeated. She wasn't sure, so I went looking. The World Bunco Association has a website (who doesn't?) and this is their history of the game. Rules and "how to" can be found on page 10.

Bunco dates back to the late 1800's and was played by groups of women, school children, and couples. The old fashioned game of the future is becoming ever more popular at parties, social events, and new groups are popping up across the country.

This progressive dice game, under it's original name of 8 - Dice Cloth was played in England during the 18th century. It was unknown in the United States until 1855, when it was introduced into San Francisco during the Gold Rush by a crooked gambler. This shady character, traveling from the East to West coast had made many stops in route to the California gold fields. He also made various changes to the gambling game he called Banco. After a few years the game and activity was re-christened Bunco or Bunko. During this same period, a Spanish card game, Banca, and it's Mexican derivative, Monte, were also introduced to the population of San Francisco. Bunco Dice and Bunco Cards were combined to form a more efficient method of separating the hard working citizens from their money at numerous gambling locations. These locations were known as Bunco parlors. Hence, the word Bunco came to be a general term that applied to all scams, swindling and confidence games. After the civil war and into the turn of the century, Bunco flourished as the population grew and the economy recovered. Between 1870 & 1880 in virtually every large city in the country, Bunco- Banco games were in operation. Some Bunco locations were furnished elaborately while others resembled professional offices.

During the 1880's and into the mid 1890's Bunco was played in Texas & Oklahoma, through Kansas & Missouri, in towns and cities along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and from New York to the Great Lake states. Through the Victorian era and prior to WWI, Bunco had achieved permanent placement as a traditional family or parlor game, promoting social interaction. During this period Bunco groups consisting of 8-12 people and as many as 20 people enjoyed an evening of food, drink, conversation, and friendly competition. During prohibition and the roaring 20's, the infamous Bunco gambling parlors resurfaced in various regions of the US. The most notorious speak-easies and Bunco dice parlors were located in and around Chicago, Illinois. The term "Bunco Squad" referred to the detectives who raided these establishments!

After prohibition Bunco group activity declined in the major cities of the country, but spread to the suburbs as housing development and the migratory population expanded nationally. Not much was heard about Bunco activity from 1940-1980. (WW II, Korea, Vietnam.)

Since the early 1980's Bunco group activity has increased due to a combination of circumstances; a return to traditional family values, a sense of neighborhood & community and, the desire & need for social interaction. Traditionally most Bunco groups consist of 12 players (usually groups of women & occasionally couples.) Kids are even beginning to play at parties & other social events. Playing Bunco is great way to maintain relationships and make new friends.

Bunco is a game of dice, luck, & prizes.

From the World Bunco Association Website.

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HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT # 29
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for
Monday, February 11, 2001

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President Randy Baldrige called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were approved, with correction to changing the word policy to planning in committee reports. Executive Session minutes of January 14th, 2002 were also approved.

What's Happening in School

Dr. Paquette reported on the following items:

>>30 Honor Roll and Honorable Mention students were treated to a day at Snowstar, which they all seemed to enjoy. River City Rotaries and PTA donated the money for the students to attend. >>all the basketball teams at the school are doing well (He thanked the Volunteers Coaches and the Athletic Director for all their hard work, coaching the children.) >>the Red White & Blue assembly for the PBIS program was excellent. The PBIS program seems to be working very well although Dr. Paquette noted there are still some problems on the playground. >>the State Board of Education would now elect a School Superintendent instead of appointing one. >>The County Tax Assessor rate for taxes is \$565,000 plus as additional \$6,000 for railways which made a total of \$571,000 It was noted however that we would receive a lot more without the TIF districts. >> he received the class rank for the Hampton Students who attend United Township High School. More than 60 % of Hampton Freshmen Sophomores and Juniors Jr. Class rank in the top half of their class and 39% of Hampton Senior class ranks in the top half of the class. >>Teresa Hayne had informed him that the Web Page had not been updated for a long time.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: A summer work form for the Teachers and for the custodial staff, on which they can list summer projects and repairs that need to be completed, was approved.

Negotiations: Jennifer O'Hare-Marker and Joe Jordan met to discuss the Superintendent's contract. They will give their ideas/goals to the planning committee who will work on them to draw up a contract. Dr. Paquette has met his goals and he could receive a one- year extension on his current contract and then receive a new contract later.

Personnel: The Superintendent Evaluation forms need to be completed and a meeting set up to discuss the evaluation. A February 15th deadline was set. President Baldrige will then correlate the scores and remarks to be discussed at a special meeting on February 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Up-Date TIF -letter to Mayor: Some of the board members had met twice with the Mayor and the Village Board. After a discouraging first meeting, the second held more promise. Mr. Baldrige wrote a letter to the Mayor asking him to help resolve the TIF issue and honor the contract. The Mayor said no. The School Attorney will advise so this matter can be finalized.

Up-Date on Bus: The problems on the bus are improving. There was a problem at the bus stop due to lack of supervision. A parent has requested that a bus stop be changed so that there will be more supervision.

Up-Date on Fourth Grade: Dr. Paquette stated that the fourth grade seems to be doing better and have reached 65% of their goals. Results of a survey sent home to the parents indicated parents feel the class is improving, but they still have to work on academics.

Approve Tech Plan: Dr. Paquette discussed the Closing the Gap grant and ensuring the community become more familiar with the technology plan and the budget. The plan gives a timeline summary and what equipment and changes will be needed and when. The school would only need \$7,000.00 in

2002 to purchase wireless equipment and eventually more software and training will be needed. This plan is on target with what the state requires. The Board voted to accept the Tech Plan.

New Business:

The Board voted to approve I.S.D. A. Property/Casualty Insurance and authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary papers.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. When they returned from this session, they voted to approve the Leave of Absence without pay for five days, and to employ Teresa Hayne to update and maintain the web page. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

**Minutes of the Special Meeting for
Superintendent's Evaluation
Monday, February 25, 2002**

The special meeting of the Hampton School Board for the Superintendent's Evaluation was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2002

Visitor to the meeting, Mr. Gillespie introduced himself to the new board members as a school board member for many years and a past board president. He gave each board member an informational sheet regarding questions on the TIF districts.(see box below) He shared his concerns that the school is not receiving the money as agreed by the village. He encouraged the board to try and get this matter cleared up with the Village as soon as possible and he feels it is a financial burden on the school. He encouraged the board to continue to try and settle the TIF matter with the board expediently as possible.

The Board went into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation. When the board returned to open session, they noted that Dr. Paquette's evaluation reached satisfactory level of performance or better making him eligible for salary/fringe benefit considerations and a new two-year contract. The board voted to sign the letter stating Dr. Paquette's previous contract will end June 30, 2002, and his new two-year contract will begin on July 1st, 2002. The negotiations committee will complete the Superintendent's new contract in thirty days.

The board voted to accept a letter of resignation from Maintenance Supervisor Russ Boore effective July 31st, 2002. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

TIF Agreement Questions for Hampton School Board
From former board member Rick Gillespie

1. What is the status of the TIF agreement between the school and the village?
2. How many TIF zones are there?
3. What are their values and life span?
 - a. When were they established and when do they expire?
 - b. What are the tax amounts collected from these zones?
4. What is due the school if there were not TIFs?
5. What is the village board's explanation for the non-payment?
6. What advice has there been from IASB or Illinois Office of the Superintendent of Schools?
7. Are there any precedents?
8. Is it necessary to sue the village board for non-payment?
9. What impact would this have upon the school and the community?
10. What would a law suit cost and how long would it take?

It is understood that specific and up-to-date facts are unavailable at this time. Our school board President may need to defer the fact-finding to a responsible committee and return with a recommendation(s) within an appropriate time.

Rules for Playing Bunco

- Take 12 score sheets and secretly draw a star on four of the sheets. Have each person pick a score sheet, this will tell you who will be starting at the head table. The remaining 8 players can sit at the "Middle" or "Losing" tables.
 - Each table is randomly divided into 2 teams. Team couples sit across from each other. Pick one person on each team to tally points during each round. Keep track of team points by using the tally sheet—these points are only used for each number round. To save paper, just cross out previous rounds tallies and continue with new round on the same paper.
 - The "Head" table controls the pace of the game. The game begins when the "Head" table rings the bell. One player from each table starts the game by trying to roll "ones" with the 3 dice. Always take your roll using 3 dice. If 1 of the die shows the number currently "up" tally 1 point, if 2 of the dice show the number currently "up" tally 2 points.
 - When you roll "three of a kind" of the number you are currently rolling this is a BUNCO !!! Keep rolling and collecting points. Do not forget to give yourself, not your teammate, one BUNCO !!! point on the bottom of your score sheet after your turn is finished.. If at this time or any other time a player at the "Head" table rolls a BUNCO !!! the bell is rung & the round stops. The other players currently rolling finish their turn and continue collecting points.
 - Remember, the fuzzy die is passed from player to player as BUNCO'S !!! are rolled.
 - If you roll "three of a kind"—of another number—give your team 5 points and keep rolling and collecting points until you do not roll the number that is "up".
 - If you do not roll the number that is currently "up" the person to your left takes their turn.
 - When the "Head" table reaches 21 points or rolls a BUNCO !!! they ring the bell to signal the end of that round. The number currently up changes to the next number (1 to 2, 2 to 3, etc.).
 - The winning team stays at the "Head" table. Have one teammate move over a chair so they will have different partners for the next round. The losing team from the "Head" table goes down to the "Middle" table.
 - The winning team from the "Middle" table goes to the "Head" table & the winning team from the "Losing" table goes to the "Middle" table. The losing team from the "Middle" table goes down to the "Losing" table & the losing team at the "Losing" table stays at the table but one player moves over one chair so they will have a different partner..
 - At this point write W or L (Winner or Loser) on your own score sheet for that round. Keep your score sheet with you at all times. Do not stay with your partner—your new partner will be one person from the winning or losing team joining you at the "Winning", "Middle", or "Losing" table.
 - The "Head" table rings the bell to signal the start of a new round.
 - If the teams have a tie score there will be a roll-off to determine the winner. (See roll-off— BUNCO !!! Lingo)
 - Play continues for two complete sets. At this point, take a break for dessert and then continue the last 2 sets.
- The game ends when all 4 sets of BUNCO !!! have been completed. Each person then adds up their total BUNCO'S !!!, Wins, & Losses from each round and writes the totals at the bottom of their score sheet. Prizes are awarded at this time.

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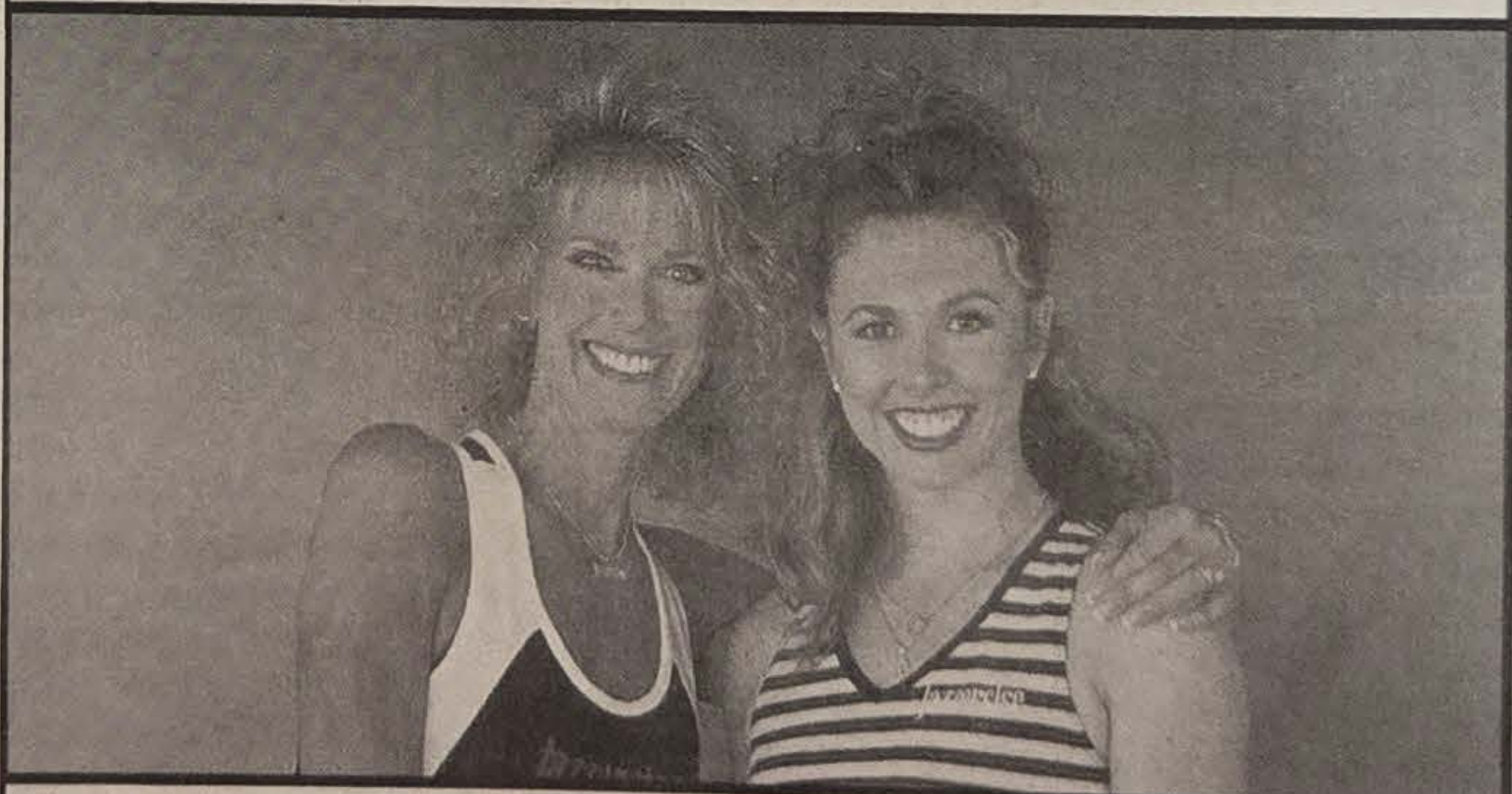
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF HAMPTON MARCH 4, 2002

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Village President Scott Newberg. Clerk Tolson reported on a meeting he is attending on Tuesday, March 5 at Bi-State to recommend changes the RICWMA programs, specifically county wide recycling.

Mr. Gary Doyle will be sent to additional water training classes as the State now requires 15 hours of continuing education per year to maintain his water operator's license.

Trustee Garrison reported that a waiver extension has been submitted to DCCA for the \$20,000 grant for fire apparatus. Pictures of the rescue squad have been taken and they will be sent for an appraisal and publication for sale. Engine 3's pump is in need of certification and they are in the process of getting that done. There being no further Business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 4, 2002

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Village President Scott Newberg. The Omnibus Agenda was approved. Items on the Agenda were: to approve of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 19, 2002, of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2002, and Authorization for Payment of Bills

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: Trustee Carmack thanked DPW Sparrow and his crew for the good job plowing snow last week.

Public Works: Trustee Johnson reported he will begin work with Ament, Inc. on a Water and Sewer improvement plan. Discussed interviews for the Director of Public Works replacement. Chief of Police Larry Hufford reported that he is applying for a block grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority for new radios for the squad cars and hand held radios. The grant would fund 90% of the cost of the equipment.

Attorney Graham Lee reported on the intention of Ms. Robin Peterson to appeal the Building Code violation. Discussed the appeal briefly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MARCH 18, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Village President Scott Newberg.

Mr. Tim Downing, Downing Architects, and Mr. John Lower, Lower Construction were present to discuss the proposed changes to the Heritage Center. The changes will reduce the contract by \$107,011.00 and the new contract price would be \$718,714.00. The Board called a committee meeting to review and finalize the changes.

Mr. Roland Bartscher, 912 First Avenue was present to discuss his variance request. Mr. Bartscher stated he has changed the building location and it is now seven feet (7') from the side lot line and would like to amend his request from three feet (3') to the now proposed seven feet (7'). Mrs. Paula Grabin, 914 First Avenue was present to voice her objections to the variance request. Mrs. Grabin is concerned about water flow and increase in currents that will be caused by the building's foundation and will do damage to her home during flooding. Mrs. Grabin stated that the Village, specifically the Building Inspector, does not have the authority to permit Mr. Bartscher to build the building or a flood wall. Mayor Newberg asked the Board if the matter could be tabled until he has a chance to discuss this issue with the Illinois DNR. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Village President Scott Newberg. The Board voted to approve of Minutes of the Heritage Committee Meeting of February 25, 2002, the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 4, 2002, the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2002, the Public Safety Committee Meeting on March 14, 2002, and approve and Authorization for Payment of Bills.

The Board voted to approve the letter of engagement from Kent Klauer, CPA for the Village's audit. Pay request #2 from Lower Construction in the amount of \$36,739.88 for construction of the Heritage Center was presented and approved

A request for a variance for the side yard requirement from Mr. Roland Bartscher, 912 First Avenue was presented for approval. The request for variance from Mr. Bartscher was tabled until the Board can confer with the Illinois DNR, Office of Water Resources about the concerns brought up by Mrs. Paula Grabin, 914 First Avenue.

Committee Reports.

Public Safety: The information is ready to send in on the Rescue Squad to the marketing company. The request to extend the \$20,000.00 grant for fire apparatus from Representative Mike Boland has been verbally approved. The rescue boat has been relocated to the maintenance building area and is out of service.

Chief of Police Larry Hufford reported that he received a check today for 100% reimbursement for Officer Sam Colburn attending the State Training Academy in the amount of \$1,275.00. He also reported that the mount on the antenna on top of the water tower for the Police repeater system broke during recent high winds. Mr. Dan Solchenberger arranged for Caldwell Tanks to repair the mount on Sunday. Chief Hufford also reported that the grant proposal for the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority is in progress and reported on metering problems with the gasoline pump at the maintenance shed. DPW Sparrow will look into getting the meter repaired.

Interviews were conducted for DPW Sparrow's replacement were conducted. The hiring committee interviewed four (4) applicants and have picked one to recommend to the Board for appointment. The committee recommends Mr. Mark Larson be appointed to replace Dean Sparrow as Director of Public Works, and that he start on April 1, 2002 at \$10.00 per hour for the first 90 days. The Board then approved the appointment of Mr. Mark Larson as Director of Public Works

Public Works: Trustee Johnson reported he has reviewed the Water Study performed by Landmark Engineering and will review the condition of the water system with the Public Works staff. He also reported he has talked with East Moline about a possible raise in water rates due to extensive work that needs to be done at the water filtration plant and they do not know at this time if there will be a rate increase or not.

Mr. Russ Boore was present and presented to the Board his plans to build three condominiums at 2nd avenue and 6th Street. Mr. Boore was advised he will have to request a zoning change.

Attorney Lee reported that the attorney for Ms. Robin Peterson is appealing the building permit case. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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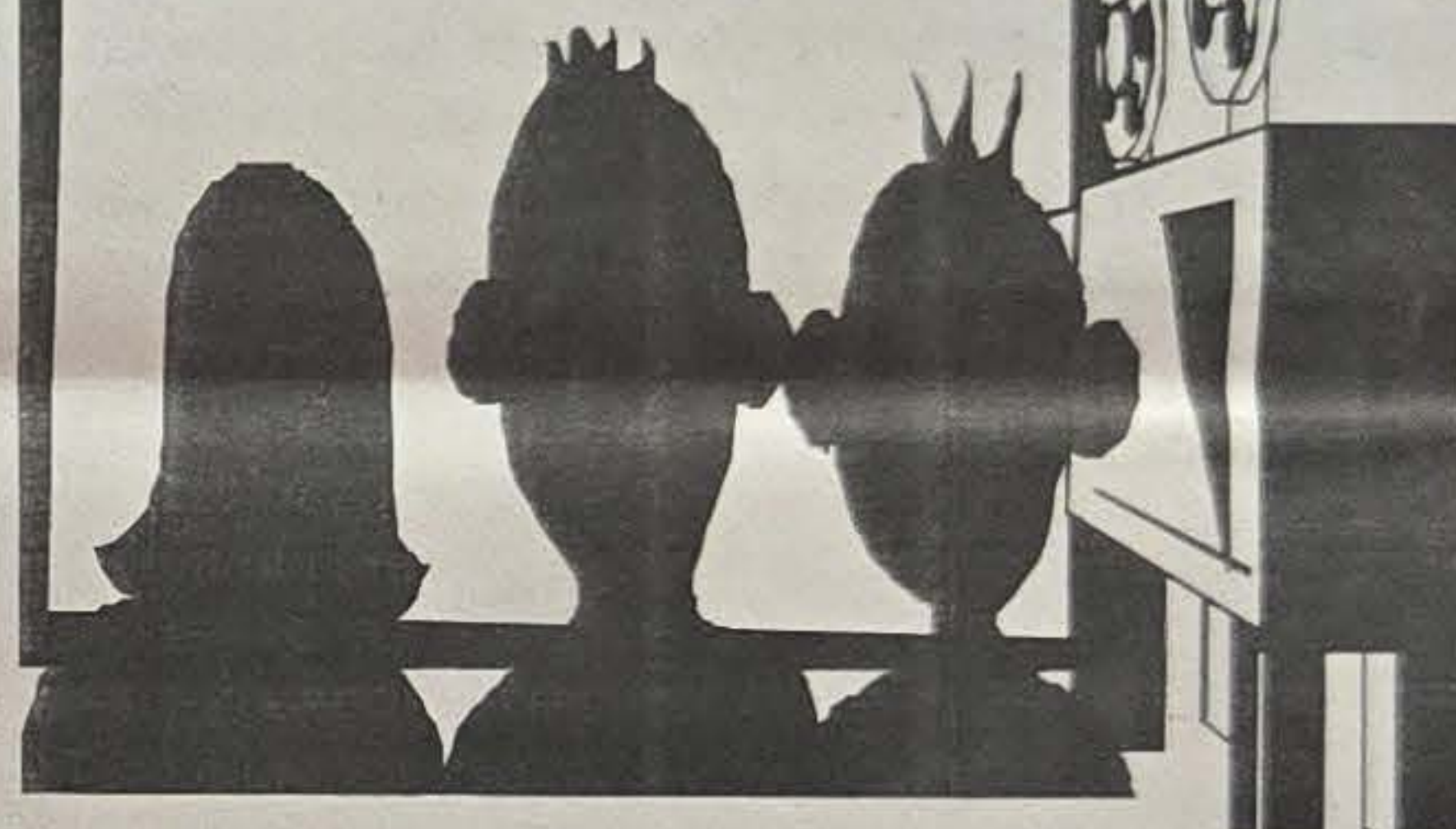
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