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Saylor Foundation Named Organization of Year by Chamber

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
 HAMPTON CHRONICLE



First Bank Hampton's Dave Heuberger with a photo of Alvin and Helen Saylor on Wednesday morning, Feb. 4. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

The Saylor Foundation was recently named the Organization of the Year by the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

The foundation — which was started in the late '70s by the original owners of First Bank Hampton, Alvin and Helen Saylor — has given away well over one million dollars to local non-profits over the years.

It's currently being led by Nancy Boyington and Dave Heuberger.

According to Heuberger, they have donated to an array of area organizations and projects over the years, including the Dumont Legion Post, La Luz Centro Cultural, the Franklin Wellness Center, the Hampton Senior Citizen Center, the Franklin County Fair for their new bleachers, the ProStart program at H-D-CAL high school, the Latimer Development Corporation for trees, the Chamber's summer flower project, the Windsor Theatre, the Hampton American Legion Post for their flag project, the Franklin General Hospital Foundation, the Friends of Beeds Lake and the Cruisin' & BBQin' event in Hampton last summer. Some of these groups are given to regularly.

Heuberger said this foundation was started as a way to give back to those in the community — something they look forward to continuing.

When asked to describe the Saylor, he said they had big hearts.

Heuberger also noted that the funding is only available to those with a 501C3 status, which has to be verifiable. He also asks for a description of the project to anyone reaching out with a funding request.

The Saylor Foundation will be recognized during the Chamber of Commerce's annual Appreciation Celebration on Friday, Feb. 14 at the Franklin County Convention Center. (Tickets can still be purchased by calling Center One at 641-456-5668.)

"We are very honored and even humbled by this award," said Heuberger. "We will continue to give back."

Valeria Gonzalez Named Director of New NIACC Center

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
 HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Valeria Gonzalez has some exciting news to share with the community: she was recently named the Director of the NIACC Career Center-Franklin County, which is set to open on Aug. 1.

The center in Hampton will be the third satellite campus for NIACC, with the other two being in Forest City and Charles City.

Gonzalez, who's been working as the sole NIACC enrollment advisor stationed in Franklin County for the last 13 years, said she is excited for this next step — for herself and for the many students who will benefit from the programs that will be offered at the center.

Working with the students and their families has always been her favorite part of the job, she said.

While she will continue to work one-on-one with students and their families in the admissions process, she will also be tasked with managing the day-to-day operations at the new center, as well as recruiting students, coordinating with the school's marketing department on promotional materials and collaborating with officials at nearby school districts. Additionally, she will teach a couple of sections of online college essentials courses, as needed.



Franklin County's new NIACC Center, which is set to open at the start of August, is located just west of the Hampton municipal airport.



Valeria Gonzalez began her new role as the Director of the NIACC Center in Hampton on Feb. 1.

The center, once open, will serve juniors and seniors at Hampton-Dumont High School, Belmont-Klemme and West Fork High Schools, along with community members who are interested in continuing education and completing high school equivalency diplomas.

Gonzalez plans on collaborating with other community leaders to help shape the direction of the new center, which will offer three academies, focusing on welding, health occupations and construction.

In welding, the students will learn about everything from safety practices and applicable mathematics to 3-D modeling and machine set-up. The health academy will allow students to delve into the basics of biology, medical terminology, safe and effective patient care, psychology, and beyond. Lastly, the construction academy will teach students about national safety standards, OSHA, construction drawing, construction math, carpentry, and more.

Gonzalez said there will also be opportunities for community members to complete their high school equivalency diplomas and more, including potential short-term courses in production welding, carpentry fundamentals and paraeducation.

She added that there will be an accelerated program available to high school se-

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FGH Cardiopulmonary Dept. Shares Tips for Heart Awareness Month

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
 HAMPTON CHRONICLE

In honor of February being "Heart Awareness Month," the Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Department at Franklin General Hospital would like to remind the community of the signs and symptoms to look out for when it comes to poor heart health.

According to FGH cardiopulmonary nurse Angie Warneke, the signs of a heart attack can include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness and pain down the neck and arm, especially the left arm.

Warneke said that family history, obesity, high blood pressure and high cholesterol are all factors that can lead to a heart attack.

She suggests maintaining a healthy diet, walking for at least thirty or forty minutes five days a week and quitting smoking if needed.

When asked about how the department runs, Warneke said "lots of teamwork."

The team is made up of five respiratory therapists, a department manager, a cardiopulmonary director and an administrative assistant, who prefers to be called an "administrative wizard."

As a team, they are able to give patients a second chance at life — by educating them, helping them come up with



From left to right, FGH respiratory therapist Andy Hayes, Department Manager Alayna Clay, cardiopulmonary nurse Angie Warneke, Cardiopulmonary Director Becky Gardner and Cardiopulmonary Administrative Assistant Janelle Dohrmann on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 4.

a plan and then helping them execute that plan.

Patients also get to meet with a pharmacist and dietitian. While there, patients

can be seen on the bike or treadmill, and even walking through the halls with the

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Mid-America Publishing Takes Home Awards for 2026

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Mid-America Publishing took home a number of awards during the 2026 Iowa Newspaper Association Award Ceremony last Thursday evening, Feb. 5. The following newspapers and journalists were recognized for their excellent work:

Wright County Monitor, Amanda Rink
—First Place, Weekly Column (Class II)
—Second Place, Continuing Coverage (Class II)

Ida County Courier-Reminder, Jenny Seuntjens
—First Place, Best Ad Featuring Financial, Insurance or Other Professional Service (Class II)
—Third Place, Best Ad Featuring Agriculture

(Class II)
Calmar Courier, Michael Hohenbrink
—First Place, Harrison "Skip" Weber Coverage of Courts and Crime (Class I)
—Third Place, Coverage of Government and Politics (Class I)

Holstein Advance, Brent Harm
—Second Place, Best Sports Photo (Class I)

Butler County Tribune-Journal, Jensen Johnston
—Wagner Young Journalist Award

Sigourney News-Review, Mark Schafer
—Third Place, Best Sports Story (Class II)

Hampton Chronicle, Jennifer Burnham
—Third Place, Best Use of Social Media (Class II)



Butler County Tribune-Journal Editor Jensen Johnston with Mid-America Publishing CEO Matt Grohe during the newspaper convention last Thursday, Feb. 5.



Wright County Monitor Editor Amanda Rink after receiving first place for her weekly column at the Iowa Newspaper Association award ceremony.



Hampton Chronicle Editor Jennifer Burnham and Wright County Monitor Editor Amanda Rink during one of the workshops earlier in the day.

FBH Announces Promotion of McWilliams to VP of Consumer Lending

PRESS RELEASE



Steph McWilliams

The board of directors of First Bank Hampton is pleased to announce the promotion of Steph McWilliams to Vice President of Consumer Lending. McWilliams, who has served as Consumer Lender for the past several years, brings over 15 years of dedicated service to her new leadership role.

"Steph has been an exemplary employee during her 15-year career here at First Bank Hampton. She has excelled in every position that she has held throughout the bank. Her experience, knowledge, past performance, and focus on the bank's future success make her an obvious candidate to continue taking on more of a leadership role within our lending team. Her leadership will be instrumental in mentoring and training of both current and new lending staff in the future. Steph's work ethic, attention to detail, customer service skills, and community connection all serve as great examples to the entire staff at First Bank Hampton."

— Tyler, President and CEO
An alumni of Hampton-Dumont, Steph is deeply rooted in the Hampton community. She and her husband, Joel, reside in Hampton with their three daughters: Aubree, Alivia, and Ashtyn. Beyond the bank, Steph is the Treasurer of the H-D Achievement Foundation and Hampton Youth Softball.

"I look forward to continue assisting our customers reach their financial goals," said McWilliams. "My door is always open, stop in and chat with me about ways we can make your goals within reach."

Please join us in congratulating Steph McWilliams on her well-deserved promotion as she continues to serve the financial needs of the Hampton community.

Beth Strand Leads Candle-Making Workshop

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Beth Strand led her first candle-making workshop at First and Second Vintage Too on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The class, which was

organized by the Franklin County Extension and Outreach Office, was a big hit, said event coordinator Lili Velasco.

"The room was filled with amazing scents, great conversations, and lots of creativity as everyone shared their favorite fragrances and made their

own candles. A big thank you to Beth for teaching our workshop and making it such a fun experience," said Velasco. "Beth also recommended essential oils from First and Second Vintage, which are great quality—and Jerre even has her own line of candles! Thanks to every-

one who joined us—we loved spending the time together."

Velasco encouraged community members to follow Franklin County Extension on Facebook to keep up with all of their upcoming workshops and events.



Beth Strand (end of the table, black shirt) with her students for the day.



One of the candles made during the workshop.

Supervisors Approve County Agreement with Dorsey & Whitney LLP

BY WREN MASTERS
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Franklin County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement to work with a legal team out of Des Moines for this year's general obligation urban renewal bonds series during their Feb. 3 meeting.

As noted during the meeting, the county has worked with Dorsey & Whitney LLP in the past, with positive results. This most recent agreement would require the law firm to provide the county with the necessary proceedings and to advise the board going forward on this project.

The supervisors also approved the resolution setting date for the public hearing of designation of the 2026 Building Restoration Urban Renewal Area and the Urban Renewal Plan and Project. With this being approved, the courthouse will be placed in an urban renewal area. According to the Iowa League of Cities, local governments may create urban renewal areas to enhance economic development efforts, to assist in retaining and attracting businesses, and to perform public improvements for residential development.

During the meeting, it was decided that Franklin County Auditor Katy Flint will hold an informal forum with the City of Hampton and Hampton-Dumont schools to answer any questions they may have regarding the urban renewal plan and project. The county officials also discussed bringing this to the Hampton city council towards the end of February for their approval and to come up with a formal agreement.

"The agreement with the city is something that is required to take place due to the fact that we are operating within the city limits and the attorneys have drafted the agreement," said Auditor Flint.

The supervisors approved a contract with Mid-American Energy for their upcoming courthouse electrical upgrade project. There will be a meeting prior to the start date to discuss the project with the county's general contractor and Mid-American.

Supervisors Commit to FY27 Amounts for County Entities

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Franklin County Board of Supervisors recently committed to funding the following amounts to county entities, according to Franklin County Auditor Katy Flint:

- Franklin County libraries - \$132,300
- Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce - \$1,000
- Franklin County Development Association - \$45,000
- Hampton Senior Center - \$2,000
- CAL Over 60's - \$400
- Franklin County Historical Society - \$10,000
- Franklin County Fair - \$50,000
- Access Incorporated (For Transit Busses) - \$18,600
- Healthy Harvest of North Iowa - \$2,000
- Elderbridge Agency on Aging - \$2,000
- NIACOG Housing Trust Fund - \$2,000
- Crisis Intervention Services - \$1,500

While the supervisors have committed to these amounts, they will not be finalized until they're approved during the Fiscal Year 2027 budget adoption proceedings, said Flint.

Library Director, Board Member Address Funding At Council Meeting

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton Public Library Director Suzy Knipfel and library board member Becky Palmer made an appearance at the Feb. 9 city council meeting to discuss concerns they had after listening to a recent budget workshop.

Palmer took to the podium during the public comment portion of the meeting, sharing her concerns after listening to their Feb. 3 budget workshop.

"I understand that state budget cuts have put cities

in a difficult position, and I appreciate the challenge these council members have faced in balancing the budget under these circumstances," she said. "With that being said, after watching last week's budget workshop, I had serious concerns about how two really important community assets were discussed, specifically how negatively they were discussed. Those being the municipal band and the library."

Palmer went on to say that the city of Hampton is home to one of the oldest municipal bands in not only Iowa, but the entire upper midwest.

"The band provides free entertainment that draws visitors from surrounding communities into our town," she said. "These people eat at our restaurants and visit our gas stations. It gives high school students a great opportunity to earn silver cord hours."

She added that the Friends of Band Shell Park, which was created and has been run by band leaders, "saved the city the significant cost of demolishing and potentially rebuilding Band Shell when it was condemned in 2010."

She then spoke about the library.

"Our library is the cultural and educational center for this community," she said, adding that it offers a wide range of programs for adults and for children, including notary services, printing and faxing, internet access, and genealogy research, most at no cost to the public. "During the last workshop, there was repeated focus on the possible \$15,000 levy increase the library may receive, yet I didn't hear a single syllable about the over \$30,000 in levy funding the library



Hampton Public Library board member Becky Palmer addressing the city councilors during their Feb. 9 meeting.

lost this year or the over \$70,000 the library has lost over the last two years. I was also troubled that the library insurance and staffing costs were treated differently than any other city-owned buildings, which all receive full city support for employees without this level of scrutiny."

Palmer then mentioned that there seemed to be confusion regarding the role of the library's foundation and the fact that the foundation does not pro-

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Reed Masters reads to students in a South Side Elementary classroom during the Books for Kids service project.



Reed Masters (center) is joined by fellow HDCAL speech students (left to right) Keaton Gunderson, Anna Robles, Lily Rosenberg, and Maren Subbert as they deliver 322 books to students at South Side Elementary on Jan. 16.

HDCAL Speech Student Turns Service Project into Gift of Reading

BY LEE NELSON

Last November and December, Reed Masters, a junior at Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School, organized a children's book drive as part of a service project titled Books for Kids. The project was completed in partnership with the Iowa High School Speech Association's RISE Ensemble, a student-led group that provides lead-

ership at All-State Speech Festivals.

On January 16, Masters and four fellow HDCAL speech students delivered 322 donated books to South Side Elementary School. The students visited each classroom, reading to the children before distributing the books.

"When I was raised with the idea of helping my community, my thoughts immediately went to the

kids," said Masters. "My speech coach, Emileigh Eilderts, suggested a similar project, and I knew books were the way to go."

Masters said he enjoyed every part of the process, from creating drop-off boxes to spending late nights counting books. "The part I think I enjoyed the most was seeing all the kids smile and laugh at the thought of having a book of their own," he shared.

Despite the project's success, Masters said it came with challenges, including collecting donation boxes while he was sick and working within a short time frame. "If I could change one thing, I would have started collecting books sooner," he said. "I would also reach out directly to individuals to ask for donations."



Reed Masters displays one of the 322 children's books collected as part of his Books for Kids service project, completed in partnership with the Iowa High School Speech Association's RISE Ensemble.

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Man Held on Cash Only Bond After Drug Charges

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
 HAMPTON CHRONICLE

An Iowa Falls man was arrested on multiple drug charges by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Thursday evening, Feb. 5.

During a traffic stop, John Larson, 53, of Iowa Falls was found in possession of methamphetamine, cocaine and drug paraphernalia, according to the sheriff's office.

The traffic stop took place in the 600 block of Mallard Ave.

According to the sheriff's office, their narcotics detection K-9 was deployed, indicating the presence of narcotics in the vehicle.

He is facing charges for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) - more than five grams and less than five KG, a class B felony; possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), a class C felony; and possession of a controlled substance, a simple misdemeanor. Larson also received traffic violation warnings for speed and a defective muffler.

Larson will be transported to Hardin County Jail, where he will be held on a \$25,000 cash only bond on his two felony charges. He had a magistrate hearing Friday morning.



Booking photo of John Larson provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.



A total of 55 people attended Solo Mio at the Windsor Theatre last weekend. There will be two more showings at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday and 7 p.m. Thursday.

Latimer News

CAL Over 60's met in the Latimer Community Center on a bright and sunny Tuesday, February 3 with a nice group in attendance. Shelly Buseman of Zion Reformed Church gave devotions and table prayer. Shelly and Carol Stock served the tables. Jolene had prepared chicken noodle casserole, carrots, cabbage and fruit salad and frosted cake for dessert.

Lois welcomed everyone and told the February birthdays; John Hamilton, Kay Peters, Steve Simons, Leona Meyer and Fred Elling. The birthday song was sung to them.

Guest speaker was Nikki Johnson, the new Coulter librarian who encouraged everyone to visit and have social activities in the library.

Lois gave valentine readings on happy memories and Bible readings on love.

February 17 will be the next dinner and Joan Pralle will talk about Latimer history. Everyone is welcome and invite guests.



On behalf of the Franklin County Republicans, thanks to everyone that helped with the Caucus and attended.
 —Larry Sailer

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Daytona 500

Race Details
 Location: Daytona Beach, Fla.
 Date: February 15th, 2:30 p.m.
 Last Year's Pole: Chase Briscoe
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Top News Stories

NASCAR Community Champions Youth Safety and Team Continuity
 Beyond the high-speed testing in Florida, the past few days have highlighted NASCAR's commitment to driver safety and long-term organizational stability. On February 7, the B.R.A.K.E.S. (Be Responsible And Keep Everyone Safe) teen driving program, a long-time beneficiary of NASCAR community support, announced an expanded 2026 national tour. Bolstered by recent industry donations, the program will provide advanced defensive driving training to thousands of teenagers, reinforcing the sport's focus on road safety as the new season begins. Commercial continuity also headlined the week. On February 6, Team Penske and Discount Tire finalized a multiyear extension, a partnership that now spans nearly two decades. The deal notably increases its presence on Joey Logano's No. 22 Ford, ensuring a steady pillar of support for the three-time champion. Simultaneously, the NASCAR Foundation began its final call for the 2026 Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award nominations. This initiative, which awards a \$100,000 grant to a fan-led charity, underscores the league's tradition of honoring those who use racing as a platform for pediatric healthcare and community wellness.

Last Weekend's Race: Ryan Preece Won at Bowman Gray

Ryan Preece claimed a gritty victory in the 2026 Cook Out Clash last Wednesday at the historic Bowman Gray Stadium. Preece navigated his No. 60 RFK Racing Ford through a literal "wintry mix" of rain and sleet that forced the field onto wet-weather tires. Starting 18th, Preece charged through the field to lead the final 45 laps, holding off William Byron by 1.752 seconds. The win is a significant milestone for the veteran "short-track master," who recently joined RFK Racing. "It's the Clash, but man, it's just been years and years of grinding... Two years ago, I didn't think I was going to have a job," Preece said.

Justin Bonsignore Wins New Smyrna Opener

Justin Bonsignore kickstarted the 2026 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season with a dominant victory at New Smyrna Speedway this past Saturday. Despite a career total of 48 wins, the four-time series champion had never previously captured a checkered flag at the Florida half-mile track. Driving the No. 51 for Kenneth Massa Motorsports, Bonsignore led the field through the New Smyrna Beach Area Visitors Bureau 200, successfully fending off a late-race charge from Tyler Rypkema. Rypkema, piloting the iconic "Ole Blue" No. 3, applied heavy pressure during several late restarts but couldn't overcome Bonsignore's composure on the abrasive surface. Defending champion Austin Beers rounded out the podium in third, while former Cup Series stars Ryan Preece and Ryan Newman secured seventh and eighth place respectively. The victory cements Bonsignore's status as a title favorite as the series takes a hiatus before returning to action at Martinsville Speedway in late March.

Racing Trivia

Which manufacturer returned to NASCAR in 2007 with the Camry?
 a) Honda
 b) Toyota
 c) Nissan
 d) Dodge

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THE ALTERNATIVE

FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
THE ALTERNATIVE

As I was ringing the Salvation Army bell outside of Fareway a reader noted that it is difficult to know the truth. Well, yeah.

I first thought of that many years ago when I shared a YouTube video with our oldest of some Germans with a Slip-n-Slide on a long hill with a ramp at the end. One of the guys, with a helmet, flew off the ramp a considerable distance across a small valley landing in a wading pool. Man oh man, they all jumped around hugging and cheering.

My bubble burst, however, when Hans, who did some business with the movie industry, told me it was fake. I soon learned to accept the fake stuff as art for its own sake. When I think of my infatuation with movies it makes me a bit sad. Independent "content creators" are now close to out-competing Hollywood.

With my friend at Fare-

way in mind I try to criticize people or actions based on undisputed narratives or what they admit to or brag about themselves rather than speculation or accusations from someone else.

The Gaza Health Ministry had been the sole source for casualty statistics in the Gaza War. When I quoted their statistics I would be sure to credit the source. But even if they've inflated the numbers by thousands it would still be outrageous. I didn't notice much of an outcry when the IDF (Israeli Defense Force) admitted on January 29 they had killed 70,000 people responding to Hamas' October 7 slaughter of 1,200.

Sticking with facts supported by the perpetrator's own admission is the only way to make a judgement. But if there is no contradicting opinion, I think it is safe to assume there is some truth in accusations against Israel. But then simply not reporting is just as bad as lying.

Anthony Aguilar is a 25-year retired Green Beret. He worked as a security contractor for humanitarian operations in Gaza. He witnessed Israeli forces and private contractors firing on unarmed starving civilians at aid distribution sites. He witnessed an Israeli officer order a soldier to shoot children. He doc-

umented these things with video footage (real or Memorex, eh?).

So is this video documentation real? How about the images of rubble that were once homes? Israel hasn't denied their expansion with "settlements" where they bulldozed neighborhoods calling it "defense."

Benjamin Netanyahu himself has stated that Hamas was funded with Qatari money he approved of in order to lessen the strength of the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization). Dividing the Palestinians helps thwart any state of their own. Charlie Kirk publicly inquired about the unusual lack of security at the Gaza border on October 7 and also the inordinately delayed IDF response that day. And he is dead.

Netanyahu's trial for corruption and bribery is on hold because of the "emergency" of the October 7 attacks. The massive protests against Bibi's attempted undermining of the Israeli Supreme Court have also stopped because of the Gaza emergency.

Like my friend said, we don't really know the truth. The gist of all this is what do we do about it? The President, with no Congressional review just gave Israel another \$6.5 billion the day after Israel fessed

up to slaughtering the numbers they've called " Hamas propaganda" all along.

Senator Charles Grassley finally replied to my letter regarding Congress' authority to declare war. I gotta hand it to the guy. He does write back.

His justification for our aggression around the world without a Congressional declaration of war is basically precedent. Ever since the end of World War II no declaration has been required because of AUMFs. Whenever the unproductive class starts seeing a decline in wealth or power, up pops another Authorization for the Use of Military Force. There's always an enemy handy. AUMFs are plainly rigamarole disguising blatant disregard for that phony oath of office.

Here's the important part: How have American citizens benefited from these authorizations? If looked at objectively, the perpetrators of all these wars and foreign aid are traitors. Nothing less. Every single AUMF has been nothing but a deadly transfer of cash from ordinary people to politically connected useless industries.

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Friday, Feb. 20

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KATY FLINT
FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

It's been a little bit since I've talked about the budget process, so I thought I'd share a bit about what has happened thus far and what must happen yet.

Just a reminder that we started our budget process back in December. The department heads began their work back then to develop operating budgets. When we refer to operating budgets, we are talking about all our expenses outside of wages & benefits. The Supervisors once again (for the second or third year in a row) challenged the department

heads to keep their operating budgets under a 2% increase. So, how did we do?! I'm happy to report that out of the 20 departments, only one did not make it under that cap and it was not their fault, but a result of inflation on a service mandated by Iowa Code. 8 departments came in with their operating budgets between 0 and a 2% increase while the other 11 departments had a negative (or a decrease) to their operating budget.

Now, I do want to make it clear that this DOES NOT mean our departments are operating with a lot of fluff to their budgets, because simply put, we aren't! A decrease in a budget can be the result of several things like the elimination of a position, a project that was completed, or in my case one election in a year versus two!

The next step was for the department heads to meet with the Supervisors to discuss their proposed budgets. Because our departments already run

leanly a lot of the conversations surrounded special projects or purchases that may be coming up in the future so the Supervisors can plan accordingly. Next came a meeting with our health insurance broker to learn about our premium increase. For FY2027, we are facing a premium increase of 6%. However, we work with an exceptional broker who was able to provide us an alternative plan, which doesn't change much for the employees but will save the county money! And once we know the health insurance numbers, it's time for probably the hardest conversation.... wage increases. There is a balance of knowing our residents pay our wages through property taxes, but also rewarding and retaining employees to provide the services we all utilize. These conversations happened this past week.

Now, the department heads are going back and putting the finishing

touches on their budgets to turn back into me. Next week I will be collecting them and updating the "master" budget and finalizing ending fund balances....at least for now. Once that is done the Supervisors will start the conversation of taking out projects, adding them in, spending down fund balances, deciding what our supplemental levy rates will be, and more. By the end of this month, we will have the budget finalized and ready to be submitted for the estimator mailers that will go out mid-March.

The budget process is a lengthy one, but one that we all take very seriously and spend a lot of hours on. I also happen to geek out at creating spreadsheets for the Supervisors to see all the information in different ways, so if you ever have questions, do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by my office! I'm happy to discuss it and answer your questions. Until next time...

Budget Process, Where the Heck are We?!

Momentum grows to be Public School Strong

Brass Tacks from Rural Iowa

BY BARBARA KALBACH

I don't think I could've been happier seeing recent news that Urbandale, South Tama, and Cedar Falls school districts passed Public School Strong resolutions. Cedar Rapids was a week before, and they join Albia, Belmont-Klemme, Decorah, Bennett, and Keokuk who passed resolutions late last year.

It warms my heart to see communities across Iowa voice support for our kids and their schools. These resolutions call on the legislature to fund public education at a 5% annual increase in supplemental state aid and gradually phase out private school vouchers.

Our public schools have been severely underfunded for over a decade

now. A meager 2% yearly increase has failed to keep up with inflation, making cuts to teachers, support staff, and programs the norm. If we want our schools to get back to the standards we had in the past, they need the proper resources to do so.

While our taxpayer money goes to private schools thanks to Gov. Reynolds' voucher scheme, our once envied public schools' struggle. Boone Community Schools just voted to cut its 100-year-old orchestra program, along with several teaching positions. Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, and Waterloo face million-dollar deficits. This happens while our state siphons \$700+ million to private vouchers.

I spoke with a CCI member in Cedar Falls who said she appreciated her school board's "support and everything they're doing to push back against a school voucher program that has done nothing but further degrade our public schools and students. It is critical that the legislature fully fund Iowa's public schools, whose coffers have been starved for years."

Iowa leaders once prized our public schools, so much so it's woven into the fabric of our state's history. Public schools are the bedrock of our communities. When public schools are fully funded, they thrive and so do our children. Our kids deserve more than the current status quo. Our state's legacy deserves better.

Perhaps a step in the right direction, there's a bill in our state legislature to require private schools receiving voucher money to adhere to the same re-

porting, transparency, and accountability standards as public schools. Senate File 2008 was introduced by Sen. Charlie McClintock (R - Alburnett) and assigned to a subcommittee. Though, as of this writing, my Senator Amy Sinclair has yet to schedule a meeting for this bill to be discussed.

Despite the outcomes of this legislative session, I know Iowans across the state will push for fully funded public schools instead of making them a scapegoat that has failed Iowa's next generation. Every student deserves a robust education that sets them up for success. Our children matter more than political agendas and wealthy special interests.

Barb is a 4th generation family farmer, retired registered nurse, and longtime member of Iowa CCI. She can be reached at barbnealkalbach@gmail.com

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A Play in Malay

BY ISAAC VOSBURG
WHERE IN THE
WORLD IS ISAAC
VOSBURG?

Before I begin, I would like to preface this particular column, as it is quite out of the ordinary compared to most others you may have read from me. This piece was something I wrote in September 2023, almost two and a half years ago, after I arrived in Malaysia for the first time. I've gone through and edited it just a bit, but it is otherwise presented exactly as I wrote it while I was actively participating in the very first month of my exchange program!

As a cacophony of trumpets serenaded—or rather, assaulted—my auditory senses, I was quick to realize what the day held in store. I hopped out of bed, quite briskly, I might add, for it being 5:50 in the morning, and turned off my alarm, which was now steadily increasing in volume. As I flipped on the lights, I couldn't help but do another mental run-through of my lines, actions, and fight scenes. I suppose this is where I should probably mention that I'm the bad guy here, with not one, but two fight scenes. Anyway, as I donned my navy blue blazer, slacks, and flat cap, the Captain Phillips in me was truly beginning to shine.

I had packed my back-



pack the night before to make my life a little easier in the morning, which it certainly did as I hauled it downstairs and ate a quick breakfast. Though it was about a million times better than I imagine toast and beans taste, I still felt my role as a British officer coming to life. I thanked my Amma for making breakfast with one of the handful of Tamil phrases I've picked up, wished both her and my sister good days with my exponentially better Malay, and just like that, I was off to school with my Appa.

We had a meeting spot and everything. All the cast was in costume and ready to go, and we were all practicing our bits and pieces that needed work before the show started. This was the Independence Day—or rather, the *Hari Merdeka*—play after all, so things had to be just right. This culminated in everything from kicks and punches to whis-

per-shouts and plain old shout-outs. We were certainly a loud and rowdy group, but that was no matter, as the morning assembly had just been called. Owing

largely to a wide-open space in the middle, with students shuffled close around the edges, this was most definitely not the usual morning lineup. Our stage had been set, and now it was a simple matter of performing.

Now, let it be noted that as much fun as it is to spontaneously break into a British accent—something I've spent many an hour practicing for in both plays and improv sessions past—there is that intangible quality of a Midwestern accent that just elevates the speech of the user to a previously unattainable level (it physically pains me to say soda: it will always and forever be pop). In all seriousness, though, a slow, clear, and deliberate delivery had been agreed upon as the best course of action, especially considering that I had lines in both English and Malay, often switching between the two languages in the same line.

As the morning announcements ended, we had all taken our places. My second-in-command and I were currently stationed behind a pillar, tucked away from view, while the Malaysian freedom fighters—our protagonists—had confidently marched their way right into the scene. I stood back and watched as they tied up my officers, who were caught in the act of threatening the Malaysian farmers and attempting to impose an unjust and costly

tax. After the fighting had ceased, and the imaginary knots had been worked behind my officers' backs, my cue had come.

I strode out onto the battlefield, emulating to the best of my abilities the immoral and wicked Captain Phillips, and believe me when I say that playing an evil British dude is a wholly novel experience. I shouted my orders, made demands of the “useless” Malay people (that was a tough one to spit out), and even “shot” one of my officers as a purely disciplinary action. I was well on my way to doing much worse when the Malaysians revolted. Needless to say, I had it coming.

Que the larger fight scene in which I am no match for the well-trained leader of the revolution (ironically, one of my best friends here in real life), and pretty soon I'm lying on the ground, fake dead as fake dead can be. Ending with a few inspiring words of revolution and freedom, the play drew to a close, garnering the applause of the whole audience.

Playing a cold-blooded killer is not likely to be on any big list of activities that best garner intercultural relationships—the main purpose of my exchange program; however, the subtleties in doing so accomplished that goal quite well. Between the usage of English and Malay, it served as an educational experience for both parties—bettering English comprehension for many of my peers, and improving Malay for me. Add to that the friendships and deepened bonds that occurred as a result of daily practices, as well as a means by which to show the entire school that I'm a student just like them, and this experience worked magic.

Now, the point I'm trying to make here is NOT that everyone needs to go

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out and be the bad guy in your school's bilingual parking lot drama performance—although that certainly is an interesting experience. No, what I'm attempting to get at is the power behind the simple matter of saying “yes.” That one word opens the door to innumerable possibilities.

Say yes to the little things, and say yes to the big things. Don't let an

opportunity pass you by—make the most of it! As you go about your daily life, the quick and easy “yes,” “why not?,” or “I'll try!” will do more for you than you'll ever know.

And with that, I leave you. I hope you enjoyed reading this story!

Best regards from Malaysia,
-Isaac Vosburg
September 26, 2023



The Secret Society of Cheerleaders



AMANDA RINK

"Do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame." - Alexander Pope

Last week, I attended the Iowa Newspaper Association Convention and Awards Ceremony. It's a yearly event where newspapers from across the state come together for a day of continuing education, networking, entirely too much food, and the grand finale of the night: the awards ceremony.

This was my second time attending, but the first time I was able to sit in on all of the informational sessions. I came home with a lot of ideas I'm excited to put to

use at *The Monitor*.

I was also honored to take home a second-place award for Best Continuing Coverage for my reporting on the search for hydrogen in Wright County. The judges described the coverage as “thorough,” which, coming from people who read a lot of newspapers, felt like a pretty solid compliment.

But the award I'm most excited to share is that this column, the one you're reading right now, received first place in the Master Columnist category.

I was allowed to submit three columns as examples of my work, and I narrowed it down to “*It Takes a Village to Find a Dog*,” “*Baby Carriers and Tractors*,” and “*The Journalist Behind the Headlines*.” The judge noted that my topics are wide-ranging and that I use humor to soften tough issues. I'm choosing to believe that my natural self-deprecating humor and slightly corny jokes

worked in my favor.

While recognition from industry professionals is always encouraging, the moment that felt the most rewarding to me didn't come from a judge's comment. It came from a Facebook comment from one of our readers: “As a long-time former Clarion resident, I continue to learn more about my cherished hometown and its residents because of your excellent coverage.”

The former publisher of *The Wright County Monitor* also shared, “A wonderful reward for long hours and amazing work.” And while awards are nice, truly, hearing from readers is what matters most. You're who I write for, after all.

One of the things I love most about living and working in small-town Iowa is the sense of community and connection. It shows up in good moments, like winning awards or telling meaningful stories. And it shows up

just as strongly in the hard ones.

You really learn who your cheerleaders are when life gets heavy. That's something my family and I were reminded of recently. People came out of the woodwork with advice, offers to help, or simply the gift of their presence. Many of them were people we casually chatted with around town, at school events, the grocery store, or in passing conversations on the sidewalk.

We admired them, of course. We just didn't realize we held a place with them, too... one that made them reach out during a difficult time for my husband and me.

It was a powerful reminder that you never really know who is rooting for you.

So I'll leave you with this tiny piece of advice: pay attention to the quiet cheerleaders in your life. The people who may not know how you take your coffee or celebrate your birthday with you, but

still care deeply about you. They still admire you and want the best for you.

Those small-town, built over time connections can mean the most when your world feels like it's caving in. So, if you're a quiet cheerleader for me, my kids, my husband... even my countyhopping silver lab, I am incredibly grateful for you.

Amanda Rink is the Editor of *The Wright County Monitor* and a children's book author. Her award-winning (mostly) weekly column is published in *The Wright County Monitor* and *The Hampton Chronicle*. She writes about everyday life in rural Iowa through a unique lens filtered through motherhood and other life experiences. When she isn't caring for her family, writing for the newspaper, or avoiding laundry, she can be found hiding in the woods with a cup of coffee and a romance novel.

Iowa House Advances Skilled Workforce Act



REP. SHANNON LATHAM
COLUMNIST

Week 4 was a shorter week at the Capitol with no session on Monday, Feb. 2, due to the midterm party caucuses. Even so, important work moved forward: advancing the Skilled Workforce Act, welcoming constituents to the Capitol and connecting with Iowans at events like Iowa State University's Day on the Hill and the Iowa Ag

Expo.

Committee Action

In the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee meeting this week, Iowa Workforce Development Director Beth Townsend discussed her department's budget. She shared that Iowa's total labor force has a 68% participation rate, with 35,700 more people working than last year. It is estimated that employers will save \$974 million during the next five years after the state's historic unemployment tax cut.

Iowa House Republicans on Wednesday introduced House Study Bill (HSB) 674, the Iowa Skilled Workforce Act. This legislation focuses on two main areas. First, it provides annual financial assistance to Registered Apprenticeship programs across the state



St. Paul's Lutheran Church School of Latimer visited the Iowa Capitol last Thursday, Feb. 5.

and funds the construction of new facilities at community colleges. Secondly, it provides local flexibility to

encourage pre-apprenticeship programs and allows veteran tradespeople to lead classrooms. The bill

is a clear message that the state is a partner to Iowans who want to put their education to work and grow

our economy.

Iowa Caucuses

Thank you to everyone who worked the midterm party caucuses on Monday night and to all those who attended. There are still ways to be involved this election cycle, such as signing petition forms for candidates on the ballot, donating to your favorite candidates, knocking on doors or volunteering for campaigns.

Stay in Touch

As I always say, I can't represent you if I don't hear from you. I welcome visits from constituents at the statehouse. Feel free contact me about issues of interest to you. You're welcome to message me through social media, email me at shannon.latham@legis.iowa.gov, or call the Iowa House switchboard at (515) 281-3221.

Strong Showing for H-D-CAL Speech Students at State Large Group Contest

BY LEE NELSON

H-D-CAL speech students performed at the Northeast Iowa Large Group State Contest at Waterloo West High School on Saturday, February 7. Each entry was evaluated and rated by three judges.

Receiving three 1 ratings:

Varsity Radio Broadcast – “The Pulse” Reed Masters and Arnold Guevara

Varsity Reader’s Theater – “The Cages We Build” by Emily Hageman (a boy who meets a girl and learns that we can make life whatever we want it to be) Natalie Birdsell, America Dominguez, Nick Quasdorf, Anna Robles, Kooper Tranel, Eva Dohlmann, Aaden Keehn, and Jack Hindin

Varsity Radio Broadcasting – “The Zone” Dillon Jensen, Trey Horton, Maddon Evans and Matthew Hartkopp

Varsity Ensemble Acting – “I Don’t Want to Talk About It” (about different things teenagers don’t want to talk about) Anna Robles, Jessica Simmons, Alycia Martinez, Jaslene Tevelan and Yesi Valenzuela

Varsity Choral Reading – “What are We Fighting For” by Linda Brandt” (about different protests over time) Keaton Gunderson, Gabe Espejo, Reed Masters, Alycia Martinez, Jaslene Tevelan, Jessica Simmons, Yesi Valenzuela, Sariah Whalen-Flores, Ruby Garcia, Tshephang Mphateng and Mady Schrock

Receiving two 1 ratings and one 2 rating:

Varsity Short Film – “Waiting to be Reheated” Ryne Magner, Maddon Evans and Jack Hindin

Varsity Ensemble Acting – “#Viral” (about Bullying) Maren Subbert, LilyAlice Rosenberg, Alie Storr, Autumn Janssen, Marlee Maas and Emma Dietz

Receiving one 1 rating and two 2 ratings:

Freshmen Ensemble Acting – “Driver’s Test” by Don Zolidis (about taking a driver’s test) Kendall Eilderts and Jared Sosa

Receiving three 2 ratings:

Freshmen Reader’s Theater – “A Seussified Christmas Carol” by Peter Bloedel (a reinvention of Charles Dicken’s Christmas Carol with rhymes) Kendall Kline, Kendall Eilderts, Skarlett Espejo, Sylvie Morton, Jared Sosa, Nora Dunnwald, Sophie Olevera, Catalana Hernandez, Klayton Plagge and Lincoln Powers

Freshman Ensemble Acting – “Saturday School” (a mom trying to get her kids up for school) Genesis Del Rio, Christina Hernandez and Azalea Thomson

Varsity Musical Theater – “Hatedown” Maren Subbert, James

Chambers, Keaton Gunderson, Sariah Whalen-Flores, Ruby Zamorano and Monse Zamorano

Freshmen Musical Theater – “Next to Normal” Catalana Hernandez and Christina Hernandez

All-State Participants

Groups nominated to perform at the Large Group All-State Festival, scheduled for Saturday, February 21, at Iowa State University, were announced Monday, February 9. One group from H-D-CAL, Varsity Ensemble Acting, “I Don’t Want to Talk About It,” will be performing at 3:14 p.m. in the Alumni Center Ballroom.

Two other H-D-CAL groups, Varsity Readers Theatre, “The Cages We Build” and Varsity Ensemble Acting, “#Viral” will be recognized at the 8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies in Stephens Auditorium.



(back row, l-r) Sophie Olvera, Nora Dunwald, Skarlett Espejo, Sylvie Morton, Klayton Plagge, Jared Sosa, Lincoln Powers (front row, l-r) Kendall Klein, Catalana Hernandez-Gomez, and Kendall Eildert



(l-r) Christina Hernandez, Genesis Del Rio, and Azalea Thomson.



(l-r) Nick Quasdorf, Kooper Tranel, Aaden Keehn, America Dominguez, Natalie Birdsell, Eva Dohlmann, Anna Robles, and Jack Hindin.



(l-r) Reed Masters and Arnold Guevara



(l-r) Emma Dietz, America Dominguez, Yesenia Valenzuela, Natalie Birdsell, Jaslene Tevalan, and Aly Martinez



Last week's trivia questions:

What two pro football teams are tied for the most Super Bowl wins? Answer: The New England Patriots and Pittsburgh Steelers have both won six Super Bowls (not including this year's game). The Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49'ers have both won five Super Bowls.

What two pro football teams are tied for the most Super Bowl losses? Answer: The New England Patriots and Denver Broncos have both lost five Super Bowls. The Minnesota Vikings and Buffalo Bills have both lost four Super Bowls.

This week's trivia questions:

This Saturday, Feb. 14, is Valentine's Day. In what country is it a tradition for women to give chocolates to men on Valentine's Day?

The 2026 Winter Olympics kicked off on Friday, Feb. 6, with the Opening Ceremony in Milan, Italy. What country has hosted the most Winter Olympic Games?

Feb. 11 is National Guitar Day, and National Inventor's Day; Feb. 12 is Hug Day; Feb. 13 is National Cheddar Day, and World Radio Day; Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day; Feb. 15 is World Hippo Day; Feb. 16 is President's Day; Feb. 17 is National Cabbage Day.

This week is Celebration of Love Week, Freelance Writer's Appreciation Week, National Hero Week, and Jell-O Week.

"Love is patient; love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

"We love because he first loved us."

- 1 John 4:19

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

- Colossians 3:14

Funny personal ads posted by women:

Single woman looking for solid relationship. You must be between the ages of 30 and 45, own your own home, and have a steady job with income to meet or exceed mine (\$49,000). Looking a little like Brad Pitt would be a big plus in your favor.

Needed quick! Date to family reunion. Three days, all expenses paid. Looking for man who is 30-45, tall, healthy, and smart. Must be comfortable with strangers, able to play endless hours of frisbee, and not a vegetarian. Please don't respond if you don't think you can pretend to be my boyfriend.

I hate most men. I am looking for the man who can change my opinion.

The first Winter Olympic Games were in 1924 and were held in Chamonix, France.

In the early years of the Winter Olympics, animals participated in demonstration events, such as dog-sledding in 1932 and "skijoring" in 1928, where athletes were towed on skis by horses.

The town of Valentine, Nebraska is decorated with painted hearts on the sidewalks and on the candy-red street signs. As the self-proclaimed "Heart City," some restaurants even offer heart-shaped steaks.

Valentine is the county seat of Cherry County in Nebraska. Cherry County is approximately 6,000 square miles, compared to Ida County's 432 square miles.

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What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

Showing at the Windsor Theatre from Friday, February 13, through Thursday, February 19, is Anaconda.

Regular showtimes are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM, with matinees on Sunday at 1:00 PM and Wednesday at 2:00 PM.

Anaconda (2025) is a comedic action-adventure horror film with a meta twist. The term "meta" refers to the film's self-referential reboot style, which acknowledges the existence of the original 1997 film Anaconda within its own story.

Childhood best friends Doug (Jack Black) and Griff (Paul Rudd), both grappling with midlife crises, decide to finally fulfill their long-held dream of remaking their favorite cult film, Anaconda. The pair head into the Amazon rainforest to shoot their own low-budget version.

What begins as a chaotic passion project quickly turns into a fight for survival when the crew encounters a real, giant, and deadly anaconda

deep in the jungle. Along the way, laughs mix with thrills as the friends attempt to escape both the snake and the mounting absurdity of their situation.

Anaconda (also known as Anacondas) is an American horror film franchise created by Hans Bauer, Jim Cash, and Jack Epps Jr. It began with Anaconda (1997) and includes a theatrical sequel, several television sequels, a crossover with the Lake Placid series, and a 2025 meta-reboot. The films center on giant, man-eating anacondas, with recurring references to the fictional Blood Orchid plant, Wexel Hall Pharmaceuticals, and the Murdoch family.

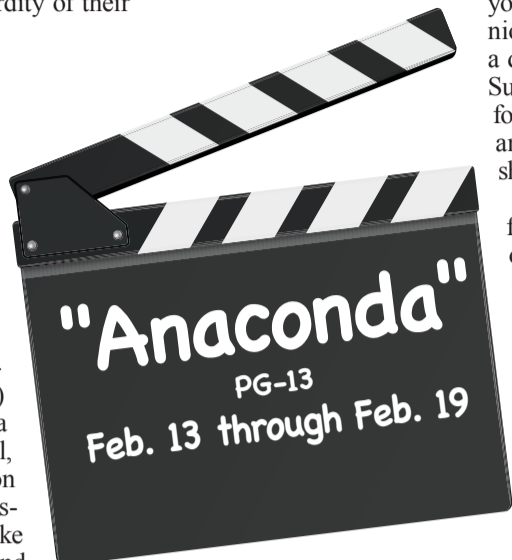
Anacondas are large, nonvenomous, semi-aquatic snakes belonging to the boa family and are found in the swamps and rivers of

tropical South America. The green anaconda is the world's heaviest snake, capable of reaching over 30 feet in

suggestive references. The running time is 99 minutes.

Regular movie ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth age 16 and under. Seniors (60 and over) receive a discounted price of \$4 on Sundays. All tickets are \$4 for the Wednesday matinee and the Thursday evening show.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door or online at www.windsortheatre.com. Credit cards are accepted.



Upcoming Movies
(Subject to Change)

- Feb 20 I Can Only Imagine 2 (2 weeks)
- Mar 6 Hoppers (2 weeks)
- Mar 20 Goat
- Mar 27 Reminders of Him
- Apr 3 The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (2 weeks)

The film adaptation of Colleen Hoover's 2022 novel, Reminders of Him, is the second featured title 'Read the Book Before You See the Movie' promotion. To check out a copy of the book, contact the Hampton Public



Library. For more information or to contact the Windsor Theatre, visit www.windsortheatre.com or call or text theatre manager Jim Davies at 641-425-4707.

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Movie schedule may change.

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Feb 27: I Can Only Imagine 2
Mar 6: Hoppers
Mar 13: Hoppers
Mar 20: Goat
Mar 27: Reminders of Him (read the book, see the movie promotion)
Apr 3: The Super Mario Galaxy Movie
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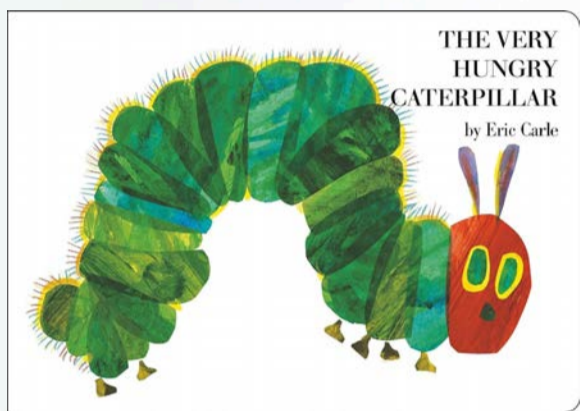
Readers of the Week at the Hampton Public Library



BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Freya Hass, age 4.

Freya is the daughter of Courtney and Alex Hass. Her favorite book is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle.



NIACC CENTER: FROM COVER

niors next year, so that they also have a chance to benefit from the center. All of the coursework through the center will be free, through concurrent enrollment opportunities, according to Gonzalez, and students will save up to \$10,000 by taking one of the 2-year programs, starting as a junior.

When it comes to the Latino population, Gonzalez — who also serves as the DOJ representative at La Luz Centro Cultural — said she will continue to serve as the liaison between community members and NIACC.

"That is never going to change,"

she said. "The relationships I've built with that demographic here and our service region is one of the things that makes my position unique. It's all about building those relationships."

Gonzalez, who was born and raised in Hampton, has a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a master's degree in Post-Secondary Education: Student Affairs from the University of Northern Iowa, along with a culinary arts diploma from Western Culinary Institute, in Portland, Oregon. After graduating, she worked as a head baker for Il Fornaio Ital-

ian Restaurant for six years in Portland, before relocating to Colorado and working as a restaurant manager. She then managed a bilingual caseload for the Department of Human Services Court Team for Child Support Enforcement, before finally returning home to Iowa to be closer to family. She currently lives in Hampton with her husband, Ozzy, and daughter, Sofia, who is growing up in the same community where her mother was raised.

HEART AWARENESS: FROM COVER

Whatever it takes, they are willing to do it, if it means helping the patient, said Warneke. She added that patients often do a complete 180 by the time they're done with the program, making it all worth it.

"You can see it in their faces," she said.

Warneke, who previously worked in OB and ICU de-

partments, has been at Franklin General Hospital for the last three years. When asked about her current team, she said "they're the best!"

And her most important advice for readers: "If a symptom is new to you, get it checked out," she said. "Better safe than sorry."

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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

DETAILS:
Monday 8:30 AM
Franklin County Courthouse

ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

DETAILS:
Second Tuesday

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Second Tuesday of every month
6:30 PM

ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
Third Wednesday of every month

CAL SCHOOL BOARD:

DETAILS:
2nd Thursday of the month
at 5:30 PM

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD:

DETAILS:
Second Thursday,
4:30 PM,
Center 1

ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Alexander Library, 409 Harriman St
City Council meetings on the First
Tuesday of every month

HANSELL CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Second Wednesday every month,
Community Center 7:00 PM

HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
Board meets every 3rd Wednesday
of the month, 5:15 PM-6:15 PM
Library board meets to discuss
library business, budgeting, funding
and happenings.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

DETAILS:
5:30 PM
City Council Chambers

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD:

DETAILS:
Second Monday of month,
6:30 PM
Maynes Grove Shelter

COULTER CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Second Wednesday of the month,
6:30 PM

LATIMER CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Second Wednesday,
6:30 PM

DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD:

DETAILS:
Dumont Public Library
Second Wednesday of every month

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Hampton City Council meets in
Regular Session on the 2nd and 4th
Thursdays of each month at 6:00
PM, in the City Council Chambers.

Workshops are held on the
Mondays preceding the 2nd and
4th Thursday Regular Sessions
at 6:00 PM, in the City Council
Chambers.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

DETAILS:
Second Monday every other month
(usually) February 13th 4:00 PM

DOWS CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
First Monday of every month
6:00 PM

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Every second Monday
of the month at 6 PM

HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD:

DETAILS:
Fourth Monday of the month
6:00 PM

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION:

DETAILS:
First Wednesday of month,
7:00 PM
Franklin County Law
Enforcement Center

GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

DETAILS:
3rd Monday of the month at noon
at Center 1.

DUMONT CITY COUNCIL:

DETAILS:
Second Thursday
7:00 PM
At EMS Center Dumont

FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS:

DETAILS:
First Tuesday of the Month
4:00 PM,
Franklin County Veterans Affairs
Office

WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD:

DETAILS:
Third Monday of the Month,
5:00 PM,
West Fork High School Sheffield

FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL :

DETAILS:
Franklin County Extension Council
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Council members help determine
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COUNCIL: FROM PAGE 2

vide funding for their day-to-day operations.

When Palmer was done, Library Director Suzy Knipfel also shared concerns with the council over their latest budget workshop, starting with the role of their foundation and how it funds their organization.

According to Knipfel, the foundation, which was established in 1989, is meant to financially assist the library with projects and/or issues that occur outside of their yearly operations budget. She noted, like Palmer, that the



Hampton city officials during their Feb. 9 city council meeting.



Hampton Public Library Director Suzy Knipfel speaking about their foundation at the library during the city council meeting.

foundation does not assist with their day-to-day operations.

"The foundation members are really good stewards of the money, but with that being said, I have criteria I have to meet when I request money," she said. "Obviously, I can't go in and say 'I need \$5,000 for paper towels! That is not their role.'"

The library's foundation is made up of President Marsha Heilskov, Vice President Carol Sensor, Treasurer Ron Schermer, Director Art Cady III, Director Margaret Pearson and Director John Lyman. Knipfel shared a list of funding from the

foundation since 2020: \$26,500 in 2020, \$26,500 in 2021, \$26,500 in 2022, \$27,275 in 2023, \$31,275 in 2024, \$31,275 in 2025 and \$41,275 for 2026, which is still pending approval.

"I will be asking for a \$10,000 increase, so I put pending approval [for this year]," she said about their list of funding from the foundation.

When asked how much the foundation currently has, Knipfel said she would have to check in with Foundation Treasurer Ron Schermer for an exact amount.

According to Knipfel, the foundation generally meets once a year in May.

Knipfel reminded the council that there has been a 40 percent decrease in funding from the Franklin County Supervisors, along with a 10 percent loss due to the change in the formula in how the money was dispersed among the county libraries, leading them a total decrease of \$36,640 since 2024.

Knipfel said immediate needs at the library include replacing remaining windows, tuck-pointing the exterior of the building, fixing the moisture issues in the children's department and addressing the interior paint, which hasn't been retouched since 2008. She also spoke about re-

cent projects at the library, which have been funded by the city, the Barkema grant, the foundation and a capital campaign that they ran.

Knipfel also reminded the council of the gradual loss of the levy funding, which will be completely lost by 2029, resulting in a total loss of \$64,640.

"The levy is gradual, but every year, we have to look at this and say 'what can we do?'" she said.

She asked the councilors "if the library foundation was not in existence, who would bear the responsibility of keeping that building up?"

City Manager Ront Dunt said "the city owns

the building" to which Knipfel said "right, it is the city's responsibility."

"The foundation kicks in that money, so it's a savings to the city," said City Councilor Jeanne Fay.

According to Knipfel, the library's board of trustees will have to make more decisions about cutting services due to their decrease in funding.

When she was done speaking, Mayor Steve Birdsall made several comments, saying the city contributes to the library as much as possible.

"There are other funds that we contribute to for the library. Health and dental insurance, property insurance, stuff like that," he said. "So the number that we're contributing is actually much larger. I think the big thing that is weighing on everybody is the property tax ... We don't want to take anything from anybody and I appreciate the library. I just want to make sure we are all on the same team."

Knipfel thanked him, saying they were grateful for any funding they have received (and will receive) from the city.

SPORTS

Hampton Girls Lose to Iowa Falls-Alden and Algona

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON
CHRONICLE

Hampton-Dumont-CAL (HDCAL) girls basketball lost both of their games last week. The Bulldogs fell to the Iowa Falls-Alden Cadets 46-38 on Tuesday, Feb. 3 and to the Algona Bulldogs 61-38 on Friday, Feb. 6.

In the loss to Iowa Falls-Alden, HDCAL fell behind 14-2 at the end of the first quarter and were unable to come back. Junior Madison Heilskov led the Warhawks with 14 points on 6-of-16 shooting and eight rebounds. Sophomore MacKenzy Valley led the Bulldogs with nine assists to go along with seven points. Junior Addison Aal-

bers scored seven points on 3-of-7 shooting.

In the loss to Algona, HDCAL was tied with Algona at the end of the first quarter before Algona pulled away in the final three quarters. Valley led the Bulldogs with 22 points on 10-of-24 shooting. Heilskov scored nine points on 4-of-16 shooting and led the Bulldogs with seven rebounds. Valley and Heilskov led the Bulldogs with two assists each.

The Bulldogs fall to 6-14 on the season and 4-9 in conference play. The Bulldogs hosted Clarion-Goldfield-Dows on Tuesday, Feb. 10 and their next game is on Saturday, Feb. 14 when they play at Dike-New-Hartford at 7 p.m.



Madison Heilskov shoots a layup in game versus Iowa Falls-Alden. Photo by Evan Pharr.



Bridget Brocka with the ball in the offensive end in game versus Iowa Falls-Alden. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Hampton-Dumont-CAL Boys Defeat Iowa Falls-Alden, Fall to Algona

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON
CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL (HDCAL) boys basketball team picked up a dominate 65-30 win over the Iowa Falls-Alden Cadets on Tuesday, Feb. 3. The Bulldogs then lost to the Algona Bulldogs 73-58 on Friday, Feb. 6. Coach Matt Lokenvitz was happy to see his team put up one of their best performances of the season this late in the season.

"We've been playing that like that for two weeks really," Lokenvitz said. "We've been playing really good. It just hadn't materialized into wins yet. I'm hoping it's a great momentum boost for us."

In the win over Iowa Falls-Alden, Hampton-Dumont-CAL dominated from the start, as they took a 31-10 lead into halftime. The Bulldogs' hot start was thanks to sophomore Hunter Rieken knocking down five three-point shots in the first half. Coach Lokenvitz discussed that he had been



Tramaine Horton shoots a free throw in game versus Iowa Falls-Alden. Photo by Evan Pharr.

waiting for a performance like this from Rieken.

"He's been able to do this whole year," he said. "He's been showing it in practice. He just hasn't put

it together in a game yet. For him, it's all confidence. He's a really good shooter."

Rieken finished with 15 points on those five three-pointers made. Junior



Hunter Rieken dribbles the ball in the corner in game versus Iowa Falls-Alden. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Tramaine Horton led the Bulldogs with 22 points on 6-of-12 shooting, including knocking down 3-of-6 three-point shots. Horton gave credit to his

teammates for his big performance.

"Honestly, it was my teammates," Horton said. "All year, I didn't start off pretty well, and it was my

teammates, my family and everyone encouraged me to keep playing hard. I got my coaches telling me that I'm a better player than what I showed at the beginning of the season. When I have that confidence around me, it makes the game easier."

Senior Brady Harr recorded a double-double, scoring 12 points and pulling down a team-high 10 rebounds. Senior Caden Woods led the Bulldogs with six assists.

In the loss to Algona, H-D-CAL got off to a hot start, taking a 21-15 lead into the second quarter, before Algona dominated the last three quarters. Brady Harr led the Bulldogs with 25 points on 15-of-20 shooting and 20 rebounds. Harr and Rieken led the Bulldogs with three assists each.

The Bulldogs now sit at 6-12 and 4-8 in conference play. The Bulldogs hosted Clarion-Gildfield-Dows on Tuesday, Feb. 10 and their next game is on Thursday, Feb. 12 when they host Appleton-Parlersburg at 7:30 p.m.

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Maren Subbert Places Fourth in State Championship Wrestling Meet

EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON
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CORALVILLE - Hampton-Dumont-CAL junior placed fourth in the 190 pound class in the IGSAU Class 1A State Championship wrestling meet on Thursday, Feb. 5 and Friday, Feb. 6. Subbert is proud of her accomplishment.

"I feel pretty good with a fourth place finish, as my main goal was at least to be on the podium," Subbert said. "I would always want to finish higher on

the podium, but I'm satisfied with how I finished compared to last year. A lot of building will just be continuing to work and improve on what I need to as I head into my senior year."

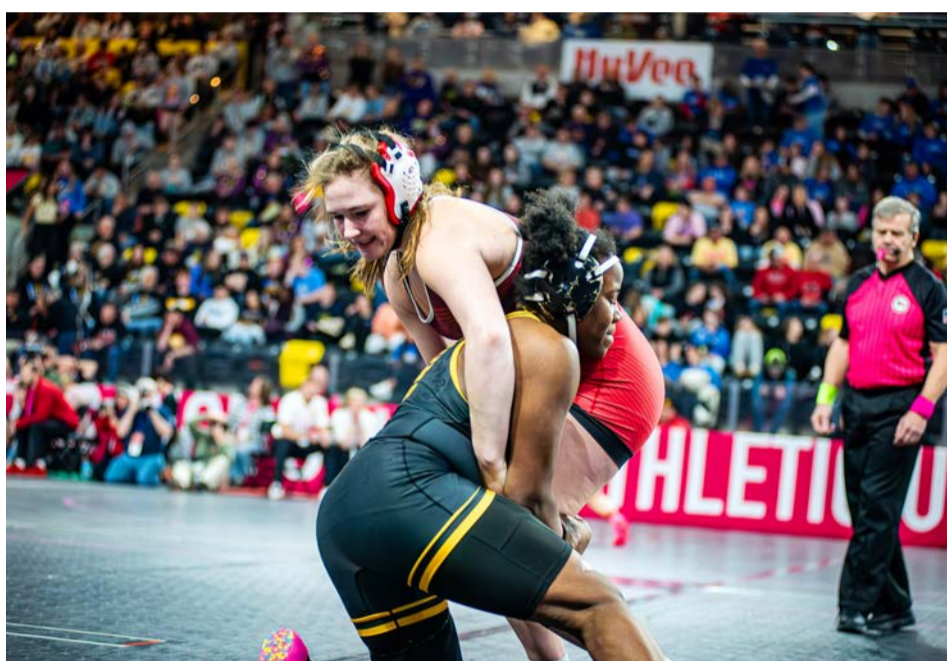
Subbert won her first round match over Highland-Riverside's Chloe Sexton by ultimate tiebreaker (1-0) before falling in the quarterfinal. Subbert defeated SWAT's Megan Gerlock by fall at 5:29 in the consolation second round and Colfax-Mingo's Kennedy Phillips by fall at 7:20

in the consolation third round. Subbert defeated Central Lyon-George Little Rock's Kenley Korthals by decision (4-0) in the consolation semifinal before falling in the third place match to finish fourth.

Sophomore Juliette Koch and junior Elsie Kuper both lost their first two matches to be eliminated from the tournament on Thursday. The second season in the history of the Hampton-Dumont-CAL girls program has officially come to an end.



Maren Subberts arm raised after winning a match in the State Wrestling Meet. Photo by Chance Hall.



Elsie Kuper during a match in the State Wrestling Meet. Photo by Chance Hall.



Juliette Koch during a match in the State Wrestling Meet. Photo by Chance Hall.

Weekly Recap

Hampton-Dumont-CAL:

Feb. 3: Girls basketball lost their game at Iowa-Falls 46-38. Madiosn Heilskov led the Bulldogs with 14 points and eight rebounds. MacKenzy Valley led the Bulldogs with nine assists.

Feb. 3: Boys basketball won their game versus Iowa Falls-Alden 65-30. Tramaine Horton led the Bulldogs with 22 points. Brady Harr led the Bulldogs with 10 rebounds and Caden Woods led the team with six assists.

Feb. 5: Maren Subbert placed fourth in the State Championship Wrestling Meet. Juliette Koch and Elsie Kuper were eliminated after losing their first two matches.

Feb. 6: Girls basketball lost their game versus Algona 61-38. MacKenzy Valley led the Bulldogs with 22 points and two assists. Madison Heilskov led the Bulldogs with seven

rebounds.

West Fork:

Feb. 2: Girls basketball won their game versus Northwood-Kensett 60-22. Zada Huff led the Warhawks with 16 points and seven rebounds. Brylee Dickman led the Warhawks with three assists.

Feb. 2: Boys basketball won their game versus Northwood-Kensett 72-31. Junior Adyen Bonner with 22 points. Lane Kollman led the Warhawks with seven rebounds and Zander Hansen led the team with six assists.

Feb. 3: Girls basketball won their game versus North Butler 50-30. Zada Huff led the Warhawks with 20 points, Dazie Huff led the team with six rebounds and Brylee Dickman led the team with six assists.

Feb. 3: Boys basketball won their

game versus North Butler 45-36. Zandre Hansen led the Warhawks with 19 points, Lane Kollman led the team with seven rebounds and Keston Lambertson led the team with two assists.

Feb. 5: Boys basketball lost their game versus Clarion-Goldifled-Dows 61-59. Ayden Bonner led the Warhawks with 24 points and seven rebounds. Jayden Haller led the team with four assists.

Feb. 6: Girls basketball lost their game versus Nashua-Plainfield 59-43. Stats not available for this game as of 2/9/26 at 12 p.m.

Feb. 6: Boys basketball lost their game versus Nashua-Plainfield 64-38. Zander Hansen led the Warhawks with 11 points and three assists. Keston Lambertson led the Warhawks with four rebounds.

Upcoming Sports Events

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

- Feb. 12: Boys basketball vs Aplington-Parkersburg 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13: Boys basketball @ Clear Lake 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14: Boys wrestling District Meet @ Independence 10 a.m.
- Feb. 14: Girls basketball @ Dike-New-Hartford 7 a.m.

West Fork

- Feb. 12: Boys basketball @ Forest City 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14: Boys wrestling District Meet @ Lake Mills 10 a.m.
- Feb. 17: Girls basketball vs East Marshall 7 p.m.



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How Much Ice?



Whenever I get into a conversation about ice fishing the first question I am asked is “how much ice is there?” At the beginning of the ice fishing season people want to know if it is safe enough to go out and at this time of the year, they want to know how thick the ice is.

This year we got some pretty cold weather right after Thanksgiving and the ice formed quickly. The first time I went out on the ice in early December the ice was just hitting three inches. That is the minimum thickness for someone to walk on. There are many different resources that give the ice thicknesses for walking, driving etc. Those are always good rules to follow.

Ice thickness is also determined by many other factors. Moving water will always make the ice thinner. If there is a spring in the lake or pond, the ice will



vary in thickness depending on how close the moving water is. Wind can also affect ice thickness. It is hard to believe that wind can move a whole lake of ice, but that happens. Ice heaves can leave “mountains” of ice on the lake and even blow ice onto the shore. The heaves also leave large cracks of open water in the ice. The bigger the lake the worse the heaves can be.

The deepest ice I have ever seen was on Lake of the Woods in northern Minnesota. I was with a group of guys ice fishing there many years ago. It was my first time driving across the ice and I was very nervous. I remember

sitting in the back of the mini van with the door open because I thought for sure we were going to break through. When we got to the place we were going to fish, the guide pulled out his ice auger. The auger was so long that he had to climb on the hood of the truck to hold it up. When he was done drilling through the ice we measured and the ice was almost seven feet! I felt much safer after that.

With the warmer weather lately, I have been out fishing often this past week. Most of the ice that I have found is anywhere between 20-24 inches thick. The recent two weeks of very cold



weather sure made a lot of ice. The ice is also very clear. That means it is frozen hard. When I am out ice fishing on cold days the ice “talks”. That means the ice is cracking and groaning. For people who are new to the ice these noises can be very alarming. The cracking and groaning are from making new ice. The new ice pushes against the old ice and makes noise. This also contributes to the ice heaves.

I have spent a few nights sleeping on the ice in insulated ice houses. At night the ice makes a lot of noise. On big lakes ice cracks can travel for miles. I heard a crack coming across the

ice and it sounded like a train coming. When you hear that noise at midnight it will give you goosebumps. Not good ones either.

Now, with warm weather, people are concerned that the ice is melting too fast and I should not go out on the lake. I tell them there is still two feet of ice. Even with some days of temperatures above freezing, it still takes a long time for the ice to melt. Most nights it is still below freezing so there is not much ice loss going on. It will take multiple nights and days above freezing to affect the ice. Those warm rains we get in late March are the real ice killers. Just think of sitting out an ice cube on the counter. It will take awhile to thaw, but if you run water over it the cube will melt quickly.

With all this in mind I think I am safe on the ice for awhile yet. The later the season the harder the fishing gets. The fish are just lethargic now. They do not want to use much energy to move around and bite lures. This will last until the ice starts to melt and send some fresh water into the lake. The fresh water will fire up the fish once again and make fishing easier. I will be there when it happens.

Be Aware of New Tax Issues as Filing Season Approaches

BY BARB WOLLAN
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – Tax filers have several new issues to be aware of as the filing season approaches. As always, being prepared prior to filing your return is the best way to ensure that your tax return is processed speedily and you receive the maximum refund possible in your situation, says Barb Wollan, a health and human sciences educator with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Low-and-moderate-income taxpayers are encouraged to seek a nearby Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site, where IRS-certified volunteers prepare and e-file returns at no cost for qualifying clients, Wollan said. Most households with income below \$69,000 are eligible, unless their return involves complex tax issues such as rental income, farm income or a deduction for business use of the home.

VITA sites are located throughout Iowa, including at several ISU Extension and Outreach offices. For



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information about VITA and to locate a site, visit ISU Extension and Outreach’s VITA webpage.

New deductions from income for 2025 include a deduction for voluntary tip income and a deduction for overtime pay, Wollan continued. Taxpayers will need a statement from their employer that specifies the amount of their pay that is deductible as tips or overtime, since the needed information is not found on the W-2 form.

Individuals over age 65 will also be eligible for a new “senior deduction” of \$6,000, on top of their existing standard or item-

ized deduction amount. No documentation is needed to claim that deduction – it is simply based on the taxpayer’s birthdate.

For the first time, the IRS will not issue taxpayer refunds via paper checks, Wollan noted. All taxpayers will need to provide direct deposit information to receive their refunds. Most taxpayers use either a checking or a savings account and must provide the bank routing number as well as the account number. The account must be in the name of the taxpayer (or one of the taxpayers, if filing jointly); the IRS will not deposit a refund to an

account not in the name of the taxpayer.

Taxpayers who wish to have their refund deposited into a pre-paid debit card must also provide routing and account numbers. Neither of these numbers is found on the card itself, so once again, taxpayers must be prepared, Wollan said.

Other examples of information that can affect your final tax bill and refund include costs for daycare; tuition, fees and required supplies for post-secondary education; contributions to a retirement account; business expenses (for those who have self-employment income); and others. Refer to last year’s return for reminders of information and documents that may be needed.

To learn more about tax issues, see “Understanding Taxes,” a free publication available from UpLift, a community-wide learning opportunity on poverty reduction strategies in Central Iowa. Iowa State University associate professor Suzanne Bartholomae and Wollan collaborated with UpLift on the publication.



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Swine Biosecurity Workshops to Be Held across Iowa

BY MARTA GRANT
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – The Iowa Pork Industry Center has partnered with the Iowa Pork Producers Association to offer 10 biosecurity workshops across Iowa this spring.

Designed for barn managers, employees and producers of any size, these workshops will include an educational presentation and biosecurity demonstrations led by swine extension specialists. Participants will review updates on swine diseases, research from Iowa State University and discuss biosecurity concerns and best practices.

ISU has designed a trailer to demonstrate the bench entry process, showering in, security and more. Participants will be able to walk through the trailer and participate in a Glo Germ™ exercise to demonstrate disease spread.

Workshop dates, locations, registration

The biosecurity workshops are offered to participants at no cost. Funding is provided by ISU Extension and Outreach and the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

- Feb. 11: Kirkwood Community College (Cedar Rapids)
- Feb. 26: Featherlite Center (Cresco)
- March 3: Ellsworth College Ag and Energy Center (Iowa Falls)
- March 4: ISU Northern Iowa Research Farm (Kanawha)
- March 5: Dordt University (Sioux Center)

As additional workshops are scheduled, registration will be available on the Iowa Pork Industry Center website.

For more information, contact Stacie Matchan, program specialist, at sgould@iastate.edu.

Workshop to Help Aspiring Entrepreneurs Launch Compliant, Profitable Food Businesses

BY CHRISTA HARTSOOK AND ALAINA FRIESLEBEN
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – Aspiring food business owners are invited to attend a day-long workshop led by food business and food safety experts with the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Food Innovation and Business Hub. The workshop, “Plan, Prep, Profit: Starting a Food Business,” will provide practical guidance for turning food ideas or hobbies into viable, compliant businesses and will be held on March 13 at the Digital Ag Innovation Lab in Ames.

Starting a food business can feel overwhelming due to regulatory requirements,



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safety considerations and business planning needs. This workshop is designed to help participants navigate these complexities with confidence.

“There is so much that goes into any business, but a food business carries another level of responsibility

to the end consumer,” said Christa Hartsook, Farm, Food and Enterprise Development program manager with ISU Extension and Outreach. “This workshop will prepare individuals to confidently develop an idea or a hobby into a profitable business.”

The full-day workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and cover key topics including business planning, market selection, cost analysis, navigating food safety regulations and product promotion. Participants will receive a structured, step-by-step overview of the critical components needed to launch and sustain a food business.

Those interested in attending must register online and pay a \$120 registration fee. Lunch will be provided to registered participants.

For more information, visit Plan, Prep, Profit: Starting a Food Business, or contact Christa Hartsook at hartc@iastate.edu.

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Community Meal at Hampton United Methodist Church

The free community meal at Hampton United Methodist Church last Saturday was a huge success, according to Pat Sackville. The meal was made possible by a group of volunteers from churches with the Franklin County Ministerial Association. Volunteers helped with everything from securing the funding to preparing the food and cleaning up. Check out photos from that event below.



Immanuel UCC Pastor Joe Dunnwald mans the stove.



Tracy Spear with Faith Baptist cooking up some meat.



Pat Poling with Faith Baptist preparing supplies for the big lunch.



Cathy Petersen with Congregational UCC and Donna Devereux with St. Patrick Catholic Church helping clean up after the meal.



Hampton United Methodist Church Kitchen Chair Pat Sackville takes a quick break after preparing food.



Father Kevin Earleywine smiles for the Chronicle.



Becky Laipple with Congregational UCC is ready to do her part for the community meal.



Pat Poling dishing up some potato soup for the Chronicle team to try.



Robbi Stevens with Hampton United Methodist Church and Joe Dunnwald with Immanuel UCC preparing food.

More photos on B8!

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IF YOU HAVE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS.

IF A SON OR DAUGHTER ENLISTS IN THE ARMED FORCES.



IF SOMEONE MOVES INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

BAPTIST

Faith Baptist
Lead Pastor: Robert Anderstrom
Address: 1701 Central Ave E., PO Box 515, Hampton, IA 50441
Telephone: 641-456-4887
Website: faith-hampton.com
Facebook: FBC-Hampton
• Sunday, February 15, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes
• Tuesday, February 17, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
• Wednesday, February 18, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 6:45 p.m. Youth Mentor Groups

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's Catholic
611 Sherman Ave., Ackley
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
• Sunday, 8 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic
1405 N. Federal St., Hampton
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
Tuesdays 8:30 AM
Thursdays 5:30 PM with Adoration at 6:00 PM
Sunday 10:30 AM English
5:30 PM Spanish

LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints
Hampton / Miguel Sosa Garcia, Branch President
• Sunday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Food Pantry Sunday

LUTHERAN

Our Savior's Lutheran
121 Prospect, Ackley
• Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Divine Service (Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th); 11 a.m. Fellowship
• Tuesdays, 4 p.m. Tuesday School

Richland Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELS/WELS)
300 Elm St., Thornton
952-607-1293
Pastor Caleb Helmen
• February - July 8:30 a.m. church and 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
• August - January 10:30 a.m. Church and 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
• Bible class Tuesday 10:00 a.m. September through May.

St. John's Lutheran
1207 Indigo Ave., Hampton
• 11 a.m. Worship - 2nd and 4th Sundays

Zion St. John Lutheran Sheffield
422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475
• Wednesday, February 11, 8:30 a.m. ZSJ Quilters; 5:15 p.m. 7-8th Confirmation Class; 6:15 p.m. ZSJ Handbell Rehearsal; 7:15 p.m. ZSJ Chancel Choir Rehearsal
• Thursday, February 12, 2 p.m. West Fork Food Pantry
• Saturday, February 14, **Happy Valentine's Day!**
• Sunday, February 15, 9 a.m. **Transfiguration Sunday** Worship Service; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship & Sunday School
• Monday, February 16, 1 p.m. **Card-ian Angels; President's Day**
• Wednesday, February 18, 8:30 a.m. ZSJ Quilters; 7 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion,**

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St. Paul's Lutheran
304 W Main, Latimer
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
• Wednesday, February 11, 8:05 a.m. Matins; 6:30 p.m. **Youth Group and Book Study**
• Wednesday, February 12, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. **Parent Info Night**
• Friday, February 13, 5:30 p.m. **St. Paul's Students Sing National Anthem at Wild Hockey Game**
• Sunday, February 15, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Study & Sunday School
• Monday, February 16, **No School - Teacher Professional Development**
• Wednesday, February 18, 8:05 a.m. Matins; 6:30 p.m. **Ash Wednesday**

St. Paul's Church
400 Larch St., Thornton

St. Peter Lutheran Church
502 2nd St. S, Rockwell

Trinity Lutheran Church
16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton
www.trinityhampton.com
Vicar - Tyler Linneman,
Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Pastor
• Sunday, February 15, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
• Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 10:15 a.m. Radio Worship Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM
• Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar
Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor
• Sunday, February 15, 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice; 10 a.m. Worship Service; 11 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

First Lutheran Church - Dows
206 W Ellsworth St, Dows
• Sunday, February 15, 9 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation, & Coffee; 10 a.m. Worship Service
• Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service w/ Communion**

METHODIST

Ackley United Methodist
416 Hardin St., Ackley
Pastor Calvin Scholte
• Sundays, 9-9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship Service

First United Methodist
510 Thompson St., Sheffield
Pastor Pastor Wendy Johannessen
• Sundays, 9 a.m. Worship Service

Geneva United Methodist
603 Front St., Geneva
• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

Hampton United Methodist
100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Dennis Burns
• Wednesday, February 11, 5:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday & Confirmation Class
• Thursday, February 12, 9:30 a.m. BeFriends; 10:30 a.m. **Chapel at Franklin General**
• Saturday, February 14, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. **CleanUp Closet**; 5 p.m. Worship Service

• Sunday, February 15, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m. Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12 p.m. Fellowship; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast; 6 p.m. **4-H**
• Monday, February 16, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK
• Tuesday, February 17, 1:30 p.m. Faithful Stitches
• Wednesday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. **God's FLOCK & NAOMI Coffee**; 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal; 7 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

West Fork United Methodist
2200 Tulip Ave., Sheffield
Pastor Wendy Johannessen

New Hope United Methodist Parish: Aredale, Bristow, Dumont
Pastor Dennis Burns
• Aredale: Worship, 8:15 a.m.
• Dumont: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
Morgan/Bradford, 569 100th St., Dows
Lee Center, 393 Ironwood Ave., Alden
Rev. Judy Eilderts
• Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship service with fellowship time following (Lee Center, odd months; Morgan/Bradford, even months)

United Methodist Dows
• Lay Speaker Richard Eichelberger
• Discipleship class - Sunday @8:30am
• Worship Service @ 10:00am

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Church of the Living Word
420 First Ave. NE, Hampton
641-456-8175
Pastor Brian Rihner
www.clwhampton.org
• Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship
• Sunday: 9AM - Adult Sunday school
• Wednesday: 5:30PM - PK - Grade 6 WOW! and Adult Bible Study, 6:30PM: MS & HS Youth, 7:00PM - Adult Bible Study.
• Wee Ones Christian Preschool: Mon., Tues., Thurs.; Mary Mollenbeck, Director, 641-456-8471

Living Well Fellowship
917 Howard St. (First Presbyterian Church), Aplington
• 319-247-5569
• Mondays, 7 p.m., Contemporary Worship Exploring Redemption and Healing. Come early for hot chocolate or cappuccino.

Sovereign Grace Church
109 N Eskridge St., Dows
Pastor Doug Holmes
www.sgcdows.com
• Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; 11:15 a.m. Worship at First Presbyterian in Dows

Hampton Church of Christ
811 4th St. NE, Hampton, IA.
hamptonchurchofchrist.com
Pastor Joe Peter
• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Morning Café; 10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering

Sixth Street Church of Christ (Acapell)
909 Sixth St. SW, Hampton
Minister Jim Zacharias
• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship; 4:30

p.m. Worship
• Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. Bible Study

PRESBYTERIAN

Aplington Evangelical Presbyterian Church
917 Howard St., Aplington
Rev. Michael McLane
• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with fellowship following services

REFORMED

Dumont Reformed
912 Third St., Dumont
Pastor Chris Meester
• Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship (nursery care provided each week)
• First Monday of the month, 1 p.m. Reformed Church Women (RCW)
• Wednesdays, 7 p.m. RCYF (High School youth group from 8-12 grade)
• All times and schedules are subject to change due to pandemic. You can join us online YouTube and Facebook: **Dumont Reformed Church**, website: dumontreformed.com, and Dumont Cable 1000

First Reformed
214 Brown St., Alexander
• Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Kids Choir & PreK-HS Sunday School; **Sunday School Children Sing during Worship Service**

Zion Reformed Church
2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield
Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor
Office Hours: M,W,Th: 8-Noon * Bad Weather KLMJ*
• Wednesday, February 11, 7 p.m. RCYF
• Saturday, February 14, **Happy Valentine's Day!**
• Sunday, February 15, 9:15 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
• Monday, February 16, **President's Day**
• Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m. **Family Ministry**

Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church
605 4th St. NE, Hampton
Pastor Steven Shafer
Phone: 641-424-3055
Email: SDAHamptonIA@gmail.com
• Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Congregational U.C.C.
22 First Ave. SW, Hampton
(641) 456-2192
Pastor Karen Koenig and Pastor Peggy Allison
• Sunday, February 15, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Immanuel U.C.C.
204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunnwald
• Sunday, February 15, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva
496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633
• Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Jeff Janssen

In loving memory of Steven C. Stockdale 1936-2026



Steven C. Stockdale passed away February 4, 2026 surrounded by his family at his home in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at the First United Methodist Church in Iowa Falls, with burial immediately following at Union Cemetery.

A luncheon will be held at the church following the service with a time of fellowship with the family from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Steven was born March 3, 1936 to Elmer Guy Stockdale, Jr. and Gwen Corson Stockdale in the Ellsworth Municipal Hospital in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Steven was raised in the Iowa Falls area graduating from Iowa Falls High School in 1955. During high school, he enjoyed his vocational agriculture classes and was actively involved in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and served as State FFA Reporter during his senior year in High School.

Steven received his Agricultural Education degree from Iowa State College (ISU) in 1958. Steven then returned to the family farm north of Iowa Falls where he helped Elmer with various enterprises, including fertilizer sales (particularly a brand-new product called anhydrous ammonia), animal feed sales, and the sale of round wire corn cribs to store corn on the farm. As years went by, cribs were replaced by metal grain bins.

Steven met Virginia Anne Benbow, who was a new teacher in the Iowa Falls School system, near the end of 1959. Steven and Virginia found they had similar goals and love for one another and were married March 28, 1961. In June of 1961, Steven and Virginia left Iowa and moved to Bayfield, Colorado, where he got a job teaching social studies. At Thanksgiving that fall, Elmer, Gwen and his sister Barbara visited Colorado and Elmer told Steven that the grain bin business had increased, and he would like him to return to Iowa in the spring. At the end of the school year Steven and Virginia moved back to Iowa.

The Stockdale family business increased through the years and Steven found himself hiring many full-time and part-time employees. During the 1970's, Stockdales Corporation had as many as 60 full-time or part-time employees, including many boys who were attending high school or Ellsworth Community College. As a result of the farm crisis, Elmer and Steven made the difficult decision to close their business at the end of 1986.

Steven enjoyed the following years farming, first with his father and later on his own. He was particularly pleased that his daughter, Linda Guy and his son-in-law, Mark Guy, moved from their home in Newton to Iowa Falls to take over the family farming operation in 2009. In addition to farming, he loved researching and documenting family ancestry.

Throughout the years, Steven participated in community activities, serving on the Board of Directors of Iowa Falls State Bank, Ellsworth College Foundation, Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation, the School Board of Iowa Falls Community Schools, Iowa Falls Housing, Inc. (Timberview) Board, many Lee Center Church committees, and the Work Activity Center (Franklin County) Board.

He was a kind and gentle man, known for his steady integrity and a heart that welcomed everyone. His kindness left a lasting imprint on all who crossed his path, and his legacy will live on through the many lives he touched.

Steven is survived by his wife Virginia, brother Jerry (Diane) Stockdale, sisters Sue Bruning and Barbara Stockdale; children Dan (Kathy) Stockdale, Linda (Mark) Guy, Cathy (Matt) Diehl, Sandra (Cory) Witty, Tawnya (Nathan) Ganfield, Matt (Brandilyn) Stockdale; grandchildren Trevor and Austin Stockdale, Jaya Guy, Maya (Michael) Van Voorst, Jana Guy, Luke Guy, Jordan Liekweg, Leah (Madison) Gies-Guy, Emalea (Luke) Beavers, Jacob, Omkar and Josiah Diehl, Blake and Adam Witty, Ambrose, Xavier, Lauren and Ashlyn Ganfield, Eli, Reese, Beau and Bruce Stockdale; and great-grandchildren Rebecca, Elizabeth and Caleb Van Voorst, Liam Diehl and Wendell Gies-Guy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Tim Bruning and grandson Brandon Stockdale.

Memorials may be directed to the Ellsworth Community College Foundation in care of the Steven and Virginia Stockdale Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Death Notices

Frank Alan Duncan

Frank Alan Duncan, 69 of Iowa Falls passed away Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Mercy 1 Waterloo, Iowa. Funeral service for Frank Alan Duncan will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Linns Funeral Home Iowa Falls Chapel. Visitation will be One hour prior to service. The Linn's Funeral Home Chapel Iowa Falls is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials may be directed to the family: Frank Duncan Memorial c/o Linn's Funeral Home, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126

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Love in Daily Living

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Christ declares the commandments of love (for God and one's neighbor) as the greatest. As the month of February is filled with feelings of love and sentimentality, it serves as a good time for reflection upon what love truly means to us. Particularly, we are called to love in emotion, but also action. As Christ tells his followers of the aforementioned greatest commandments, in Luke's gospel, He follows this declaration with the well-known Parable of the Good Samaritan. In His teachings, Christ ensures to convey the distinction in solely emotional love and active love. As we reflect upon our feelings on the matter, perhaps a good question we can ask ourselves is whether we feel that we live out these teachings of active love in our relationships? Are there areas where we can improve?
-James Stone

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Franklin County

Traffic: Kory Joseph Dickerson, of Bagley, Wisconsin, maximum gross weight violation – 6001 to 7000, maximum group axle weight violation – 3001 to 4000, and maximum group axle weight violation – 4001 to 5000;

Ronan Clarence McDermott, of Des Moines, operation without registration card or plate; Lori Lynn Peltier, of Wyoming, Minnesota, speeding; Eric Kwadwo Darkwah, of Iola, Kansas, speeding; Juan Jose Castillo, of Clarion, failure to comply with safety regulation rules and failure to maintain or use safety belts; Brian Scott Gugat, of Johnston, speeding;

Gary Lee Eldridge, of Iowa Falls, improper lane change; Barbara Victor, of Hampton, speeding; Kevin Earl High, of Webster City, fishing and hunting – no license over \$10;

Civil: Delores J Blackford, Trustee, of Dows, Dale & Irene Hackbarth Farms INC, Francine Emily Lemke Co Trustee, of Hampton, Harlan Lawrence Lemke Co Trustee, of Hampton, Peggy G Lemke Trustee, of Hampton, versus Katy Flint, Franklin County Auditor, Chad Murray, Franklin County Treasurer, dismissed without prejudice;

OWI: Charles Lee Schrage, of Parkersburg, order setting trial; order setting trial, March 12, 9 a.m.;

Small Claims: Greenstate Credit Union, of Cedar Rapids, versus Jordan Montgomery, of Brooklyn, judgment default, \$600.00;

Velocity Investments LLC, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Elizabeth McGuire, of Sheffield, original notice;

First National Bank of Omaha, of Omaha, Nebraska, versus Eileen M Holm, of Hampton, original notice;

Capital One NA, of Golden Valley, Minnesota, versus Ann-toinette Olmstead, of Geneva, original notice;

Criminal: Charles Smith, of Williams, order setting trial; order setting trial, March 12, 9 a.m.;

Shane Eugene Muller, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for assault causing bodily injury, 7 days jail time, 7 days jail time suspended, \$430 fine, and serving one year probation time;

Marck Anthony Jose Roque, of Coulter, criminal complaint; Laia Amber Pates, of Eldora, criminal complaint, hearing for initial appearance, and no contact order;

Esdaime Elide Quintanilla, of Latimer, criminal complaint, hearing for initial appearance, and no contact order;

Lauren Alexandria Johnson, of Sheffield, order setting trial; order setting trial, February 12, 9 a.m.;

Gene Alan Hennick Jr., of Dows, order setting trial; order setting trial, March 12, 9 a.m.;

Victor Ivan Ferman Nava, of Coulter, order of arraignment; order setting trial, March 24, 9 a.m.;

Wesley William Bostwick, of Iowa Falls, order for arraignment; arraignment, February 23, 8:45 a.m.;

Daniel Brian Raisch, of Hampton, order for arraignment; arraignment, February 19, 1:00 p.m.;

Sarah Jean Wood, of Fort Dodge, hearing for initial appearance and order setting trial; order setting trial, March 12, 9:30 a.m.;

Draven Eugene Barney Lane, of Iowa Falls, hearing for initial appearance;

Shaun Patrick Walker, of Iowa Falls, motion to dismiss; Casey Alan Fink, of Eldora, order of disposition;

pled guilty for violation of no contact/protective order, serving 7 days jail time;

Chase Anthony Spradlin, of Hampton, order of disposition; pled guilty for reckless use of firearm, \$105 fine;

Kylie Ann Kaehn, of Hampton, criminal complaint;

Demita Jo Workman, of Bloomington, Minnesota, order setting trial; order setting trial, March 12, 9 a.m.;

Charles Lee Schrage, of Parkersburg, order setting trial; order setting trial, March 12, 9 a.m.;

Angel Gustavo Ramirez, of Hampton, order setting trial; order setting trial, March 12,

9a.m.; Victor Yaniel Ortiz Garcia, of Forest City, order for arraignment; arraignment, February 23, 9 a.m.;

Thomas Allen Luhmann, of Peterson, Minnesota, order of arraignment; order setting trial, April 9, 9 a.m.;

Hayley Marie Miller, of Dumont, criminal complaint and hearing for initial appearance;

Britt Elmer Pleggenkuhle, of Hampton, order for judgment, \$750 fine;

Julio Ceaser Ramirez, of Hampton, order for judgment, \$150 fine;

Desiree Johnson, of Hampton, order for judgment, \$150 fine

Police & Sheriff report 2-2 to 2-8 Hampton Police Reports

Monday, February 2:

- Officers executed three traffic stops and assisted with one medical call.

- 8:59 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 20 block of 3rd Ave SW, Hampton.

- 11:30 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire in the 600 block of 1st Ave SW, Hampton.

- 11:48 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 100 block of 10th St. NW, Hampton.

- 11:49 a.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the 600 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.

- 1:30 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 700 block of 2nd St. SE, Hampton.

- 2:47 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 210th St. , Sheffield.

- 3:36 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Hwy 3, the fairgrounds, and Seabees, Hampton.

- 4:05 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 200 block of 3rd Ave NW, Hampton.

- 5:28 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of N Federal St. and the Movie Theater, Hampton.

Tuesday, February 3:

- Officers assisted one motorist and received two general calls.

- 1:35 a.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 10 block of 4th St. SE, Hampton.

- 5:33 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 100 block of 1st St. SE, Hampton.

- 8:29 a.m.: Report of extortion/blackmail in the 600 block of 1st Ave NW, Hampton.

- 8:37 a.m.: Report of theft from vehicle in the 500 block of Central Ave W, Hampton.

- 10:38 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 300 block of 1st St. SW, Hampton.

- 10:44 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the area of 5th St. NE and 10th Ave NE, Hampton.

- 2:08 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 100 block of 1st Ave SW, Hampton.

Wednesday, February 4:

- Officers assisted one motorist and received two general calls.

- 9:34 a.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 100 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.

- 10:10 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 300 block of 9th St. NW, Hampton.

- 11:29 a.m.: Officers assisted other agencies with an issue in the 10 block of 2nd St. NW, Hampton.

- 12:43 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 12:46 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 12:49 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 12:51 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. S W, Hampton.

- 12:53 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 12:55 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 12:58 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:01 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:04 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:10 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:14 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:16 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:21 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:24 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:30 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:35 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:42 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:47 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 2:48 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 1700 block of Central Ave E, Hampton.

- 3:12 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 600 block of 6th Ave SW, Hampton.

- 3:15 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 7th St. SW, Hampton.

- 3:16 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 7th St. SW, Hampton.

- 3:17 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th Ave SW, Hampton.

- 3:18 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 3:20 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 600 block of 7th St. SW, Hampton.

- 3:21 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 500 block of 7th Ave SW, Hampton.

- 6:20 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

- 10:20 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 400 block of 8th Ave SW, Hampton.

- Thursday, February 5:** Officers executed one traf-

- fic stop, assisted one motorist, and received three general calls.

- 8:26 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 400 block of 10th Ave NE, Hampton.

- 9:44 a.m.: Officers assisted with a funeral in the 1300 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

- 9:53 a.m.: Report of fraud in the 100 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 1:08 p.m.: Report of a parking ordinance violation in the 10 block of 4th Ave SE, Hampton.

- 5:15 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 200 block of N Federal St. , Hampton.

- 5:40 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 170th St. , Hampton.

- Friday, February 6:** Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, and received six general calls.

- 7:17 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 200 block of 5th St. NW, Hampton.

- Saturday, February 7:** Officers executed one traffic stop.

- 10:37 a.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 8th St. SW, Hampton.

- 12:20 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 800 block of 4th Ave NW, Hampton.

- 3:20 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 1200 block of Olive Ave, Hampton.

- 4:38 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 700 block of 4th St. NE, Hampton.

- 5:18 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 10 block of 3rd Ave NE, Hampton.

- 7:09 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 100 block of Windsor Blvd, Hampton.

- 10:31 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of the Arbor Garden Apartments, Hampton.

- Sunday, February 8:** Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, and received one general call.

- 4:28 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 10 block of 7th St. NE, Hampton.

- 5:55 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 10 block of 7th St. NE, Hampton.

- 8:45 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the 400 block of S Federal St. , Hampton.

- 12:35 p.m.: Report of lost articles in the 600 block of 6th St. SW, Hampton.

- 4:15 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 400 block of 8th Ave SW, Hampton.

- 5:19 p.m.: Report of a nuisance/junk ordinance violation in the 200 block of 7th St. NW, Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff Reports

- Monday, February 2:** No information received for this day.

- Tuesday, February 3:** Officers assisted with one medical call, assisted three motorists, received a report for two controlled burns, and received five general calls.

- 12:51 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the area of Van Kirk St. , Latimer.

- 2:04 a.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 6:45 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Mallard

- Ave, Sheffield.

- 7:55 a.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in the area of Jonquil Ave and Hwy 3, Latimer.

- 7:59 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the area of 200th St. and Olive Ave, Chapin.

- 8:41 a.m.: Officers assisted the Hampton Police Department with an issue in the area of Bandshell Park, Hampton.

- 10:40 a.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of Olive Ave and 190th St. , Chapin.

- 1:13 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Apricot Ave and 60th St. , Dows.

- 6:51 p.m.: Report of a deer accident in the area of Mallard Ave, Bradford.

- 7:31 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the 1100 block of 14th Ave, Eldora.

- Wednesday, February 4:** Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, assisted three motorists, received a report for one controlled burn, and received four general calls.

- 6:43 a.m.: Report of harassment in the area of Lark Ave, Iowa Falls.

- 7:55 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Walnut Ave, Bradford.

- 11:59 a.m. Report of traffic complaints in the area of I-35 and mile mark 158 northbound, Dows.

- 1:27 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Grant St. , Coulter.

- 2:18 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 3 and I-35, Latimer.

- 2:34 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 3:53 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the area of Dogwood Ave, Alexander.

- 7:12 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the area of 4th St. SE, Hampton.

- 7:15 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the area of N Donovan St. , Latimer.

- 7:33 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 7:48 p.m.: Report of false pretense/swindle in the area of 8th St. , Dows.

- Thursday, February 5:** Officers received six general calls.

- 2:09 a.m.: Report of an animal on roadway in the area of Vine Ave and Hwy 3, Hansell.

- 11:05 a.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of the Hardin County Jail, Eldora.

- 12:46 p.m.: Report of animals (except dogs) in the area of 210th St. , Sheffield.

- 3:40 p.m.: Officers assisted with prisoner transport in the area of Mercy One, Waterloo.

- 5:44 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65 and 170th St. , Hampton.

- 8:26 p.m.: Report of a drug/narcotic violation in the 600 block of Mallard Ave, Bradford.

- 9:03 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 10:41 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- Friday, February 6:** Officers received two general calls.

- 8:02 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the area of Hwy 65, Hampton.

- 3:05 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter in the area of N Donovan St. , Latimer.

- 3:09 p.m.: Report of missing property in an unlisted area, Hampton.

- 4:58 p.m.: Officers executed local warrants in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 5:01 p.m.: Officers assisted with booking information in the area of 5th St. SW, Hampton.

- 5:52 p.m.: Officers executed a search warrant in the area of McKinley St. , Iowa Falls.

- 10:57 p.m.: Officers assisted other agencies with an issue in the area of 10th Ave, Ackley.

- Saturday, February 7:** Officers assisted with three medical calls and received a report for one controlled burn.

- 9:21 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 1200 block of Hwy 65, Hampton.

- 10:00 a.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the area of S Akir St. , Latimer.

- 10:21 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the area of Finch Ave, Dows.

- 4:45 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 100 block of Cerro Gordo St. , Meservey.

- 11:31 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of 40th St. , 45th St. , and 1st Ave, Faulkner.

Butler County Sheriff Reports

- Monday, Feb. 2:** Officers executed four traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, assisted five motorists, received a report for one controlled burn, and received one general calls.

- 2:21 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 600 block of N Johnson St.

- 2:33 a.m.: Report of harassment in the 500 block of E Courtland St.

- 7:20 a.m.: Officers assisted other agencies in the 400 block of E Jackson St.

- 3:19 a.m.: Report of computer system maintenance in the 1000 block of Commerce St.

- 5:17 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 700 block of Hwy 57.

- 5:50 p.m.: Report of a Sunday night test page in the 400 block of 6th St.

- 5:56 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 185th St and Temple Ave.

- 6:13 p.m.: Report of road conditions in the 32500 block of Forest Ave.

- 6:17 p.m.: Report of a transfer in the 900 block of N Cherry St.

St.
 8:58 a.m.: Report of probation calls in the 400 block of 6th St.
 9:36 a.m.: Report of road debris in the area of W Broadway St and Elm St.
 11:17 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 18700 block of Quarry Ave.
 11:23 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 28400 block of Butler Center Rd.
 12:05 p.m.: Report of a vehicle repossession in the 400 block of 6th St.
 12:10 p.m.: Report of scams in the 400 block of 6th St.
 12:35 p.m.: Report of theft in the 25400 block of 130th St.
 2:10 p.m.: Report of a vehicle repossession in the 400 block of 6th St.
 2:12 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.
 3:12 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 3:52 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 100 block of 4th NE St.
 5:22 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 400 block of Elm St.
 5:27 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 800 block of Walnut St.
 5:31 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 100 block of N Main St.
 5:53 p.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 600 block of Oak St.
 6:04 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 700 block of 8th St.

7:03 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 700 block of Birch St.
 10:13 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 400 block of 2nd St.
Wednesday, Feb. 4:
 Officers executed one traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, assisted two motorists, received a report for five controlled burns and received one general call.
 2:10 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 200 block of 10th St.
 6:47 a.m.: Report of a the veterans van in the 400 block of 6th St.
 8:29 a.m.: Report of probation calls in the 400 block of 6th St.
 8:37 a.m.: Report of computer system maintenance in the 400 block of 6th St.
 9:02 a.m.: Report of an alarm in the 900 block of 3rd St.
 9:04 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 200 block of N Traer St.
 10:45 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 10:47 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 11:55 a.m.: Report of interview in the 400 block of 6th St.
 12:11 p.m.: Report of theft in the 500 block of East St.
 1:49 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 2:20 p.m.: Report of road debris in the 32400 block of 280th St.

2:48 p.m.: Report of a vehicle fire in the 500 block of Maple St.
 4:06 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of Bethel St.
 5:20 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 200 block of Harvest Ln.
 5:52 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 30500 block of 150th St.
 6:15 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 57 and Terrace Ave.
 7:28 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 14 and Hwy 57.
 8:00 p.m.: Report of maintenance in the 400 block of 6th St.
 8:38 p.m.: Report if burns in the 200 block of N Johnson St.
 10:36 p.m.: Report of maintenance in the 1000 block of Commerce St.
Thursday, Feb. 5:
 Officers executed five traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, assisted ... motorists, received a report for two controlled burns and received one general calls.
 2:08 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of 6th St.
 2:15 a.m.: Report of a barn fire in the 500 block of Maple St.
 4:39 p.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 400 block of 6th St.
 10:20 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 11:38 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th

St.
 12:07 a.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 700 block of 3rd Ave.
 1:43 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 800 block of Spruce St.
 1:58 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 100 block of W Main St.
 2:09 p.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.
 2:56 p.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.
 3:27 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.
 4:09 p.m.: Report of scams in the 33600 block of 190th St.
 5:16 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 100 block of W Main St.
 5:30 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 200 block of S 4th St.
 10:56 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 500 block of Parriott St.
Friday, Feb. 6:
 12:01 p.m.: Billy James Ackerson, 46 of New Hartford, arrested on a court ordered hold, possession of a controlled substance, felon in possession of firearm, and possession of drug paraphernalia, jailed.
Saturday, Feb. 7:
 Officers executed four traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, assisted one motorists, and received one general calls.
 7:58 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Butler Center Rd and Terrace Ave.

11:01 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 800 block of Walnut St.
 11:16 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 100 block of Sunny side Ave.
 12:24 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 900 block of Mcmanus St.
 12:41 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 1:10 p.m.: Report of funeral traffic in the 400 block of N Main St.
 3:50 p.m.: Report of a barn fire in the 100 block of Montrose Ave.
 4:28 p.m.: Enrique Trujillo Jr, 28 of Bristow, arrested on a court order hold, jailed.
 6:11 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 32400 block of 280th St.
 7:50 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 200 block of 9th St.
 8:26 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 150th St and Hwy 14.
 8:43 p.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 33400 block of Forest Ave.
 10:11 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 500 block of Nash St.
 11:05 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the area of Hwy 14 and W South St.
Sunday, Feb. 8:
 Officers executed 12 traffic stops, assisted with one medical calls, assisted one motorists, and received a report for two controlled burns.
 12:23 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th

St.
 4:20 p.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 10000 block of Lodge Ave.
 10:34 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 100 block of Locust St.
 11:17 a.m.: Report of missing person in the 23500 block of Butler Center Rd.
 11:40 a.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 13500 block of Hwy 3.
 12:00 p.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 1000 block of Hwy 3.
 1:36 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 190th St and Vail Ave.
 3:52 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 29200 block of Union Ave.
 3:58 p.m.: Report of a runaway in the 600 block of Willow Dr.
 4:00 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 4:08 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 600 block of Willow Dr.
 5:32 p.m.: Crystal Lynn Buss, 37 of Greene, arrested on a court order hold, jailed.
 6:26 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Howard St and Hwy 57.
 11:13 p.m.: Officers responded to possible gunshots in the 29200 block of Butler Center Rd.
 11:41 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.
 11:41 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Warranty Deed: Larry D Borcharding, Sheryl A Borcharding to Sheryl A Borcharding Trustee, Larry D Borcharding Trustee, Larry D Borcharding Trustee, Larry D Borcharding Revocable Trust, Sheryl A Borcharding Revocable Trust; 18-92-20 NW SW Corner, 32-92-21 SE NE Part
Warranty Deed: Shannon Muhlenbruch, Carla Muhlenbruch to Jacob Hefti, Mikyla Hefti; 6-90-22 SW SE Parcel A
Warranty Deed: Donna L Wolf to Richard C Showalter Trustee, Richard C Showalter

Trust, Sharon K Showalter Trustee, Sharon K Showalter Trust; 4-92-19 SE Part
Warranty Deed: Carolyn M Jacobsen to Carolyn M Jacobsen Trustee, Carolyn M Jacobsen Trust; 24-91-22 E2 Part
Warranty Deed: SLA Estates LLC to Jdeez Rentals LLC; 29-92-20 SE Tract
Contract: Stephen R Proodian Trustee, Sylvina J Proodian Trustee, Proodian Family Trust to Michael K Eastman, Alyssa McRoberts; Hamp Kendy Blk 5 Lot 8 Part

Contract: Mio Susana, Garcia Property Management LLC to Rodriguez Vidal, Sagrario Flores Rodriguez, Sagrario Rodriguez Flores; Hamp Origt Blk 6 Lot 5-6 Part
Warranty Deed: Birch Grove Investments INC to IAT 61 LLC; Hamp Kingm Blk 7 Lot 1
Warranty Deed: ELY Holdings LLC to IAT 61 LLC; Hamp Kingm Blk 7 Lot 2
Miscellaneous Deed: Walnut Grove Investments INC to IAT 50 LLC; 35-90-19 SE SE Parcel

Warranty Deed: Bevington Holdings LLC to IAT 50 LLC; 35-90-19 SE SE Parcel
Warranty Deed: Badger Creek LLC to IAT 61 LLC; Hamp Beed2 Blk 31 Lot 8
Warranty Deed: Robert L Desloover, Dorothy M Desloover to Robert L Desloover Trustee, Dorothy M Desloover Trustee, Robert L Desloover Revocable Trust, Dorothy M Desloover Revocable Trust; Hamp Bella Lot 51, Hamp Bella Lot 52 Part
Affidavit of Transfer: Ger-

ald M Stambaugh to Jerry Dean Woods Estate, Louise E Woods; Hamp Beed1 Blk 16 Lot 7
Warranty Deed: Arthur H Pedersen, Molly M Pedersen to Noah P Petersen, Sarah M Petersen; Shef Sheffield Original Town Blk 5 Lot 1
Quit Claim Deed: Kimberly Reinier Booth, Kimberly Booth Reinier to Kimberly Reinier Booth Trustee, Kimberly Booth Reinier Trustee, Kimberly Reinier Booth Trust; 29-91-20 W2 NW SW 1/2 Interest, 30-91-20

E NE SE 1/2 Interest, 30-91-20 NE SE 1/2 Interest, 30-91-20 E2 W2 SE SE 1/2 Interest
CT Officer Deed: Richard L Larsen Estate to Brent C Ausborn; 18-91-21 NW NE
CT Officer Deed: Delores Mae Bailey Estate, Marlene Kay Harms Executor to James Ross Bailey; Chap Chapin Station Original Town Lot 61, Chap Chapin Station Original Town Lot 62 Part Lot 2

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Brianna Viet, 27, Hampton, to Angel Ramirez, 45, Hampton.

Dulce Figueroa Azurdia, 21, Hampton, to Brandon Garcia Fuentes, 19, Hampton.

LEGALS

Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 2/6/2026

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 6th, 2026
 A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors/streams
 The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Friday, February 6th, 2026, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a special session with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.
 Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
 Ryan Berven with Assured Partners presented the Supervisors with the FY2027 health insurance renewal rates. The County will have about a 6% increase to health insurance rates. After discussion, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to change to the ISAC Health Insurance plan for FY2027. All ayes. Motion carried.
 Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to set the employee contribution rates for FY2027 as follows: 10% of the premium per month for a family policy and 5% of the premium per month for a single policy. All ayes. Motion carried.
 Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution amending Franklin County Iowa Classification & Compensation Administrative Guidelines. The resolution reads as follows:
RESOLUTION #2026-16
AMENDING FRANKLIN COUNTY IOWA CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES
WHEREAS the updated Franklin County Classification & Compensation Administrative Guidelines policy was adopted on March 11th, 2024.
WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors are amending the section titled "Annual Cost of Living Adjustment"
WHEREAS, as it was approved March 11th, 2024 it read as follows:
ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT
 Annually, the Board of Supervisors may adjust the salary ranges according to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). COLA will equal 80% of the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers for the Midwest region as stated by the BLS for the 12-month period ending December 31st of the previous calendar year. The COLA adjustment may be capped at 5.5%.
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has chosen to amend the section titled "Annual Cost of Living Adjustment" as follows:
ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT
 Annually, the Board of Supervisors may adjust the salary ranges according to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The County targets an annual COLA equal to 80% of the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the Midwest region as stated by the BLS for the 12-month period ending December 31st of the previous calendar year. The Board of Supervisors may adjust the COLA percentage downward based on fiscal conditions provided the rationale is documented in the annual budget adoption.
 The COLA adjustment may be capped at 5.5%.
WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors adopted Appendix A "Pay Plan-Position Classifications on November 27th, 2023, to read as follows:

Pay Grade	Job Title
119	Franklin County Engineer
117	IT Director
115	Facilities Director

111	Env. Health Dir-Weed Commissioner-P&Z
110	Human Resources Director
109	Road Foreman – Secondary Roads
108	Shop Manager – Secondary Roads
107	GIS Coordinator
106	Engineer Technician
105	Deputy Sheriff
104	Secondary Road Office Manager
103	IT Technician
102	Reserve Deputy Sheriff
101	Non-Certified Reserve Deputy Sheriff
100	Drainage Expert – Real Estate Assistant
99	County Attorney – Administrative Assistant
98	Driver's License Clerk 3
97	Treasurer Clerk 3
96	Sheriff Clerk
95	Office Assistant – General Assistance Coord.
94	Facilities Operation Assistant
93	Finance Assistant
92	Recorder Clerk Part-Time
91	Matron
90	Custodian

WHEREAS, the Board has chosen to amend the Appendix A "Pay Plan-Position Classifications (by Department) as follows:
2025 – 2026
Pay Plan – Position Classifications (by Department)

Franklin County, Iowa	Department	Position Title	Grade
	Attorney	Legal Secretary	105
	Auditor	Drainage Expert – Real Estate Assistant	105
	Auditor	Finance Assistant	104
	Auditor	Office Assistant	103
	Board of Health	Environmental Health Director	115
	Board of Supervisors	Human Resources Director	115
	Conservation	Conservation Director	115
	Conservation	Natural Resources Manager	107
	Conservation	Naturalist	106
	Conservation	Park Ranger – Naturalist	106
	Emergency Management	Emergency Management Coordinator	115
	Emergency Management	E-911 Telecommunications Manager	115
	Emergency Management	E-911 Telecommunicator/Jailer	107
	Engineer/Sec. Roads	County Engineer	R18
	Engineer/Sec. Roads	Engineer Assistant	R11
	Engineer/Sec. Roads	Road Foreman	R8
	Engineer/Sec. Roads	Shop Manager	R8
	Engineer/Sec. Roads	Crew Chief	R7
	Engineer/Sec. Roads	Office Manager	109
	Engineer/Sec. Roads	Mechanic	R5
	Engineer/Sec. Roads	Sign Technician	R4
	General Maintenance, Motor Grader	General Maintenance, Truck Driver	R3
	General Assistance	General Assistance Coordinator	R3
	General Services	Facilities Director	115
	General Services	Facilities Operations Coordinator	106
	General Services	Custodian	101
	IT/GIS	IT Director	117
	IT/GIS	GIS Coordinator	110

IT/GIS	IT Technician	108
Recorder	Recorder's Assistant	109
Recorder	Recorder Clerk	103
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff	109
Sheriff	Reserve Deputy	107
Sheriff	Sheriff Clerk	105
Treasurer	Driver's License Clerk	105
Treasurer	Treasurer Clerk	105
Veterans Affairs	Veterans Affairs Director	115
Weed Commission/Planning & Zoning	Weed Commissioner/P&Z Administrator	115

THEREFORE, the amended section is effective upon the passing of this resolution.
 Roll call vote was as follows. Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.
 The Supervisors held discussions regarding COLA Increases & the Step plan for FY2027. After discussion, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to set COLA at 2.2% and have the Human Resource Director adjust the Step plan accordingly (2% in between steps). All ayes. Motion carried.
 The Supervisors held discussions regarding election officials' compensation for FY2027. After discussion, motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to set increases as follows: County Attorney – 5.5%, Sheriff & Auditor – 5%, Recorder & Treasurer – 4.5%, Supervisors – 2.2%, and Chairman Stipend - \$1500. All ayes. Motion carried.
 Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution approving construction contract and bond for the County Courthouse Re-pointing. The resolution reads in full:
RESOLUTION 2026-15
RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND BOND FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPOINTING
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:
 That the construction contract and bond executed and insurance coverage for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Repointing, and as described in detail in the plans and specifications heretofore approved, and which have been signed by the Chairperson and Auditor on behalf of the County be and the same are hereby approved as follows:
 Contractor: Bi-State Masonry, Inc of East Moline, IL
 Amount of bid: \$948,872.00
 Bond surety: Old Republic Surety Company
 Date of bond: 1/26/2026
 Portion of project: All construction work
 Roll call vote was as follows. Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.
 Board Comments: Lukensmeyer attended Veterans Affairs. McVicker attended Northeast Iowa Workforce Development. The Auditor reminded everyone that there will not be a meeting on 2/10/2026.
 Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 11:13AM until Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.
 ATTEST:
 Chris Vanness, Chairman
 Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

Dumont Council Meeting/Claims 1.8.26

January 8, 2026
The Dumont City Council met on Wednesday, January 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Carson Freese presiding. Those present were Council Members Mike Day, Marty Evans, Valerie Menken, Wayne Pecha and Lukas Smith. Public Works Director Juan Montalvo and Fire Chief Zach Lewis were also in attendance. Visitors present were John Riherd, Butler County Engineer, Roy Alden, John Bierbrodt, Lannette Day and Dalen Meyer.

Pecha/Day moved to approve the December 10, 2025 Council minutes as published. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Butler County Engineer, John Riherd, updated the Council on the adjustments being made to the alley between 712 Third Street and 720 Third Street. Butler County has lowered the slope a foot and a half. This spring they will fix the sidewalks to meet the alley. Mr. Riherd indicated the final inspection has not yet been completed.

Pecha/Day moved to sell the 1983 International Dump Truck and to advertise we will be opening sealed bids at our February 12, 2026 Council meeting. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to place the pop can recycling container on our February agenda for further discussion.

Day/Menken moved to approve the quote from Mid States Parking Lot, LLC for painting the parking stalls on Main Street with the blue and white stencil for the handicap stalls at the quoted price of \$1860.00. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Day/Smith moved to approve the purchase of an overhaul kit to rebuild the sewer blower pump at the quoted price of \$570.00. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried. The cost of a new blower is \$4300.00.

Mayor Carson Freese set the following appointments:
• Mayor ProTem-Lukas Smith
• Finance Committee-Mike Day, Valerie Menken, Wayne Pecha
• Street/Bldg. Construction-Mike Day, Wayne Pecha, Lukas Smith
• Personnel Policy and Cemetery-Mike Day, Marty Evans
• Water/Sewer/Solid Waste-Mike Day, Marty Evans, Lukas Smith
• Street Light-Marty Evans, Valerie Menken, Wayne Pecha
Marty/Lukas moved to set the following Council appointments:
• City Attorney-Heather Prendergast
• Office Newspaper-Hampton Chronicle
• Official Depository-First Security Bank & Trust
• Representative to Solid Waste Commission-Mayor Freese
• Representative to Butler Co. Emergency Management-Mayor Freese with Wayne Pecha as Alternate
• Insurance Liaison-Mayor Freese

Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Day presented Resolution No. 2026-1 a Resolution to Establish the Regular Monthly City Council Meeting as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dumont, Iowa holds regular meetings to conduct the business of the city in accordance with applicable laws and procedures; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the City Council to establish a consistent and predictable schedule for regular meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to set its regular meeting date as the second Thursday of each month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dumont, Iowa as follows:

Meeting Schedule: The regular meetings of the City Council shall be held on the second Thursday of each month and that when such day falls on a legal holiday, the City Council shall meet the next succeeding day, unless a different day is determined by the City Council.

1. Time and Location: Meetings shall commence at 6 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building unless otherwise designated by the Council in accordance with applicable law.

2. Public Notification: The City Clerk is hereby directed to post notice of this meeting schedule in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and any other applicable regulations.

3. Superseding Prior Resolutions: This resolution supersedes any previous resolutions or motions that established a different regular meeting schedule

and moved for its passage. Smith seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Pecha/Evans moved to set the Budget Workshop for February 5, 2025 at 6 p.m. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Pecha/Day moved to approve the bills presented for this month and to pay the invoices from Airgas, Iowa One Call, Kwik Trip and Attorney Heather Prendergast when they arrive. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried. The bills are as follows:

GENERAL

Public Safety-Ambulance/Fire/Law Enforcement

Table with 3 columns: Vendor, Amount, and Description. Includes entries for Butler Co. Emergency Mgm., Dumont Telephone Company, Dinges Fire Company, Mid American Energy, U.S. Cellular, Library Baker & Taylor, Consumer Reports, Ingram Library Services, IPERS, Internal Revenue Service, Mid American Energy, Mid-America Publishing Corp., Iowa Dept. of Revenue, Visa-Dumont Community Library, Column Software PBC, Dumont Telephone Company, IPERS, Internal Revenue Service, Mid American Energy, Office Express, and Iowa Dept. of Revenue.

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Table with 3 columns: Vendor/Description, Amount, and Quantity. Includes entries for Ahlers & Cooney PC Svcs, Allied Energy Util, Amazon Capital Services Sup, Auditor of State Filing Fee, Autodesk, Inc C/O Citibank Svcs, Axon Enterprises, Inc Svcs, BlackStrap Inc Salt, Blazek Electric Svcs, Bob Barker Co Sup, Brents Ag & Auto Repair Rep/Parts, Steve Bruns Beaver Tail Bounty, Calhoun Burns & Assoc Svcs, Campbell Supply Co Rep/Parts, CDW Government Data Proc, City Laundering Sup, Column Software PBC Svcs, D&L Sanitation Svcs, DD 30 Lat 10 Fund 51043 DD, Dexter Distribution Group Equip, E & E Repair Rep/Parts, Electronic Engineering Svcs, Fareway Sup, Franklin General Hospital Rent/Svcs, Franklin REC Util, Gardiner + Company Svcs, Hampton Hardware Sup, Hands Up Holdings Svcs, Hardin Co Sheriff Prisoners, Hawkeye West Pest Cntrl Svcs, Heartland Tire Equip, Mac Tools Distributer Equip, Will Husiman Beaver Tail Bounty, Iowa One Call Dues, ISAC Trng, J-T Machine & Tool Rep/Parts, Jamie Chaney Reimb, Jeffrey Scott Jobe Beaver Tail Bounty, Lance Studer Custom Auto Svcs, Landfill of N IA Dues, Lawson Products Parts/Sup, Mail Services Renewals, Medicap Pharmacy #8095 Meds, Microbac Laboratories, Inc c/o Water Testing, Mid American Energy Util, Mid American Research Chemical Cust Sup, Midland Power Util, Murphys Htg & Plbg Svcs, NoRISC Dues, ODP Business Solutions LLC Sup, Off Fire LLC Svcs, Pitney Bowes Sup, Streichers Svcs, Streichers Sup, Tom Tegatz Mfg, Titan Energy Svcs, Veldene Titus Svcs, US Cellular Svcs, VEIT, LLC Maint, Verizon Svcs, Darla J. Wolfe Svcs, Blayne G. Woltjer Reimb, Grand Total, Approved 2/3/26 to be paid 2/4/26.

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FCC Mowing Contract Notice

Franklin County Conservation is seeking bids for mowing of county parks. 3-year contract, 2026-2028 mowing seasons. Bids due Feb 27, 2026. For more info and contract visit: https://www.franklincountyia.gov/departments/conservation_parks.php or call 641-456-4375

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Estate of Kenneth H. Brandt

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Kenneth H. Brandt, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR502072 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kenneth H. Brandt, Deceased, who died on or about October 20, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on January 20, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Kenneth H. Brandt, deceased, bearing date of May 14, 1999, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Security National Bank of Iowa was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and the creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 27, 2026.

Security National Bank of Iowa, Executor of Estate Lisa M. Smith - Shryack, FLMI, VP, Director Trust and Wealth Management - Iowa 200 S Jordan Creek Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Cynthia P. Letsch, ICIS#: AT0004619 Attorney for Executor Letsch Law Firm, P.C., 112 NE Ewing Street, Suite D, Grimes, IA 50111

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Douglas Ellingson Notice of Probate (jlh)

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS D. ELLINGSON, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR502084 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Douglas D. Ellingson, deceased, who died on or about December 5, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on the 26th day of January, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Douglas D. Ellingson, deceased, bearing the date of November 20, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jason M. Ellingson was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the above county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 27, 2026.

Jason M. Ellingson, Executor 4107 Crestmoor Avenue Ames, IA 50010 Redfern, Mason, Larsen & Moore, P.L.C. Attorneys for Executor 415 Clay Street, P.O. Box 627 Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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Notice: Planning/Zoning Meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

There will be a meeting on February 19, 2026, at 1:30 PM. at the Franklin County Law Enforcement Center (105 5 th St. SW in Hampton . The agenda is as follows:

- Roll Call
Approval of agenda
Approval of the minutes
1) Discussion on possible Data Center ordinance
2) Review proposed Urban Renewal project and consider for Approval - Recommendation to board of Supervisors in regards to the Urban Renewal Project
Set next meeting if needed.
Adjournment

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Trust Notice: Gast

TRUST NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT OF CHARLES L. GAST DATED MARCH 29, 2023

To all persons regarding Charles L. Gast, deceased, who died on or about December 8, 2025. You are hereby notified that John Clifford Gast is the Trustee of the Revocable Living Trust Agreement of Charles L. Gast dated March 29, 2023.

Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Franklin County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second date of publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required, or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2026.

John Clifford Gast 33-47 14th Street, 15A Long Island City, NY 11106

Mark L. Walk #AT0008231 Attorney for Trustee Walk, Prichard, Baresel, Murphy & Rourick, PC 515 State Street Osage, IA 50461

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Hampton January 2026 Receipts

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes entries for CITY OF HAMPTON SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS JANUARY 2026, Police Reserve, Fire Reserve, Pool & Parks Reserve, 55% LOST Reserve, General Obligation, Water, Meter Deposits, Sewer, Sinking Fund - Sewer, Solid Waste, Total Receipts/Deposits, General, Library, Electric/Gas Franchise, Road Use, Employee Benefits, Forfeiture, Band Shell Fund, Local Option Sales Tax, T I F.

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Got a Legal Notice to Submit? Deadline for legal notice submissions is Monday at noon

Franklin Co. BOS Meeting 2.3.26

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 3rd, 2026

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@Franklin-CountyBoardofSupervisors

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the minutes from the 1/26/2026 regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: Lukensmeyer attended a D-CAT meeting. All three Supervisors attended the Statewide Supervisors' meeting.

The Supervisors met with Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, who provided them an update on his department.

Scott Jacobsen from Summit Agricultural Group was present to provide the Supervisors with an update on their Environment Self-Audit. After the update, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the memorandum regarding Rehm Site – Environmental Self-Audit Update & DNR Approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution ratifying, confirming, and approving the change in date for the Public Hearing on Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Costs and Consideration of Bids. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2026-12

RESOLUTION RATIFYING, CONFIRMING, AND APPROVING THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS AND CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTRICAL SERVICES UPGRADE

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2026, the Board of Supervisors ordered construction of the County Courthouse Electrical Services Updates; and WHEREAS, pursuant to said Resolution, the County Auditor was directed to publish notice of public hearing not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days prior to February 2, 2026, the date fixed as the date for a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the project; and WHEREAS, during the January 2, 2026 Board meeting, the Board determined that future Board meetings for 2026 will be held on Tuesdays; WHEREAS, due to the change in the Board meetings, the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs was rescheduled for February 3, 2026, and the County Auditor changed the notice for timely publication of the correct date of public hearing. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA: Section 1. That the actions of the County Auditor in changing the time and date for the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs to February 3, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. Section 2. That the actions of the County Auditor in changing the time and date for the consideration of bids for the County Courthouse Electrical Services Upgrades to February 3, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. Section 3. That the actions of the County Auditor and project engineer in posting a revised notice to bidders once in a relevant contractor plan room service with statewide circulation and a relevant construction lead generating service with statewide circulation and on an internet site sponsored by either the County or a statewide association that represents the County, with the revised date for a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the project, and the revised date for consideration of bids is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open the public hearing on the matter of adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs at 9:33AM. All ayes. Motion carried. This being the time fixed for a public hearing on the matter of the adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Electrical Services Upgrade, the Chairperson called for any oral objections to the adoption of

the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost. No oral objections were offered, and the Auditor reported that no written objections thereto had been filed. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to close the hearing at 9:34AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract, estimate of costs, and enhancement of payment. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2026-13

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, ESTIMATE OF COST AND ENHANCEMENT OF PAYMENT FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTRICAL SERVICES UPGRADE

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of January, 2026, plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost were filed with the Auditor for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Electrical Services Upgrade; and WHEREAS, notice of hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the public improvements was published as required by law. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA: That the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost are hereby approved as the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the public improvements, as described in the preamble of this Resolution. If the Contractor achieves early completion of the service changeover resulting in a building down time of less than seven (7) days, an enhancement of payment in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) per full working calendar day the changeover is complete before the end of the seven (7) day timeline. In order to be considered a "full" working day, no work can be done during that day. For example, if the contractor finishes up at 9:00 a.m. in the morning, it would not count as a full day.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

The Supervisors reviewed the report of the bids that were opened on Wednesday January 28th at 2:00PM.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution making award of construction contract. The resolution read in full:

RESOLUTION 2026-14

RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTRICAL SERVICES UPGRADE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA: Section 1. That the following bid for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Electrical Services Upgrade, described in the plans and specifications heretofore adopted by this Board on February 3, 2026, be and is hereby accepted, the same being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received for such work, as follows:

Contractor: Carl A. Nelson & Company of Burlington, Iowa
Amount of bid: \$337,000.00

Portion of project: All construction work

Section 2. That the Chairperson and Auditor are hereby directed to execute the contract with the contractor for the construction of the public improvements, such contract not to be binding on the County until approved by this Board.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Elizabeth Thyer from Gardiner & Company was present to present the FY2025 Audit to the Supervisors.

Andrea Miller, County Attorney and Dan Tilkes, Planning & Zoning Administrator, provided the Supervisors with an update on nuisance properties the County is dealing with right now.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve claims as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the cancellation of the 2/10/2026 regular session. All ayes.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a letter of engagement with Dorsey & Whitney for General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution

setting date for public hearing on designation of the 2026 Building Restoration Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Area and Project. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the 2026 Building Restoration Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made to the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Franklin County, Iowa (the "County") which shows the desirability of designating a portion of the County as the 2026 Building Restoration Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 403, Code of Iowa; and WHEREAS, under such proposal the real property (the "Property") lying within the boundaries set out in Exhibit A would be designated as the Urban Renewal Area; and WHEREAS this Board is desirous of obtaining as much information as possible from the residents of the County before making this designation; and WHEREAS, a proposed urban renewal plan (the "Plan") has been prepared for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken on the Property and which authorizes a certain initial blight alleviation urban renewal project to be undertaken in the Urban Renewal Area consisting of undertaking the construction of certain improvements to the County Courthouse, including electrical improvements and tuckpointing; and WHEREAS, the Property lies within the incorporated limits of the City of Hampton, Iowa (the "City"), and pursuant to Section 403.17, the County must enter into a joint

agreement (the "Joint Agreement") with the City in order to exercise urban renewal authority over such portions of the Property; and

WHEREAS it is now necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on the designation of the Urban Renewal Area and on the Plan; NOW,

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, as follows: This Board will meet at the Franklin County Courthouse on March 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the designation of the proposed Urban

Renewal Area described in the preamble hereof and on the proposed Plan and project for said Urban Renewal Area. The County Auditor shall publish notice of said hearing, the same being in the form attached to this resolution, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper

of general circulation in Franklin County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) and not more than twenty(20) days before the date set for the hearing. Pursuant to Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, the Franklin County Auditor, or her designee, is hereby designated as the County's representative in connection with the consultation process with the Hampton-Dumont Community School District and the City

which is required under that section of the urban renewal law. The proposed Plan is hereby submitted to the County's Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendations, as required by Section 403.5, Code of Iowa. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to present the Joint Agreement to the City for approval, execution and delivery to the County prior to the public hearing on March

3, 2026, and all action heretofore taken in this regard is all hereby ratified and affirmed.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the MidAmerican Contract/Quote for the electrical upgrade project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the memorandum of understanding between CICS and

Franklin County for employees Megan Taets & Raina Kellogg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acting as drainage trustees, motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve drainage minutes from

1/26/2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acting as drainage trustees, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve drainage claims as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:38AM until Friday, February 6th, 2026, at 9:00AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a special session.

ATTEST:
Chris Vanness, Chairman
Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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Latimer Council Minutes/Claims 1.14.26

The Latimer City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at Latimer City Hall. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the following council members answering roll call: Randy DeBour, Elizabeth Symens, Deon Juhl, Eric Bruns and Jesse Anderson. Mayor Johansen led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Symens to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Maintenance reported Spring Clean up set for April 24-25.

City Clerk reported she has been working on the budget amendment and end of the year payroll reports.

Mayor reported meeting with the Emergency Management Coordinator with Franklin County regarding the use of the Community Center for emergency shelter.

DeBour made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10 th meeting and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

Bruns made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Symens. Motion passed unanimously.

The Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Report were reviewed by the council with questions for the clerk.

Under routine maintenance issues, Joel came to service the garbage truck and found there were some repairs needed. Throttle cable and shocks and some parts on the tag are the next repairs needed roughly \$1,500, it will be put on the agenda for February.

The clerk explained the proposed property tax levies.

The 2026 Mayor Appointments were presented and were approved with a motion made by Juhl and seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-01 setting the wages for employees was discussed followed by a motion made by Bruns to approve a 5% increase for Andrew Sheeler, Larry Yakel and \$1 raise for hourly employees and Leon Root. The motion was seconded by Juhl and passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The tobacco permit for Latimer LLC was approved with a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Symens. Motion passed unanimously.

Symens made a motion to approve the liquor license for Latimer LLC pending

ing online submission and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

The proposed budget amendment was reviewed by the council and the public hearing was set for February 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm with a motion made by Symens and seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7 pm, Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by DeBour.

ATTEST:
Mark Johansen, Mayor
Melissa Simmons, City Clerk
General

Alliant Energy, city sign electricity	\$28.25
Aramark, office mats	\$175.75
Auto Parts Inc, shop	\$75.45
Card Services, credit card payment	\$510.68
Column – Hampton Chronicle, publishing	\$203.07
DeBour Electric, park lights	\$259.32
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$359.50
Frontier Communications, phone service	\$172.29
Hampton Hardware, Supplies	\$18.18
Iowa Firefighters Association, dues	\$441.00
IPERS, payroll withholding	\$285.84
Latimer Grocery, janitorial	\$45.23
MariCruz Santos, cleaning community center – December	\$340.00
Melissa Simmons, phone reimbursement	\$40.00
Menards, supplies	\$40.96
MidAmerican Energy, electricity	\$948.60
Wayne Pralle, phone reimbursement	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$3,914.12
Road Use	Tax
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$593.87
IPERS, payroll withholding	\$437.21
MidAmerican Energy, street lights	\$542.75
TOTAL	\$1,573.83
Water	
AgSource Cooperative Services, water testing	\$14.50
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$49.03
Frontier Communications, phone service	\$124.85

IPERS, payroll withholding	\$342.18
MidAmerican Energy, electricity	\$494.82
Franklin REC, water tower electricity	\$310.72
Treasurer, State of Iowa, WET tax	\$339.00
TOTAL	\$2,045.10
Sewer	
AgSource, wastewater testing	\$146.00
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$300.71
Frontier Communications, phone service	\$124.85
IPERS, payroll withholding	\$220.57
MidAmerican Energy, electricity	\$48.85
Mort's Water, industrial park	\$1,520.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax	\$25.62
TOTAL	\$2,386.60
Garbage	
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$292.16
IPERS, payroll withholding	\$245.01
Joel Lohrbach, parts and labor for garbage truck	\$1,779.00
Landfill of North Iowa, scale tickets	\$709.46
Metro Waste Authority, recycling	\$292.80
MidAmerican, shed electricity	\$220.43
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax	\$64.40
TOTAL	\$3,603.26
Storm	Water
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax	\$26.88
TOTAL	\$26.88
Total payroll	\$7,698.01

December Receipts	
General	\$17,203.86
Road Use	\$7,921.82
Employee Benefits	\$282.63
LOST	\$9,238.12
Debt Service	\$2,095.97
Water	\$7,205.03
Sewer	\$4,269.83
Garbage	\$5,824.69
Storm Water	\$2,819.75

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Franklin County Wages, 2025

Franklin County Gross Wage Report 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025 Employee Name Gross Wage	Holly N Coogler13,055.52	Alex M Hass65,412.55	Torie V Korth.....50.00	Ryan G Peterson 87,822.92	Nicholle Stangeland 5,927.26
Dennis R Abbas.....50.00	Kelly A Corkill93,397.35	Scott Heilskov.....25.00	David A Kuehner 17,993.23	Ally M Porath 17,757.18	Kelsey M Stortz 29,600.10
Adam C Akers.....72,650.27	Jessica L Crawford..... 67,194.84	April Hemmes.....50.00	Richard L Larsen 25.00	Julie M Pralle 18,935.03	Elizabeth M Stursma 134,107.67
Robert Alert.....58,354.77	Brenda L Daily 78,436.85	Jody R Hepler95,826.07	Pamela A LaRue 5,628.29	Wayne K Pralle.....25.00	Donald L Swieter 25.00
Jed W Allen.....50.00	Chloe Davis 11,064.00	Jodi L Hesnard 50.00	Rebecca E LaRue286.38	Stacey S Pratt.....65,632.60	Wesley H Swieter 75.00
Brittany A Angstrom 3,178.32	Tanya R Demro 41,014.09	Lisa S Hill59,673.30	Michelle L Lauchner 14,827.95	Emersyn Priske-Rieck 59,381.10	Lori J Tarr51,936.51
Jeremy D Arends.....75.00	Kasarah H Dillon-Campbell 20,988.38	Natalie L Hilipipre1,985.94	Mary E Lauffer 7,537.12	Kennedy C Reynolds.....3,270.00	Kit D Thomas 8,732.59
Eric T Arenholz54,547.71	Casey D Ditch 44,003.63	Heidi M Hiltton66,138.35	Bradley J Lehmann.....50.00	Nancy L Rhodes..... 69,079.48	Daniel L Tilkes 87,238.26
Brittany L Baker 72,158.32	Aaron M Dodd 125,390.33	Carrie A Hisler 92,525.49	Laurie D Lenertz..... 33,251.04	Raymond A Rice 56,972.42	Raymond D Tostenson.....50.00
Jeffrey R Baltes 112,693.58	Dana R Dohrmann.....75.00	Kaitlyn J Hoef 4,105.60	Todd M Lindaman 66,512.87	Sierra M Rice..... 33,268.59	Terry L Tull.....80,870.65
Bruce Balvanz50.00	Wayne E Eckhoff.....50.00	Patricia A Hofmeister 50.00	Jennifer A Lochart 9,356.00	Thomas C Rice 55,248.03	Myron J VanHorn 50.00
Lindsay D Bardole 62,808.88	Sheldon R Eddy 56,992.24	Calen M Holman 77,482.40	Lisa R Loux 59,664.08	Ricky R Rieck 67,129.23	Chris M Vanness 47,733.90
Stephan D Bardole 127,787.64	Joshua K Einspahr 86,836.25	Amy M Holmggaard 73,953.56	Richard D Lukensmeyer..... 46,345.20	Rick A Rieken 101,685.11	Dennis D Vanness 50.00
Carter C Barkema50.00	Audrey J Emery 71,837.78	LuCinda L Horner 63,562.02	Zachary R Malcolm 61,350.15	Wayne S Riggins 13,290.60	Starla Varelman 63,186.82
Mary L Barnhart 48,649.95	Lynnette S Erickson 56,985.96	Crystal A Hoyt 2,221.56	Tanya Martinson 33,099.59	Michael D Riles 50.00	John W Waddingham 157,970.76
Benjamin P Baskerville 78,158.16	Kimberly A Fletchall 20,772.00	Jared H Ites 34,891.99	Liza K Maxwell 55,228.39	Ashley R Roberts 94,166.02	Kristi L Waddingham 292.32
Ronald D Becker 77,594.40	Ann Frandson 3,891.78	Marvin D Janssen..... 50.00	Robin L McKee 7,537.12	Angela R Rodemaker 60,973.68	Layne L Walvatne 89,612.08
Shanda M Boehnke 4,802.10	Andrew W Fredericks 17,438.22	Gabe C Johanns..... 109,934.98	Tabatha D McLain 28,033.30	Kristin L Roode 65,419.62	Kya K Watson 11,012.78
Kevin G Bohman 50.00	Meghan D Freie 115,723.22	Jacob B Johannsen 50.00	Gary H McVicker 46,345.20	Joshua A Ross 57,271.18	Karla K Webb 65,954.27
Jonah D Bollhagen 32,735.47	Michael C Freie 57,277.25	Elaina A Johns.....70,756.40	Karen A McVicker 75.00	Angela Scallon 50.00	Chase H Weinandy 90,810.25
Brenda L Boyington 22,299.63	Brittany N Froning 12,321.52	Lynn G Johnson.....77,648.87	Joel D McWilliams 90,667.12	Alvin J Schaefer.....25.00	Bradley W Wessels 48,121.20
Lisa M Brott 48,681.24	Kelly Gerke 29,176.26	Deborah Jones 120,550.81	Virginia M Meinberg 53,485.48	Marla L Schipper 52,621.56	Joe Wessels 50.00
Aubrey L Brown 50,505.29	Travis L Gerrish 78,280.32	Deon D Juhl 77,779.71	Pamela A Meints 50.00	Kimberly A Schomaker 36,184.71	Matthew J Wharton 5,395.68
Collette K Bruns 43,795.17	William H Haack 48,475.74	Steven L Kappen 50.00	Ty J Mengenga 58,190.99	Jennifer A Sheehan 100,989.11	Janica R White 70,595.50
Steven R Bruns 50.00	Delbert H Hamilton 50.00	Michael R Keehn 57,635.63	Alex D Meyer 57,802.10	Cynthia S Shelton 67,331.94	Katrina L Wilcox 42,531.43
Heather A Bushbaum 84,747.69	Jodi R Hamilton 59,672.46	Michael R Keninger 50.00	Andrea M Miller 129,469.87	Susan A Shiers 62,574.01	Clark A Wilkinson 80,638.22
Samuel H Cain.....51,229.84	Marilyn M Hamilton 50.00	Travis J Kloetzer 75,015.32	Tanner J Miller 56,982.18	Kyle S Simon 83,310.35	Tonia D Wilkinson 3,629.88
Kelsey N Chaplin 51,377.19	Rodney M Hamilton 67,264.12	Dennis L Knipfel 24,392.16	Kevin Mollenbeck 50.00	Carissa L Sisson 131,616.40	Michelle C Wllims 2,076.30
Lucas L Chipp 56,959.81	Chanelotte J Hanig 8,558.55	Marilyn A Knoll 54,421.75	Chad W Murray 84,682.94	Lisa A Soder 78,203.51	Victor E Wolf II 50.00
Ashley J Claussen 85,828.04	Chei L Hanig 1,338.24	Ryan S Koenen..... 50.00	Heather A Newman 46,670.29	Nicole D Sprecher 31,438.11	Blayne G Woltjer 60,317.16
	Jeremy L Harms 56,946.48	Aaron Koenigsfeld 57,599.55	Ned M Parker 90,746.62	Shannon R Sproule 19,915.20	Russell G Wood 161,740.96
			Jerry Passsehl..... 25.00		Grand Totals 8,368,182.94

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Community Meal at Hampton United Methodist Church Part 2



Pat Sackville preparing Marlene Tapp's plate of food.



Peggy Allison with First Congregational Church ready to serve some delicious chili.



Sandee Brouwer showing off their potato soup for the day.



Father Kevin Earleywine with St. Patrick Catholic Church on dish duty.



All smiles before enjoying lunch with family.



Rich and Alice Hugeback pose for a photo after finishing their lunch.



Enjoying the beef burgers in the basement of Hampton United Methodist.



A community member adding some toppings to his chili.



Quick photo opp before digging in.



The Sackvilles and Wests were among the first to stop by for the community meal.



The tables all set up and ready to go for the community meal on Saturday.

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