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Iowa, Minnesota State Patrols Team up to Help Hampton Family

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The recent blizzard that blew through northern Iowa left one Hampton family in fear that they wouldn't be able to retrieve life-saving medication for their daughter.

Jan Abbas told the Chronicle that her daughter, Margaret, has been taking the same medication since she was very young, and that she ran out of it on Saturday, March 14 — the day before the recent blizzard was projected to make its way through the area.

"The medication was supposed to be delivered by Friday and she was out by Saturday," she said.

So she got to work, reaching out to law enforcement for help, as she had remembered them helping someone else in a similar situation many years ago.

"About 38 years ago, I remember the highway patrol came to our house to get medicine to Iowa

City for a girl that had the same thing as Margaret. They took it to the airport and it was flown to Iowa City," she said. "So I knew they could probably help. I made many calls and I talked to so many people, but I don't give up. I will always be there for our two kids, no matter how old they are! I'm their mom and I love them so very much!"

Before she knew it, the Minnesota State Patrol and Iowa state patrols agreed to team up to get the medication to them, transporting it from southern Minnesota to northern Iowa, passing off the package at the state line.

Iowa State Trooper Bryan Hillyer then met Jan and Margaret at their home Saturday afternoon, hours before the blizzard hit, where the two women greeted him with smiles and a plate of cookies.

"The first call went out at 9:45 and by 1:45 Bryan pulled up in our driveway!" said Jan.

Jan said that Trooper Bryan

Hillyer was wonderful to work with and very personable. Hillyer, who joined the Iowa State Patrol in 2020, is a graduate of Clear Lake High School, where he participated in wrestling and cross country, along with being a member of the National Honor Society.

"This Bryan was so nice," Jan said. "We thank the Minnesota and Iowa state patrols for making this possible."

A representative with ISP told the Chronicle that Hillyer is the perfect example of how a trooper should carry themselves, serving as leaders in their communities.

"The Iowa State Patrol takes great pride in our courtesy, professionalism, and the services we provide to the public," the representative said. "This is just another example of the compassion our Troopers have for the citizens we serve. Trooper Hillyer is an example of what our expectations are of an Iowa State Trooper."



Jan Abbas, Iowa State Trooper Bryan Hillyer and Margaret Abbas with the package, once it had been safely delivered to northern Iowa. Photo provided by the Iowa State Patrol.

Safety Measures Discussed for Dangerous County Intersection

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Possible solutions for a dangerous intersection were discussed during the Franklin County Supervisor's March 17 meeting.

During the meeting, the County Supervisors, Secondary Roads Engineer Jay Waddingham and others discussed safety measures that could be taken at the intersection of County Road 25 and Highway 65, where a number of accidents (some fatal) have taken place in recent years.

County Supervisor Chris Vanness mentioned numerous occasions where he had seen or heard of people driving right through nearby intersections without stopping.

"I don't know what we can do, if anything, but I know there are [rumble] strips and a flashing light on this one out on 65," he said. "The sheriff's office could patrol it more often, but still, how much are you going to see change? I think part of the problem is that at one time there were four state troopers that lived in this community and



Secondary Roads Engineer Jay Waddingham discussing possible solutions for the dangerous intersection with County Supervisors Chris Vanness and Gary McVicker.

now we have none."

Waddingham said they already have rumble strips at the intersection of CR 24 and Highway 65 and a flashing light on top of the stop sign itself.

Franklin County Auditor Katy Flint asked if they had a sign with flashing lights that read "Stop Sign Ahead" leading up to the intersection, and he said no.

State permission would be needed to turn the intersection into a four-way stop, but everyone agreed that wasn't a good idea.

Supervisor Dick Lukensmeyer also asked about the possibility of adding a fourth rumble strip to the intersection. Auditor Flint questioned the effectiveness of adding a fourth strip, as the first three don't seem to help.

"No matter what we do, we cannot 100 percent eliminate the problem, but I think we have some ideas to try and we appreciate you all coming in," said Vanness.

A concerned constituent, who was in attendance at the meeting, thanked the supervisors for handling the situation so quickly.

"Thanks for your attention to this matter and acting on it in a very rapid fashion," he said. "I really appreciate that."

It was decided by the end of the discussion that they would add a sign with flashing lights ahead of the intersection for starters, while continuing to look at other options.

Earlier in the meeting, the supervisors approved a proclamation naming April "Sexual Assault Awareness Month." The courthouse's clock tower will be lit up with teal lights from April 1 to April 14 in honor of this.

Their next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, at 8:30 a.m. in the basement of the Franklin County Courthouse.

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St. Patrick's Team Wins Bridge of Hope Trivia Night

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Bridge of Hope North Central Iowa's 2026 annual trivia night was a huge success, drawing more than 150 people to the gymnasium of Church of the Living Word on Saturday evening, March 21.

The organization has held this event to raise money for local families experiencing homelessness for the last fifteen years, said Board Chair Linda Wharton. This year, they raised around \$10,000 for their cause.

For the trivia competition, St. Patrick's Catholic Church took first place, followed by First Bank Hampton, who took second, and Sukup Manufacturing, who took third.

Wharton told the Chronicle that they had a great time on Saturday evening, thanking everyone for their support.

"It was a great night with a lot of energy in the air and it was great to have people in the community who came out and people from outside of the community as well who came from a distance to support the cause," she said. "We all came together to support homeless families in our community. That is really humbling and really, really awesome. It really chokes me up."



Madonna Weiland, Andrea Miller, Connor Miller, Father Kevin Earleywine, Maggie Pearson. Not pictured: Steve Pearson.

According to Wharton, the organization supports families in a number of ways, including providing them with budgeting and life skills, along with mental health counseling. They also help families with financial assistance for renting a home.

"We pay full rent at first and then taper

off their financial assistance to help families ease into paying," Wharton said. "So they can work towards becoming self-sufficient and paying that full rent amount."

To learn more about the organization, visit northcentraliowa.bridgeofhopeinc.org.

More photos on B2!

Deadlines

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City Council Discusses Final Changes for Chicken/Poultry Ordinance

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton City Council discussed remaining changes to their chicken/poultry ordinance during their March 23 meeting.

After discussion, the councilors were in favor of allowing chicken owners to sell their eggs and setting the maximum height for coops at six feet, along with striking the portion about written consent from councilors.

They will vote on these changes during their March



Hampton city officials during their March 23 meeting.

26 meeting.

After this, Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison requested that they increase hourly pay for their reserve officers to 30 dollars an hour. Their reserve officers are currently paid 15 dollars an hour, he said.

“We are trying to encourage the ones that we already have to work more hours and we’re trying to attract certified officers from other surrounding communities to come here and fill some holes while we’re down officers right

now,” Morrison said. “We have a need so we’re hoping to fill it, and we’re going to try to do it quickly.”

City Councilor Jeanne Fay asked how many hours these reserve officers are

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Archdiocese Sets Date for Restructuring Announcement

BY MICHAEL HOHENBRINK
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Potentially big changes for area parishes will be made public soon.

Announced last year, the archdiocesan Journey in Faith process is moving ahead with plans to end weekly Mass at dozens of parishes.

In place of current Mass schedules, the archdiocese will instead use Pastorate, groupings of parishes with not all parishes having weekly Mass.

“This plan is guided by a few important pastoral principles intended to help our priests serve well and ensure that the faithful continue to receive strong spiritual leadership and ministerial support,” said Archbishop Thomas Zinkula in a statement made public recently. “For example, the weekend Mass schedule will remain the same each week. In other words, there will no longer be Mass rotations. Instead of focusing on more important mission-driven endeavors such as ministry and relationship building, those rotations focused on building utilization and depleted necessary human and financial resources. In addition, priests will normally celebrate no more than three Masses on a weekend so they can also devote time to the many other important responsibilities of priestly ministry.”

An initial trial of this Pastorate model was announced last year in Allamakee County with the merger of St. Ann-St. Joseph Parish Harpers Ferry; Lansing’s Immaculate Conception Parish; New Albin’s St. Joseph and Wexford’s Immaculate Conception and establish-

ment of Lansing-based Holy Family of the Bluffs Parish.

A date has been set to make public the full list of parish changes.

“The final pastorate structure and priest assignments will become public on April 11,” said the Rev. Zinkula. “Beginning on that day, information will be available on the Journey in Faith website so parishioners can learn more about the plan and find answers to common questions. That weekend, April 11–12, the pastors will share a letter with their parish communities explaining what the plan means for their local parishes, including pastorate collaborations, priest assignments, and weekend Mass locations.”

The restructuring has drawn criticism.

Save our Churches Save Our Communities is a group within the archdiocese that has organized and voiced concern.

The group is hosting Canon Lawyer Philip Gray Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. over at Manchester’s Old 20 Auctions 1949 210th Street.

Area Impact Eyed

Initial proposals last year had impacts varying by parish.

Postville’s St. Bridget Parish across a couple of different proposals was being looked at to continue to have weekly Mass.

The parish serves multiple ethnic communities.

By contrast, Calmar’s St. Aloysius was not in any of the earlier models proposed designated as a potential site for weekly Mass.

Ossian’s St. Francis de Sales and Protivin’s Holy Trinity have been proposed as sites for weekly Mass, both having Catholic schools.

School Board Approves District Career and Academic Plan

BY EVAN PHARR
THE HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont School Board voted to approve the new District Career and Academic Plan (DCAP) during their March 23 meeting.

The new plan involves extending the plan and the use of the college and career readiness software Xello to fifth through seventh graders to help students select and research different career paths.

The school board also approved a quote to remodel the west restrooms at Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School, new lighting for South Side’s second and third grade classrooms and they approved cooperative agreements with the University of Northern Iowa and Wartburg College for 2026-2027.

Matt Showalter discussed possible



The Hampton-Dumont School Board during their meeting on March 26.

facility improvements for the high school due to a lack of space for the fine arts programs and the wrestling teams to practice. Showalter stated his main priority was to discuss the creation of a new auditorium or band room to create extra space for the wrestling teams to practice. Show-

alter also discussed the creation of a multipurpose facility beside the baseball field that could be used as a weight room, batting cages, or extra practice room for the wrestling team. These items were just discussed, and no official plan has been presented for such facilities to be constructed.

Kim Price Announces Retirement After 15 years as CEO of FGH

PRESS RELEASE
FRANKLIN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Hampton, Iowa — Franklin General Hospital has announced that CEO Kim Price will retire effective July 4, 2026, following 15 years of dedicated leadership and service to the organization and the Franklin County community.

“Serving Franklin General Hospital and the people of Franklin County has been the honor of my career,” said Price. “I am deeply grateful to work alongside such a dedicated, compassionate, and highly skilled team. The commitment our staff shows every day—to our patients and to one another—is what makes FGH such a special

place, and I am incredibly proud of everything we have accomplished together.”

During Price’s tenure, Franklin General Hospital strengthened its commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care, expanded services, and continued to serve as a trusted healthcare provider for Hampton and the surrounding communities. His leadership emphasized collaboration, stability, and service to the community.

Price has formally notified MercyOne and the Franklin General Hospital Board of Trustees of the decision. Planning is currently underway to ensure a thoughtful, smooth leadership transition.

“I remain fully com-

mitted to Franklin General Hospital during this transition period,” Price added. “I will continue working closely with the Board, MercyOne, and our leadership team to ensure continuity and stability.”

John Trewin, FGH Board of Trustees President, said, “Kim Price has been a truly exceptional leader at FGH. We’re all immensely proud of the legacy Kim has built over his 15+ years here. Kim’s unwavering dedication to care, quality, and safety stands out as a model for everyone. Thanks to Kim’s leadership, FGH is well positioned to meet the challenges that lie ahead in healthcare. Through Kim’s tireless work, FGH has become known not only



CEO Kim Price

as one of North Iowa’s top employers but also as one of the leading critical access hospitals in the country. On behalf of all of us, a heartfelt thank you to Kim for his years of devoted service, and our very best wishes as he heads into retirement!”

Notice from City of Hampton: New Payment System

We’re pleased to announce that the City of Hampton now offers a new online payment platform designed to make managing your bills more convenient.

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Get started today by visiting: <https://hamptonia.frontdeskworks.com/>.

The existing online payment platform will be discontinued March 31, 2026.

Questions can be directed to City Hall at 641-456-4853. Thank you for helping us improve how we serve our community.

Sincerely,
-The City of Hampton

Franklin County Tourism Committee Encourages Event Planners to Apply for 2026 Grant Funding

PRESS RELEASE
FRANKLIN REC

The Franklin County Tourism Committee is reminding local event planners to take advantage of grant funding opportunities available for 2026 events.

These funds are designed to support and enhance events that attract

visitors and showcase all that Franklin County has to offer. Event organizers are encouraged to apply for funding that could help expand their event’s reach, improve offerings, and increase overall attendance.

The purpose of the Franklin County Tourism Committee is to promote tourism throughout the county by encouraging participation from both lo-

cal residents and visitors from outside Franklin County. By supporting community events, the committee aims to strengthen local engagement while drawing new audiences to the area.

For more information, please contact the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce or visit hamptoniowa.org.

K of C Hold Final Fish Fry of Season

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The local Knights of Columbus held their final fish fry of the season on Friday evening, March 20, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church.

All proceeds from their three fish fries will go towards supporting local projects, such as Bridge of Hope, parish activities and coats for kids.

According to Knights of Columbus representative Jim Davies, their attendance has been low the last few years, so they appreciate those who did stop by.

He said that 125 people stopped by the first night, 180 people stopped by the second night and 169 people stopped by the third night.

“We greatly appreciate those that have attended to help the knights raise money for the various charities we support,” he said.

Photos on B8!

Northwest Franklin 4-H Club to Host Coulter Easter Egg Hunt

Coulter — The Northwest Franklin 4-H Club invites families from the surrounding communities to join in a morning of Easter fun at the Coulter Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. The event will start at the Coulter Public Library and is open to children ages 10 and under.

The event will feature a variety of family-friendly activities, including an Easter story time, an egg hunt for multiple age groups, with a special prize egg hidden within each age division, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Refreshments and snacks will also

be provided for attendees.

“This is a great opportunity for families to come together and celebrate the season,” said Val Plagge, leader of the Northwest Franklin 4-H Club. “Our 4-H members enjoy giving back to the community, and this event is something we look forward to hosting each year.”

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place rain or shine. The Northwest Franklin 4-H Club thanks the Coulter Public Library, the City of Coulter and the Coulter City Council for their support and partnership for making this event possible.



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Stories from Franklin County's Past: Spanish Influenza and Dr. John Martin

BY CAROL SENSOR
FRANKLIN COUNTY
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As we acknowledge the six-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic beginning in mid-March of 2020, many of us remember the school/business closures, the mask mandates, the shortages, and the fear. On the Hampton Chronicle's Facebook page, a comment was left regarding a young doctor from Latimer who was practicing during the Spanish Influenza epidemic 1918-1920. His name was Dr. John Franklin (J.F.) Martin.

John was born June 26, 1887, in Iowa Falls and was the son of Arthur and Margaret Martin. He had two siblings: Nora and Pearl. He graduated from Iowa Falls High School in 1907, and completed a course in medicine at the University of Illinois School of Medicine in Chicago.

In 1910, he married Bonnie Bell Blakely who was also from Iowa Falls. While they were residing in Chicago, their son, Richard A. Martin, was born July 4, 1911. Unfortunately, Bonnie died a few months later on September 20; she is buried in the Union Cemetery in Iowa Falls.

When Dr. Martin completed his medical degree in 1912, he opened his medical practice in Latimer. He spent his entire career serving the people of Latimer and Franklin County.

In November of 1916, Dr. Martin married Elsie



Obituary photograph of Dr. J. F. Martin, circa 1955.



Dr. John Martin, circa 1926-1929.

June Sawtelle in Latimer. She had grown up in Latimer, attend Memorial University in Mason City, and was a teacher in Franklin County schools. Their daughter, Helen Jeanette, was born in November of 1917.

Little did Dr. Martin or anyone else know how significantly their lives were going to change with two words: Spanish Influenza.

Doctors documented the "first" case of the influenza pandemic on March 4, 1918, in Albert Gitchell, a U.S. Army cook at Fort Riley, Kansas. Nicknamed the "Spanish Flu," cases of "severe influenza" were observed in Kansas as early as January 1918. Within a week, hundreds of soldiers who worked, trained, and bunked alongside Gitchell were sick. Within a matter

of weeks, more than 1,000 soldiers were ill and the virus was reported at the majority of Army training camps throughout the United States.

During the first wave of the influenza pandemic, the sick and elderly were most at risk. In the United States, approximately 75,000 influenza-related deaths were reported during the first half of 1918.

By the time the second influenza wave began in August 1918, the virus had mutated to become much more deadly—rapidly killing the young, middle-aged, and old with many previously healthy people succumbing to respiratory failure within hours of becoming ill. Between September and December 1918, nearly 300,000 Americans died of influenza. In October 1918 alone—the deadliest month of the pandemic in the United States—an estimated 195,000 people died. The severity of the second wave forced public health officials to enforce quarantines of infected people and ordered residents to wear masks in public to slow the spread of the disease.

A third wave of the pandemic hit Australia and parts of Europe particularly hard during the first half of 1919, but despite outbreaks in American metropolitan areas, the mortality rate from the virus fell dramatically. The pandemic subsided in late 1920. Deaths from influenza in 1921 were comparable to pre-pandemic levels.

Franklin County was not exempt from the Span-

ish influenza outbreak. The first mention of Spanish influenza was in the September 26, 1918, issue of the Hampton Chronicle where it was reported that Walter Shroyer of Hampton was ill from the disease at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Chicago.

The October 10, 1918 Hampton Chronicle reported that the selective draft call for the county was postponed for two weeks by the War Department due to the influenza epidemic.

Hampton began a quarantine on October 11, 1918 when the mayor (G. T. McCrillis) by direction of the city council sitting as a Board of Health and by orders of city health physician, Dr. F.E. E St. Clair, ordered all public places and public gatherings, the local schools, theatres, billiard halls, etc. closed until Monday morning, Oct. 21. At that time there were approximately 150 cases in Hampton and 125 in the surrounding county.

Due to the Spanish influenza's second wave, another quarantine was implemented December 19, 1918. Many of the same stipulations occurred during the second quarantine. Homes with infected family members were encouraged to post placards warning others against visiting. Most holiday celebrations were canceled including the Municipal Christmas celebration which had included a parade, an appearance of Santa Claus, and the distribution of free presents.

The second quarantine was lifted on January 6, 1919. During the second

wave of the Spanish influenza, nearly every family in Hampton and the surrounding community had one or more family members sick. The average number of cases reported each day was over 50; by the end of the quarantine the number had dropped to five per day. Several of the influenza patients contracted pneumonia. A number of deaths occurred, most of them being in the rural neighborhoods. Over the course of the epidemic, the Iowa Board of Health reported 6,116 deaths from influenza and 3,085 from pneumonia.

The Hampton Chronicle acknowledged the impact on doctors in the area in their January 6, 1919 issue. At the time of the Spanish Influenza, doctors often made house calls rather than having the patients come to their office. These doctors were on the road early in the morning and visited patients until late into the night. They missed sleep, and they missed meals. They wore out automobiles and they exhausted horses, but they stayed faithfully on the job working 20 of 24 hours. After treating very sick patients, they then returned to their own, often young families.

Deaths continued to reported in Franklin County into April of 1919.

Following the influenza epidemic, Dr. Martin continued his illustrious medical practice in Latimer. He served his community over the years by being: the mayor for 12 years; a member of the town council; the county coroner; on the Latimer Independent Schools Board of Education, and on the staff of the Lutheran Hospital in Hampton. He was an ardent sportsman and was active in game conservation programs. He was a loyal supporter of the Beed's Lake project when it started and was one of the first to build a family home at the lake. He was a member of the Franklin County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society. He was a member of the Masonic Order in Iowa Falls.

Dr. Martin continued to practice medicine until his death in 1955 due to a heart attack. He died at the Lutheran Hospital in Hampton and is buried in the

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Circa 1919, a public service advertisement issued during the Spanish flu pandemic.

Latimer News

On a wintery day CAL Over 60's met in the Latimer Community Center on St.Patrick's Day Tuesday, March 17th. Lois welcomed everyone and Pastor Peter Wagner of St Paul's Lutheran Church gave devotions and table prayer. Sheryl Borchering and LaShell Borchering served the tables. Jolene had prepared tater tot casserole, creamy oreo fluff, bread and chocolate cake with green mint ice cream.

Lois gave readings on St.Patrick's history, meaning of the shamrock and she read an Irish Blessing.

The next dinner will be on Tuesday, April 7th. Everyone is welcome to attend and invite guests.



To everyone who thought of me, with a card or a phone call on my very special 95th birthday, a big thank you. It really meant a lot to me!

-La Vanne McCormick

CASTING CALL

Iowa River Players will hold auditions for The Diary of Anne Frank on April 7 & 8 at 6:30 p.m. at 901 W. Broadway in Rowan. Roles are available for five men/boys and five women/girls. Performances are scheduled for June 20, 21, 27, and 28. Unable to attend? Contact Luanne Krabbe at 319-231-7828 to arrange a time.

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Cook Out 400

Location: Ridgeway, Va.
Date: March 29th, 3:30 p.m.
Last Year's Pole: Christopher Bell
Last Year's Winner: Denny Hamlin

Martinsville Speedway

Track Details
Distance: 0.526 Miles
Shape: Paperclip
Banking / Turns: 12

The NASCAR Cup Series returns to the "Paperclip" on March 29th, 2026, for the Cook Out 400. Martinsville Speedway is the shortest track on the circuit at 0.526 miles, featuring tight turns with 12-degree banking and long, flat straightaways that demand heavy braking. For 2026, teams must navigate a new "tiered" pit road speed system designed to reduce congestion on the narrow pit lane. Additionally, following recent tests, Goodyear has introduced an even softer tire compound to encourage more fall-off and passing. Defending race winner Denny Hamlin returns as the clear favorite, seeking his sixth grandfather clock trophy. He'll face a surging Tyler Reddick, who enters with four wins already this season. Watch the 400-lap battle live on FS1 at 3:30 PM ET.

Last Weekend's Race: Tyler Reddick Won at Darlington

Tyler Reddick won the Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway on March 22, 2026, marking his fourth victory in the season's first six races. Despite starting from the pole, Reddick's No. 45 Toyota for 23XI Racing faced significant mechanical adversity, including a malfunctioning alternator and a failed driver cooling suit. After falling outside the top ten, Reddick rallied to lead the final 28 laps, ultimately finishing 5.847 seconds ahead of Brad Keselowski. "I think it's very fitting that when we finally get our first win here at Darlington that 'The Lady in Black' would test us like that," Reddick said after the win.

Tyler Reddick
Born: Jan. 11, 1996
Crew Chief: Billy Scott
Car: Toyota

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2026	4	5	4.167
2025	0	14	14.47

2026 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten				O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Top Ten			
Drivers	Points	Top 10s		Drivers	Points	Top 10s	
1) Tyler Reddick	325	5		1) Justin Allgaier	306	5	
2) Ryan Blaney	230	4		2) Jesse Love	254	5	
3) Bubba Wallace	205	4		3) Carson Kvatil	222	3	
4) Denny Hamlin	203	3		4) Sheldon Creed	218	4	
5) Chase Elliott	194	3		5) Austin Hill	210	3	
6) William Byron	191	3		6) Sammy Smith	192	5	
7) Chris Buescher	188	3		7) Corey Day	188	5	
8) Christopher Bell	182	3		8) Brandon Jones	170	2	
9) Brad Keselowski	182	3		9) Parker Retzlaff	169	2	
10) Kyle Larson	176	3		10) Rajah Caruth	151	3	

Racing Trivia

What nickname is given to the 1.5-mile tracks that dominate the schedule?

a) Paperclips c) Monster Miles
b) Cookie-cutters d) Ticky Triangles

ANSWERS: a) Paperclips, b) Cookie-cutters, c) Monster Miles, d) Ticky Triangles

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- If something interesting is happening.

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ROPS Are a Lifesaving Measure for Iowa Farmers



REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
COLUMNIST

Iowa farmers and ranchers are the backbone of our country, who wake before the sun rises to feed families and fuel our nation. However, while there is no more rewarding work, it can come with a series of unforeseen risks that can threaten our producers' livelihoods. Farmers work long hours handling heavy machinery and working around unpredictable weather conditions with

tight margins. These realities of farm work mean that one small mistake can change a life forever.

Thankfully, with the passage of this Farm Bill out of the House Agriculture Committee, Congress has been able to take a meaningful step to ensure these farmers have the tools they need to handle the dangers they face on the farm. One of the clearest examples of these challenges is the risk of tractor rollovers. Tractor overturns are the leading cause of death on U.S. farms, and it has been found that roughly half of all tractors in use today do not have any form of rollover protection. The devastation caused by a fatal tractor rollover leads to 70 percent of farms closing within five years of the event.

These injuries are almost entirely preventable with one simple piece of equipment: a rollover pro-

tection structure, or ROPS. When paired with a seat-belt, ROPS are 99 percent effective at preventing serious injury or death. While modern tractors are required to include these safety features, many older models still in use on family farms do not. These reliable pieces of equipment remain essential, but the cost of retrofitting them has often been out of reach for farmers' operating budgets.

That was the core reason I introduced the *Roll-Over Protection and Safety (ROPS) Act* and was proud to see it pass as an amendment with unanimous support to be included in the Farm Bill. This is a commonsense, bipartisan win for our farmers across the country. This legislation establishes a cost-share grant program through the USDA to help cover the cost of purchasing, shipping, and installing ROPS on older tractors. By con-

tinuing this effort nationwide through the Farm Bill, we are turning proven success into national policy and saving lives in the process.

This Farm Bill is more than just policy—it's about supporting our farmers and ensuring that the men and women who put food on our tables can do their jobs safely and successfully. A single tractor rollover affects families and communities, and by including the ROPS amendment, we are committing to listening to their concerns and delivering real solutions to their challenges.

When a simple bar can mean the difference between tragedy and safety, it underscores that it is past time to finish the job and pass the Farm Bill to protect our farmers, strengthen rural communities, and preserve the future of American agriculture.

Week 10 Brings Second Legislative Funnel Deadline



REP. SHANNON LATHAM
COLUMNIST

Week 10 of the 2026 legislative session was Second Funnel Week. Bills and resolutions that originated in the House but failed to pass through a Senate committee by March 20 — with the exception of bills being considered by the Appropriations and Ways & Means Committees or placed on the unfinished business calendar — are no longer eligible for consideration this legislative session. Likewise, bills and resolutions that originated in the Senate but failed to pass through a House committee this week are no longer eligible.

One Senate Joint Resolution that did not survive the funnel is SJR 4, which would have declared the American Cream Draft horse as Iowa's state horse. Because the American Cream Draft Horse traces its bloodline to a mare named Old Granny that first appeared in records from a 1911 farm sale in rural Hamilton County, I received several emails in support of this resolution. I would have supported it if the state horse had been considered by a House



committee.

Medicaid Funding

Iowa's Medicaid program has grown significantly. In the 1990s, Medicaid was about 7 percent of the state budget. Last year, Medicaid accounted for 22 percent of the state's budget. Today one out of every five Iowans is getting their health care coverage through Medicaid.

In addition to increasing costs due to increased demand for Medicaid, pandemic-era federal subsidies are expiring and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) is being implemented. The OBBBA put new restrictions on states' ability to change provider rates, so many states like Iowa are left with significant holes in state budgets.

We must find a way to provide care for our most vulnerable Iowans. That's why this week I voted in favor of House File 2739, which provides a temporary tax increase on insurance companies that

is estimated to generate more than \$250 million in additional funding for Medicaid. Iowa insurance companies currently pay less than 1% in provider tax. Most other states' provider tax ranges between 2-4%, so this bill proposes an increase in the tax to 3.5% for nine months.

This HMO provider tax is a one-time mechanism to pull down matching federal dollars. Without these funds, the state faces projected Medicaid deficits of approximately \$90 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$167 million for Fiscal Year 2027.

Support for Biofuels

The Iowa House continues to support biofuels and agriculture. House File 2643 ensures better implementation of Iowa's pro-ethanol and pro-biodiesel tax credits. Farmers across Iowa and the nation have identified support for ethanol and biodiesel as a top priority this year. HF 2643 ensures full compliance with Iowa's biofuel

tax credit program. For over a decade, sellers of biofuel have been required to file a report indicating the gallons sold at their establishment. This data is used to determine how the investment of tax dollars is being completed. Unfortunately, the reports have been ignored by some. This bill provides tax accountability because if documentation is not provided in the report, the taxpayer may not claim Iowa's biofuel tax credits. The Senate placed this bill on the unfinished business calendar, so it survived the funnel.

House Tax Proposal

This week, Iowa House Republicans passed House Study Bill 596 through the Ways and Means Committee. The committee amended the bill to reflect the feedback received from Iowans and to include pieces from the Senate Republicans' and the Governor's property tax proposals. The goal of this legislation is to create predictability for hardworking Iowans.

The major components of the updated bill include:

- Capping revenue growth at 2% plus new construction, so cities and counties are incentivized to grow. This component includes exceptions for schools and the debt levy.
- Delivering immediate relief to every homeowner by creating a 10% up to \$25,000 exemption on residential property.
- Revamping the in-

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Scared Into Something Else



FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
THE ALTERNATIVE

Paul Ehrlich died at age 93 on Friday the 13th. Maybe at that age it wasn't so unlucky. My aches and pains and confusion about technology have made me a little more comfortable with mortality. But I don't have giant lies to deal with.

Stanford professor Ehrlich's legacy is an unfathomable crippling of civilization. In 1968, he wrote *The Population Bomb*, in which he stated: "The battle to feed all of

humanity is over. In the 1970s, hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now."

It's pretty hard to comprehend the extent to which creativity has been hampered by a focus on unnecessary research and development. A market driven by human wants and interaction was severely handicapped when so much capital was sent chasing Ehrlich's fairy tale.

The Population Bomb was a huge success, selling two million copies. He was featured on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson more than twenty times. Doomsday sells. India instituted mass sterilization programs. China limited babies to one per couple (now it's possible to say they have nothing but old

people to keep the country running). Ehrlich said US life expectancy would drop to 42 by 1980.

I remember building a fake coffin for the first Earth Day in 1970. We marched through the streets of Oakland declaring Earth was dead in there. That was the day Paul Ehrlich declared that "...in 10 years all important animal life in the sea will be extinct." This craziness had a huge impact on producers, and those losses were passed on to consumers.

A lot of the innovations inspired by environmental law would have come about because of their links to conservation and simple economics. But when looked at objectively, Ehrlich was a plague. And to observe how society was so willing to accept all the intrusions in their personal

choices, a lot of other tragedies are explained.

Since 1992, Benjamin Netanyahu has been claiming that Iran was close to developing a nuclear weapon. In 2002, Netanyahu claimed Iraq had nukes and begged the US to invade that country. Many years later, still no evidence of nuclear weapons in Iraq has surfaced.

Finally, something happened in Donald Trump's second term and he began obviously taking orders from Netanyahu. Netanyahu didn't have to go on Johnny Carson twenty times to make the world go crazy.

In the same way as Paul Ehrlich's predictions triggering massive misdirections of capital to solar panels, electric cars, and windmills, Netanyahu's predictions on Iran have

not even produced any so-called alternative energy infrastructure, just destruction.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei issued a fatwa in 2003 forbidding nuclear weapons, and there has been no evidence presented to show a violation, just more "it's coming soon" rhetoric, apparently with the belief that a lie repeated often enough will be considered true. US officials can't imagine such a thing as obeying the law. It's so inconvenient.

I have to question the wisdom of such a fatwa with proven aggressive and actual nuclear routinely violating law openly and especially given what happened to Muammar Gaddafi after he voluntarily gave up Libya's weapons of mass destruction. And the fact that we attacked in the

middle of scheduling negotiations was beneath any idea of an ethical member of the world's community.

The thing that caused the former Director of the United States National Counterterrorism Center Joe Kent to resign is how Secretary of State Marco Rubio justified this war of choice. He said that the US launched preemptive strikes on Iran because intelligence indicated Israel was about to attack, which would have triggered Iranian retaliation against American forces. Whose country is this?

As my wise friend Cal would say, "It's crazy. But there it is."

Please let us know what you think of all this through a letter to the editor or directly to me at 4selfgovernment@gmail.com.

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My Final Day in South Africa

BY ISAAC VOSBURG
WHERE IN THE
WORLD IS ISAAC
VOSBURG?

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you on my final day in South Africa. Soon, I will be boarding a plane back to the U.S., and upon the touchdown of that aircraft's wheels, the final passing of this most wondrous of spring breaks will be marked. These past two weeks have been filled with marvelous moments and memories galore, one most interesting of which I wish to expound upon now.

A few peers and I, alongside Shane, a master's student at the University of Pretoria, had been driving around Kruger National Park all morning collecting camera traps. The general flow went something like this: We drive to a location in a GDV—a "Game Drive Vehicle," which tends to be a Toyota pickup outfitted with three rows of three seats over the bed and a soft-topped roof to keep out the sun and rain. Each location we stopped at had been deemed either "wild wild" or "wild edge" depending on its proximity to human settlement; those locations outside the park were deemed either "anthro anthro" or "anthro edge," and those cameras had all been collected by Shane the day before. At these stops within the park, Soli, our game guard, would hop out first, assess the area, and after proving it clear from danger, allow us to alight the vehicle and join him as we followed game trails toward the camera. We would then find the camera, pull out the stakes or unstrap them from the tree trunks they'd been secured to, note the number of pho-



tos taken, and return them to the GDV to be assessed in full at the research campus where we were all staying.

Some cameras were simple, especially the "wild edge" ones, which were typically located just off the road or within a dozen or so meters of some form of manmade infrastructure. At many a "wild wild" camera, however, we ended up needing GPS to locate it, walking in circles and circles until we closed in on the demarcated site. In a few cases, elephants had come by and uprooted the camera stakes, as they are sometimes known to do with objects they deem foreign, leading to an absolute conundrum as we surveyed the areas surrounding the original placement shown on the GPS, looking for any and all signs of uprooted camouflage boxes. The term "needle in a haystack" comes to mind in these instances, but it does not do justice to the frantic scavenging of savannah our

team became so embroiled in.

Fortunately for us, we were able to locate and return all cameras, including those which had been "re-homed" by the elephants. We had been out in the sun all day, and before heading back to camp, decided to stop and eat a late lunch at a lookout point known as Stevenson-Hamilton. In the shade of a fig tree, we sat upon this granite outcropping, overlooking the vast swathes of pristine savannah so carefully preserved by the park. As we cooled off, Soli, Shane, and I struck up a conversation. Soli told stories of close encounters with all kinds of animals, I told of my experience just a day earlier seeing a lion while conducting field work with another group, and Shane spoke of his research on snakes in the area. Eventually, the topic turned to the site itself, Stevenson-Hamilton: who this point was named after, the tumultuous history behind it, as well as a spire atop the up-

permost rock, which had also piqued my interest.

While the answers to the first two of those queries can be found online if you wish to learn, the third cannot, and for our group, it meant mounting a small expedition to the top. Over rocks and thorns, terrifying heights and the constant question of what wildlife might be around the next bend, we inched our way up boulder by boulder. At the halfway point, a number of my peers were looking sun-worn and weary, when we noticed something peculiar. All the way up here, at one of—if not the—highest points in the park, there was elephant dung. A few days old, sure, but undeniably that of a large elephant. With newfound vigor, we ascended once more, propelled by the proposition that if an elephant can climb it, so can we.

As we approached the pinnacle, the spire became clearer, and Soli determined it to be an old radio

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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relay station, where the signals of person-to-person communications could be boosted to reach farther corners of the park. Standing at the peak now, the world had never seemed so beautiful. I spotted elephants and giraffes below, blue mountains on the horizon, and in all directions, the most verdant shades of lush, savannah

green. I felt at once both smaller and larger than ever, my life existing in the context of this most awe-inspiring of natural settings. It is memories like these that I leave South Africa with, and memories like these that I hope will one day bring me back to this place I now know that I so love.

Franklin County Voter Registration Drives



KATY FLINT
FRANKLIN COUNTY
AUDITOR

We are doing something for the very first time...at least in the last 5 years and 4 months! We are holding voter registration drives all over the County! As part of the America's 250 Celebration, the Iowa Secretary of State's office encouraged us to schedule a voter registration drive. I first reached out to Suzy Knipfel at the Hampton Public Library to see if they would like to

partner and she of course, said YES! That started the ball rolling and we are now holding voter registration drives at each public library within the County over the next month. The Primary Election is coming up on June 2nd and Iowa has closed primaries, which means each voter MUST declare/register for a party to vote and you can only vote for those party's candidates. If you are currently registered "No Party" you can register to be a Republican or Democrat to vote. A voter registration drive is the perfect time to do this. Additionally, have you moved since the last election? Changed your name? These are also reasons to update your voter registration record to make voting on Election Day the easiest and smoothest possible. Do you have a teenager in your house that will be

18 at the time of the General Election on November 3rd? If so, they can register now and vote at 17 in the Primary! So, if any of the above situations apply to you, stopping by one of our Voter Registration Drives is a great idea! Plus, I'll be there doing the registering myself so if you have other questions or concerns (election related or not), I'm happy to listen to those as well. Check out schedule below and until next time...
 April 2nd – Alexander Public Library – 1PM-3PM
 April 9th – Sheffield Public Library – 10AM-12Noon
 April 16th – Coulter Public Library – 9AM-11AM
 April 20th – Hampton Public Library – 9:30AM-11AM
 April 20th – Hampton Public Library – 3:30PM-5PM



A total of 110 spectators attended GOAT at the Windsor Theatre last weekend. Three more shows at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday with the 2 p.m. matinee on Wednesday.

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Ministerial Association asks, 'Why Hope?'

BY LEE NELSON

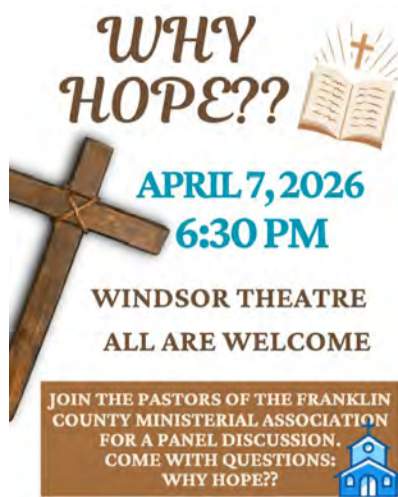
The Franklin County Ministerial Association will be holding a Pastor's Panel on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 PM at the Windsor Theatre. This panel is themed, "Why Hope?" There is no cost to attend. All are welcome.

People have real needs, people see dark things, there is a lot to be concerned about... why should I have hope?

Christianity says, we have that

hope. This is a chance to ask local pastors about different traditions, why should I have hope?

Participating in the upcoming panel are Brian Rihner - Church of the Living Word, Rob Anderstrom - Faith Baptist, Karen Koenig and Peggy Allison- First Congregational, Joseph Dunnwald - Immanuel, Latimer, Kevin Earleywine - St. Patrick's, Caitlin Tauro - St. Paul - Hampton, Dennis Burns - United Methodist, and Ryne Reyes - Youth for Christ (Emcee).



WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

What state has the most lighthouses? Answer: Michigan, with over 150 past and present structures. (Michigan's extensive shoreline along the Great Lakes has required many navigational aids to guide ships through treacherous waters).

What state has the most caves? Answer: Tennessee, with approximately 10,000 caves in the primarily limestone bedrock.

This week's trivia questions:

What prominent big band leader and trombonist during "the swing era" was born in Clarinda, Iowa, and was one of the best-selling recording artists of the 1940s?

What legendary American singer, known for his smooth vocals, charismatic stage presence, and amazing TV Christmas specials, was born in Wall Lake, Iowa?

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" - Psalm 95:1-2

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them." - Acts 16:25

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." - Colossians 3:16

March 25 is International Waffle Day, and Medal of Honor Day; March 26 is National Spinach Day, and Wear a Hat Day; March 27 is World Theater Day; March 28 is World Piano Day; March 29 is National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day, National Vietnam Wars Veterans Day, and World Marbles Day; March 30 is Doctor's Day, and Take a Walk in the Park Day; March 31 is Crayola Crayon Day, and National Farm Worker's Day.

Funny awards show speeches:

Actor Steve Carell - "I really did not expect to win this, so I didn't write anything. However, my wife did and handed me something. I would like to thank my wife, Nancy, for her constant support and for being so beautiful tonight. Also, to my wife, for giving me two wonderful children, as painful as her labor might have been. Nancy, my precious wife, who put her career on hold in support of mine, and who sometimes wishes I would let her know when I'm going to be home late so she can schedule her life, which is no less important than mine."

Host Billy Crystal - "So tonight, enjoy yourselves. Because nothing can take the sting out of the world's economic problems like watching millionaires collecting gold statues."

Comedian Tina Fey - "George Clooney married Amal Alamuddin this year. Amal is a human rights lawyer who worked on the Enron case, was an adviser to Kofi Annan regarding Syria, and was selected for a three-person UN commission investigating rules of war violations in the Gaza Strip. So tonight, her husband is getting a lifetime achievement award."

Actor Steve Martin - "Maybe critics are right, maybe Hollywood movies are too violent. I took a nine-year-old kid to see Gladiator and he cried through the entire film. Now, maybe it was because he didn't know who I was?"

The "Dollywood" theme park in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee opened under its current name in 1986, when Dolly Parton partnered with the Herschend family to transform the park into a nationally recognized destination.

Dollywood is home to some of the most thrilling rides, including "Lightning Rod," the world's fastest wooden roller coaster. Interestingly, Dolly Parton does not ride the rides at her own theme park, due to a fear of roller coasters and motion sickness.

First Bank Hampton Takes First in Farm Bureau Breakfast Battle

PRESS RELEASE
FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Hampton — Teams from area businesses and organizations competed on Thursday, March 19 at Fareway in Hampton in the annual Franklin County Farm Bureau Breakfast Battle. Teams of two from Poet, Franklin General Hospital, Farm Bureau Financial Services, First Bank Hampton, Franklin County Extension, United Bank & Trust, Central Park Dentistry, First Security Bank and Trust, Sukup, Franklin REC, and Mid Iowa Real Estate, Auctions & Appraisals all took part in the friendly competition.

The morning kicked off with an ag-themed trivia round, where teams could earn bonus time deducted from their final race totals. After trivia, teams drew their grocery lists and

had one minute to strategize before the real action began. For the next ten minutes, Fareway was a blur of activity as participants raced through the aisles gathering ingredients needed to prepare breakfast, dinner, and supper for a family of four based on provided recipes. Teams could also add optional items in an effort to get their final grocery totals between \$55 and \$60. All items purchased will be donated to local food pantries.

This year's champion was First Bank Hampton, with Poet taking a close second place and First Security Bank & Trust finishing third. First Bank Hampton will proudly display the traveling "Cereal Bowl" trophy until next year's competition, while the "We Tried" trophy will reside at Mid Iowa Real Estate, Auctions & Appraisals.

Photos provided by Fareway.



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PRESS RELEASE

First Bank Hampton is proud to announce its support of Reborn Ranch as a Gold Sponsor for the upcoming Reborn Ranch Christian Camps. This sponsorship reflects the bank's continued commitment to investing in local organizations that strengthen families, faith, and community.

Reborn Ranch Christian Camps provide meaningful opportunities for youth and families to grow spiritually, build lasting relationships, and develop life skills in a Christ-centered environment. Camps are offered at no cost to participants, ensuring accessibility for families from all backgrounds. Support from community partners like First Bank Hampton helps cover essential expenses such as meals, accommodations, camp materials, and equine care.

"At First Bank Hampton, we believe strong communities are built by



supporting organizations that make a lasting impact," said Tyler Heere, CEO and President of First Bank Hampton. "Reborn Ranch creates a welcoming, life-changing environment for young people and families,

and we are honored to support their mission as a Gold Sponsor."

For more information about Reborn Ranch and its mission, visit their social media pages or contact Reborn Ranch directly.

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What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

Reminders of Him will show for one week at the Windsor Theatre from Friday, March 27, through Thursday, April 2.

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.

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. An additional show has been scheduled for Saturday at 11:00 AM.

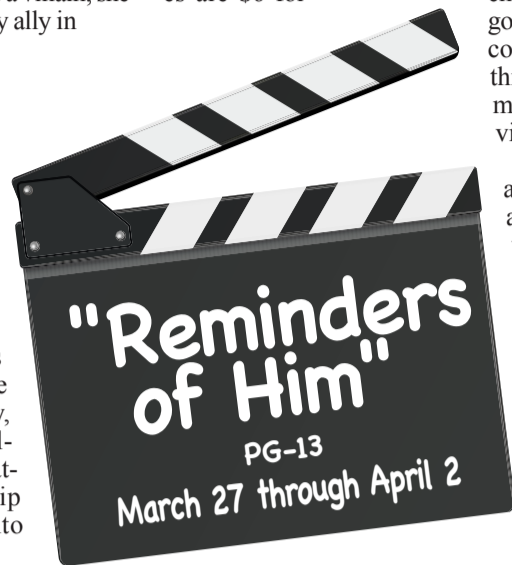
Reminders of Him tells the story of Kenna Rowan, portrayed by Maika Monroe, who returns to her hometown after serving five years in prison for a drunk-driving crash that claimed the life of her boyfriend, Scotty. Determined to rebuild her life, Kenna seeks to reconnect with her young daughter, Diem, now being raised by Scotty's parents, who remain deeply resentful.

As Kenna works to earn forgiveness in a community that views her as a villain, she finds an unlikely ally in Ledger Ward, played by Tyriq Withers. A bar owner and Scotty's best friend, Ledger has helped care for Diem and initially distrusts Kenna. However, as he learns more about her story, the two develop a complicated relationship that grows into romance.

Their connection creates tension with Scotty's family, placing Ledger in a difficult position between loyalty to his late friend and his feelings for Kenna. Directed by Vanessa Caswill, the film explores themes of forgiveness, redemption, and the challenges of rebuilding a life after prison.

Distributed by Universal Pictures, the film is rated PG-13 sexual content, strong language, drug content, some violent content, and brief partial nudity. Running time is

114 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.

The Windsor Theatre offers a variety of gift options for movie lovers. "Windsor Bucks" gift certificates are available in \$5 and \$1 denominations and can be used

for admission or concessions. Popcorn fans can purchase a \$100 Popcorn Card, good for one free large popcorn and a refill each day through March 1, 2027. No movie ticket is required to visit the concession stand.

Movie passes are also available for \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth (16 and under). Frequent moviegoers can save with a Punch Card—25 punches for \$20, with each punch worth \$1 toward admission.

Businesses or individuals can sponsor a movie for \$300 and receive 100 tickets to share, helping support the theatre and bring more people to the movies.

Upcoming Movies (Subject to Change)

- April 3 - The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (2 weeks)
- April 17 - Project Hail Mary
- April 24 - The Pout-Pout Fish
- May 1 - The Devil Wears Prada 2 (2 weeks)

Upcoming events:

- Hampton Old Time Country Hoedown, Monday, April 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Windsor Theatre



• Franklin County Ministerial Association's panel discussion, "Why Hope?" Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 PM at the Windsor Theatre. Come with questions.

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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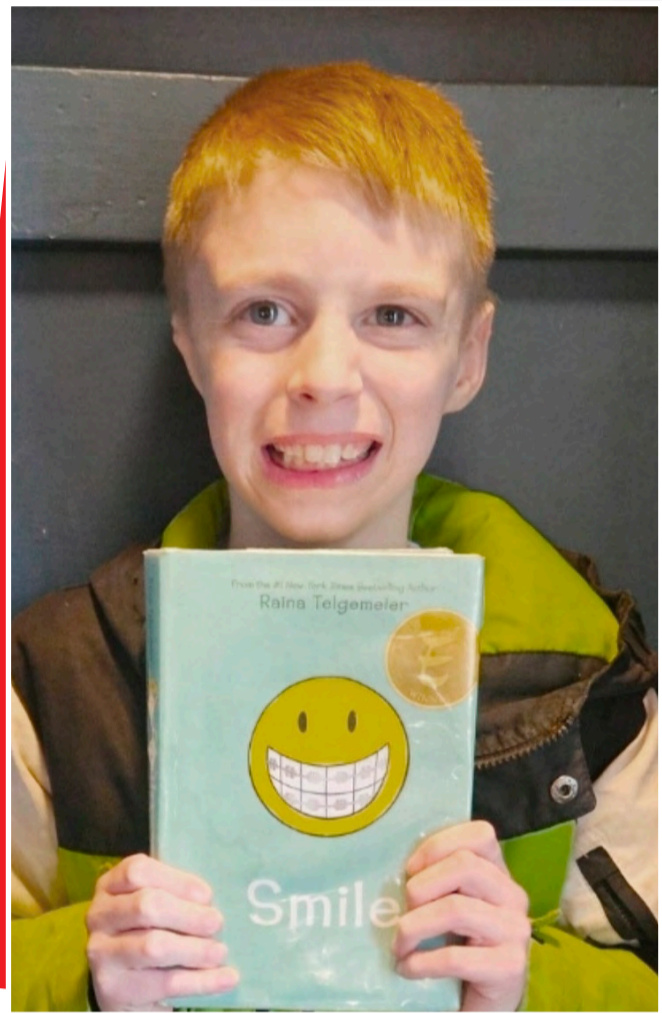
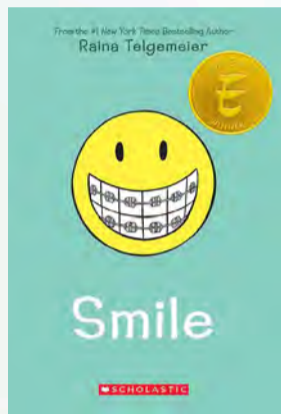
Readers of the Week at the Hampton Public Library



BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Nathan Freitag, age 9 and in the 4th grade. Nathan is the son of Brooke and Eric Gordon.

His favorite books are *Sisters* and *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier.



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Alexander Cemetery. What a remarkable 45-year career he had! As we pause and reflect on the timeline of his career, it is astounding. He started his medical practice just before World War I, treated multitudes of people during the Spanish Influenza epidem-

ic, witnessed women being allowed to vote for the first time, survived the Depression, World War II, and the Korean Conflict, and experienced tremendous strides in the field of medicine. He was truly one of the quiet heroes of our county's history.

LATHAM: FROM PAGE 4

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- Limiting the reserve account of local governments to 35%.
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- Creating a \$10 million government efficiency grant program to help local governments find smart-

er, leaner ways to operate without sacrificing quality services.

- Creating a FirstHome Iowa program modeled after Iowa's 529 accounts, helping Iowans save for their first home.

Constituents in the Capitol

How fitting that Cattlemen in the Capitol would be held during 2026 National Ag Week! I always enjoy meeting with Franklin County Cattlemen Joe DeVries, member services advisor for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA), and his father, Mark DeVries. Mark is ICA's Northwest Regional Vice President.

COUNCIL: FROM PAGE 2

currently working. "Right now, we are down two officers, so 40, 80 hours a week is what we're down," he said. "But we normally utilize them on weekend shifts, so it would be two shifts a week, typically, if we were fully staffed."

Morrison added that most reserve officers have full-time jobs that they work during the week, making them unavailable for those shifts.

City Councillor Jerre Grefe said 15 dollars an hour is much too low.

Area residents Stacey Porter and Jason Carroll are currently working as reserve officers for the Hampton Police Department, according to Morrison.

The councilors were in favor of the pay raise, which they will vote on during their March 26 meeting.

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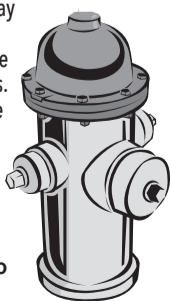
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DOWS LEGION BINGO, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Dows Legion.

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HAMPTON OLD TIME COUNTRY HOEDOWN, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Windsor Theatre.



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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:
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local priorities for agricultural,
youth (4-H), health and human
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Spring Vendor Show at Wellness Center

Canedo Events held their annual spring show at the Franklin Wellness Center on Saturday, March 21. Community members stopped by for everything from baked goods and home decor to skin care and Tupperware. Coordinator Lisa Canedo told the Chronicle that she loves bringing these events to the area to help small businesses promote their products.



Mark Robles with Creative Laser LLC.



Renewal by Andersen, full-service window and door replacement.



Michelle Hartman with her assortment of Tupperware.



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Some of the humorous bathroom decor available at the show.



The Brickyard Wines team smiles for the camera in between customers.



Franklin Wellness Center Director Chad Johnson stirring up a pot of chili at the start of the event.



The Sebrina's Designs team with their fun finds.



Lori Craighton with Bombshell Beauty & Wellness.



Samantha Mitterer and her son with Whimsical Wonders.



Pam Rafferty with You Had Me at Vanilla and event coordinator Lisa Canedo.

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County Arts Council Holds Annual Scholarship Concert

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Franklin County Arts Council held their annual scholarship benefit concert at Faith Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, March 21.

FCAC representative Leon Kuehner said the event went off without a hitch and that everyone did beautifully.

This year, the choir students from H-D-CAL and West Fork were joined by vocalists Zachary Dean Smith and Isabel Blackwell, along with pianist Jodi Goble.

Smith, a young tenor from central Iowa, re-

ceived his undergraduate degree from Iowa State University before studying vocal performance at Carnegie Mellon University. Soprano Blackwell recently received her master's of music in opera performance at Wichita State University, after obtaining her bachelor's in vocal performance from the University of Minnesota Duluth. And composer Goble has an extensive background as a vocal coach and as a song-specialist collaborative pianist. Her compositions have been performed across the country.

The scholarship concert featured a variety of pieces, including "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "It's a Grand Night for Singing."

According to Kuehner, the arts council — which was created to promote public knowledge and appreciation for the arts in the area — has raised \$65,000 since 2011 through their annual concerts and fundraising efforts.

A total of 43 Franklin County students have received a \$1,000 scholarship from the arts council over the years. The scholarship is given to high school seniors continuing their education in any area of the fine arts.

The arts council would like to thank all those who have donated throughout the years, including the Foster & Evelyn Barkema Charitable Trust and many more.

Remaining Grave Marker Defendants Sentenced

BY MICHAEL HOHENBRINK
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING

A sentence of 30 days in jail and a suspended fine along with probation have been directed for one of the remaining defendants in the case of area grave markers that were damaged and stolen.

District Associate Judge Mark Milder had previously approved guilty pleas from both Lauren Alexandria Johnson, 34 of Dumont, and Rachel Card, 31 of Hampton, who were facing a pair of Class C felony charges that could have seen them in prison for up to 20 years with theft - first degree and criminal mischief - first degree.

Card drew a sentence Monday of an aggravated misdemeanor, down from a felony, of theft - third degree and received 365 days in jail with all but 30 days suspended and a suspended fine of \$855 along with two years of probation.

She was ordered by the judge to report by 4 p.m. Monday to the Hardin County Jail with credit for time served already.

Card must also pay damages of \$15,152.74.

Johnson was also sentenced Monday, but her sentencing order was not yet publicly available as of press time.

Two other defendants have already been sentenced for their roles.

Joshua Daniel Sellers, has been sentenced to one year in jail with 120 days suspended, two years of probation and a suspended fine of \$855 after entering a plea to Class C felony theft - first degree.

A separate felony charge of criminal mischief - first degree was dismissed by the court.

Sellers must also pay \$19,165.49 in damages.

Sellers was one of four people charged after the Franklin County Sheriff's Office took a report about a historical plaque stolen out of a historical site close to

the intersection of Mallard Avenue and 210th Street.

"Investigations led to identifying additional missing plaques that were affixed to boulders from historical and/or memorial sites, as well as veterans' headstones across at least six cemeteries in Franklin County," said Deputy Joshua Einspahr in a sworn statement. "Several other cemeteries in surrounding counties also had plaques stolen from headstones and/or historical/memorial sites. Further investigations led to reaching out to different salvage yards."

Bronze plaques had their etching and many distinctive features destroyed before thieves then sold the metal for salvage.

Brandon Scott Smith, 43, of Hampton, has already entered a guilty plea and has been sentenced to 20 years in prison with suspended fines of \$1,370 on both theft and criminal mischief charges. He has been ordered to pay damages of \$45,458.24.

Photos on B2!

SPORTS

HD-CAL Boys Track and Field Season Preview

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

With indoor track and field underway, the outdoor Hampton-Dumont-CAL track and field season is upon us, and the Bulldogs are ready to get the season started. In 2025, the Bulldogs placed in the top five in five of their nine outdoor track meets, with their best placing being placing third in the Jim

Basye Coed Relays.

The Bulldogs sent one athlete to the state track meet, as Beau Morton qualified in the shot put throw, where he placed 18th in Class 3A with a throw of 48 feet, 11 inches. The Bulldogs had a relatively small senior class last season, losing just five seniors to graduation, but those seniors, such as Colin Bird and Isaac Sauke, were important pieces to the team. The

Bulldogs will be bringing a lot of strong production back, like Beau Morton, who will look to take that next step and help push the team towards their goals.

The Bulldogs have already competed in one indoor track meet this season, where they finished eight out of 18 teams in the Wartburg High School Invitational on Tuesday, March 17. The Bulldogs had four athletes medal in the meet. Senior Aaden

Keehn placed first in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 8.09 seconds. Beau Morton placed second in the shot put throw with a throw of 51 feet, 0.25 inches. Sophomore Bayden Wrich placed second in the 55 meter race with a time of 6.71 seconds. Senior Carter Arends placed fourth in the boys 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.39 seconds.

The Bulldogs will compete in one more indoor

meet, the North Iowa Indoor Championships, on Friday, March 27 at 4 p.m. The Bulldogs' first outdoor track meet of the season is the Roland-Story Coed Track Meet at Roland-Story High School on Thursday, April 2 at 4 p.m.

(Right) Joseph Powers competing in the shot put throw at the Wartburg High School Invitational on Tuesday, March 17. Photo by Remington Powers.



Hampton-Dumont-CAL Girls Track and Field Season Preview

BY EVAN PHARR
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL girls track and field season is underway, and the Bulldogs will be led by first-year head coach Brittany Stevens. Coach Stevens takes over for Nicole Donnenworth and discussed the direction she wants the program to go.

"As I step into this role, I want our girls' track and field program to be built on

consistency, accountability and growth," Stevens said. "My goal is to create a culture where athletes show up every day ready to compete, improve and support one another. We're going to emphasize doing the little things right, whether that's effort in practice, attention to technique, or how we carry ourselves as a team."

Last season, the Bulldogs placed inside the top five in three of their 10 outdoor track meets, with

their highest placing being fourth in the Roland-Story Coed Track Meet and the GHV Don Hoppel Coed Relays. The Bulldogs sent two girls to the state track meet, as Charlee Morton won her third straight state championship and set a state record in the shot put throw, while Lily Hambly qualified in the 400 meter hurdles. Both Hambly and Morton were seniors and will not be returning to the Bulldogs, leaving big shoes

to fill. Coach Stevens discussed the challenge of replacing those two.

"There is no question, replacing girls like Charlee and Lily is going to be incredibly difficult," she said. "They brought leadership, experience and high-level performance that you simply don't replicate with one or two people. Instead, we're looking for that leadership to be spread across the team. The exciting part is that we do return a strong

group of athletes who now have an opportunity to step into bigger roles."

The Bulldogs have already competed in an indoor track meet this season, as they placed 14th out of 17 teams with a team score of 15 in the Wartburg High School Invitational on Tuesday, March 17. The Bulldogs had two girls earn medals, as sophomore MacKenzy Valley placed third in the girls 3000 meter race with

a time of 12 minutes, 20.9 seconds and junior Madison Heilskov placed fourth in the girls 200 meter race with a time of 28.56 seconds. The Bulldogs will compete in one more indoor meet, the North Iowa Indoor Championships, on Friday, March 27 at 4 p.m. The Bulldogs' first outdoor track meet of the season is the Roland-Story Coed Track Meet at Roland-Story High School on Thursday, April 2 at 4 p.m.

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Experience Leads HDCAL Boys Tennis into 2026 Season

BY LEE NELSON

Experience and senior leadership will be key as the Hampton-Dumont-CAL boys tennis team opens the 2026 season.

The Bulldogs return a solid core, including letterwinners Noe Flores, Nicholas Quasdorf, and Andyn White. All three are expected to play important roles as the team looks to improve on last year's 3-6 record and fifth-place finish at the North Central Conference meet.

Head coach Michael White, who is joined by co-coach Jodi White and volunteer assistant Jim Davies, likes the makeup of this year's squad.

"We have a good core of returning players," White said. "Five seniors are on the team. That gives us some height and power."

Seniors Keeton Gunderson, Quasdorf, White, Juan Valenzuela, and Dominic Nicholson provide veteran leadership, while juniors and underclassmen will look to step into larger roles. Flores, a junior, returns with vari-

ty experience, along with sophomores Jack Hindin and Matthew Rodriguez. Freshmen Jace McGuire and Joe Guevara round out the 10-player roster.

The Bulldogs are focused on building consistency and competing more effectively in conference play.

Hampton-Dumont-CAL opens the season Tuesday, March 31, hosting Nevada at Progress Park at 4:30 p.m. The home schedule also includes matches against Iowa Falls-Alden, St. Edmond, Osage, and Aplington-Parkersburg. Away meets are at Clear Lake, Grundy Center, Webster City, and Union. Conference play will culminate with the NCC meet on May 6 in Webster City, followed by district competition on May 16. The postseason continues with team substate on May 20 and the state tournaments in late May and early June.

With a strong group of seniors and returning experience, the Bulldogs will look to take a step forward as the season unfolds.



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JET LAG



BY RICK JANSSEN

This was our fourth time flying back from Hawaii and for some reason the flights that we have taken back to the mainland always leave very late in the day. Our flight for this trip was scheduled to leave Maui at 11:15 pm. That is 3:15 am Iowa time. We needed to check out of our condo at 10 am so that left us all day trying to figure out what to do.

The problem comes from the fact that we need to have all our bags packed and loaded into our vehicle. With that in mind, it does not work to go to another beach since we would need to get cleaned up before our flights. I know some people could pull that off, but our group is not comfortable with that idea.

We decided to go out for breakfast, then come back to the condo, pack up and head out for



the day. We would need to drive down the coast and then over to the other side of the island where the airport is located. Now we just need to find something to do. We discovered a nice miniature golf course along the coast the last time we were in Maui, so we decided to stop there for a game.

As with most things in Hawaii, it is expensive. It cost me more money to play 18 holes of miniature golf than what I pay for my regular round of golf at Thorton. Oh well, that is just part

of vacation. By the time we had finished our round of golf it was very warm. Lucky for us there was a shave ice place right next door, so I HAD to have one before we left the island.

Next on the agenda was to head to Lahaina for some lunch. You might remember that Lahaina suffered a major fire a few years ago. We could still see the results of that fire. There were some homes and businesses still under repair. We found some food trucks for lunch and had a quick

bite to eat. It was still warm, so we looked for someplace indoors. We decided to take in a movie.

We had the whole theater to ourselves and enjoyed “I Can Only Imagine 2” and got cooled off at the same time. Now what to do? We decided to just head down the coast and found a nice park where we could sit and take in our last sunset on Maui. There is something marvelous about watching the sunset over the ocean. It was like the island was saying goodnight to us on our way home.

We then filled the rental car up with gas and headed to the airport to wait for our plane to leave. Our flight was on time, and we settled into our seats for the long ride back to the mainland. We did enjoy our very late meal on the flight. I watched a few movies, and I think I even fell asleep for a short time.

We had arranged a car for our ride back to my wife’s brother’s house. Since we had traveled with them in the past, this provided a nice spot for us to relax overnight before our flight home. They would drive us to the airport the next day for our flight back to Minnesota and then our drive home to Iowa.

We arrived at the Phoenix airport early and got right through the check in procedure. Our flight was scheduled to leave at 11:38 am and the board showed it was on time. About 45 minutes later the announcement came that our plane was having some mechanical problems and we would be moving to another gate. The whole crowd of people headed in that direction. We waited there until that plane was unloaded. Then they announced that this NEW plane was having problems

with the toilets and we would need to wait. Another hour went by when they announced that this plane would not be fixed and we were to head back to the original gate.

The group headed back to wait. The next announcement was that the plane needed to be cooled down before we could board. I guess that it took another hour or more. By the time we had taken off it was 4:30 in the afternoon. We would be getting back to Minnesota much later than expected.

When we finally landed in Minnesota, we headed to the baggage claim area to pick up our bags. It seemed to be taking a long time?? The announcement came that they were having problems getting our bags to the beltway. We waited 50 minutes to get our bags. Then it was a wait to get our pickup van to take us to our car.

As we were leaving Minneapolis it started to rain. We drove down the interstate slowly as the rain was really coming down in the dark. We pulled off for supper at Faribault since we had not eaten anything since breakfast. The drive home took a very long time since I could only drive about 50 MPH because of the rain. We got home at 11:48 pm after a very long day.

Now the jet lag hit. My body was still on Hawaii time for over a week. I tried to stay up as late as possible, but 10:30 pm Iowa time is only 6:30 pm Hawaii time. I don’t remember the jet lag being so hard in the past. Is it possible that the older you get, the harder it is to adjust to jet lag? That must be the case because I could surely feel the effects of the trip. It was still worth it.



Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Celebrates National Agriculture Day, Supports Iowa Agriculture All Year

BY JAY HARMON AND JAMIE BENNING
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – With a fundamental role in teaching, research and extension, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach reflects this year’s National Agriculture Day theme, “Agriculture: Together We Grow.” All year long, ISU Extension

and Outreach provides research-based information and resources to engage Iowa’s farmers, producers and agribusinesses in educational opportunities that support both profitability and sustainability.

Observed on March 24, 2026, National Agriculture Day recognizes the essential contributions of farmers and agriculture in everyday life. In Iowa, agri-

culture plays a central role as a leading producer of food and feed and as a driver of the state’s economic strength and stability.

Specialists with ISU Extension and Outreach work alongside farmers, landowners and agribusinesses to address emerging challenges, improve decision-making and strengthen the future of Iowa agriculture. Jay Har-

mon, associate dean in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director for agriculture and natural resources with ISU Extension and Outreach, emphasized extension’s role in supporting the state’s agricultural workforce.

“Our organization is driven by the needs of farmers and the state of Iowa. We work to make a difference through ed-

ucation so Iowans and those beyond can use research-based knowledge to make wise decisions,” he said. “By partnering with the agricultural community, we promote farm sustainability, strengthen the economy and support a healthy environment for all Iowans.”

Extension’s impact

In 2025, ISU Extension and Outreach Agriculture

and Natural Resources:

- Connected with nearly 180,000 people through 5,513 in-person and virtual meetings, workshops and field days
- Reached approximately 8.5 million website visitors
- Recorded nearly 800,000 publication downloads from the ISU Extension Store

2026 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey Offers Planning Guidance for Iowa Producers

Newly released survey includes averages and ranges for common farming tasks and machinery rent in Iowa

BY ANN JOHANNIS
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – Farmers who depend on custom work or provide custom services can review rates reported by others across the state in the latest Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey.

For over 50 years, the survey, conducted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, has provided guidance for Iowans who hire custom work and those who do custom work for others. According to the most recent Iowa Farmland and Tenure Survey, only 3% of Iowa farmland is fully operated under custom farming agreements. A much greater proportion of farm operations within the state utilize custom work for occasional operations throughout the year.

The 2026 Farm Custom Rate Survey is based on 205 responses and 4,698 custom rates provided by Iowa farmers, custom operators and farm managers. Thirty-two percent of respondents perform custom work, 20% hire work done, 47% indicated doing both and 2% did not indicate whether they perform or hire custom work.

Farm tasks in the report range from field preparation to planting to harvest, with



Photo courtesy: ISU Extension and Outreach Office

cost data that reflects the average, median and range for each task. Rental rates for select machinery, grain bins and hourly machinery operating wages are also included. New operations surveyed in 2026 include drone spraying and side-dressing anhydrous ammonia.

Ann Johannis, program specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach and editor of Ag Decision Maker, said this report is a valuable resource for custom operators and those who hire custom work done.

“This survey report is heavily used by Iowans and across the Midwest, as the 116,000 downloads in the past year show,” she said. “The 2026 survey report shows increases across all categories of operations surveyed, ranging from 0.3% for bin and machinery rental

rates to 8.5% for pre-harvest operations, which include tillage, spraying, fertilizer application and planting.”

The custom rate survey is intended to serve as a guide. Actual custom rates may vary according to the availability of machinery in a given area, timeliness, operator skill, field size and shape, crop conditions and the performance characteristics of the machine being used.

Fuel

Diesel fuel was estimated at \$2.89 per gallon when invitations to complete the custom rate survey were sent in early February. However, fuel prices have increased since then; as reported by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Iowa Production Cost Report (Bi-Weekly), No. 2

Diesel (farm) went from an average of \$2.59 in January to \$3.12 in the most recent March 2026 report.

A \$0.50-per-gallon increase in fuel prices will raise total machinery costs by approximately 5%. Another way to adjust custom rates is to use Fuel Required for Field Operations, which contains estimated fuel consumption values per acre for many common operations. Multiplying the fuel used per acre by the change in fuel price since the survey was conducted can provide an estimate of the most recent cost increase per acre.

Estimate machinery costs

Custom work rates should account for all ownership and operating costs associated with the equipment being used. Custom operators and those who hire custom work done are encouraged to utilize additional resources, such as Estimating Farm Machinery Costs, for specific operations. New web-based calculators and downloadable decision tools are included to allow users to enter their own estimates and calculate machinery and implement costs.

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Online Grant Writing 101 Workshop Set for April 1

BY ESTHER CROMPTON
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – Representatives of nonprofits, government agencies and school districts can learn the essentials of developing strong grant proposals during an online Grant Writing 101 workshop on April 1, from 9–11 a.m. The session is offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development.

Grant Writing 101 provides foundational training for individuals who want to identify funding opportunities and prepare clear, competitive applications. The workshop reviews common grant terminology, how to locate funding sources and practical strategies for planning and writing a successful proposal.

“Grant writing is easier to approach when you understand the process,” said Lindsay Henderson, development specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “This workshop breaks the work into practical steps, helping you move from identifying funders to writing a strong proposal.”

Henderson emphasized that the workshop is designed for people at all levels of experience. “Some participants come in having never written a grant, while others want to refine their approach,” she said. “No matter their background, they leave with tools they can immediately apply to improve their next application.”

The session also covers how to outline project goals, gather supporting information, avoid frequent pitfalls and strengthen budget and narrative components.

The registration fee is \$40 per participant, and advance enrollment is required.

For more information, visit the Grant Writing webpage or contact Lindsay Henderson at lindsayh@iastate.edu.

Bridge of Hope Trivia Night

More than 150 people attended Bridge of Hope's annual trivia night at Church of the Living Word on Saturday evening, March 21. The organization holds this event every year to raise money for local families experiencing homelessness.



More than 150 people showed up for Bridge of Hope's trivia night.



Jane Hoegh, Liz Carr, Suzy Knipfel, Dyanne Pralle and Beth Eddy.



Madonna Weiland, Andrea Miller, Connor Miller, Father Kevin Earleywine, Maggie Pearson. Not pictured: Steve Pearson.



Rachel, Ivy and Casey Heilskov.



Leon Kuehner was tasked with emceeing trivia night once again.



Jeff Spear, Tracy Spear, Taryn Kline, Don Brown, MJ Belken and Laura Belken.



Phil Strand, Al Poulos, Lori Poulos, Pauline Strand and Linda Berry.



Robin McKee, Becky Folkerds and Janae Eisentrager ready to tally scores!



Paul Krull, Kayla Bouwman, Cynthia Krull, Robyn Hill-Kofoot, Marcus Kofoot and Vicar Caitlin Tauro.

Franklin County Arts Council Scholarship Concert

The Franklin County Arts Council pulled off another successful scholarship benefit concert on Saturday, March 21, at Faith Baptist Church in Hampton. Choir students from H-D-CAL and West Fork, along with vocalists Zachary Dean Smith and Isabel Blackwell, sang a number of pieces, including "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "It's a Grand Night for Singing." Photos provided by Joslyn Stock.



Zachary Dean Smith and Isabel Blackwell singing together.



Zachary Dean Smith singing on Saturday, alongside pianist Jodi Goble.

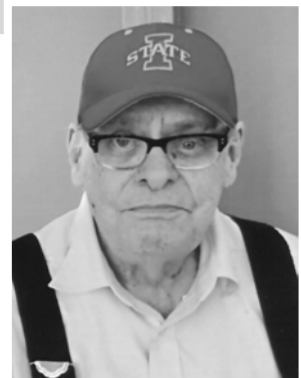


H-D-CAL and West Fork students singing at the annual scholarship concert.



Isabel Blackwell putting on the performance of a lifetime.

In loving memory of Charles Theodore "Ted" Nolte 1946-2026



Charles Theodore "Ted" Nolte, age 79, passed away in his sleep at Harmony Rehabilitation Center in Cedar Rapids, on Friday night March 6, 2026. He was born at Hampton, May 1, 1946, son of David J. and Mary Zoe (Ellsworth) Nolte. He was one of the University of Iowa Hospital's "Polio kids" – diagnosed at age 3 in 1949, leaving him with a paralyzed leg and a lifetime wearing a "brace".

Ted was educated in the Hampton Community school system up through his Junior year, when the family moved to Vinton where he graduated from High School and then attended Iowa State University. Ted was a math "whiz" and ultimately did hotel front-desk and accounting work. In August of 1974, during his night auditor shift at the Des Moines Downtown Holiday Inn, at about 2:30 a.m. a robber with a gun broke into the office, asked for all the cash, and subsequently murdered two employees and left Ted and a tourist (just then coming in off the road) both in intensive care. (The bullet which shattered his arm was thereby slowed down enough so that, when it passed through his sinuses, there was no exit wound, saving his life). Ultimately, Ted had to live out his days on disability.

Ted was able to live independently in his own apartment, always living near family. When his brother Dave retired in 2010 and moved to Albuquerque, NM to be near son Ben and family, Ted came too – and subsequently moved back to North Liberty in 2015 when, for special family reasons, everyone returned to be near the U. Iowa Center for Disabilities and Development.

Ted loved all things Iowa State! He especially enjoyed watching TV sports of all kinds – football, basketball, baseball, and even horse racing. Also, family gatherings always included games of Scrabble or Monopoly or Cribbage – which he usually won more often than any other family member! Also like every family member he enjoyed "background music", including his complete set of Beethoven symphonies. He was bright, gentle, kind, polite, encouraging, and uniquely funny – although with very strong "progressive" opinions.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brother Dave (Mari) Nolte; sister Anne Marie Nolte; Nephew, Ben (Jacqueline) Nolte and their children Isaiah and Emilia; Niece, Christen Nolte and her daughter Hallie; and eighteen first cousins and their families.

Inurnment services will be held in Vinton, IA this coming summer on a date yet-to-be-determined, with arrangements being coordinated through Gay & Cihra Funeral and Cremation of Iowa City.

In loving memory of Beverly Viet 1941-2026



Beverly Viet, 84, of Dumont, passed away Friday, March 20, 2026, at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton under Care Initiatives Hospice. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2026, at Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Dumont Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Hampton is caring for Bev and her family.

Beverly M. Viet was born October 16, 1941, to Donald and Minnie (Kriens) Ritter. She graduated from Hampton High School, class of 1960. Bev was united in marriage to Ronald Viet on June 5, 1960, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. To this union, two children were born: Donald Dean and Dawn Ranae.

Bev worked at Maytag in Hampton from 1972 until the plant closed in December 1985. She also worked at AFG Coating and Winnebago Industries in Hampton until her retirement in January 2004. Bev actively attended church and although she had not been attending regularly in recent years, her faith in God remained strong.

Bev was a selfless and devoted caregiver, a dedicated homemaker, and a hardworking house cleaner to many. She was always "putzing" around the house; always wanting to keep busy. Bev was an exceptional cook and baker. If you left her house hungry, it was your own fault! She enjoyed canning her own fruits and vegetables, proudly insisting they always tasted far better than anything store-bought. She also enjoyed sewing, cross-stitch, plastic canvas and a variety of crafts.

Bev developed a deep passion for genealogy. She devoted countless hours to researching her family history, preserving generations of stories and connections. Her dedication is reflected in the many notebooks and binders she carefully compiled, filled with photos, articles, records, and newspaper clippings. Some of her happiest moments were spent gathered around the table during family game nights, playing board games, cards and dominoes. Bev was deeply family-oriented and cherished time spent with her loved ones—especially her grandchildren and great-granddaughters, whom she adored. She loved telling stories about them and never missed an opportunity to share their photos.

Bev is survived by her son Donald (Donna) Viet of Hampton; grandson Coleman (Tiffany) Kangley of Minonk, Illinois; grandson Ethan (Jessica) Viet of Hampton; granddaughter Carlee (Tanner) Bohman of Latimer; five great-granddaughters: Braelynn and Vera Kangley of Minonk, Illinois; Kinsley and Beckham Viet of Hampton; and Bellamy Bohman of Latimer; sisters-in-law Sharon Uhlenhopp of Hansell and JoAnn Ritter of Weslaco, Texas; along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ronald Viet; daughter Dawn Ranae Kangley; and brother Mike Ritter.

Memorials may be directed to the Viet family.

Death Notices

Maxine Cassill

Maxine Cassill, 102, of Iowa Falls, passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Ashbrook Assisted Living in Iowa Falls. Funeral services are pending with the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls.

James Robert Beam

James Robert Beam, 92 of California, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2026. Services are pending at this time. Linn's Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is assisting the family with arrangements.

BAPTIST

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- Wednesday March 25, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 6:45 p.m. Youth Mentor Groups-Large groups
- Saturday March 28, 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast of Champions
- Sunday March 29, 9:30 a.m. Worship-Palm Sunday Annual Praise Gathering & Sunday School Classes, 10:45 a.m.
- Tuesday March 31, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
- Wednesday April 1, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer & Youth Mentor Groups, 6:45 p.m.
- Thursday April 2, 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
- Friday April 3- Good Friday

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, March 25 5:15 p.m. Lenten Supper hosted by ZSJ Church Council 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship "Return to the Lord"
 • March 29 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion & SS & Adult Choirs

St. Paul's Lutheran
 304 W Main, Latimer
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
 • Wednesday, March 4, 8:05 a.m. Matins; 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Lenten 2 Service**
 • Thursday, March 5, 9 a.m.

Sewing; Full School Day
 • Friday, March 6, 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Grandparent's Day**
 • Sunday, March 8, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Study & Sunday School; **Third Sunday in Lent**
 • Monday, March 9, **No School - Spring Break**
 • Tuesday, March 10, **No School - Spring Break; Pastor at Winkel**
 • Wednesday, March 11, 8:05 a.m. Matins; **No School - Spring Break**; 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Lenten 3 Service**

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
 • Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service
 • Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM & 10:15 a.m. Worship Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9
 • Sunday, March 29, 8:30 a.m. worship Service with holy Communion, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and adult bible study.
 • Thursday, April 2, 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
 • Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service
 • Saturday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service
 • Sunday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service
 • Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM 10:15 AM Radio Worship Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar
Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor
 • Sunday, March 8, 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
 • Wednesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m. **Lenten Meal**; 6:30 p.m. **Lenten Worship Service**
 • Sunday, March 1, 9 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation, & Coffee; 10 a.m. Worship Service & Communion

METHODIST
Ackley United Methodist
 416 Hardin St., Ackley
Pastor Kalvin 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, March 11, 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 • Friday, March 13, 9:30 BeFriends & Chapel @ Franklin General, 10:30 a.m.
 • Saturday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. Cans/bottle Redemption & Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, 5:00 p.m.

• Sunday, March 15, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study & Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. & Radip Broadcast-KLMJ 104.9 FM, 11:30 a.m. & Fellowship, 12:00 p.m. & Facebook Broadcast, 12:30 p.m. & 4-H/6:00 p.m.
 • Monday, March 16, 1:30 p.m. Gods Flock
 • Tuesday, March 17, Faithful Stickers
 • Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. Gods Flock Painting for Fun, & Naomi Coffee, 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. & Wacky Wednesday/Confirmation Class, 5:30 p.m. & WWW High School, 6:00 p.m.

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 Echelberger
 • 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.clw-hampton.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.sgdows.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 (Acapella)
 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*
 • Thursday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. Faith Circle
 • Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. Lent Brunch & Zion Outside Clean up 1:00 p.m.
 • Sunday, March 29, 9:15 a.m. Worship & 10:30 a.m. SS

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
 • Wednesday, March 25, Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
 • Sunday, March 29, School 9:15 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am
 • Sunday, March 29 School 9:15 am, Palm Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 • Tuesday, March 31, - Sewing Circle will meet at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

Immanuel U.C.C.
 204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunwald
 • Sunday, March 29, Sunday School 9:30am Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva
 496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633
 • April 5th - Easter, 8:00 AM Sunrise service led by the Youth. Breakfast following worship
 • April 12 - Worship Leader - Jeff Janssen
 • April 19 - Worship Leader - Dale Akkerman
 • April 26 - Worship Leader - Sheryl Arends - Confirmation and Communion

In loving memory of
Ernest Steven Harms
 1960-2026

Ernest Steven Harms, 66, of Hampton, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton. A funeral service to honor the life of our beloved Ernest Steven Harms will be held on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton. Visitation will take place one hour before the service. Family and friends are invited to attend and pay their respects.



Steve was born on February 28, 1960, in Marshalltown to Ernest and Evelyn (Claassen) Harms. He grew up in Coulter and worked a variety of jobs. Steve graduated from Cal High School in 1978 and went on to proudly serve in the United States Army until 1985.

Steve found great joy in the things he loved most. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears, the Chicago Cubs, and the Iowa Hawkeyes. Beyond sports, Steve treasured time spent with loved ones camping and also had a fondness for watching the Star Trek movies. Some of his happiest moments were the simplest ones. Playing cards at the Senior Center and going out for breakfast at Seven Stars with the guys. Many may know Steve from managing Kum & Go North for ten years, serving on the Hampton City Council, or from driving the public transit bus of Hampton.

On May 20, 1987, Steve was united in marriage to Teresa Ann Kruse. From there, the two of them went on to enjoy their life with their blended family in Hampton.

Steve is survived by his wife of almost 39 years, Teresa of Hampton, six children: Shayne (Chris) Maiers of St. Ansgar, John (KJ) Kruse of Meyer, Nate (Amanda) Kruse of Mitchell, Arturo (Deborah) Rodriguez of Evansdale, Amanda (Rogie Grover) Kruse of Newton, and Candi Lemarr of Minnesota. Four siblings: Shellie (Curtis) Freie of Sheffield, Sandy (Jim) Callahan of Rockwell, Suzy (Dennis) Knipfel of Hampton, and Stacey (Lyle) Jensen of Ames. Steve is also survived by twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, an infant granddaughter, brother, brother-in-law, and three sisters-in-law.

Steve served his country with pride and lived his life with strength and integrity. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

In loving memory of
Jon Craig Schmitt
 1955-2026

Jon Craig Schmitt, 70, of rural Sheffield, Iowa, passed away March 19, 2026, at his home following a courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Hampton, is caring for Jon and his family. Born May 29, 1955, to Forrest and Roma Schmitt, Jon spent his life in the Hampton and Sheffield area.



After graduating from Hampton High School in 1973 and earning his degree in Automotive Mechanics from NIACC in 1975, Jon dedicated his life to farming and running his business, Jon's Auto and Truck. He worked in that shop for over 50 years until his retirement on February 28, 2026.

Jon played lead trombone in the Hampton Municipal Band for 54 years and was active in numerous community organizations.

Jon is survived by his partner, Sheri Bogue; his sisters, Lori Schmitt of Tigard, Oregon, and Diane (Robert) Moore of Porter Ranch, California. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents Leo & Erma Evans (Beherns) and John & Marie Schmitt (Grabbe)

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in Jon's memory may be made to the Leukemia Research Foundation.

SURVEY: FROM B1

A price comparison series for fuel, fertilizer and crop prices is updated regularly on the Ag Decision Maker website.

The information available in the 2026 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey is only possible due to the responses provided each year. If you are interested in joining the 2027 Iowa Farm Custom

Rate Survey mailing list, send your mailing or email address to Ann Johans at Iowa State University, Borlaug Learning Center, 3327 290th Street, Nashua, IA

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

New Life in a New Season

As we move into the official beginning of Spring, we tend to feel a sense of serenity and renewal. As the days grow longer and the air gets warmer, we can reflect on the matter of renewal in our own lives. Life can bring about circumstances which feel like a "crossroads" as we seek out a fresh start or a new path to embark upon. While standing at these turning points can feel uncertain, the changing season serves as a reminder that growth is a natural process. Just as the flowers of Spring will not bloom all at once, our own transitions take time and careful attention. As this new season begins, try to find comfort in this fact, no matter how long the winter may have felt, or how uncertain times may feel.
 -James Stone

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FROM THE LOG

Franklin County

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Mc Cenley David, of Topeka, operating while under influence – 2nd offense hearing for initial appearance.

Edwin Moises Padilla, of Hampton, operating while under influence – 1st offense.

Melina Elyse Sosa, of Alexander, criminal complaint, Zachary Penning, of Coulter, criminal complaint, hearing for initial appearance.

Traffic

Alix Berenice Gonzalez Rolon, of Hampton, speeding 55 or under Zone.

Aaron Russell Smith, of Wesley, of Wesley, maximum gross weight violation.

Omar David Chavez Gutierrez, of Hampton, careless driving.

Ramon Alberto Morales, of Iowa Falls, failure to maintain control on vehicle.

Bryan Andrew Kapustka, of Minneapolis, speeding 55 or under zone.

Ian Kent Pearson, of Oakdale, speeding over 55 zone.

Mauricio Tamayo Sosa, of Hampton, left scene of accident – property damage.

Kyle Joseph Rothmeyer, of Prior Lake, driving over 55 zone.

Juan Aldaba Vazquez, of Hampton, trespassing 2nd offense.

Jorge Landa Sanchez, of Hampton, driving with no valid drivers license.

Craig Curtis Jensen, of Vermillion, driving with no valid drivers license.

Tristan James Kurth, of Hampton, violation failure to maintain or use of safety belt.

Daniel Christopher Duran, of Cloquet, speeding over 55 zone.

Non Scheduled Traffic

Darrel Dean Kammrad, of Sheffield driving while license suspended.

Demeranique Dajier Hodges, of Des Moines driving while license denied, suspended, canceled.

Small Claims

BBG Equities LLC, of Brookfield, versus Makayla Percy, of Charles City, motion for continuance;

BCG Equities, of Brookfield, versus Heather Koenig, of Cleveland, dismissed without prejudice;

Quad Corporation Inc, of Davenport, versus Raquel Jacquez, of Hampton, order setting trial;

Credit Bureau Services, of Oskaloosa, versus John Colombo Jr. ET AL, of Sheffield, dismissed without prejudice;

Long Term Medical Supply Corp., of Hampton, versus Ralph A Lombardi, of Ackley, dismissed without prejudice;

Hauge Associates Inc., of Sioux Falls versus Jesse Resinos Escobar, of Hampton, judgment default;

Jerry Passehl, of Latimer versus Kreg Menning and Brian Miller, of Ankeny and Hampton, order for continuance;

Civil

State of Iowa Ex Rel versus Jeffrey Von Randall II, modified support order;

Capital One NA versus Fatima Villalobos, dismissed without prejudice;

Criminal

Darrell Dean Kammrad, of Sheffield, driving while barred, pled guilty 5 days in jail;

Tasha Elnora Mckittrick, of Iowa Falls, pled guilty for possession of controlled substance 3rd degree offense, 5 years in prison.

Nicholas Franklin Passehl, of Fort Dodge, sexual abuse 2nd degree offense, order for continuance;

Joshua Donald Wood, of Sheffield, assault causing serious injury, hearing for initial appeal;

Angela Jill Knight, of Hampton, pled guilty for 55th degree theft;

Victor Ivan Ferman Nava, of Coulter, reckless use of firearm 2 days in jail;

Juan Vazquez Aldaba, of Hampton, pled guilty of 5 degree theft, 2 days in jail;

Joshua Donald Wood, of Sheffield, simple assault hearing for initial appearance June 24, 8:00 a.m.;

Angel Gustavo Ramirez, of Hampton, assault causing body injury or mental illness,

hearing May 11, 9:30 a.m.; Sean Michael Dezell, from Alison, open burning restricted, hearing for initial appearance;

Esteban Santos, of Hampton, pled guilty, order for judgment;

Kylie Ann Kaehn, of Hampton, hearing April 2, 2:30 p.m.;

Police & Sheriff report 3-16 to 3-22

Hampton Police Reports

Monday, March 6:

3:03 a.m.: Report of a parking order in 300 block of 1st St SW in Hampton.

3:05 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 400 block of 1st St SE in Hampton.

3:05 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 400 block of 2nd St SE in Hampton.

3:07 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 200 block of 2 Ave SE in Hampton.

3:12 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 100 block of 2nd St SE in Hampton.

3:13 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 300 block of 3rd St SE in Hampton.

3:14 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 500 block of 3rd St in Hampton.

3:16 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 300 block of 5th Ave SE in Hampton.

3:16 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 200 block of 5th Ave SE in Hampton.

3:17 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 200 block 1st St NE in Hampton.

3:19 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 100 block of 1st St in Hampton.

3:20 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 300 block of 1st Ave in Hampton.

3:21 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 100 block of 6th St in Hampton.

3:22 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 200 block of 2nd Ave in Hampton.

5:03 a.m.: Report of a parking order in the 200 block of 1st St in Hampton.

10:20 a.m.: Call for information in Hampton.

10:35 a.m.: Report for vandalism in Hampton Community Housing in Hampton.

11:50 a.m.: Report for a parking order in 4th Federal St in Hampton.

3:07 p.m.: Report for dog calls in the 200 block of 1st St in Hampton.

7:50 p.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 100 block of 5th St in Hampton.

9:03 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm on 602 Federal St in Hampton.

Tuesday, March 17:

8:14 a.m.: Report of a traffic stop in the 400 block of 1st St in Hampton.

9:47 a.m.: Report of a parking order in 2nd St SW in Hampton.

11:29 a.m.: Report medical assist in the 400 block of 7th St SW in Hampton.

2:41 p.m.: Report of a family dispute in the block 100 of 5th St SW in Hampton.

3:24 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in 1215 Cental Ave E in Hampton.

3:51 p.m.: Report of a miscellaneous Incident in the 800 block of 4th St in Hampton.

Wednesday, March 19: 8:02 a.m.: Report of property damage in the 400 central Ave in Hampton.

2:40 p.m.: Report of dog calls in the 400th block of 6th St in

Hampton.

7:14 p.m.: Traffic complaints in the 411th central Ave in Hampton.

Thursday, March 19:

1:49 a.m.: Report of a domestic matter in 1st St SW in Hampton.

9:01 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 500th block of 4th Ave in Hampton.

12:14 p.m.: Report of a traffic stop in 1st St NW/access road to Seabees in Hampton.

1:35 p.m.: Report of property damage in 1st St NW in Hampton.

1:37 p.m.: Report of a call for information in 1st Ave NW in Hampton.

4:40 p.m.: Report of a fire in the 900 block of 1st ST NW in Hampton.

5:41 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in SB from Harimans Park on HWY 65 in Hampton.

8:35 p.m.: Report of stolen property offense in the 300th block of 5th St SE in Hampton.

8:53 p.m.: Report of a runaway in Hampton.

Friday, March 20:

1:01 a.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in 7th St NE in Hampton.

3:32 a.m.: Report of animals other than dogs in the 900 block of 2nd St NE in Hampton.

8:54 a.m.: Report of a funeral assist in the 1000 block of 4th St NE in Hampton.

9:11 a.m.: Report of a call for information in the 140th Imperial St in Hampton.

10:37 a.m.: Report of a traffic stop in the 0 block of 7th St SW in Hampton.

10:47 a.m.: Report of a booking for information in the 100 block of 5th St SW in Hampton.

2:31 p.m.: Report of a welfare check in Kwik Star in Hampton.

4:00 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in HWY 3 and Raven Ave in Hampton.

4:05 p.m.: Report of a traffic stop in Fareway parking lot in Hampton.

8:51 p.m.: Report of a traffic stop in the 8th Ave NE in Hampton.

8:51 p.m.: Report of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of 4th St NE in Hampton.

9:24 p.m.: Report of a traffic stop in the 0 block of 2nd ST NW in Hampton.

9:34 p.m.: Report of a traffic stop in the Alley by Heritage in Hampton.

11:02 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in 1st Ave NW in Hampton.

Saturday, March 21: 12:13 a.m.: Report of dog calls in the 300block of 5th Ave NE in Hampton.

1:57 a.m.: Report of a traffic stop in the 0 block of 4th St NE in Hampton.

10:59 a.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the west ball field at West park in Hampton

1:18 p.m.: Report of Harassment in the 100 block of 1st Ave in Hampton.

4:10 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in the 400 block of 12th Ave in Hampton.

6:33 p.m.: Report of dog calls in 1st Ave in Hampton.

8:44 p.m.: Report of a motorist assist in HWY 3/ HWY 65 in Hampton.

9:16 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 400 block of 2nd Ave in Hampton.

10:30 p.m.: Report of animal on roadway in the 1000 block of 4th St in Hampton.

Sunday, March 22: 12:24 a.m.: Report of Misc in

10th Ave NE in Hampton.

1:01 a.m.: Report of a Misc assist in Kwik Star in Hampton.

1:14 a.m.: Report of a county assist in Kwik Star in Hampton.

9:47 a.m.: Report of animals except for dogs in 128 Windsor Blvd in Hampton.

10:38 a.m.: Report of Misc in 4 Armory Lane in Hampton.

11:58 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in 1720 Central Ave E in Hampton.

4:10 p.m.: Report of stolen property offense in 6th St in Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff Reports

Monday, March 16:

5:11 a.m.: Report of a motorist assist in the 130th St in Hampton.

5:15 a.m.: Report of a motorist assist in the 130th St in Hampton.

5:34 a.m.: Report of a motorist assist in 13 and S56 in Sheffield.

7:07 a.m.: Report of an abandoned vehicle in the 400 block in Hwy 3 in Alexander.

7:14 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off the roadway on 190 St east of Latimer.

7:19 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off the roadway on S41 and Hardin Rd in Iowa Falls.

8:06 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off the roadway on the 140th St in Coulter.

8:54 a.m.: Report of theft from a building on Wren Ave in Ackley.

9:25 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints on HWY 65 of 105th St in Hampton.

9:37 a.m.: Report of motorist assist on I-35 in Sheffield.

10:11 a.m.: Report of traffic control in the 900 block on HWY 3 in Hampton.

10:17 a.m.: Report off a vehicle off roadway on Hwy 65 in Geneva.

10:50 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints on 130th St in Hwy 3 in Hampton.

11:04 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints on HWY 65 in 130th St in Hampton.

11:56 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in 190th Balsam St in Alexander.

5:12 p.m.: Report of dog calls on 130th St in Hampton.

6:00 p.m.: Report of an ambulance call in HWY 65 in Hampton.

7:46 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in Thompson St in Sheffield.

7:48 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in Thompson St in Sheffield.

Tuesday, March 17: 4:53 a.m.: Report of traffic stop in the 1000 block on HWY 3 in Hampton.

9:01 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off the roadway in the 140th St West of Jonquil in Latimer.

9:45 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn in HWY 65 in Hampton.

9:55 a.m.: Report of a controlled vehicle in Warbler Ave in Dumont.

10:14 p.m.: Report of a false pretense/swindle in Dogwood Ave in Alexander.

12:21 p.m.: Report of animals not including dogs in 240th St in Aredale.

12:48 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn 240th St in Dougherty.

1:20 p.m.: Report of an ambulance call in Dorrell DR in Hampton.

3:38 p.m.: Report of a traffic control in 50th St in Faulkner.

Wednesday, March 18:

3:23 a.m.: Report of a traffic stop in the 2000 block of HWY 3 in Hampton.

5:39 a.m.: Report of a disabled car in the 1000 block of HWY 65 in Hampton.

8:38 a.m.: Report of civil disputes in the 30th St in Ackley.

8:58 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in HWY 4 of Spruce Ave in Hampton.

9:16 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in I-35 in Dows.

9:28 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 30th St in Ackley.

10:14 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in the 250th St in Sheffield.

10:39 a.m.: Report of a vehicle off roadway in the 70th St in Bradford.

11:05 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints in 3rd St in Chapin.

12:08 p.m.: Report of dog calls in I-35 in Dows.

2:09 p.m.: Report of fraud in West St in Latimer.

2:44 p.m.: Officer responded to a phone call in Lark Ave in Hampton.

2:50 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in 135 mm 177 NB in Sheffield.

5:13 p.m.: Report of a motorist assist in the 1000 block of HWY 65 in Hampton.

5:14 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in Nettle Ave in Hampton.

6:09 p.m.: Report of property damage in Broadway St in Geneva.

8:27 p.m.: Report of stolen property damage offense in Hardin RD in Ackley.

Thursday, March 19:

5:46 a.m.: Report of a traffic stop in HWY 65 in Hampton.

11:34 a.m.: Report of property damage in 250th St in Grouse Ave Latimer.

12:12 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm in the 1000 block of 70th St in Bradford.

12:37 p.m.: Report of a call for information in block 2000 of Jessup Ave in Marshalltown.

1:08 p.m.: Report of theft from a building in the 400 block of Juniper Ave in Iowa Falls.

3:54 p.m.: Report of debris on roadway/right of way in HWY 3 Between I35 and Dudleys in Latimer.

5:18 p.m.: Report for a call of information in the 400 block of Juniper Ave in Hampton.

5:44 p.m.: Report of traffic complaints in SB from Harimans Park on HWY 65 in Hampton.

7:48 p.m.: Report of traffic stop in the 1000 block on HWY 3 in Hampton.

10:58 p.m.: Report of a Runaway in 117 Grant St in Coulter.

Friday, March 20:

No information included.

Saturday, March 21:

8:11 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 120th St in Hampton.

9:38 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn in Jonquil in Latimer.

1:27 p.m.: Report of a motorist assist in the west of HPT on HWY 3 in Hampton.

1:47 p.m.: Report of a motorist assist in the I35 in Latimer.

2:28 p.m.: Report of a motorist assist in I35 in Coulter.

3:49 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in 25th St in Alden.

5:05 p.m.: Report of false 911 calls in Beeds Lake Dr in Hampton.

5:48 p.m.: Report of a motorist assist in the I35 in Coulter.

6:58 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in Finch Ave in Hampton.

7:21 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in 105th St in Geneva.

7:23 p.m.: Report of a traffic stop in the 600 block of HWY 3 in Coulter.

7:33 p.m.: Report of a traffic stop in HWY 3/ Jonquil in Hampton.

8:35 p.m.: Report of an Ambulance call in Hampton.

11:35 p.m.: Report of a traffic stop in Hampton.

Sunday, March 22: 1:03 a.m.: Report of an OWI in Hampton.

1:37 a.m.: Report of assist other agencies in Ackley.

1:44 a.m.: Report of booking information in 5th St in Hampton.

10:59 a.m.: Report of traffic complaints on HWY 57 for Mallard in Iowa Falls.

4:18 p.m.: Report of a call for information in 40th St RR crossing in Iowa Falls.

5:16 p.m.: Report of a motorist assist in I35 in Sheffield.

10:23p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in Apricot/85th St in Dows.

Butler County Sheriff Reports

Monday, March 16:

Officers executed one traffic stops, assisted with one medical calls, and assisted four motorists.

12:22 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the area of Elm St and Railroad St.

12:24 a.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 110th St and Newell Ave.

12:32 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the area of 1st St and Grant St.

12:54 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the area of 4th St and Wemple St.

1:03 a.m.: Report of a parking complaint in the area of 5th St and Bethel St.

7:34 a.m.: Report of officer personnel calls in the 400 block of 6th St.

Tuesday, March 17:

Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, assisted five motorists, received a report for three controlled burns, and received two general calls.

2:34 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the area of 9th St and Parriott St.

7:00 a.m.: Report of officer personal calls in the 200 block of 19th St St, Mason City.

8:25 a.m.: Report of parking complaint in the 300 block of S Cherry St.

9:46 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.

9:55 a.m.: report of a phone scam in the 21100 block of Jay Ave.

10:19 a.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

10:31 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:09 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 500 block of N 4th St.

12:46 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:17 p.m.: Report of violation of no contact order in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:59 p.m.: Officers conducted fingerprints for the public in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:35 p.m.: Report of a test in the area of 200 block of N Cherry St.

2:42 p.m.: Report of a violation of no contact order in the 10800 block of Lodge Ave.

2:47 p.m.: Report of a violation of no contact order in the 1300 block of Florence St.

2:53 p.m.: Report of a vehicle fire in the area of 110th St and Douglas Ave.

4:12 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the

400 block of 6th St.

4:14 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

4:35 p.m.: Report of a welfare check in the 1100 block of Ellis St.

5:16 p.m.: Report of a sex offender registry issue in the 27100 block of 150th St.

6:58 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the area of 190th St of Yale St.

7:17 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 500 block of 3rd St.

8:01 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 400 block of N Kelly St.

8:29 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 200 block of W Washington St.

8:51 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 100 block of E Main St.

8:55 p.m.: Report of a property exchange in the 1000 block of Triangle Dr.

10:45 p.m.: Officers responded to a domestic/family matter in the 900 block of West St.

Wednesday, March 18:

Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with six medical calls, assisted one motorist, received a report for five controlled burns, and received one general call.

2:43 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 900 block of Parriott St.

7:04 a.m.: Officers responded to a domestic/family matter in the 300 block of W Prospect St.

7:06 a.m.: Report of a test in the 400 block of 6th St.

7:25 a.m.: Jennifer Kay Davis, 51 of Clarksville, arrested for assault, jailed.

8:37 a.m.: report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of 1st st and Grant St.

11:57 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:04 p.m.: report of a fire alarm in the 500 block of Beaver St.

12:29 p.m.: Report of a transport in the 600 block of S Hackett Rd, Waterloo.

5:49 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of S Elizabeth St.

6:12 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 200 block of West St.

7:17 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 500 block of N High St.

7:24 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 200 block of W Traer St.

Thursday, March 19:

Officers executed six traffic stops, assisted with four medical calls, assisted two motorists, received a report for eight controlled burns and received two general calls.

12:48 a.m.: Report of alcohol related issue in the 13400 block of 320th St.

7:17 a.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 3400 block of W 9th St.

7:22 a.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 100 block of Sunnyside Ave.

10:56 a.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:53 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:55 a.m.: Report of a violation of no contact order in the 700 block of 8th St.

2:27 p.m.: Report of railroad issues in the area of 220th St and Vail Ave.

3:08 p.m.: Chad Joseph Motz, 50 of Mason City, arrested on a court ordered hold, jailed.

3:19 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the

400 block of 6th St.

3:33 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 400 block of 6th St.

3:49 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 20300 block of 310th St.

4:00 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 600 block of 3rd Ave.

4:22 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 18300 block of Oak Ave.

7:18 p.m.: Report of a violation of no contact order in the 10000 block of Lodge Ave.

8:39 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 900 block of W Broadway St.

11:58 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 120th St and Grand Ave.

Friday, March 20:

Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with five medical calls, assisted five motorists, received a report for six controlled burns and received two general calls.

12:03 a.m.: report of a sex offender registry issue in the 27100 block of 150th St.

12:05 a.m.: report of a 911 call in the 300 block of Main St.

1:44 a.m.: Laurie Lynn Griffin, 53 of Cedar Falls, arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia; OWI-2nd offense; and possession of a controlled substance-3rd, jailed.

8:56 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the area of 110th St and Kipling Ave.

10:44 a.m.: Report of maintenance in the 13400 block of 321st St.

12:31 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

12:34 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the 400 block of 6th St.

2:11 p.m.: Report of a weapon permit issue in the

400 block of 6th St.

3:48 p.m.: Report of property damage in the 30700 block of Hwy 188.

4:06 p.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 400 block of S Fremont St.

4:54 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:27 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 400 block of 6th st.

7:03 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of Grand Ave and West Brook St.

8:12 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 14500 block of Hwy 3.

9:59 p.m.: Report of maintenance in the 1000 block of Commerce St.

11:12 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th st.

Saturday, March 21:

Officers assisted with six medical calls, assisted four motorists, received a report for 11 controlled burns, and received three general calls.

2:46 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 900 block of Parriott St.

10:48 a.m.: Report of trespass in the 200 block of 3rd St.

3:24 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 23600 block of Railroad St.

5:17 p.m.: Report of a 911 call in the 23500 block of Butler Center Rd.

5:22 p.m.: Report of return calls/follow-ups in the 13400 block of 110th St.

6:14 p.m.: Report of lost/located property in the area of 4th St and Hwy 57.

6:24 p.m.: Report of a grass/field/ditch fire in the area of 235th St and Birch Ave.

8:50 p.m.: Report of civil department requests in the 500 block of 2nd St.

9:18 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of 190th St and Clay Ave.

9:41 p.m.: Report of Fireworks in the 400 block of Elm St.

10:20 p.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 19300 block of Hickory Ave.

Sunday, March 22:

Officers executed five traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, assisted four motorists, received a report for two controlled burns.

12:45 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 1400 block of Parriott St.

1:26 a.m.: Report of office personnel calls in the 400 block of 6th St.

1:51 a.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 200 block of 3rd St.

8:07 a.m.: Report of dog/deer/livestock in the 16200 block of Royal Ave.

9:43 a.m.: Report of a runaway in the 200 block of N Main St.

11:17 a.m.: Report of road debris in the 29400 block of 310th St.

2:20 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 31000 block of Beaver Valley St.

3:34 p.m.: Report of property damage in the area of 110th St and Douglas Ave.

4:36 p.m.: Report of jail inquiries in the 400 block of 6th St.

5:44 p.m.: Report of juvenile problems in the 31700 block of 250th St.

5:50 p.m.: Report of the Sunday night test page in the 1000 block of 7th St.

6:12 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 400 block of 2nd St.

Dumont Council Minutes/Claims 3.12.26

March 12, 2026

The Dumont City Council met Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Carson Freese presiding. The following present were Council Members Mike Day, Marty Evans, Valerie Menken, Wayne Pecha and Lukas Smith. Public Works Director Juan Montalvo, Fire Chief Zach Lewis, and Crew Chief Pam LaRue, Steve LaRue, Jenni Swart and Sarah Zidlicky from the Dumont Volunteer Ambulance were also in attendance. Visitors present were Tom Stephany with Stephany Insurance, Tyler Swart, Roy Alden and John Bierbrodt.

In time for public comment, the ditch on Elm Street, house numbers and snow removal on sidewalks were brought up for future discussion.

Pecha/Day moved to approve the February 11, 2026 and February 12, 2026 City Council minutes as published. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Tom Stephany with Stephany Insurance provided the Council with an update on current statistics and reviewed both current and proposed coverages. Smith/Evans moved to approve the premium change, which reflects an increase in property rates and a decrease in workers' compensation rates, resulting in an overall premium increase of about 1%, bringing the total to \$68,523. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

At this time, Mayor Freese opened the one sealed bid for Cemetery Section from Tuftle Excavation for the 2026 season as follows:

Full Grave-Opening and Closing Cremation-Opening and Closing \$650.00 for weekdays..... \$300.00 for week days Evening (after 5 pm) and weekends \$750.00Evening (after 5 pm) and weekends \$375.00

Holidays \$775.00Holidays \$400

Smith/Day moved to approve the bid from Tuftle Excavation as indicated above. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Mayor Freese then opened the one sealed bid for Cemetery Caretaker for the 2026 season which was from Diane Gronewold for \$15,000. Smith/Menken moved to accept this bid. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Smith presented ORDINANCE NO. 302 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING POSTING PLACES to the Post Office, Dumont Community Library and City Hall and moved to dispense of the second and third reading. Pecha seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 302 adopted. The complete Ordinance can be viewed at the Dumont City Hall during normal business hours.

Evans/Smith moved to authorize mileage reimbursement to either Clerk for travel to First Security in Hampton for deposit purposes. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Smith/Evans approved Corporate Resolution No. 2026-1 as presented by First Security Bank & Trust. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Day/Smith moved to authorize sending a letter to utility customer #2670002 confirming the credit amount approved by the Council at a previous meeting. They further moved the credit can either stay on the account or be paid out as a lump sum if requested. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Smith/Pecha moved to approve the officers for the Dumont Volunteer Fire Department as follows: Chief-Zach Lewis, 1st Assistant Chief-Gary Bierman, 2nd Assistant Chief-Austin Rieken,

Captain-Jason Rieken, Lieutenant-Chris Showalter. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Smith/Evans moved to approve the payment of all bills presented for this

month. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried. The bills are as follows:

GENERAL

Public Safety-Ambulance/Fire/Law Enforcement
Dumont Telephone phone/internet..... 98.10
MidAmerican Energy.....utilities.....291.99
Danko Emergency Equipmentaluminum frame-portable tank-BCCFG.....3674.00
U.S. Cellular unlimited data plan 43.79
Zach Lewis reimb. for Tri-Pod lights266.43

Library

Dumont Telephone Company phone/fax..... 37.65
MidAmerican Energy.....utilities..... 725.49
IPERS IPERS 398.71
Internal Revenue Service..... Fed/FICA taxes 387.80
Access Systems maintenance contract 126.40
Ingram Library Services..... books 41.18
Playaway Products..... Wonderbooks-Barkema 490.92
Visa-Dumont Community Library . books and case of paper 273.88

City Hall/General

Butler Co. Auditor's Office November 2025 election 390.26
Column Software PBC legals-minutes 2-11 & 2-12-26 225.88
Dumont Telephone Company phone/fax/internet 176.65
IAMU 2026-27 water member dues 762.00
IPERS IPERS 302.52
Internal Revenue Service..... Fed/FICA taxes 402.36
Mid American Energy utilities 570.04
Office Express pens and paper 81.92
Office of Auditor of State periodic exam fee 1500.00
Roberts, Stevens & Prendergast legal services 306.25
The Reminder Printing ads for selling dump truck 117.00
Wellmark insurance-payroll 523.17

Street Lights

MidAmerican Energy..... utilities 1126.37

Recreation

Mid American Energy utilities 166.26
GENERAL FUND 13507.02
GENERAL FUND PAYROLL/2-2026 3671.67
TOTAL GENERAL 17178.69

ROAD USE TAX

AGCO Finance LLC hydraulic hose/Top Wind jack 147.51
Airgas USA, LLC cylinder rental/Jan. & Feb. 138.05
Bruening Rock 1" road rock/sand 412.45
Cummings Sales and Servicesgenerator repair-replace block heater 1164.66
E & E Repair Inc. oil for weed eater 16.49
Hampton Hardware grease injector needle 4.99
IPERS IPERS 313.50
Internal Revenue Service..... Fed/FICA taxes 432.31
Kwik Trip, Inc. fuel/batteries 184.08
Mid American Energy utilities 537.20
Visa-City of Dumont wrecking/pry bars/pipe wrench 100.53
Wellmark insurance-payroll 241.04
RUT FUND 3692.81
RUT FUND PAYROLL/2-2026 1528.81
TOTAL RUT 5221.62

WATER

Core & Main couplings-former care center issue 250.82

Dumont Harken Lumber, Inc. Carbide blade/Diamond Max.....53.63
Hampton Hardware PVC cap 3.19
Hawkins, Inc. chlorine 367.18
IPERS IPERS 390.21
Internal Revenue Service..... Fed/FICA taxes 555.49
Microbac Laboratories, Inc. water analysis 104.50
Mid American Energy.....utilities..... 118.14
Mid American Research Chemical blue spray paint-locates 166.04
Municipal Supply, Inc. four water meters/20 gaskets 695.60
PeopleService, Inc. monthly service-March 2026-test kits 1268.38
The Northway Corporation airriift/well #1 maintenance 23300.00
Treasurer-State of IA wet tax-1-31-26 452.28
Tuftle Excavation capping water lines former care center 1847.00
Wellmark insurance-payroll 458.08
WATER FUND 30030.54
WATER FUND PAYROLL/2-2026 1875.10
TOTAL WATER FUND 31905.64

SEWER

A & M Electric, Inc. fuse/labor to repair fuse at lift station 168.58
Auto Parts, Inc. belts for blower at lagoon 61.15
Dumont Post Office billing postage 2-28-26 160.43
Dumont Telephone Company phone 38.29
Hampton Hardware grease hose/grease coupler 15.78
IPERS IPERS 358.97
Internal Revenue Service..... Fed/FICA taxes 512.90
Microbac Laboratories, Inc. wastewater analysis 427.50
Mid American Energy utilities 971.64
PeopleService, Inc. monthly service-March 2026 1030.00
Wellmark insurance-payroll 458.08
SEWER FUND 4203.32
SEWER FUND PAYROLL/2-2026 1720.63
TOTAL SEWER FUND 5923.95

LANDFILL/GARBAGE

Butler Co. Solid Waste Comm disposal fee-March 2026 2694.50
IPERS IPERS 111.73
Internal Revenue Service..... Fed/FICA taxes 143.28
Jendro Sanitation Services February 2026 collection 2318.50
Wellmark insurance-payroll 143.52
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND 5411.53
LANDFILL/GARBAGE PAYROLL/1-2026 558.78
TOTAL LANDFILL/GARBAGE 5970.31
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 56845.22
PAYROLL-FEBRUARY 2026 9354.99
TOTAL 66200.21

February 2026 Revenue

General Fund 7,583.28
Road Use Tax 5,758.35
Water 9,718.80
Local Option 4,860.09
Sewer 9,988.73
Employee Benefits 99.78
Landfill/Garbage 6,172.39
Debt Service 351.11
Total 44,532.53
Smith/Day moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried, eyes all
Carson W. Freese, Mayor
Rhonda L. Schmidt, Attest
Jodi L. Angstman, Attest

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2025 Water Quality Report: Sheffield Part 1

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	42.00 (42 - 42)	09/30/2025	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	12.00 (12 - 12)	09/30/2025	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.44 (ND - 0.64)	2025	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	1.00 (ND - 5)	2025	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.8 (0.55 - 2.68)	12/31/2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes
02 - S/EP FROM WELLS #4 OR #5 AFTER TREATMENT						
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	2.3	01/17/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	2.6	10/04/2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.05	10/11/2022	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	1.5	01/09/2023	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	26	12/02/2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process

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2025 Water Quality Report: Sheffield Part 2

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L - picocuries per liter
- N/A - Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA - Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drink-

ing water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

- SGL - Single Sample Result
- RTCR - Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health

effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Our water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formulas, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact SHEFFIELD WATER SUPPLY at

641-892-4718. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead tap sampling data can be found in the Iowa Drinking Water Data Portal: <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/iowadrinkingwater>

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the limestone and dolomite of the Devonian aquifer. The Devonian aquifer was determined to be susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide some protection from contaminants from the land surface. The Devonian wells will be susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 641-892-4718

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact SHEFFIELD WATER SUPPLY at 641-892-4718.

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FGH FY27 Budget Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 FRANKLIN GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Board of Hospital Trustees of this County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/13/2026 Meeting Time: 12:00 PM Meeting Location: Franklin General Hospital Board Room

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the secretary.
Contact Name: Kim Price Contact Telephone Number: (641) 456-5000

FUND	A Expenditure June 30, 2025 Actual	B Expenditure June 30, 2026 Re- estimated	C Expenditure June 30, 2027 Proposed	D Transfers Out	E Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2027	F Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2027	G Estimated Other Receipts	H Transfers In	I Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	28,679,032	33,775,752	33,143,574	128,671	20,358,745	17,200,924	34,425,272	1,680,478	324,316
2. FICA				609,090	0	0	23,999	0	585,091
3. IPERS				612,717	0	0	24,143	0	588,574
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Ambulance	0	0	0	128,671	0	0	5,070	0	123,601
6. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Tort Liability/Ins.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Board Designated	0	0	0	330,000	202,586	402,915	1,000	128,671	
11. Total	28,679,032	33,775,752	33,143,574	1,809,149	20,561,331	17,603,839	34,479,484	1,809,149	1,621,582

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: 1.35000
Virtual Meeting Information:

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Sheffield Library Bills Feb. 2026

Bills to be Paid for February 2026 - Sheffield Public Library

Vendor	Description	Amount
Amazon	Business Act	\$811.59
D & L	Utilities	\$18.00
FNBO (VISA)	VISA	\$400.92
Menards	Repairs and Maint	\$141.97
Metronet	Utilities	\$199.67
MidAmerica	Utilities	\$115.00
US Cellular	Grant	\$89.37
Visual Edge IT	Operations	\$375.61
Total		\$2,152.13

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Judy A. Huisman Estate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Judy A. Huisman, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR502098
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Judy A. Huisman, Deceased, who died on or about February 14, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on March 18, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Judy A. Huisman, deceased, bearing date of May 31, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Daniel L. Huisman, Jerry W. Huisman, William J. Huisman and Larry D. Huisman have been appointed Executors 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 pay-

ment 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 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 March 19, 2026.
Daniel L. Huisman
2145 230th Street
Sheffield, IA 50475

Jerry W. Huisman
1330 75th Street
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

William J. Huisman
2235 Violet Avenue
Dougherty, IA 50433

Larry D. Huisman
2145 230th Street
Sheffield, IA 50475
Executors of Estate
G. A. Cady III, ICIS#: AT0001386
Attorney for Executors
Cady & Rosenberg Law Firm,
P.L.C.
9 First Street SW
PO Box 456
Hampton, IA 50441

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Elna Mae Meyer Estate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Elna Mae Meyer, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR502097
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Elna Mae Meyer, Deceased, who died on or about February 27, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on March 11, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Elna Mae Meyer, deceased, bearing date of September 2, 1998, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Gene Arian Meyer 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 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 March 12, 2026.

Gene Arian Meyer
13830 Metcalf Avenue - Apt. 15301
Overland Park, KS 66223
Executor of Estate

G. A. Cady III, ICIS#: AT0001386
Attorney for Executor
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Jacobsen Trust Notice

TRUST NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:
THE ROBERT S. JACOBSEN LIVING TRUST,
dated August 8, 2013, and any amendments thereto:

To all persons regarding Robert S. Jacobsen, deceased, who died on February 24, 2026. You are hereby notified that David R. Jacobsen is the Successor Trustee of THE ROBERT S. JACOBSEN LIVING TRUST, dated August 8, 2013, and any amendments thereto. 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 and the spouse 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 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 on March 9, 2026.

David R. Jacobsen, Successor Trustee
390 – 120 th Street
Dows, IA 50071

David L. Fenchel, ICIS PIN#: AT0002508
Attorney for Proponent
Fenchel, Doster, Buck & Ennen, P.L.C.
106 S. Dodge Street, Suite 220, P.O. Box 618
Algona, IA 50511
Attorney for Successor Trustee

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Jacobsen Notice of Proof of Will

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT S. JACOBSEN, Deceased.
PROBATE NO. ESPR502096
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Robert S. Jacobsen, Deceased, who died on or about February 24, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on March 9, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Robert S. Jacobsen, deceased, bearing date of August 8, 2013, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of the 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.

Dated on March 9, 2026.

David R. Jacobsen, Proponent
390 – 120 th Street
Dows, IA 50071

David L. Fenchel, ICIS#: AT0002508
Attorney for Proponent
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Franklin Co Boards & Commissions

Franklin County Board/Commission Applications

Applications are now being accepted for appointments that will be made June 2026

The Franklin County Board of Supervisors will be considering appointments for:

- Board of Adjustments – 5 Year Term
- Veterans Affairs Commission – 3 Year Term

Applications for Board or Commission appointments may be filed at any time with the Board of Supervisors. A separate form must be filed for each Board or Commission on which you would consider serving. Please be advised that this application is a public document and may be reproduced and distributed to the public upon request. You may attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

The membership of some boards is also regulated by state law and may impact who can serve on certain boards based on location of residence, veteran status, occupation, or other lawful criteria.

All applications should be turned into the Auditor's Office by Friday May 29th, 2026.

Questions may be directed to the Franklin County Auditor's Office at 641-456-5622. Forms to fill out and more information can be found at www.franklincountyia.gov.

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CAL Minutes & Claims 3/17/2026

CAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES 3/17/2026

1. The CAL Board of Education held its Regular Meeting on March 17, 2026, in the CAL CELL. President Cathy Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Board members Cathy Carlson, Shaun Koenen, Michael Freie and Shon Osborn were present. Board member Joe Campbell was absent. Also present were Superintendent Todd Lettow, Principal Abby Meyer, Director of Academic Services Jen Koenen, Human Resources Manager Anne Lewis and Secretary Amanda Heiden.

2. Motion was made by Koenen, seconded by Osborn, to approve the agenda with new business item 9i. Approve Health-e Pro Child Nutrition Program added to the agenda. All ayes.

3. The board recognized Ciana Peil, Krista State and Rhiannon Lillquist as visitors.

4. The CAL Education Association presented its initial proposal for negotiations for 2026-2027 which included a 4% increase to the base. There was no verbal or written public comment received.

5. A motion was made by Freie, seconded by Osborn, to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Minutes of the February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting were approved. Financial reports for the month were reviewed. The summary listing of bills was approved. Contracts were approved for Ellie Carlsen as Cub Cadet Worker and Maria Castro as Cub Cadet Worker. Resignation was accepted from Nicole Jass as Special Education Teacher at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Two open enrollment applications into the district from Clarion-Goldfield-Dows and one open enrollment application into the district from Hampton-Dumont were approved.

6. There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

7. The board reviewed transportation and maintenance reports and heard the following reports: Academic Services - Jen Koenen stated the district submitted the Special Education Plan and is working on developing a policy regarding AI use in the school setting. Principal: Abby Meyer reported parent-teacher conferences and book fair were successful and the PTO will hold its annual carnival on April 16th. Superintendent: Todd Lettow reported on school counselor sharing options, whole grade sharing percentage discussions, the possibility of adding 10 minutes to the day for 2026-2027, the opportunity to save money through attrition with the resignation of a special education teacher and necessary roof repairs. He also gave a tour of the building to go over some possible building updates for the upcoming year.

8. There was no old business.

9. New Business

a. Motion was made by Freie, seconded by Osborn, to set a public hearing to amend the 2025-2026 budget on April 21, 2026. All ayes.

b. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Freie, to set a public hearing for the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget on April 21, 2026. All ayes.

c. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Koenen, to set a public hearing for the 2026-2027 school calendar on April 21, 2026. All ayes.

d. Motion was made by Koenen, seconded by Osborn, to approve the fiscal year 2025 audit as presented. All ayes.

e. Motion was made by Freie, seconded by Osborn, to approve the Food, Small Wares and Ware Wash programs of the AEA Purchasing Agreement for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.

f. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Koenen, to approve the agreement with Morningside for Teacher Education Clinical Experience Placements for 2026-2027 as presented. All ayes.

g. Motion was made by Freie, seconded by Osborn, to call for moving bids for summer and fall 2026. All ayes.

h. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Koenen, to call for milk and bread bids for the 2026-2027 school year. All ayes.

i. The board added the item to approve the Health-e Pro program after posting the agenda. The board felt this was an emergency item needing approval to help with menu planning due to the change to a new Child Nutrition Director during the middle of the year. Motion was made by Koenen, seconded by Freie, to approve the Health-e Pro program as presented.

10. There were no discussion items.

11. The board will hold a budget hearing on March 20, 2026, at 4:30 pm. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the CAL CELL.

12. Motion was made by Osborn, seconded by Freie, to adjourn. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

CAL CLAIMS MARCH 2026	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
GENERAL FUND	Payroll	\$ 458.33
Advantage Administrators	Fuel	\$ 1,408.67
Agvantage Fs, Inc	Library Books	\$ 819.81
Amazon Capital Services	Transportation Supplies	\$ 64.98
Arnold Motor Supply	Payroll	\$ 155.00
CAL Child Nutrition Fund	Open Enrollment Tuition	\$ 8,535.26
CAM Community School District	Building Keys	\$ 30.00
Central Lock Security, Inc	SPEED State Aid Transfer	\$ 8,681.70
Central Rivers Aea	Gen Ed 2nd Quarter	\$ 2,186.63
Central Rivers Aea	Payroll Withholdings	\$ 649.26
Collection Services Center	Publications	\$ 179.49
Column Software Pbc	Payroll Withholdings	\$ 352.36
Empower	Electricity	\$ 2,240.42
Franklin Rural Electric Coop.	Medical Insurance Payable	\$ 584.74
Hampton Dumont Insurance Fund	Concurrent Enrollment	\$ 19,882.52
Hampton-Dumont CSD	Tires	\$ 2,442.68
Hardin County Tire & Service	Payroll	\$ 34,546.30
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll	\$ 3,609.54
Iowa Department of Revenue	Medicaid	\$ 2,097.96
Iowa Dept Of Human Services	IPERS Payable	\$ 26,017.81
Iowa Public Employees Ret Sys	Medical Insurance Payable	\$ 23,835.81
ISEBA	Maintenance Supplies	\$ 376.18
Menard's	Payroll Withholdings	\$ 998.49
Minnesota Child Support Payment Center	Transportation Parts	\$ 15.99
Napa Auto Parts	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 439.06
NASSCO Inc	Pest Control	\$ 288.71
Orkin LLC	Medicaid Billing	\$ 282.15
RelayHub, LLC	Transportation Parts	\$ 275.06
School Bus Sales Company	Natural Gas	\$ 5,649.86
Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC	Farm Supplies	\$ 758.26
Visa (L)	Training Registration	\$ 45.00
Visa (M)	TOTAL	\$ 147,908.03

ACTIVITY FUND	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
First Bank Hampton	Book Fair Start Cash	\$ 67.50
	TOTAL	\$ 67.50

MANAGEMENT FUND	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
Wellmark Blue Cross And Blue Shield	Retiree Medicare Supplement	\$ 179.90
	TOTAL	\$ 179.90

PPEL FUND	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
Access Systems Leasing	Copier Lease	\$ 398.03
	TOTAL	\$ 398.03

CHILD NUTRITION FUND	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	\$ 39.99
CAL General Fund	March Payroll Reimb	\$ 11,325.11
	TOTAL	\$ 11,365.10

CHILDCARE FUND	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PAID
Tuition Express - Procure	Tuition Express Fees	\$ 331.87
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	\$ 68.98
CAL Child Nutrition Fund	January Meal Reimbursement	\$ 2,740.70
CAL General Fund	PK3 Tuition	\$ 285.00
Franklin Rural Electric Coop.	Electricity	\$ 117.56
CAL General Fund	March Payroll Reimb	\$ 23,764.55
	TOTAL	\$ 27,308.66

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 3/17/2026

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS March 17th 2026

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, March 17th, 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 3/10/2026 regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: All three Supervisors attended the ISAC Spring Conference. McVicker attended Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center. The Auditor spoke about Strategic Planning and would like to have ISU Extension & Outreach present the information to the Board. They agreed it could be beneficial. Larry Sailer spoke on the data center moratorium and would like to see the Moratorium to allow Planning & Zoning time to develop an ordinance.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to open the public hearing pertaining to Road Vacation of Tulip Ave. All ayes. Motion carried. James Brandt was present with a few clarifying questions; no written comment had been filed prior to the meeting. Chairman Vanness closed the public hearing at 9:01AM.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution to Vacate a County Road. The resolution reads in full:
RESOLUTION #2026-22
RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD Franklin County
WHEREAS, A public hearing was conducted on Tuesday, March 17, 2026,

following publication and service of notice as required by law on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of Franklin County Secondary Road, described as follows: That portion of Road No. 89 recorded in Road Record Book A, Page 99 located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) and that portion of Easement #3664 recorded in Original Easement Files, Page 25 located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) all in Section 28, T90N, R19W; excluding the west 40 feet of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4). WHEREAS, no objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors that the subject section of road be ordered vacated and closed. That portion of Road No. 89 recorded in Road Record Book A, Page 99 located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) and that portion of Easement #3664 recorded in Original Easement Files, Page 25 located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) all in Section 28, T90N, R19W; excluding the west 40 feet of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4). WHEREAS, no objections have been received by persons present regarding lack of access to their properties, if this entire segment is vacated. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors that the section of this road from that portion of Road No. 89 recorded in Road Record Book A, Page 99 located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) and that portion of Easement #3664 recorded in Original Easement Files, Page 25 located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) all in Section 28, T90N, R19W; excluding the west 40 feet of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) be ordered vacated and closed. Tulip Avenue as presently established and maintained shall remain open and is

not vacated.

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

Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, provided the Supervisors with an update on his department.

Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer and Aaron Dodd, Sheriff, met with the Supervisors and discussed possible safety measures that could be taken at the intersection of C25 and Highway 65. The Supervisors would like Waddingham to look into adding lights to the "stop ahead" sign at the intersection to start with.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:30AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 9:35AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve claims as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to authorize the Auditor to sign an opt-out letter pertaining to CSN for FY2027. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a proclamation naming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month & ordering the clocktower to teal from April 1st - 14th. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors acknowledged the Sheriff's Monthly Report for February 2026.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:19AM until Tuesday, March 24th, 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

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Latimer Council Minutes/Claims 3.11.26

The Latimer City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at Latimer City Hall. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order with Randy DeBour, Jesse Anderson, Deon Juhl and Elizabeth Symens all answering roll call. Eric Bruns was absent.

Mayor Johansen led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a motion made by Symens to approve the agenda with the addition of Lawn Spraying Bids under Routine Maintenance. This motion was seconded by Juhl and passed unanimously.

Director of Maintenance reported there is concern about the lift station running more during heavy rains, they will be looking into this more. He visited Elliott Equipment Co. to see what they thought our garbage truck was worth. City Clerk reported she has 2 conferences in April. The water manager has requested the city get the water tower cleaned inside, so she will get more information on that. The fire department received a check from insurance for the truck that needs to be fixed.

The consent agenda including the minutes from the 2/11 and 2/26 meetings, the bills to be paid, and the Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Report were all approved with a motion made by DeBour and seconded by Symens. Motion passed unanimously.

At 6:40 pm, Symens made a motion to open the public hearing regarding the budget amendment for FY 26 and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. No community members were present for the public hearing, so DeBour made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Anderson. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Following the public hearing, Resolution 2026-04 adopting the budget amendments for FY 26 was approved with a motion made by Juhl and seconded by Symens. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

At 6:45 pm, Symens made a motion to open the public hearing regarding the intent to convey real estate located at Lot 1, Block 1, Harriman's First Addition, to Latimer, Franklin County, Iowa. This motion was seconded by Juhl and passed with a unanimous roll call vote. With no community members present for the public hearing, Juhl made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Following the public hearing, Resolution 2026-05 conveyance of property to Latimer Development was approved with a motion made by Symens and seconded by Anderson. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Under new business, Wayne requested to remove the old digital sign by the post office so the building could be painted and used for something else. Juhl made a motion to remove and was seconded by Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Removal of the last 8 dead ash trees in the parks and by the bike trail was discussed, followed by a motion made by Symens and seconded by Juhl to approve the removal. Motion passed unanimously.

The lawn spraying bids were reviewed and discussed with the bid from

Alliant Energy, city sign January and February	\$56.95
Aramark, office mats	\$227.32
Office of Auditor of State	\$1,500.00
Card Services, credit card payment	\$1,468.48
Column - Hampton Chronicle, publishing	\$370.53
Copy Systems, toner	\$160.00
DeBour Electric, FD and office work	\$804.50
E&E Repair, sharpen blades and wedge	\$41.99
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$389.50
Frontier Communications, phone service	\$215.29
Hampton Hardware, Supplies	\$5.76
Iowa Prison Industries, reflective jacket	\$92.00
IPERS, payroll withholding, duplicate payment made in January	\$285.84
MariCruz Santos, cleaning community center and reimburse supplies	\$252.75
Melissa Simmons, phone reimbursement	\$40.00
Menards, supplies	\$179.68
MidAmerican Energy, electricity	\$771.76
ProEdge Building Solutions, shop supplies	\$12.75
Treasurer, State of Iowa, state tax payment	\$118.98
TruNorth, WFD insurance renewal	\$387.60
Wayne Pralle, phone reimbursement	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$7,421.68
Road Use	Tax
Card Services, credit card payment	\$18.10
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$593.87
Iowa Prison Industries, replacement street signs	\$73.60

IPERS, payroll withholding, duplicate payment made in January	\$437.21
MidAmerican Energy, street lights	\$540.78
Treasurer, State of Iowa, state tax payment	\$160.38
TOTAL	\$1,823.94
Water	
AqSource Cooperative Services, water testing	\$15.25
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$419.03
Frontier Communications, phone service	\$152.50
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, annual dues	\$736.00
IPERS, payroll withholding	\$342.18
MidAmerican Energy, electricity	\$346.27
Municipal Supply Inc, replacement meters	\$1,054.62
Franklin REC, January and February electricity	\$613.18
Treasurer, State of Iowa, WET tax	\$355.26
Treasurer, State of Iowa, state tax payment	\$93.36
TOTAL	\$4,127.65
Sewer	
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$300.71
Frontier Communications, phone service	\$152.35
Hampton Hardware, supplies	\$55.43
IPERS, payroll withholding, duplicate payment made in January	\$220.57
MidAmerican Energy, electricity	\$47.86
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax	\$25.78
Treasurer, State of Iowa, state tax payment	\$93.33
TOTAL	\$896.03
Garbage	
EFTPS, payroll taxes	\$292.16
IPERS, payroll withholding, duplicate payment made in January	\$245.01
Landfill of North Iowa, scale tickets	\$570.00
Metro Waste Authority, recycling	\$278.40
MidAmerican, shed electricity	\$159.78
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax	\$64.40
Treasurer, State of Iowa, state tax payment	\$46.32
TOTAL	\$1,656.07
Water	
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax	\$26.04
TOTAL	\$26.04
Total payroll	\$7,698.01
February Receipts	
General	\$3,016.08
Road Use	\$5,821.37
Employee Benefits	\$106.56
LOST	\$3,657.09
Debt Service	\$790.28
Water	\$8,392.74
Sewer	\$5,271.88
Garbage	\$6,752.25
Storm Water	\$3,198.07

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Franklin Co Claims, 3/17/2026

Publication List by Vendor/Description								
Ackley Vet Ctr Svcs.....	541.00	1	City of Geneva Frm to Mkt.....	237.04	1	City of Popejoy Frm to Mkt.....	131.55	1
City of Alexander Frm to Mkt.....	184.85	1	Global Hydraulics Parts.....	880.87	2	Pralles Wash City Veh Cing.....	171.40	1
Alliant Energy Util.....	301.05	2	Greater Franklin Co Chamber Hotel/Motel Tax.....	118.08	1	ProEdge Building Solutions Sup.....	201.79	1
Amazon Capital Services Sup.....	949.58	3	Hampton Hardware Sup.....	458.56	3	Professional Office Services Svcs.....	10.25	1
ArcaSearch LLC Svcs.....	416.50	1	City of Hampton Water.....	378.40	5	Quill Corp Sup.....	81.17	1
Auto Parts Rep/Parts.....	1176.30	1	City of Hansell Frm to Mkt.....	219.41	1	Rinker Materials Sup.....	14587.20	1
Beyond Spotless Auto Detailing Svcs.....	180.00	1	Hawkeye West Pest Cntrl Svcs.....	73.00	1	River City Comm Monitor Sys.....	58.00	1
BlackStrap Inc Sall.....	19260.81	1	Holiday Inn Ed/Trng.....	268.80	1	Router12 Networks Svcs.....	95.00	1
Brents Ag & Auto Repair Rep/Parts.....	181.80	1	Mac Tools Distributor Equip.....	318.98	1	RTVision Inc Sflwr.....	3172.40	1
Bruening Rock Rock/Sand.....	2797.84	1	Iowa DOT Sup/Safety.....	1304.75	1	Secure Shred Solutions Svcs.....	54.00	1
Butch Gruelke Auto Rep/Parts.....	121.55	1	Iowa Falls Glass Svcs.....	1257.32	1	Selective Ins. Co. of America Ins.....	575.00	1
Butler Co Public Health Svcs.....	167.50	1	IPI Sup.....	4207.30	1	The Sidwell Company Tech.....	3782.78	1
Calhoun Burns & Assoc Svcs.....	2390.35	1	ISACA Dues/Trng.....	250.00	1	SMS Powertrain & Hardware, LLC Equip.....	1286.18	1
Campbell Supply Co Rep/Parts.....	930.90	1	IWORQ Dues.....	2000.00	1	Solutions Support.....	2060.82	1
CDW Government Data Proc.....	3913.29	2	John Deere Financial Rep/Parts.....	276.28	2	State Hygienic Lab Sup.....	760.00	1
Central Iowa Distributing Sup.....	439.00	1	KLMJ Adv.....	530.00	1	Streichers Sup.....	163.00	1
Central Lock Security Svcs.....	24.00	1	Kari Knutson Sup.....	25.00	1	T-Mobile Svcs.....	478.04	2
CenturyLink Svcs.....	537.23	4	Koerner-Whipple Svcs.....	68.00	1	Dan Tilkes Reimb.....	50.00	1
Certified Laboratories Svcs.....	1127.15	1	Kwik Trip Attn: Credit Dept Fuel.....	479.42	1	Veldene Titus Svcs.....	274.00	1
Cintas First Aid Srv/Sup.....	216.87	1	Language Line Services Srv.....	31.20	1	TMI Services Svcs.....	198.00	1
City Laundering Sup.....	163.46	1	City of Latimer Util.....	1548.13	1	Truck Center CoRep/Parts.....	658.34	1
Column Software PBC Svcs.....	221.56	2	Lawson Products Parts/Sup.....	468.20	1	US Cellular Svcs.....	1375.56	1
ConnectWise Svcs.....	527.32	1	LumenServe, Inc. Svcs.....	259.00	1	Van Diest Supply Co Seed/Fertilzr.....	3127.57	1
Consolidated Energy Fuel.....	22700.29	1	Medicap Pharmacy #8095 Meds.....	111.53	1	Chris Vanness Mlg/Comm.....	50.00	1
City of Coultter Frm to Mkt.....	291.05	1	Virginia Meinberg Reimb.....	50.00	1	VEIT, LLC Svcs.....	577.21	2
Culligan Dept 8680 Mkt.....	55.00	1	MercyOne Dr Lee Fagre, Medication Med Exmnr.....	71.25	1	Visual-Auditor Trng/Sup.....	1601.77	5
D&L Sanitation Svcs.....	72.00	1	Mid-America Publishing Pub/Notices/Ad.....	94.80	1	Visual Edge IT Maint.....	87.53	3
Dexter Distribution Group Equip.....	37.40	1	Mid American Energy Util.....	4792.41	3	Wex Bank Fuel.....	2800.45	1
Dumont Telephone Svcs.....	63.00	1	Midwest Wheel Rep/Parts.....	134.26	1	Troy Wood Svcs.....	37.00	1
E & E Repair Rep/Parts.....	110.21	1	Murphys Htg & Plbg Svcs.....	630.50	2	Ziegler Inc Rep/Parts.....	5500.56	1
Franklin Co Secondary Rds Svcs.....	88.07	2	NAPA Auto Parts Rent.....	79.97	1	Grand Total.....	130155.38	
Franklin REC Util.....	741.15	2	Norsolv Systems Envr Services Svcs.....	512.70	1	Approved 3/17/26 to be paid 3/18/26.		
GATR Truck Center Rep/Parts.....	1587.03	1	Petrolend Corp Lubricants.....	528.25				

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The local Knights of Columbus held their final fish fry of the season on Friday evening, March 20, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. All proceeds from their three fish fries will go towards supporting local projects, such as Bridge of Hope, parish activities and coats for kids.



Bob Schaefer on dish duty.



Jeff Baltes working on the fries.



Tom Burman and Sam Dirksen working their magic at the fry station.



Judy and Ron Hankom eager for a delicious dinner.



Taking a quick break from dinner for a photo opp for the newspaper.



H-D-CAL student Analia Lopez organizing sauces and silverware.



Ready to chow down.



Some of the Knights of Columbus preparing the food.



A group of young students at the drink station.



Knights Dwight Peterson and Jim Davies preparing plates.



The fish fry last week was the third and last of the season.



A group of hungry community members.



Steve Pearson was assigned to the cash register for the evening.



Terry Carr happy to stop by with ice cream.

Coulter Fire Department Fish Fry

The Coulter Fire Department raised money and caught up with the community during their annual fish fry on Thursday evening, March 19. Check out photos from that event below. Photos provided by Lili Velasco.



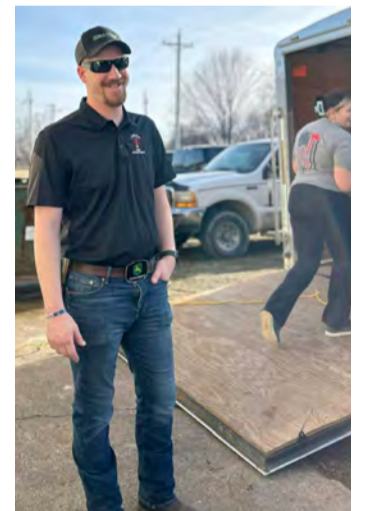
Gloria Lawler, Myron Lawler, Cheryl Engels and Beth Eddy.



Coulter Fire Chief Kevin Erickson was one of several people who served food during the fundraiser.



Nick Turner working the grill.



Tanner Yakel takes a quick break for a photo opp.



Community members sharing good food and good conversation.



Trevor Mollenbeck ready to greet those who stop by.



Jenna Koons, Kevin Erickson and Juan Velasco excited to dish up some delicious food.



Alia and Maxx Velasco smile for the camera.

Hampton Senior Center Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

The team at the Hampton Senior Center held their first ever St. Patrick's Day feast this year. Their menu featured corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes and Irish soda bread. Check out photos from their festive feast below.



Della Speech, Delores Schall, Dorothy Medetzkle and Carryl Uhlenhopp.



Vicki Claypool and Bill Smith.



Jan Blood, Steven Blood and Laurene Meronek.



Dave Wagner, Phil O'Connor, Lori Holmes, Sharon Haver, Dale Haver, Larry Jurgena, Marilyn Jurgena, Marsel Burlesker, Delores Uhl and Dotty Abbas.



Norma Anway and Lynn Collins.



Raquel Uribe and Mary Booth.

H-D-CAL Track & Field Team Breakfast Fundraiser

The H-D-CAL track and field team served up pancakes, sausage and eggs during their annual breakfast fundraiser on Thursday evening, March 19. The girls served food first, followed by the boys. The money they made will go towards the Hampton-Dumont track booster club.



Second grader Mason West was the first in line at the breakfast fundraiser.



Tammy Schirmer, Skarlett Espejo, Coach Showalter, Maren Subbert, Abi Flores, Drew Horton, Kailey Hall, Coach Stevens, Sylvie Morton and Tee.



(Left) Tammy Schirmer and Maren Subbert were all smiles at the start of the event.

(Below) Condiments and drinks are a must at a breakfast fundraiser.



Colt Powers, Marlee Maas, Elsie Kuper, Noel Hansen and Allie Storr preparing pancakes.



Colt Powers ready to whip up some pancakes.



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Spring Break

Part Two!

We asked you, our readers, to send in your best spring break photos — and you delivered! We received so many great photos that we have to run a second photo gallery. Those photos are below.



Tysenn and Kenna in Wisconsin Dells.



Hank, Rylie and Grant Peterson helping warm up the calves during the blizzard.



Kaylee and Krew at Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City.



Hayden Chesnut at the Mall of America for their senior day trip.



Kolter and Kashton at the science center at Union Station Kansas City.



Jake and Keith Minardi standing at the John's Hopkins University seal during his college tour during spring break. Jake will be attending JHU in the fall of 2026.



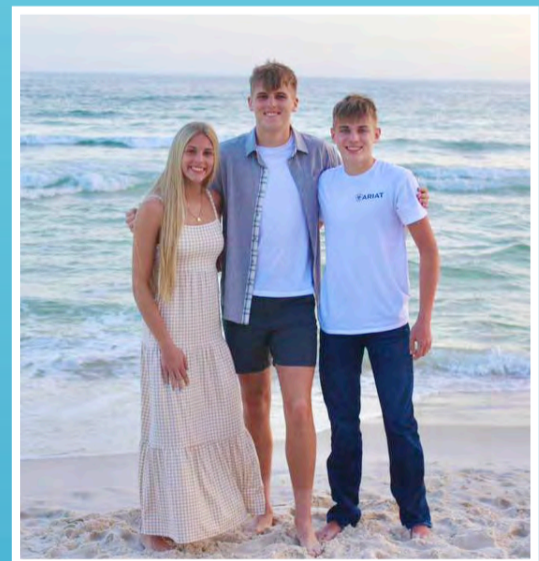
The McGuire and Stock families at Ormond Beach in Florida.



The Phoney family in California.



The Bird family at Slot Canyon in Utah.



Trace, Bridget and Tate Brocka at Gulf Shores Beach in Alabama.

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