

Bradford Reunion Brings Alumni and Friends Back Home

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

BRADFORD — Former classmates, residents and friends returned to Bradford on Saturday, July 11, for the annual Bradford Alumni and Friends Reunion. The event brought together alumni for a day of fellowship, food and hometown traditions.

The reunion, now in its third gathering, was organized by Gaylene Lamberson-Smith, who grew up in Bradford before moving to Oklahoma. Smith said the idea for the reunion began about six years ago when she and several former classmates reunited at the funeral of a mutual friend.

“We got to talking about putting together a reunion,” Smith said. “I’ve



More than 45 former Bradford residents and friends gathered outside for a group photo during the Bradford Reunion on Saturday.

organized it every two years since.”

For Smith, the event is about much more than bringing people back to town for a single day. It is about pre-

serving the relationships that made growing up in Bradford so special.

“Growing up here was really special because we were all really close,”

Smith said. “It’s different than city life or town life because you go to school and have a few friends, but here everybody was friends. We’ve maintained

those friendships for the past 50 years.”

Throughout the afternoon, conversations flowed easily as old classmates and longtime friends caught up on life and reflected on memories they shared while growing up in Bradford. Tables were filled with laughter as attendees exchanged stories that had only grown better with time.

Many reminisced about attending church together, where faith and fellowship played an important role in community life. Others recalled the town’s socials, gatherings and special events that regularly brought residents together and created lasting friendships.

The stories stretched across gener-

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Aussie Crumb Co. Brings Australian Sweetness to Sheffield

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

SHEFFIELD — A new curbside bakery is adding a taste of Australia to Sheffield, offering homemade desserts through a unique self-serve, honor system stand.

Aussie Crumb Co., owned by Sheffield resident Yolanda Pralle, recently opened at 728 Gilman St. The weekend bakery features everything from stuffed cookies and brownies to cake pops, cookie pies, scones and other sweet treats, blending Australian inspiration with Midwest favorites.

For Pralle, baking has long been about more than bringing desserts.

“I have loved baking and making food for people for many years, whether it was

for Enchanted Acres pumpkin patch, the Hampton Youth Soccer concession stand, my own family, or friends and neighbors,” she said. “Food has always been one of my favorite ways to make people feel cared for.”

The idea for Aussie Crumb Co. grew from Pralle’s admiration for the roadside bakeries and self-serve stands common in Australia and England. When her position as a foreign exchange student coordinator ended because of funding, she saw an opportunity to turn her passion into a business.

“I thought it would be such a fun thing to bring to our area,” Pralle said. “It felt like

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The bright pink Aussie Crumb Co. curbside bakery serves as a self-serve destination for homemade desserts in Sheffield.

NIACC Career Center Opens Doors in Franklin County

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON — After more than 7 years of planning, collaboration and community investment, the NIACC Career Center serving Franklin County officially opened its doors Wednesday, July 8, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating a new era of career and technical education for students in Hampton-Dumont-CAL, West Fork and Belmont-Klemme.

The new center, located in Hampton, will welcome its first students Aug. 31, offering academies in health sciences, welding and building trades. The programs will allow high school juniors and seniors to earn college credit while gaining hands-on experience in high-demand career fields.

For Valeria Gonzalez, director of the NIACC Career Center, the grand opening represented the culmination of years of work serving students throughout Franklin and Wright counties.

“I just really feel that the collective impact of the communities came together,” Gonzalez said. “Partnerships are powering the possibilities that we have.”

Gonzalez joined North Iowa Area Community College in 2013 as a bilingual enrollment advisor and success coach for diverse populations, working directly with students and families while building relationships with local school districts and community organizations. Based in Hampton, she became a key advocate for expanding educational opportunities in the region.

The vision for the career center evolved through several statewide initiatives aimed at increasing access to career education. While an initial opportunity to receive state funding required participation from four school districts, only three local districts were able to commit. The project found a new life after the Franklin County Development Association secured a \$3 million federal Economic Development Administration grant, allowing the vision to move forward.

Speaking during the ceremony, NIACC President Joel Pedersen praised the partnerships that made the project possible.

“This is a game changer for your area,” Pedersen said. “Education still has the ability to change lives.”

Pedersen also highlighted the academy’s innovative two-year model, where juniors and



seniors attend the center in alternating sessions. Students completing the welding and building trades programs will earn NIACC diplomas at the same time they receive their high school diplomas, allowing graduates to enter the workforce immediately.

West Fork Superintendent Mike Kruger said the facility represents far more than a new building.

“Today we are not simply opening the doors to a new facility,” Kruger said. “We’re opening doors to opportunity, partnerships and to the future.”

He noted that students from three different school districts will learn alongside one another while earning industry-recognized credentials and college credits.

“This academy reminds us that while our school districts may have different names and mascots, we share a common purpose — providing the very best opportunities for the young people we serve,” he said.

For students who may be uncertain about their future, Gonzalez hopes the center provides a place to discover their interests.

“It’s a place to explore,” she said. “Maybe you start in welding and realize building trades is really where your passion is. Then you can continue that journey at NIACC after graduation. And students can put multiple tools in their toolbox.”

Current enrollment reflects strong community interest. Gonzalez said the academy has already reached 82% of its available seats for the inaugural year.

“The construction and welding students are going to walk out with their NIACC diplomas at the same time they walk out with their high school diplomas,” she said. “To me, that gives me goosebumps because we’re really setting them up for success.”

The center’s impact also extends to local employers.

Former Franklin General Hospital CEO Kim Price

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Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm Hosts Recommitment Ceremony

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON — The Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm welcomed representatives from six Franklin County heritage sites July 9 as they renewed their partnerships with Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area (SSNHA), reaffirming their shared commitment to preserving and sharing the story of American agriculture.

The recommitment ceremony was part of SSNHA’s 30th anniversary celebration. Throughout July, the organization is hosting partnership meetings and ceremonial signings across its 37-county heritage area, bringing together museums, farms and historic sites to renew their Partnership Pledge and strengthen collaboration for the future.

Participating sites included Calkins Nature Area, Dows Historical District, Fossil & Prairie Park Preserve & Center, Jenison Meacham Memorial Art Museum & Farm, Kinney Pioneer Museum and Tyden



Representatives from six heritage sites renewed their partnerships with Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area during a July 9 ceremony at Harriman-Nielsen Historic Farm in Hampton.

Farm No. 6.

The morning included discussions about the importance of partnerships, preserving the region’s nationally significant agricultural stories and identifying opportunities to work together over the next 30 years.

For Judy Pitzenberger, owner and operator of Tyden Farm No. 6 near Dougherty, the partnership has created valuable connections among heritage sites.

“They’ve been very support-

ive,” Pitzenberger said. “They have workshops, they have full-day things where they talk, they have Zoom meetings where we get together. We try to work together for tours, itineraries and such, so it’s just a connection for community for us.”

Tyden Farm No. 6, one of eight farms established by inventor Emil Tyden between 1915 and 1936, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and offers guided tours

during the summer. Pitzenberger said preserving sites like hers helps visitors better understand the evolution of agriculture.

“If they come to these farms, they get to see how things work, from horses, to tractors, to GPS now that we’re using it,” she said. “So it’ll just continue on the history and future of farming.”

Pitzenberger said she hopes the farm continues sharing its story for generations to come.

“I’m just hoping that it can keep going,” she said. “There is a very rich history behind it.”

She added that the renewed partnership continues to strengthen both individual sites and the heritage network as a whole.

“It’s really cool to have Silos and Smokestacks behind us,” Pitzenberger said. “They get us together as a group and to work with each other.”

The July 9 ceremony concluded with participating sites signing a renewed Partnership Pledge.

A Traveling Cabaret at Windsor Theatre on Tuesday, July 21

BY LEE NELSON

The Franklin County Arts Council is presenting “A Cabaret Night” at the Windsor Theatre on Tuesday, July 21 starting at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Top national collegiate artists from Cedar Summerstock Theatre in Osage will perform a fun, family-friendly hour of singing, acting, and dancing featuring a variety of musical selections.

The public are invited to attend. A free will donation will be taken at the door. Concessions will be available.

CST is a national college theater company in America’s Heartland. Based in Mitchell



Cast and crew of Cedar Summerstock Theatre will present “A Cabaret Night” at the Windsor Theatre on Tuesday, July 21 starting at 7:00 pm. A free will donation will be taken.

County, Iowa, CST’s mission is to connect communities and grow tomorrow’s artists! From June through August, top talents from every corner of the country can be seen in our productions at the Cedar River Complex in Osage, IA. CST alumni are working on Broadway, National Broadway tours, Cruise Lines and regional professional theaters.

Nancy Nickerson Lee is the Founding Executive Artistic Director. Nancy has been a performing arts educator for over thirty years, which includes award win-

ning performing arts program at Minneapolis-Washburn and Southwest High Schools and as an adjunct professor at St. Olaf College. She has been honored by the Tony Awards for Excellence in Theatre Education (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019); Hennepin Theater Trust Spotlight 2018 Educator of the Year Award; the WCCO 2017 Excellent Educator Award; Grammy Community Engagement Award (2010). Nancy is committed to bringing exceptional theatrical experiences to rural communities. Mitchell County, Iowa is Nancy’s childhood home and a perfect location for Cedar Summerstock Theatre.

The current college cast and crew at CST consist of a talented group of young artists who are passionate about bringing

their creative vision to the stage.

These individuals come from a diverse range of backgrounds and areas of study, and they bring their unique perspectives and talents to each production. With their dedication and hard work, they strive to create unforgettable performances that inspire and captivate audiences. Whether you’re a seasoned theatergoer or a newcomer to the world of live performance, you won’t want to miss the chance to see these rising stars in action.

Performers include Emily Hoepfner (University of Wisconsin Stevens Point), Jacob Eli Scott (University of Mississippi), Katharine Ford (The Hartt School), Samuel Brandon (Western Carolina University), Lauryn Marie Palmer (Montclair State University), Erick Cestelos (Boston University), Grace Smithey (Oklahoma City University), Lance Jacobson, (Arizona State University), Lynley Cox (Missouri State University), and Lussi Pearl (Montclair State University).

Tech team members include Logan Mitchell, (University of Northern Iowa), Macy Golob (University of Michigan), Gabe Sokolowski (University of Central Missouri), Adam Millikan (Doane University) and Charlotte Hansert (Culver-Stockton College).

Guest music director is Henry Mauser (Manhattan School of Music).

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Iowa's KDAO Rebrands As 'Rewind 93,' Expands Local Programming

KDAO-FM Eldora has rebranded as "Rewind 93," replacing its soft rock format with a playlist centered on 1990s pop and rock while launching a broader effort to expand local programming and digital offerings.

The format change is the first major initiative since OnTheGoMedia assumed management of the station under a local marketing agreement on May 1. Along with a new logo, the station has adopted the slogan "Push Play on Local" as it positions itself as both a music outlet and a stronger source for community news and information.

The new format features a mix of 90s hits from artists including Matchbox Twenty, Sheryl Crow, Alanis Morissette and Goo Goo Dolls. The station says the playlist is designed to appeal to adults ranging from their mid-20s through their upper 50s, targeting parents and grandparents while providing advertisers access to a broad consumer audience across the Eldora, Marshalltown and Grundy Center markets.

Beyond the music, KDAO plans to increase its local content as part of the RadioOnTheGo News and Sports network. The station says listeners will hear expanded weather forecasts, hourly local newscasts during key listening periods and continued coverage of area high school sports, with additional programming announcements planned.

"We are incredibly excited to introduce Rewind 93 to our listeners, but this transition is about much more than a new music format," OnTheGoMedia President Shawn Dietz said. "By bringing KDAO-FM into the RadioOnTheGo network, we are doubling down on local news, sports, and weather. Our goal is to keep our audience informed as well as entertained and engaged, while providing advertising clients valuable access to that audience."

The company also plans to expand KDAO's digital presence with a dedicated online stream, integration into the RadioOnTheGo mobile app, locally produced podcasts and a redesigned KDAO.com website. The changes are expected to roll out in phases over the coming months.



Mason City man sentenced for illegally possessing ammunition

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

A Mason City man was sentenced Friday to nine years in federal prison for illegally possessing ammunition.

26-year-old Luke Braniff was sentenced in federal court in Sioux City to 108 months in prison. He must also serve three years of supervised release following his prison term, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa.

Braniff admitted during a March 3 plea hearing that he possessed ammunition despite knowing his previous felony convictions prohibited him

from doing so. His record includes two 2017 convictions for lascivious acts with a child and sex offender registry violations in 2018, 2023 and 2025.

Federal prosecutors said authorities discovered the ammunition while investigating reports that Braniff had sent vulgar sexual messages through Snapchat to a minor and requested nude images from the child.

Braniff remains in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service while awaiting transfer to a federal prison. There is no parole in the federal prison system.

The case was investigated by the Mason City Police Department.

Butler County food pantries receive pork donations

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

Food pantries across Butler County received 1,572 pounds of ground pork last month through the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation's Haul Out Hunger program.

The pork was delivered June 17 to emergency food banks in Allison, Clarksville, Aplington-Parkersburg, Shell Rock and Greene. The donations are intended to help local pantries provide families experiencing food insecurity with access to high-quality protein.

The Butler County deliveries are part of a statewide effort by the foundation to distribute approximately 34,000 pounds of ground pork to Iowa food pantries this summer.

Haul Out Hunger is one of several foundation programs aimed at addressing food insecurity. The foundation also operates the Power Snack program, which provides schools with coupons for deli ham and whole-wheat bread to help students access meals at home.

The foundation's Operation Christmas Meal initiative is also scheduled to return in December. The program distributes pork loins to families in need across Iowa during the holiday season.



Clarksville Food Pantry receives 24 cases of ground pork June 17. Photo provided by the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation

Franklin County Conservation Director Ned Parker resigns

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

Franklin County Conservation Director Ned Parker has announced he is resigning after serving the department for more than a decade.

Parker informed the Franklin County Board of Supervisors during its meeting Tuesday that his resignation will be effective July 26. He has accepted the position of conservation director with Story County Conservation, a move that will bring him closer to home.

In a statement to RadioOnTheGo News, Parker said he is grateful for the opportunities Franklin County has provided and thankful to have worked with so many people throughout the community over the past 12 years.

Parker joined the Franklin County Conservation Depart-



Ned Parker

ment as a natural resource manager in 2014 and was named conservation director in 2016. As director, he has overseen the county's parks, wildlife and recreation areas, managed the department's budget and staff, and helped plan conservation programs and projects.

Heartland Museum to host quilt show in Clarion

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

Heartland Museum will host a quilt show July 15-23. Admission is free to view the quilts, which will be displayed in the Community Room at the museum, 119 Ninth St. SW in Clarion. The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Anyone may display a quilt they made or received. Quilters

are asked to bring their quilts to the museum Monday, July 13, or Tuesday, July 14. Quilts may be picked up Friday, July 24, or by arrangement. Entry forms will be available to identify owners.

Heartland Museum also plans to display donated quilts during the show, including some older quilts that are not always on display.

For more information, contact Melody Aldrich at 515-602-6000 or Heartlandclarion@gmail.com.

'Three Stars Tribute' Day Coming to the Surf Ballroom

PRESS RELEASE

CLEAR LAKE, IA — The Surf Ballroom will host an historic all-day event celebrating the enduring legacies of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper on Friday, August 7, 2026. The event will feature the unveiling of three life-size bronze statues honoring the three rock & roll pioneers, a "Three Stars Tribute" album release, a one-of-a-kind music concert, bringing together artists and performers connected to the music that helped shape rock & roll history, and the annual C.L.A.S.S. Car Cruise around Clear Lake.

Starting at 11AM, guests will gather for the unveiling of the three newly donated life-size bronze statues honoring Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper. The permanent installation will serve as a lasting tribute to the artists whose final performance together took place on the Surf Ballroom stage on February 2, 1959.

The evening will begin with the annual C.L.A.S.S. Car Club Cruise, a beloved Clear Lake tradition that will travel around the lake before concluding at the Surf Ballroom.

Prior to headlining the evening's "Three Stars Tribute" Album Release Concert, legendary entertainer Pat Boone will make a special appearance in Clear Lake as a guest judge for the C.L.A.S.S. Car Club Cruise and host an exclusive VIP Meet & Greet beginning at 5:00 PM in the Palms Ballroom. The Meet & Greet will provide fans with a unique opportunity to meet one of the most cele-



brated entertainers of the rock & roll era and be amongst the first to receive an autographed copy of the highly anticipated commemorative "Three Stars Tribute" album before the evening's festivities move to the historic Surf Ballroom stage.

Doors to the Surf Ballroom will open at 7:00 PM. The "Three Stars Tribute" Album Release Concert will feature a headlining performance by Pat Boone, joined by Mario R. Valens, Jimmy Angel, "Sting" Ray Anthony, Ernie Reyes, Sha Na Na's "Downtown" Michael Brown, and Jason Gutierrez & The JG3. Together, these performers will celebrate the music and legacy of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper through a special evening of stories, memories, and performances inspired by the timeless songs that helped define a generation.

The event marks the release of Pat Boone's Gold Label "Three Stars Tribute" album, a project dedicated to preserving and celebrating the music of the three legendary performers whose influence continues to inspire generations of musicians and fans around the world and brings together artists connected to the Winter Dance Party era and its enduring influence—a fitting expression of Pat Boone's vision for his de-

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CEDAR RIVER FLOAT



BY RICK JANSSEN

At least once per summer a good friend will invite me to float the Cedar River south of Charles City with his kayaks. Whenever I get the invitation, I clear my schedule and go. It is such a fun float and sometimes the fishing is incredible.

I got the invitation a few weeks ago and we headed to the river early in the morning. One of the neat things about hitting the river early is the mist will

be rising off the water to create an eerie feeling. Sometimes the mist is so thick it makes it hard to see. This morning the mist was just perfect for a morning float.

Just before we get to the landing where we leave a vehicle for the return ride back to the kayak trailer, we drive over the river. As we crossed the bridge we looked down onto the river. We did not like what we saw. The river was running high and it was very dirty. This would not make for good fishing.

We dropped off the return vehicle and then drove upstream to put in the kayaks. The entry point was right under a bridge. There is a great parking lot and a spot to put in the kayaks. As we unloaded the kayaks and got them in the water, I felt the anticipation building. I love floating the river.

As we previously noted, the river was high and dirty. We have done this trip enough to know where the deeper holes are. These holes normally hold fish and sometimes some real lunkers. We each brought two poles rigged up with different lures. We WERE ready.

The first hole is just down from the landing, so I had my pole ready. I can remember one trip where I caught a northern on my very first cast. This was not that day. Both of us fished the first hole with not a bite. Blame it on the high water and move on.

As we floated downstream, we steered our kayaks with the foot pedal controlled rudder. This makes fishing and floating easy. When you want to stop you put a pole down through the scuttle holes in the kayak and anchor to the bottom of the river. Since the river is mostly 2-3 feet

deep it does not take much to anchor in one spot.

We approached the next hole I anchored to the side and my friend anchored above the hole. It was not long before I had my first fish of the day. It was a very small bass, but at least we had caught a fish. It is just a matter of time before we would find them.

At the next hole my friend got into some nice walleye. I arrived at the hole before him and set up at mid hole as I had done previously. I saw some fish chasing minnows at the top of the hole and told him to cast there. That is where he caught the walleye. I then caught a small northern and released him. Those little northern are very slimy. Right after I released my first northern, I threw back to the same spot and WHAM—it was a sudden big hit but then nothing. I am sure it was a bigger northern as it bit my line

off. There goes spinner number one. I always plan on losing some lures on a float trip.

We kept fishing downstream trying different lures at each hole. We just were not getting into them as we had on previous trips. We each picked up a bass every so often, but we could not find the "honey hole" where the fish would stack up.

Along the way we encountered deer and turkey along the shore. Eagles and herons were flying in front of us for the entire trip. We did have three other groups of kayakers come through as we were stopped on some islands. It was a good day for a float trip.

At one island we stopped and waded out into the water to make some cast. Suddenly my friend hooked into a nice smallmouth bass. As he was fighting the fish another larger fish came up



to try and steal the bait. At one point he had both fish hooked on the same lure. In the end the bigger fish knocked off the smaller fish, and he landed a nice smallmouth. That turned out to be the big fish of the day.

While we did not catch large numbers of fish or any lunkers, we still had a great day. I have a phrase that I like to use on these float trips. "Sometimes I get so caught up in the beauty of the river and the scenery that I forget to fish." Not a bad problem in my mind.



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Father Kevin Earleywine Celebrates Final Masses Before New Assignment

BY JIM DAVIES

Father Kevin Earleywine celebrated his final weekend Masses on Sunday, July 12, before departing for his new assignment in the newly formed Waterloo Area Pastorate.

Father Kevin began the day by celebrating the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church in Ackley. It marked the final regularly scheduled weekend Mass for St. Mary's parishioners in Ackley, at least until January 15, 2027. The Ackley parish has been assigned to the Webster City Area Pastorate and, for the time being, will only have an 8:30 a.m. Thursday weekday Mass at St. Mary's Church, in addition to special occasion Masses such as weddings and funerals.

He then celebrated his final English-language Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Hampton, followed by his final Spanish-language Mass at 5:30 p.m.

At the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Father Kevin was presented with gift cards from the parish. He will also receive a commemorative chasuble once it arrives. Dawn Collins, speaking on behalf of the parishioners of St. Patrick's, then shared the following remarks:

Father Kevin, you have served St. Patrick now for nine years and in that nine years we have seen a young priest change into the person you are today.



Among the approximately 150 parishioners and community members attending the farewell luncheon in St. Patrick's Social Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 12 were Father Kevin's parents, Steve and Kathy Earleywine of Brodhead, Wisconsin.

We (per your bulletin column) do forgive you for any mistakes as you were learning and growing in your new role as a young priest, we will even forgive you for some Homilies that may or may not have been a little long.

As you prepare to begin this new chapter of ministry, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your faithful service, your guidance and the many ways you have touched our parish community.

You are someone who knows us and our parish well, who has taken two different cultures and figured out how to minister to both, separately and together. At times this was not an easy task. You have helped us grow in our faith and been there when

we needed you, for some in times of trouble and worry and for others to celebrate the good times and important events in our lives.

We appreciate all that you have done and we will miss you as you leave here and begin your next journey in Waterloo. It is with joy that we celebrate all you have given and done for us and a sadness that you will no longer be here with us.

We wish you nothing but the best and hope we will always hold a special place in your heart. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen you as you shepherd your new parish and may Our Lady watch over you wherever your ministry leads.

It is our privilege to present



Father Kevin Earleywine earned his undergraduate degree from Loras College in Dubuque before completing his priestly formation at Mundelein Seminary in a northern suburb of Chicago. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 2017, at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque.

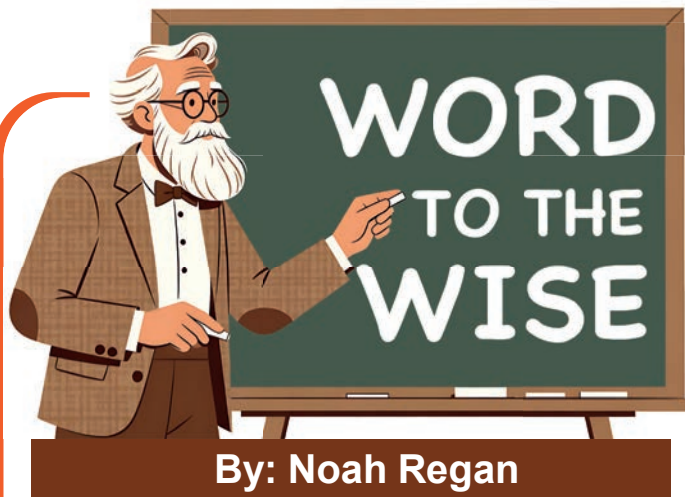
to you these gifts. A new vestment (which is lost in shipping somewhere, but we will get it to you). As you wear it to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, may it remind you that we will always be with you and hold a special place in our hearts. There are also a few gift cards to get you started in your new home.

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, parishioners and community members gathered in St. Patrick's Social Hall for a farewell reception in Father Kevin's honor. After the 5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, members of the Hispanic community hosted a potluck celebration.

Under the Diocese's new parish structure, St. Patrick's Parish in Hampton has been assigned to the Mason City Area Pastorate, which also includes the parishes in Mason City, Rockwell, and Manly.

Beginning next weekend, one English-language Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays and one English-language weekday Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. The Sunday Spanish-language Mass has been moved to Rockwell, where it will be celebrated each Sunday at 12:00 p.m.

The Mason City Area Pastorate will be served by four priests. The pastor is Rev. David O'Connor. Serving as parochial vicars are Rev. Paul Ameyaw, Rev. Peter Binder, and Rev. Georges Midiangu.



This Week's Trivia: (Answers are printed at the bottom)

Space Travel Edition:

- #1: Who was the first woman in space?
- #2: What was the name of the first dog in space?

This Week in History:

Courtesy: Britannica.com

July 12, 1984: Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale put forward Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate, making her the first woman ever nominated for vice president by a major U.S. political party. **Born:** Topher Grace, American actor (1978)

July 13, 1985: The benefit concert Live Aid was held simultaneously at Wembley Stadium in London and JFK Stadium in Philadelphia. Organized by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure, the event drew an estimated 1.5 billion television viewers and raised millions of dollars for famine relief in Ethiopia. **Born:** Harrison Ford, American actor (1942)

July 14, 1789: A mob advanced on the Bastille in Paris, demanding the arms and munitions stored there, but, when the guards resisted, the crowd captured the prison, an act that symbolized the end of the ancien régime. **Born:** Woody Guthrie, American singer and composer (1914)

July 15, 2006: Cofounders Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, and Biz Stone publicly launched Twitter, and within the following decade the social media platform had more than 300 million users. **Born:** Linda Ronstadt, American singer (1946)

July 16, 1945: The United States tested the first atomic bomb near Alamogordo, New Mexico, and the following month dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, hastening the end of World War II. **Born:** Ginger Rogers, American dancer (1911)

July 17, 1955: Disneyland, an amusement park featuring attractions based on the creations of Walt Disney and the Disney Company, opened in Anaheim, California. **Born:** Mark Burnett, British author and tv producer and director (1960)

July 18, 1927: American baseball player Ty Cobb collected his 4,000th career hit. **Born:** John Glenn, U.S. astronaut (1921)

Fascinating Facts:

Astronaut Edition:

• The word "astronaut" originates from the Greek words for "star sailor" and designates space explorers.

• Space Sleep: Because they float, astronauts sleep inside special sleeping bags tethered to the walls of the spacecraft. They also average 30 to 60 minutes less sleep per night due to environmental factors and motion.

• Hygiene Challenges: Showers do not function in microgravity as water simply floats in blobs. Astronauts sponge bathe instead. They also do not do laundry; they wear clothes until dirty and discard them to burn up in cargo vehicles.

• Since the International Space Station is an international collaboration, all astronauts—including those from NASA—are required to learn Russian. This ensures they can read manuals on the Russian side of the station and communicate effectively with their crewmates.

• The ISS hurtles around Earth at about 17,500 miles per hour, circling the globe roughly every 90 minutes. This speed means astronauts witness about 16 sunrises and 16 sunsets every 24 hours.

Quality Quotes:

Astronaut Edition:

"It suddenly struck me that that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was the Earth. I put up my thumb and shut one eye, and my thumb blotted out the planet Earth. I didn't feel like a giant. I felt very, very small."
– Neil Armstrong

"When you look at the stars and the galaxy, you feel that you are not just from any particular piece of land, but from the solar system."
– Chris Hadfield

"We came all this way to explore the moon, and the most important thing is that we discovered the earth."
– William Anders

"Below was a welcoming planet. There, contained in the thin, moving, incredibly fragile shell of the biosphere is everything that is dear to you..."
– Loren Acton

Trivia Answers:

Answer #1: Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman in space. She launched on the Vostok 6 mission on June 16, 1963.

Answer #2: The Soviet Union launched the first dog, Laika, into space. Laika was aboard Sputnik 2 on November 3, 1957. Laika ultimately succumbed to heatstroke and exhaustion while on the one-way mission.



BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON — This week's Center Stage is Eva Dohlman, a rising Hampton-Dumont-CAL senior whose passion for performing and willingness to try new things have shaped her high school experience.

The daughter of Nathan and Lili Dohlman, Eva is involved in speech, debate, choir, student council, tennis, football cheerleading, dance and book club. She also gives back to the community by singing the national anthem at the Franklin County Fair each year.

While she participates in many activities, speech has had the greatest impact on her.

"I have never been afraid to speak to a crowd, and that made me feel like I didn't

fit in all the time," Dohlman said. "After joining speech, I made so many friends and found an outlet for my energy."

Her love for the fine arts began naturally through her love of singing and speaking.

"I have always had a passion to sing and just talk in general, so when an opportunity arrived I took it,"

she said.

For Dohlman, one of the most rewarding parts of participating in the fine arts has been watching herself improve.

"I enjoy getting to see my own personal growth and work," she said.

That growth led to one of her proudest accomplishments—writing and performing her own speech piece.

"Writing my own piece for speech and getting to share it with others," she said, is the achievement she is most proud of.

Throughout her journey, Dohlman has relied on the support of her parents.

"My parents have always tried to come and support me, so I'm inspired to keep trying," she said.

Her involvement in speech, music and extracurricular activities has also taught her a valuable lesson.



"If you don't put yourself out there, you're never going to get what you want," she said.

As she prepares to begin her senior year, Dohlman hopes to continue making memories with her classmates while embracing every opportunity that comes her way. Looking ahead, she plans to become a registered nurse before eventually opening her own medical beauty salon. For Dohlman, the confidence she's gained through the fine arts is just the beginning as she works towards her future career goals.

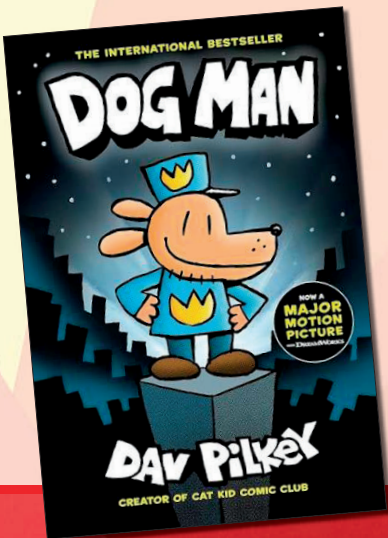
Reader of the Week

at the Hampton Public Library

BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Daxton Nixt, age 10. Daxton will be in the 5th grade this Fall.

He is the son of Kelly and David Nixt. His favorite books are all the Dogman books.



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Hinson Says She Will ‘Stand With Iowa Agriculture’, Fight Against CA Pork Rule

Senate candidate pushes for her Save Our Bacon Act

BY CAMI KOONS
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

MARSHALLTOWN – Iowa pork producers, at a Friday news conference supporting U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, emphasized the need for federal legislation that will stop individual states from dictating the growing conditions of agricultural products.

Hinson, a Republican running for U.S. Senate, previously introduced the “Save Our Bacon Act” in an effort to stop state-specific laws like California’s Proposition 12. That law stipulates certain proteins sold in the state must comply with California animal confinement regulations, even if the animals were raised in Iowa or any other state.

Hinson alleged her Democratic opponent, Josh Turek, supports the California law and is, therefore, against Iowa farmers.

“Anyone who supports a mandate like Prop 12 isn’t someone who can genuinely represent the people of Iowa, especially not our farmers and our producers and Iowa agriculture,” Hinson said. “... You either stand with the radical vegan activists who don’t know the first thing about farming, or you’re like me: You stand with Iowa agriculture.”

While Turek has been opposed to the Save Our Bacon Act, the state senator has said he does not support Proposition 12.

“Ashley Hinson has repeatedly betrayed rural Iowa and voted to hurt farmers by supporting

chaotic tariffs and a Middle East war that is driving up the cost of diesel and fertilizer,” a spokesperson from Turek’s campaign said in a statement. “To make matters worse, she forced her unpopular, pro-China ‘Save Our Bacon Act’ into the Farm Bill, jeopardizing passage of the Farm Bill that Iowans desperately need.”

The spokesperson said Turek plans to focus on farm issues like nationwide, year-round E15; right to repair farm machinery; monopolization of the farm markets and to pass a Farm Bill, if he is elected to fill U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst’s seat.

Proponents of the Save Our Bacon Act, which is similar to an earlier bill known as the Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression, or EATS act, say it protects interstate commerce from a “patchwork” of differing state regulations.

But some analysts and opponents of the bill say it would negate a number of state laws, beyond the scope of livestock production and meat sales.

The California state referendum went into effect in 2024 and pork producers alleged Friday the law has caused the price of bacon and other pork products to skyrocket in the west-cost state.

According to the National Pork Producers Council, covered pork products are 20% more expensive in California after the start of the law.

In addition to raising prices for consumers, pork producers



U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson spoke about her Save Our Bacon Act July 10, 2026 at a farm in Marshall County Iowa. She was joined by Iowa pork producers, agricultural leaders and their families at the campaign press conference. (Photo by Cami Koons/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

argue that Prop 12 compliance hurts family farmers who have to update their sow enclosures at an average cost, according to the National Pork Producers Council, of \$3,400-\$4,000 per sow.

Defenders of Proposition 12 say pork producers don’t have to sell their products in California if they don’t want to have compliant operations.

Rob Brenneman, the National Pork Producers Council president and a pork producer from Washington County, said the added cost of Proposition 12 compliance will affect the future generations of Iowa pork producers.

“We talk about second, third, fourth, and fifth and sixth generations – this will have an impact because livestock and pig

production is a big part of our industry, of our state, especially here in Iowa,” Brenneman said Friday.

Tom Mead and his family hosted the event on their century farm west of Marshalltown. Mead said he recently welcomed a granddaughter into the world who will represent the sixth generation on his family’s farm.

“We’re proud to be raising the next generation with the same values and appreciation for agriculture and the livestock industry that have sustained our family for many years,” Mead said.

Pork producers at the event said animal welfare standards should be set by “science and experience.” Blake Edler, a Marshall County producer, said Prop

12 is an animal welfare issue with “a lot of misinformation in regards to animal behavior.”

“A Prop 12 environment causes an increase in lameness, injury, health problems,” Elder said. “... As a farmer, I deeply care about animal welfare, and I don’t want to see my animals suffer.”

The California law stipulates pork sold in the state must come from operations where sows had at least 24 square feet of space – enough to turn around freely – in either individual or group housing systems.

The American Association of Swine Veterinarians urged Congress to pass legislation that would stop laws like California’s, arguing that “no single husbandry style is applicable in all situations.”

Language from Hinson’s Save Our Bacon Act was included in the 2026 House-passed Farm Bill, but was not included in the Senate’s recently released Farm Bill draft. Sen. Roger Marshall, R-Kansas, was an original sponsor of the Senate version of the Save Our Bacon Act, along with Iowa Sens. Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley, but Marshall withdrew his support of the bill in June.

An ad campaign from the American Meat Producers Association calls the Save Our Bacon Act a “scam” and a “give-away” to Chinese corporations. The association says it works to promote “responsible production, protect fair and open meat

markets, and keep family farms thriving.”

Hinson said her bill would protect small family farms that cannot absorb the costs of converting their operations to be Proposition 12 compliant.

“One of the most insulting parts of the campaign, in my mind, is the suggestion that our farmers only care about the bottom line, that they don’t care about the welfare of the animals that they are raising,” Hinson said. “As you’ve heard from these folks today, nothing could be further from the truth. The folks standing behind me know better than anyone that animal health and well-being is their top priority because that is their bottom line.”



Tom Mead, a Marshall County producer, spoke July 10, 2026 in favor of the Save Our Bacon Act from U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-IA. (Photo by Cami Koons/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

Reynolds Expresses Hope for Federal Appeal of SNAP ‘Unhealthy’ Food Restrictions

BY ROBIN OPSAHL
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

Though Iowa will not be the one to file court action, Gov. Kim Reynolds said she hoped the federal government will appeal a federal judge’s June decision to stop Iowa and other states from implementing restrictions on “unhealthy” purchases through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture granted Iowa a waiver allowing the state to exclude certain food and drinks, like soda and candy, from being purchased using SNAP, which took effect at the beginning of 2026. This waiver, and others granted to states allowing restrictions on SNAP, was overturned by a decision by U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson in June — a decision Reynolds called “short-sighted” in an earlier statement.

On Wednesday, Reynolds said the state would not be challenging this court decision, but said she would be in support of the federal government appeal-

ing it.

“If we can play a role in that, that would be the attorney general that would really participate on our behalf,” Reynolds said. “I hope they do at some point, to be quite honest, because I think it’s so important. You know, this is about the health of our kids, and our data is horrible. And it’s not a mandate that they can’t have those items ... it just says if taxpayer dollars are going to be used through this program, that was designated to provide nutritional food for our kids, then that’s the intent of the program, and we should adhere to that.”

But John Boller, board chair of the Iowa Hunger Coalition, said in a statement restrictions are not the best way to improve Iowans’ health.

“If the goal is healthier eating, we know that support works better than restriction,” Boller said in a statement. “Programs like Summer EBT have already shown they boost healthy food consumption for kids and incentives like Double Up Food Bucks do the same for families year-round. Vulnerable



Iowa will no longer restrict use of the SNAP federal nutrition program for sugary snacks, but Gov. Kim Reynolds said she would like to see the federal government appeal a court ruling that struck down the state’s restriction. (Photo by Cami Koons/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

Iowans deserve the same dignity of choice as anyone else at the grocery store. We’re grateful the judge’s ruling protects choice for SNAP participants in Iowa.”

Boller also said he would not support appealing the decision, because “an appeal would mean more uncertainty for SNAP participants who are just starting to regain some clarity and stability after the ruling, forcing them back into limbo about what they can and can’t buy.”

“It also creates real costs

and confusion for retailers, who would have to re-implement restrictions only to possibly unwind them again, all for a fight that doesn’t need to continue,” he said.

Reynolds had emphasized Wednesday the court decision will not block SNAP and summer feeding program funds from being allocated. She said the rules restricting certain foods from being purchased will “no longer apply, but we still will follow through with allocating the funds that we al-

ready said that we would.”

Iowa celebrates low SNAP error rate

Iowa is also not set to see changes to its required contributions to the SNAP program in the next year. On Thursday, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services officials praised the state’s work to keep the state’s SNAP payment error rate below the the 6% threshold set to implement federal penalties in 2027.

Under the 2025 “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” states will begin to face federal penalties based on their SNAP payment error rates beginning in federal fiscal year 2028 — beginning October 2027. If a state has a payment error rate above 6%, calculated by the federal government while looking at SNAP overpayments and underpayments, the state will be required to fund between 5% and 15% of benefit payments previously provided through federal aid.

The national average payment error rate is at 10.62%, according to federal data, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture

found states made a collective \$10.1 billion in improper payments in FY 2025.

But according to newly released USDA data, Iowa’s error rate fell below the national trend for FY 2025 at 5.34% — a rate that would mean the state would not have to take on additional funding for SNAP benefits under the 2025 law. An Iowa HHS news release said the department attributed the state’s low error rate to efforts made in the state to clarify eligibility policies, better train staff and other “organizational alignment” processes taken on.

“This improvement reflects our continued focus on getting benefits right the first time and the hard work of our staff to strengthen accuracy and consistency across the system,” HHS Principal Deputy Director Larry Johnson said in a statement. “Accurate SNAP administration supports Iowa families, protects taxpayer dollars, and ensures Iowans receive timely and correct support.”

Iowa is one of just nine states nationwide with an error rate below 6%.

AUSSIE CRUMB: FROM PAGE 2

the right time to pour my energy into something new—something that lets me be creative, connect with people, and hopefully brighten someone’s day with a good treat.”

Originally from Whyalla, Australia, Pralle moved to the United States in 2004. She said her upbringing continues to influence both the look and feel of the bakery.

“Growing up in Australia definitely shaped the way I

think about sweets and baking,” she said. “Aussie treats are often colorful, cheerful, nostalgic, and made to be shared.”

She hopes customers notice that same sense of creativity in every item she makes.

Among her favorite menu items are cake pops, which allow her to experiment with different flavors, colors and seasonal themes, along with cookie pies, a dessert she describes as “a cookie baked into

a pie and sliced.” While she plans to introduce more Australian-inspired recipes over time, she wants to ensure they’re approachable for local customers while staying true to their roots.

One aspect of the business that sets Aussie Crumb Co. apart is its commitment to ingredient transparency and accommodating customers with food allergies and sensitivities.

Pralle said the mission is personal.

“My sons and I all have different food allergies and sensitivities, including dairy, soy, corn, eggs, gluten, and chocolate,” she said. “Because of that, we know what it feels like to read every label, ask careful questions, and navigate restaurants or bakeries with caution.”

She hopes to continue expanding the bakery’s selection of gluten-free and other allergy-conscious treats, ensuring more people can enjoy some-

thing special.

Looking ahead, Pralle hopes Aussie Crumb Co. becomes a regular stop for residents in Sheffield and surrounding communities.

“My hope is that Aussie Crumb Co. becomes a familiar, happy little stop for people in Sheffield and the surrounding communities – the kind of place where someone can swing by, grab a treat, and leave with a smile,” she said.

The self-serve stand is open on weekends, weather permitting, from noon until dark at 728 Gilman St. Customers can pay using cash, Venmo or PayPal. Pralle also accepts special orders for businesses, groups and special occasions and plans to introduce additional seasonal and Australian-inspired treats throughout the year.

BLOOMS: FROM COVER

Although the business is just getting started, Benning said the journey has involved plenty of learning through trial and error.

“I am still a beginner and have been learning a lot through some trial and error,” she said. “Just because you try something one time and you fail doesn’t mean you can’t do it. You learn a lot from your failures and it is the best way you can grow.”

This growing season, Benning has planted around 4,000 flowers, including approximately 1,400 dahlias, which are the signature flower of the farm. She is also growing zinnias, celosia, gomphrena, statice, strawflowers and sunflowers.

Her decision to pursue flower farming was inspired in part by growing flowers for her own wedding.

“I really enjoyed picking my

flowers the day before our wedding with some special people in my life and having that memory of us all picking the flowers I grew,” she said. “After that I really wanted to share my flowers with more people and enable them to enjoy what we grew.”

Benning also credits her husband for encouraging her every step of the way.

“He’s been my biggest supporter and has encouraged me

to go for it,” she said. “Andrew actually bought my first dahlia tubers for my birthday, which in turn started my love of dahlias.”

Beginning in early August, customers will be able to visit a self-serve flower stand in Hampton. U-pick opportunities are expected to begin later in August and continue through the end of the growing season. Benning will also offer bulk flowers for weddings,

bridal showers, baby showers and other special events, along with Bloom Bar services where guests can build their own bouquets. A website with additional information is expected to launch soon, and dahlia tubers will be available for purchase next spring.

Looking ahead, Benning hopes to continue expanding the farm and eventually create a destination where visitors from

across Iowa can relax and enjoy locally grown flowers.

“I am really excited to be starting a small business in this community and look forward to sharing it with everyone,” she said.

As the farm prepares to open, Benning hopes her flowers will help create lasting memories for families and visitors to come.

OPINION

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Iowa’s Medicaid system doesn’t need a task force. It needs accountability



ROB SAND
STATE AUDITOR

Last week, Governor Kim Reynolds announced the creation of a new “task force” focused on Iowa’s Medicaid program. But after ten years of

Medicaid privatization, Iowans don’t need another task force to tell them what is wrong. They already know what the problem is. Ten years ago, Governor Reynolds and former Governor Terry Branstad turned Iowa’s Medicaid program over to private, for-profit companies — known as Managed Care Organizations, or MCOs. Iowans were promised that privatization would lower costs, create more stable budgets, and improve health outcomes. A decade later, it’s clear those promises haven’t been kept. In fact, the legislature and the Governor just raised taxes on most people’s healthcare this spring in order to pay for the profits of these MCOs.

Instead, Iowa families, health care providers, and taxpayers have been left dealing with a system that is more complicated, more expensive, and harder to navigate. Patients have struggled to get the care they need. Providers have spent countless hours fighting through insurance bureaucracy instead of focusing on their patients. And taxpayers are paying for a system that has created more administrative headaches without delivering better results. The biggest problem with the governor’s new task force is that it seems designed to protect the status quo rather than fix it. The task force includes representatives from the managed care organizations (MCOs) that profit

from Iowa’s current system, but does not include the patients, doctors, nurses, hospitals, and providers who have spent the last decade dealing with its failures firsthand. It’s another example of insiders protecting a broken system instead of standing up for Iowa families. If state leaders are truly interested in finding solutions, they should start by listening to the people who have been harmed by the system — not just the companies that benefit from it. Before privatization, Iowa had one of the most efficient Medicaid systems in the country. After the system was privatized, my office found a nearly 900 percent increase in illegal denials of care, meaning people

were wrongfully being kicked off of their health insurance, creating bureaucratic roadblocks and headaches for patients and providers alike. We also saw repeated instability in the program itself. In just ten years, five different managed care companies have cycled through Iowa’s Medicaid program. None have lasted the full decade, forcing families to navigate repeated disruptions and paperwork changes, forcing providers to hire extra staff to chase payments, and making hospitals have to take out loans to cover unpaid bills — all adding up to worse care and higher costs for everyone. After a decade of bureaucratic red tape, higher costs, and worse outcomes, it’s clear Medicaid

privatization has prioritized insurance company profits over Iowa patients. That’s why my “A Healthier Iowa for All” plan calls for beginning the process of reversing Medicaid privatization and restoring a system that puts patients first. At a time when Iowa families are already facing rising health care costs and fewer providers, we need leaders who will protect access to care — not more politicians who have spent their careers making it harder to get. As governor, I will take steps to reverse Medicaid privatization, lower costs, cut through the bureaucracy, and make sure Iowans can get the care they need — when and where they need it.

The Indians and the Palestinians



The Alternative
FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
COLUMNIST

We tore down our old house in 1997. It was the oldest house in Ingham Township. It was a great place to raise kids. Like a terrible first job, they appreciated the decent ones they lived in later. It also made life easier in that it was impossible to keep a house clean with a wood

cookstove on one end and a wood heater on the other. Lower standards can be a recipe for happiness. As Gary took the walls down with his excavator it became more obvious that there were two foundations. He explained that the outer one was shallow so as to enable the settlers to quickly build shelter before winter. The inner, deeper wall was for food storage and protection from Indians. All the dirt was carried out by hand and the limestone for the walls was moved in the same way. If there were chiropractors back then they’d have been driving solid gold horses. The door leading outside was extremely heavy and had an iron bar and brackets to keep the Indians out. In the Declaration of Independence indigenous people were labeled “merciless Indian savages” and their “known

rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.” The popular literature of the time constantly repeated the trope of them being subhuman, ruthless animals; the same as the state-run media of today when reporting on Muslims. (The fallacy of this thinking is illustrated by Iran, a country of 93 million people who are not starving and were living in an orderly existence.) It was unabashedly designed to promote sociopathic behavior toward the natives. I recently had a conversation with a conservative friend who said to me, “We only disagree on the Jews.” This was enlightening to me but not surprising. I’m sure we don’t disagree about Jews. Neither one of us meets someone and thinks of them as a part of a group. We see that person. Period. By necessity language is a series of general-

ities. In daily life we treat each other as fellow human beings, not amorphous pieces of a demographic. George Washington warned us of the dangers of political parties and how they enable us to be lazy and abandon critical thinking. The narrative around Israel’s treatment of its neighbors never puts a human face on those people. In 1896 Theodor Herzl wrote a manifesto in response to anti-semitism in Europe declaring that Jews needed an actual geographical state of their own. This came more than 30 years after Moses Hess first authored proposals of a structured Jewish socialist movement. In 1917 British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour sent a declaration to Lord Walter Rothschild naming Palestine as the home of the Jews while promising not to violate the rights of existing non-Jewish communities. Palestine was

90% Muslim and Christian. The Arabs resisted sorta like we would if the UN told us to go to Nebraska because the New Yorkers now owned Hampton. Israel has been growing outside of the declaration’s boundaries like Ankeny ever since. Armored bulldozers clear out Palestinian homes and businesses amid showers of thrown rocks and bottle rockets. Depicting criticism of Israel’s aggression as antisemitism is a deliberate attempt to shield a bunch of murderers. Zionists believe that the Jews are God’s chosen people. What? He created all of us and then said, “Oops, these Christians and Buddhists are rejects. They can be disposed of like a fly on pie.” Really? No. Jews are not Zionists. There are plenty of Jews who live among people of different religions, especially here where constitutional guarantees still

somewhat apply. Bibi Netanyahu has single-handedly created more antisemitism than any real antisemite crusader could ever dream of. Our European ancestors’ treatment of indigenous Americans was shameful. We have fleeting moments of guilt but it hasn’t gotten in the way of us financing the exact same thing in the Middle East. If our forebears had dealt with native populations with respect, that secure cellar would not have been necessary any more than our bloated national security state of today. What’s missing is the realization of what benefits we could reap from being decent people. Please comment on my column with a letter to the editor or directly to me at 4selfgovernment@gmail.com

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ISACA Summer Conference



KATY FLINT
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AUDITOR

A few weeks ago, I attended the annual conference for ISACA (Iowa State Association of County Auditors). This is a three-day conference held once a year for Auditors and auditor staff from around the state to meet, hear about important topics, gain knowledge, and interact with others who do our same job so we can better ourselves for our counties. We were able to hear from speakers regarding dealing with stress and being resilient. We all really enjoyed this as this job is often high stress and can get overwhelming. We also met with a variety of professionals

that we all work with regularly. We talked with staff of the Iowa Department of Management. These folks assist us with a variety of things, but the two big things they talked to us about was certifying all the local budgets (townships, hospital, fire districts, schools, cities, etc) and the property tax reform that was passed this last legislative session. We heard from an employment attorney regarding a variety of topics such as FMLA, FLSA rules, and much more. We spent a considerable amount of time with the Secretary of State’s office talking about all

things elections and learning more about election security. We had time to meet with the company that helps with our election machines and our pollbooks (the iPads) we use to check in voters at the elections. It was a great few days spent learning, growing, developing, and connecting with others who truly understand the demands of our jobs. I also must shout-out my staff for holding the fort down while I was gone. I always know things keep chugging along with them beside me! Until next time...

Letters to the Editor

Importance of Energy Independence

In the United States, energy independence is now more important than ever, with new technology demands outpacing our energy production. Investment in energy is not only economically beneficial, but it also ensures a free market that champions competition. The ability to keep electricity prices down means more money in the pockets of hard-working Iowans. These new projects help to keep Iowa farms in the hands of Iowans. In Franklin County, our investment in new wind projects is an investment in our future. Through a bad harvest, economic downturn or hardship, it

ensures that our farmers can not only keep their land but continue to benefit from it. Farmers know their land best and should have the freedom to make their own decisions in how to utilize it. Farmers deserve to economically benefit from the installation of energy infrastructure and help secure prosperity for future generations. As many counties weigh raising taxes, investment in wind is another step in ensuring that the burden does not fall on Iowans. The truth is that energy independence is what this country needs to make sure we do not rely upon volatile international markets. Investment in energy isn’t a partisan issue; it is our duty as Americans to

champion energy production while supporting our farmers. Wind energy is an opportunity for farmers to take part in securing Iowa’s energy future and to build financial security for their farms for generations to come.

— Ray Gaesser
Chairman, Iowa Conservative Forum

Ray Gaesser is a lifelong Iowa farmer, former President of the American Soybean Association, and was a candidate for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture in 2018. Ray, his wife Elaine, and his son Chris, farm 5,400 acres in southern Iowa.

Permitting Reform Needed

We continue to read about rising electricity rates that are exacerbating the inflation that is making our lives more expensive and difficult. While some states have been proactive in addressing the problem, a national solution is needed. Our existing grid can be made more efficient, but in the end we will need to build new transmission lines

and create stronger connections between each of the regional grids. A major problem is that it takes too long to build these lines due to outdated regulations. The cost of solar and battery storage has decreased so dramatically that virtually all new generation capacity is clean. Unfortunately, the grid hasn’t been able to keep up and this new capacity often has to wait years to get plugged in. Federal legislation is already

being considered in DC to help ease these bottlenecks while still encouraging public input. Ask your Member of Congress to join you in support of comprehensive clean energy permitting reform so we can build our way out of these high electricity rates.

Jon Berman
Elmhurst, IL

VETERANS: FROM COVER

Riders, attending military funerals to help protect families from protesters. Douglass said finishing in the top three fundraising locations would mean a great deal to her personally.

“I’ve worked in food service since I was 15, but I’ve never been a general manager before,” she said. “Being able to attend the conference and trade show and learn from more experienced managers would be an

amazing experience.” The Stars for Heroes fundraiser will continue throughout July, with donations accepted at the Hampton Hardee’s until August 2nd.

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My Time in Tanzania: Part 1

BY ISAAC VOSBURG
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS
ISAAC VOSBURG?

In the Mara region of north-western Tanzania, there stands a peak like no other—or at least no other that I’ve seen. Located 40 kilometers (25 miles) from Lake Victoria and a mere 15 kilometers (10 miles) from Nyamuswa—the village where I’ve been staying this summer—Chamriho Mountain is truly a sight to behold. Defying convention, as well as the rolling green hills and wide, fertile plains of the surrounding landscape, Chamriho stands out like a sore thumb, quite literally, especially upon first approach. Though it is not visible from Nyamuswa—thanks in large part to said “rolling hills” and the many, much smaller mountains indicative of and inherent to the East African Rift System I currently find myself situated within—Chamriho makes itself known just a short jaunt down the road.

I was riding on the back of a motorcycle, wind whipping through my hair, as Benard—my coworker at Project Zawadi—and I made our way to the village at the base of the mountain: Sanzati. Benard cupped a hand over his mouth as he spoke to me, ensuring that his voice wasn’t needlessly carried away by the wind, and we chatted about our heightened expectations. Today was Tuesday, the seventh of July, which is a federal holiday in Tanzania celebrating farmers. We had visited Sanzati just two days earlier, in the hopes of climbing Chamriho then, only to be politely turned away after our meeting with the village chairperson on the grounds that he wished first to ask for the village’s approval before agreeing to accompany and guide us. A village meeting had already been scheduled for the day after, where the chairperson brought up our interest. The village leaders were grateful for our asking, and stated that even if we “wish[ed] to climb Chamriho 10 times, that is okay,” so long as they were aware of our intent.

It is this point, on “intent,” that I draw out as most significant to Sanzati’s allowing of our ascent. The mountain itself, steeped in traditional history

and folklore, as well as the horrors of European colonization, remains a place of deep reverence for the Ikizu people who live in the surrounding villages, and demographically make up a majority of both Nyamuswa and Sanzati. It was due to this reverence that I took particular caution not to tread on any toes, and ultimately was not disheartened by our initial dismissal two days prior, for it allowed the situation to become much more honest and representative. In the ensuing discussion that transpired at Monday’s village meeting, it was my rank as a student, openly expressing my interest in learning as much as I could about the local history of Chamriho, as well as the fact that I was not simply a tourist, and had instead been living in Nyamuswa for well over a month at that point which made village leaders so receptive to my aspirations of ascent. Accordingly, I have taken great pains in structuring this article, as I wish to paint these kind people and their traditions in the best light I can—a fair reflection of the warm welcome and generosity I consistently received throughout this adventure.

With the scene now firmly set, and schema in place, I return us to the present, where Benard and I follow the gentle curve of the pavement, winding past the meager molehill (in comparison) that I had initially mistaken for Chamriho Mountain on my first time around. All the wiser now, I was still astounded when we rounded the bend and I laid eyes on the true site: a prominent point reaching up to form a gash in the lower horizon. With a verdant base and extensive rocky outcroppings the farther up you travel, Chamriho is scenic, without a doubt. As we approached Sanzati village, the pavement gave way to gravel, and what had first appeared as a sharp peak was now stretching. At 1725 meters (roughly 5750 feet, or 1.1 miles) above sea level, Chamriho is home to the highest point in Mara Region, which is an administrative division of Tanzania about the size of El Salvador. On the mountain itself, what appears to be a single peak from the northwestern vantage Benard and I were currently



party to turns out to be three distinct peaks when viewed from Sanzati to the northeast. Dodging ruts along the road, we were soon faced with an open plain, followed immediately by an intimidating wall of green and gray over three and a half kilometers (two miles) wide.

Such was our view as we rolled into Sanzati, where we met the village chairperson and ate a light breakfast of mandazi, a type of fried doughnut, together at a local shop. We purchased bottled water by the liter from another stall, joined up with a friend of the chairperson who would be accompanying us, and just like that, we were off. On two tandem-seated motorcycles, we retraced our travels down the gravel a ways before turning onto a footpath. Branches encroached, ruts widened, and soon we were passing folks gathering water by donkey, oxcart, and hand. Eventually we up and forged the river itself. Emerging on the other side unscathed, our path widened, then narrowed again as we wound our way past fields of maize, cassava, and watermelon, and climbed up into the low hills which girded Chamriho’s northwestern flank.

After our approach was

deemed sufficient by the chairperson, we came across a family in the midst of killing a snake which had encroached on their home. When the deed was done, thanks to a well-flung rock, the chairperson asked if we could park the motorcycles in their yard for a few hours as we hoofed it up to Chamriho’s three peaks. With one child dispatching the diseased snake with a stick in the weeds nearby, the rest of the family, apparently unbothered, enthusiastically agreed. And so the climb began.

It started out like any ordinary hike, if that ordinary hike were filled with fascinating tales of history, tradition, and folklore. So entrenched were we in conversation and storytelling that less than 20 minutes in, before we had truly even reached the base of Chamriho itself, our team had already plopped down around a semicircle of stones beneath a shade tree in order to hash out the details in full. I had come here to learn, and so listened intently as the chairperson recited a story perhaps known only to the local Ikizu community and preserved by oral history, of which I was now a recipient.

The story of Chamriho Mountain, as it was told to me,

can be traced back a few hundred years, to a time before colonization. The chairperson began by introducing the character of Moriho, a man who traveled by foot from an area in modern-day Kenya to the hills that lie outside Sanzati. Establishing his residence on a smaller, nearby mountain, the site soon came to bear his name: Itongo Moriho. At the chairperson’s insistence, a brief glance to the north offered a prime view of the squat hilltop that had served as Moriho’s former home. At that time, Chamriho Mountain was known as Chamokamba, a name which had been given to it by the Abahengere people, a tribe with pygmyism that lived upon Chamokamba’s slopes. The Abahengere were not fond of Moriho, particularly due to his practice of ubuhika, or traditional medicine, which was gaining traction among many of the other nearby tribes as they began to seek out Moriho’s counsel and remedies on various issues. The Abahengere were so repulsed, in fact, that they soon vacated their residence at Chamokamba, migrated to Mwanza—a village (now a bustling city) on the edge of Lake Victoria—and eventually made their way across the lake, ultimately settling in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). It was at this point that Moriho moved as well, claiming the now-empty slopes of Chamokamba as his own. With this move, the mountain came to be known as Chamokamba Moriho, which was simplified and solidified over time into the name it is known by today: Chamriho.

At the conclusion of this segment of the tale, the chairperson rose from his rock and encouraged us to press onward, assuring me that there would be more to come as we climbed. Eager, as always, for both adventure and history, I followed the chairperson’s lead. As we began our ascent, I couldn’t help but wonder what might lie ahead, both in terms of natural terrain and traditional folklore—for both were certainly promising.

Thank you for reading, and please stay tuned for next week’s edition of the Hampton Chronicle, which will include Part II of this three-part series!

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NEWS

Franklin General Hospital Solar
Array Nears Completion

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON — Franklin General Hospital’s new solar array is expected to be completed in July, with the system beginning to provide power to the hospital campus immediately upon completion.

The project includes 3,100 solar panels spread across eight acres of hospital-owned property just north of the hospital. According to Brad Shupe, Franklin General Hospital’s facilities director, the installation is one of, if not the largest, on-site solar arrays serving a Critical Access Hospital in Iowa.

Shupe said the solar array is expected to provide 100% of the annual electricity needs for Franklin General Assisted Living and the Franklin Wellness Center, along with an estimated 80% of the hospital’s annual energy consumption.

“With the size of our facility, energy costs are a significant expense, so we were continually looking for ways to reduce those costs while being good stewards of our resources,” Shupe said. “By investing in solar energy, we can help stabilize long-term energy costs, reduce our reliance on traditional energy sources and direct more resources toward the care and services we provide to our patients and community.”

Shupe said participation in funding available through the Inflation Reduction Act made the project financially feasible.



A view showcases Franklin General Hospital's solar array, which helps provide renewable energy to support the hospital's daily operations.

He said the solar array is expected to reduce hospital and assisted living electrical expenses by about \$180,000 during its first year of operation. Those savings can then be reinvested into Franklin General Hospital to support future improvements that benefit patients, residents and their families.

The project will not change day-to-day operations, patient services or resident care, Shupe said, and patients, residents and visitors are not expected to notice any changes once the system is operational.

The solar array will operate through a net metering system with MidAmerican Energy. Shupe said electricity generated by the solar field will first meet the facility’s electrical needs. When more electricity is produced than the campus is

using, the excess power will be returned to the electrical grid, creating credits that can be used when electricity demand exceeds solar production.

Battery storage was considered during the planning stages but was not included because the initial cost and return on investment did not justify the expense, Shupe said. He added that battery storage could become a viable option in the future.

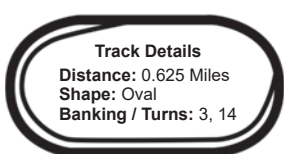
Shupe said the project will lower utility costs, support environmental sustainability and strengthen the hospital’s energy independence, allowing more resources to be directed toward Franklin General Hospital’s mission of providing high-quality healthcare and health-related services to the communities it serves.

PRO RACING THIS WEEK
Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Window World 450

Location: North Wilkesboro, N.C.
Date: July 19th, 7:00 p.m.
Last Year's Pole: None
Last Year's Winner: None

North Wilkesboro Speedway



The NASCAR Cup Series makes a highly anticipated return to its traditional roots on July 19th, 2026, for the running of the Window World 450. Marking a massive milestone for the sport, this event represents the first official Cup Series points race hosted at North Wilkesboro Speedway since 1996. Nestled in North Carolina, the historic 0.625-mile short track features a unique uphill frontstretch and downhill backstretch that forces drivers to constantly manage a shifting center of gravity on an intensely abrasive, aging asphalt surface. Because this venue has only hosted non-points All-Star events in recent years, there is no true defending winner from a previous points season. However, short-track masters such as Denny Hamlin and Kyle Larson enter as heavy favorites to tame the tight corners, alongside Chase Elliott, who possesses the tire-saving patience required to excel over 450 grueling laps. This historic points showdown will broadcast live on TNT starting at 7:00 PM ET.

Last Weekend's Race: Ryan Blaney Won at EchoPark

Ryan Blaney won the rain-delayed Quaker State 400 at EchoPark Speedway early Monday morning, July 13, 2026. Starting from the pole, Blaney swept both stages and led a dominant 171 of 263 laps. Following a three-hour storm delay at Lap 108, the race resumed near midnight and culminated in an overtime finish. Blaney executed a final-lap pass on Carson Hocevar, prevailing by 0.088 seconds over Christopher Bell in a three-wide photo finish. The triumph marks his second victory of the 2026 season.

Ryan Blaney
Born: Dec. 31, 1993
Crew Chief: Jonathan Hassler
Car: Ford

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2026	2	15	10.55
2025	4	19	14.61

2026 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten				O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Top Ten			
Drivers	Points	Top 10s		Drivers	Points	Top 10s	
1) Denny Hamlin	791	12		1) Justin Allgaier	966	16	
2) Tyler Reddick	767	13		2) Jesse Love	726	13	
3) Ryan Blaney	726	15		3) Sheldon Creed	693	13	
4) Ty Gibbs	665	13		4) Corey Day	689	14	
5) Chase Elliott	610	8		5) Carson Kvapil	682	12	
6) Kyle Larson	594	11		6) Brandon Jones	664	12	
7) Chris Buescher	568	10		7) Austin Hill	659	9	
8) Carson Hocevar	563	8		8) Sammy Smith	639	10	
9) Christopher Bell	551	9		9) Parker Retzlaff	593	10	
10) Chase Briscoe	542	9		10) Sam Mayer	549	10	

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Top News Stories

Seasonal Chaos and Historic Undercard Triumphs

High-stakes driver movements and dramatic undercard battles dictated the professional racing landscape this past week. Across United States circuits and open-wheel paddocks, race teams locked down future premier talent while navigating fierce, multi-car track action. The headline shock emerged from the NTT IndyCar Series paddock as the upcoming driver market exploded into unprecedented chaos. Arrow McLaren delivered a massive industry statement by officially confirming a blockbuster team realignment for next year. The team locked down an untouchable lineup featuring Pat O'Ward, newly crowned Indianapolis 500 winner Felix Rosenqvist, and six-time series champion Scott Dixon. This high-profile shuffling has completely turned the open-wheel paddock upside down, leaving rival frontrunner organizations scrambling to fill their remaining open seats. On the physical tracks, NASCAR's national undercard series stepped into the spotlight with incredible short-track and road-course drama. At Connecticut's historic Lime Rock Park, veteran Grant Enfinger conquered a wild, chaotic NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series shootout on Saturday, July 11, to secure a hard-fought victory. Simultaneously, the NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series staged a grueling, four-hour war of attrition at Atlanta's EchoPark Speedway. Championship leader Justin Allgaier masterfully survived a succession of late-race red flags and a double-overtime restart. Allgaier executed a brilliant last-lap pass to claim his sixth victory of the season, officially clinching the 2026 regular-season championship title in spectacular fashion.

Racing Trivia

What color flag is waved to signal that there is one lap remaining in the race?

- a) Green c) White
b) Checkered d) Yellow

ANSWER: C) White. The flagger waves it to tell drivers they have started their final lap around the track.



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What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

Moana shows at the Windsor Theatre Friday, July 17 through Thursday, July 30.

Moana is a 2026 musical adventure film and a live-action adaptation of Disney's 2016 animated film *Moana*. *Moana* follows the headstrong teenage daughter of a Polynesian village chief. When darkness threatens her island, she defies her father's rules and sets out on a perilous ocean voyage to find the demigod Maui. Together, they must return the stolen heart of the goddess Te Fiti to restore prosperity to the world. The third installment and the first live-action film in the *Moana* franchise, the film was directed by Thomas Kail in his feature directorial debut from a screenplay by Jared Bush and Dana Ledoux Miller.

It was produced by Dwayne Johnson, Hiram Garcia, Dany Garcia, Beau Flynn, and songwriter Lin-Manuel Miranda. The film stars Johnson (reprising his role as Maui from the animated films), Rena Owen, John Tui, Frankie Adams, Je-maine Clement (also reprising his role as Tamatoa from the animated films) and Catherine Laga'aia in her film debut as the title character.

The film is rated PG for ac-

tion/peril, some scary images, rude humor, and brief thematic elements including intense situations like an island experiencing famine, a character being swept out to sea, and brief moments of grief. Running time is 115 minutes. The movie is distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures.

Showtimes and Ticket Prices

Regular movie admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth ages 16 and under. Seniors aged 60 and older receive discounted admission of \$4 on Sundays. All tickets are just \$4 for the Wednesday matinee and Thursday evening show.

Regular showtimes are Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Matinees are offered on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

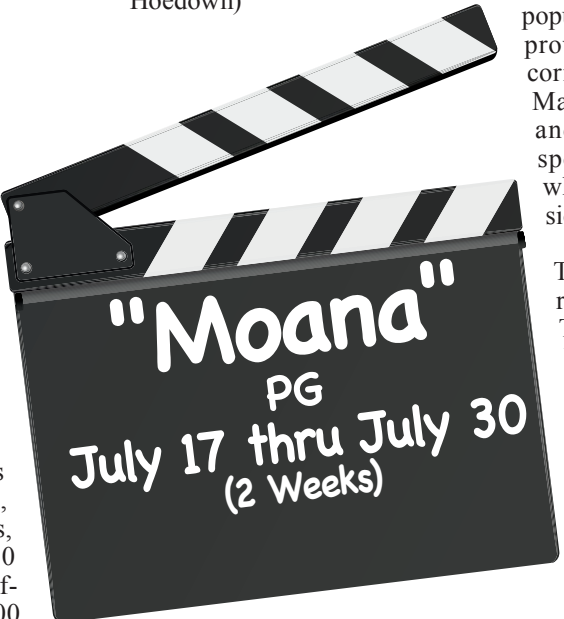
Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.windsortheatre.com. Credit cards are accepted.

Upcoming Events

• The Franklin County Arts Council is presenting "A Cab-

aret Night" at the Windsor Theatre on Tuesday, July 21 starting at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Free will donation will be taken.

• Hampton Old Time Country Hoedown, Monday, August 3 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Windsor Theatre (note-no July Hoedown)



Upcoming Movies (Subject to Change)

- July 31 – Spider-Man: Brand New Day (3 weeks)
- August 21 – Young Washington: A Founders Story
- August 28 – Coyote vs. Acme (2 weeks)

Gift Ideas and Theatre Rentals

The Windsor Theatre offers several gift options, including "Windsor Bucks" gift certificates for tickets or concessions, movie passes, discounted Punch Cards, and the popular Popcorn Card, which provides a free large popcorn and daily refill through March 1, 2027. Businesses and individuals can also sponsor a movie for \$300, which includes 100 admission tickets.

The historic Windsor Theatre is also available to rent for just \$50 per hour. The venue is ideal for birthday parties, private movie showings, employee training sessions, meetings, award ceremonies, family reunions, and even wedding ceremonies. Rentals include use of the sound system, microphone, stage lighting, digital projector with laptop connectivity, DVD/Blu-ray player, and Wi-Fi. The concession stand can also be opened for your event.

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



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Stories from Franklin County’s Past:

The Franklin County Fair During the Depression

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The Franklin County Fair’s story during the twentieth century was not unlike a roller coaster ride you might experience on the midway. Perhaps one of the most trying times for the Franklin County Fair was during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

By the end of the 1920s, the Franklin County Fair had faced its share of adversity. There were years when the income from the fair was not enough to cover the premiums (prizes) offered. The fairgrounds had been sold to the county and came under the direction of the Franklin County Fair Association. After several years of no fair at all, the fairgrounds were refurbished in 1924 through donations and hundreds of people volunteering their time and skills, only to have a storm destroy much of their work less than two months before the fair was scheduled. The volunteers showed up again and rebuilt the destroyed structures.

In 1925, the Franklin County Fair Association was incorporated and offered memberships to Franklin County residents. The 1925 fair was the most successful in the 67- year history of the fair. In 1926, night shows at the grandstand were offered for the first time. The



Wedding at the Franklin County Fair.

attractions included band concerts from the Geneva Band, the Morgan Township Band, the Coulter Band, and the Hampton Band. A new horse barn and a new ticket office were built in the northeast corner of the grounds in 1927. The next year loudspeakers were installed, so announcements could be heard throughout the grounds. This was also the year that horse pulls were held in front of the grandstand.

In 1929, the Franklin County Fair was the first Iowa fair to have a complete rabbit show. There were over 200 entries. The “World’s Greatest Colt Show” was judged by a professor from Ames. For the first time, the fair offered four big night shows, one of which was a competition for local talent staged plays with \$350 in prizes. Probably the biggest hit of the 1929 fair was the Franklin County Mule Race.

Then came the Stock Market Crash in October of 1929. In the depths of the depression, corn that had sold for \$2.25 a bushel in prior years was selling for less than 10 cents a bushel. Personal income had dropped 48% from 1929 to 1930 and had not recovered. Unemployment rates reached 25%.

As you may remember from an earlier story, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) had a camp at the fairgrounds beginning in July of 1934. The

young men were working on local farms and creating Beeds Lake State Park, including the renovated lake and the new dam. Unfortunately, a storm July 13, 1934 destroyed much of the “tent” city. While the 1934 Franklin County Fair was occurring August 18-22, the CCC was very busily building nine barracks, a hospital, a mess hall, a recreation building, a bathhouse/latrine, officer’s quarters, and an administration building on the fairgrounds.

The premiums offered at the fair in 1934 were lower and the entertainment was not as elaborate as in previous years. However, the Franklin County Fair continued to be popular. The Hampton Chronicle reported crowds of up to 8,000 at grandstand events. Many of the shows drew large crowds since they featured local “stars” and unique and interesting appeal. One of the unique ideas by the Fair Board was to hold a public wedding as one of the 1934 grandstand attractions. Several months prior to the fair, the Hampton Chronicle encouraged couples who were interested to apply in person to the fair secretary, G. A. Marken. The Board would pay some of the wedding expenses, and local businesses would provide gifts for the couple.

The Fair Board planned for one couple to get married at the fair; however, three couples applied. Their identities were kept secret; not even their families knew until right before the ceremony. The wedding rehearsal was held at the Marken home to keep the names of the couples secret. The couples were driven to the fair grounds to the back of the stage where the six of them waited.

The wedding was quite

an affair. Jay Gould, head of Gould’s Million Dollar Games, a group of musicians and dancers who were performing at the fair, orchestrated the wedding ceremonies. The grooms were supplied tuxedos by Gould, and his orchestra provided the music. Gould’s Glorified Girls, a Las Vegas-type chorus line, were on stage in evening gowns. The bridesmaids for the event were the young women of Hampton’s senior class that year. The stage was decorated with large baskets of flowers, and each bride was provided a bouquet. The stage curtains were opened when the orchestra began playing the wedding march. A cheer went up from the packed crowd of approximately 7,000 as they finally saw who the mystery couples were.

The official ceremony was performed by Reverend M. A. Davis of Hansell’s Methodist Church. One by one, the couples stepped forward and took their vows. When the ceremony was concluded, each couple was introduced to the applauding crowd at the largest wedding in Hampton history. The couples married during that unique ceremony were: Oliver Kothenbeutel and Meta Bruns; Ray Christensen and Verna Symens; and Raymond Armfield and Lena Kroll.

The newlyweds were presented with a variety of gifts from local businesses that included a kitchen stepstool, a hassock, canned food, and 100 pounds of coal. In addition to paying for the minister, license, and flowers, the fair board gave each couple season tickets to the fair and \$25. With the array of gifts and 7,000 cheering guests at their wedding, I am confident each couple felt very rich indeed.



1934 Franklin County Fair advertisement.

Work Begins at Franklin County Courthouse

PRESS RELEASE

The Franklin County Courthouse will be undergoing an extensive tuckpointing project beginning Tuesday July 14th, 2026.

Crews will begin with a week or so of mobilization followed by several weeks of grinding of the existing mortar and bricks to prepare for the replacement of damaged bricks and mortar.

During the griding stage of the project, there is a possibility for a significant amount of noise and dust.

In addition, the staff parking lot will be unavailable due to the amount of equipment and supplies needed by the crew doing the work. We understand that all of this may cause a disturbance to those around us as well as for several blocks surrounding the Courthouse.

We apologize for this nuisance but do appreciate every-

one’s understanding during this very important preservation of our Courthouse and understanding the importance of maintaining its structure for 100+ years to come.

The Courthouse will remain open for normal business during this time, but the door access may shift as the project progresses. However, ADA compliant accessibility will always be available.

We will have signs posted as well as sharing updates on the Auditor’s Facebook page and KLMJ 104.9.

Again, the Courthouse staff truly appreciates your patience and understanding during this project. If any time you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Auditor Katy Flint at 641-456-5622.

REUNION: FROM PAGE 2

ations. Former residents smiled as they shared memories involving the elevator, trains, and tales about an elephant. While each memory was unique, they all reflected the close-knit spirit that continues to define the community long after many residents have moved away.

Planning the reunion takes dedication, especially from 500 miles away. Smith said she begins organizing the event from her home in Oklahoma before making the trip to Bradford with supplies, including tablecloths, plates and other items needed for the gathering.

She also credits local volunteers for helping make the reunion possible.

union possible.

“If I didn’t have people here in town that helped me, it would be much harder,” Smith said.

She specifically thanked her longtime friend, Marcy Norman, for designing the reunion flyer, posting it throughout the community and helping spread the word through Facebook.

Although planning did not begin until early June this year because of other commitments, Smith said organizing the reunion becomes easier once people hear it is happening.

“Once word of mouth gets out, people just show up,” she said.

For many attendees, that

simple invitation is all it takes. No matter how many years have passed, returning to Bradford offers an opportunity to reconnect with childhood friends and remember the people and places that shaped their lives.

Smith said she hopes everyone leaves with a renewed appreciation for the importance of staying connected.

“What it means to be connected is the biggest thing,” she said. “Keeping connections.”

As the reunion continued, Smith looked toward the future of the event. While she hopes the tradition continues for years to come, she also hopes someone closer to Bradford will

eventually take over organizing it.

“I’m hoping today to pass the baton to somebody closer to home,” she said. “I’m starting to get up there in years, and 500 miles is a long way to plan something. I’m hoping somebody closer will help keep it going.”

As friends exchanged memories and hugs, the reunion served as a reminder that although Bradford has changed over the decades, the friendships, traditions and memories that began there continue to bring people home.

SUDOKU

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

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

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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7	5	2	1	6	9	3	4	8

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ACTIVITIES

Monday, July 20

1:00 BINGO (\$3.25)

Tuesday, July 21

CRIBBAGE @ 12:30PM

Wednesday, July 22

12:45 HAND & FOOT OR 500 CARDS

Thursday, July 23

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Friday, July 24

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Menu

Monday, July 20

Chef Salad ,Cottage Cheese, Breadstick, Fruit

Tuesday, July 21

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit

Wednesday, July 22

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit

Thursday, July 23

Baked Fish, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit

Friday, July 24

Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Lettuce Salad, Cake

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If you have out-of-town guests.
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If a son or daughter leaves for college,or comes back for a visit.
If a son or daughter enlists in the Armed Forces.
If a son or daughter receives scholastic honors.
If someone in your family or business receives a promotion, job change or retires.
If a former resident passes away.
If you entertain at a dinner or a party.
If your club meets.

If your class holds or plans a reunion.
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!

AUDITIONS

The Hallelujah Girls By Jones Hope Wooten

July 27 & 28 at 6:30pm

WHERE: Iowa River Players Theatre
901 W Broadway St Rowan, IA

A hilarious, high-energy comedy about a group of feisty Southern women who decide to turn an abandoned church into a day spa and change their lives.

Seeking 6 Women & 2 Men adult ages. No preparation needed!

Show dates: October 3, 4, 10, & 11

Contact Tish Arnold (515) 571-3100 or visit our Facebook page!



96 people attended Minions & Monsters on its second weekend at the Windsor Theatre. Three more showings on Wednesday at 2 PM and 7 PM and Thursday at 7 PM.

First Security Bank & Trust Donates \$25,000 to NIACC Career Center

The career center will provide students from Belmond-Klemme, Hampton-Dumont-CAL, and West Fork school districts with hands-on training in healthcare, construction, and manufacturing industries while they work to earn NIACC college credit, all at no cost to the student.

First Security Bank & Trust's contribution will support equipment and resources across the

career center, ensuring students have access to modern, industry-relevant training. Through partnerships like this, the center will prepare students for in-demand careers and help build a skilled workforce to meet the needs of North Central Iowa employers.

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Hampton Aquatic Center Turns 15

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON – After celebrating its 15th anniversary with a community birthday party, the Hampton Aquatic Center is reflecting on more than a decade of serving as one of Hampton's favorite summertime destinations.

Since opening in 2011, the aquatic center has welcomed thousands of swimmers each season, providing a place where children learn to swim, teenagers gain their first jobs and families make lasting memories. Fifteen years later, staff members and longtime patrons say the facility has become much more than a place to cool off on a hot summer day.

Manager Emileigh Eilderts, who has overseen the aquatic center since 2019, said the pool has continued to adapt to the needs of the community while maintaining its focus on providing a safe and enjoyable experience.

The aquatic center now opens at 1 p.m. instead of noon, Monday and Wednesday evening hours have been extended until 9 p.m., and Toddler Time has been introduced for younger children. Eilderts estimates the facility sees more than 20,000 visits each season, with attendance ranging from fewer than 60 people on slower days to more than 400 guests on busy afternoons.

She said the waterslides and high dive remain major attractions, but she believes the people make the biggest difference.

"If you watch our lifeguards interact with the kids, especially on those busy days, they give kids high fives, they rate their dives a little bit and do those kinds of things that really help the atmosphere," Eilderts said.

As both the manager and a mother, Eilderts said safety is always the staff's top priority.

"I know, as a mom, I was always hyper-vigilant," she said. "I press that upon my staff. I feel like they do a really good job keeping people safe while also following the rules and letting people have fun."

Looking back on her years at the aquatic center, one memory stands out of children,



A birthday cake celebrates the Hampton Aquatic Center's 15th anniversary.

parents and lifeguards dancing together to the "Cupid Shuffle."

"There were probably 50 kids in the water doing it," Eilderts said. "The lifeguards were joining in when they weren't actively watching the water, and parents were doing it. It was just a really fun time."

For lifeguard Silas Buseman, 19, who recently completed his freshman year of college, the aquatic center has been part of nearly every summer of his life. Now in his sixth season on staff, he has watched many of the children he first met grow up.

"A lot of these younger kids were either just born or were super young by the time I first started working," Buseman said. "I've watched them grow up from being little kids who could barely touch in the lazy river to doing tricks off the diving boards."

He said working as a lifeguard has taught him lessons that extend beyond the pool.

"You never really know what the day is going to bring," Buseman said. "I've learned to adapt on the fly and figure things out in the moment."

Seeing today's children enjoy the same experiences he had growing up has become one of the most rewarding parts of the job.

"I remember how much fun I had coming to the pool every single day," he said. "Being able to see that memory live on through the kids these days is probably my favorite part."

When asked to describe the Hampton

Aquatic Center in one word, Buseman chose "memorable."

"Most of my memories growing up and through high school come from this place," he said. "Now I get to make memories with my coworkers while helping other families make theirs."

Longtime Hampton resident Steffanie McGuire said the aquatic center has been a centerpiece of summer for her family.

"My family and I practically live here during the summer," McGuire said. "My kids have taken swimming lessons here, they're on the swim team, and I've even had kids who have worked here as lifeguards."

She said the aquatic center has become much more than a recreational facility.

"The Hampton Aquatic Center is more than a pool," McGuire said. "It's a place where our community comes together. It gives families a safe, fun place to make memories, stay active and connect with one another."

The recent anniversary celebration featured contests, music, cake and activities for swimmers of all ages while also raising funds for future improvements at the facility. Recent projects have included repainting the waterslides and resurfacing the diving boards, with future fundraising helping purchase new deck chairs, lifeguard stands and swimming lesson equipment.

"We're using it as a way to gain a little extra money coming into the pool," Eilderts said. "After 15 years, sometimes we need new things."

Although visitors see a finished facility each summer, weeks of preparation take place before opening day, including cleaning, maintenance and lifeguard training. While the waterslides, lazy river and diving boards remain popular attractions, Eilderts said the aquatic center's greatest success is measured by the memories families make there. Fifteen years after opening, it continues to be a place where generations of Hampton residents return each summer, creating traditions that have become part of the community's story.

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ades-old record company, The Gold Label, creating new opportunities for legendary artists while preserving the legacy of their music.

Following the album release concert, guests are invited to continue the celebration with a special sock hop featuring The Whitesidewalls. Known for bringing the sounds, style, and energy of the 1950s to life, The Whitesidewalls will close out the evening, giving attendees the opportunity to dance the night away on the Surf Ballroom dance floor in true rock & roll fashion.

The combination of the statue unveiling, album release celebration, classic car cruise, VIP experiences, and live performances create a unique opportunity for fans to honor the legacies of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper while celebrating the music that continues to connect generations more than six decades

later.

Event Schedule

11:00 AM – Statues Unveiling Ceremony in front of Surf Ballroom, open to public (free) – Honoring Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens & The Big Bopper

5:00 PM – VIP Meet & Greet with Pat Boone in the Palms Ballroom, located upstairs in the MEC (468 N. Shore Drive – enter via the west doors)

CLASS Car Club Cruise – Around Clear Lake, concluding at the Surf Ballroom

7:00 PM – Surf Ballroom Doors Open

7:45 PM – “Three Stars Tribute” Album Release Concert featuring Pat Boone, Mario R. Valens, Jimmy Angel, "Sting" Ray Anthony, Ernie Reyes, Sha Na Na's "Downtown" Michael Brown, and Jason Gutierrez & The JG3

Following the Album Release Concert – Sock Hop featuring The Whitesidewalls

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Surf Ballroom Box Office at (641) 357-6151 or online at www.surfballroom.com.

About the Surf Ballroom

The Surf Ballroom is a National Historic Landmark and one of America's most iconic music venues. Located in Clear Lake, Iowa, the Surf Ballroom preserves and celebrates music history while continuing to welcome artists and visitors from around the world. As the site of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper's final performance, the Surf remains a living tribute to the pioneers of rock and roll and a place where music history continues to be made. The Surf Ballroom and Museum is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional summer hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day include Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

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Padilla, Edwing Moises, Hampton, operating while under the influence 1st Offense. Serious Misdemeanor, Deferred

Christiansen, John Lee, Coulter, Operating while under the influence Cook, James Thomas, Bradford, Operating while under the influence, Serious Misdemeanor

Portillo Rivera, Geoffrey Addison, Mason City, operating while under the influence 1st Offense. Serious Misdemeanor, Possession of a controlled substance Marijuana 1st offense

Stack, Reece Raymond, Boxholm, operating while under the influence 1st Offense. Serious Misdemeanor, Unlawful possession of prescription drug, serious misdemeanor

Small Claims

Olmstead, Anntoinette, Geneva, IA, versus Capital One, NA, Golden Valley, MN, Filed: 06-JUL-26, Dis-

missed w/o Prejudice

Martinez, Crystal Victoria, Hampton, IA, versus First Bank Hampton, Hampton, IA, Filed: 02-JUL-26, Judgment Default

Dixon, Jerry Eugene, Thornton, IA, versus Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Des Moines, IA, Filed: 01-JUL-26, Dismissed w/o Prejudice

Rodriguez, Arlene, Hampton, IA, versus Jefferson Capital Systems LLC, Omaha, NE, Filed: 02-JUL-26, Judgment Default

Pickering, Lisa, Iowa Falls, IA, versus Ziesman, Travis V, Iowa Falls, IA, Filed: 02-JUL-26, Order for Judgment

Wilson, Brittney, Hampton, IA, versus Franklin Holdings, LLC, Mason City, IA, Filed: 30-JUN-26, Small Claims Original Notice

Garcia Martinez, Virginia, Hampton, IA, versus Franklin Holdings, LLC, Mason City, IA, Filed: 30-JUN-26, Small Claims Original Notice

Mason City, IA, Filed: 30-JUN-26, Small Claims Original Notice

Wood, Carol, Alden, IA, versus Roll, Dawn, Iowa Falls, IA, Filed: 30-JUN-26, Small Claims Original Notice

Simmons, Melissa Sue, Latimer, IA, versus LVNV Funding LLC, Plymouth, MN, Filed: 01-JUL-26, Small Claims Original Notice

TalinaO, Sherwin, Geneva, IA, versus LVNV Funding LLC, Plymouth, MN, Filed: 01-JUL-26, Small Claims Original Notice

Jones, Dan, Hampton, IA, versus Agvantage FS, A Division of Growmark, Inc, Waverly, IA, Filed: 01-JUL-26, Small Claims Original Notice

Wood, Daniel Joseph, Sheffield, IA, versus Hauge Associates Inc, Sioux Falls, SD, Filed: 02-JUL-26, Small Claims Original Notice

Wood, Kimberly R, Sheffield, IA, versus Hauge Associates Inc, Sioux Falls, SD, Filed: 02-JUL-26, Small

Claims Original Notice

Baker, Nickie Sue, Chapin, IA, versus LVNV Funding LLC, Grand Rapids, MI, Filed: 02-JUL-26, Small Claims Original Notice

Scheduled Traffic

Savannah Rose Schumacher (Sparta, WI) — Speeding Ovr 55 Zone (16 thru 20 Over)

Elbin Perez Perez (Latimer, IA) — No Valid Drivers License

Joel Alejandro Cazares Aceves (Inver Grove Heights, MN) — Speeding Ovr 55 Zone (6 thru 10 Over)

Trevor Lee Gross (Iowa Falls, IA) — Speeding 55 or Und Zone (6 thru 10 Over)

Emily Lynne Elizabeth Blake (Aurora, MN) — Speeding Ovr 55 Zone (6 thru 10 Over)

Justin Lloyd Bagley (Ducan, OK) — Hours of Service Violation

Jason Thomas Patterson (Newark, AR) — Speeding Ovr 55 Zone (1 thru 5 Over)

Ault Named Interim CEO at Franklin General Hospital

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON — Following the retirement of longtime Chief Executive Officer Kim Price, Franklin General Hospital has named Rebekah Ault as its interim CEO. Ault will maintain her duties as chief nursing officer while guiding the organization through its transition and the search for a permanent executive.

"I was honored and humbled by the opportunity," Ault said. "Franklin General Hospital means a great deal to me, and I am grateful for the trust the Board of Trustees has placed in me. My focus is ensuring stability, supporting our team and continuing to provide high-quality care for our community."

Ault brings more than two decades of healthcare experience to the position, beginning her career as a bedside aide before advancing into nursing and leadership roles. Before joining Franklin General Hospital nearly four years ago as chief nursing officer, she held leadership positions at MercyOne Des Moines and Hansen Family Hospital. This background provided her with a broad perspective on both large healthcare systems and rural hospitals.

She earned an associate degree in nursing from Des Moines Area Community College before completing a Master of Science in Nursing Executive Leadership. Ault noted that her extensive tenure as chief nursing officer has prepared her well for her new executive responsibilities.

"Serving as CNO has given me a deep understanding of our organization, our employees and our community's needs," she said. "I've had the opportunity to work on quality, strategic planning, workforce development, and financial and operational initiatives, which has helped prepare me to lead during this transition."

As interim CEO, Ault plans to focus heavily on operational consistency and maintaining organizational unity. While she will balance both roles during the transition, she expressed



Rebekah Ault steps into her new role as interim CEO for Franklin General Hospital. Photo courtesy of FGH.

complete confidence in the hospital's internal teams.

"We have an outstanding leadership team, and collaboration will be key," Ault said. "By prioritizing, delegating, and working closely with our leaders, I am confident we can continue moving our organization forward effectively."

Ault emphasized that the ultimate strength of Franklin General Hospital lies within its dedicated workforce. She expressed deep appreciation for the staff as they navigate this administrative change together.

"Two simple words: Thank you!" Ault said. "Thank you for your dedication. Leadership transitions can bring uncertainty, but our mission remains unchanged. I am committed to open communication and supporting our staff as we continue serving our patients and community."

Looking ahead, Ault remains optimistic about opportunities to strengthen local healthcare access and expand services when possible. She noted that a collaborative environment across the entire organization will ensure a seamless executive transition.

"I am grateful for the trust and support of our Board, leadership team, employees, providers and community," she said. "Franklin General Hospital has a strong team and a bright future, and I look forward to helping continue that success during this transition."

With a career rooted in patient care and leadership, Ault said she looks forward to helping Franklin General Hospital continue its mission.

CAREER CENTER: FROM PAGE 2

said the health sciences academy will help address healthcare workforce shortages while creating a pipeline of trained professionals for rural communities.

"We would rather invest in a long-term solution than continue paying for short-term fixes," Price said. "We see this as an invaluable opportunity to engage with high school students early, introduce them to rewarding careers in healthcare and recruit the best of the best."

Although the ribbon has been cut, Gonzalez emphasized that the work is only beginning. Community members have opportunities to tour the facility during open houses July 16 and 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors will receive free homemade ice cream tickets or free sarsaparilla tickets redeemable at the Franklin County Fair.

Looking ahead, Gonzalez said she hopes the center continues evolving alongside the needs of the students.

"We're not going to stop innovating or looking at what those in-demand career fields are," she said. "Hopefully we can bring those to the table."

As guests gathered for the ceremony, Gonzalez looked around the room and saw representatives from education, business, healthcare, government and community organizations standing together.

For her, the day's significance could be summed up in three words.

"Partnerships power possibilities," she said.

With the ribbon officially cut, the Career Center is ready to begin connecting education, careers and the community.

Photo Gallery on page 17!

Non-Scheduled Traffic

Mario Alberto Quintanilla (Latimer, IA) – Leave Scene of Accident - Fail to Provide Aid

Criminal

Guevara, Vicente Duane (Ackley, IA) — Order of Arraignment

Mulford, Simon Jacob (Hampton, IA) — Order of Arraignment, Theft

3rd Degree, Operate vehicle without owners consent, assault - intend to cause pain/injury

Sterling, Tina Marie (Alexander, IA) — Motion for Continuance, Possession of controlled substance - 2nd offense, possession of controlled substance- marijuana 2nd offense

Zander, Colin James (Coulter, IA) — Hearing for Initial Appearance, Driving while barred, Aggravated misdemeanor

Rawls, Cory Allen (Backus, MN)

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BAPTIST

Faith Baptist
Lead Pastor: Robert Anderstrom
Address: 1701 Central Ave E., PO Box 515, Hampton, IA 50441
Telephone: 641-456-4887
Website: faith-hampton.com
Facebook: FBC-Hampton
• Sunday, July 12: 9:30am
Worship, Sunday School
Classes
• Monday, July 13: 6:30am
Elder's Meeting
• Tuesday, July 14: 9:30am
Women's Prayer
• Wednesday, July 15: 8:30am
Men's Prayer
• Sunday, July 19: 9:30am
Worship @ Faith with Pastor Rob, 10:00am
Worship @ The Fair with Pastor Glen, Sunday School Class
• Tuesday, July 21: 9:30am
Women's Prayer
• Wednesday, July 22: 8:30am
Men's Prayer
• Saturday, July 25: 8:45am
CMA Heartland Rally Service @ Faith
• Sunday, July 26: 9:30am
Worship, Sunday School
Classes
• Tuesday, July 28: 9:30am
Women's Prayer, 6:30pm
Council Meeting
• Wednesday, July 29: 8:30am
Men's Prayer

CATHOLIC

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

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

LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

UTHERAN

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

Richland Evangelical

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

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

Zion St. John Lutheran
Sheffield
422 Sherman St, Sheffield, IA 50475
• Sunday 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

St. Paul's Lutheran
17 2nd St NE, Hampton
Vicar Caitlin Tauro
• 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
Reverend Joel Peter Wagner
• 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
Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Vicar - Tyler Linneman,
• Sunday, July 19: 8:30 AM
Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:45 AM
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study.
6:00 PM Bishop Serge Macschewski from Ukraine, Guest Speaker
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
Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor
• 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, July 1: 6:00
First Council
• Sunday, July 5: 10:00
worship
• Sunday, July 29: 10:00
worship
• Sunday, July 5: 10:00
worship
• Wednesday, July 22: 5:30-6:30 FREE Community meal
• Sunday, July 26: 9:00
worship. 1:00-5:30 VBS for 8th-12 graders

METHODIST

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

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

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

Hampton United Methodist
100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Dennis Burns
• Thursday, July 16: 9:30am
BeFriendsers, 10:30am
Chapel @ Leahy Grove
• Saturday, July 18: 5:00pm
Worship Service
• Sunday, July 19: 9:30am
Women's Bible Study
11am Worship Service
11:30am Radio Broadcast-
KLMJ 104.9 FM
12pm Fellowship
12:30pm Facebook Broadcast
• Monday, July 20: 1:30pm
God's FLOCK
• Tuesday, July 21: 1:30pm
Faithful Stitchers
• Wednesday, July 22: 2:00pm
NAOMI Circle, 5pm LEAH Circle

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

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

United Methodist Church
Morgan/Bradford,
569 100th St., Dows
Lee Center,
393 Ironwood Ave., Alden

Rev. Judy Eilderts
• Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship service with fellowship time following
(Lee Center, odd months; Morgan/Bradford, even months)

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Church of the Living Word
420 First Ave. NE, Hampton
641-456-8175
Pastor Brian Rihner
www.clwhampton.org
• Sundays, 9 a.m. Worship
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909 Sixth St. SW, Hampton
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•Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. Bible Study

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Pastor Scott Summers

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• 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

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605 4th St. NE, Hampton
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July 12: Sunday Worship (10am), Coffee Fellowship (11am)
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July 19: Sunday Worship (10am)
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July 27: Monday - Newsletter deadline
July 28: Tuesday - Sewing Circle will meet at 9:30am. All are welcome.

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Sunday, July 5: Worship/ Communion- 9:30am
Sunday, July 12: **Lawn Chair Liturgy - Trailside Park- 9:30am**
Sunday, July 19: Worship at the Franklin County Fair- 10:00am
Sunday, July 26: Worship/ Noisy Offering 9:30am

St. Peter's United Church Of Christ – Geneva
496 Raven Ave # B, Geneva, IA 50633
Summer Services are at 9:00 AM in the chapel unless otherwise noted
• July 11 - Dale Akkerman - Saturday 5:00 PM service - No service on Sunday, July 12
• July 19 - No service - You may worship at the 10:00 AM worship service at the Franklin County County Fair in the Van Wall Tent
• July 26 - Erran Miller
• August 2 - James Koop
• August 8 - Jeff Janssen - Saturday 5:00 PM service - No service on Sunday, August 9
• August 16 - Sheryl Arends
• August 23 - Gary Hemphill
• August 30 - James Koop

COURTHOUSE: FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

— Criminal Complaint / Hearing for Initial Appearance, Child endangerment, operating while under the influence 1st offense, possession of controlled substance - marijuana 1st offense
Johnson, Lauren Alexandria (Sheffield, IA) — Order Setting Trial, Possession of controlled substance - 3rd or Subseq offense
Wood, Joshua D (Sheffield, IA) — Order of Disposition, assault causing serious injury. Guilty - negotiated/voluntary plea
Koenigs, Matthew Joseph (Eldora,

IA) — Order of Arraignment
Buttshaw, Andrew Craig (Hampton, IA) — Criminal Complaint / Hearing for Initial Appearance, controlled substance violation, unlawful possession of prescription drug (three charges)
Guevara, Vicente Duane (Akeley, IA) – Criminal complaint, Controlled substance violation
Favela, Ernesto Josaphat (Des Moines, IA) — Order of Disposition / Written Plea of Guilty, operate without interlock, guilty - negotiated/voluntary plea

White, Jerry Raynard (Waterloo, IA) — Order of Disposition, Violation of no contact/protective order, guilty - negotiated voluntary plea
Valles, Jesus Alberto (Hampton, IA) — Order of Disposition, Assault – contact insulting or offensive
Tijerina, Antonio (Hampton, IA) — Order of Disposition, Theft 5th degree, guilty - negotiated/voluntary plea
Hernandez, Christopher Jo (Hampton, IA) — Order of Disposition, possession of drug paraphernalia, guilty - negotiated/voluntary plea

Smith, William Christie (Goodell, IA) — Hearing for Initial Appearance, possession of drug paraphernalia
Buttshaw, Andrew Craig (Hampton, IA) — Criminal Complaint, possession of drug paraphernalia
Guevara, Vincente Duane (Ackley, IA), possession of drug paraphernalia
Buttshaw, Emily Elizabeth, (Hampton, IA) criminal complaint, possession of drug paraphernalia
Rawls, Cory Allen, (Backus, MN), criminal complaint, hearing for initial appeal, possession of drug para-

phernalia
Workman, Demita Jo (Bloomington, MN) — Order Setting Trial, possession of controlled substance - marijuana 1st offense
Ramirez, Angel Gustavo (Hampton, IA) — Order of Disposition, Assault causing bodily injury or mental illness, contempt - resist order or process of district court, guilty - negotiated/voluntary plea
Smith, William Christie (Goodell, IA) - Hearing for initial appeal, possession of controlled substance - methamphetamine 1st offense

Schriber, Curtis Aaron (Eldora, IA) — Order for Arraignment / Trial Information, dissemination and exhibition of obscene material to minors
Oehlert, Ricky Lee (Hampton, IA) — Criminal Complaint, possession of controlled substance - marijuana 1st offense
Sosa, Jose (Hampton, IA) — Motion to Dismiss

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Just as Jesus came to earth to demonstrate God’s great love for us (John 3:16), now God, with all the glory of the new Jerusalem, will come to earth as another evidence of his love. Heaven on earth!

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July Events Program

TUE14

FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR PARADE, 3PM parade line-up, 5PM parade starts

Franklin County Fair, July 15-19!

SAT18

FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS 250TH FREEDOM MOTORCYCLE RIDE, Franklin County Fair Grounds East Entrance. Registration at 8AM, Driver Meeting at 9AM, Kick stands up at 9:15 AM.

TUE21

TRAVELING CABARET AT WINDSOR THEATRE, 7PM at the Windsor Theatre. Doors open at 6:30. All are welcome.

SAT25

LATIMER FUN DAY



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Did you know it is the law that your dog is registered in the state of Iowa?

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Registration forms available at City Hall, Center One, Post Office and Library.



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

ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING: DETAILS:

Second Tuesday

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS:

Second Tuesday of every month
6:30 PM

ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS:

Third Wednesday of every month

CAL SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS:

2nd Thursday of the month
at 5:30 PM

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD: DETAILS:

Second Thursday,
4:30 PM,
Center 1

ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS:

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

HANSELL CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS:

Second Wednesday every month,
Community Center 7:00 PM

HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS:

Board meets every 3rd Wednesday of
the month, 5:30 PM
Library board meets to discuss library
business, budgeting, funding and
happenings.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: DETAILS:

5:30 PM
City Council Chambers

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD: DETAILS:

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

COULTER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS:

Second Wednesday of the month,
6:30 PM

LATIMER CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS:

Second Wednesday,
6:30 PM

DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD: DETAILS:

Dumont Public Library
Second Wednesday of every month

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS:

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

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH DETAILS:

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

DOWS CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS:

First Monday of every month 6:00 PM

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS:

Every second Monday
of the month at 6 PM

HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS:

Fourth Monday of the month
6:00 PM

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: DETAILS:

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

GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: DETAILS:

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

DUMONT CITY COUNCIL: DETAILS:

Second Thursday
7:00 PM
At EMS Center Dumont

FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS: DETAILS:

First Tuesday of the Month
3:00 PM,
Franklin County Veterans Affairs Office

WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD: DETAILS:

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL: DETAILS:

Franklin County Extension Council ISU
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Council members help determine
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program areas.

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NIRHA owns and manages 121 public housing units across 10 properties located throughout its service area. This includes the cities of Algona, Britt, Forest City, Clear Lake, Northwood, Manly, Osage, Rockford, Sheffield and Hampton and seeks to establish relationships with one or more qualified contractors capable of performing a variety of projects on an as-needed basis. Services will be utilized to prepare vacant units for occupancy, maintain existing housing stock, and improve exterior property conditions.

NIRHA reserves the right to award contracts to multiple contractors based upon qualifications, pricing, responsiveness, and availability.

For mor information please contact Rick Toney at rtoney@NIRHA.com or www.nirha.com/rfq

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Director Job Accouncement

Job Announcement: Franklin County Conservation Board is accepting applications for the position of Conservation Director. Salary: \$73,486-76,460/yr. Visit www.franklincounty-ia.gov. to view opening and application. Deadline: July 27th, 2026 at 4PM.

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Sheffield Public Library Bills Paid July 2026

Sheffield Public Library Bills to be Paid July 2026
Presented at the July 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Vendor	Description	Amount
Absolute Science	Summer Reading	\$375.00
Amazon	Business Act.	\$1,755.65
D & L	Utilities	\$18.00
Demco	Office Supplies	\$163.94
FNBO (VISA)	VISA	\$1,936.85
Grout Museum District	Summer Reading	\$375.05
Jared Price	Operations	\$200.00
MidAmerica	Utilities	\$131.00
North Iowa Libraries Collaborating	Operations	\$1,050.53
Payton Plagge	Repairs/Maint	\$150.00
Plastic Recycling	Repairs/Maint	\$105.78
Quill	Office Supplies	\$139.95
Visual Edge IT	Utilities	\$130.11
Total		\$6,531.86

The above claims, which includes those covering the invoices attached hereto, were presented and approved.

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 7/7/2026

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS July 7th, 2026 A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSuperviso/streams

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, July 7th, 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 Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the minutes from the 6/30/2026 Regular Session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: Lukensmeyer attended Conservation Board. He also visited the Battery Storage Facility site for a tour. Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, provided the Supervisors with an update on his department.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:15AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 9:26AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website.

Aaron Dodd, Sheriff, met with the Supervisors and provided them with an update on his department. Carissa Sisson, Assessor, provided the Supervisors with an update on her department.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution Naming Depositories as Per Iowa Code §12C. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2026-51

RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES AS PER IOWA CODE SECTIONS 12C

BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA, Approves the following list of financial institutionsto be depositories of the FRANKLIN COUNTY funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 12C. The FRANKLIN COUNTY TREASURER is hereby authorized to deposit the Franklin County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below

Depository Name	Location of Home Office	Maximum Balance in effect under prior resolution	Maximum Balance in effect under this resolution
First Bank Hampton	Hampton, IA	20,000,000	30,000,000
First Security Bank & Trust	Charles City, IA	9,000,000	9,000,000
United Bank & Trust Co.	Hampton, IA	9,000,000	9,000,000
Green Belt Bank & Trust	Iowa Falls, IA	9,000,000	9,000,000
Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust	Des Moines, IA	4,500,000	9,000,000

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution authorizing operating transfers for various Franklin County departments. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2026-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OPERATING TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, Franklin County, Iowa (the "County"), pursuant to and in strict compliance with all laws applicable to the County, desires to transfer cash from one fund to another for the purposes of supporting several county entities. WHEREAS, presently the County has budgeted monies for the following transfer:

CURRENT FUND	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER	Transfer To	REASON FOR TRANSFER
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-102	\$193,390.00	Conservation 60215-10000-9000-22	50% General Operating Transfer
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-690	\$52,826.00	Veterans Affairs 60205-1000-9000-21	50% General Operating Transfer

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, directing the County Auditor to proceed with the general operating transfers, the amount of transfer to the appropriate fund, mentioned above, due to the reason mentioned; said transfer is between budgetary funds.

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

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve Memorandums of Understanding for CICS Employees for FY2027. All ayes.

Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution amending Franklin County Handbook Section 2.9 "Reimbursable Expenses/Credit Cards". Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Changes were made to the "Reimbursable Travel Expenses" section of the policy. The full resolution may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution amending Franklin County, Iowa General Policies & Procedures Manual Section 2.6 "Franklin County Claims Processing Policy". Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

The following was added to the "Process" section of the policy: Meal expenses will not be reimbursed if the employee has access to a continental breakfast at a place of lodging or a meal that is part of a seminar, conference, or an approved meeting. Agendas must be included when submitting expense reimbursement claims. If no agenda is available, this must be noted on the claim reimbursement form.

A full copy of the resolution may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve Change Request #2 from Carl A. Nelson regarding the Courthouse Electrical Update. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors discussed a request received from Rita Wilkinson to make the Courthouse property for handicap parking for the car show in August. The Supervisors would like the organizers to complete a use request form for the parking lot and be the ones to manage it.

The Auditor will respond to Wilkinson with this information. The Auditor updated the Supervisors regarding some of the impacts of SF2472 (Property Tax Reform). This includes the county losing \$266,784 in credits that used to be backfilled by the state by the end of FY2028.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:26AM until Tuesday July 14th, 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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CICS Governing Board Minutes/Claims 6.25.26

CICS Governing Board Minutes June 25, 2026
Story County Administration Building

Board Members Present: John Cochrane, John Derryberry, Andrea Dickerson, Bill Dodds, Lisa Heddens, Richard Lukensmeyer, Gary Rayhons, Dawn Rudolph, Deb Schildroth, Julie Smith. Members Absent: Dennis Quinn, Jenni Stevenson, Brandon Talsma, Christine Timmerman. Staff Present: Meghan Freie, Jen Sheehan, Russell Wood, Lisa Hill.

Motion to approve the June 25, 2026 agenda. Motion by Lukensmeyer, second by Schildroth. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the May 28, 2026 minutes. Motion by Schildroth, second by Lukensmeyer. All ayes, motion carried.

Wood stated that there are reappointments to the Governing Board for Lukensmeyer, Rayhons and Smith.

Motion to reappoint Lukensmeyer, Rayhons and Smith by Derryberry, second by Schildroth. All ayes, motion carried.

Lukensmeyer, Rayhons and Smith abstained.

Motion to nominate Derryberry as Second Vice Chair by Smith, second by Rayhons. All ayes, motion carried.

Wood presented the appointments for Erica Lindaman, Sarah Strohmman to District 2 Advisory Council Appointments; Thomas

Cizek, Sandy Daisy, Kim Dawson to District 3 Advisory Council; and Kasarah DillonCampbell, Amber Gale, Kellie Elliott-Kaparos, Kaydee Layne to District 6 Advisory Council. Motion to approve the appointments by Rayhons, second by Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Wood presented the reappointments of Sandy Mireless, LeAnn Rimmer for District 2 Advisory Council. Motion to approve the reappointments by Smith, second by Rudolph. All ayes, motion carried.

Wood presented the reappointments of Beth Plautz in District 2, Monica VanHorn in District 3, and for Codie Amason for District 6 Chairs of Advisory Councils. Motion to approve the re-appointments by Cochrane, second by Rayhons. All ayes, motion carried.

Wood presented staff MOUs for Aimee Grubb in District 6 at a rate of pay of \$28.85 and Nadene Hungerford in Districts 2 and 3 at a rate of pay of \$28.85. Motion to approve staff MOUs by Dickerson, second by Schildroth. All ayes, motion carried.

Lukensmeyer abstained.

Wood presented the staff wage agreement as follows:

Last	First	Title	FTE Status	Current Pay Rate	Pay Rate 7/1/2026	Pay Type	Calc Hire Date	Years of Service
Baker	Brittany	DSN	1	\$32.66	\$33.80	Hourly	2014-07-01	11
Crawford	Jessica	DSNS	1	\$35.00	\$36.23	Hourly	2020-06-07	6
Daily	Brenda	DSN	1	\$35.57	\$36.82	Hourly	2010-10-11	15
Fletchall	Kimberly	DSN	1	\$28.85	\$29.86	Hourly	2025-08-25	0
Freie	Meghan	COO	1	\$118,637.00	\$122,790.00	Annually	2011-04-11	15
Grubb	Aimee	DSN	1	\$28.85	\$29.86	Hourly	2026-06-22	0
Henderson	Josh	DSN	1	\$28.85	\$29.86	Hourly	2026-04-13	0
Hill	Lisa	TOC	1	\$30.00	\$31.05	Hourly	2016-01-25	10
Hisler	Carrie	DSN	1	\$37.99	\$39.32	Hourly	1996-06-24	29
Hoert	Kaitlyn	Proj Mgr	1	\$75,000.00	\$77,625.00	Hourly	2026-03-16	0
Hungerford	Nadene	DSN	1	\$28.85	\$29.86	Hourly	2026-06-22	0
Kellogg	Raina	DSN	1	\$32.45	\$33.59	Hourly	2026-01-26	0
Lenertz	Laurie	DSNS	1	\$35.00	\$36.23	Hourly	2025-07-01	0
Loux	Lisa	PST	1	\$27.15	\$28.10	Hourly	2015-07-01	10
Porath	Ally	Proj Mgr	1	\$75,000.00	\$77,625.00	Annually	2025-09-11	0
Reetz	Danielle	Proj Mgr	1	\$75,000.00	\$77,625.00	Annually	2025-07-07	0
Rodamaker	Angela	PM	1	\$80,000.00	\$82,800.00	Annually	2024-02-05	2
Sheehan	Jen	PM	1	\$90,834.00	\$94,014.00	Annually	2013-07-01	12
Soder	Lisa	DSN	1	\$33.27	\$34.43	Hourly	2002-03-11	24
Stortz	Kelsey	DSN	1	\$28.85	\$29.86	Hourly	2025-07-01	0
Taets	Megan	Proj Mgr	1	\$75,000.00	\$77,625.00	Annually	2026-01-26	0
Varrelmann	Starla	DSN	1	\$29.25	\$30.27	Hourly	2020-07-01	5
White	Jarica	DSN	1	\$30.90	\$31.98	Hourly	2016-11-14	9
Wood	Russell	CEO	1	\$139,677.00	\$144,566.00	Annually	2003-03-17	23

and MOUs for FY27. Motion to approve the staff wage agreement and MOUs for FY27 by Derryberry, second by Cochrane. All ayes, motion carried. Lukensmeyer abstained.	
Wood presented the ISAC 28E FY27 HIPAA Agreement. Motion to approve the ISAC 28E FY27 HIPAA Agreement by Dickerson, second by Rayhons. All ayes, motion carried.	
Wood presented the DAP claims for May 27 and June 9, 2026. Motion to approve the DAP claims for May 27 and June 9, 2026 by Lukensmeyer, second by Smith. All ayes on roll call vote, motion carried. Wood also presented the DAP May Expenditure Report.	
Wood stated the final budget has been approved by HHS. There were no changes made to the budget approved by the	
DAP Claims May 26, 2026	
Barker Financial LLC, Rent	312.50
Central Services 2-5-12 Inc, Buildings-Rental	1000.00
Crest Services, On-Going Rent Subsidy	645.85
Duncan Heights, Care/Keep	1508.32
El Roi Enterprises LLC Alyssa, On-Going Rent Subsidy	503.00
Elderbridge, Support	500.00
First Resources Corporation, On-Going Rent Subsidy	850.00
Franklin Co CRC, Buildings-Rental	607.34
Meghan Freie, Mileage	425.58
Happy Living Rentals Melody Ki, Rent	1070.74
Inspiring Lives Prairie View M, Care/Keep	577.11
LaBase, LLC, Srvs	550.00
Lisa R Loux, Emp Mileage & Other Expen	111.65
Northeast IA Agency on Aging, Buildings-Rental	190.00
Optimae LifeServices Inc, On-Going Rent Subsidy	2838.95
Paradigm Ventures LLC, On-Going Rent Subsidy	250.00
Pathways Behavioral Services, Buildings-Rental	100.00
Prairie Ridge Healthcare, Srvs	300.00
REM Iowa Community Srvs, On-Going Rent Subsidy	350.00
Angela R Rodamaker, Reimb	100.05
Scenic Acres, Srvs	250.00
Southern IA Mental Health Ctr, Buildings-Rental	300.00
Tiger County Auditor, Buildings-Rental	185.00
Tiger Knight LLC, Srvs	604.00
Trilix Marketing Group Inc, Srvs	600.00
USPS, Pstg	156.00

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Cerro Gordo County Probate No.: TRPR029750

PUBLIC NOTICE

Beth E. Reinhart Charitable Trust
c/o Sandy Benson
P.O. Box 894
Mason City, Iowa 50401
Phone: 641-430-4563
Email: bethcharitabletrust@outlook.com

Applicants must be a "public charity" within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) or Internal Revenue Section 170(c)(1).

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Notice of Intent to Fill Vacancy

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT

To the Electors of the City of Coulter, Iowa:

You are hereby notified that the City Council of the City of Coulter, Iowa has a vacancy of a Council seat as of June 4, 2026.

Pursuant to section 372.13, (2), (a) of the Code of Iowa, notice is hereby given that the City Council of Coulter, Franklin County, Iowa, intends to fill this vacancy by appointment during the Special session of Council that will be held at Coulter City Hall at 6:30pm on July 22, 2026. However, the electors of the City of Coulter have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. If electors wish to require a special election, a valid petition requesting a special election must be filed with the City Clerk within fourteen (14) days after the publication of this notice or within fourteen (14) days after the appointment is made. If no such petition is filed, the appointment shall be for the period until the next pending election as defined in Section 69.12 of the Code of Iowa. Eligible electors of the City of Coulter, Franklin County, Iowa, wanting to be considered for the appointment should submit a request in writing to the City Clerk's office by 12:00pm on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Jory Rapp, City Clerk
PO Box 5
Coulter, IA 50431

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HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 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, Barry Lamos and Kristin Roode. 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 Fay, second by Grefe to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Birdsall read the **Mayors Leadership Statement.**

Council Workshop Report: No workshop was held.

Public Comment : Matthew Meyer and Jim Meyer voiced their concerns regarding Ordinance 411 and requested guidance from the council regarding what they need to do to keep having sheep at 1208 Central Ave E.

Public Hearing: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business : FGH Facilities Director, Brad Shupe presented information regarding the **FGH solar project** .

Greater Franklin County Chamber Director, Elisa VanWert, presented a **street closure request for Christian Motorcyclist Association of Iowa Heartland Rally June 24-25** . Motion by Davies, second by Grefe to approve the street closure request. Motion approved unanimously.

Kalob Hays of ISG presented **Pay Applications from Tri-State Construction Group** : #1 in the amount of \$7,596.07 and #2 in the amount of \$91,613.40 for the Storefront Stabilization Project at 4 & 6 1 st St NW. Motion by Grefe, second by Holmstrom to approve Pay Applications #1 and #2. Motion approved unanimously.

Kalob Hays of ISG presented **Change Order #1 in the amount of \$597.31, #6 in the amount of \$7,304.99, and #9 in the amount of \$4,681.49 for the Storefront Stabilization Project** at 4 & 6 1 st St NW. Motion by Davies, second by Roode to approve change orders #1, #6 and #9. Motion approved unanimously.

Kalob Hays of ISG requested the council consider the change order authorization method. Motion by Fay, second by Davies to **authorize City Manager Dunt to approve Change Orders under \$10,000 which are time sensitive to keep the storefront stabilization project on schedule** . Motion approved unanimously.

City Manager Dunt presented **Pay Application #11 from Henkel Construction for the Water Treatment project.** Motion by Grefe, second by Fay to approve Pay Application #11 from Henkel Construction in the amount of \$117,960.27 for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Motion approved unanimously.

City Manager Dunt presented information regarding **public notice locations for FY27 in conformance with HF 2490.** Motion by Holmstrom, second by Roode to post agenda/meeting notices of City of Hampton governmental bodies prominently and conspicuous on front and rear doors of City Hall and the city website in conformance with HF2490 for FY27. Motion approved unanimously.

Jim Davies presented the **2026 Preserve IA Summit report** . Motion by Fay, second by Roode to receive the 2026 Preserve IA Summit report. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of claims . Motion by Holmstrom, second by Roode to approve the **claims as submitted by staff** in the amount of \$185,148.86. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: Council considered **Resolution 2026-17** *RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT AND

BONDS TO HEARTLAND ASPHALT FOR THE 2026-2027 HMA PROJECT." Motion by Fay, second by Grefe to approve Resolution 2026-17. Roll call vote: Ayes: Davies, Fay, Lamos, Roode, Grefe, and Holmstrom. Nays: None. Resolution 2026-17 approved unanimously.

Ordinance 411: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55.05 LIVESTOCK, MUNICIPAL CODE OF HAMPTON, BY DELETING EXISTING SECTION 55.05 AND REPLACING WITH NEW SECTION 55.05 MUNICIPAL CODE OF HAMPTON." (second reading). Motion by Fay, seconded by Grefe to approve the second reading of Ordinance 411. Roll call vote: Ayes: Holmstrom, Fay, Grefe. Nays: Lamos, Davies and Roode. **Second Reading Failed** .

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the **consent agenda.** Motion by Fay, second by Grefe to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items: approve previous minutes as drafted from Thursday, June 25, 2026 Regular Session; schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; approve Alcohol licensing for: Fareway Stores, 309 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 Fay, Holmstrom, Grefe and Davies.

Mayor's Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Davies, second by Grefe at 7:15 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Attest:
Ron Dunt, City Manager
Mayor Steve Birdsall

FINANCIAL REPORT CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL	
VENDOR DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
AHLERS & COONEY PC ATTY FEES	\$198.00
ALTORFER INC REPAIR	\$6,387.59
AUTO PARTS INC SUPPLY	\$490.08
BAHR, LENORA SHELTER DEP	\$100.00
CASTRO, LINDA REFUND	\$180.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING SUPPLY	\$352.00
CENTURYLINK PHONE	\$1,889.95
CRAIGHTON, LARRY MISC CONTRACT	\$550.00
CRAWFORD ENG & SURVEY INC ENGINEERING	\$8,040.00
CTI READY MIX CONCRETE	\$1,115.00
DIRKS, CHERI MISC CONTRACT	\$600.00
DUMONT TELEPHONE COMPANY PHONE	\$80.00
E&E REPAIR REPAIR	\$49.99
EBS LIFE INSURANCE	\$261.31
EFTPS FED WH FED/FICA TAX	\$16,916.77
FAREWAY STORES INC CONCESSIONS	\$29.08
FRANKLIN CO ENGINEER CONTRACT FEES	\$5,369.54
GORDON FLESCH – NASPO SUPPLY	\$135.45
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY SUPPLY	\$43.58
GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY HOT/MOT TAX	\$3,392.02
HAMPTON HARDWARE SUPPLY	\$537.85
HAMPTON MUNICIPAL BAND SUMMER 2026	\$8,500.00

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REPORTS

POLICE & SHERIFF REPORT

Monday, July 6
Hampton Police Department
No Report Available

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 1:01 AM: Suspicious activity - Grant St, Coulter
- 7:24 AM: Prisoner transport - 14th Ave, Eldora
- 8:29 AM: Misc/ - Balsam Ave, Dows
- 8:46 AM: Suicide - Hwy 3, Coulter
- 9:02 AM: Controlled burn - 210th St, Sheffield
- 10:00 AM: Lost articles - Hwy 665, Hampton
- 12:20 PM: Identity theft - S Van Kirk St, Latimer
- 2:07 PM: Trespass of real property - Heather Ave, Coulter
- 2:57 PM: Misc/ - N Oak St, Iowa Falls
- 5:20 PM: False 911 calls - Juniper/30th St, Iowa Falls
- 7:56 PM: Fire/ - Hwy 3, Latimer
- 8:04 PM: Assist isp - I-35 SB MM 166, Latimer
- 8:20 PM: Misc/ - Sheffield, Sheffield
- 11:13 PM: Traffic stop - I-35 NB 166MM, Coulter
- 11:29 PM: Traffic stop - I-35 NB 166MM, Coulter

Tuesday, July 7
Hampton Police Department

- 1:00 AM: Ambulance Call, 400 Block 2nd Ave SW, in Hampton
- 2:10 AM: Alarm, Southside Elementary, in Hampton
- 2:57 AM: Alarm, 500 Block 4th Ave SE, in Hampton
- 11:37 AM: Parking Ord., Alley Behind Koerner Whipple, in Hampton
- 11:44 AM: Found Articles, Hwy 3 In Front Of Cemetery, in Hampton
- 1:28 PM: Property Exchange, Hampton, in Hampton

- 2:19 PM: Property Exchange, 400 Block 4th Ave SE, in Hampton
- 2:44 PM: Telephone Call, 100 Block 2 St NW, in Hampton
- 2:51 PM: Misc/, 300 Block 2nd St SE, in Hampton
- 3:15 PM: Misc/, 100 Block 2nd St NW, in Hampton
- 3:24 PM: Ambulance Call, 400 Block 2nd Ave SW, in Hampton
- 4:00 PM: Fire/, 1700 Block Central Ave East, in Hampton
- 8:17 PM: Fire/, 700 Block 4th Ave NW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 12:11 AM: Traffic complaints - Gull Ave, Coulter
- 12:39 AM: Booking information - 5th St SW, Hampton
- 5:34 AM: 10-50 Car - deer - Grouse Ave/N 200th St, Latimer
- 8:21 AM: Telephone call - No Address, Franklin County
- 8:24 AM: Misc/ - Coulter, Coulter
- 8:46 AM: Information - 75th & 80th St, Bradford
- 9:04 AM: Dog calls - Highway 3, Hampton
- 10:03 AM: Ambulance call - 30th St, Ackley
- 10:24 AM: Prisoner transport - 5th St SW, Hampton
- 10:28 AM: Fraud - Olive Ave, Hampton
- 10:54 AM: Traffic complaints - Mallard Ave S of 120th St, Hampton
- 12:16 PM: Telephone call - Mallard Ave, Hampton
- 1:34 PM: Phone call to return - Hampton
- 2:14 PM: Information - 90th St/ Mallard Ave, Hampton
- 4:03 PM: Assist hpd - 1700 Blk Central Ave East, Hampton
- 5:30 PM: Telephone call - Mallard Ave, Hampton
- 5:41 PM: Trespass of real property - 240th and Wren Ave, Sheffield
- 6:06 PM: Traffic complaints -

Hwy 65 and 105th St SB, Geneva

- 6:19 PM: Abandoned vehicle - 40th and Hwy 65, Iowa Falls
- 7:10 PM: Disabled vehicle - 1600 Blk Hwy 65, Hampton
- 8:49 PM: Suspicious person - Hampton
- 9:21 PM: Telephone call - Raven Ave, Ackley

Wednesday, July 8
Hampton Police Department

- 3:14 AM: Parking Ord., 10 Block 1st Ave NE, in Hampton
- 3:15 AM: Parking Ord., 10 Block 1st Ave NE, in Hampton
- 3:15 AM: Parking Ord., 10 Block 2nd Ave NW, in Hampton
- 7:43 AM: Information, in Hampton
- 2:42 PM: Traffic Complaints, 900 Block Glendale Park Drive, in Hampton
- 2:55 PM: Telephone Call, 600 Block 7th St SW, in Hampton
- 3:14 PM: False Pretense/Swindle, 0 Block Windsor Blvd, in Hampton
- 2:55 PM: Telephone Call, 600 Block 3 Ave SE, in Hampton
- 5:05 PM: Misc/, 700 Block 6th St SW, in Hampton
- 6:10 PM: Ambulance Call, 700 Block 2nd St SE, in Hampton
- 8:34 PM: Misc/, 300 Block Central Ave W, in Hampton
- 9:28 PM: Weather/, 4th St and 3 Ave NE, in Hampton
- 10:48 PM: Misc/, 700 Block 7th St SW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 12:44 AM: Misc/ - Dows
- 7:42 AM: Information - . Franklin Co
- 9:28 AM: Medical assist - 210th St, Sheffield
- 10:03 AM: Telephone call - Interstate 35, Dows
- 10:55 AM: Telephone call - Gilman St, Sheffield
- 12:18 PM: Motorist assist - 190th

St/Olive Ave, Hampton

- 2:34 PM: Ambulance call - Hariman St, Alexander
- 2:38 PM: Abandoned vehicle - Hwy 3, Latimer
- 5:23 PM: Weather/ - Unk, Hampton
- 5:25 PM: Warrants-local - Mason City
- 6:30 PM: Prisoner transport - Mason City
- 8:02 PM: Booking information - 5th St SW, Hampton

Thursday, July 9
Hampton Police Department

- 3:03 AM: Suspicious vehicle at Lantern Park Apartments, in Hampton
- 5:07 AM: Misc/ at Rolling Prairie Trail near Seabee, in Hampton
- 10:17 AM: Misc/ at Walking Bridge by Seebees, in Hampton
- 11:56 AM: Fire/ at 400 block of S Federal St, in Hampton
- 12:15 PM: Lost articles at Unknown, in Hampton
- 4:06 PM: Telephone call at 00 block of 2 St NW, in Hampton
- 9:53 PM: Suspicious vehicle at 300 block of Central Ave E, in Hampton
- 10:49 PM: Family dispute at 00 block of 3rd St NE, in Hampton
- 11:28 PM: Misc/ at 00 block of 2nd St NW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 1:30 AM: Welfare check - Dows Rest Area, Dows
- 2:53 AM: Ambulance call - Wren Ave, Ackley
- 7:24 AM: False 911 calls - Hariman St, Alexander
- 9:09 AM: False 911 calls - W Andrews St, Latimer
- 11:26 AM: Dispatch - Corner of Hwy 69/C53, Rowan
- 11:26 AM: Controlled burn - Finch Ave, Coulter
- 12:41 PM: Information - 110th St/Mallory Dr RR Crossing, Hampton

HAMPTON POST OFFICE POSTAGE	\$688.90
HANSELL AG REPAIR REPAIR	\$1,186.10
HENNICK, BRADLEY SHELTER DEP	\$100.00
HUNST, RANAY SHELTER DEP	\$50.00
INTERNAL REVENUE PCORI FEE	\$76.34
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIO MISC CONTRACT	\$6,950.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE & FI SALES TAX	\$5,882.49
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES DUES	\$2,976.00
IOWA ONE CALL LOCATES	\$74.70
IPERS IPERS- PROTECTN	\$18,860.81
ISG CONSTRUCTION ADMIN	\$2,507.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL SUPPLY	\$19.60
J-T MACHINE & TOOL CO SUPPLY	\$35.00
LA LUZ HISPANA DEPOSIT REFUND	\$50.00
LEXIPOL PROF FEES	\$837.54
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS INC PROF FEES	\$960.00
MEDIACOM PHONE	\$236.90
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO ELECTRIC	\$16,194.38
NELSON SEPTIC SERVICES LL WASTE REMOVAL	\$1,250.00
OUTDOOR RECREATION PRODUC EQUIPMENT	\$509.55
PRO EDGE BUILDING SOLUTIO REPAIR	\$150.33
ROCKWELL COOP TELEPHONE PHONE	\$168.80
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS SHRED	\$54.00
SIMONS, KRISTOPHER REIMBURSEMENT	\$40.00
SMALL, DARLA SHELTER DEP	\$100.00
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC PROF FEES	\$78.00
STATE WH STATE TAX	\$3,697.48
STOCKDALE LAW, PLC ATTY FEES	\$500.00
T-MOBILE PHONE	\$14.09
TORRES, JONATHAN SHELTER DEP	\$50.00
US CELLULAR PHONE	\$48.15
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO. SUPPLY	\$525.23
WM TEL - WOOLSTOCK MUTUAL PHONE	\$50.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS REFUND DATE 07/01/2026	\$589.21
PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$64,419.50
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$185,148.86

CLAIMS BY FUND:

GENERAL FUND	\$77,562.74
GENERAL - LOST/POOL FUND	\$13,397.77
LIBRARY FUND	\$7,616.76
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$15,437.87
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$52.05
CAPITAL PROJECT - STREETS FUND	\$13,409.54
CAPITAL PROJECT - RICKS FUND	\$2,519.26
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$21,370.77
METER DEPOSITS FUND	\$589.21
SEWER FUND	\$32,185.10
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$1,007.79
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$185,148.86

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 6:09 AM: Assist HPD at 7th Ave SW, Hampton
- 7:40 AM: Animal On Roadway at West of 255th St, Sheffield
- 8:44 AM: Misc/ at 105th St/Hwy 65, Geneva
- 9:32 AM: Controlled Burn at 50th St, Ackley
- 10:58 AM: Controlled Burn at 140th St, Latimer
- 11:30 AM: Misc/ at 200th St, Alexander
- 11:49 AM: Disabled Vehicle at Mallard And 40th St, Iowa Falls
- 1:23 PM: Controlled Burn at 170th St, Latimer
- 3:42 PM: Traffic Stop at On Ramp 135 Sb At 170, Alexander
- 4:01 PM: Medical Assist at I-35 Mm 154 Sb, Dows
- 4:05 PM: Motorist Assist at 190th And Grouse, Latimer
- 4:22 PM: Weather/ at 255th, Sheffield
- 4:45 PM: Simple Assault at Balsam Ave, Alexander
- 6:25 PM: Booking Information at 100 block of 5th St SW, Hampton
- 6:55 PM: Misc/ at Grant St, Coulter
- 10:50 PM: Traffic Stop at Kildeer/Hwy 3, Latimer

Saturday, July 11
Hampton Police Department

- 5:11 AM: Ambulance Call - 400 Block of 12th Ave NE, in Hampton
- 10:09 AM: Animals (Except Dogs) - 400 Block of 8th Ave SW, in Hampton
- 12:46 PM: Misc/ - 200 Block of 1st Ave NE, in Hampton
- 1:16 PM: Ambulance Call - 700 Block of 2nd St NE, in Hampton
- 3:18 PM: Phone Call To Return - 400 Block of Central Ave E, in Hampton
- 3:29 PM: Medical Assist - 600

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

CT OFFICER DEED Grantor(s): Douglas D. Ellingson Estate, Jason M. Ellingson (Executor) Grantee(s): Jason M. Ellingson, Christopher C. Ellingson, Jennie M. Rush, Loise Klein Legal Description / Tract Location: 36-90-22 N2 NW PART Financials / Fees: Revenue Exempt Recording Fees: \$17.00 Additional Details and Comments: IMGED	UNDIV 1/2 INT, 24-92-20 N2 NW UNDIV 1/2 INT Financials / Fees: Revenue: \$0.00 Recording Fees: \$52.00 Additional Details and Comments: Affidavit of Death Terminating Life Estate; IMGED	Additional Details and Comments: GWH Exempt; IMGED	Exempt; IMGED	CHANGE OF TITLE Grantor(s): Ronald F. Paine Estate Grantee(s): Diana L. Paine Legal Description / Tract Location: HAMP BEED2 BLK 27 LOT 3, HAMP BEED2 BLK 27 LOT 2 PART Financials / Fees: Revenue: \$0.00 Recording Fees: \$17.00 Additional Details and Comments: Affidavit of Surviving Joint Tenant for Change of Title to Real Estate; IMGED
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Hampton Aquatic Center Celebrates 15 Years

The Hampton Aquatic Center celebrated its 15th birthday with swimming, games, contests, prizes, dancing and birthday cake as community members gathered for an evening of summer fun. Look at the photos below.



Partygoers gather at the prize table to enter drawings for a chance to win giveaways during the pool party.



Lifeguard Oziel Trevino in birthday-themed gear heading out to his guard station.



The File family stops at the photo booth, posing with an inflatable fish prop during the pool party.



Mila File throws her hands in the air before jumping off the high dive.



Monse Zamorano and Noe Flores greet guests and assist visitors at the front desk.



Two young partygoers smile as they race down the green slide together.



Friends gather on the shark float while enjoying the pool together.



Sophie Arends and Assistant Manager Sydney Buseman play a game of tic-tac-toe during the party.



Lifeguard Kendall Eilderts enjoys a slice of birthday cake during a break from guarding.



Lifeguard Silas Buseman, dressed in birthday gear, mans the prize table during the celebration.



Lifeguard Irelynd Murray watches the yellow speed slide as a partygoer splashes into the pool.



Diane Weldin poses with her grandson, Miles Arenholz, while wearing an original "Make a Splash!" campaign T-shirt from the successful bond initiative to build the Hampton Aquatic Center during her time as mayor.



From left to right, Alyssa George, Max, Kaiser, Ajley, Arianna and Nevaeh enjoy birthday cake together.



Bayne Weaver shoots a basketball in the pool basketball area.



A young partygoer smiles while riding down the swirly orange slide.



Case Weaver smiles as he speeds down the yellow slide.



Brently Bass takes aim during a game of ring toss.



Manager Emileigh Eilderts and Assistant Manager Sydney Buseman judge the biggest splash contest.



Partygoers dance to the Village People's "YMCA" during the celebration.

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NIACC Franklin County Career Center Grand Opening

Community leaders, educators, business partners and project supporters gathered July 8 for the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the NIACC Franklin County Career Center. The new facility showcases modern classrooms, hands-on training spaces and collaborative learning environments designed to prepare students for future careers. See photos from the celebration below.



Guests gather outside the NIACC Franklin County Career Center for the ribbon cutting.



Doug Foreshoe of Bergland + Cram Architecture speaks about the completion of the new facility. Photo courtesy of NIACC.



Representatives from First Security Bank & Trust gather in the newly dedicated First Security Bank & Trust Conference Room. Photo courtesy of First Security Bank & Trust.



West Fork Community School District Superintendent Mike Kruger speaks about the power of partnerships during the grand opening ceremony. Photo courtesy of NIACC.



Former Franklin General Hospital CEO Kim Price discusses the partnership between FGH and the new career center. Photo courtesy of NIACC.



Director of the NIACC Franklin County Career Center Valeria Gonzalez speaks during the grand opening ceremony. Photo courtesy of NIACC.



Brian Wogen, NIACC Director of School Partnerships, addresses attendees at the grand opening.



NIACC Franklin County Career Center Director Valeria Gonzalez and NIACC President Joel Pedersen stand near the office entrance.



Representatives from local school districts, businesses, government offices, nonprofit organizations and community partners filled the career center for its grand opening celebration.



The Franklin General Hospital Health Lab is one of the specialized learning spaces inside the new center.



The new NIACC Career Center, located at 1276 Olive Ave., Hampton, will provide expanded career and technical education opportunities for area students.



The Advanced Manufacturing Lab provides hands-on workforce training for students.

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ATHLETE of the Week

BY ELIAN TREVINO
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

HAMPTON — Oziel Trevino has been named the Athlete of the Week, recognizing his contributions as a versatile athlete for the Bulldogs.

A 16-year-old entering his junior year at Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School, Trevino has become a familiar face in Bulldog athletics.

He competes in football, basketball, and soccer, embracing every opportunity to represent his school while continuing to challenge himself as a multi-sport athlete.

During the summer, he also works as a lifeguard at the Hampton Aquatic Center, where his commitment recently earned him the Golden Guard title, recognizing his dedication and outstanding performance on the job.

While Trevino enjoys competing in multiple sports, soccer has provided some of his favorite memories. One moment stands above the rest from his sophomore season when Hampton-Dumont-CAL advanced in the substate tournament.

“My favorite memory is from soccer in our substate round,” Trevino said. “I scored the two goals that won it for us.”

The performance remains one of the highlights of his athletic career.

“That made me feel really amazing that I got to score the two goals and win it for us and make my team go further into the round,” he said.

Beyond the game, Trevino said the relationships he has built with his teammates are what make athletics meaningful.

“I enjoy memories from practices, games, the bus rides and getting to spend time with the team and really be like a family on the field,” he said.

Before the start of the sophomore soccer season, Trevino set goals of improving on his freshman statistics and earning all-conference recognition. He accomplished both by posting stronger numbers and receiving 3rd Team All-Conference.

Trevino’s versatility has allowed him to play several positions including left midfield, right midfield, center midfield and striker while wearing jersey No. 8.

Although soccer remains one of his biggest passions, he is considering returning to baseball next spring after stepping away from the sport.

“I really miss it,” he said. “I played all my childhood, and I played for a travel team for three years.”

Trevino credits former Bulldog captain Silas Buseman for helping shape him into the player he is today.

“He really pushed me, especially my freshman year,” Trevino said. “He took me under his wing and helped me become the player that I am today.”

Looking ahead, Trevino hopes to attend college, earn an athletic scholarship and study business. No matter what sport he pursues, he said his goal is to continue improving while representing Hampton-Dumont-CAL and his community with pride.



SPORTS

Bulldog Baseball outmatched at North Polk

BY JON MOHWINKLE
RadioOnTheGo Sports

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL baseball team was outmatched in Friday’s 3A Substate 2 first round game, falling 17-0 in four innings at #5 (3A) North Polk, as aired on 104.9 KLMJ.

The Comets were crisp in all areas and could not be slowed down. They scored six runs in the first inning, four in the second and seven in the third to build an insurmountable lead. Racking up 12 hits, they had a solo home run, three triples and a double with an elite offensive unit. Pitcher Grady Sprouse limited the Bulldogs to just two hits. Three Bulldog errors helped North Polk’s cause. “It really didn’t matter



what we threw,” Head Coach Matt Lokenvitz says. “They’re well-disciplined on a good hitting team. They threw the fast-ball in the zone and they were ready to hit it. They threw a

curve ball around the zone and they were just taking that pitch. Then a curve ball or slider or whatever that went in the zone. They’re flicking their hands at it and just poking it out to the out-

field. So they’re well coached. They did not pull the ball on the ground very often, which is what you need to do. If you’re to pull the ball, you got to elevate it. They were hitting it really hard on the ground the other way, which is exactly what you teach. They’re just, like I said, they’re very well coached. Wyatt Zoske does a great job as a coach here with their program, and they’re gonna be tough. If they don’t make it to state, I’d be surprised.”

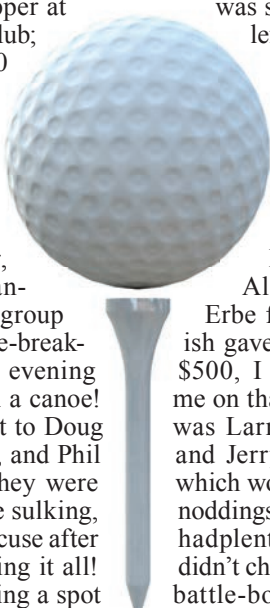
Iz Wickwire had a double and Jakob Rodriguez had a single for the only two hits. William Vosburg had one strikeout and six walks.

Hampton-Dumont-CAL’s season has ended at 6-23.

Ridgestone Senior Golf

was 120, another was 130, and Brad’s was 140. Anyhow it was a neat shot. Their group won an Alaskan walleye supper at the Sahara Supper Club; however, it closed 30 years ago. The second squad—Mark Kramer, Denny Foss and Leon Root—shot a 65 as did the group of Dave O’Connor, Mike Paine and Randy Peter. The latter group won the prize on a tie-breaker and each won an evening on Lake Sheffield in a canoe! The fourth spot went to Doug Hahn, Wayne Maier, and Phil Strand with a 67. They were seen in the clubhouse sulking, even sobbing with excuse after excuse for not winning it all! The fifth unit, securing a spot in the \$\$\$\$\$\$ was Denny Foss, Dick Brown and Ed Hert with a smooth 68. They couldn’t be too smooth or they would have

won. The sixth place went to Darryl Peter, Tom Severe and Steve Heeren with a 69. Steve was sulking as he said he left his game at home, Tom was pouting as he could not make a putt, and Darryl was laughing at them and could do no good! The seventh squad of Dennis Campbell, Al Menninga and Doug Erbe fired a 70. That finish gave them a bundle like \$500, I guess, don’t quote me on that! The eighth squad was Larry Fanny, Les Hurd and Jerry Nelson with a 70 which won them zippo, zilch, noddings and ZERO. Oh they had plenty of IF’S but that didn’t change their score. The battle-bomb squad consisted of Don Greimann, Frank Schnoes and Steve Birdsall. They fired so many shots that they were all sweating profusely



and had to be dragged into the clubhouse. Let’s look at reality here: three supposedly golfers shot 73, now folks that’s after they thought they were gonna win! One of the shots of the day was our fearless leader Frank O from behind a line of trees he hit a low liner that bounced on the cart path, ran through the sand trap, across the green, came back down the hill, and went into the cup. Sounds like a TALL tale to me but who am I to judge? Thus ends one more chapter in the adventures of the senior BOYS at Ridgestone golf course. Al told me that golf is more than a game, it keeps us humble. Denny told me he can’t wait to eat on the moon, heard the food was excellent however no atmosphere! Doug H. told me his golf swing is like a group of muscle spasms. That’s it folks last week it was so hot our cold water came out of the faucet boiling!

BY NED BOHACH

Wow! The boys enjoyed a diamond-in-the-rough day. The sun was shining, a tad breeze, awesome temp and nothing left to desire but victory. The boys had a total of twenty-eight participants show up with genuine daggers in their eyes ready for victory. Guess that is a bit exaggerated as they don’t have that much desire left in their old worn out bodies! Frank O, Mr. Fearless leader, hollered out commands and the boys were confused. I mean he told them to use this tee box on this hole, another tee box on that hole and so on. As they sprinted out the door, they all looked at each other and wondered who would remember those stupid rules. Brad Mulford, Ray Mulford, Nick Mulford and Paul Ricke carded a torrid 62. Brad made an approach from 110 yards and ker plunk, in she/he went. By the time the scores got back to the clubhouse, one

COUNTY FAIR: FROM COVER

Thursday, followed by the Led Zeppelin tribute band Get The Led Out on Friday and country music star Craig Morgan on Saturday.

Sunday’s grandstand will feature Muddy Mayhem Figure 8 racing to close out the fair.

Agriculture remains at the heart of the fair, with livestock

shows scheduled throughout the week and youth exhibitors showcasing projects they have worked on. The fair also includes demonstrations at Grandpa’s Farm, the North Central Iowa Model Railroad Club exhibit, contests, educational activities and live music at Mort’s Water Gazebo.

Thursday’s schedule includes the Franklin County Fair Queen Coronation, along with the Fair Princess and Prince and Little Miss and Mister coronations. Families can also enjoy activities such as the scavenger hunt and musical chairs throughout the day.

Fair officials encourage visi-

tors to review the daily schedule before arriving.

The Hampton Chronicle will provide coverage of the Franklin County Fair throughout the week, including livestock results, feature stories, photographs and highlights from events across the fairgrounds.

PAVILION: FROM COVER

Fair Board President Jacob Ackerman said the project is intended to benefit both the fair and the community.

“I think it’s important to the fairboard and the community: one, for newer updated buildings; two, the versatility of the building for the off season, get more events into the area to hopefully help the economy of Franklin County, and ultimately the fair too.”

According to the Fair Board, the project carries a fundraising goal of \$7 million, which includes contingency funds to help cover unforeseen expenses. Ackerman said construc-

tion will begin after the 2027 Franklin County Fair if the plan moves forward. If enough pledges are secured, construction will begin; otherwise, the timeline would shift to after the 2028 fair.

Ackerman said the existing livestock pavilion was originally intended as a temporary structure after a previous building was condemned and removed.

“The last one we had was condemned after breaking and we had to take it down,” Ackerman said. “And this one’s just not quite as big as we would like. It doesn’t have all the luxu-

ries that we’d like in it, too.”

The proposed pavilion is designed to improve the experience for exhibitors and spectators alike. During fair week, Ackerman said the facility would provide additional conveniences for 4-H and FFA members while creating a more functional layout for livestock shows.

“I’m just hoping for ease of show days and stuff like that,” Ackerman said. “Going to have some bathrooms in it, so there’s a closer room for them to change and use the restrooms.”

The board also envisions the building being used throughout

the year for educational programs and community events.

“Then in the off season, hopefully 4-H and FFA can do different events there and help kids learn.”

During the meeting, residents asked questions about parking, ventilation, livestock capacity, future expansion, rental opportunities and how the building could accommodate activities beyond the annual fair. Board members said they also discussed using the facility for livestock shows, rodeos, vendor events and other community gatherings.

Ackerman said one of the

board’s priorities has been designing a versatile facility that serves multiple purposes.

“For one it will be all under roof for the most part,” he said. “It’ll have the Ag learning center in it, so you can enjoy the animals and walk through the learning center, climate controlled, and the show pavilions will provide comfort for the spectators during the show and the exhibitors.”

When asked why community members should support the project, Ackerman pointed to its long-term impact on both the fairgrounds and the local economy.

“Look at the impact that it’s going to play in the area,” Ackerman said. “And how we’re going to focus on keeping all the money local and benefit the local companies doing it.”

The meeting concluded with attendees submitting written comments indicating whether they supported the project and offering additional suggestions as the Franklin County Fair Board continues refining its plans before launching a public fundraising campaign.

REPORTS: FROM PAGE 15

Block of 7th Ave SW, in Hampton
• 5:17 PM: Medical Assist - 500 Block of 1st St NE, in Hampton
• 5:20 PM: Medical Assist - 0 Block of Armory Lane, in Hampton
• 5:33 PM: Phone Call To Return - 200 Block of 1st SW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

• 7:21 AM: Telephone Call - Geneva
• 8:38 AM: Welfare Check - 30th St, Ackley
• 9:11 AM: Misc/ - Nettle Ave and Olive, Hampton
• 11:21 AM: Ambulance Call - Dorell Dr, Hampton
• 11:30 AM: Neighborhood Complaints - 2nd St, Bradford
• 1:13 PM: Prisoner Transport - 14th Ave, Eldora
• 1:26 PM: Misc/ - Olive Ave, Sheffield
• 1:41 PM: Controlled Burn - 255th, Sheffield
• 2:05 PM: Traffic Stop - 3rd Ave/4th St NW, Hampton
• 2:10 PM: Phone Call To Return - Park Ave, Alexander
• 2:41 PM: Controlled Burn - Hwy 65, Sheffield
• 2:43 PM: False 911 Calls - Dows
• 5:26 PM: Phone Call To Return - Highway 65, Hampton
• 7:05 PM: Traffic Complaints -

I-35 MM160 NB, Latimer
• 9:25 PM: Traffic Stop - Lark/Hwy 3, Hampton
• 10:07 PM: Attempt To Locate - I-35, Franklin
• 11:11 PM: Disturbance - 1st St NW/2nd Ave NW, Hampton
• 11:45 PM: Traffic Stop - Hwy 3/ Lemon Ave, Hampton

Sunday, July 12 Hampton Police Department

• 12:13 AM: Misc, Kwik Star, in Hampton
• 1:58 AM: Domestic Matter, Lantern Park Apartments, in Hampton
• 3:10 AM: Parking Ord., 10 Block 2nd Ave NW, in Hampton
• 2:18 PM: Misc, Bodyworks Fitness Club, in Hampton
• 2:56 PM: Suspicious Activity, 1000 Block Glendale Park Dr, in Hampton
• 3:15 PM: False 911 Calls, 200 Block 2nd St SW, in Hampton
• 6:17 PM: Assist Other Agencies, 600 Block 3rd Ave SE, in Hampton
• 6:25 PM: Dog Calls, 10 Block 6th St NW, in Hampton
• 7:03 PM: False 911 Calls, 800 Block 4th St SE, in Hampton
• 7:06 PM: Assist County Department, 1000 Block Hwy 65, in Hampton
• 7:58 PM: Civil Disputes, 100 Block 1st Ave SW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

• 12:26 AM: Dog calls - Hwy 3, Hampton
• 12:34 AM: Vandalism - Grant St, Coulter
• 2:16 AM: OWI - 2nd St NW / Central Ave W, Hampton
• 2:43 AM: Booking information - 5th St SW, Hampton
• 4:42 AM: Stolen property offense - Latimer
• 7:17 AM: Ambulance call - Bennett Dr, Sheffield
• 7:39 AM: Traffic complaints - I-35 SB, Dows
• 9:07 AM: Traffic complaints - I-35 SB, Dows
• 10:48 AM: Traffic stop - Balsam Ave, Hampton
• 10:54 AM: Traffic stop - 1800 Block Balsam, Hampton
• 11:15 AM: Telephone call - Central, Hampton
• 12:11 PM: Telephone call - 190th St, Hampton
• 1:43 PM: Prisoner transport - 5th St SW, Hampton
• 2:11 PM: Controlled burn - 190th St, Latimer
• 2:50 PM: False 911 calls - Bluebell / 80th, Dows
• 3:16 PM: Controlled burn - Timber Ave, Hampton
• 3:44 PM: Dog calls - Nuthatch

Ave / 70th, Bradford
• 3:59 PM: Medical assist - Quail Ave, Hampton
• 6:05 PM: Controlled burn - Nettie Ave, Hampton
• 6:24 PM: Traffic stop - Mallard, Hampton

• 6:38 PM: Assist other agencies - Ackley
• 6:50 PM: Arrest - 100 Block Hwy 65, Ackley
• 8:03 PM: Booking information - 5th St SW, Hampton
• 8:12 PM: All other larceny -

170th St, Hampton
• 8:32 PM: Traffic complaints - Cardinal Ave, Alexander
• 9:01 PM: Assist other agencies - Alexander
• 9:41 PM: Traffic stop - I-35 SB, Hampton

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