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Tapps Receive Image of Pride Award

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton residents Ruth and Wally Tapp were named the recipients of the June 2026 Image of Pride Award during the June 11 city council meeting for their property at 320 9th PL NE.

They were nominated for the award by City Councilor Jim Davies, who applauded them for their landscaping work, among other home projects, saying it reflected their "exceptional care and pride of ownership."

According to Davies, the Tapps purchased the single-story frame home in 2004.

He added that their recent addition of a new deck further enhances their property, providing an impressive view for those traveling along Highway 65.

"To be able to show other Franklin County residents or those just passing through our beautiful town the pride I have to be from a small town in Iowa is an honor," Ruth said after the



City Councilor Jim Davies, Ruth Tapp, Wally Tapp and Mayor Steve Birdsall during the meeting

meeting.

The Image of Pride Award was created by the city to offer public recognition and appreciation for Hampton property owners who consistently demonstrate the model example of exceptional exterior maintenance and/or

improvement of their property. It was created in hopes that the recognition would inspire others in Hampton to take pride in home ownership as well.

Want to nominate someone for the Image of Pride Award? Contact City Hall at 641-456-4853.

Library Director Shares Quarterly Update at Council Meeting

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hampton Public Library Director Suzy Knipfel gave her quarterly report to the council during their June 11 meeting, reminding them that the library recently cut back on their Saturday hours, as a result of the loss of the levy funding.

She said that the hours for Saturday were changed to 9:30 a.m. to noon. She added that the staff kept track of foot traffic at the library for six months and Saturday afternoon was their slowest time.

She also shared the following highlights:

The landscaping project at the library has been completed. The second phase was paid for with a combination of memorial funds and donations.

Their Holocaust program in April brought 70 community members to the library.

The Friends of the HPL book sale was a success, with all funds going back to the library.

Their summer reading program has started, with 142 people signed up so far. She added that their first two programs were successful with around 134 children in attendance.

According to Knipfel, the library received a bid from Darrin Schrader to fix the wall in the children's department. The project will be covered with money from the \$10,000 grant they received from the Carnegie Corporation of New York at the start of next year.

In other exciting news, the library foundation is planning a book sale. **See COUNCIL: Page 7**



Hampton city officials at their June 11 council meeting.

ElDean Madetzke Bids Farewell to Franklin County VA Commission

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

ElDean Madetzke is saying farewell to his position with the Franklin County VA Commission after serving on it since June 30, 1988. His term ends at the end of the month.

Madetzke said he was drafted to serve in the Vietnam War in 1965, so he chose to join the Marine Corps, serving until 1969.

"I didn't have much choice because I was getting drafted and my uncle was in the Marines, so I went to the Marines," he said. "I started out at bootcamp on Christmas Eve in San Diego and from there on, I went to infantry training and machine gun school and then I ended up in Vietnam."

Madetzke eventually received two purple hearts for injuries he received – to his right arm and his head.

"In 1966, we landed in Da Nang, and the same day we left, my company, third battalion seventh marines, had gotten hit the night before, and they needed men out there, so I was sent right out to my company's base camp," he said. "That's where I



ElDean Madetzke (right) with Franklin County VA Director Adam Akers at OnTheGoMedia on Wednesday, June 10

spent the rest of my tour in Vietnam."

He spent almost a year in Vietnam, saying he saw many people get injured within his first six



Kylie Tizzano, after being named Miss Dumont on Saturday evening

H-D-CAL Grad Named Miss Dumont

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Kylie Tizzano was named this year's Miss Dumont on Saturday evening, June 13, during Dumont Sandbaggin' Day.

Kylie, who is going into her freshman year at the University of Iowa in the fall, has spent the last two years of her high school career at H-D-CAL as a sideline cheerleader during football and basketball season. She said she enjoyed it as it allowed her to "spread positivity."

At the state level, she competed in both the co-ed stunt division and game time spirit routine, and she was presented with the opportunity to perform with Iowa's All-Star and All-State Cheer Teams.

When asked why she would make a good Miss Dumont, Kylie pointed to her love for the community, saying "the way the community has made me feel is the same way I strive to make others feel: welcomed, valued and loved."

Her plan is to work towards becoming a licensed pharmacist after college. She is the daughter of Susie and James Rogers.

She and her fellow contestant, Melissa Knapp, met with judges at the Legion in Dumont earlier that day.

Judges this year: Megan Mollenbeck, who works at Franklin General Hospital; Shawn Dietz, who owns OnTheGoMedia; and Marty Evans, a former police chief who serves on Dumont city council.

Evans told the Chronicle that it was a tough choice, as Kylie and Melissa were both great options.

Melissa, who's going into her senior year at North Butler High School, said she enjoys doing anything outdoors, especially activities that in-

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months there.

Then, came his first injury: One day in the spring, while working as a radio operator, he was caught in the crossfires of an explosion.

"I was operated on in a tent," he said. "Later on, I got sent to Cam Ranh Bay, because I was going to possibly lose my right arm, and a Dr. Stone down there fixed my arm up and I healed up in Cam Ranh Bay."

A couple months later, he was shot through the top of his head.

"A helicopter came in and took two of the bodies and one other who was wounded and as they were lifting me up through the jungle, the chopper just got shot and lost power and came down. [They] told me to jump, so we jumped and rolled and spent the night out there."

They were rescued the following morning.

Once Madetzke was done with his four years in the Marine Corps, he settled down in Hampton, taking a job with the Iowa State Patrol — a position he held for 31 years, before eventually retiring in

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Search warrants lead to arrests in Bradford, Hampton

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

Three people were arrested after the Franklin County Sheriff's Office executed two search warrants late Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.

Franklin County Sheriff Aaron Dodd tells RadioOnTheGo News that deputies first searched a residence at 306 Walnut St. in Bradford. According to the Franklin County Sheriff's Media Report the search occurred around 9:47 p.m. Wednesday night.

Matthew J. Koenig was arrested at the residence and was charged with third or subsequent offense possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, a Class D felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor.

Koenig was held overnight at the Franklin County Sher-



Pictured from left to right, Matthew J. Koenig, Jessica Lynn Jimenez Martinez and Tina Marie Sterling Photos provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

iff's Office and made an initial appearance before a magistrate Thursday morning. He was held on a \$5,000 cash or surety bond and will be transported to the Hardin County Jail.

Deputies, assisted by the Hampton Police Department, then executed a search warrant at 457 10th Ave. in Hampton at 12:20 a.m. Thursday. Dodd says

drugs and drug paraphernalia were found at the residence.

Jessica Lynn Jimenez Martinez, of Hampton, was arrested and charged with third or subsequent offense possession of methamphetamine, second or subsequent offense possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Martinez was held on a \$5,000 cash or

surety bond and will be transported to the Hardin County Jail.

Tina Marie Sterling, of Hampton, was charged with second offense possession of methamphetamine and second offense possession of marijuana. Sterling was seen by a magistrate and released on her own recognizance.

Hampton man arrested following alleged assault in Franklin County

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

A Hampton man faces multiple charges following an incident Monday night in rural Franklin County.

According to Franklin County Sheriff Aaron Dodd, deputies responded at 9:25 p.m. Monday to a report of a woman in need of assistance along 190th Street. Authorities say the woman had gotten out of a vehicle after an alleged assault.

Following an investigation, deputies arrested 21-year-old Simon Mulford of Hampton. He has been charged with domestic abuse assault, third-degree theft and operating a vehicle without the owner's consent.

Mulford was held overnight at the Franklin County Sheriff's



Simon Mulford

Office before making an initial appearance before a magistrate Tuesday morning. Bond was set at \$5,000, and he was transferred to the Hardin County Jail.

FGH's Megan Mollenbeck Honored for Exceptional Work

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Franklin General Hospital Quality/Process Excellence Director Megan Mollenbeck was recently honored with the Circle of Excellence Award at a healthcare conference in Des Moines.

Megan started her journey at FGH in Hampton in 2020, as a radiology technologist, before working her way up to quality coordinator in 2021 and then transitioning into her current role in 2022.

For her, it's all about the patients. While she used to help them, one on one, she now helps them through helping her colleagues, she said. As FGH's Quality/Process Excellence Director, she works alongside colleagues identifying meaningful metrics and developing processes to improve experiences for those who come through their doors.

"One of the key things about my role is not just to fix something in the short term, but how do we make sure the information and the work that we're doing is hardwired so that we can continue to see the success in the next three to five years?" she said. "A minute in healthcare is



Megan Mollenbeck with her award at Franklin General Hospital on Friday, June 12

a long time. We are constantly changing, having new services coming in-house, acquiring different service lines under our umbrella, and with every one of those transactions comes an opportunity to look at quality within the organization."

When asked about what the award means to her, Megan said she is humbled.

"I love what I do," she said with a smile.

Megan received the award at the Iowa Hospital Association's annual conference in Des Moines.

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Hampton Veteran Goes on Honor Flight

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Veteran Dennis Cassman went on an honor flight to Washington, D.C. on May 26, saying it's an experience he'll never forget.

Born and raised in Hampton, Cassman enlisted in the Navy in 1967, serving on a communications team for several years, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Cassman said he was encouraged to go on the 28th Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. by Franklin County VA Director Adam Akers.

Cassman and fellow veterans, most of whom served during the Vietnam War era, had a full day of visiting monuments and memorials on May 26. They started out by flying out of the Fort Dodge airport, which took them all the way to Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C.

Upon arrival, they visited the Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam monuments. They then took a tour of Washington D.C. and were provided with lunch.

After this, the group made their way to the WWII Monument and then the Changing of the Guard at the Arlington National Cemetery. Cassman said this was one of his favorite parts of the day, seeing the



Veteran Dennis Cassman at OnTheGoMedia on Wednesday, June 3

Changing of the Guard. His second favorite memory from that day: listening to patriotic songs with fellow veterans on the plane.

Following this, they ventured to the Iwo Jima Monument and the Air Force Monument.

Looking back on the experience, Cassman said it was an experience he would highly recommend to any other veteran.

"It was awesome," he said, smiling from ear to ear.

The Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight flies Iowa veterans to Washington, D.C. to see monuments dedicated to their sacrifices at no cost to the veterans or their families.

So far, the program has flown around 3,700 veterans from approximately 45 counties to Washington, D.C., with Cassmann on their 28th flight. There are around 400 veterans on the waiting list for an honor flight.

Also on that flight was Chronicle columnist Rick Janssen, who served as a guardian for a veteran named Terry Biggs, who served in the Army from '74 to '77.

He called the experience "an emotional one."

"I went through my handkerchief while crying the first 15 minutes I was there," he said, as he reflected on their first few monuments of the day."To be honest, I think I became the most emotional with all of the little kids who were at the airport, chanting and saying 'USA! USA!'"

Franklin County veterans interested in going on an honor flight and community members interested in serving as guardians can contact Franklin County VA Director Adam Akers at 641-456-5670.

Early morning fire destroys Popejoy home

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

A house fire early Tuesday morning destroyed a residence in Popejoy, but the occupants escaped safely.

According to Franklin County Sheriff Aaron Dodd,

dispatchers received a 911 call at 4:52 a.m. Tuesday reporting a house fire on Main Street in Popejoy.

Dodd said two adults and two pets who lived at the residence were able to get outside safely before emergency responders arrived.

Authorities reported the garage was fully engulfed in flames when the call was received, and the fire had spread to the house. Deputies arrived at 5:03 a.m. and found the home fully engulfed.

Firefighters from Dows, Al-

den and Bradford responded to the scene. Iowa Falls Ambulance and Franklin County Emergency Management also assisted.

Information about donation efforts for those affected by the fire is available on the City of Popejoy Facebook page.

Lions Club Learns About Incoming Career Center

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton Lions Club learned all about the new NIACC Career Center, which is set to open on Aug. 1, during their recent meeting at 805 Pizza and Chicken.

The center's director, Valeria Vosburg, stopped by to share her presentation with them.

As she explained to them, the Hampton NIACC career center is the first of three to be launched throughout the state. The center, once open, will serve juniors and seniors at Hampton-Dumont High School, Belmond-Klemme and West Fork High School, along with community members who are interested in continuing education and completing high school equivalency diplomas. The center will offer career academy options in health sciences, welding and construction and non-credit CNA options for community members.

Several days later, she told the Chronicle that her presentation at the local Lions Club was a "resounding success."



Valeria Vosburg presenting at the Lions Club on Wednesday evening, June 10. Photo by Judy Wrolson

"The group was highly engaged with the vision of providing local high school students with tuition-free college credentials, workforce-ready skills, and massive tuition savings," she said. "There were questions about enrollment numbers and worries about taking students away from our on campus enrollment. We are currently at

85% enrollment at the new career center among the three school districts combined and these career academies are actually increasing seats available for our students in the Welding, Construction and Health Sciences career pathway, rather than taking them away. So it's a win/win!"

Vosburg added that the new career center was made possible by the Franklin County Development Association and its director, Mary Amsbaugh, who helped secure the \$3 million EDA grant.

"FCDA's Mary Amsbaugh was instrumental in finding the EDA grant of \$3 million to allow us to move forward In Phase 3," she said.

Attending the career center is free for students and their parents.

According to Vosburg, college credits, textbooks, state-of-the-art equipment and tools are provided at no cost, saving families up to \$10,000 in college tuition and other fees.

Students who are interested in enrolling can contact their high school counselor or Vosburg at valeria.gonzalez@niacc.edu.

Hampton Municipal Band

Chris Sauke, Director
Concert Number 4, June 16, 2026
105th Season

America.....	arr. Conley
Strike Up the Band.....	Conrad
Valley Forge.....	King
Kentucky 1800.....	Grundman
Aventura.....	Swearingen
Semper Victorium.....	Schumacher
Moon River.....	arr. Brown
Soloist: James Chambers	
Brighton Beach.....	Latham
Highlights from Godspell.....	arr. Russell
The Hampton March.....	Golemo
My Faith Looks Up To Thee.....	arr. Edmondson

The Liberty Bell.....	Sousa
America the Beautiful.....	arr. Conley
Star Spangled Banner.....	arr. Sousa

The Hampton Municipal Band will present its 4th concert of the 105th season on Tuesday, June 16th. The concert will be held in the Band Shell and will begin at 8 PM. This concert will feature vocalist James Chambers singing "Moon River". James recently graduated from Hampton Dumont CAL HS and was a 3 year member of the Iowa All State Chorus. The band will also perform a march composed by one of the band members. Ross Schumacher, current MS band director at River Bend MS in Iowa Falls, composed Semper Victorium in 2012 for the Washington (Iowa) Municipal Band. The Hampton Municipal Band is under the direction of Chris Sauke and is comprised of approximately fifty area musicians of all ages.

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Ackley City Council special meeting recap from June 3

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

The Ackley City Council met in special session June 3 to discuss a proposed lease agreement with the Friends of Prairie Bridges for Prairie Bridges Park.

According to meeting minutes, six remaining concerns with the proposed lease were discussed. The Friends of Prairie Bridges board agreed to three of the city's concerns, including terms on the length of the lease, responsibility for infrastructure and service lines, and billing for water, sewer and garbage services.

After further discussion, the council agreed to name the

group as a loss payee on the city's insurance policy for property and equipment located at the park.

The city also agreed to do an ordinance to not sell the park, addressing one of the remaining concerns from the Friends of Prairie Bridges. The city also agreed that if the lease is terminated, equipment and fixtures purchased by the Friends of Prairie Bridges would remain at the park for park use and would not be removed for another city purpose.

No further action was taken and a resolution on the proposed lease agreement will be addressed when modifications are presented.

Capri Clark crowned Miss Clarksville 2026

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

Capri Clark was crowned Miss Clarksville 2026 Thursday as part of the 58th annual Clarksville Pioneer Days celebration.

Clark is the daughter of Justin and Kristen Clark. Madeline Sterken was named first runner-up, while Erin Aissen was selected as second runner-up. Tesslyn Brandhorst and Hendrix Wehling were crowned Little Miss and Mister Clarksville.

Pioneer Days continued Friday with the longtime spelling

bee at 3 p.m. at the Clarksville Public Library. The carnival midway opened at 5 p.m., followed by the Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pulls at 6:30 p.m. near the beverage garden. Wild Card, a modern and classic country band, performed at 8 p.m. at the Fireman's Stage.

Saturday's activities included a brat and kraut lunch beginning at noon, the carnival midway opening at 1 p.m., and the grand parade at 2 p.m. Entertainment included Beauty & the Beat at 3 p.m. and The Schmidt Brothers at 8 p.m. at the Fireman's Stage.

One Vision CEO Announces Retirement Plans for March 2027

CLEAR LAKE — One Vision announced today that Chief Executive Officer Mark Dodd plans to retire no later than March 2027, following a distinguished career dedicated to advancing opportunities, services, and support for people with disabilities.

Dodd shared that the decision comes after thoughtful reflection and careful planning for the future. He looks forward to an active retirement that includes time with family, travel, and personal pursuits.

"Serving as CEO of One Vision has been one of the greatest privileges of my career," Dodd said. "I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead an organization whose mission matters so profoundly. Every day, our team helps create a world where the people we support are seen, valued, and empowered to live meaningful lives. It is life-changing work, and it reflects the very best of who we are."

During his tenure, Dodd has helped strengthen One Vision's role as a trusted leader in person-centered services and supports for people with disabilities. Under his leadership, the organization has continued to adapt to changing needs while remaining grounded in its mission to stand with and support people with disabilities to pursue their best lives.

Dodd also expressed confidence in One Vision's future and in the employees, volunteers, supporters, and community partners who will continue carrying the organization's mission forward.

"The heart of One Vision has always been its people," Dodd said. "Every day, employees,

volunteers, supporters, and community partners show up with purpose, compassion, and a commitment to helping others live meaningful lives. That legacy will continue, and I know One Vision will remain strong and focused on its mission."

The One Vision Board of Directors will lead the search for the organization's next CEO and work closely with Dodd and the executive leadership team to support a smooth and successful transition. In the months ahead, Dodd will continue leading the organization while assisting with succession planning and helping position One Vision for continued innovation and growth.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are grateful for Mark's years of leadership and service to One Vision," said Jane Fischer. "His dedication to our mission and the people we support has made a lasting impact on the organization and the communities we serve. We look forward to working with him throughout this transition and building upon the strong foundation he has helped create."

About One Vision

One Vision is a nonprofit organization dedicated to standing with and supporting people with disabilities to live their best lives. Through innovative services, community partnerships, and person-centered supports, One Vision empowers individuals to pursue their goals, make their own choices, and thrive in their communities.

Greene Council approves employee wages for new fiscal year

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Greene City Council discussed potential changes to the city's tree ordinance and approved employee wages for the upcoming fiscal year during its meeting Monday.

Council members heard concerns from a resident regarding the city's amended tree ordinance, particularly how requests to plant trees in city right-of-ways are approved and what types of trees should be allowed. The current ordinance identifies prohibited tree species but does not include a list of recommended trees. Council member Al Zweck said he will obtain a list of recommended species, and the council will

consider additional amendments to provide more clarity.

The council also approved salaries and wages for appointed officers and city employees for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

In other business, the council denied a request for an extension involving a dangerous building at 206 N. Third St. and approved the removal of portions of sidewalks on vacant city-owned properties.

Mayor Galen Lindell updated the council on efforts to acquire additional land for the city cemetery. Lindell said appraisals are being obtained before the city moves forward with discussions on a potential purchase.

Rockwell City Council meeting recap from June 3

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

The Rockwell City Council appointed Don O'Connor to fill a vacant council seat during its regular meeting on June 3.

According to meeting minutes, Mayor Larry Wentz said Councilmember Jacob Ditsworth had submitted his resignation at the previous meeting. Wentz said the city's past practice has been to appoint the person with the next highest vote total from the previous election after posting the vacancy.

O'Connor accepted the appointment. The council then voted unanimously to approve the appointment, and Wentz administered the oath of office.

The council also approved

a fiscal year 2025-26 budget amendment by resolution. City Clerk Lorna Weier said most of the amendment was related to storm damage involving trees and the community center building, with most of the cost coming from local option funds.

Council members also discussed the city tree dump. Councilmember Brian Koob said the city would work on a plan to clean up the area and establish policies and restrictions before the facility is used again. Councilmember Bradley Meyer said the Iowa Department of Natural Resources suggested burning in smaller increments at set times, taking ashes to the landfill and gating the back road.

Local blood drives planned as LifeServe reports critical need

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

LifeServe Blood Center is urging eligible donors to give blood as an ongoing decline in donations has raised concerns about maintaining an adequate blood supply heading into the summer trauma season.

LifeServe says blood inventories are critically low for O-positive, O-negative, A-negative and B-negative blood types. The organization supplies blood to more than 170 hospitals across the region and says donations made through LifeServe help support local patients and hospitals.

To encourage donations, LifeServe is hosting Blood Donor

Days throughout June. Donors who give blood at any LifeServe donor center or mobile blood drive will receive a Blood Donor Days summer T-shirt and be entered into drawings for weekly summer-themed prize packages.

Upcoming area blood drives include the Iowa Falls Community Blood Drive on Monday, June 15, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Building, 709 South Oak Street, and the Eldora Community Blood Drive on Friday, June 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit LifeServeBloodCenter.org or call 800-287-4903.



Heartland Museum to Hold Annual Book Sale June 20-27

PRESS RELEASE
HEARTLAND MUSEUM

Clarion, Iowa – Heartland Museum is holding their annual used book sale June 20-27. Books have been donated and proceeds will be used for Heartland's 4-H schoolhouse roof repair.

Books are being accepted at Heartland Museum, 119 9th St. SW, Clarion from 8:30-11:30 am, Monday thru Friday up until sale dates.

The gift shop also will be open on the sale days. Book prices are \$1 hardcover, 50

cents for softcover, 25 cents for kids books and romance books.

Sale hours: Monday and Tuesday 8:30-11:30; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10-2.

Heartland Museum is open for tours Wednesday – Saturday, from 10am – 4 pm (last admission for tours is 2:00 pm). Over 90 restored tractors, some unique, are part of the tour along with store fronts, hats, and teddy bears. Call 515-602-6000 for more information.

Heartland is located at 119 9th St. SW in Clarion.

Celebration of Undergraduate Inquiry Participant

PELLA – Central College hosted the Celebration of Undergraduate Inquiry event to showcase the many projects by Central students during the 2025-26 academic year.

Participating in the CUI Day was Sage Sunken of Sheffield. Presentation title/s: The Role of Parental Involvement in Children's Participation and Enjoyment in Sports

Also participating in the CUI Day was Carson White of Hampton. Presentation title/s: Gridiron Alchemy: Offensive Success in the NFL

Central College of Pella, Iowa, is a private college known

for its active student body, academic rigor and athletics success. Ranked the No. 2 Best Value College in Iowa by Niche.com, Central offers a learning environment with supportive educators committed to intellectual engagement, personal growth, career readiness and civic involvement.

Founded in 1853 and shaped by its Christian heritage, the college of 1,100 students participates in NCAA Division III athletics. Central is an active part of the Greater Des Moines region and just minutes from Lake Red Rock, Iowa's largest lake.

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Franklin REC Community Book Drive Expands Access to Reading Across Rural Communities

PRESS RELEASE

Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative's Community Book Drive and Little Library Donation initiative was a tremendous success, thanks to the generosity

and support of community members, organizations, and volunteers throughout the cooperative's service territory.

This spring, Franklin REC donated five hand-built Little Free Libraries to the commu-

nities of Alden, Dows, Hansell, Popejoy, and Sheffield. Each library was fully stocked with books and ready for installation, helping expand access to reading materials for residents of all ages. The project was cre-

ated with a simple goal in mind: to plant the seed for a life-long love of reading and make books more accessible in rural communities.

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Donation to Hansell City Council.



Donation to Popejoy City Council.



First Bank Hampton pick-up.



REC Donation Spot 2.



Rockwell Book House Restock.

Dumont Sandbaggin' Day Held on Saturday

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Dumont Sandbaggin' Day was held on Saturday, June 13, kicking off with a 5k run/walk. After that, community members checked out the fireman's car show, the little tike's fishing tournament, the cornhole tournament, the parade and more. A community meal of burg-

ers, hot dogs, sides and desserts was served up by the youth group of Dumont. Free-will donations were encouraged as a way to support their upcoming projects and endeavors.

The day wrapped up with a delicious ribeye steak sandwich supper at the EMS building, followed by fireworks and live music from Nolan Luther and the Mighty Fittin.



Volunteers with the youth group in Dumont preparing lunch for community members.

More photos on page 17!



BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Jack Hindin is taking center stage in the Chronicle this week for his entrepreneurship and impressive baking skills.

Hindin, who's going into his junior year at H-D-CAL High School, began a scone business in 2021. He had picked up baking at home during the height of the pandemic, and after sharing some of his baked goods with friends and family, and realizing how much they enjoyed them, he thought he could try selling them at the Hampton Farmers Market. So he did just that.

Jack quickly learned that his scones were his best-selling products, with flavors ranging from white chocolate raspberry to cranberry almond and caramel apple. According to him, customers most enjoy the white chocolate raspberry.

His personal favorite: their citrus twist scone. He said the flavor isn't too mild or too strong – it's just right.

How did he come up with the name "Scone Boy"? A couple of the other regular vendors at the market began calling him that, as a nickname, and it stuck, he said.

When asked about his favorite part of baking, he said he likes the idea of making something delicious and sharing it with others.

His scone business is not only a creative outlet for him, but it also helps him save up money for college.

Jack said he couldn't run his business



Jack Hindin

without his mother, Kate, who keeps him on track and helps him stay organized.

Outside of baking, Jack is passionate about music, playing in the school's concert and jazz bands. He plays the clarinet, bass guitar, piano, electric guitar, drums and saxophone.

"I think music is really relaxing," he said. "I like to turn my brain off and just jam."

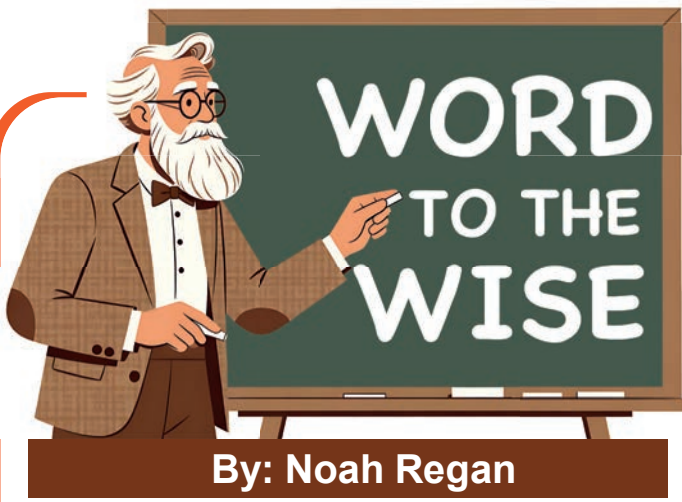
Reader of the Week

at the Hampton Public Library

BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Lilli Mollenbeck, age 7. She will be in the 3rd grade next year. Lilli is the daughter of Megan and Jesse Mollenbeck.

Her favorite book is Dog Man by Dav Pilkey.



By: Noah Regan

This Week's Trivia:

(Answers are printed at the bottom)

Game Show Edition:

#1: Who was the original host of *Jeopardy!*?

#2: Who was the original host of *Wheel of Fortune*?

This Week in History:

Courtesy: Britannica.com

June 14, 1777: The Continental Congress approved the Stars and Stripes as the first national flag of the United States. **Born:** Donald Trump, president of the United States (1946)

June 15, 2007: After more than 30 years, American game show host Bob Barker stepped down as host of *The Price Is Right*. **Born:** Helen Hunt, American actress (1963)

June 16, 1963: Soviet cosmonaut Valentina V. Tereshkova became the first woman to travel in space, having been launched into orbit aboard the spacecraft *Vostok 6*. **Born:** Tupac Shakur, American rapper and actor (1971)

June 17, 1994: Football hero O.J. Simpson was charged with the murders of his ex-wife Nicole Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, though after a sensational trial he was acquitted the following year. **Born:** Newt Gingrich, American politician (1943)

June 18, 1983: The first American woman to fly into outer space, Sally Ride, was launched with four other astronauts aboard the space shuttle *Challenger*. **Born:** Sir Paul McCartney, British musician (1942)

June 19, 1953: Husband and wife Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were put to death, becoming the first American civilians to be executed for espionage. **Born:** Salman Rushdie, British-American writer (1947)

June 20, 1975: Steven Spielberg's thriller *Jaws* was released in theaters, and it was a huge success, essentially creating the genre of summer blockbusters. **Born:** John Goodman, America actor (1952)

Fascinating Facts:

Flag Day Edition:

• The current 50-star flag was designed in 1958 by a 17-year-old Ohio student named Robert G. Heft as a class project. He initially received a B-, but his grade was upgraded to an A after President Dwight D. Eisenhower selected his design.

• There are six American flags standing on the Moon, left behind by Apollo astronauts from 1969 to 1972.

• The U.S. Flag Code dictates that the flag should never touch the ground, be worn as apparel, or be displayed in the dark without proper illumination. When it becomes too tattered to fly, it is retired respectfully, often by burning.

• There have been 27 official versions of the flag. The original 1777 design carried 13 stars and 13 stripes for the 13 colonies. As each new state joined the Union, a star was added. The current 50-star flag, adopted in 1960, is the longest-serving version in American history.

• The nickname "Old Glory" now belongs to the whole Stars and Stripes, but it started with a single banner owned by sea captain William Driver, who named his flag Old Glory in 1831 and protected it through the Civil War.

• Historians widely agree that Betsy Ross likely did not make or design the first American flag. The famous story of George Washington visiting her upholstery shop to commission the flag did not emerge until 1870—nearly a century later—when her grandson shared the tale.

Quality Quotes:

Game Show Host Edition:

"If you were happy every day of your life you wouldn't be a human being, you'd be a game show host."
– Ben Stein

"I can tell you that I'd rather be kissed by my dogs than by some people I've known." – Bob Barker

"I'm more concerned about members of Congress being drug-free than I am about members of the Yankees or Giants." – Pat Sajak

"If I never do another thing, I've met the good sweet people of the world." – Richard Dawson

"You'll receive a home version of *The Match Game*. It'll come to you in 30 days in a plain brown wrapper... with no return address." – Gene Rayburn

Trivia Answers:

Answer #1: Art Fleming was the original host of *Jeopardy!*, leading the series from its premiere in 1964 until 1975, and returning for a brief revival in 1978.

Answer #2: Chuck Woolery was the original host of *Wheel of Fortune*. He hosted the daytime series from its 1975 premiere until December 1981, alongside the original letter-turner, Susan Stafford.

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Lawn Care Guidance Amid Central Iowa Watering Restrictions

ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is sharing guidance with Central Iowa community members on how to maintain their lawns as the Central Iowa Water Works enforces summer irrigation restrictions.

Adam Thoms, associate professor in the Department of Horticulture and extension turfgrass specialist at Iowa State, and Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture extension specialist at Iowa State, provide the following direction for homeowners.

Cool-season grasses common in Iowa lawns, including Kentucky bluegrass, ryegrass and fescue, naturally turn brown and in summer enter dormancy when rainfall or irrigation is scarce. Although the foliage dies back, crowns and roots remain alive. Most healthy lawns can survive dormancy for four to six weeks without water and recover when moisture returns.

Homeowners should avoid cycling between dormancy and greening with inter-

mittent irrigation, as this weakens turf. Allow lawns to enter dormancy and remain dormant during extended dry periods.

While dormancy is a natural survival mechanism for cool-season turfgrasses, it has limits. Lawns that remain brown beyond six weeks risk permanent decline. If that occurs, new turf can be seeded in early September when temperatures typically cool and watering restrictions may ease.

Thoms and Steil recommend homeowners also take the following steps:

Raise mowing height to 3.5–4 inches. Taller grass shades the crown, cools the root zone and promotes deeper, more drought-tolerant root growth. Do not mow dormant turf, as this can cause damage.

Hold off on fertilizing dormant lawns. Nutrients will not be taken up by the plant and applications should wait until conditions improve in early fall.

While lawn irrigation is currently restricted, newly planted trees, shrubs and other garden plants can be irrigated responsibly as needed.



Photo courtesy ISU Extension and Outreach Office

ISU Northern Research, Demonstration Farm to Hold Field Day June 25

PRESS RELEASE ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – The Iowa State University Northern Research and Demonstration Farm will host a summer field day on Thursday, June 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the north farm, located at 310 South Main Street, Kanawha.

The field day will begin with comments from Greg Guenther, president of the North Central Iowa Research Association, and Matt Schnabel, farm superintendent.

The following field tours are scheduled:

Margaret Smith, forage agronomist with Albert Lea Seed, will discuss mid-to-late-season

oat production management practices.

Meaghan Anderson, extension field agronomist at Iowa State, will lead participants through a herbicide injury demonstration.

Angie Rieck-Hinz and Gentry Sorenson, extension field agronomists at Iowa State, will highlight current growing season conditions and impacts on crop growth and development.

“Farmers, landowners, local ag businesses and students are invited to attend and have a chance to speak directly with Iowa State field agronomists on current issues in agriculture. This year, in particular, has been a tough year for planting, replanting decisions and herbicide applications,” said

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Iowa Drainage School Comes to NW Iowa in August

ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH OFFICE

AMES – The Agricultural Engineering team with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will hold the Iowa Drainage School Aug. 25–27 at the Northwest Research Farm, located at 6320 500th Street, Sutherland, Iowa. The three-day program will focus on the design, installation and maintenance of drainage systems.

“Drainage is needed for improving the productivity of soils in Iowa and most U.S. states,” said Kris Kohl, field agricultural engineer with ISU Extension and Outreach. “Drainage is a great land improvement practice with long-term payback by increasing the crop yields by

5% to 30%.”

The school features classroom lectures and discussions combined with team problem-solving and field exercises. Student teams will survey and design a drainage system for a sample area of the host farm using concepts learned during classroom discussions. By attending this school, participants will be able to plan and lay out subsurface drainage systems and work out project costs. In-field demonstrations of equipment and drainage tile installation will also take place.

“Iowa Drainage School provides educational opportunities for all interested in drainage, whether they are contractors, farmers, consulting engineers, county officials or others,” said

Matt Helmers, professor and director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center at Iowa State. “The school focuses on the fundamentals of drainage design, including getting an accurate survey, drainage pipe size and spacing, controlled drainage and water table management, legal considerations and different installation techniques and equipment.”

Drainage contractors, professional engineers and consultants, Natural Resources Conservation Service professionals, watershed coordinators, county administrators, landowners, drainage district officials and anyone interested in subsurface drainage design and maintenance are encouraged to participate.

Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required. Registration is \$500 per person if registered by midnight on Aug. 17; registrations will not be accepted after that time. Registration includes meals indicated on the agenda, refreshments, a course notebook and drainage reference materials.

Additional program information and online registration are available on the website.

For more information, contact Kapil Arora at pbtiger@iastate.edu or Kris Kohl at Kkohl1@iastate.edu.

For assistance with registration, contact Registration Services at 515-294-6222 or registrations@iastate.edu.

Iowa officials issue guidance on New World screwworm

BY JASON EATON RadioOnTheGo News

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is urging livestock producers, pet owners and veterinarians to watch for signs of New World screwworm.

The guidance follows multiple detections of the parasitic fly in livestock in Texas and one confirmed infestation in a dog in New Mexico.

State agriculture officials say animal caretakers should routinely inspect livestock and pets for open wounds. If maggots are found in an open wound on a warm-blooded animal, it should be reported to

IDALS immediately at 515-281-5305 or Animal.Industry@iowaagriculture.gov.

Officials say animals can be treated and fully recover if New World screwworm is caught early.

IDALS says animals imported into Iowa from an infested zone should be isolated from the rest of the herd for at least two weeks. Owners should also verify Iowa’s import requirements and talk with a veterinarian if they have concerns.

Officials say New World screwworm does not pose a food safety risk, and properly prepared meat and poultry are safe to eat. The public health risk is considered low.

SHOOTING AND FISHING IN MN



BY RICK JANSSEN

My nephew has loaned me one of his family’s black powder rifles to use for deer hunting. They have agreed that I can use it until they need it back. I agreed to purchase a scope for the rifle and have it mounted. I bought the scope and had it mounted back in January and now it was time to get the scope sighted in. I have never done this, so I needed some help. My nephew has some experience in sighting in scopes, and he has his own shooting range at his house out in the country. My wife and I took a trip to Minnesota last weekend to get his assistance with this project. While we were there, we would also do some fishing.

We arrived at his house early Friday afternoon and went right to work on the scope project. As I stated, he has his own range and all the proper equipment to help me get my scope sighted in. He also had the proper targets with one-inch squares marked so we would know how far off my scope was. This is an important first step in the process.

We started at 50 yards and after two shots we were close.



I wanted to have my scope set up for 100 yards, so we moved back and started again. With black powder guns, shooting is very slow. It takes a long time to reload and get properly set for the next shot. With a regular rifle you just stay set, reload and shoot again.

After 3 shots we were getting closer to the bullseye. Also, after 3 shots we needed to clean the barrel of the rifle as black powder is very dirty. This is another long process and then we would need to re-set the rifle to shoot again. With the one-inch marks on the target we knew how to adjust the scope to get us closer to the center. Three shots later we had it dialed in and called it good. There is no way I would have been able to do that without his help.

That evening my nephew and I decided to fish a local lake for bass. We waited out a passing storm and got to the lake around 6 PM. I have fished at this lake before and enjoy fishing there. It is a small lake with lily pads around the edges. Cat tails are also along the shore at the shallow end. Very quiet and pretty.

We moved around the

perimeter of the lake, casting towards the weed edge. We experimented with different lures until we hit on the right combination, and the fish started biting. While we did not catch any “lunkers” we did catch quite a few nice fish.

The next morning, we decided to try a different lake, and the wives would come along too. We did not get started until mid-morning, so the plan was to hit the lake and then come home for lunch and go to another one later.

The lake we fished at was also small. Other boats were on the water when we arrived. After putting the boat in we motored to one end and started fishing. The fishing was very slow and we kept moving around, trying to find the best area. By this time the sun was blazing down on us and we were hot. My nephew’s wife decided that the fishing was not happening and laid down on the floor for a nap. My wife caught a bluegill, and my nephew caught one bass. Time to give it up and head home for lunch.

Lunch was great and we decided to stay home and play a game while waiting for the weather to cool down. Then we would go back to the same lake I had fished at with my nephew the night before. As it turned out the fishing crew that went was my wife, my nephew and myself.

We put the boat in and started off the same way as the night before. Since we had figured out the best lures the previous night,



I rigged up my wife’s pole with a similar lure. She would sit in the back, my nephew in the front, and me in the middle. Normally fishing in the back is the worst place to be as the people in the front get to fish the water first. Fishing in the back is fishing “dirty water”. I guess no one told the fish that theory as my wife caught twice as many fish as the guys in the front. It was a



great night.

When Sunday came, we decided to fish at one more lake before we headed home. The wives were included again on this trip. Another great lake close by. I love the looks of the lily pads blooming along the shore. We were also treated to a pair of loons fishing close by. With scenery like that, I really don’t care what the fishing is

like.

We caught fish on the third lake. We did not catch as many, but the fish we caught were bigger. Around noon we decided it was time to stop, and we went to a local bar and grill for lunch. After lunch we packed up and headed home. We had great weather all weekend and we always enjoyed spending time with my nephew and his family.





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The Wisdom of George Washington



The Alternative
FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
COLUMNIST

I was fortunate to visit George Washington's home, Mt. Vernon, when I was 15 years old. I was walking around on this huge lawn and ran into a classmate from junior high in Brentwood, California. How about that?

Nowadays it is easy to discredit the importance of George

Washington because he owned slaves. I do. But I figure let's take the good and learn from the bad. Washington owned 8,000 acres of land and 318 slaves. In his will he ordered all the slaves he legally owned to be emancipated. In one 1786 letter he wrote, "I can only say that there is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do, to see a plan adopted for the abolition of it."

With the income tax still confiscating a percentage of the fruits of our labor each year, it can be said that slavery was never abolished, only reined in and spread around, each of us enslaved for a portion of our working lives.

I wanted to address the slavery issue because some will dismiss other opinions by Washington if they are inconvenient pertaining to their own agendas. Washington was also intelligent enough to own 8,000 acres and run multiple experimental test plots for crops and

livestock as a "civic duty", so his opinion is important.

In Washington's Farewell Address, two issues stand out pertaining to the government he presided over from 1789 through 1797 that are critical today. He warned us about entangling foreign alliances and political parties.

The danger of political parties is that each blames the other for perceived problems as if we are in a contest. In the big picture the differences between the two parties are tiny, each one trying to avoid the Constitution in order to do favors that ultimately destroy our liberty. The fight between the two parties has become more important than the issues they pretend to fight over. The actual issues are seldom debated.

Foreign alliances always produce enemies. Is it so hard to understand that when you choose sides the other one is your enemy? Strict neutrality enforced by preserving the

Constitution allows citizens to keep more of their wealth and that is what fosters progression to a more equitable and comfortable society.

Israel hasn't needed a Higgins boat landing on our shore to conquer the United States. Benjamin Netanyahu recently said he wants to turn down any further support from the United States and here's why: Section 224 of the 2027 NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act). Section 224 requires an "executive agent" to oversee cooperative efforts in military-tech, artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, cyber defense, cyber drone systems, missile defense, directed energy, biotechnology, joint ventures, data fusion, and co-production in defense industries.

In addition, Section 622 expands and enhances intelligence sharing with Israel. It identifies terrorism, cybersecurity threats, sanctions evasion, adversarial technology prolifera-

tion, missile threats, unmanned systems, air and space awareness, and others for expanded intelligence cooperation.

So Netanyahu doesn't need any more billions if these bills are passed because he will have our military, the definition of surrender. I am not antisemitic, I am a patriotic American. No country should be allowed to purchase or be given our defense institutions.

But Israel is certainly a long way down the list. Jonathan Pollard served time for delivering suitcases of US sensitive documents to Israel in the 1980s who then handed them over to the USSR. They exposed US assets around the world, heavily classified military capabilities, and vulnerabilities.

They also stole up to 600# of weapons grade uranium from NUMEC (Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation) in Pennsylvania. In operation Plumbat (1968) they used a web of front companies to orches-

trate the disappearance of a freighter to smuggle 200 tonnes of uranium ore.

Israel continues to block any inspections of their nuclear facilities and still won't sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Agreement that all the other nuclear capable countries have.

In 1967 Israel attacked the USS Liberty in international waters. All accounts verified a plainly visible US flag. They were attacked with strafing, napalm, and torpedoes; and they only quit when the ship appeared to be sinking. Thirty-four were killed and 171 wounded. President Lyndon Johnson covered up the attack in what seems to me to be an indication that Israel has owned our politicians for a long time.

While we celebrate the wisdom of George Washington, we spit on his memory. So sad.

Pondering Poverty and a PS3

BY ISAAC VOSBURG
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ISAAC?

I find it fitting, and more than a little ironic, that the fullness of my experience thus far in Tanzania can be expressed most clearly through the photos I haven't taken. I find it impossible, for instance, to truly capture the feeling of duality I've come to know here. I've seen highrises in Arusha, and tiptoed up the unstable steps to the only second floor in all of Nyamuswa village. I've met kids in the village who know more about the American music industry than I ever will, though I've met many too who can count on their fingers—

often on a single hand—the number of times they've seen a white person before, if at all. The food in Nyamuswa is phenomenal, though I sometimes sort out a grain of sand or two in my rice—which is natural, I've found, considering the way that rice is dried under the sun here, on wide tarps laid over the dirt and grass in front of farmers' homes. And, most of all, I find it striking that the first time I ever played a PlayStation was in this same village, where people walk kilometers up and down a hill larger than anything I've come across in my career of Iowa high school cross country, to draw water from a river I'd more likely categorize as a stream.



All of this is to say, the world is a complex place. Our predetermined understandings, biases, and stereotypes only serve to detract from the experience that is a full, and thus complicated, life. They fail to encompass the contradictions that organically arise when painting an honest picture of a place—in this case, the way poverty and prosperity intermingle—simply by virtue of using too broad a brush. In an effort to reverse these often accidental or subconscious misconceptions, I include below the story behind a photo I never took, which exists now only as memory, as I try

my best to paint a whole picture for you, complete with the complexities of life as I have seen and experienced them here.

The photo I never took came on the back of a motorcycle in Nyamuswa, as I traveled with a Project Zawadi staff member to visit the vocational training center and apprenticeship programs they'd helped to prop up and support. We were heading down a paved road toward a smaller village, and as I looked to my left, I saw a number of homes and a dirt path down the center. Outside the houses were a flock of assorted poultry; by the side of the road, a man

trailing a pair of donkeys loaded with goods; and down the center of this dirt path, a young girl doting upon an even younger goat. In the yards of many homes, colorful clothes hung upon the line, charcoal fires had been prepared for lunch, and kiddos in various states of clothedness played with their siblings or friends. I thought this the perfect picture of poverty, something that ought to be captured, bottled up, and circulated to the world—that is, before I came to my senses.

More than poverty, more than a picture or a story, this scene strikes a question. A question of why; a question of what we, as humans, will tolerate toward one another; a question of ingenuity and capital and economies and aid; a question of history, politics, colonialism, and self-determination; a question of inequality.

Why is it that some families here, or for that matter, anywhere (and yes, that includes the U.S.—in fact, especially so), cannot afford to feed themselves or send their children to school or receive quality health-care or acquire decent housing? Why is it that we allow

such disproportionate hoarding of wealth, where, for literal pennies on Elon Musk's now trillionaire dollar, all homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity around the world could be solved? And more than just throwing money at the issue, it must be asked: what allowed these inequalities to exist in the first place? What structural differences in our societies, or terms of trade, or extraction of resources and human ability need to shift such that we do not forget the world's poor and instead choose to uplift them?

All this and more was left swirling in my mind as we drove by, too fast for me to snap a photo. I don't pretend to hold the answers just yet, though I do know it will be my life's work—and in some ways, my work this summer—to find and implement them, working with and among these communities in partnership for a fairer world.

I choose to leave you not only with questions, but with at least one explanation—that being for the photo above. The dozen of us crammed into that car include the founder of Proj-

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Meet my Running Mate, Dave Muhlbauer



ROB SAND
STATE AUDITOR

Last week, I announced my running mate: Dave Muhlbauer, a fifth-generation family farmer and cattleman, and two-term Crawford County Supervisor.

What stood out to me about Dave was his dedication to his community. Like me, Dave un-

derstands that we need to put public service over politics.

Dave has a reputation for working with everyone, whether that's in the fields or on the Board. People know that while they might not agree on everything, Dave has their best interests at heart. We need more leaders like him.

Dave has also seen firsthand how insiders and special interests in state government have weakened local governments, forcing communities to do more with less, and taking away powers from those closest to the people they serve. He hears every day from people at the grocery store, at church, at the co-op getting coffee, and around his community about the last decade of failed one-party control.

People across the political spectrum are looking for

change. As your next governor and lieutenant governor, we'll work to stop the overreach and restore local control, because Dave and I both know that the government that governs best is the government that governs most locally.

Not only is Dave a respected local leader, he's also a lifelong farmer and cattleman. Growing up, he participated in FFA and helped around the family farm, even baling hay for neighbors during the summer. He's farmed for his entire life, planting corn, soybeans, alfalfa, cover crops, and everything in between, as well as raising cattle and hogs.

Like me, Dave knows that the backbone of our state economy is our farm economy. And like farmers across our state, he's feeling the effect of need-less tariffs and foreign wars that raise input costs on things like

fuel and fertilizer. Farmers are facing a fourth straight year of losses, and family farm bankruptcies are at a six-year high. This isn't sustainable.

More than anyone else, Dave understands the pride our farmers take in their work and the enormous pressure they're under right now. He also knows it's time to rotate the crops in state government. We'll work every day to support farmers and producers, because we know a strong Iowa starts with a strong ag economy. And we will always have the backs of Iowa farmers.

Dave represents the best of our state: hard-working, honest, and always willing to help out. He'll be a great partner on the trail and an even better Lieutenant Governor for the people of Iowa.

Now What?!



KATY FLINT
FRANKLIN COUNTY
AUDITOR

The Primary Election is officially over. The votes have been cast, the post-election Audit has

been held, the Supervisors have canvassed the results and declared them official. We have sent our results to Des Moines and vote credit for those who voted has been applied to their voting record. So, now what?! Now what are we busy doing?!

To be honest, we still have a few odds and ends to wrap up paperwork and preservation of the details of the election, but otherwise, I can say that we've officially tucked this election into bed and are moving on with our busy work lives.

The real estate ladies are busy finalizing taxable valuations and tax rates so property tax statements can be sent out next month. My Finance Assistant and I are busy prepping for the end of our fiscal year (June

30th) as well as several days of FY2026 Audit pre-work with our outside Auditors. There are lots of tasks we must complete and juggle to be ready for the end of this fiscal year, but also to start the new fiscal year on July 1st.

The new property tax bill goes into effect on July 1st, so I am spending lots of time reading materials, watching webinars, and going to meeting to learn how this is going to not only affect Franklin County, but also how we implement it with our software company, the processes that we execute in our office, and more. It's a lot to learn and figure out, but we dig in and do it regardless!

Finally, I'm headed to our annual Auditor's conference

next week for a few days. We utilize these days to grow and develop in our roles. We hear speakers from the Department of Management, Employment attorneys, Secretary of State's office, and speakers who talk about how we can develop our leadership skills and manage stress. It's a great time where we come together, share ideas, and more so we can all be better at our jobs while being more efficient and better serve our Counties.

It seems that even without elections, there is always work to be done and something keeping us busy. If you have questions about the day-to-day operations of our office, I'm always happy to share! Until next time...

COUNCIL: FROM COVER

tion voted in May to begin the process of replacing their 50-year-old windows, along with tuck-pointing the entire exterior of the building and installing cameras on the west side of the library. The approximate start date for the project would be spring of 2027. Knipfel said she received an estimate last summer of \$20,000 for the tuck-pointing and she's still figuring out the cost for the installation of the cameras. She will meet with Hampton Public Works Director Doug Tarr in the near future to go over details.

City councilors also heard an update from Hampton Tree Board representative Dick Lukensmeyer and Franklin County Conservation Director Ned Parker, who shared that the tree board has been busy planting trees around the county using a DNR grant they received earlier this year.

"We've spent about \$9,000 on trees so far and this is a 100-percent reimbursement grant, so there is no cost and there is volunteer labor by the tree board," said Parker. "We've got about \$12,000 left on that grant."

Parker asked the council if they were in favor of the tree board applying for the grant again, and they were in favor of that.

ISG representative Kalob Hays provided details on the contract work for the abandoned pharmacy across the courthouse that the city acquired last year. The council approved a construction contract and bonds for selective demolition work at the buildings located at 4 and 6 First Street Northwest.

The council approved a Franklin County Fire 28E and mutual aid agreement, which includes the cities of Alexander, Coulter, Geneva, Hampton, Hansell, Latimer and Sheffield, along with Grant-Lee Township. The agreement will help ensure coordinated fire protection and emergency services throughout the area.

Towards the end of the meeting, the council approved alcohol licensing for Pit Row, Hampton's Kwik Star and La Frontera Tienda, along with tobacco licensing renewal for Casey's, Dollar General, Fam-

ily Dollar, Fareway, Git-N-Go Convenience Store, Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh Market and Kwik Star. The motion for these, and the rest of the consent agenda items, was approved unanimously.

Reports

For his report, Hampton Police Chief Mark Morrison said they have been busy recruiting and that they had two people testing the following day at the police station.

"Hopefully, we can get somebody out of the testing tomorrow," he said.

He reported that they're also preparing for the Franklin County Fair and other events scheduled for the summer. They've also been to court three times for nuisance cases, which were all resolved earlier in the day. He added that Officer Dolan's training is going well and that they confirmed his spot in the academy in August.

Hampton Public Works Director Doug Tarr said they had more than 100 people utilize their recent hazardous waste collection, which was organized by the North Iowa Landfill and city employees.

"I heard a lot of great comments," he said. "I was out there helping a little bit and it was very well-received. It got a lot of use and they took away a lot of waste."

During his report, City Manager Ron Dunt expressed his gratitude for city staff and volunteers.

"Your hard work of keeping our parks and cemetery beautiful makes our community shine," he said. "It creates a wonderful impression for visitors and makes our community a better place to live. And although parks and cemeteries are very visible to the community, I also want to express my gratitude to all city employees for their dedicated behind-the-scenes efforts from city hall staff to water and sewer and street and police. So much critical work happens in the background that no one sees, and their work is essential and keeps our city running, our communities safe and I'm grateful for everything that they do."

Dunt also bid farewell to Chronicle editor Jennifer Burn-



Hampton Public Library Director Suzy Knipfel sharing her quarterly report with the council.



Franklin County Conservation Director Ned Parker (at podium) and tree board member Dick Lukensmeyer addressing the council.

ham, whose last day is Thursday, June 19.

"I wish you the best in your future endeavors," he said.

For his report, City Councilor Barry Lamos thanked Kalob Hays with ISG for showing up and sharing start dates for the contractors, who will be working on the abandoned pharmacy across the courthouse that the city acquired.

Lamos also thanked the Tree Board.

"They are a tremendous asset to the city and I think every time you cut a tree down, you should plant one," he said. "I want to thank them for their work."

City Councilor Jim Davies reported that he recently attended a tourism board meeting for the Chamber of Commerce and the Preserve Iowa Summit on June 2 and June 3 in Ankeny, representing the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission. He said he will provide a report on that during a future meeting.

He also reminded the community of the Blue Grass Music Festival that was being held through the week at the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

"Besides the local people that are attending, they're also bringing a lot of visitors to town, too," he said.

City Councilor Bill Holmstrom echoed Dunt's appreciation for the city employees.

"I just returned from northern Wisconsin on a vacation and although it was so beauti-

ful up there, it's always nice to come home," he said. "Hampton is a nice place to come home to. You can see all of the work. The little things they get done – the parks, the cemetery. And I'm just appreciative for all that they do."

During his report, City Councilor Jerre Grefe said she attended a quarterly coffee for the Chamber and a Chamber meeting.

"I know I talk a lot about the Chamber, but I am the city council representative on the Chamber board, so that's why I bring it to you," she said.

She recognized the following people and groups for helping with the hanging flower baskets: The city, for making sure they have gas in the truck and water to water the flower baskets. Ruth and Wally Tapp, who water every Sunday. First Bank Hampton volunteers, who help water every Monday. Sue Followwill and Charlee, who cover watering on Tuesdays. Two representatives from the Hampton-Dumont School District, Kelly and Jen, who help water on Wednesdays. Dale Schirmer and one his daughters, who cover watering on Wednesdays. The McGuire family, who helps water on Fridays. And Theresa and Glen, who help water on Saturday.

Grefe said they've had plenty of people who've said "call me if you need help," including Jim Davies, Tara Zakeer, the Brass family, Tammy Schirmer, May-

or Steve Birdsall, Terry Carr, Jeanne Fay, Kristin Roode, Megan Mollenbeck, Erran Miller and the Hampton Lions Club.

"It's been overwhelming," she said. "We've had so many volunteers, I can hardly believe it. I'm so excited about it. [The flowers] are going to look great this year."

Grefe also thanked the Hampton Tree Board, saying she had called tree board member Randy Sanders the previous week and he had a tree planted by the end of the week. She also thanked Mayor Birdsall, Councilor Davies and City Manager Dunt for their follow-up on dealing with the issue of litter at the city parks.

She mentioned Burnham's farewell reception, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Peace Plaza.

City Councilor Jeanne Fay added that "it's Jennifer and Mason's party."

Mayor Steve Birdsall ended the meeting by discussing the chicken ordinance, which was recently voted down.

"It has been almost two months now since we voted down our ordinance, after seven months of discussion, and everyone agreed that we needed to keep that at the front and let's get it done and figure out what we want," he said. "So that will be on the next workshop agenda ... because what do we want to do? We got to talk about making improvements, whether it's to the ordinance or another ordinance. We need new ideas. What do you guys want to put on there?"

He added that the three residents who were given permission to have chickens within city limits were given one year and that permission ends in October.

"They are going to have to either reapply or how do we want to handle that?" he said. "I need some good ideas from you guys for that, as well."

He reminded everyone that they don't always come up with a unanimous decision but that they need to focus on the majority.

"Once it's enacted, we want to give it our best and move forward," he said.

Megan currently lives in Hampton with her two daughters and husband, Jesse.

MOLLENBECK: FROM PAGE 2

Moines in May. What made it so special for her was the fact that she was nominated by a peer from a nearby hospital.

According to the IHA, the Circle of Excellence Award recognizes individuals who embody the highest standards of the healthcare quality profession.

"Honorees are distinguished

by their dedication, passion, and enthusiasm for improving patient outcomes and advancing organizational performance," an IHA representative said. "Recipients of the award are known for consistently going above and beyond in their roles. Through innovative thinking, collaborative leadership, and a deep commitment to quali-

ty, they contribute to stronger healthcare systems and improved experiences for patients and communities alike."

The representative added that the introduction of the Circle of Excellence Award reflects a growing recognition of the vital role healthcare quality professionals play in shaping the future of care delivery. By

VOSBURG: FROM PAGE 6

ect Zawadi (a returned Peace Corps volunteer), three Project Zawadi staff members I've come to know closely, myself, and most importantly, seven students from Nyamuswa. To those kids especially, the questions posed prior are not merely contemplations on "another

world" (i.e., the "Third"), but rather "facts of life" in the place they happened to be born—both statements I find issue with. It is my firm belief that the world they envision and the quality of opportunities available to them should look no different solely due to their place in a global so-

ciety that has labeled them the bottom rung.

With that, I hope these wonderings and their implications linger. I know they certainly have for me. Asante sana—Thank you.

FIELD DAY: FROM PAGE 5

Sorenson. "Also, having direct access to expertise regarding oat production is crucial for decision-making, as we are seeing a rapid increase in oat production acres across northern Iowa."

Registration and refreshments will start at 8:30 a.m., and the field day will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend, and the meeting is open to the public.

Those who are attending are encouraged to register by June 22 by calling Matt Schnabel at 641-762-

3247 or emailing northernrf@iastat.edu. Certified Crop Adviser continuing education credits will be available.

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Masters of the Universe is performing poorly nationally, and at the Windsor Theatre last weekend with only seven people attending. Audiences found it funny and respectful of Eternia's lore. Jared Leto as Skeletor gives a solid performance. If you were a fan of He-Man in the 1980s, you have three more opportunities to see this movie on Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.

highlighting these outstanding individuals, the award aims to inspire others in the field to pursue excellence and innovation.

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Anduril 250

Location: San Diego, Cal.
Date: June 21st, 4:00 p.m.
Last Year's Pole: None
Last Year's Winner: None

Naval Base Coronado

Track Details
Distance: 3.4 Miles
Shape: Street Circuit

The NASCAR Cup Series makes history on June 21st, 2026, for the inaugural running of the Anduril 250. This event takes place at the Qualcomm Circuit, a brand-new, highly anticipated temporary layout constructed directly on Naval Base Coronado in San Diego, California. The event also celebrates the official 250th birthday of the United States Navy alongside the country's semiquincentennial celebrations. Since this is the first race ever held on the Coronado streets, teams have zero historical data to lean on and there is no technical defending race winner. However, road-course aces like Shane van Gisbergen are heavily favored to figure out the tight, 16-turn technical layout first. He will have to battle Denny Hamlin, who enters the weekend with historic momentum after winning three consecutive races over the last month, and San Diego's own hometown hero Jimmie Johnson, who returns to the cockpit for this monumental event. The historic 75-lap street fight will stream live exclusively on Prime Video at 4:00 PM ET.

Last Weekend's Race: Denny Hamlin Won at Pocono

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2026 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten

Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Tyler Reddick	704	12
2) Denny Hamlin	685	11
3) Ryan Blaney	539	11
4) Chase Elliott	509	8
5) Ty Gibbs	506	10
6) Kyle Larson	494	9
7) Chris Buescher	461	8
8) Daniel Suárez	450	5
9) Carson Hocevar	449	7
10) Christopher Bell	421	6

O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Top Ten

Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Justin Allgaier	842	14
2) Jesse Love	592	10
3) Corey Day	575	12
4) Sheldon Creed	569	11
5) Brandon Jones	547	10
6) Austin Hill	523	7
7) Carson Kvyatl	523	9
8) Sammy Smith	504	9
9) Sam Mayer	459	8
10) Parker Retzlaff	446	7

oelighed to the 24 Hours of Le Mans, which wrapped up its grueling three-day race on Sunday, June 14. The premier Hypercar class, top factory efforts faced an absolute war of attrition Early in the week during the June 10-11 qualifying sessions, BMW M Team WRT and the American-backed Heart of Racing Team laid down a massive statement of intent by capturing class pole positions. This set the stage for an intense weekend where North American crossover stars, including full-season sports car regulars from Cadillac Wayne Taylor Racing, battled fiercely on the low-drag French straights against the world's most sophisticated hybrid machinery. Back across the Atlantic the NTT IndyCar Series utilized the weekend to gear up for a major transition to the rolling hills of Wisconsin. Paddock finalized their technical baselines for the upcoming high-speed challenge at Road America. Teams analyzed simulated data from recent street fights to refine their shock-damping and wing configurations. With the championship hunt tightening, drivers began looking in strategies for the four-mile, 14-turn circuit, where raw mechanical grip and high-speed drafting efficiency will dictate the next crucial chapter of the summer calendar.

Racing Trivia

What is the aerodynamic tactic where cars link up nose-to-tail to increase speed?

- a) Loose-tyling
- b) Free-wheeling
- c) Drafting
- d) Side-slingshot

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What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

Toy Story 5 will open nationwide with its first showing at the Windsor Theatre on Friday, June 19. The film will continue to run for two weeks.

Toy Story 5 explores the battle of physical toys competing with digital technology for a child's attention. Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Jessie and the rest of the gang reunite to help Bonnie when her new favorite plaything—a high-tech, frog-shaped smart tablet named Lilypad—threatens to replace them.

Distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures, and produced by Pixar Animation Studios, the film is rated PG for thematic elements and rude humor. Running time is 102 minutes.

While previous Toy Story films received a G rating, the shift to PG reflects the heavier topics explored—such as the toys competing with modern technology for their owner's attention. Almost all major animated features getting a PG rating is now the modern industry trend.

Toy Story 5 features a massive cast of returning favorites and new electronic-age toys, led by Tom Hanks (Woody), Tim Allen (Buzz Lightyear), Joan Cusack (Jessie), and Greta Lee (the new main antagonist, Lilypad).

History of the Toy Story Franchise
Produced by Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney

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"Toy Story 5" PG

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UPCOMING MOVIES:
Visit *www.windsortheatre.com* for details.

Tentative schedule for upcoming movies, FYI. Schedule may change.

July 3 - Minions & Monsters (2 weeks)
July 17 - Young Washington: A Founder's Story
July 24 - Moana (2 weeks)
Aug. 7 - Spider-Man: Brand New Day (2 weeks)
Aug. 21 - The Odyssey
Aug. 28 - Coyote vs. Acme

Pictures, the Toy Story franchise was launched in 1995 as the first feature-length film made entirely with computer-generated imagery (CGI). Over four decades, it evolved from a buddy comedy into a profound exploration of identity, purpose, and moving on.

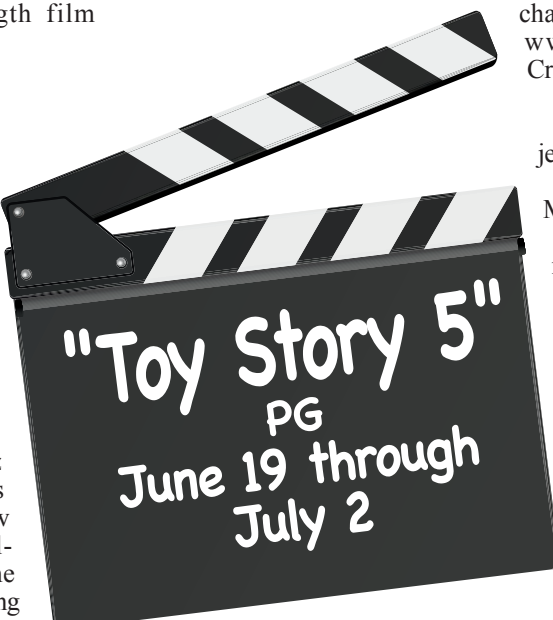
Toy Story (1995): Woody, an old-fashioned cowboy doll, feels threatened when a flashy, high-tech space ranger action figure named Buzz Lightyear becomes their owner Andy's new favorite. Their rivalry strands them in the house of a toy-destroying neighbor, forcing them to team up and become best friends.

Toy Story 2 (1999): Woody is accidentally stolen by a greedy toy collector and discovers he is a highly valuable collectible from a classic 1950s TV show. While his old gang pressures him to stay preserved in a museum forever, Buzz and the rest of the toys embark on a rescue mission to bring him home to Andy.

Toy Story 3 (2010): As Andy prepares to leave for college, his toys mistakenly get donated to Sunnyside Daycare. The daycare turns out to be a totalitarian prison run by a vengeful teddy bear named Lotso. The toys must execute a daring escape before Andy eventually gifts them to a young girl named Bonnie.

Toy Story 4 (2019): Now happily living with Bonnie, Woody

struggles to adapt when he is no longer her favorite toy.



"Toy Story 5"
PG
June 19 through July 2

During an RV road trip, he reunites with his long-lost friend Bo Peep and embarks on a journey that forces him to discover what it means to live life entirely for himself.

Showtimes and Ticket Prices

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.

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

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The Windsor Theatre offers several gift options for movie lovers:

- “Windsor Bucks” are available in \$5 and \$1 amounts for tickets or concessions.
- A \$100 Popcorn Card provides a free large popcorn and one refill each day through March 1, 2027, with no ticket required for concessions.
- Movie passes cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth (16 and under), and a Punch Card offers 25 punches for \$20.
- Businesses or individuals can also sponsor a movie for \$300 and receive 100 tickets.

To purchase a gift option, stop by during regular hours or mail your request with a check payable to Windsor Theatre, PO Box 303, Hampton, IA 50441. You can also call or text Jim Davies at 641-425-4707.

The Windsor Theatre is



available for individuals/groups, businesses, organizations and churches to rent. Consider the Windsor for a birthday party, private showing, class reunion, meeting, awards ceremony, employee gathering, family reunion, your wedding, playing video games on the big screen at a cost of \$50/hour.

A microphone sound system and overhead stage and spotlights are included. Your laptop can be hooked up to the digital projector to show PowerPoint presentations or used with Wi-

Fi. A DVD/Blu-ray player is ready to use with the digital projector. The concession stand can be open for your event.

Contact Windsor Theatre manager Jim Davies for pricing and open dates on the calendar.

Jim can also check with his booking agent on availability of other movies in addition to those on the regular schedule.

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Stories from Franklin County's Past: From Shobe's Grove to Sheffield

BY CAROL SENSOR
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Sheffield is celebrating its 150th birthday on June 27th. This week's story looks back at the town's beginning.

The history of Sheffield actually began a few miles northwest of current day Sheffield at a place called Shobe's Grove. Shobe's Grove is located on Bailey's Creek in Section 1 of Richland Township and was named after John Shobe. He settled there in 1855, improved a farm, and was active in the township affairs until 1868. Although the town was never platted, a Shobe's Grove post office was established in 1861 with John Shobe commissioned as the presiding officer. There was, and still is, a Shobe's Grove Cemetery approximately 1 ½ miles west of Sheffield. This little settlement is now considered one of Franklin County's ghost towns.

While there still was a post office in Shobe's Grove, several families settled in Section 9 of Clinton Township. Clinton Township was originally part of Washington Township, which was divided in 1879, creating Ross and Clinton Townships. The families who came early to this area included L.W. Bailey from Ohio (1856), S.E. Baker from Illinois (1857), John Goldsberry, and John Goldsberry, Jr (1857). A.F. Crosby from Ohio settled in Section 9 in 1859. He was a farmer and ran a blacksmith shop. Section 9 would become part of the town site of Sheffield.

The village of Sheffield was located on Section 4 and was laid out for Charles C. Gilman and platted by Albert Gilman in 1874. Mr. Gilman was president of the Central Railroad of Iowa and lived in Marshalltown. He named the town Sheffield in memory of a friend. Most likely his friend was W.H. Sheffield who was a director of the Central Railroad of Iowa and president of the Hardin County Bank in Eldora.

In early 1874, the Shobe's Grove post office closed and a new one established in Sheffield. W. S. Bowen was appointed as the first postmaster. The railroad company started building in Sheffield by putting up a frame depot in March of 1874. The depot was located on the east side of First Street between Thompson and Gilman Streets. Soon afterward, James Thompson built a small frame house in which he placed a small stock of merchandise.

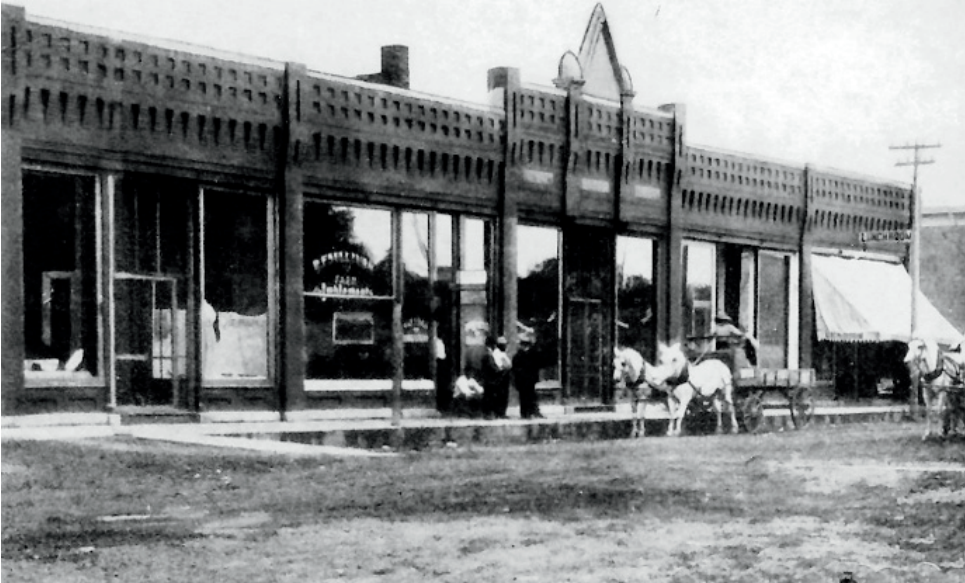
In 1874, several businesses were opened including: Joseph Perrin starting a blacksmith shop; A.F. Crosby began a wagon making business; Elias Whitney built a frame house that became the first hotel; and a second hotel was built by John Bolton.

The first physician to practice in Sheffield was Dr. J. M. Potter who began in 1875. He also opened a drug store. M. Linchrist opened the first hardware business also in 1875. S.E. Spaulding was the first furniture dealer beginning in 1876. Two years later, he sold his business to R.D. Churchhouse.

The first school building erected in Sheffield was built in 1875. Public meetings, festivals, and religious services were often held in this building. The first instructor was A. O. Hemming. Religious services held in the school building included the First Baptist Church and the German Baptist Church.



Sheffield 1891 Decoration Day celebration.



Main Street, Sheffield

Sheffield was incorporated in 1876 and elected the first town officials. W.S. Bowen was mayor; M. Crawford, recorder; R. Wilde, H.K. Phelps, S. F. Spaulding, P.A. Pope, and G. A. Culver were trustees. The town continued to grow, and by 1879, the population was 250.

The Sheffield Press was established in 1880 by R. P. Morgan. A third hotel was opened in 1880 by E. C. Schader and was called Galena House. The cemetery society was also formed during the year 1880.

The first bank was the Sheffield Bank opening on Jan. 1, 1880. The partners in the bank were: T. B. Taylor (Hampton), W.D. Evans (Hampton), and L.B. Carhart. Mr. Carhart was the manager. In 1890, the bank building was constructed on the corner of Gilman and Second Streets. The bank also had insurance, real estate, and loan departments.

In 1891, a second private financial institution opened called Citizens Bank. C. F. Johnston was the proprietor. In 1900, the Farmers and Merchants Bank, a private institution, was organized. William Storck was the principal owner and president.

Two devastating fires occurred in the fledgling town, one in 1889 and the other in 1894. The second fire caused a loss of nearly the entire business district. When the business owners rebuilt, they chose to build with brick rather than wood. One new two-story brick structure was a hotel built on the corner of Railroad and Gilman Streets by Judge Vermilya of Mason

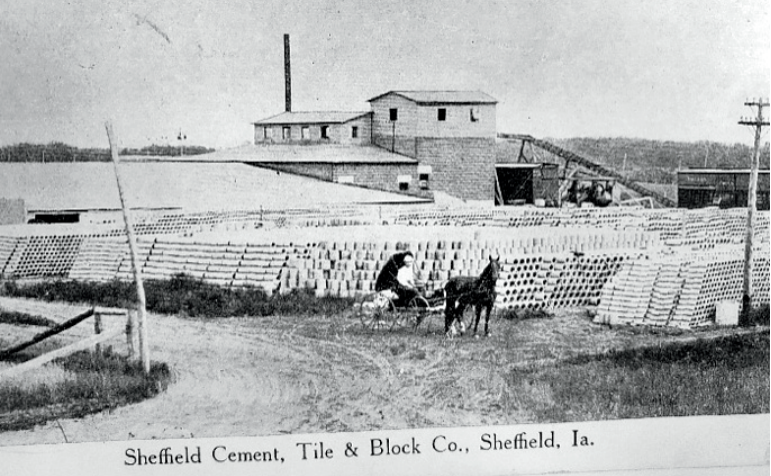
City and run by his son, Thorne Vermilya. This also led to the creation of a fire engine house.

Sheffield Brick & Tile Company was incorporated in 1908. The owners were: L.B. Carhart, C.C. Carhart, H. L. Carhart, and C. L. Smith. The Sheffield Brick & Tile Company purchased 35 acres of land, part of which had been converted into a brick and tile yard, from E. P. Fox. The land contained quality clay perfect for commercial purposes. The new company built a new plant and began production. In 1913, the company shipped 1,300 train cars of brick, drain tile, and building blocks to non-local customers. Locally, 750 wagonloads were sold that year.

Electric lights were installed in 1909. The owners of the brick and tile factory, H.L. and C.C. Carhart, installed a dynamo-electric machine at their business, erected poles, and strung wire throughout the town. They generated enough power to light up both Sheffield and nearby Rockwell in Cerro Gordo County.

By 1920, the town was an active trade center with a full complement of businesses and professionals. The town was served by two railroads: the Central Railroad of Iowa and the St. Paul & Des Moines (also known as the Short Line).

As Sheffield grew and developed, it was an American melting pot of people from a variety of backgrounds and a wide range of countries of origin. Next week's story will focus on a few of these Sheffield pioneers.



Sheffield Cement, Tile & Block Co., Sheffield, Ia.

Sheffield Cement, Tile & Block Company.



M. & St. L. Station, Sheffield, Ia.

Sheffield train station.

BOOK DRIVE: FROM PAGE 4

In addition to donating the five new book houses, Franklin REC partnered with fellow organizations and community members to restock existing community book houses throughout its service area. Libraries in Rockwell, Geneva, Ackley, Hampton, Beeds Lake, Latimer, and additional locations received fresh collections of books, resulting in a total of eight library restocks this spring.

The success of the initiative was made possible through numerous book donations and strong community support. Franklin REC extends its sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed books, volunteered their time, or helped spread the word about



Donated books from Franklin REC in Ackley.

the project.

“Seeing our communities come together to support literacy in such a meaningful

way has been truly inspiring,” said Communications Madison Alert. “These little libraries may be small in size, but their impact in encouraging reading, imagination, and connection across our rural communities is significant.”

Community members are encouraged to visit the book houses, discover a new story, and participate in the tradition of “take a book, leave a book” so that others can continue to enjoy the experience of reading.

Through initiatives like the Community Book Drive, Franklin REC remains committed to strengthening the communities it serves and creating opportunities that enrich the lives of local residents.

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Chicken and Rice Casserole,
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Vegetable, Chocolate Chip
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Tuesday, June 23
Ham Loaf, Sweet Potatoes,
Whole Wheat Roll, Vegetable,
Fruit

Wednesday, June 24
Salisbury Steak, Mashed
Potatoes with Mushroom
Gravy, Whole Wheat Roll,
Vegetable, Fruit

Thursday, June 25
Chicken Alfredo Penne,
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Fruit and Cookie

Friday, June 26
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If you're celebrating a wedding anniversary.
If you move out of town.
If someone moves into your neighborhood.
If someone enters a hospital.
If a business is opening or closing.
If something interesting is happening.

The Hampton Chronicle attempts to cover the news in Franklin county and adjoining areas as thoroughly as possible, and we appreciate it when you let us help you get the word out! We hope you'll let us know if you have news by emailing news@hampton-chronicle.com, or by calling or texting 515-988-3726.

Thanks for letting us know!

Class of ‘76 Dedicates Bench

The Hampton High School Class of 1976 celebrated its 50-year reunion last weekend. Among the activities was the dedication of a permanent bench in Bandshell Park, honoring classmates who have passed away. Pictured with class members is Roger Hansen, retired Hampton High School guidance counselor and coach, seated second from the right. Photo by Rich Potter.



Post Office Prepares Special Delivery for La Luz

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

The Hampton Post Office prepared a special delivery for La Luz Centro Cultural a week ago — more than 200 pounds of donated goods for their food pantry.

Hampton Postmaster Mike Arndorfer told the Chronicle that his carriers participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers’ food drive every year, collecting donated food from community members on

the second Saturday of May. He said they are happy to do their part by helping put food on the table for those who are struggling.

La Luz’s Valeria Gonzalez picked up the 28 bags from the post office last week, before dropping it off at their headquarters.

La Luz’s food pantry is held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. It can be found at 7 2nd Ave NE in Hampton.



Hampton Post Office Supervisor Penelope Shaw with the donations before they were delivered to La Luz. Photo provided by Valeria Gonzalez

OBITUARIES

In loving memory of
Karen K. Hotchkiss
1939-2026

Karen K. Hotchkiss, 86, of Rowan, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion.

Graveside service were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 15, 2026 at Graceland Cemetery in Rowan with Herb Schreur officiating. Family and friends are invited to the United Church of Rowan for lunch and fellowship following the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Rowan Public Library.

Karen Kay, daughter of Merlin and Verla (Boone) Bobst, was born on August 30, 1939 near Dows. Karen grew up outside of Alexander and graduated from Alexander High School.

Karen was united in marriage to Dean Krabbe. The couple had four children – Larry, Pam, Kim, and Scott. On February 20, 1981, Karen was united in marriage to the love of her life, Richard Hotchkiss.

Karen worked at Maytag for 10 years before moving to North Carolina with Richard where they spent 22 years. They moved back to Rowan in 2005 to retire.

Karen enjoyed being outside and tending to her flowers. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and looked forward to her weekend shopping trips with Kim and going out to eat with Virginia Parks and Bonnie Leist. In her later years, Karen’s faith got her through life’s tough times. Her dogs, Kia and Buffy, and cats, Pumpkin and Missie K were her joy.

Karen is survived by her children Larry Krabbe of Clarion, Kim Crafton of Rowan, and Pam (John) Davis of South Carolina; grandchildren Matt Crafton, Josh (Lacy) Krabbe, Tyler (Hanna) Krabbe, and Felicia Davis; great-grandchildren Caden, Harlow, Peyton, Amelia, Wren, and Jax; and special friend, Pam Fett.

She is preceded in death by her husband Richard in 2022; son Scott Krabbe; grandson Derrick Krabbe; and siblings Jerry Peyton and Mike Bobst.

Death Notices

Sandra "Sandy" Jean Granzow

Sandra "Sandy" Jean Granzow (née Jackson), 86, of Cedar Park, Texas, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2026. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls with burial to follow in the Jackson Township Cemetery in rural Owasa. Those who wish to be notified of service details may contact the family at sandygranzowmemorial@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Alzheimer’s Association at alz.org in Sandy’s memory. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls.

Hampton Bluegrass Festival returns for 11th year, led by longtime organizer Lori King

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The 11th annual Hampton Bluegrass & Country Music Festival kicked off Wednesday at the Franklin County Fairgrounds, continuing a long-running tradition led by organizer Lori King.

King, a full-time musician who produces events across Iowa, has helped lead the Hampton festival for more than a decade. The event was originally organized by the Bluegrass Music Association of Iowa, which King founded in 2009 and dissolved in 2020. She now continues the festival through Lori King Productions.

This year’s festival opened Wednesday evening with a community potluck dinner at 6:00, followed by an open jam session. Admission was free, although a freewill donation was appreciated.

“So this was a festival that had been ran by Bluegrass Music Association of Iowa. But prior to that, there was a gal that was managing a festival here a couple times a year from California,” King says. “And she had kind of gotten older and just couldn’t do it anymore. And so some of the people that had been attending that festival for years came to me and said, ‘hey, would you be willing to take this over?’ And so I did. So that was 11 or 12 years ago. So we’ve been here ever since and like I said, built a good relationship with the community, with the people here and just really enjoy coming to Hampton. It’s a very friendly little town and we

like to be here.”

Stage performances began Thursday with Gospel Night and continued through Saturday. Performers included Highway Home Bluegrass, Bluegrass Blondies, the Roe Family Singers, William Lawson, Dale Eichor and the Bluegrass Doctors, Lori and Joe King, and The Kenaston’s Band.

In addition to the performances, the festival included open stage opportunities, informal jam sessions, instrument workshops, and one of its most popular traditions – the band scrambles held Friday and Saturday afternoons.

King says the scrambles have grown from a one-day activity into a festival favorite.

“Musicians pay \$5 to get in the band scramble and we put like guitar players in one, mandolin, banjo, dobro, fiddle and bass,” King says. “And usually we have five or six bass players so there’s usually five or six bands. We start with the bass players because you have to have a bass in the band then we start just drawing them out and however many musicians are in that then they get to be in the band scramble. They have to come up with a name for their band and they have to come up with two or three songs and then they perform on stage and then the audience applause determines the winner and whoever wins gets the money that the entry that was paid in so the \$5 goes back to the winning band.”

All entertainment took place inside the Franklin County Convention Center.

FAREWELL: FROM COVER

2001.

While on the VA Commission, he has helped make many decisions that have benefitted local veterans, including planning of outreach efforts, events, memorials, services and more.

Madetzke said there are many veterans in the area who are too proud to ask for help, so it’s their job to encourage them

to accept resources when those are available. He said they also aim to encourage those who don’t want to work.

According to Madetzke, it is their job to stay within budget, while helping as many veterans as possible.

Madetzke is currently joined by Tom Tegatz and Mike Stock on the VA commission.

Lauren Meader Joins FBH As Loan Processor

PRESS RELEASE

First Bank Hampton is pleased to announce that Lauren Meader has accepted a position as a Loan Processor. Lauren is a recent graduate of Iowa State University, where she earned a degree in Finance, and she brings both strong academic knowledge and valuable hands-on banking experience to her new role.

A 2022 graduate of Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School, Lauren recently returned to the Hampton community following her college graduation. She

began working part-time as a Teller at First Bank Hampton last year, where she developed strong relationships with customers and gained practical experience in daily banking operations. This foundation will serve her well as she transitions into loan processing.

Lauren resides in Hampton with her parents, Brad and Kelly Meader, and has two siblings, Caitlin and Gavin. Outside of work, she enjoys playing golf and fishing with her boyfriend, Eddy, as well as spending time with her new rescue pup, Raven. She is also a member of Faith

Baptist Church. Since returning home, Lauren looks forward to becoming more involved in the community that helped shape her and is eager to give back.

“We are excited to see Lauren take this next step with First Bank Hampton,” said Dave Heuberger, Chairman of the Board. “She has already been a valued member of our team, and we look forward to the knowledge, energy, and hometown connection she brings to her new role as Loan Processor.”

First Bank Hampton is proud to have Lauren continue her career with the organization and



Lauren Meader

looks forward to the contributions she will make as part of the bank’s lending team.

Pop-Up Bakery

A pop-up bakery was held at First and Second Vintage Too on Saturday morning, June 13, featuring everything from cookies and cakes to jams and savory breads. Check out photos of the vendors below.



Adrian and Matt with Koenig Acres Farm.



Lauren Kurth and Evan Reil with Small Town Eats & Treats.



Jasmyne, Collin and baby Dalila with The Bread Lady.



Kendra Pillard with Kake Pop Creations.



Regina Meyer with Daily Bread.



Marci and Heather Howrey with Reed Creations.



Michelle Hartman, aka the “Crazy Tupperware Lady,” with her decorated sugar cookies.



Sandy Tull with her collection of cinnamon rolls, muffins and macarons.



Rebekah Simmons with Bekah’s Bakery.

BAPTIST Faith Baptist <i>Lead Pastor: Robert Anderstrom</i> Address: 1701 Central Ave E., PO Box 515, Hampton, IA 50441 Telephone: 641-456-4887 Website: faith-hampton.com Facebook: FBC-Hampton • Sunday, June 14, 9:30am Worship, 10:45am Sunday School Classes • Tuesday, June 16, 9:30am, Women’s Prayer • Wednesday, June 17 8:30am, Men’s Prayer • Sunday, June 21 9:30am, Worship, Donuts for Dads, Father’s Day Car Show, • Tuesday, June 23 9:30am, Women’s Prayer , 6:30pm, Council Meeting • Wednesday, June 24 8:30am, Men’s Prayer • Sunday, June 28, 9:30am Worship, Sunday School Classes • Tuesday, June 30 9:30am, Women’s Prayer, 6:30pm, Council Meeting • Wednesday July 1 8:30am, Men’s Prayer	<i>Pastor Caleb Helmen</i> • 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 <i>Sheffield</i> 422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475 • Sunday 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion St. Paul’s Lutheran 17 2nd St NE, Hampton <i>Vicar Caitlin Tauro</i> • Sunday service, 9 a.m. • Quilting, Wednesday at 9 a.m. • Sunday radio broadcast, 8 p.m. on KLMJ 104.9 St. Paul’s Lutheran 304 W Main, Latimer <i>Reverend Joel Peter Wagner</i> • Sunday, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Study & Sunday School; 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 <i>Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen,</i> <i>Vicar - Tyler Linneman,</i> • Sunday, June 14: 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 AM 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 <i>Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen,</i> <i>Pastor</i> • Sunday, 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, May 20: 5:30- 6:30 FREE Community meal • Sunday, May 24: 10:00	worship • Sunday, May 31: 10:00 worship METHODIST Ackley United Methodist 416 Hardin St., Ackley <i>Pastor Calvin Scholte</i> • Sundays, 9-9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship Service First United Methodist 510 Thompson St., Sheffield <i>Pastor Pastor Wendy Johannessen</i> • 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 <i>Pastor Dennis Burns</i> • Wednesday, June 17, 2:00pm NAOMI Circle, 5:00pm LEAH Circle • Thursday, June 18, 9:30am BeFriendsers, 10:30am Chapel @ Leahy Grove • Saturday, June 20, 5:00pm Worship Service • Sunday, June 21, 9:30am Women's Bible Study, 11:00am Worship Service, 11:30am Radio Broadcast-KLMJ 104.9 FM, 12:00pm Fellowship, 12:30pm Facebook Broadcast • Monday June, 22 1:30pm God's FLOCK • Tuesday, June 23 1:30pm Faithful Stitchers West Fork United Methodist 2200 Tulip Ave., Sheffield <i>Pastor Wendy Johannessen</i> New Hope United Methodist Parish: Aredale, Bristow, Dumont <i>Pastor Dennis Burns</i> • 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 <i>Rev. Judy Eilderts</i> • 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 <i>Pastor Brian Rihner</i> www.clwhampton.org • Sundays, 9 a.m. Worship • Wee Ones Christian Preschool: Mon., Tues., Thurs.; 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. 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Petri van Rooyen, Pastor</i> Office Hours: M,W, Th: 8-Noon • Bad Weather KLMJ* • Thursday, June 4, 10am Hope Circle • Sunday, June 7, *Food Pantry* 8:30 am Men’s Bible Study, Holy Communion, 9:15am Worship, WOZ Meeting @10:30am • Monday, June 8, 1:30pm Vesper Circle • Wednesday, June 10, 9am Sunrise Circle • Thursday, June 11, 7pm Consistory • Sunday, June 14, Flag Day! Outside Service Potluck to follow service-dedication to the new playground, 7pm Joy Circle • Wednesday, June 16, Latimer Over 60’s • Wenesday, June 17, 6:30pm Family Ministry • Sunday, June 21, *Happy Father's Day* • Monday, June 22, VBS WEEK • Thursday, June 25, 7pm Faith Circle • Sunday, June 28, 9:15am Worship 9:15 am service, VBS Program/10:30am RCYF serving Beef burgers/ice cream, Freewill offering • Tuesday, June 30, Latimer Over 60’s Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church 605 4th St. NE, Hampton <i>Pastor Steven Shafer</i> Phone: 641-424-3055 Email: SDAHamptonIA@gmail.com • Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion	• June 4 –Thurs, Pastor Karen will provide worship at Sheffield Care Center. • June 7 – Sunday Worship with Communion (10am) • June 11 –Thurs, Pastor Karen will provide worship at Sheffield Care Center. • June 14 –Sunday Worship (10am), Coffee Fellowship (11am) • June 17 – Wed, Trustees Meeting (6pm), Cabinet Meeting (6:45pm) • June 18 – Thurs, Pastor Peggy will provide worship at Sheffield Care Center. • June 21 – Father’s Day, Sunday Worship (10am) • June 25 – Thurs, Pastor Peggy will provide worship at Sheffield Care Center. June 28 – Sunday Worship (10am) • June 29 – Monday - Newsletter deadline • June 30 – Tuesday - Sewing Circle will meet at 9:30am. All are welcome. Immanuel U.C.C. 204 E. South St., Latimer <i>Pastor Joe Dunnwald</i> • Sunday, June 7, Worship/ Communion at 9:30am, Senior High Graduates coffee 10:30am • Sunday, June 14, Lawn Chair Liturgy at 9:30am (Trailside Park) • Sunday June 21, Worship/ Father's Day/B.Bank at 9:30am, Donuts for Dad 10:30am • Sunday, June 28, Worship/ Noisy offering at 9:30am, Mid- Year Meeting 10:30am St. Peter's United Church Of Christ – Geneva 496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633 • Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Featured speakers: May 24 - Erran Miller (Memorial Sunday) Service at the cemetery 10:00, No 10:30 service May 31 - James Koop
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NEWS

FCDA Accepting Applications for Seat on Board

PRESS RELEASE FRANKLIN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION The Franklin County Development Association (FCDA) is accepting applications to fill an open seat on its Board of Directors. The FCDA leads efforts to	strengthen and expand economic development opportunities across Franklin County, Iowa. Its work centers on supporting existing businesses, encouraging new enterprise creation, and developing financing tools that drive industrial growth and housing development. “FCDA’s mission is to fos-	ter a thriving local economy by helping businesses grow and communities prosper,” said the association’s leadership team. “We’re looking for individuals who share that commitment and want to help shape Franklin County’s future.” Applicants must either reside in Franklin County or be em-	ployed full-time at a business located within the county. Application materials are available on the Franklin County Development Association website or at the Center One office, 5 First Street SW, Hampton, Iowa 50441. For more information, call 641-456-5668.
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MISS DUMONT: FROM COVER

volve cows. She’s a member of FFA, along with being an active participant of Bethel Reformed Church and their praise team. Her achievements include excelling at Chapter FFA events, including the Greenhand Test. She hopes to work with large animals, like cows, someday and live on a farm. She is the daughter of Susie and James Rogers. Miss Dumont was announced by Chronicle editor	Jennifer Burnham during the supper at the fire station that evening. As Miss Dumont, Kylie received a rose bouquet donated by Everbloom Flower Co., a \$150 award provided by the Dumont Community Club and a crown donated by Christensen Jewelry in Hampton. She was crowned by last year’s Miss Dumont, Mikenzi Davis.
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Then [Joseph] turned away from [his brothers] and wept. (v. 24)

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God spared Joseph’s life on several occasions, in preparation for the work of leadership he would be called to do, and the work of forgiveness that serves as a model for each of us. When Joseph’s brothers showed up from Canaan, looking for food and willing to humble themselves before the Egyptian governor to get it, Joseph was forced to decide between revenge and reconciliation.
When Rueben, the firstborn, referenced his ignored directive from all those years ago, “Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy?” (v. 22), Joseph had to turn aside and weep, possibly in that moment choosing a forgiveness that he would reveal when the brothers returned and showed their own changed hearts (Genesis 45).
Joseph’s forgiveness opened the door to the richness of reconciliation after a long, hard season of hurt. Do you have someone you need to reconcile with so you can lay down the burden of pain you’ve carried? Is there someone who needs to receive your long-withheld apology so they can heal?
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Source: 2024 Cancer in Iowa Report



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TUE 16	TUESDAY ON THE TOWN , First Security Bank & Trust, 5:30 p.m. at Band Shell Park
WED 17	PUBLIC RECEPTION FOR JENNIFER BURNHAM , 5 to 7 p.m. at Peace Plaza FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS PICNIC , 5:30 at Harriman Park
FRI-SAT 19-20	HAMPTON SPECIALTY SHOPS , Sip, Shop & Stroll (check their Facebook page for details)
SAT 20	COULTER FUN DAY , from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
SAT-SUN 20-21	IOWA RIVER PLAYERS PRESENTS “THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK” , 901 W. Broadway St., Rowan, IA
SUN 21	FATHER’S DAY CAR SHOW , from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Faith Baptist Church

Hampton Public Library

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Each week, the Hampton Public Library will share a book recommendation in the Chronicle.

On May 1 of every year, a serial killer stalks a small town. Every year he comes for someone else... The book opens on May 1, 1992. Jules Delaney and Quinn Riley barely know each other. By the next morning, their lives are forever connected. Jules barely survives the elusive "May Day Killer" and Quinn is arrested for assault and eventually sent to juvenile detention.

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Twisty, high-concept and emotionally charged, The Anniversary does not disappoint! This book is a race to the finish and will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last page!

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UPCOMING

WELCOME BACK TO STORYTIME!

Storytime is for children 12 months of age through kindergarten. There will be books read, songs, rhymes, movement activities and more. Storytime will be held on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Families are welcome to stay afterwards for playtime. There will be different toys, games, and activities provided each week for informal play. Please do not bring your own toys. Storytime will repeat at 6:00 p.m. that same day. (without playtime)



CIVIC CALENDAR

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: DETAILS: Tuesday 8:30 AM Franklin County Courthouse	FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD: DETAILS: Second Thursday, 4:30 PM, Center 1	FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD: DETAILS: Second Monday of month, 6:30 PM Maynes Grove Shelter	FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH DETAILS: Second Monday every other month (usually) February 13th 4:00 PM	GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: DETAILS: 3rd Monday of the month at noon at Center 1.
ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING: DETAILS: Second Tuesday	ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Alexander Library, 409 Harriman St City Council meetings on the First Tuesday of every month	COULTER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM	DOWS CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: First Monday of every month 6:00 PM	DUMONT CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Thursday 7:00 PM At EMS Center Dumont
GENEVA CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Tuesday of every month 6:30 PM	HANSELL CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Wednesday every month, Community Center 7:00 PM	LATIMER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Second Wednesday, 6:30 PM	SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS: Every second Monday of the month at 6 PM	FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS: DETAILS: First Tuesday of the Month 4:00 PM, Franklin County Veterans Affairs Office
ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Third Wednesday of every month	HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Board meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 PM Library board meets to discuss library business, budgeting, funding and happenings.	DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS: Dumont Public Library Second Wednesday of every month	HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: Fourth Monday of the month 6:00 PM	WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: Third Monday of the Month, 5:00 PM, West Fork High School Sheffield
CAL SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM	ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: DETAILS: 5:30 PM City Council Chambers	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 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: DETAILS: First Wednesday of month, 7:00 PM Franklin County Law Enforcement Center	FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL: DETAILS: Franklin County Extension Council ISU Extension & Outreach 6 2nd St. NW, Hampton 50441 Council members help determine local priorities for agricultural, youth (4-H), health and human science, and community/economic development program areas.

POLICE & SHERIFF REPORT

Monday, June 8:
Hampton Police Department
8:44 a.m.: False 911 call in the 100 block of 12th Ave NW in Hampton
10:01 a.m.: Miscellaneous call from the 100 block of 1st Ave SW in Hampton
10:25 a.m.: Report of theft/larceny over \$200 in the 100 block of 1st Ave SW in Hampton
1:24 p.m.: Report of an alarm in the 500 block of 4th Ave SE in Hampton.
1:37 p.m.: Phone call to return from an unknown location in Hampton
2:33 p.m.: Phone call to return from the 10 block of N Federal St in Hampton
3:59 p.m.: Report of articles found in the 600 block of 1st St NW in Hampton
5:15 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from the 400 block of 8th Ave SW in Hampton
5:38 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from 12th Ave NE in Hampton
9:03 p.m.: Report of an alarm in the 100 block of Windsor Blvd in Hampton
9:50 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 800 block of Central Ave W in Hampton
9:56 p.m.: Traffic stop at Olive Ave north of Highway 3 in Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
1:19 a.m.: Traffic stop on Main St and 2nd St in Coulter
1:29 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1400 block of 165th St in Hampton
10:30 a.m.: Prisoner transport in the 1100 block of 14th Ave in Eldora
2:35 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 500 block of Roward Road in Dows
2:37 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from the 300 block of Walnut St in Bradford
2:40 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 2100 block of 105th St in Geneva.
4:05 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 1000 block of Highway 3 in Latimer
5:08 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on 190th St, a half mile west of 65, in Hampton
5:46 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 800 block of 190th St in Hampton
6:40 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from the 2400 block of Highway 3 in Hampton.
7:11 p.m.: Motorist assist in the 10 block of 1st St NW in Hampton
7:26 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 2100 block of Highway 65 in Sheffield
7:57 p.m.: False 911 call from the 300 block of South St in Geneva
8:29 p.m.: Phone call to return from the 200 block of 12th Ave NE in Hampton
8:56 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 500 block of Oakland Dr in Alden
9:07 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 2300 block of 190th St in Hansell
9:21 p.m.: Report of a domestic matter at 190th and Warbler in Dumont.
9:54 p.m.: Booking information

Tuesday, June 9:
Hampton Police Department
10:41 a.m.: Ambulance call in the 400 block of 2nd Ave SW in Hampton
10:55 a.m.: False 911 call in the 1200 block of 3rd St NW in Hampton
11:06 a.m.: Report of suspicious

activity at the west ball diamonds in Hampton
4:01 p.m.: Services/traffic control in the 400 block of 4th St SE in Hampton
4:02 p.m.: Welfare check in the 500 block of 7th Ave NW in Hampton
4:50 p.m.: Parking ordinance in the 800 block of 6th St SW in Hampton
4:48 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny over \$200 in the 20 block of 1st St NW in Hampton
5:39 p.m.: Phone call to return
5:45 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 10 block of 2nd St SE in Hampton
8:21 p.m.: Medical assist in the 20 block of 1st St NW in Hampton
9:08 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from Willies Sports Bar in Hampton
9:34 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from Kwik Star in Hampton
11:44 p.m.: Traffic stop at Progress Park in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
1:23 a.m.: Traffic stop at Hardin Road and 13th St in Ackley
2:16 a.m.: Assist other agencies in the 1700 block of Hardin Road in Ackley
4:22 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 2200 block of Hardin Road in Ackley
4:45 a.m.: Report of a fire in the 900 block of Main Street in Popejoy
7:09 a.m.: Call for dispatch from I-35 northbound in Dows
7:34 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 1100 block of Highway 57 in Iowa Falls
8:21 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 1500 block of Warbler Ave in Hampton
8:47 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 500 block of 190th St in Latimer
9:33 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn in the 1300 block of 140th St in Hampton
9:44 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 400 block of 190th St in Alexander
11:02 a.m.: Call for dispatch from I-35 northbound near mile marker 165 in Latimer
11:32 a.m.: Prisoner transport in the 100 block of 5th St SW in Hampton
12:56 p.m.: Report of an alarm in the 800 block of Finch Ave in Dows
3:39 p.m.: Traffic complaints at 255th St and Thrush in Sheffield
3:56 p.m.: Phone call to return from the 200 block of N Franklin St in Ackley
4:13 p.m.: Traffic complaints on Lark and 250th St in Sheffield
6:36 p.m.: Traffic stop on Highway 3 and Heather in Coulter
9:51 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from the 1100 block of 190th St in Hampton
9:58 p.m.: Assist other agencies in Butler County

Wednesday, June 10:
Hampton Police Department
4:07 a.m.: Parking ordinance in the 100 block of 2nd St NW in Hampton
4:08 a.m.: Parking ordinance in the 10 block of 2nd Ave NW in Hampton
4:53 a.m.: Traffic stop on Imperial Road in Hampton
4:54 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 1200 block of Imperial Road in Hampton
8:33 a.m.: Call for information from the 300 block of 2nd Ave NW in Hampton
8:46 a.m.: Services/traffic control in the 10 block of 2nd St NW in Hampton

2:36 p.m.: Call regarding animals other than dogs in the 100 block of 2nd Ave SW in Hampton
2:55 p.m.: Report of missing property in an unknown location in Hampton
3:17 a.m.: Call regarding dogs in the 400 block of 5th St SW in Hampton
3:50 p.m.: Ambulance call in the 400 block of 2nd Ave SW in Hampton.
6:26 p.m.: Report of family dispute in the 300 block of 2nd St NW in Hampton
9:10 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 500 block of 12th Ave NE in Hampton
10:06 p.m.: Traffic stop on Highway 3 and Highway 65 in Hampton
10:32 p.m.: Miscellaneous call in the 500 block of 8th Ave SW in Hampton.
10:53 p.m.: Report of property damage at the Mcdonald's in Hampton
11:52 p.m.: Booking information

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
1:22 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 10 block of 3rd St NE in Hampton
7:46 a.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Cardinal Ave in Dows
11:39 a.m.: False 911 call on Central Ave E in Hampton
12:27 p.m.: False 911 call from Highway 3, west of Hampton
12:30 p.m.: Assist other agencies on I-35 southbound near mile marker 164 in Latimer
1:14 p.m.: Phone call to return from Grant St in Coulter
4:23 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 1200 block of 250th St in Sheffield
4:48 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from Oakwood Drive in Sheffield
4:58 p.m.: Report of harassment from Thompson St in Sheffield
5:57 p.m.: Call regarding dogs on Front Street in Geneva
9:11 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle on Olive Ave and Highway 3 in Hampton
9:47 p.m.: Search warrant on Walnut St in Bradford

Thursday, June 11:
Hampton Police Department
1:33 a.m.: Assist county department in the 400 block of 10th Ave NW in Hampton.
1:53 a.m.: Miscellaneous call from Franklin Country View in Hampton
2:17 a.m.: Report of harassment in the 100 block of 6th St NW in Hampton.
4:06 a.m.: Parking ordinance in the 100 block of 2nd St NW in Hampton
4:11 a.m.: Parking ordinance in the 200 block of 1st St NW in Hampton
4:18 a.m.: Parking ordinance in the 10 block of 1st SW in Hampton.
11:49 a.m.: Bikes/skates/skateboards in the 400 block of 1st St NE in Hampton.
1:29 p.m.: Ambulance call in the 700 block of 2nd St SE in Hampton
1:40 p.m.: False 911 calls in the 100 block of ½ 1st Ave NW in Hampton
1:55 p.m.: Call for information from an unknown location in Hampton
2:07 p.m.: Call regarding dogs in the 100 block of ½ 1st St SE in Hampton
2:11 p.m.: Report of juveniles in the 200 block of 3rd Ave SW in Hampton
2:52 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from the courthouse in Hampton
3:24 p.m.: Report of harassment at the soccer field in Hampton

3:57 p.m.: Warrants-local at the courthouse in Hampton
3:41 p.m.: Telephone call in the 500 block of 4th St SE in Hampton
9:16 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from the 100 block of 6th St NW in Hampton
9:51 p.m.: Traffic stop in the 2100 block of 5th St NW in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
12:20 a.m.: Search warrant on 10th Ave NE in Hampton
12:26 a.m.: Booking information
12:32 a.m.: Booking information
6:35 a.m.: Report of vehicle off the roadway on Mallard Ave and 90th St in Hampton
7:24 a.m.: Call for dispatch from Highway 65 and Highway 3 in Rowan
9:17 a.m.: Miscellaneous call from E Gilman St in Sheffield
11:46 a.m.: Prisoner transport on 14th Ave in Eldora
12:44 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Indigo Ave in Thornton
2:22 p.m.: Booking information on 5th St SW in Hampton.
3 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Sherman Ave in Ackley
3:28 p.m.: Telephone call on S 20th St in Fort Dodge
3:42 p.m.: Assist the Hampton Police Department at the courthouse in Hampton
3:55 p.m.: Booking information
6:06 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from I-35 northbound near mile marker 178 in Sheffield
6:12 p.m.: Report of animal bites on Dogwood Ave in Alexander
8:16 p.m.: Ambulance call for Warbler Ave in Dumont
9 p.m.: Report of a car-deer collision on Highway 3, east of Wright Ave, in Dows
9:39 p.m.: Traffic stop on Highway 3 in Alexander
10:04 p.m: Traffic stop on Central Ave W in Hampton

Friday, June 12
Hampton Police Department
12:20 a.m.: Miscellaneous call from an unknown location in Hampton
5:53 a.m.: Report of a disturbance in the 400 block of 12th Ave NW in Hampton
7:17 a.m.: Ambulance call in the 800 block of 2nd St SE in Hampton
8:16 a.m.: Ambulance call in the 700 block of 2nd St SE in Hampton
11:59 p.m.: Report of juveniles on Main St in Hampton
2:41 p.m.: Phone call to return from the 10 block of 2nd St SW in Hampton
5:09 p.m.: Assist the county department on Highway 65 and Gilman in Sheffield
7:09 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 100 block of 3rd St NW in Hampton
7:45 p.m.: Traffic stop at Kwik Star in Hampton
8:35 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 600 block of 1st St NE in Hampton
9:54 p.m.: Report of fireworks at Sherwood Apartments in Hampton
10:07 p.m.: Traffic control in the 100 block of S Federal St in Hampton
10:07 p.m.: Traffic complaints in the 600 block of 3rd Ave SE in Hampton
10:27 p.m.: Report of a disturbance in the 100 block of 18th AVE NE in Hampton
11:18 p.m.: Ambulance call in the 100 block of 18th Ave NE in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
12:28 a.m.: Traffic stop on I-35 southbound near mile marker 165 in Coulter
2:29 a.m.: Miscellaneous call from an unknown location
2:46 a.m.: Ambulance call on Harriman St in Alexander
6 a.m.: False 911 call from 85th St in Dows
5:53 a.m.: Assist the Hampton Police Department on 12th Ave NW in Hampton
6:39 a.m. Traffic complaints in the 1400 block of 190th St in Hampton
10:02 a.m.: Call for dispatch from I-35 southbound near mile marker 158 in Dows
11:14 a.m.: Call for dispatch from I-35 northbound near mile marker 176 in Thornton
12:18 p.m.: Prisoner transport
1:17 p.m.: Report of theft from building on Juniper Ave in Iowa Falls
1:25 p.m.: Phone call to return from 5th St SW in Hampton
1:36 p.m.: Warrants - other
4 p.m.: Report of property damage on Highway 3 and Jonquil in Latimer
4:09 p.m.: Report of juveniles on 210th and Highway 65 in Chapin
4:14 p.m.: Report of a personal injury on Gull and 120th St in Coulter
10:15 p.m.: Phone call to return

Saturday, June 13
Hampton Police Department
1:11 a.m.: Report of harassment in the 100 block of 6th St NW in Hampton
2:18 a.m.: Traffic stop on Highway 3, near the fairgrounds, in Hampton
4:35 a.m.: Assist the county department in the 1400 block of Killdeer Ave in Hampton
8:08 a.m.: Traffic stop at an unknown location in Hampton
10:16 a.m.: Report of theft from a building in the 100 block of 6th St in Hampton
10:51 a.m.: Telephone call in the 300 block of 5th Ave NE in Hampton
11:03 a.m.: Report of harassment in the 100 block of 1st Ave SW in Hampton.
12:47 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny over \$200 in the 300 block of 5th Ave NE in Hampton
3:16 p.m.: Medical assist in the 700 block of 2nd St SE in Hampton
6:09 p.m.: Report of property damage on 2nd Ave NW and N Federal St in Hampton
8:52 p.m.: Call for information from the 900 block of Central Ave W in Hampton
10:38 p.m.: Report of a simple assault in the 300 block of 1st St SW in Hampton
11:09 p.m.: Traffic stop at 3rd and S Federal in Hampton
11:43 p.m.: Neighborhood complaints in the 1300 block of N Federal St in Hampton
11:50 p.m.: Neighborhood complaints across from the 400 block of S Federal St in Hampton
11:56 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from the Kwik Star in Hampton.

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
12:10 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 700 block of Highway 3 in Coulter
12:13 a.m.: Traffic stop on Olive Ave in Hampton
12:21 a.m.: Traffic stop in the 1200 block of Highway 3 in Latimer
4:17 a.m.: Report of a disturbance on Killdeer Ave in Hampton
10:28 a.m.: Traffic complaints on

250th St in Sheffield
12:28 p.m.: Telephone call from I-25 northbound near mile marker 176 in Sheffield
12:53 p.m.: Traffic complaints on Highway 3 in Hansell.
1:14 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Raven Ave in Sheffield
4:13 p.m.: False 911 call from W Gilman St in Sheffield
4:54 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle on Nettle Ave and 70th St in Bradford
5 p.m.: Booking information
7:16 p.m.: Report of a controlled burn on Highway 65 in Sheffield
9:01 p.m.: Warrants - local
10:55 p.m.: Prisoner transport
11:32 p.m.: Prisoner transport

Sunday, June 14:
Hampton Police Department
12:43 a.m.: Report of disorderly conduct at Project X in Hampton
3:07 a.m.: Report of a disturbance in the 400 block of 8th Ave SW in Hampton
7:27 a.m.: Call regarding dogs in the 700 block of 2nd Ave NW in Hampton
9:18 a.m.: Medical assist in the 1700 block of Central Ave E in Hampton
11:06 a.m.: Miscellaneous call from the 400 block of 10th Ave NE in Hampton
11:33 a.m.: Report of animals on the roadway in the 10 block of 3rd St SW in Hampton
4:46 p.m.: Ambulance call in the 1300 block of N Federal St in Hampton
4:43 p.m.: Report of lost articles at Project X in Hampton
4:58 p.m.: Report of theft/larceny over \$200 in the 500 block of 2nd St SE in Hampton
5:31 p.m.: Miscellaneous call from the 200 block of 5th St NW in Hampton
6:01 p.m.: Neighborhood complaints in the 700 block of 2nd St NE in Hampton
9:19 p.m.: False 911 call from the 400 block of 7th Ave NE in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office
1:20 a.m.: Assist the Hampton Police Department at an unknown location in Hampton
1:39 a.m.: Traffic stop at 1st St NW and 12th Ave NW in Hampton
1:44 a.m.: Traffic stop at 1st St NE and 1st Ave SE in Hampton
4:26 a.m.: Ambulance call on Mallard Ave in Hampton
8:27 a.m.: Report of vehicle off the roadway on Nettle Ave in Bradford
8:35 a.m.: Miscellaneous call from Rowen
9:01 a.m.: Ambulance call on Main St in Dumont
10:30 a.m.: Welfare check on Walnut St in Bradford
10:37 a.m.: Telephone call on Eagle Ave in Dows
11:39 a.m.: Motorist assist on I-35 southbound in Sheffield
12:09 p.m.: Welfare check on Sherman St in Sheffield
4:38 p.m.: Report of civil disputes on Juniper Ave in Iowa Falls
4:54 p.m.: Assist the Hampton Police Department on N Federal St in Hampton
7:33 p.m.: Motorist assist on I-35 southbound near mile marker 158 in Dows.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

Marriages
Craig Prusmann and Jennifer Osthus; May 28, 2026

OVI
Yester Montecillos, of Hampton, operating while under the influence 3rd offense or subsequent offense, driving while barred, pre-trial conference set for July 6

Taylor Mahler, of Hampton, operating while under the influence first offense, guilty – negotiated/volun plea, fine of \$1,250 with half waived

Scheduled traffic
Felicia Martinez, of Hampton, operating non-registered vehicle, guilty by court, fine
Bonnie Cardenas, of WI, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over), guilty by court, fine
Mahliah Corwin, of Hampton, no valid drivers license, guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Harish Goud Nayenolla, of AZ, use of electronic communication

device, guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Michaela Stuart, of Spencer, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over), guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Julia Oakland, of Saint Ansgar, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over), guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Scott Pernat, of MN, use of electronic communication device, guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Payton Jones, of MN, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru 20 over), guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Alfonso Aguilar Gonzalez, of Hampton, no valid drivers license, guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Christopher Glenn, of KS, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over), guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Dennis D Desmet, of NE, speeding - road work zones (1-10 over), guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Lu Lay, of MO, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over), guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Michael Salomon, of MO, speed-

ing over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over), guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Adam Nederhoff, of Iowa Falls, fail to obey stop sign and yield right of way, guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Hidys Murillo, of Hampton, failure to provide proof of financial liability, guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Benjamin Keeports, of AZ, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over), guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine
Hidys Murillo, of Hampton, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over), guilty - negotiated/volun plea, fine

Criminal
Casey Fink, of Eldora, theft third degree, guilty - negotiated/volun plea; criminal mischief third degree, dismissed by court
Mario Quintanilla, of Latimer, two counts of child endangerment, operating while under the influence first offense, order appointing counsel at state expense, arraign-

ment scheduled for June 29
Simon Mulford, of Hampton, theft third degree, operating vehicle without owners consent, domestic abuse - injury or mental illness - first offense, order appointing counsel at state expense
Allen Barnhart, of Hampton, violation of probation, order to issue public/bench warrant, revocation hearing set for June 15
Lauren Johnson, of Sheffield, possession of controlled substance - third or subsequent offense, possession of controlled substance - third or subsequent offense, pretrial conference set for July 6 at 9 a.m.
Nicholas Passehl, of Fort Dodge, conspiracy to commit non-forcible felony, pretrial conference set for July 23
John Larson, of Iowa Falls, two counts of controlled substance violation, pretrial conference set for July 23
Rebecca Artley, of Hampton, theft fifth degree, initial appearance set for June 11

Antonio Tijerina, of Hampton, theft fifth degree, initial appearance set for June 11
Demita Workman, of MN, possession of controlled substance - marijuana first offense, pretrial conference set for July 6
Alahn Holland, of OH, violation of probation, revocation hearing set for June 29
Owen Rodamaker, of Hampton, possession of controlled substance - marijuana first offense, pretrial conference set for August 3
Brett Vanderveen, of Hampton, possession of controlled substance - marijuana first offense, deferred, probation for one year, civil penalty, complete recommended substance abuse treatment testing
Small Claims
LVNV Funding versus Whitney Dixon, of Thornton, voluntary dismissal
Cavalry SPV LLC versus Jerry Dixon, of Thornton, hearing scheduled for July 9
Credit Bureau Services of IA

versus Tanner Brass, of Hampton, voluntary dismissal
LVNV Funding LLC versus Tammy Gillespie, of Hampton, verification of account attachment
Jefferson Capital Systems LLC versus Arlene Rodriguez, of Hampton, verification of account
Travis Ziesman versus Lisa Pickering, of Iowa Falls, dismissed
Dawn Doron versus Carol Wood, of Alden, dismissed
Jefferson Capital Systems LLC versus Wyatt Ziesman, of Iowa Falls, verification of account
DNF Associates LLC versus Jalynn Eddy, of Sheffield, verification of account
Quad Corporations Inc versus Chasity Symens, of Hampton, verification of account
Quad Corporations Inc versus Joshua Symens, of Hampton, verification of account
Walter Wilson versus Mark Clark, of Webster City, motion to continue denied

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Warranty Deed: Jessica M Hollander, Scot L Hollander to Matthew A Waddingham, Makenna H Waddingham, WD Joint Tenancy, 18-93-20 SE NE Parcel E
Warranty Deed: Westmore Acres Inc to Avling Farms Inc, GWH Exempt, 9-91-22 SW SW Parcel 2026 12

CT Officer Deed: Estate of Jon C Schmitt, Executor Sheri Bogue to Arthur H Pedersen, Molly M Pedersen, 16-93-20 NE NE Parcel 2025 42
Warranty Deed: Jennifer M Wilson Skubic, John Skubic to Jennifer M Wilson Skubic, Revenue Stamp Exempt, 5-93-22-

W2 NE NE
Warranty Deed: Ryan L Stock, Kylee A Stock to Kenneth Amsbaugh, Mary Amsbaugh, GWH Exempt, Shef Sheffield Perrin's Lot 1 Part
Warranty Deed: Kenneth Amsbaugh, Mary Amsbaugh to Ryan L Stock, Kylee A

Stock, GWH Exempt, Shef Sheffield Perrin's Lot 16 Parts, Shef Sheffield Perrin's Lot 15 Part
Quit Claim Deed: Danny Kulow to Larry Schott, Revenue Stamp Exempt, Hamp Motti Blk 3 Lot 5
Warranty Deed: First Bank Hampton to

Craig L Balcom, GWH Exempt, 33-92-20 NE SW Tracts
Warranty Deed: Iowa Natural

CIDC Meeting Minutes 5.22.26	
Meeting Minutes May 22, 2026 CJDC Iowa Room 2317 Rick Collins Way, Eldora IA The meeting was called to order by the Chair Kyle Stecker at 10:00 a.m. Delegates In Person: Scott Longhorn, Paul Merten, Dave George, Gloria Carr, Gary McVicker, Dan Benitz, Mary Clausen, Lance Granzow, Bruce Reimers, Brandon Talsma, Kyle Stecker, Jeff Tindle, Latifah Faisal, David Turner, Bob Thode. Delegates By Zoom: Gary Rayhons, Jon Degen, Steve Wanders. Others in Person: Kassie Ruth, Travis Walker, Justin Cornish, Christine Guevara Others by Zoom: John Kurtz, Mark Smeby Agenda: George motioned to approve, Faisal 2nd MCU. Minutes: Benitz motioned to approve, Talsma 2nd MCU. Public Forum Old Business: Committee Reports: Granzow motioned	to approve the Commission Chair to sign any Employer of Record Contracts once CJDC gets guidance from IPERS, McVicker 2nd. MCU. Turner moved to establish a new Evaluation Service and provide monthly and quarterly updates to the Commission, 2nd Talsma. MCU. 28E- No Action By-Laws- No Action New Business: Budget- Longhorn motioned to increase the non-member detention daily rate to \$280 per day effective July 1st, 2nd Clausen. MCU. No further action on the budget at this time. Contracts were presented. Tindle motioned to approve as presented, 2nd Turner. MCU. Detention Report: Reimers motioned to approve, Talsma 2nd MCU. Personnel Reports: New Hires: Abby Henderson, 04/27/26, \$16/hour Class Changes: None Former Employees: Steve Leytem, 05-
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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 6/9/2026	
PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS June 9th, 2026 A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCounty-BoardofSuperviso/streams The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, June 9th, 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 6/2/2026 Regular Session. All ayes. Motion carried. Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: Holly McCoy-Nelson from Alliant Energy reminded the Supervisors that they would be having their coffee chat on Wednesday June 10th at Rustic Brew in Hampton from 9AM-12Noon. Lukensmeyer attended Conservation Board. McVicker attended the Board of Adjustment meeting. Canvass of June 2nd, 2026, Primary Election: In accordance with Iowa Code §50.22, the Commissioner of Elections announced that there were 0 provisional ballots rejected and not counted. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution certifying (canvass) of the Primary Election results. The resolution reads in full: RESOLUTION 2026-47 CERTIFICATION (CANVASS) OF JUNE 2ND, 2026, PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS WHEREAS, the PRIMARY ELECTION was held as prescribed by law on June 2nd, 2026, and: WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and ex officio Board of Canvassers have canvassed the vote of said election in accordance with §43.49 and §50.24 of the Code of Iowa, now therefore; BE IT RESOLVED that we, the undersigned members of the Board of Supervisors and ex officio Board of Canvassers of Franklin County, Iowa, do hereby certify the following TURNOUT REPORT and RESULTS in the PRIMARY ELECTION, held on June 2nd, 2026, and that no obvious clerical errors were identified during the canvass. Nine Hundred, Twenty-Five (925) people voted at the polls on election day. Two Hundred (200) absentee ballots were accepted for counting. A total of one-thousand, one-hundred, and twenty-five (1,125) people voted. CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR COUNTY OFFICES: Board of Supervisors, District 1: • Larry Sailer, Republican Party Board of Supervisors, District 2: • Richard Lukensmeyer, Republican Party County Attorney: • Andrea Miller, Republican Party County Recorder: • Heather Bushbaum, Republican Party County Treasurer: • Chad Murray, Republican Party COUNTY OFFICES WITHOUT A PARTY NOMINEE: Democratic Party: Board of Supervisors – District 1, Board of Supervisors – District 2, County Attorney, County Recorder, County Treasurer	Republican Party: None Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted. Jody Hepler, Dispatch Director, met with the Supervisors to ask for a one-time variance from the meal reimbursement policy. After discussion, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve paying the meal reimbursements for Rebecca LaRue. All ayes. Motion carried. The Supervisors met with Dan Tilkes, Planning & Zoning Administrator, regarding several items. They discussed a letter of recommendation to amend Ordinance 70. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to move forward with the process to amend Ordinance 70 and set a public hearing for 9AM on July 14th, 2026. They also discussed a letter of recommendation to amend Ordinance 70.05 (Formerly 6-1). Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to move forward with amending ordinance 70.05 (Formerly 6-1) and set a public hearing for 9:15AM on July 14th, 2026. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to appoint Rick DeGrote to Board of Adjustment with a term ending 6/16/2031. All ayes. Motion carried. The Supervisors recessed at 9:45AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 9:50AM. Drainage Minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the county website. Discussion - Battery Storage Facilities: The Board of Adjustment met regarding the Conditional Use Permit Application to expand the existing proposed facility. They tabled the request and will meet again on June 29th. Update on Bardole/FMLA/Employee Handbook Concerns: Questions were sent to the Employment Attorney and responses were provided. There were a few remaining questions they are working on to get the answers as well. Update on Food Pantry Building Repairs: Auditor Flint updated the Supervisors on a rough estimate received to remove & replace the siding along with windows. Flint and Facilities Director, Ryan Peterson, need direction as to whether to continue with plans and sealed bids or wait. Vanness asked the Supervisors to think about it as well as talking with Peterson and it will come back to next week's meeting. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve claims except for the VA Claim to Rusinak. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve an IT Support Contract for FY2027 with CICS. All ayes. Motion carried. The Auditor presented information regarding County Night at the State Fair, which is part of the ISAC Fall Conference, and asked for guidance as to whether the County would be covering the cost of that event. After discussion, motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Vanness that the County will not cover the cost of the ticket to "County Night at the State Fair" event as part of the Fall ISAC Conference due to the event including a t-shirt and possible alcohol purchase. All ayes. Motion carried. The Auditor reminded the Supervisors that one of them would have to do the fiscal year end petty cash count on Tuesday June 30th. Supervisor McVicker will complete the count on June 30th in the afternoon. Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 9:51AM until Tuesday 16th, 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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Hampton Council Minutes/Claims 6.11.26	
HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. The Hampton City Council Regular Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jeanne Fay, Jerre Grefe, Bill Holmstrom, and Barry Lamos. Kristin Roode was absent. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison and Public Works Director Doug Tarr. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Fay to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously. Mayor Birdsall read the Mayors Leadership Statement. Council Workshop Report: Mayor Birdsall presented minutes from the Monday, June 8 workshop and a Mayoral Proclamation declaring June 2026 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Public Comment : None. Public Hearing: None. Old Business: None. New Business : Council member Davies presented a nomination for June 2026 Image of Pride to Wally & Ruth Tapp for property located at 320 9 th PI NE. Motion by Davies, second by Fay to award June 2026 Image of Pride to Wally and Ruth Tapp. Motion approved unanimously. Hampton Public Library Director Suzy Knipfel presented a quarterly update . City Manager Dunt presented a request from La Chozita to park and operate food trailer at Progress Park during the Rockhounds Rumble Tournament on June 21 for the duration of the event. Motion by Davies, second by Fay to approve the request from La Chozita to park and operate a food trailer at Progress Park during the Rockhounds Rumble Tournament on June 21 for the duration of the event. Motion approved unanimously. Ned Parker and Dick Lukensmeyer presented an update of activities of the Hampton Tree Board and shared information regarding an IDNR tree grant opportunity. Approval of claims . Motion by Grefe, second by Fay to approve the claims as submitted by staff in the amount of \$869,309.77. Motion approved unanimously. Consideration of the Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: City Manager Dunt presented Resolution 2026-12 " RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND BONDS FOR THE SELECTIVE DEMOLITION AT THE BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 4 & 6 1 ST STREET NW IN HAMPTON, IA " Kalob Hays from ISG provided details. Motion Lamos, second by Davies to approve Resolution 2026-12. Roll call vote: Ayes: Davies, Fay, Grefe, Holmstrom, and Lamos. Nays: None. Absent: Roode. Resolution 2026-12 passed. City Manager Dunt presented Resolution 2026-13 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FRANKLIN COUNTY FIRE 28E AND MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN AND SURROUNDING FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA. " Motion by Holmstrom, second by Grefe to approve Resolution 2026-13. Roll call vote: Ayes: Davies, Lamos, Holmstrom, Fay, and Grefe. Nays: None. Absent: Roode. Resolution 2026-13 passed. City Manager Dunt presented Resolution 2026-14 "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027. " Motion by Fay, second by Grefe to approve Resolution 2026-14. Roll call vote: Ayes: Grefe, Fay, Lamos, Holmstrom, and Davies. Nays: None. Absent: Roode. Resolution 2026-14 passed. Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Davies, second by Holmstrom to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items: approve previous minutes as drafted from Thursday, May 28, 2026 Regular Session; schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; approve Alcohol licensing for: Pit Row LLC, 19 Federal St N; Kwik Star, 300 Central Ave W; La Frontera Tienda, 200 1 st Street NW; and Approve of tobacco licensing renewal for: Casey's, 719 4 th St NE; Dollar General Store, 510 Central Ave W; Family Dollar, 411 Central Ave W; Fareway Stores, 309 Central Ave W; Git-N-Go Convenience Store, 319 Central Ave E; Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh Market, 808 4 th St SE; Kwik Star, 300 Central Ave W. Motion approved unanimously. Staff Reports given by Police Chief Morrison, Public Works Director Tarr and City Manager Dunt. Council Reports given by Lamos, Davies, Holmstrom, Grefe and Fay. Mayor's Report given by Mayor Birdsall. Motion to adjourn by Grefe, second by Fay at 6:47 p.m. Motion approved unanimously. Ron Dunt, City Manager Mayor Steve Birdsall	CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING SUPPLY\$977.00 CENTURYLINK PHONE.....\$1,892.95 CENTURYLINK01 PHONE.....\$42.03 CLAREY'S SAFETY EQUIP INC FD THERMAL CAMERAS\$8,221.45 CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO FUEL\$2,971.18 CRAIGHTON, LARRY CROSS WALKS\$4,000.00 DUMONT TELEPHONE COMPANY PHONE\$80.00 E&E REPAIR MAINT\$63.28 EFTPS FED WH FED/FICA TAX\$21,593.28 FAREWAY STORES INC SUPPLY\$113.66 FIRST BANK HAMPTON BOND DEBT\$144,485.75 GALLS LLC UNIFORMS.....\$913.63 GIT-N-GO CONVENIENCE STORE FUEL.....\$2,621.55 GORDON FLESCH – NASPO SUPPLY\$127.20 GORDON FLESCH COMPANY SUPPLY\$18.17 GREATER FR CO CHAMBER HOT/MOT TAX.....\$2,433.01 HAMPTON HARDWARE SUPPLY\$1,069.60 HEILSKOV, CAIDEN PROF FEES\$30.00 HEWETT WHOLESALE CONCESSIONS.....\$3,904.78 HY-VEE - REAL ESTATE DEPT TIT REBATE\$21,976.43 IA FINANCE AUTHORITY 2015 CAP LOAN NOTE.....\$489,834.35 INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CT REPAIR\$293.80 ION ENVIRONMENTAL Solutio CONTRACT FEES\$6,950.00 IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE & FI SALES TAX\$6,229.70 IOWA ONE CALL LOCATES.....\$111.60 IPERS - PROTECTN\$28,642.22 ISG ENGINEERING\$3,127.50 JAYBIRD'S OUTDOOR Solutio TREE TREAT\$1,406.00 KWIK TRIP INC / KWIK STAR FUEL\$483.38 LANCE STUDER CUSTOMS REPAIR\$199.50 MARQUEEN EQUIPMENT.....\$3,874.43 MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS DURA PATCH.....\$256.66 MASON CITY RENTALS SUPPLY\$281.80 MCCALLUM ASHLYNN SHELTER DEP\$50.00 MEDIACOM PHONE\$236.90 MERRITT COMPUTER SERVICES CONTRACT FEES.....\$166.00 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO ELECTRIC\$11,995.06 MIDWEST COMPUTER REPAIR\$1,004.40 MORRISON, MARK SHELTER DEP\$100.00 MURPHY'S HTG & PLUMB REPAIR.....\$1,368.00 NAPA AUTO PARTS SUPPLY\$149.35 NELSON SEPTIC SERVICES LL WASTE REMOVAL\$1,250.00 PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE\$161.90 PRO EDGE BUILDING Solutio SUPPLY\$18.36 REMINDER PRINTING CO, THE PRINTING\$114.00 ROCKWELL COOP TELEPHONE PHONE\$149.85 SCHAEFER, ROBERT D SHELTER DEP\$100.00 SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS SHRED\$54.00 SHIELD PEST CONTROL LLC BLDG MAINT\$113.00 SHOWALTER, AMY SHELTER DEP\$100.00 SIMONS, KRISTOPHER REIMBURSEMENT.....\$20.00 SPARTAN PAINTING LLC BAND SHELL MAINT.....\$3,450.00 STATE WH STATE TAX\$5,900.72 STOREY KENWORTHY SUPPLY\$233.70 US CELLULAR PHONE\$81.33 VAN WALL EQUIP HAMPTON SUPPLY.....\$43.71 VERIZON PHONE\$237.00 WINFREY, TREVOR REIMBURSEMENT\$20.00 WM TEL - WOOLSTOCK MUTUAL PHONE\$50.00 PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS\$60,420.75 CLAIMS TOTAL\$869,309.77
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Got a Legal Notice to Submit?

Deadline for legal notice submissions is Sunday at noon

FBH v. Tello Foreclosure	
Public Notice IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY FIRST BANK HAMPTON, PLAINTIFF V. TELLO AUTO SERVICES, LLC, DEFENDANT CASE No. EQCV502324 ORIGINAL NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: TELLO AUTO SERVICES, LLC You are notified that a Petition for Foreclosure has been filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, naming you as a Defendant in this action. The Petition requests the Court to enter a judgment against the Defendant and foreclose a mortgage lien against the real estate owned by the Defendant and sell it at Sheriff's Sale without a right to redeem but only a right to demand a delay of the sale. The attorney for the Plaintiff is John L. Duffy of the Laird Law Firm, P.L.C., whose address is 11 4th Street NE, P.O. Box 1567, Mason City, Iowa 50402-1567. That attorney's phone number is 641-423-5154; facsimile number 641-423-5310; and email address is jduffy@lairdlawfirm.com. You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 8 th day of July, 2026, and within a reasonable time thereafter file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Franklin County at the county courthouse at 121 st Avenue N.W., Hampton, Iowa 50441. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. THE CASE HAS BEEN FILED IN A COUNTY THAT UTILIZES ELECTRONIC FILING. PLEASE REFER TO THE IOWA COURT RULES CHAPTER 16 FOR GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION ON ELECTRONIC FILING. PLEASE REFER TO THE RULES IN CHAPTER 16, DIVISION VI, REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION IN COURT FILINGS. If you require assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in Court because of a disability, immediately call your ADA coordinator at (641)421-0990. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.) IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO	SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS. Dated this 22 nd day of May, 2026. John L. Duffy ICIS Pin No. AT0002227 Laird Law Firm, P.L.C. 11 4th Street NE P.O. Box 1567 Mason City, IA 50402-1567 Attorneys for Plaintiff IOWA JUDICIAL BRANCH Case No. EQCV502324 County Franklin Case Title FIRST BANK HAMPTON VS TELLO AUTO SERVICES LLC You must file your Appearance and Answer on the Iowa Judicial Branch eFile System, unless the attached Petition and Original Notice contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless the court has excused you from filing electronically (see Iowa Court Rule 16.302). Register for the eFile System at www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile to file and view documents in your case and to receive notices from the court. For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules at www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/CourtRulesChapter/16.pdf. Court filings are public documents and may contain personal information that should always be kept confidential. For the rules on protecting personal information, refer to Division VI of chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules and to the Iowa Judicial Branch website at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/representing-yourself/protect-personal-information/. If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability access coordinator at (515) 576-6336. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). For more information, see www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/ada/. Disability access coordinators cannot provide legal advice. <i>Date Issued 05/22/2026 01:46:57 PM</i> <i>District Clerk of Court or by Clerk's Designee of Franklin County</i> <i>/s/ Austin Henning</i>
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Publication Estate of Rona Elaine Lubben	
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONA ELAINE LUBBEN, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR 502093 NOTICE OF ADMISSION OF ESTATE TO PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO: All persons interested in the Estate of Rona Elaine Lubben, Deceased, who died on December 28, 2025: You are hereby notified that on March 2, 2026, the Estate of the Decedent was admitted to probate in the above-named District Court under a small estate proceeding and that the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate. Notice is hereby 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 (4) months from the second publication of this Notice or one (1) month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid), a claim is thereafter forever barred. Timothy Wayne Lubben ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE Ross F. Barnett ABENDROTH RUSSELL BARNETT LAW FIRM 2560 – 73rd Street Urbandale, Iowa 50322 (515) 278-0623 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE	
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City of Coulter

Unapproved Minutes of June 10, 2026 Council Meeting

City of Coulter Council Meeting at Coulter City Hall called to order at 6:30pm on June 10, 2026 by Mayor Myron Lawler. Council members present: Cheryl Engels, Alan Larsen, Dennis Sandin and Ann Schulz. Nicole Martinson entered meeting later. Public present: Cody Turner. Larsen motioned to approve the Agenda, Sandin second. All ayes, motion carried. Larsen motioned to open Public Hearing for FY26 Budget Amendment. Second Sandin. All ayes, motion carried. No public comments, written or oral presented. Motion Engels, second Sandin to close Public Hearing. All ayes, motion carried. Sandin motioned to approve Resolution 2026- 05; FY26 Budget Amendment, second Engels. All ayes, motion carried. At 6:35pm Sandin motioned to open Public Hearing on First Reading of Ordinance 2026-50; Adopting City Code of Ordinances. Larsen second. All ayes, motion carried. No public comments, written or oral were presented. Motion Engels to close Public hearing, second Sandin. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Larsen, second Sandin to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2026-50; Adopting City Code of Ordinances. All ayes, motion carried. Sandin motioned to waive 2nd reading of Ordinance 2026-50, second Engels. All ayes, motion carried. Motion to waive 3rd reading of Ordinance 2026-50 by Sandin, second Engels. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Larsen, second Sandin to approve Ordinance 2026-50; Adopting City Code of Ordinances. All ayes, motion carried. Mayor Lawler invited Cody Turner to speak. Turner said he was there on behalf of Terry Turner in regards to vacant City lot at 117 2nd Street in Coulter. Presented an offer of \$1000 to purchase the lot. Discussion followed. Mayor Lawler thanked Turner, said Council would discuss offer later in meeting. Turner later exited meeting. Unfinished business: Mulford will install water meter at old fire station building. Painting on Chipp building completed. Discussion followed. Mayor Lawler will pay for paint. City Sign is completed, placed on south end of town. Council discussed water softener for Library. Mayor Lawler will contact Mort's about other options. New Business: Larsen motioned to approve fireworks for Coulter Fun Day. City will pay balance due if needed after donations. Second Sandin. All ayes, motion carried. No action taken at this time on Beautification Grant. Will be put on July meeting. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-07; Setting Hourly Rate for City Library Employees by Larsen, second Sandin. All ayes, motion carried. Christian Larsen will do Nuisance mowing as needed. Larsen motioned to approve contract for \$12,925 to Heartland Asphalt for asphalt patching. Second Sandin, all ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Lawler will contact Mort's about rolling asphalt already down to smooth it out. Larsen motioned to accept offer made by Terry Turner of \$1000 for purchase of City lot at 117 2nd Street with City paying legal fees. Second Engels. All ayes, motion carried. Mayor Lawler talked to Frontier about repairs, still waiting for work to be done. No action on curb cleaning. Will address at July meeting. Council discussed resignation of Council member. No action taken at this time. Council discussed sale of Lohrbach lot on Main Street. Motion by Engels to advertise sale of old city plow, second Larsen. All ayes, motion carried. Sandin motion to approve Minutes of May 13, 2026 Council Meeting. Second Larsen. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Larsen to approve Claims in amount of \$42086.22 minus \$402.00 for paint from Menards. Second Sandin. All ayes, motion carried. Motion to adjourn by Larsen, second Sandin. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm

Myron Lawler, Mayor
ATTEST:
Jory Rapp, City Clerk

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Notice: Stormwater Discharge

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORMWATER DISCHARGE

Croell, Inc plans to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater General Permit No. 3 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity from Asphalt Plants, Concrete Batch Plants, Rock Crushing Plants, and Construction Sand and Gravel Facilities. The stormwater discharge will be from concrete manufacturing. The stormwater discharge will be located in SE, 26, 92N, 22 W, Franklin. Stormwater will be discharged to the following receiving streams: On-site retention. The public may obtain further information or request to review the NOI after it has been received by the department at https://programs.iowadnr.gov/stormwater/, or by contacting the Iowa DNR at 6200 Park Ave Ste 220, Des Moines IA 50321, by phone at 515-725-8200, or by emailing stormwater@dnr.iowa.gov.

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Ordinance No. 200

ORDINANCE NO. 200

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO STOP REQUIRED
Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Sheffield, Iowa:
SECTION 1. SUBSECTION ADDED. Section 65.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, is amended by adding a new Subsection 28 and 29 to Section 65.02, adopted to read as follows:
65.02 STOP REQUIRED.
30. Gilman St. Vehicles traveling on Gilman St shall stop at 3 rd Street.
SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.
SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.
Passed by the Council on the 8th day of June, 2026 and approved this 8 th day of June, 2026.
I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 200 on the 17 th day of June, 2026.

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Sheffield Library Bills May 2026

Bills to be Paid for May 2026 Sheffield Public Library	
Vendor Description.....	Amount
D & L Maintenance and Repairs	\$18.00
MidAmerica Utilities	\$131.00
Payton Plagge Maintenance and Repairs.....	\$75.00
Payton Plagge Utilities	\$45.00
U.S Cellular Grants	\$89.37
Total	\$358.37

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Coulter Claims 6.10.26

City of Coulter Claims Approved for Payment 06/10/2026

4Gs Pyro Fireworks.....	2,500.00
AgSource Coop Services Water testing	63.95
Alliant Utilities	2,766.60
Central Tank Coatings, Inc Clean, inspect water tank; exterior tank painting	9,850.00
City of Coulter WBM UB.....	112.76
City of Latimer Lagoon	95.78
Coulter Public Library Fourth payment.....	1,000.00
D & L Sanitation Sanitation/Recycling, dumpster.....	2,128.50
Eddy, Mike Building permits	75.00
Employees, City Wages	1,838.62
Employees, Library Wages	1,424.25
Eric Croughton Construction Co Labor: FS	4,000.00
Erickson, Nole Mowing.....	733.34
Hamilton's Inc City Sign	1,200.00
Hampton Hardware Plumbing supplies	26.53
IA Dept of Rev Water Service Excise Tax.....	187.82
IAMU Water member dues.....	692.00
Jaspersen Insurnace & Real Estate Insurance	534.00

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Sheffield Council Minutes 6.8.26

Sheffield Council Proceedings
Regular Session Minutes-Unapproved
Monday, June 8th; 6:00pm

The Sheffield City Council Regular Session was called to order at Sheffield City Hall by Mayor Brad Mulford, at 6:00PM on Monday, June 8th, 2026. Council Members in attendance were Becky Moellers, Julia Showalter, James Robbins, Scott Sanders, and Sherri McGuire, also, in attendance was Patrick Nuehring, Public Works Director, Eric Meyer, Public Works Assistant, Andrew O'Connor, Police Chief, Morgan Symens, Library Director, Bonnie Theis, Library Board President, Keli Lage, Library Board and Trevor Nelson, Library Board.
Mayor Mulford led the Pledge of Allegiance.
McGuire made a motion to approve the agenda. Moellers seconded it; it was approved. Mayor Mulford announced that it was the time and place for the public comment. There was no comment.
Robbins motioned to approve the consent agenda, McGuire seconded the motion, and it was approved. Those items approved in the consent agenda were: 5/11/26 Regular Session Minutes, June 2026 Bills, May 2026 Finance Report, West Fork Wharf special event ABD License, and Casey's Marketing Company.
Mayor Mulford asked for any department updates. The city clerk stated she will be unable to attend September 14th city council meeting, so a change of date will need to be looked at. This will come back in July for a rescheduling date. Old Business
• The FY27 TIF roads project will come back in July for continued discussion and have WHKS join in. At that time a contract with WHKS will be reviewed to help continue the process.
• There were two bids received for road repairs to Brickyard Rd, starting by the clubhouse, heading east to Olive Ave and repairs to S 1st St. First bid was from Blacktop Services Company. Their bid to repair Brickyard Road was for \$131,000 (no easement repair options) and S 1st St for \$26,000. Second bid was from Heartland Asphalt. Their bid to repair S 1st St was for \$15,835.10 and Brickyard Rd by the clubhouse was \$26,480.30 and Brickyard Road section \$50,309.25. Heartland brought four options for the easement area north of the clubhouse. Option 1 was a full reconstruction of existing parking area \$15,261.80; option 2 was to remove and replace asphalt, no subbase work, \$10,941.80; option 3 was to remove and replace reduced asphalt to 10' asphalt parking and 4' rock shoulder, \$9,521.80; option 4 was to remove existing asphalt and replace with rock parking, \$6,031.80. Councilman Robbins asked if Sukup's may be able to chip in \$5000 to help offset costs to the easement parking area. Barrett will speak with Sukup's and let the city know their answer.
• Robbins motioned to approve Heartland Asphalt's bid to repair S 1st St for \$15,835.10 and Brickyard Rd by Clubhouse \$26,480.30 and Brickyard Road section \$50,309.25 with option 3 to remove, replace, and reduced asphalt to a 10' asphalt parking with a 4' rock shoulder, \$9,521.80. Sanders seconded it; and it was approved.
• Moellers motioned to approve adding two stop signs at 5th/Gilman along with adding four stop signs at Bors/N 5th Showalter seconded it; and it was approved. This will come back in July to be added to the Code of Ordinances.
• There was a tentative schedule for the 150th Celebration handed out. There will be lots of vendors, 5K/400-meter dash, Library Foundation breakfast fundraiser, the fire department is blocking off in front of the fire department for water ball, there is live music, pedal pull for kids, little Mr./Ms., car show with a car cruise to follow that leads out of town followed by the parade, and street dance. Everything takes place on Saturday, June 27th from 7:00am to 11:00pm.
New Business
□ The flag poles behind the Veteran's Memorial in the city park need to be fixed. Three

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Sheffield Bills Paid June 2026

Hawkins Supplies	\$791.08
Hewitt Wholesale Inc Pool concessions	\$1,133.52
IMWCA WC	\$1,942.00
Iowa One Call One Calls	\$33.30
Jed's Jalopy Joint battery/dump truck repair	\$841.27
Larry Croughton lot striping.....	\$745.00
MARC Chemicals.....	\$199.21
Martin Marietta Rock.....	\$1,373.81
Matt's Auto Care PD oil change	\$93.98
Menards Supplies.....	\$486.63
MidAmerican Energy Utilities	\$1,877.05
Napa Auto Parts generator repair parts	\$62.93
Payroll May Payroll.....	\$16,596.67
Payroll May Payroll Taxes.....	\$8,932.16
Payroll May Payroll Insurances.....	\$8,418.58

Payroll May Payroll IPERS...	\$3,831.19
Payton Plagge mowing.....	\$6,000.00
Service Tech of Central IA repairs	\$1,057.02
Simmering-Cory legislative change.....	\$117.00
T-Mobile Burnsite Camera	\$15.00
US Cellular PW Cellphone & arlo.....	\$138.11
United Bank & Trust June Banking Fees	\$20.00
Visual Edge E fax	\$371.00
WHKS DNR Violations	\$567.45
Total	\$77,729.57
Revenue May 2026	
General Fund	\$72,936.97
Road Use Fund.....	\$15,153.96
Employee Benefits Fund	\$3,354.33

Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$11,736.58
TIF	\$3,659.23
Debt Service Fund.....	\$887.14
Capital Projects	\$61.02
Water Fund	\$13,980.28
Sewer Fund	\$21,035.64
Storm Water Fund	\$1,030.41
Total:	\$143,835.56
Expense May 2026	
General Fund.....	\$50,105.01
Road Use Fund.....	\$11,394.30
Employee Benefits Fund	\$5,753.29
Debt Service Fund.....	\$312,320.45
Water Fund	\$11,649.77
Sewer Fund	\$33,259.47
Storm Water Fund	\$7.14
Total:	\$424,489.43

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NEWS

Nolan Shreckengost Named to the Graceland University Spring 2026 Honors List

LAMONI -- The honor roll lists for Graceland University's 2026 spring term have been announced, and Nolan Shreckengost of Sheffield has been named to the Honors List.
Graceland University students with a GPA between 3.65

and 3.99 are named to the honors list.
Congratulations, Nolan! Graceland commends you on your academic success.
Founded in 1895 and sponsored by Community of Christ, Graceland University in La-

moni, Iowa, is more than just a school. It is a community of passionate, caring and dedicated individuals who put their relationships with students first. Campuses are located in Lamoni, Iowa, and Independence, Missouri.

Buena Vista Announces Spring 2026 Graduates

STORM LAKE -- Buena Vista University congratulates more than 445 students who graduated in the Spring 2026.
Riley Flint of Hampton (50441)
Katie Trosky of Hampton (50441)
Trevor Eiklenborg of Hampton (50441)
Maggie Myers-McArthur of Hampton (50441)

About Buena Vista University
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cepts into real-world impact. Its flexible online undergraduate and graduate programs provide accessible pathways for those balancing work, family, and other responsibilities. Guided by a strategic vision focused on three core themes-building outcomes, community, and connections-BVU empowers students and alumni to build confidently, foster meaningful relationships, and lead positive change in their communities and beyond. Visit bvu.edu for more.

DUMONT SANDBAGGIN' DAY!

This year's Dumont Sandbaggin' Day was held on Saturday, June 13. Check out photos of the fun below.



Renly Hinders and Alicia Smith enjoying the outdoor games.



Judge Marty Evans, candidate Kylie Tizzano, judge Shawn Dietz, candidate Melissa Knapp and judge Megan Mollenbeck before judging began.



Emily, Natalee and Monica Edeker were tasked with serving lunch during the community meal.



Jeff Buseman, originally from Dumont, with the American Legion Riders.



Racing for candy during the parade.



The book and bake sale was coordinated by Dumont's book club, which meets the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



Sullivan, Everett and Harvey Hofer were big fans of Franklin REC's gravity basketball wagon.



Some of the baked goods at the bake sale at the library.



Miss Dumont Kylie Tizzano's ride for the parade.



Members of the American Legion in the parade.



The Hansell Fire Department was among those who made an appearance in the parade.



The rain didn't stop these community members from scrambling for sweets.



Roxi Clarke checking out the goods at the library's bake sale.



Dumont girls Aubrie Hearn, Lundyn Hearn and Cheyenne Ritsema before the commencement of the parade.



The Tupper family takes a break from catching candy during the parade for a photo opp.



Renly Hinders and Alicia Smith ready to collect candy during the parade.



Dumont book club members Sherlyn Schumann, Jacky Funk, Roxi Clarke, Hannah Burlingame and Jayna Hofer with the quilt they are raffling off for the library. (Not pictured: Dianne Miller and Katie Menken.)

ATHLETE

of the Week

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Blaek Burmester is this week's Athlete of the Week in the Hampton Chronicle, for his many achievements in sports.

Blaek, who is going into his junior year at H-D-CAL High School, stays busy year-round with football, baseball, track and wrestling.

When asked about his favorite sport, he said that's hard to say, as he truly enjoys playing both baseball and football, but if he had to choose, he would go with football.

As a sophomore, Blaek earned his spot as starting quarterback on the 25/26 varsity Bulldog football team. According to gobound.com, his passer rating is 150.6. Blaek threw 1,437 yards and had 14 passing touchdowns last season. He said he hopes to serve as one of the leaders of the team next season, and to have fun.

Blaek also excels in baseball, joining the high school's varsity team when he was in eighth grade. He is now one of the team's starting pitchers at 16 years old. He, however, will have to sit out the rest of the season, after recently injuring one of his hips during a game.

Blaek's advice for younger athletes: "don't overthink everything you do, especially in sports, and try to enjoy everything."

Blaek lives just outside of Hampton with his parents, Jill and Clint, and his younger brother. The family enjoys hunting and watching sports together.



Blaek Burmester

SPORTS

Bulldogs split NCC doubleheader with Cowboys

BY JASON EATON
RADIOONTheGo News

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL baseball team split a doubleheader with Clarion-Goldfield-Dows on Monday night, with the games airing on 104.9 KLMJ. The Cowboys won the opener 6-4 before the Bulldogs bounced back with a 5-3 win in the second game. Jason Eaton reports.

In the first game, the Cowboys jumped out to an early lead in the first inning on an RBI single from Ethan Hasty that scored Tristan Kakacek. In the second, Charlie Campbell and Chaz Lane added RBIs to make it 3-0.

The Bulldogs were stymied at the plate until the fifth inning. In the sixth, Hampton-Du-

mont-CAL plated four runs on RBIs from Luke Showalter, Will Vosburg and Brody Peters to take the lead heading into the seventh.

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows answered with three runs in the top of the seventh to retake the lead. Cowboys pitcher Drew Smith shut the door in the bottom half, recording two strikeouts to preserve the lead and seal the win. Smith picked up the win on the mound for the Cowboys, while Eliah Cruz took the loss for the Bulldogs.

In the second game, the Bulldogs got the bats going early with two hits over the first two innings. In the third, Hampton-Dumont-CAL broke through with three runs, including one on a double from soph-

omore Carter Johnson, who entered the game in the second inning as a pinch hitter for designated hitter Blaek Burmester. It was Johnson's first recorded hit of the season.

Johnson continued his strong night at the plate in the fifth, driving in another run on his second double of the game as the Bulldogs took a 5-2 lead into the sixth.

In the seventh, Carson Helmke came on in relief with a save opportunity for Bulldogs starting pitcher Will Vosburg. The Cowboys plated one run, but the game ended when Helmke struck out Chaz Lane to earn the save. Vosburg earned the win on the mound for the Bulldogs to move to 2-2 on the season.

Bulldogs Head Coach Matt Lokenvitz says he liked to see the perseverance from his team in the doubleheader.

"Wins are hard to come by and it really doesn't matter who you're playing," says Lokenvitz. "You gotta play better and you gotta play well and you gotta almost mistake free, which we started to do there towards the end of that second game, so proud of the way they bounced back and we got a game tomorrow to keep pushing."

Johnson, who made an unexpected appearance, says he was ready for the challenge.

"I was just waiting for that fastball and just thinking swing early and get my perfect hit in there and just sent it," says Johnson.

Vosburg showing high potential as starting pitcher for Hampton-Dumont-CAL

BY JON MOHWINKLE
RADIOONTheGo News

Hampton-Dumont-CAL sophomore William Vosburg has made an impact as a starting pitcher this season. After starting just once during his freshman season, he's started four games this season while compiling a 2-2 record with among the most innings of action on the team.

In 21.2 innings, he has a 5.17 ERA, near-

ly two runs fewer than last season. He has 26 strikeouts but has issued 24 walks. Head Coach Matt Lokenvitz describes the growth he's seen Vosburg make, particularly in his Monday win over Clarion-Goldfield-Dows where he threw 110 pitches in 6.0+ innings.

When not on the mound, Vosburg has played second base and compiled a .361 batting average, the second-best on the team. He also owns the team-bests in RBIs and extra-base hits.



William Vosburg

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows softball looks to build one step at a time

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows softball team is leaning on youth, patience and a steady approach as the Cowgirls work through the early part of the season under first-year Head Coach Brandon Lantzky.

Lantzky, who teaches at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, says he stepped into the varsity role after previously working with many of the players in school and at the middle school level. With a young roster and several players still gaining varsity experience, Lantzky says the focus has been on daily improvement.

"We kind of have a mantra of, let's fix this together. Let's figure it out together," Lantzky says. "Something happens. We

move on to the next thing, but we make sure to circle back and fix what went wrong."

Eighth-grader Kinlee Nail has handled much of the pitching load for the Cowgirls and has also been one of the team's top offensive contributors.

While the team has had a slow start, Lantzky says that does not change the long-term goal.

"I truly believe that one step at a time, you know, we keep coming back, we kind of keep getting up every time," Lantzky says. "And one step at a time, we're going to kind of lift Cowgirl softball up out of where it's been."

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows will look to keep building when they play at home on Friday against #5 (1A) St. Edmond.

BY NED BOHACH

The commander informed the troops that the starting time would be 8 instead of 9. There were moans and groans like how are we going to get out of bed that early. That's usually when we get up to use the bathroom and then go back to bed. Sounds more like basic training. TI banging on your bed get up men time to make hay! The boys beat the rain, which was good as they missed shriveling up when wet. FrankO shouted out the command for the day, "Men (uses the term loosely) today I want to see all divots replaced and ball marks on the greens." First of all, they can't bend over to fix the divots or the ball marks. Thus, we'll get do as we well please. Out the door in a torrid rush with some getting stuck, some falling down and others jumping over each other to be first. Whatta sight can you

imagine? Dougy Ha-ha-Hahn, Les Hurd and Nick (not Santa) scorched the course with a 64. Wow, that is like a spaceship landing on the moon and being greeted by beautiful women and gorgeous guys. They won a cruise around Lake Sheffield on the ship "No Sink" but it's being completed in 2090! The second place unit was Jerry Nelson, Mark Kramer and Wayne Maiers with a 67. They were tied with FrankO Schnoes, Don-Greimann and Larry Fanny. Jerry's team lost on the tie-breaker and ended up with nuttin honey! FrankO and his squad won themselves a root beer float at the Sheffield Inn!!! Wayne said their team could have won if they didn't lose so many balls in the

rough! Well boys, don't hit them there! Darryl Peter, Denny Foss and Jim Allen shot 68, coming close to winning money, but the bank was empty. Foss said Allen was so quiet and slow they frequently had to wake him up. The fifth squad was Dave Oconnor, Mike Paine and Rick Schmitt with a 69 and into the money. Rick struggled with his driver, Mike's irons were rusty, and Dave was all over the place, I think! They did win \$6 but after taxes it was zilch! The sixth squad was Ed Hert, Tom Severe and DelRay McKee with a 70. They were upset due to the fact they couldn't drive, approach or putt. Wow, wonder why, may talent? The seventh squad consisted of Brad Mullie Mulford, Dick Brown and Steve (bird guy)

Birdsall. They mustered up a 71 and cashed in on the booby prize which was a buck each. The tailenders were Dougy banana boy Erbe, Leon Root and Dennis Campbell with OH SO MANY I don't want to embarrass them so I won't but it was XXXXXXXXIII! Dave O'Connor drilled a putt from fifteen feet-three inches for a prize of a new car, ya sure and rain goes up! Thus ends one more chapter of life with the OLD guys at Ridgestone senior league. Steve said there's two ways to enjoy the day, one-don't watch the news and stay off your bathroom scale. Mikeee said he had a hole-in-one and carded it as a zero! Fossy told me golf is 90% mental and 10% mental! Okay folks it's time to do chores, cows are waiting, chickens are squawking, and pigs are oinking. See ya' round like a donut!



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Farewell



I have some bittersweet news to share, readers: my time at the Chronicle is coming to an end! My last day at the paper is this Thursday, June 18.

Several weeks ago, I accepted an offer for a position with Indianapolis Monthly magazine, as their managing editor. I started my editorial journey at Indy Monthly, as an intern in college, so this is a full-circle moment for me. More importantly, this is a chance for us to be closer to family, and that is something we are really looking forward to.

To all of our readers: thank you for allowing me (and my son) into your lives! We have been here for around two and a half years, and we are leaving with wonderful memories.

I wish everyone in Franklin County nothing but the best, and I look forward to staying in touch with many of you!

—News Editor Jennifer Burnham

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