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Neighbors Answer the Call After Storm Damages Hampton Home

BY KOLETTE JANSSEN
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

What began as an ordinary summer day quickly turned into a nightmare for Kylee and Jessica Janssen as severe storms swept through Hampton last week, bringing destructive winds that left damage across the community.

Among the hardest-hit properties was the Janssens' home, where a large tree came crashing down onto the house they had called home for more than 10 years. While the damage to the residence was extensive, the family is grateful for what matters most—they all escaped without injury.

In the hours following the storm, news of the family's situation spread quickly throughout the community. Before long, neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members began

arriving, ready to help however they could.

By the time the day was over, more than 30 volunteers had joined together to help the Janssens pack and move their belongings from the damaged home. Working side by side, the group accomplished what would have taken days for a single family, completing nearly the entire move in just five hours.

The scene became a powerful reminder of what makes Hampton so special. Pickup trucks lined the street while volunteers carried boxes, furniture, keepsakes, and household items to safety. Others brought refreshments, offered encouragement, or simply asked what needed to be done next. There was no formal plan—just dozens of people responding when the girls needed

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Candice Woltjer (left) and her daughter, Cadence Urbina, carry an ottoman to a waiting trailer.

Franklin Co. Board of Adjustment Approves Wind Turbine Permits, Denies Substation Variances

BY SHAWN DIETZ
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

A standing-room-only crowd filled the Franklin County Law Enforcement Center meeting room Monday afternoon as the Franklin County Board of Adjustment considered conditional use permits for the proposed Wild Rose Wind Energy Project.

The meeting focused on conditional use permits for two proposed wind energy developments in Franklin County; the Wild Rose project north of Latimer and the Whispering Willow South project south of Coulter.

Following roughly four hours of testimony from residents, landowners and project representatives, the board approved all conditional use permits for the proposed wind turbines and two substations. According to Franklin County Zoning Administrator Dan Tilkes, the meeting included extensive public comment from both supporters and opponents of the project, as well as presentations from representatives of Wild Rose Wind Energy and Alliant Energy.

The board, however, voted 3-2 to deny two requested setback variances for the substations. Tilkes said the conditional use permits for the substations were approved, but the requested variances were not.

Tilkes said he was unsure what the developer's next step will be following the Monday, July 20 action.



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Talia and Jon Schmidt Awarded July Image of Pride Award

BY JIM DAVIES
MEMBER AT LARGE, HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Talia and Jon Schmidt were recognized with the July 2026 Image of Pride Award during the Hampton City Council meeting on Thursday, July 23, in recognition of their outstanding commitment to maintaining and enhancing their property.

Council member Kristin Roode nominated the Schmidts, noting that they have made significant improvements to their home since purchasing it five years ago. Talia, who has called Hampton home since elementary school, and Jon have invested considerable time and effort in both the interior and exterior of their property.

Following last year's hailstorm, the couple installed new siding and a new roof, greatly enhancing the home's appearance. They have also completed numerous interior renovations, including new flooring and fresh paint.



The Jon and Talia Schmidt home at 321 6th St. SE, Hampton.

Roode highlighted the Schmidts' beautifully maintained yard as one of the primary reasons for the nomination. Throughout the spring and summer, the landscaping features colorful flowers and a whimsical gnome garden. Future plans include creating a painted rock garden and a butterfly garden.

The Schmidts are also known for decorating

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The July Image of Pride certificate was presented to the Talia and Jon Schmidt family at the Thursday, July 23 City Council meeting. Left to right: Council member Kristin Roode, Gemma Schmidt, Talia Schmidt, and Hampton Mayor Steve Birdsall.

First Bank Hampton's Bruce Harris reflects on career ahead of retirement

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

After more than three decades in banking and agricultural lending, including the past 27 years at First Bank Hampton, Executive Vice President Bruce Harris is retiring.

Harris grew up on a farm south of Coulter and graduated from CAL Community School District in 1979. After leaving farming in 1988, he drove truck and was later offered a job with the USDA's Farmers Home Administration in 1990. He later entered community banking at Liberty Bank & Trust in Dumont before joining First Bank Hampton as vice president of lending in January 1999.

Harris says one of the biggest changes he's witnessed during his banking career has been the rapid advancement of technology and the increased convenience it has brought to customers.

"In the beginning, in Dumont, I'd get my own notes ready, would do Dictaphone, and the gals would come and take the tape recorder and type the file comments, and I could type my own, using something called a typewriter," Harris says. "We would type up a lot of the bank forms, and they were very short and very simple and very direct. Today, they're much longer, very in-depth. I'm from the generation that I like the customer to come in, sit across the desk from me, sign the document, I shake their hands, give them their copy of the note. So I think that's one of the biggest changes. In the beginning, when a customer would call me, they'd leave me a sticky note on the desk. Now they can call on my direct line, my cell



Harris got started in banking over 30 years ago at Liberty Bank & Trust in Dumont, serving as branch manager. He says the days are long but the years are short after spending the last 27 at First Bank Hampton.

phone, they can email me, they can text me. So we've become much more accessible in a variety of ways."

While banking has changed significantly over the years, Harris says the people he has worked with have remained the most rewarding part of his career.

"We've had a lot of customers that have moved out of the area and they keep banking with us," Harris says. "They like the relationship and it is not just a customer loan officer, it's a relationship. I've had a lot of these customers dealing with me. I'm now dealing with the grandpa, the son and the grandchildren are

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Packed Room: Local residents and property owners gather at the Law Enforcement Center in Hampton on Monday for a four-and-a-half-hour public hearing on a proposed wind energy expansion in Franklin County. (Submitted photo)

Hampton's Cruisin' & BBQin' Returns This Weekend

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Kansas City Barbecue Society competition returns to Hampton next Friday and Saturday, July 31 and Aug. 1, with more competitors, expanded entertainment and a larger backyard contest.

Organizer Charlane Janssen says 25 master barbecue teams from across the Midwest and beyond will compete for more than \$10,000 in prize money during the sanctioned event, while 16 backyard teams will vie for \$1,500 in prizes by preparing meats for certified judges.

Last year's grand champion, James Wagner of Wags Backwoods BBQ in Osage, tells RadioOnTheGo News the welcoming small-town atmosphere made Hampton's inaugural competition memorable.

"Oh, it's a nice little contest," Wagner says. "They vary in size all over the place. Some contests would be up to 100 teams and some are around 25 to 30 and they're all great, and the little contests, local contests that we have around here, you get to know a lot of people. And it's just like you're just getting together camping with a bunch of your buddies every weekend."

Activities will again be centered behind Family Dollar and the Access Inc. campus, with food vendors, community activities and live music throughout Saturday. Nolan Luther will perform

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Franklin County Beef Queen to participate in Governor's Charity Steer Show

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

Franklin County Beef Queen Abby Peterson of Webster City will represent the area next month during the 44th annual Iowa Governor's Charity Steer Show at the Iowa State Fair.

Peterson, who has been involved in 4-H and showing cattle since the fourth grade, will participate with her steer, Milo. She says taking part in the Governor's Charity Steer Show is a unique opportunity to showcase Iowa's beef industry while helping raise money for an important cause.

"One day we'll go to the Ronald McDonald House and help out there," Peterson says. "We'll do gardening, just really anything they need. And then the governor usually meets us

for lunch that day and we all talk. And then leading up to the event, we'll fundraise to be able to buy this steer basically at the end. And then judging on the day of the show, the celebrity and me will probably go to lunch and we'll all, as a family, get to know each other. Then we'll fit the steel like we regularly would and we'll wash them and make them all pretty and then the celebrity will come in and walk them around, you know, show them how you would usually show a cow. It's just like a really fun experience."

The Governor's Charity Steer Show was founded in 1983 through a partnership between then-Gov. Terry Branstad, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the Iowa Beef Industry Council. Since then,

the event has raised more than \$6 million for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Iowa, which provide lodging and support for families with children receiving medical care.

Peterson says her years in 4-H have helped shape her through the responsibilities and life lessons that come with raising and showing cattle.

"4-H has really helped me branch out and meet new people, especially since I'm not from Hampton," Peterson says. "I used to feel like kind of like an outsider a little bit, but by joining 4-H I've been able to meet so many people who are a part of the community and not only that, but it's helped me with like branching out and getting into new situations that you otherwise probably wouldn't be in."



Franklin County Beef Queen Abby Peterson

The Iowa Governor's Charity Steer Show will begin at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, August 15, at the Livestock Pavilion on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.

Franklin County Cattlemen turn fair meal into youth support

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

The Franklin County Cattlemen turns one of the Franklin County Fair's most popular meals into support for local 4-H members during their annual Ribeye Roundup.

Organizers say the money raised through the event helps the cattlemen provide supplies and other assistance to youth livestock exhibitors.

Josh Showalter, vice president of the Franklin County Cattlemen, says the event is intended to benefit the community rather than generate significant income for the organization.

"Really this is to help the community," Showalter says. "There's not a lot of profit in this for us. It does help pay for all the supplies that we donate, probably almost



\$2,500 just of different supplies for our cattle, 4-H people and the open bucket calves that we supply stuff for them. It just makes it a little easier for them and a little more enjoyable to get a few free things. It goes a long ways."

The organization's support also extends beyond fair week. Treasurer Vic Wolf says the cattlemen offer scholarships that help

young producers.

"We got scholarships; we started giving out for kids to try to keep kids in the county, and those scholarships aren't for scholarly things," Wolf says. "We have an interest-payback deal, if you will. If they borrow money to buy a cow, a breeding stock, we pay their interest back, kind of take some of that cost out of it. There is kind of an age limit; I can't remember what it is for sure. I think they gotta be like 12, 13 years old, something like that. Basically, all of our money—I mean, like I said, it's a volunteer board; we don't pay ourselves—it all goes to a lot of youth-involved projects."

The Ribeye Roundup allows the cattlemen to promote locally raised beef while helping the next generation remain involved in Franklin County agriculture.

Franklin County farmer elected Iowa Farm Bureau Young Farmer Vice Chair

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

A Franklin County farmer has been elected to a leadership role with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer Advisory Committee.

Tanner Brass was recently elected vice chair of the committee for the 2026-27 term. Nicole Cohoon of Sac County was elected chair, while Katherine Boelen of Poweshiek County will serve as secretary.

Brass farms corn, soybeans and alfalfa in Franklin County. He also serves as vice president of the Franklin County Farm Bureau, is actively involved with the Franklin County Fair and is a past recipient of the Iowa Farm Bureau's Young Farmer Leadership Award.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Young Farmer Advisory Committee helps develop the next generation of agricultural leaders by organizing educational conferences, networking opportunities and professional development events for young farmers across the state.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Young Farmer Program is open to farmers and agricul-



Back from left to right: Devin Brincks, Tanner Brass, Bryan Schroeder, Tim Cohoon, Blake Edler, Joris Boelen, Austin Ashbacher and Lucas De Bruin. Front from left to right: Meghan Brincks, Crystal Schroeder, Nicole Cohoon, Katherine Boelen, Erica Ashbacher and Bethany De Bruin.

tural enthusiasts ages 18 to 35 and focuses on leadership development, education and

building professional connections within Iowa agriculture.

Tornadoes confirmed near Chapin, Austinville after storms

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The National Weather Service in Des Moines has confirmed two EF-1 tornadoes touched down in the RadioOnTheGo broadcast area during the afternoon on Monday, July 20's severe storms, including one in Franklin County and another in Butler County.

The first tornado developed near Chapin at 3:35 p.m. and remained on the ground for about one minute. The EF-1 tornado produced peak winds estimated at 110 miles per hour and traveled about 0.38 miles with a maximum width of 25 yards. Survey teams found severe roof damage to a home, tree damage and minor damage to a grain

elevator on the south side of Chapin before the tornado lifted about one-half mile east of town.

The second EF-1 tornado touched down about one mile northwest of Austinville at 3:51 p.m. with estimated peak winds of 100 miles per hour. It remained on the ground for about two minutes, traveling around nine-tenths of a mile before lifting just west of Austinville. The tornado destroyed a newly constructed farm outbuilding and also damaged a barn and silo.

The National Weather Service reported no injuries or fatalities from either tornado. Survey teams also found convergent damage patterns in nearby cornfields that confirmed the tornado tracks.

Governor issues disaster proclamation for Franklin, Hardin Co.

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

Governor Kim Reynolds has issued a disaster proclamation for Franklin and Hardin counties following severe weather that occurred Monday, July 20. The proclamation activates state disaster assistance programs for eligible residents and allows state resources to be used for response and recovery efforts.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$7,000 for qualifying households with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Assistance may be used for home or vehicle repairs, replacement of personal property or food, and temporary housing expenses. Residents seeking reimburse-

ment must provide original receipts and have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to apply.

The proclamation also activates the Disaster Case Advocacy Program, which helps individuals and families develop recovery plans and connect with available services and resources. The program has no income eligibility requirements and remains available for 180 days.

The governor's proclamation takes effect immediately and will remain in effect for 30 days unless it is extended or terminated earlier. Additional information and applications are available through the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/assistance.

Severe Storms Leave Heavy Damage Across Local Communities

BY SHAWN DIETZ

Severe thunderstorms tracked through the RadioOnTheGo broadcast area the afternoon of July 20, leaving behind power outages, structural damage, and widespread tree debris. According to the National Weather Service, severe straight-line wind gusts reached 70 to 80 mph across north central and central Iowa. Multiple funnel clouds were also reported across the region as the main storm line moved through.

MidAmerican Energy and local rural electric cooperatives dispatched crews to address downed poles and damaged overhead lines causing outages in Franklin and Butler counties. In Franklin County, heavy structural damage was reported

in Chapin, where wind gusts ripped the roof off a residence. Trees were reported down throughout Hampton, where the Hampton Country Club was closed temporarily to assess and clean up damage. Trees and limbs were also brought down in Sheffield and Geneva.

In Butler County, high winds downed trees in Dumont and Parkersburg. Radar and spotter reports tracked the storm line through Iowa Falls, Ackley, Grundy Center, and Marshalltown, causing localized outages and scattered debris along Interstate 35 and Highway 20. Property owners with storm damage should report impacts to their county emergency management agency for local assessments and contact their insurance provider to begin claims.

H-D Board sets PPEL election for September

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Hampton-Dumont School Board has officially set a Sept. 8 election asking voters to renew the district's voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, or PPEL.

During a special meeting Thursday, the board unanimously approved a resolution ordering the election. If approved by voters, the levy would continue for 10 years beginning with collections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028, at a rate of up to 67.5

cents per \$1,000 of taxable property valuation. Following the vote, board members briefly discussed strategies to promote the PPEL election.

The board also approved updates to the district's preschool, elementary, middle school and high school student handbooks for the upcoming school year.

In addition, the board approved emergency readings of updated policies regarding the student activity program and meal charges. First and second readings of those policies will be held at the board's next two meetings.

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dealing with me. So they have grown up and grown with me and that's pretty flattering and humbling. You get invited to the weddings and the graduations, you go to funerals. It's not just a business, it's a relationship business that we're in and that's probably the hardest part for me

to see sunset is I'm not gonna see a lot of these folks as often as I used to."

Although retirement marks the end of his full-time banking career, Harris says he plans to stay active while enjoying more time with family.

"I'm going to remain as a Ki-

wanis member," Harris says. "I've been past president two different times. I like the group. I like what it does for the kids in the communities that we serve. And more importantly, I'm going to remain on the board of directors here at the bank. So I'll still have my hands in the man-

agement of the bank on day-to-day stuff. So I'm going to stay pretty closely tethered to the bank in the future."

The public is invited to a retirement open house to celebrate Bruce Harris' career on Thursday, July 30, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at First Bank Hampton.

Happy Retirement



After nearly two decades of serving the Hampton community, rural carrier Shanlyn Goodman delivered her final mail route today as she begins her retirement. Hampton Postmaster Mike Arndorfer says "Shanlyn spent 19 years with the Postal Service and was known for always having a smile on her face, bringing joy and positivity to both the Hampton Post Office and the customers she served."

Retirement doesn't mean slowing down, though. Shanlyn plans to travel with her husband, Vince, and devote more time to running her bakery in Coulter full time!

Congratulations to Shanlyn on her retirement, and thank you for 19 years of service to the Hampton and surrounding communities!

Photo courtesy of the Hampton Post Office.



27 years of dedicated service

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

Bruce Harris

Executive Vice President

Thursday, July 30, 2026
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Please join us in Hampton for cookies, coffee, lemonade, and iced tea as we celebrate Bruce's dedicated banking career at First Bank Hampton.

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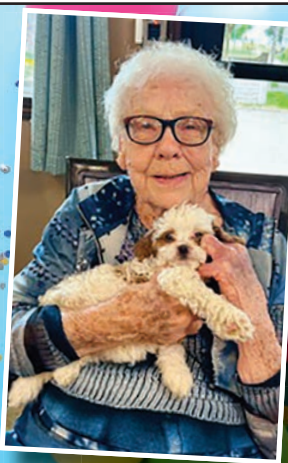


Happy 95th Birthday

Phyllis Walton will be celebrating her 95th Birthday on August 5th

Let's help her celebrate by honoring her with a card shower. Cards and well wishes can be sent to:

Phyllis Walton
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Sheffield, IA 50475



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Clarksville man killed in single-vehicle crash near Heery Woods Park

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

A 49-year-old Clarksville man died Friday, July 24, in a single-vehicle crash south of Clarksville near Heery Woods State Park.

According to the Butler County Sheriff's Office, deputies were called to the crash at about 3:20 p.m. along with Clarksville Fire and Clarksville

EMS.

Authorities say Daniel Leroy Ross of Clarksville was driving along Highway 188 when his vehicle left the roadway and struck several trees. The impact caused extensive damage to the vehicle, and Ross was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Sheriff's Office says Ross was the owner and sole occupant of the vehicle.

State Audit identifies 11 findings for City of Meservey

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

A state review of the City of Meservey identified 11 findings involving the handling of public funds and internal financial controls for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

State Auditor Rob Sand's agreed-upon procedures report cited several areas needing improvement, including inadequate segregation of financial duties, a lack of monthly utility billing reconciliations and disbursements that exceeded the city's certified budget in the public works and public safety departments without a budget amendment.

The report also found that a city council member and the mayor received a combined \$1,921 for maintenance, mow-

ing and utility work. The Auditor's Office said the payments violated Iowa law prohibiting elected city officials from receiving additional compensation as city employees and recommended the city consult legal counsel, including determining whether reimbursement should be sought.

Additional findings included inaccuracies in the city's annual financial report, the lack of a required written investment policy, insufficient supporting documentation for some disbursements and weaknesses in library financial procedures.

The Auditor's Office provided recommendations for addressing each of the findings and noted the city council has a responsibility to provide oversight of the city's financial operations.

Sheffield Council approves road planning, fiber expansion

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Sheffield City Council approved several infrastructure-related items during its regular meeting Monday, July 20.

Council members approved a contract with WHKS to complete design work for the city's fiscal year 2027 Tax Increment Financing road project. Plans will prioritize streets for

improvement, with bidding expected later this year and construction anticipated during the 2027 season.

The council also approved allowing Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association to expand service into Sheffield at no cost to the city. Officials said the expansion will provide residents with another option for

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Fire under investigation after early morning blaze in Chapin

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

Emergency crews responded to an early morning house fire in Chapin on Tuesday, July 21.

According to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, emergency crews were called at approximately 4:50 a.m. to a residence at 214 Third Street after the homeowner reported the fire.

The Sheffield Fire Department responded to the scene,

with the Hampton Fire Department assisting by providing water. Franklin General Hospital, Franklin County Emergency Management, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and MidAmerican Energy also responded to the scene.

No people were injured in the fire. However, authorities said a family pet died as a result of the incident.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Aplington Resident Arrested on First-Degree Harassment Charge

BY SHAWN DIETZ
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

An Aplington man was arrested the night of Sunday July 19, on a charge of harassment in the first degree. According to the Butler County Sheriff's Office, 53-year-old Michael Vincent Boyle III was taken into custody just before 9:30 p.m. by Aplington Police at a residence in the 600 block of Nash Street. He was transported and booked into the Butler County Jail in Allison.

In Iowa, first-degree harassment is classified as an aggravated misdemeanor. It applies when an individual intention-

ally intimidates, annoys, or alarms another person through a threat of a forcible felony, non-consensual sharing of intimate images, or if they have three or more prior harassment convictions within the past 10 years. An aggravated misdemeanor conviction carries penalties of up to two years in prison and fines exceeding \$8,500.

Specific details regarding the incident or victim have not been released by authorities. A criminal charge represents an allegation. Individuals who are placed under arrest are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

AP Board set eighth grade varsity athletic policy and more

BY JON MOHWINKLE
RadioOnTheGo News

The Aplington-Parkersburg School Board met on Monday, July 13.

They set their policy for eighth graders participating in varsity sports after state legislation was passed making it legal with local approval. Eighth graders will be approved under specific, case-by-case evaluations led by the activities director and varsity head coach, and with permission from a parent

or guardian. The decision will be based on the student's physical, emotional, and technical readiness. Students may not participate in both the junior high and high school level in the same season.

In other action, they set Supplemental State Aid, Literacy, and Expanding Opportunities as the district's Iowa Association of School Boards legislative priorities. They also approved 2026-2027 handbooks for students and staff.

Iowa Falls Council takes no action on police chief reappointment

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

Iowa Falls Mayor Mike Emerson is voicing his support for Police Chief Josh Nelson after the city council took no action Monday, July 20 on Nelson's reappointment.

Emerson, who was not present at Monday's meeting, said he had notified council members beforehand of his intention to reappoint Nelson, who has served as police chief since 2022 after spending more than 15 years with the Hardin County Sheriff's Department.

During the meeting, Council Member Steve Klein made a motion to approve Nelson's reappointment, but the motion died when it did not receive a second.

Emerson said he continues to support Nelson, describing him as a capable and ethical leader who has worked to strengthen the police department and serve the community. He added that, to his knowledge, Nelson's personnel file contains no formal



Police Chief Josh Nelson, who has served in the role since 2022, from the Iowa Falls Police Department Facebook page

complaints or disciplinary actions during his tenure.

The mayor also said he believes any concerns about Nelson's performance should be discussed publicly and supported by facts so residents understand the council's actions. Nelson continues serving as police chief while the city determines the next steps.

Hardin County Shapes \$1.00 EMS Tax Levy for Fall Vote

BY SHAWN DIETZ
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Hardin County voters could decide the future of local emergency medical services this fall, as county supervisors refine a proposed property tax levy for the November third ballot.

During a public hearing Wednesday, July 22, the Hardin County Board of Supervisors signaled support for a property tax levy set at one dollar per thousand dollars of assessed property valuation. The proposed measure would run for a five-year term. Rather than creating a centralized, county-run EMS network—which officials warned would be prohibitively expensive—the funds would flow through local township trustees. Those trustees will contract directly with existing municipal providers like Eldora and Iowa Falls to maintain cru-

cial advanced life support coverage across rural areas.

City officials and residents voiced concerns over administrative details and response times, with local farmers emphasizing that fast emergency response is essential in rural communities. County officials stress that stabilizing current operations is the most cost-effective way to prevent service gaps. Supervisor BJ Hoffman spoke to RadioOnTheGo News earlier this week as part of the Newsmaker podcast and spoke about his hopes to pass the measure.

"I served as an EMS provider for 23 years and I support sustainable EMS funding. The question is not how much the law allows us to ask for. The question is what rate, duration and management structure can earn the 60 % because if it

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A JANSSEN REUNION



BY RICK JANSSEN

Every two years my Janssen relatives get together for a family reunion. This reunion is fairly new as we just started doing it six years ago. We met in Colorado, Minnesota and now we decided on a resort in Northern Wisconsin.

One of the great things about this reunion is I get to reconnect with two cousins that live in California. Until two years ago (their first reunion) I had not seen them since 1967, and before that only one other time when I was five years old. One of my brothers travels often to California to visit his son and

family, and he got in touch with these cousins again. Since that reconnection the two long lost cousins have been joining us for the reunions.

Most of the families arrived on July 11, with the California cousins arriving a few days later. In case you don't remember, it was VERY HOT that week. In fact, it was hotter in Northern WI than it was in Hampton. That is not supposed to happen. We all spent most of the first days either swimming and playing at the beach, or in the pool. It was too hot to do much else.

My fishing nephew and I brought along our boats and were the designated fishing guides. The rest of our families like to fish, but they are not as serious as my nephew and I. Our job was to help everyone catch fish. We both looked over the fishing maps and talked about where we would like to fish and laid out a plan.

The fishing plan was solid, but when the temps reach into the 90's and the water heats up,



the fish just don't cooperate. Needless to say, we were both stumped throughout the week. We each took turns taking out different groups of adults and kids, but we just could not find the fish. Even fishing early in the morning and late into the evening did not produce fish

like we wanted. While everyone managed to catch a few fish, it was just tough fishing.

One morning when I was out fishing with my cousins, we spotted an osprey flying over us. Suddenly the osprey made two quick turns and swooped down to grab a fish out of the water.

Not 20 minutes later we watched a bald eagle do the same thing. Pretty amazing.

When we awoke on Wednesday morning we were greeted with a surprise. The smoke from the forest fires rolled into our area. The smoke was very thick and burned eyes and throats. We



were all limited to short periods of being outside before being forced back in for some clean air. Those days were spent playing games and just being lazy. It was amazing to see the sun turn red through the smoke. Even out on the lake I was glad I had an electronic map to guide me home as visibility was cut short.

On Thursday, nine of our family members decided to try and golf together. My golfing brother organized this event since he had played at this course in the past. My two brothers and I played with our cousins from California while another group played behind us.

Golf was very challenging with the limited visibility and air quality, but we had a great time together. Some played 9 holes while others toughed it out through 18. How many balls were lost that day, no one knows.

My family has a lot of talented guitar players and for two of the evenings we had a great time playing music together. Other activities throughout the week included a slide show of families including some funny baby photos, and trips to local museums.

We finished the week with a meal together and exchanged hugs and said our goodbyes. Our group went off in many directions with some heading to PA, CA, TX, FL, MN, and IA. Hopefully we will all be able to meet again in two more years.

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DOT provides summer construction update for north central Iowa

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

The Iowa Department of Transportation says several major road construction projects across north central Iowa continue to make steady progress, with some expected to wrap up in the coming weeks.

In an email to RadioOnTheGo News, Field Services Coordinator Pete Hjelmstad says the bridge replacement on Highway

65 between Sheffield and Rockwell is ahead of schedule. The bridge deck has been poured, and crews are now installing guardrails. The bridge is expected to reopen by the middle of August. Drivers should expect periodic lane closures controlled by flaggers for a short time after the bridge reopens while crews remove equipment and complete work on the county road south of the bridge.

On Highway 14 near Allison,

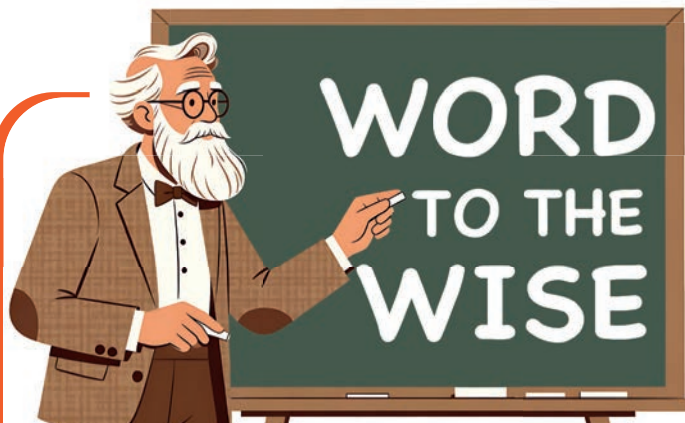
Hjelmstad says pavement patching is part of a district-wide maintenance project covering 19 counties. That work is expected to be finished in the coming days.

In Wright County, paving on Highway 3 near Rowan has been completed. Crews are now installing guardrail and bridge barrier rail before adding rumble strips and pavement markings. The project is expected to be completed by the third week

of August.

Meanwhile, paving continues on the Interstate 35 reconstruction project between the Hampton and Thornton interchanges. Hjelmstad says crews will spend several more weeks paving before completing shoulders and other work. The project remains on schedule to reopen to traffic in September.

For the latest on Iowa road projects you can visit 511ia.org.



By: Noah Regan

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

British Royalty Edition:

- #1:** Who was the king who abdicated the British throne to marry the American divorcée Wallis Simpson?
- #2:** Who was the man who became king after leading the Norman Conquest of England in 1066?

This Week in History: *Courtesy: Britannica.com*

- July 26, 1990:** The Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided civil rights protections to individuals with physical and mental disabilities, was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush. **Born:** Sandra Bullock, American actress (1964)
- July 27, 1996:** A pipe bomb exploded in Olympic Centennial Park in Atlanta, Georgia, killing 1 person and injuring 111 in the first terrorist attack at the Olympics since the 1972 Games in Munich, West Germany. **Born:** Maya Rudolph, American actress (1972)
- July 28, 1976:** An earthquake in the industrial city of Tangshan, China, killed more than 240,000 people. **Born:** Jim Davis, American cartoonist (1945)
- July 29, 1981:** Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer were married in St. Paul's Cathedral in London. **Born:** Ken Burns, American documentary filmmaker (1953)
- July 30, 1975:** Former Teamsters president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, under mysterious circumstances. **Born:** Arnold Schwarzenegger Austrian/American actor, producer, politician (1947)
- July 31, 1971:** Apollo 15 astronauts James B. Irwin and David Scott first used the four-wheeled battery-powered Lunar Roving Vehicle to extensively explore the Moon's surface, in particular the Hadley-Apennine site. **Born:** J.K. Rowling, British author (1965)
- August 1, 1981:** The cable television network MTV debuted, with the broadcast of the music video for *Video Killed the Radio Star* by the Buggles. **Born:** Jason Mamo American actor (1979)

Fascinating Facts:

British Royalty Edition:

- The King of England does not need a passport or a driving license because travel documents and permits are issued in his name.
- Queen Elizabeth II used her handbag to communicate with staff; placing it on a dinner table was a subtle signal that she was ready to leave an event, while shifting it from arm to arm indicated she wanted to wrap up a conversation.
- The monarch legally owns all unmarked mute swans, whales, and dolphins in British waters.
- Edward IV (1442-1483) was 6'4". When he wore his armor he stood at 6'7"
- Richard III (1452-1485) was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field. His remains were found in August 2012 by archaeologists from the University of Leicester. They were discovered buried beneath a city council car park in Leicester, England. Richard III was the younger brother of Edward IV.
- The Church of England was established by King Henry VIII because the Roman Catholic Church wouldn't allow him to divorce Catherine of Aragon.

Quality Quotes:

Winston Churchill Edition:

- "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."
- "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened."
- "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it."
- "Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."
- "The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter."
- "The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes."
- "Don't interrupt me while I'm interrupting."

Trivia Answers: Answer #1: King Edward VIII

Answer #2: William the Conqueror. By defeating King Harold II at the Battle of Hastings, he became the first Norman King of England, radically reshaping the country's politics, language, and culture.



FIRE STATION BREAKFAST

People gathered Saturday, July 25 at the Bristow Fire Station for the annual Fire Station Breakfast.

Photo courtesy Beth Strand-Voelker.



The exterior of the current Bristow Fire Department on Saturday, July 25.



Earl Wiegmann took care of grilling duties.



The Bristow watertower stands tall in the morning mist on July 25.



Friendly conversations at the breakfast on Saturday, July 25.



Friends and neighbors share breakfast and conversation at the Bristow Fire Department on Saturday, July 25.



The fundraising goal has almost been met for the new Fire Station in Bristow.

Reader of the Week

at the Hampton Public Library
BY BRENDA VAN WERT
CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Reader of the Week is Lydia Baumann, age 10. Lydia will be in the 4th grade this Fall. She is the daughter of Meg and Adam Baumann.

Her favorite books are Fantasy books.



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Democratic candidates focus on ag future at Iowa Farmers Union forum

BY JOANNA SCHROEDER
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

ELKHART — Nearly 100 Iowa Farmers Union members from across the state came out Saturday to learn how several Iowa Democratic candidates plan on leading change — especially for the ag industry and the struggling farm economy.

The event at Big Oak Barn in Elkhart kicked off with Sarah Trone Garriott, a Democrat who is running for U.S. House District 3 against incumbent Republican Rep. Zach Nunn. She focused on how the farm bill is a viable way to address declining farm income.

“In the farm bill, we have tremendous opportunity to really incentivize the practices that we know make a difference, cover crops, no till. But in order to do those things, farmers have to invest in some new technology and they have to be prepared for a decrease in their productivity for a period of time,” Trone Garriott said.

“We have to help them through it,” she continued. “We’re (farmers) under a lot of pressure right now and it’s really hard to make changes when you’re so stressed.”

She explained that during the Nixon administration, there was a huge investment in water



Nearly 100 Iowa Farmers Union members from across the state attended the annual barn party on July 25, 2026 at the Big Oak Barn in Elkhart, Iowa. (Photo by Joanna Schroeder for Iowa Capital Dispatch)

quality and that priority cleaned up the country’s water.

“We can do that again,” Trone Garriott said. “I believe that we have the resources, we have the answers. We just need to direct that support and make it the priority. And we can make a huge positive impact for our state.”

Muhlbauer cites farm bankruptcies, high input costs

Dave Muhlbauer, a fifth-generation farmer from Manila, Iowa, running for lieutenant governor on Democrat

Rob Sand’s ticket, said he has prioritized agriculture and rural communities as part of his campaign.

“If it’s a good idea, it doesn’t matter where it comes from,” Muhlbauer said. “It’s not right versus left but right versus wrong and we’re going in the wrong direction. I gotta say, people are very frustrated and upset with the direction of our state.”

Muhlbauer said many farmers are facing a fourth consecutive year of losses and last April farm bankruptcies hit a six-year

high. He cited a recent report that found farm incomes have dropped 53% in the last three years. He said causes include the tariffs and high input prices like fuel and fertilizer as a result of the ongoing Iran conflict.

“This isn’t sustainable to our family farms and it’s further driving our state economy into the ditch,” Muhlbauer said. “You know, I’m a farmer. I’m a real farmer. That’s my livelihood and what I’ve done all my life, so I think it’s fitting for me to say it’s time to rotate crops.”

Jones calls for diversifying crops

Chris Jones, Democratic candidate for secretary of agriculture, who spent his career monitoring water quality and high nitrate levels, agrees. He noted that Iowa is a two-crop state (corn and soybeans) and it’s time to diversify crops with a focus on crops that would thrive in Iowa. Diversifying crops, he said, would help reduce nitrate levels in Iowa’s water.

“It’s time to stop making incremental change and focus on structural change. It came to me that if we want to improve agriculture, if we want to create a resilient and a humane and a

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Iowa farmers buckle down, weathering economic downturn

IOWA NEWS SERVICE

A new report by Iowa agriculture experts says the current economic downturn could stretch years into the future, and advises farmers to pinch pennies, control what they can, and rely on methods they’ve used in the past to weather financial storms. According to a story from Iowa News Service, the state’s agricultural economy is several years into a downturn, and as input costs increase, profits are being eroded. The Iowa Farm Bureau says net farm income fell 53-percent between 2022 and 2024 a result of increased input and output costs. Central Iowa farmer and president of the Iowa Farmer’s Union Aaron Lehman says ag producers don’t have any new methods to turn to at this point, and must continue to tighten their belts.

“And what’s that mean for farmers? Well, it means that piece of equipment that you

would normally swap out or try to improve, you put off that purchase. The soil inputs that you use to increase your long-term soil fertility, you cut back on.”

Lehman says dire conditions for farmers make it especially difficult to convince younger people to enter the profession, and make it increasingly difficult to transfer land to the next generation who may not want to take a risk in the profession, often leaving farmland that has been in families for generations to go on the auction block.

“Instead, we have a chaotic policy that says we’re going to drop a tariff for this reason, or we’re going to drop a tariff for that reason, and there’s really no logic to it.”

Lehman says the unstable trade picture is eroding the reputation of U.S. farmers that have always been seen as reliable, and will wind up sending historically friendly trade partners elsewhere — if it hasn’t already.

USDA union leaders rally against proposed DC downsizing

BY SAM GAUNTT
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

A group of current and former U.S. Department of Agriculture employees are calling on the Trump administration to halt the mandated relocation of more than 2,500 employees from its Washington, D.C., headquarters to five regional offices across the country.

In an online briefing hosted by federal union leaders Thursday, speakers said the reorganization process USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins has led will amount to widespread layoffs, as many workers will choose not to relocate across the country.

Rollins’ effort, launched one year ago Friday, would move department staff away from the nation’s capital. The department should have no more than 2,000 employees in the region, according to a July 2025 memo Rollins signed.

Kevin Shea, former acting secretary of the USDA under President Joe Biden, said the relocation could impact the department’s ability to carry out its core services such as fighting pests and diseases, protecting forest land and ensuring food safety.

“All of this requires an ade-

quate and qualified workforce,” he said. “These new proposed actions, added to the damage already done, all but ensures that we’ll not have one.”

Department layoffs

Since President Donald Trump returned to office last year, the USDA has lost more than 20,000 employees, according to Office of Personnel Management data. Most left through early retirement or buyouts offered by the U.S. Doge Service, union officials said.

But speakers Thursday warned that thousands more will choose to leave instead of relocating across the country to a regional USDA office. Those offices, as outlined in Rollins’ July 2025 memo, include Raleigh, North Carolina; Kansas City, Missouri; Indianapolis, Indiana; Fort Collins, Colorado; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

In that memo, she wrote that the relocation will ensure that the USDA is “closer to the people it serves while achieving savings to the American taxpayer.”

But most USDA staff already work outside the nation’s capital. The department had about 4,600 employees in Washington when Rollins announced the reorganization efforts last year.

Strong crop conditions, improved markets give Iowa farmers marketing decisions before harvest

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

Farmers across north central Iowa are seeing strong crop conditions as the growing season moves closer to harvest.

ISU Extension Farm Management Specialist Eric Weuve says crops across the area are looking good, with parts of the broadcast area standing out after his travels around the state.

“It is looking really good, particularly right there in Franklin County is kind of the garden spot of North Central Iowa from all of my travels,” Weuve says. “Of course, looking pretty good, all in all across the state, but we don’t want to say that too loud because the people in Chicago might hear that, right? But we do look like we have a solid crop coming up, getting ready to harvest. It seems like it’ll be three weeks away and it’s about two months, but that two months is going to come up real quick on us.”

Weuve made his comments during a recent appearance on the Extension Report podcast and says while harvest is still about two months away, markets have improved in recent weeks. He adds that December

corn futures have gained about 60 cents since the beginning of July, while November soybean futures have increased about a dollar.

He encourages producers to keep an eye on prices and have a marketing plan in place.

“(There’s) positive prices for both old crop, if you have any old crop as you’re trying to get those bins cleaned out ahead of this crop that we’re going to be bringing in in the near future, or even making some contingency plans for some sales of that new crop,” Weuve says. “I think we’ve hit the market low of recently this summer. In June, we kind of dwindled down there and we’ve bounced back pretty decent in July, so not necessarily saying pull the trigger, but at least be track of that. Be aware of those prices and if there’s a sale that makes sense and you can take some profit off the table, I’d encourage producers certainly to do that.”

Weuve says grain markets have been more volatile recently, making it important for farmers to stay prepared and work with grain originators or marketing advisors ahead of harvest.

Words on Wellness

Go Nuts for Health



Nuts are a great source of protein, minerals, and healthy fats. Most of the fat in nuts is unsaturated fat, which helps support heart health. Some nuts, like walnuts, also contain omega-3 fatty acids. These healthy fats can help lower LDL (bad) cholesterol and raise HDL (good) cholesterol.

Each type of nut offers different nutrients. For example, just one Brazil nut can provide a full day’s worth of selenium, a mineral that supports heart and brain health. Eating a variety of nuts gives you the most benefits. A serving is about 1.5 ounces of whole nuts (a small handful) or 2 tablespoons of nut butter.

Nuts are an easy and tasty way to add nutrition to your day. Try adding them to yogurt, salads, or cereal, blending them into smoothies, spreading nut butter on toast, or choosing nuts instead of less-healthy snacks. They also add great flavor and crunch to vegetables and baked goods.

Source: [USDA Agricultural Research Service](https://www.ars.usda.gov/research/our-services/food-and-nutrition-research-program/), go.iastate.edu/HFNURE

Crunchy Apple Roll-Up

Serving Size: 1/2 of roll-up | Serves: 2

Ingredients:

- 1/2 medium apple
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 1 whole wheat tortilla (8 inch)
- 2 to 3 tablespoons crispy rice cereal

Directions:

1. Chop apple into small pieces, slice thinly, or shred with grater.
2. Spread peanut butter in a thin layer over tortilla.
3. Spread apple pieces in an even layer over peanut butter.
4. Sprinkle with cereal.
5. Roll up tightly and cut in half.

Nutrition information per serving:

150 calories, 6g total fat, 2g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 0mg cholesterol, 160mg sodium, 20g total carbohydrate, 4g fiber, 5g sugar, 4g protein
This recipe is courtesy of ISU Extension and Outreach’s Spend Smart. Eat Smart. website. For more information, recipes, and videos, visit [Spend Smart. Eat Smart.](https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu), spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu.



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Expanding Opportunity and Protecting Workers

REP. RANDY FEENSTRA
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

For Iowa families and small businesses, financial security means having the freedom to

handle life's biggest moments without sacrificing economic stability. That's why I have focused on advancing practical, commonsense solutions that strengthen financial security, support our workforce, and help small businesses succeed. This Congress, Republicans have achieved historic victories for working families and small businesses.

Through the historic Working Families Tax Cuts, which delivered the largest refunds in our nation's history, we delivered targeted relief for everyday workers. By eliminating taxes on tips and overtime, millions of hardworking Americans are now keeping more of their hard-earned income. For too

long, our tax code has penalized hard work instead of rewarding it. These reforms ensure that workers who put in extra hours or rely on tips to support their families can take home more of the money they earn.

For those working in restaurants, hospitality, transportation, salons, and other service industries that fuel our Main Streets, "No Tax on Tips" is a game-changer. Many of these workers depend on tips as a significant portion of their income, and allowing them to keep more of those earnings provides meaningful financial relief. Likewise, reducing taxes on overtime rewards Iowans who pick up extra shifts, work long hours, and go above and

beyond to provide for their families. Together, these provisions put more money back into the pockets of working families, strengthen household budgets, and recognize the value of hard work.

Through my seat on the House Ways and Means Committee, I worked hard to include my legislation, which expanded paid family and medical leave (PFML) in the Working Families Tax Cuts, a commonsense policy that helps small businesses offer paid family and medical leave to their employees. PFML allows workers to have more breathing room when caring for a newborn, recovering from a medical condition, or supporting a loved one without losing

their paycheck in the process. While many large companies already provide these benefits, many small employers who wish to do the same do not have the same resources.

The Working Families Tax Cuts makes the existing 45S tax credit permanent, expands the eligibility to employers who provide paid leave through an insurance company or operate in states with paid leave requirements, shortens the employment requirement from one year to six months, and strengthens outreach to ensure small business owners know they will qualify for this tax credit. Today, only about 20% of employees at businesses with fewer than 100 workers have

access to paid family and medical leave, compared to more than 40% at the nation's largest employers. Republicans in Congress closed that gap by giving our Main Street businesses the tools they need to compete for talented workers.

Representing Iowa's 4th District is not just a privilege, it's a responsibility. I will continue advancing practical, commonsense solutions that support our small businesses, lower costs, and help Iowa families succeed. By standing with our workers, employers, and patients alike, we can strengthen our communities and build a brighter future for the next generation.

It's Time for Term Limits and Age Limits

ROB SAND
STATE AUDITOR

Over the last month and a half, I've been going around

the state on my 100 Town Hall Tour to hear from Iowans about what's on their minds. We're almost halfway through, but there's one thing I hear everywhere I go: government isn't working for Iowa families. I agree completely, and I've got a couple ideas on how to fix government so it works for Iowans again, not insiders or special interests.

Iowa has a rich history of both public service and accountability, so it's mind boggling that we're one of only a handful of states without term limits for elected officials. Serving your community is a noble calling, and I salute

anyone with good ideas who throws their hat into the ring to serve the public. Unfortunately, we've got too many people in office who forgot why they're there in the first place. You shouldn't be making a career out of working for powerful insiders instead of the people who elected you.

That's why I support term limits. We want to elect people with experience. We don't want to elect people with no desire to actually solve any of our problems because they've gotten a little too cozy over the years. My "Accountability for All" plan calls for limiting statewide elected officehold-

ers to no more than 3 terms in any statewide office, and state legislators to no more than 12 years in the legislature. On top of that, I'm calling for a maximum of no more than 20 years overall in any state office. If you want to serve your community, I applaud you, and I'll be there to shake your hand as you walk out the door at the end of your twentieth year.

Term limits are an effective and popular solution to politicians who've been hanging around too long, and it's far past time to enact them. Another solution to that problem is age limits.

Iowans are ready for a new

generation of leadership, yet career politicians refuse to step away from their cushy lifestyle. It might be a good deal for them, but it's not for the Iowans they are supposed to represent. That's why I'm proposing a maximum age limit of 78 for those that want to serve in elected office. That's the standard set for the Iowa state Supreme Court, and I think it's good enough for the rest of us.

Our Constitution has minimum age limits for different offices for good reason, so I think it makes sense to also implement maximum age limits, especially at a time when politicians past their prime

remain in office. At 78-years-old, we'll thank them for their service, wish them all the best in retirement, and clear the way for the next generation of leaders to serve their community.

These guardrails help restore the trust that has been lost recently and puts public service ahead of politics again.

If you want to run for office, go for it — we need more people willing to step up and serve their community. But public service isn't about getting a free ride to a cozy career. It's about serving others. It's time we finally got back to that.

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Warning About Communism While Inviting It

*The Alternative*
FRITZ GROSZKRUGER
COLUMNIST

Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson and President Trump have recently warned us about the threat of communism. We boomers are familiar with the threat of communism. My Selective Service lotto number during the Vietnam War spared me. Other classmates of mine were not so fortunate. The vast majority of the Vets I knew back then vehemently protested sending more of their broth-

ers off to confront the "threat" of communism.

My dad was a radar interpreter based on Tinian in the Pacific during World War II. I saw a stack of photos a couple inches thick as a kid. It showed aerial images of bombs going off and fellow Army Air Corps buddies posing as a group. I tried and tried to get Dad to tell me about the war. He always manipulated the conversation away from the subject of those photos.

Later in life as Dad faced mortality he opened up. His stories of what he endured in the war were horrendous beyond my imagination. One less disturbing story is about his meeting with General Curtis LeMay. Curtis LeMay was the ultimate tool for poltroons like the late Senator Lindsay Graham. (Finally, in the mainstream news today comes word that has been in the alternative media for weeks: It will take months to years to replace the weapons used in our nondefensive war on Iran. LeMay would

have had us run out weeks ago.)

Anyway, Dad had been speaking to a buddy on the "parade ground" about his hatred of communism and desire to go on and fight the Soviets when we were done with the Axis Powers. LeMay called Dad into his office and told him that "we can't be talking like that about an ally." Dad got reprimanded by one of the biggest military bigshots in US history.

Dad was a stockbroker. He didn't hate communism because of endless propagandistic repetition like "Muslims are terrorists" or "Iran is the biggest state sponsor of terrorism" or "it's all about greed" or "we can't let Iran have a nuclear weapon". He simply knew that earners controlling their own wealth is the key to an equitable society and any deviation from that will funnel wealth from the poor to the rich. He cared about people.

If Mike Johnson and Donald Trump are truly concerned about communism they will reverse course immediately.

Communism isn't something that is forced on us by invaders. It is demanded by circumstances. It comes about by a realization that someone is struggling because someone else is thriving.

The corruption we have going on today is plainly wealth being confiscated and moved to the top in total disregard for constitutional limits by a government that makes Al Capone look like a choirboy.

The glorification of Ronald Reagan as the man who defeated Soviet communism is intentionally used to justify big government and a corrupt military. The Soviet Union failed because, as Margaret Thatcher said, "Pretty soon the money runs out."

While waging a war against communism Lyndon Baines Johnson instituted it here with socialized medicine, education, and drastically reduced property rights. He didn't end communism in Vietnam while he

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Q&A: Making Healthcare More Affordable
With U.S. Sen. GrassleySEN. CHUCK GRASSLEY
U.S. SENATOR

Q: How would the Patients Deserve Price Tags Act help lower costs?

A: Making life more affordable is a top concern I hear from Iowans. Recurring expenses for basic necessities — such as groceries, gas, housing and childcare — can soak up the lion's share of workers' paychecks and seniors on fixed income. Paying for prescription drugs and medical expenses puts another squeeze on household budgets, making it even harder to put

money into savings, let alone afford a vacation. For decades, I've worked at the policymaking tables in the Senate Finance and Judiciary Committees to shape federal policies that help patients access healthcare services they need for chronic diseases and complex medical conditions, maternal and child health services, cancer screening and treatment and lifesaving organ transplants so they can enjoy a high quality of life and longevity with their loved ones.

I'm also continuing to push for legislative reforms that would help lower healthcare costs, including a bill I'm co-sponsoring called the Patients Deserve Price Tags Act. I'm glad the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee advanced this pro-patient measure to the full Senate for consideration. This is an important step to boost transparency and give patients a clear understanding about the price of their care beforehand, including X-rays, screenings, medications, surgeries and other services. Americans are savvy consumers and public, upfront pricing will boost com-

petition and empower patients to access healthcare services with the best value. Too often, patients are at the mercy of an opaque healthcare system that effectively means they arrive to the hospital, clinic, imaging center or lab with a blank check. Throughout my years of oversight work, I'm guided by a tried and true principle: Transparency brings accountability and boosts competition. The common-sense Patients Deserve Price Tags Act codifies existing price transparency requirements which I've long supported, and strengthens them by closing loopholes, increasing oversight, and becoming more patient-focused. The bill would deliver a healthy dose of sunshine to the U.S. healthcare system and deliver cost savings to patients, employers and taxpayers. Upfront pricing and itemized billing would give patients informed purchasing power and peace of mind when they access healthcare services.

Q: How are you working to lower costs for insulin and other prescription medicines?

A: For several years, I've led

the charge from the helm of the Senate Judiciary Committee to root out shenanigans in the pharmaceutical supply chain that's inflating prescription drug costs for Americans. I've cultivated several legislative measures with bipartisan coalitions in Congress to drive down prescription drug costs. In the past few years, legislation I've secured into law has saved taxpayers over \$11 billion. I'm glad the Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Act recently passed the full Senate, bringing it a step closer to becoming law. This bipartisan bill would help prevent patent abuse by pharmaceutical companies who game the system to delay lower-priced generic and biosimilar drugs from coming to market. I'll continue pushing to get this cost-saving bill to the president's desk.

I've got good news for the tens of millions of Americans who depend on insulin to manage diabetes. The Senate HELP Committee recently advanced a bipartisan bill I'm cosponsoring called the INSULIN Act. It would cap the cost of insulin at

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My Time in Tanzania: Part 3

BY ISAAC VOSBURG

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ISAAC VOSBURG?

This is Part III of a three-part series. For Parts I and II, kindly refer to last week and the week prior's editions of the Hampton Chronicle.

Much of the intrigue I had initially found in climbing Chamriho Mountain—that is, before I knew the deep cultural ties heralded by the Ikizu people—had spawned from stories of a German fort built atop one of its peaks. The Germans had brutally imposed their rule over mainland Tanzania following the Berlin Conference of 1884–85 and the ensuing “Scramble for Africa.” Ruled as a dominion within German East Africa, it wasn’t until the end of World War I, in 1918, that the Germans were expelled, and it would be another forty-odd years before the British finally relinquished control and Tanzania (then Tanganyika) declared its full independence in 1961. Having been built sometime between the mid 1880’s and 1910’s, the fort serves as a painful reminder of a scarred past. Outposts like these were a large reason that World Wars I and II are referred to as “World Wars” in the first place. For that matter, it was often local peoples who had been recruited (including by coercion or force) to join imperial armies like Germany’s or Britain’s who ended up losing their lives in the battles and skirmishes that took place on fronts so far flung from Europe that they rarely appear in our history books. This particular fort had been built as a lookout station, and during World War I, a large tunnel system was dug between the second and third peaks. From this vantage, at the highest point in the entire region, the Germans had hoped to ascertain if any Belgian or British forces were stationed in the area. From my studies, very little (if anything) is written or recorded pertaining to this particular fort or the gruesome history it surely hides. The mood was accordingly somber upon our approach.

While the metal roofing had been stolen some decades ago, the stone walls remained firm and intact on three out of four sides. The fort was surprisingly level, as if time’s ravaging had forgotten to fray its edges and warp its evenness. The ground felt hallowed, in a despicable, disregard-for-human-lives sort of way. The village chairperson, who had served



as our guide, noted that following Germany’s retreat, local Ikizu practitioners of ubuhika (traditional medicine and magic) had reclaimed the fort and Chamriho Mountain at large, just like Morihoh, the hunter and medicine man from Ikizu folklore, had done so many years before. On the highest peak, the poured concrete that had once held the German Empire’s flag aloft had been crushed by these locals—reduced to nothing more than mere rubble. That sort of attitude empowered me to see beyond what this fort once was, and to see it for what it is: a convoluted site enmeshed in both warfare and community service, built by a colonizer and reclaimed by the colonized, both a scar and a memory. It now lay abandoned, hollowed out and caved in, with nightshades overgrowing the central pit. The chairperson clambered atop its walls and stood, triumphant, for a long and deeply symbolic minute.

As we approached the third and final peak, known as Nyamukwereri, the midday equatorial sun pounded harshly upon my arms, neck, and back. The very pinnacle of our efforts lay just ahead, and though my legs were exhausted, my

mind was reeling with excitement—full to the brim with newfound knowledge and stories. Only a few meters wide at points along this section of Chamriho’s crest, I was at the back of the pack, scrambling with complete incoordination over gray-red boulders streaked with white. After hours of climbing, my steel-toed work boots felt like cinder blocks, and I envied the two men ahead of me who had discerned divine providence and decided to wear sandals. But none the matter. With extra care taken to avoid the gulleys and cavernous holes that had opened up along the ridgeline as a result of collapsing German tunnels and lookout points, we eventually reached our destination.

Nyamukwereri lives up to both its hype and its name. In my field notebook, I have just one word written at this point, underlined: “Immaculate”. And that’s exactly right. Here, at the highest point of Chamriho’s three peaks, is “the bald spot,” which is the rough translation of the Ikizu term “Nyamukwereri.” Without trees or brambles, thickets or brush, all that stands and sways in the wind is drought-stressed grass. A look to the

right offers an unbelievable view of the mountains depicted in the chairperson’s earlier tales, green and gentle. Ahead lies the Serengeti plain, with dust storms swirling in the distance and small brushfires throwing up grey smoke. To the left is Sanzati, home to the people who claim this mountain as their own. The chairperson pointed to the primary school, to the shop where we had breakfast but a few hours earlier, and to his office in the heart of the village. At over a mile above sea level, I felt as if I were looking down from an airplane. Butterflies of yellow, black, and cream flitted by. Birdsong and the rustle of a low wind quietly articulated the principal soundscape.

There are very few moments in my life that I have felt as if I had stepped into a painting. Like if everything stopped in that very moment and someone far more talented than I took oil paint and a brush to canvas, it would accurately depict the serenity, the sheer sense of awe such a scene instilled in me, and render that euphoric, warm shock in a way that allows others to feel the same. The last time I recall this feeling was when I first laid eyes on the Taj Mahal, illuminated golden and pink by the early morning sun. That feeling is rapturous, as close to indescribable as I’ll ever get.

This, here, was one of those moments. Standing on a rock where I could see the rubble of what once held an empire’s banner, I was proud to have come with curious, and not colonial, intent. What my ancestors had done to their ancestors was inexcusable, a bleak and blood-red stain upon the fabric of human history. I stood now, at the same site, as their antithesis. I came not to rule, but to learn through empathy. I came not to conquer, but to submit myself and admit that I once knew nothing about the matters that matter to people here. With an open mind and an open heart, I was led to uncover a piece of history, culture, tradition, and nature like no other. I hold the members of that team, who did so much to educate me, in nothing but the highest regard.

They say to take only photographs and leave only footprints, but I would add to that. I believe it’s critical to take as well understandings of culture, history, and tradition, along with the memories and moments. One should leave having made a firm connection to both the place and the people in question.

As I descended the slopes of Chamriho, I believe I accomplished exactly that.

FARMERS FORUM: FROM PAGE 5

sustainable system that delivers good environmental outcomes, we need structural change,” Jones said.

To do this, Iowa needs diverse farming systems where farmers are growing oats, forage crops, vegetables and fruits, Jones said. He is advocating for locally grown food to be served in local schools and his campaign is releasing a local food policy that will position Iowa to be the number one state in the

country for access to local food.

“We can’t be saying we feed the world when we can’t feed Polk County,” Jones said.

He is running against incumbent Republican Mike Naig.

Turek emphasizes need for change

Josh Turek, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, said Iowa needs candidates who are going to fight for Iowa and Iowans. “Fighting for social and

economic justice, not just fighting for the billionaires and the large corporations. That’s the opportunity all of us have this year – working together.”

Turek, a state representative from Council Bluffs who is running against Republican U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, stressed that Iowa should not be leading the country in farm foreclosures. He made the promise if he is elected, he will fight to pass policies that support farm-

ers, including enabling farmers to repair their equipment. He also promised to pass a farm bill that works for farmers. “I will not let Congress leave D.C. without passing a farm bill.”

He ended the evening highlighting what Iowans have been

saying to him as he travels across the state speaking with Iowans: “This is not the state I know. This is not the state I love. We need change. I voted for Ernst. I voted for Trump. Enough is enough.”

DOWNSIZING: FROM PAGE 5

A majority of the staff reductions have come from across the country.

‘A forced choice’

Genny Kotyk, a Forest Service employee and president of the National Federation of Federal Employees’ Forest Service Council, said the impacts of federal cuts are already being felt.

She said that the employee reductions and reorganizations of the Forest Service, which is the largest U.S. firefighting agency, are affecting the response to the damaging wildfire season currently impacting Canada and some Midwestern and northern states.

In 2025, the Forest Service saw more than 6,500 employees leave through a combination of layoffs, buyouts and early retirements, according to OPM.

“We’re looking to lose, potentially, another 6,500 employees that are going to be forced to either change their job duties, have a longer commute, or move completely across the country, or resign, or retire,” she said. “Forty percent of those employees have some kind of fire qualification, and because they’re higher level staff, they typically also have a more seasoned career and have higher level fire qualifications.”

Kotyk said that her union polled nearly 3,000 of its bargaining unit employees about the reorganization, and only 7% said they’d be willing to relocate.

Chearice Vaughn, who works for a USDA office that oversees grants and loans for rural development projects, said

she and 45 members of her team received a notice to relocate from Washington to Dallas, Texas. She said of those who received relocation notices, 86% were people of color.

“It’s a forced choice: uproot your entire life, or leave federal service,” Vaughn, also president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3870, said.

Still, she said, it’s not about “45 names on a spreadsheet in Washington.”

“It’s about whether the next little town waiting on clean water gets it in time,” she said. “It’s about whether the next small business owner in a town with no other lender gets a chance at all. We built these things once. We’re asking to be allowed to keep building them.”



The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Beltsville Agricultural Research Center sprawls over 6,500 acres in northern Prince George’s County, Maryland. The Trump administration has proposed closing the center as part of a massive reorganization of the department. (Photo by Danielle J. Brown/Maryland Matters)

Legal challenge

Although USDA is continuing with its relocations and department-wide reorganization, some employees are seeking to block the change.

Several national labor unions, as part of their efforts over the past year to block the Trump administration’s reshaping of the federal government, filed a request for an injunction in federal court in San Francisco seeking to block USDA from ordering the relocations.

The case is ongoing.

USDA spokespeople did not return a message seeking comment Friday.

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

Last Weekend's Race: Corey Heim won at Indianapolis

Corey Heim conquered the iconic Brickyard 400 presented by PPG at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Driving the No. 67 Toyota for 23XI Racing, the 23-year-old part-time driver delivered a commanding performance to score his second career NASCAR Cup Series victory and his first career crown-jewel triumph in only his 15th start. After starting seventh on the grid, Heim led a race-high 58 of 160 laps and successfully managed a tense mid-race duel with polesitter Carson Hocevar. Heim executed a decisive pass on the final restart with 33 laps remaining to take command of the race. During the long green-flag run to the checkered flag, he skillfully navigated lapped traffic while holding off a relentless late push from

Corey Heim

Born: July 5, 2002
Crew Chief: Robert Barker
Car: Toyota

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2026	2	3	18.3
2025	0	0	21.25

Christopher Bell to win by 0.287 seconds. Joey Logano, Chase Briscoe, and Denny Hamlin completed the top five. "I was just trying to protect my entry, and he didn't like it, but he lost and I won, so I don't really care," Heim said.

No Cup Series Race This Week - Next Race August 9th

Todd Gilliland Wins In-Season Challenge Front Row Motorsports driver Todd Gilliland claimed the \$1 million prize by winning NASCAR's inaugural In-Season Challenge on Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Seeded 25th in the 32-driver knockout tournament, Gilliland outlasted Team Penske's Ryan Blaney across the five-week performance throughout the summer bracket run, noting that his team stepped up its preparation and unlocked a new level of execution under the high-stakes format.

victory after Blaney suffered vehicle damage on Lap 120 and finished two positions behind him. Gilliland survived intense pressure over the closing 25 laps to lock up the million-dollar check and bragging rights for his organization. Following the win, Gilliland praised his No. 34 crew for elevating their performance throughout the summer bracket run, noting that his team stepped up its preparation and unlocked a new level of execution under the high-stakes format.

2026 Standings					
Cup Series Top Ten			O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Top Ten		
Drivers	Points	Top 10s	Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Denny Hamlin	86	14	1) Justin Allgaier	1016	17
2) Tyler Reddick	802	14	2) Carson Kvapil	751	13
3) Ryan Blaney	766	15	3) Jesse Love	747	13
4) Ty Gibbs	751	14	4) Sheldon Creed	733	14
5) Carson Hocevar	638	9	5) Corey Day	719	15
6) Chase Elliott	635	8	6) Brandon Jones	692	13
7) Chase Briscoe	623	11	7) Austin Hill	688	10
8) Kyle Larson	617	11	8) Sammy Smith	658	10
9) Chris Buescher	613	10	9) Parker Retzlaff	619	10
10) Christopher Bell	609	10	10) Sam Mayer	589	10

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Top News Stories

High Stakes and Speed Across Motorsport Frontiers
The late-July racing calendar delivered high-octane drama across multiple disciplines, highlighted by pivotal developments in American open-wheel and endurance racing. Leading off in the United States, NTT IndyCar Series teams wrapped up crucial mid-week testing on July 22, with Team Penske setting the pace ahead of upcoming oval events. Josef Newgarden topped the timing charts with an impressive 186.4 mph average lap, signaling a dominant return to form as teams fine-tuned short-oval setups. Meanwhile, IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship officials released an updated Balance of Performance bulletin on July 24, adjusting weight and energy allocations for the Grand Touring Prototype class ahead of the fast-approaching fixture at Road America. Porsche Penske Motorsport and Cadillac Racing both saw minor power curve tweaks following rigorous technical evaluations, setting up a fiercely competitive field for the next sprint showcase. Across the Atlantic, Formula 1 teams gathered at Spa-Francorchamps on July 24 for opening practice sessions ahead of the Belgian Grand Prix. Technical scrutiny remained intense as several constructors unveiled revised low-drag rear wing packages specifically engineered for the high-speed demands of the Ardennes circuit. From precision short-oval testing in the American Midwest to high-speed engineering battles in Europe, professional motorsport enters the late-summer stretch with championship tables tightly poised. Teams across every major series now pivot toward critical mid-season fixtures where strategy and setup execution will decide title contenders.

Racing Trivia

What is the term for when a race car loses rear traction and starts sliding outward?
a) Tight c) Push
b) Loose d) Binding

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What's At The Windsor

BY JIM DAVIES
WINDSOR THEATRE
MANAGER

The Odyssey shows at the Windsor Theatre Friday, July 31 through Thursday, August 13.

Homer's Odyssey is an ancient Greek epic detailing the hero Odysseus's grueling ten-year voyage home to Ithaca after the Trojan War. Along the way, he battles mythical monsters and faces the wrath of Poseidon. Meanwhile, his wife Penelope and son Telemachus fight off aggressive suitors attempting to usurp his throne.

Homer is the legendary ancient Greek poet credited with writing the foundational epic poems The Iliad and The Odyssey. Both The Odyssey and The Iliad were composed orally around the 8th century BC (approximately 750–700 BC), before being written down later.

Christopher Nolan's The Odyssey features a massive ensemble cast led by Matt Damon, Tom Holland, and Anne Hathaway.

The Odyssey is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for severe violence, frightening sequences, and some language. Run time is 173 minutes. The

movie is distributed by Universal Pictures.

Showtimes and Ticket Prices

Regular movie admission for R-rated movies is \$6 for adults and for youth ages 16 and under. Youth under age 17 require a parent or adult guardian to accompany them during the movie.

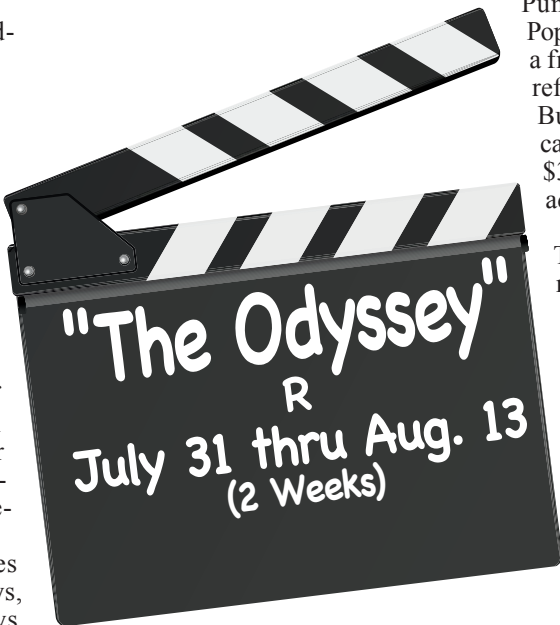
Seniors aged 60 and older receive discounted admission of \$4 on Sundays. All tickets are just \$4 for the Wednesday matinee and Thursday evening show.

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

Hampton Old Time Country Hoedown, Monday, August 3 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Windsor Theatre



Upcoming Movies (Subject to Change)

August 14 – Spider-Man: Brand New Day (2 weeks)

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.

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IMAGE PRIDE: FROM COVER

their home to celebrate each season. Their creative displays for fall, Halloween, winter, and Christmas have become neighborhood attractions. One memorable Halloween decoration is an "I Smell

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Stories from Franklin County’s Past: The Last Man Standing Club

BY CAROL SENSOR
 FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEER

Over its history, Franklin County has been home to many organizations and clubs. A particularly interesting one was the Last Man Standing Club. Here is its story.

The first American Legion post in Franklin County was organized at Hampton on August 30, 1919, and named the George A. Aldinger Post No. 183. It was named after George Arthur Aldinger who was the first Hampton man killed in action in World War I; he died in France on August 10, 1918.

After the stock market crash in 1929, several members of the American Legion Post decided to organize a drum and bugle corps to add some joy to a time that was literally quite depressing. Although only one of the 35 members was a musician, Howard Botts took on the task of instructing the drummers and buglers. The first official parade appearance of the Drum and Bugle Corps was at the State Legion Convention in Davenport, Iowa, in August of 1931. Reportedly, they were pretty good by then.

Josef Uzel, Lee Ewing, and Dr. Ray DeSart were of great help to the corps, serving as band leaders or drillmasters. Unfortunately, Mr. Uzel was killed in a car accident in 1932; Mr. Ewing died of a heart attack in 1934; and Dr. DeSart died in 1935. Without these key men, the interest in the Drum and Bugle Corps began to diminish.

Rather than let the group disband, the group decided to change their focus away from music but continue the spirit of the Corps. At a meeting on December 4, 1935, the members of the dissolved Drum and Bugle Corps became members of the new Last Man Standing Club, also called the “Last Man’s Club.” DeSart, Ewing, and Uzel were listed as honorary members.

The stated objective of the Last Man’s Club was: *“To bind into one unit of comradeship those members of the George A. Aldinger Post No. 183, American Legion, who during a time of depression among the membership of the Post, gave of their time and finances to promote interest in the American Legion and services to the community of Hampton by membership in the Drum and Bugle Corps.”*

The Last Man’s Club’s membership was limited to the original men and met once each year. All members were expected to attend the meeting, be represented by a letter of regrets, or an obituary.

At the first annual meeting in 1936, the men brought various items and all auto-graphed them; they were sealed in a “Treasure Chest” constructed by Last Man C. W. Nolte. The chest also contained a bottle of whiskey and an interest-bearing bond. According to the Club’s Constitution, the chest and its contents would go to the last surviving member. His task was to break the seal, open the “Treasure Chest,” read the words of friends who had passed on, and make whatever use of the various contents he saw fit.

One additional item the Last Man inherited was a large record book, which was



George A. Aldinger American Legion Post No. 183 Drum and Bugle Corps

meticulously maintained by C.L. Bredt until his death in 1951. It contained the Club’s Constitution and minutes of all the meetings as well as many photographs, histories of each member, clippings, old menus, place cards, and other memorabilia of the group. Harry W. Jorgensen was keeper of the book for several years until his death in 1976.

Who were the members of this innovative club? Below are the names of the members of Hampton’s Last Man Standing Club as listed in their record book. I have also included their year of death.

Ray Abbott (1983)
 Harold Argent (1970)
 Wayne Artley (1950)
 Glen Bare (1984)
 Herbert Beckman (1982)
 Fred Bierlen (1963)
 Howard G. Botts (1956)
 C. L. Bredt (1951)
 Ivy Brewster (1948)
 E. L. Butler (1969)
 Harry Collins (1956)
 F. C. Davis (1984)
 Frankl Georner (1964)
 R. F. Haecker (1946)
 Charles Jackson (1977)
 Claude Jackson (1973)
 Albin Johnson (1972)
 Harry Jorgensen (1976)
 Lee Lemke (1991)
 Nels Malm (1947)
 J. M. McSpaden (1963)
 Forrest R. Murphy (1988)
 John Murphy (1976)
 Gust Nelson (1987)
 Charles Nolte (1980)
 Steven W. Orsborn (1970)
 Lloyd Paulson (1990)
 Lee Robinson (1975)
 Harry G. Schmitt (1986)



Last Man’s Club treasure chest

Siert Schoon (1971)
 R. R. Shafer (1958)
 Leslie Stauffer (1981)
 Judson Wheeler (1976)
 Dr. Harold Wright (1959)
 Nels Ytzen (1967)

Lee Lemke Sr. became the Last Man Standing.

Who was Lee Lemke, Sr.? He was born August 22, 1896, in Dows. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1917. After his service, he attended Ellsworth College and Tallman Conservatory of Music. On December 6, 1922, he married Gladys Cessford in Dows. They had a son, Lee, and three daughters: Joyce, Gloria, and Frances. He became Franklin County Deputy Sheriff in 1931 and Hampton Chief of Police in 1937. From 1949 to 1964, he served as the Franklin County Sheriff. Lee passed away at the age of 94 on August 17, 1991, and is buried in the Morgan Center Cemetery in Dows.

After Lee’s death, the Last Man Standing Club’s artifacts were generously donated to the Franklin County Museum. They are displayed in a special case in Machinery Hall and contain the Treasure Chest, the record book, photographs and several mementos from the group. The next time you visit the museum, be sure to take some time and view this exhibit that documents comradery, respect and friendship over decades.



Lee Lemke Sr., The Last Man

Museum Welcomes Nearly 1,000 Visitors During Franklin County Fair

BY JIM DAVIES
 FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEER

The Franklin County Historical Museum welcomed at least 960 visitors during the 2026 Franklin County Fair, held July 15–19, according to the museum’s guest book.

Actual attendance was likely even higher, as many visitors did not sign the guest book. In addition, several entries included the notation “and family,” indicating that multiple people were represented by a single signature.

Visitor traffic steadily increased throughout the fair before peaking on Saturday. Daily guest book totals were 162 on Wednesday, 155 on Thursday, 245 on Friday, 283 on Saturday, and 115 on Sunday.

The museum attracted visitors from

across Iowa and the nation. Guest book entries represented 88 Iowa communities, ranging from nearby towns to larger cities throughout the state.

In addition to Iowa residents, visitors came from 25 other states, including Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

The annual Franklin County Fair remains one of the museum’s busiest and most popular times of the year, providing an opportunity to welcome returning visitors while introducing the museum to first-time guests.



The Franklin County Historical Museum, located on the northeast corner of the Franklin County Fairgrounds, is open Tuesdays from 1:15 to 4:00 p.m. Visitors may also schedule an appointment by emailing museumfchs@gmail.com or calling 641-456-5777.

ALTERNATIVE: FROM PAGE 6

gave it the biggest boost here of any president. I would be wary of a president warning us of the dangers of communism.

Our country’s debt has increased by \$93,055.20 per second for the past year. We’ve printed \$200 billion in the last six months, lowering the value of our dollars. Federal interest payments have increased to nearly \$900 billion per year in

order to fund foreign wars with no benefit for Americans and jeopardizing the safety of our kids and grandchildren.

The dissatisfaction with stagnant wages and rampant inflation caused by reckless government spending will be what delivers us communism. But our criminals in the government mention it to prepare us for another big, expensive

“crisis.”

On top of all that, Congress has just handed Israel free access to our military and military intelligence. The reason Benjamin Netanyahu proclaimed an end to his requests for aid is because he now has it without asking.

Like the depleted arsenal story, the conspiracy theorists will be proven correct in the

end; but not before the crooks at the top get richer and the peons demand communism (labeled socialism because it sounds nice).

Comments on my column are greatly appreciated through a letter to the editor or directly to me at 4selfgovernment@gmail.com

SUDOKU

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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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Tuesday, Aug. 4

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Wednesday, Aug. 5

Meat loaf, Mashed Potatoes, with Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit Salad

Thursday, Aug. 6

Taco Salad, Pineapple Cake, Noodles, Breadstick, Vegetable, Cherry Crisp

Friday, Aug. 7

Taco Salad, Pineapple Cake

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 If a business is opening or closing.
 If something interesting is happening.

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In loving memory of
Charlotte “Chuck” Olive Koenigsberg
1923-2026

Charlotte “Chuck” Olive Koenigsberg, 103, of rural Bemidji, MN, passed away at Good Samaritan Society, Blackduck on July 24, 2026. No services will be held. Final arrangements provided by Cease Family Funeral Homes.

Charlotte was born January 4, 1923, on the family farm near Randall, IA, to Clarion and Julia Tjernagel Weltha. Her family affectionately called her Chuck from her childhood. She graduated from Randall High School in 1940. She attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines on an Athletic Scholarship to play basketball. The team traveled the United States and in 1941 were Runner Up in the National Tournament at St. Joseph, MO. She then attended the American Institute of Commerce in Davenport, IA, and had the honor of helping the basketball team win the National Championship in 1943 and 1944. Charlotte was named “All American” both years and in 1980 was inducted into the Iowa Girls Basketball Hall of Fame.

Charlotte was employed as a Secretary with Deere & Co. at Moline, IL. She met Alva “Tuck” Koenigsberg, a Machinist at the Rock Island Arsenal, before he joined the Army. They were married on May 30, 1943, becoming known as Tuck and Chuck. After Tuck served 18 months in the Aleutian Islands during WWII, they lived in Hampton, VA. When the war ended they returned to Tuck’s home town of Sheffield, IA, and began farming for 30 years. Two sons were born there, Richard and Norman. They were active in the Baptist Church there, serving in various capacities. A hobby that Charlotte and Tuck particularly enjoyed throughout their marriage was playing music with friends; she the accordion and he the guitar.

In 1977 they retired from farming and moved to Roseville, CA, to be near their son, Norm. They met many new friends at the First Southern Baptist Church of Roseville. The music continued with new friends. Tuck joined a small country western band called the “Mustard Cutters”, that played at nursing homes, senior centers and various celebrations. They also enjoyed traveling to music festivals in their RV.

In 2003 they moved to rural Bemidji, near their son, Norm and his wife Denise. They again enjoyed playing music with new friends. Charlotte loved the outdoors and occasional fishing. They attended Bemidji Baptist Church when health permitted. Charlotte was a prolific letter writer until her hands began to shake. Soon after Tuck passed away, she moved to the Good Samaritan Society in Blackduck and was very appreciative of all the love and care she received there. She is survived by her sons, Richard and Norman (Denise) of Bemidji, and three sisters. Charlotte has been promoted to glory in Heaven, where she can once again make music with Tuck.

In loving memory of
Herman Freese
1940-2026

Herman Freese, 85, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 14, 2026. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Faith Baptist Church with burial in the Hampton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday at the Faith Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

He was born on December 27, 1940, to Herman Sr. and Christina (Eilderts) Freese. While his family grieves his passing, they find great comfort in knowing that Herman is now walking with Jesus in heaven, where his faith has become sight.

Herman married the love of his life, Margery Marie Maifeld, on April 8, 1960. Their love story began as children attending Sunday School together at Washington Reformed Church in Ackley, Iowa. Together they built a beautiful life centered on faith, family, and love, sharing more than 66 years of marriage.

He is lovingly survived by his wife, Margery; his four children: Lynn (Cathie) Freese of Rockford, Illinois; Bryan (Tammie) Freese of Janesville, Iowa; Patricia (Gary) Palmersheim of Rochester, Minnesota; and Jacquelyn (Joe) O’Brien of Hampton, Iowa.

Herman was a proud grandfather to Brandi (Jason) Schnurr, Chrissy Tempin, Hillary (Jimmie) Hunter, Zach Freese, Katie (Austin) Niederhauser, Dustin (Maria) Palmersheim, Jaime (Gus) Holtz, Colby (Ashley) Palmersheim, Michala (Sam) Palmersheim, Leigha (Tadd) Jones, Jordan (Michelle) O’Brien, and Kyle (Megan) O’Brien. He was also blessed with 22 great-grandchildren, who brought him tremendous joy.

He is also survived by his sister, Julie Freese (Vern) Kreimeyer; sister-in-law, Alida Freese; brother-in-law, Ron (Judy) Maifeld; sister-in-law, Jan (Pat) O’Donnell; and sister-in-law, Arlene Maifeld.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman Sr. and Christina Freese; his brother, Harm Freese; and his sister, Johanna Freese.

Herman began his career with Chamberlain Trailers before working for Moorman’s Feed and Standard Chemical. In 1968, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to start his own backhoe business. He later founded Freese Feed and Milling in 1975 and expanded the business by establishing Freese Trucking, LLC in 1991. Through hard work, determination, and vision, he built businesses that reflected his integrity and strong work ethic. Herman loved what he did and continued working until retiring in 2021 at the age of 80.

Herman had a generous heart and was always ready to help someone in need. He was also a little stubborn and liked doing things himself—a trait those who knew and loved him understood well.

Above all, Herman was a man of deep Christian faith. Jesus Christ was the center of his life, and he lived each day with quiet confidence in God’s promises. His greatest hope was that his family and others would know the same love, grace, and assurance of eternal life that sustained him throughout his life.

Family meant everything to Herman. He was a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather and great-grandfather, faithful brother, and trusted friend. He led by example, teaching the importance of honesty, hard work, humility, generosity, and trusting God through every season of life. His legacy lives on in the family he loved, the businesses he built, the lives he touched, and the faith he faithfully lived.

Though our hearts are broken, we rejoice knowing Herman has been welcomed into his eternal home and has heard the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”



H-D Counselor says student interest strong for NIACC Career Center

BY MITCH WILLIAMS
RadioOnTheGo News

Interest in the new NIACC Franklin County Career Center was immediate once students had the opportunity to enroll, according to Hampton-Dumont High School counselor Cynthia Krull.

Krull says planning for career pathways begins well before students reach their junior and senior years, allowing many to take advantage of the new programs as soon as registration opens. She says interest in the welding and building trades academies filled quickly, highlighting the demand for expanded career and technical education opportunities.

Krull says the new two-year model also gives students more flexibility than traditional career academy programs by allowing them to complete industry training before graduating from high school.

“Normally the half-day programs are senior only and our kids would travel to NIACC for the programs,” Krull says. “Each



school is only given one slot, so I’ve had one kid do diesel, one kid do automotive, those kind of things. So making it a two-year program will allow them to completely finish before they’re done with high school. It also opens an opportunity for them, like one of the students that’s going into linemen school this fall has enough of the prereqs already done that he’s looking at it and going, ‘I’m going to also get a business degree.’ So it also opens the opportunity for maybe I’m not done with schooling, maybe now on my own I can add this. So we’re excited for that opportunity.”

Krull says counselors will continue in-

roducing career exploration at younger grade levels so students can begin planning early for opportunities available through the Career Center.

“So I’m super excited that the kids get those opportunities,” Krull says. “But since our culture is always looking at what I might like to do and might like to explore, literally the day I was given the go ahead to start registering students, I sent an email to the sophomores and juniors to be seniors and juniors and said, ‘Who wants to do the welding academy?’ ‘Who wants to do building trades?’ ‘Who wants health.’ Literally about 24 hours later, I had building trades and welding full. So, they’re always thinking about their opportunities and they’re always doing that kind of conversations and exploring. So it was very easy.”

The Franklin County Career Center will serve students from the Belmond-Klemme, Hampton-Dumont-CAL and West Fork school districts when classes begin later this year.

NIACC Launches New Online Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program

PRESS RELEASE

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) is expanding its Workforce Academy offerings with a new Pharmacy Technician Certificate program beginning August 31. The fully online, 16-week program was developed in response to conversations with local pharmacists who identified a need for trained pharmacy technicians prepared to enter the workforce with industry-recognized knowledge and skills.

Using the National Healthcare Association (NHA) curriculum, the program prepares students for careers in retail pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and other healthcare settings. Students will gain the skills needed to assist licensed pharmacists with prescription processing, pharmacy operations, medication inventory, pharmacy terminology, and more. The ExCPT certification exam is included in the cost of tuition, providing graduates with the opportunity

to earn the Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) credential after successfully passing the exam and meeting Iowa Board of Pharmacy requirements.

“A career in pharmacy provides consistent routine, but also a chance to learn new skills as the profession grows,” said Alyssa Vosecky, PharmD, instructor for the program. “Pharmacy technicians play a critical role on the healthcare team and have a wide variety of career options.”

Designed for flexibility, the

program is fully online, allowing students to complete coursework on their own schedule while meeting weekly assignment deadlines. Tuition assistance may be available for those who qualify.

The Pharmacy Technician Certificate program begins August 31, 2026 and registration closes August 24th.

To learn more or register, visit niacc.edu/workforce-academy, call 641-422-4358, or email cereg@niacc.edu.

Hampton Council workshop recap from July 20

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo News

The Hampton City Council on Monday discussed giving two property owners 45 days to complete a real estate transfer and present a request for permission to keep sheep on their property.

During a council workshop, Mayor Steve Birdsall asked council members to allow Jim

and Matthew Meyer, 1208 Central Ave. E., time to complete and record the transfer. Once the process is finished, the Meyers may ask the council for permission to keep sheep at the property.

If the request is approved, the council would conduct another first reading of Ordinance 411. Matthew Meyer said they would attempt to meet the 45-day deadline. The council

reached a consensus to move forward with the plan.

The council also heard from Sara Kolb, who proposed creating a zoning district combining agricultural and residential uses with restrictions.

Police Chief Mark Morrison presented information about bicycles, skateboards, scooters and electric bicycles. The council agreed to focus on community education about safety and

proper operation before continuing the discussion at a future workshop.

Council members also reviewed the city’s financial investment in four residential nuisance properties acquired through the courts. Options for disposing of the properties will be discussed at the next workshop.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

Small Claims

- Oscarson, Shaun Dane, Hampton, IA vs. Midland Credit Management, Inc, West Des Moines, IA — Self-Represented Deft: Oscarson, Shaun Dane — Filed: 14-Jul-26, Small Claims Original Not
- Riemenschneider, K, Hampton, IA vs. Lvnv Funding LLC, Greenville, SC — Self-Represented Deft: Riemenschneider, K — Filed: 14-Jul-26, Small Claims Original Not
- Hurd, Jessica & Hurd, Nicholas, Sheffield, IA vs. Quad Corporation Inc, Davenport, IA — Self-Represented Deft: Hurd, Jessica & Hurd, Nicholas — Filed: 14-Jul-26, Small Claims Original Not; Filed: 20-Jul-26, Dismissed W/O Prejudice
- Sosa, Melina Elyse, Alexander, IA vs. Midland Credit Management, Inc, West Des Moines, IA — Self-Represented Deft: Sosa, Melina Elyse — Filed: 17-Jul-26, Small Claims Original Not
- Rivera, Alejandro Anthony, Sheffield, IA vs. Quad Corporation Inc, Davenport, IA — Self-Represented Deft: Rivera, Alejandro Anthony — Filed: 20-Jul-26, Small Claims Original Not

Scheduled Traffic

- Morales, Austin Jose — Chippewa, WI — Speeding Over 55 Zone (21 or Over)
- Harris, Kayne Nicolas — Des Moines, IA — Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 thru 10 Over)
- Dorau, David Lee — Shakopee, MN — Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 thru 10 Over)
- Simpkins, David Hosseini — Prior Lake, MN — Speeding Over 55 Zone (11 thru 15 Over)
- Popp III, James Francis — Minneapolis, MN — Speeding Over 55 Zone (21 or Over)
- Burgart, Adam Michael — Ionia, IA — Use Electronic Communication Device
- Smith, Jared Patrick — Saint Cloud, MN — Use Electronic Communication Device
- Pichler, Amy A — Omaha, NE — Fail to Change Lane Upon Approach to Emergency Vehicle
- Dumas, Daniel Jonothan — Bossier City, LA — Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 thru 10 Over)
- Villa, Cristian Daniel — Des Moines, IA — Speeding Over 55

Zone (11 thru 15 Over)

- Mendoza, Olga L — Lincoln, NE — Failure to Use Child Restraint Device
- Santis Gomez, Roel — Webster City, IA — No Valid Drivers License
- Pereira Ribeiro, Estevao — Oklahoma City, OK — Speeding Over 55 Zone (21 or Over)
- Edmonston, Thomas Francis — Chesapeake City, MD — Maximum Width of Vehicle
- Santos Velasquez, Maricela Dinora — Belmond, IA — Excessive Speed (Except Work Zones)
- Santos Velasquez, Maricela Dinora — Belmond, IA — Failure to Possess Valid License While Operating
- Portillo, Omar — Saint Paul, MN — Excessive Speed - Road Work Zones (11 - 20 Over)
- Piety, Ian Chandler — Minneapolis, MN — Excessive Speed (Except Work Zones)
- Heffernan, Benjamin Paul — Osceola, WI — Excessive Speed (Except Work Zones)
- Arneson, Carly Roslyn — Eau Claire, WI — Excessive Speed (Except Work Zones)
- Moss, Tara Rochelle — Edmond, OK — Excessive Speed (Except Work Zones)
- Akther, Farhana — Apple Valley, MN — Excessive Speed (Except Work Zones)
- Akther, Farhana — Apple Valley, MN — Operation Without Registration Card or Plate

OWI

- Lopez Abarca, Hernan — Hampton, IA — Payee: State Treasurer Receipts and Witness Fee Reim — Payor: Cordova, Nicole M & Herrera, Carlos Manuel — Filed: Motion for Continuance
- Montgomery, Cheryl Ann — Klemme, IA — Payor: Launderville, Andrea — Filed: Hearing for Initial Appearance
- Samuelaye, Lehthoo — Maplewood, IA — Payee: Franklin County Treasurer — Payor: Vang, Wahwah Aye — Filed: Order of Arraignment
- Canseco Rivera, Steven — Hampton, IA — Filed: Order of Disposition
- Christiansen, John Lee — Coulter, IA — Filed: Hearing for Initial Appearance

- Portillo Rivera, Geoffrey Addison — Mason City, IA — Filed: Order of Arraignment
- Medel Villegas, Gregorio — Hampton, IA — Filed: Order for Arraignment; Trial Information; Written Plea of Guilty
- Gomez, Andres — Hampton, IA — Filed: Criminal Complaint; Hearing for Initial Appearance

Domestic Abuse

Defendant: Sharp, Mark Louis.
Plaintiff: OBrien, Kateeri Lyn

Criminal

- Jessica Lynn Jimenez Martinez (Eldora, IA) — Order For Arraignment, Trial Information
- Tina Marie Sterling (Alexander, IA) — Order Of Arraignment
- Emma Louise Artley Petit (Hampton, IA) — Order Of Arraignment
- Colin James Zander (Coulter, IA) — Order For Arraignment, Trial Information
- Cory Allen Rawls (Backus, MN) — Order For Arraignment, Trial Information
- Yasday Maria Kaye Wellons (Mason City, IA) — Criminal Complaint, Hearing For Initial Appearance
- Allen James Barnhart (Hampton, IA) — Motion For Continuance
- Andrew Craig Buttshaw (Hampton, IA) — Hearing For Initial Appearance

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- Lauren Alexandria Johnson (Sheffield, IA) – Written Plea Of Guilty, Order Of Disposition
- Jessica Lynn Jimenez Martinez (Eldora, IA) – Order For Arraignment, Trial Information
- Andrew Craig Buttshaw (Hampton, IA) – Order For Arraignment, Trial Information
- Vicente Duane Guevara (Ackley, IA) – Order Of Arraignment
- Elizabeth Marie Zeibot (Hampton, IA) – Motion To Dismiss, Written Plea Of Guilty, Order Of Disposition
- Emily Elizabeth Buttshaw (Hampton, IA) – Order Of Disposition
- Sherlyn Hernandez Rodriguez (Hampton, IA) – Order Of Disposition
- Nickolai Robert Vincent (Arvada, CO) – Order Of Arraignment
- William Christie Smith (Goodell, IA) – Order For Arraignment, Trial Information
- Ricky Lee Oehlert (Hampton, IA) – Hearing For Initial Appearance
- Joanna Marie Ballard (Hampton, IA) – Order For Judgment
- Yasday Maria Kaye Wellons (Mason City, IA) – N/A



66 people attended “Moana” last Friday and Sunday at the Windsor Theatre. On Saturday, the movie “Do You Believe?” was shown for the Christian Motorcyclists Association with 100 people attending.

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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 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
• Sunday, August 2: 9:30am
Worship & Communion,
Sunday School Class
• Tuesday, August 4: 9:30am
Women’s Prayer
• Wednesday, August 5:
8:30am Men’s Prayer
• Sunday, August 9: 9:30am
Worship, Sunday School
Classes
• Tuesday, August 11: 9:30am
Women’s Prayer,
• Wednesday, August 12:
8:30am Men’s Prayer

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611 Sherman Ave., Ackley
Call 641-847-2329 for Mass
times

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Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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Of Latter Day Saints**
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Garcia,
Branch President
• Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Worship
Service

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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

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(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,
• Sunday, July 26: 8:30 AM
Worship Service with Holy
Communion, 9:45 AM Sunday
School and Adult Bible Study.
Sunday Radio Broadcasts:
7:30 AM Lutheran Hour on
KLMJ, 104.9 FM. 10:15 AM
Radio Worship Broadcast on
KLMJ, 104.9 FM

**St. John’s Evangelical
Lutheran Church – Vilmar**

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
• 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
• Wednesday, July 29: VBS
5:00pm
• Thursday, July 30: 9:30am
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• Saturday, Aug. 1: 9:00am
– 11:00am CleanUp Closet,
5:00pm Worship-Communion
• Sunday, Aug. 2: 9:30am
Women's Bible Study
11am Worship-VBS
Program-Communion
11:30am Radio Broadcast-
KLMJ 104.9 FM
12pm Fellowship
12:30pm Facebook Broadcast
• Monday, Aug 3: 1:30pm
God’s Flock
• Tuesday, Aug 4: 1:30pm
Faithful Stitchers

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
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Gathering

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

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and Dumont Cable 1000

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Service; 10:30 a.m. Kids Choir
& PreK-HS Sunday School;
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2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield
Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor
Office Hours: M,W, Th:
8-Noon
* Bad Weather KLMJ*
• Sunday, Aug. 2 Worship 9:15
am service. *Food Pantry*,
8:30am Men’s Bible Study
• Thursday, Aug. 6: 10am
Hope Circle
• Friday, Aug. 7: Zion Quilters
• Saturday, Aug. 8: Zion
Quilters
• Sunday, Aug. 9: 9:15am
Worship Outside, 7pm Joy
Circle
• Monday, Aug. 10: 1:30pm
Vesper Circle
• Tuesday, Aug. 11: 2pm FGH
Program
• Wednesday, Aug. 12: 9:00am
Sunrise Circle, 6:30pm Family
Ministry
• Thursday, Aug. 13: 7pm

Consistory
• Sunday, Aug. 16: 9:15am
Worship
• Sunday, Aug. 23: 9:15am
Worship Holy Communion
• Thursday, Aug. 27: 7pm
Faith Circle
• Sunday, Aug. 30 9:15am
Worship, Bless the Backpacks

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605 4th St. NE, Hampton
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Email: SDAHamptonIA@gmail.com
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July 26: Sunday Worship
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July 27: Monday - Newsletter
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July 28: Tuesday - Sewing
Circle will meet at 9:30am. All
are welcome.

Immanuel U.C.C.
204 E. South St., Latimer
Pastor Joe Dunnwald
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 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

GRASSLEY: FROM PAGE 6

\$35 per month for Americans on private and employer-sponsored insurance. It also would create a five-year pilot program in 10 states to help make insulin available at the same cost to Americans without insurance. This is welcome news for families struggling to pay for this life-saving medication. What’s more, the comprehensive legislation would ensure patients benefit from rebates and discounts that are typically collected by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), the middleman in the drug supply chain. Our bipartisan bill would inject competition into the category of medicine known as biologics that are comprised

of complex molecules made from living organisms. That includes insulin, a century-old drug. My two-year bipartisan insulin investigation identified anticompetitive business practices between manufacturers and PBMs that’s created an unsustainable cycle of price increases for patients and taxpayers. I’ll continue pushing for reforms that accelerate a safe onramp for biosimilars to help lower prescription drug costs for Americans.

The safety and efficacy of prescription drugs for Americans is non-negotiable. As a cosponsor of the CLEAR LABELS Act, I welcome the overwhelming support for this

bill out of the Senate HELP Committee. Our bill boosts transparency to give Americans peace of mind at the pharmacy counter. It would add country of origin labeling requirements to inform Americans where a drug is manufactured, giving pharmacists, providers and patients upfront awareness if a branded or generic drug, including their active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), is made in a foreign country. It would strengthen accountability in the drug supply chain, one of my highest policy priorities on behalf of Iowans.

BBQ: FROM COVER

from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by Chris Karr from 1 to 4 p.m. Janssen also says attendees can look forward to a ‘special surprise’ planned for after 2 p.m. Saturday.

Wagner, who has competed this year in Kansas City and Tennessee, says barbecue judges are looking for consistency in appearance and flavor, with every bite counting.

“They’re looking for a real well-balanced flavor,” Wagner says. “You know, a little sweetness, have a little spice to it. You know, it’s just something that really pops, you know, big flavors and grabs your attention. Throughout the week, usually I’m working on trimming up meats so that they’re prepared and ready to go for the weekend. Make sure I have the trailer stock with all the rubs and sauces that I need.”

Last year’s inaugural competition raised more than \$3,500 for Access Inc., which provides the venue for the event.



Last year’s champion, James Wagner (left) of Wags Backwoods BBQ in Osage, who says he has been taking part in BBQ contests for around 10 years.

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Obedience and Surrender

Read: Proverbs 3:1-12
Trust in the LORD with all your heart. (v. 5)

Author and psychologist David Benner crafts a beautiful analogy for the love of God in his book Surrender to Love. He describes the experience of letting God into your life as akin to floating on water. If you can’t float, just imagine it: You don’t have to exert any force or energy. By simply embracing the right posture, the water cradles your body and holds you on the surface. If you worry that you’ve lost control and start flailing, you begin to sink—much like with God in our lives. In order to float, you must be still.

God doesn’t just ask for us to listen to him. His ultimate request is surrender: trusting in the Lord with all of our hearts, and leaning not on our own understanding. Surrender is not a word that our world praises. To cease striving is to climb down from the pedestal of self-worship and acknowledge who we are compared to who God Almighty is. Our everyday lives and the choices we make have even more meaning when we recognize that none of it originates from or ultimately belongs to us.

And don’t forget, this is a joyful request. As verse 8 reminds us, surrendering to God will bring “healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.” Surrendering to the Lord should feel like a weight has been lifted. Do you long for a life filled with holy trust, rest, joy, care, and love? It’s found in obedience to God, in trusting your life to him.

—Kelly Wolters, from the series Obedience



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July/August Events Program

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SECOND ANNUAL CRUISIN' & BBQ'N, Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) sanctioned Master Series competition featuring top cooking teams and over \$10,000 in prize money. Near the Access Inc. campus at 1383 140th Street, Hampton

MON
3

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

TUE
4

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT THE H-D-CAL HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOG, In-person school registration will also be open from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the High School Competition Gym (entering via the North Parking Lot activities entrance)

FRI
7

GUEST SPEAKER AT THE HAMPTON SENIOR CENTER: Monica Freerks with Care Initiatives. Reserve your spot to hear what she has to say and enjoy a delicious Taco Salad and Pineapple Cake for only \$10!

FRI
21

HAMPTON FRIDAY NIGHT CAR CRUISE, is scheduled for August 21, with lineup beginning at Faith Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m. and departure at 6:00 p.m. Covers roughly 50 to 55 miles, traveling past local assisted living, Beeds Lake, Aredale, Dumont, and ending at the Sky Kone in Ackley.

SUN
23

HAMPTON CAR SHOW, 11AM Band Shell Park. Food, vendors, and music from Round Mound of Sound DJ Services

SAT
29

ANNUAL ONTHEGOMEDIA TRACTOR RIDE, ride starts at Prairie Bridges Park in Ackley at 8 a.m., breakfast starts at 6:15 a.m.

Got an event you'd like listed in our weekly Calendar?

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UPCOMING

WELCOME BACK TO STORYTIME!

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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:

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community/economic development
program areas.

Hampton Public Library

BOOK OF THE WEEK

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

Dear reader,

The Woman In The Window is a psychological thriller that had me on the edge of my seat, questioning reality and nearly ripping the pages to find out what happens next!

Anna Fox lives alone, a recluse in her New York City home, unable to venture outside. She spends her day drinking wine (maybe too much), watching old movies, recalling happier times . . . and spying on her neighbors.

Then the Russells move into the house across the way: a father, a mother and their teenage son. The perfect family. But when Anna, gazing out her window one night, sees something she shouldn't, her world begins to crumble and its shocking secrets are laid bare.

What is real? What is imagined? Who is in danger? Who is in control? In this diabolically gripping thriller, no one—and nothing—is what it seems.

If you enjoy questioning reality, searching for small (nearly undetectable) clues, and racking your brain for any plausible explanation, then this book is for you! I highly recommend this! When I began reading I was curious, then quickly became obsessed with finding out where the truth lies between the cracks! Are you willing to go down the quietly dark and winding path of Anna's life?

—Sophie Michael

POLICE & SHERIFF REPORT

Monday, July 20
Hampton Police Department

- 12:42 AM: Suspicious Vehicle, First Security Bank block, in Hampton
- 9:21 AM: Trespass of Real Property, 100 block of 1st St SW, in Hampton
- 11:04 AM: Suspicious Material, 100 block of 2nd St NW, in Hampton
- 11:09 AM: Shoplifting, 800 block of 4th St SE, in Hampton
- 12:06 PM: Security (Doors/Patrol), 200 block of 2nd St SW, in Hampton
- 2:10 PM: Phone Call to Return, in Hampton
- 2:48 PM: Traffic Complaints, EB from Family Dollar, in Hampton
- 2:59 PM: False 911 Calls, 400 block of 5th St SW, in Hampton
- 3:12 PM: Weather/, in Hampton
- 3:38 PM: Debris on Roadway/ Right-of-Way, 8th St NE and Glendale Park Dr, in Hampton
- 3:47 PM: Debris on Roadway/ Right-of-Way, By Courthouse, in Hampton
- 3:50 PM: Weather/, 700 block of 1st Ave SE, in Hampton
- 3:51 PM: Misc/, in Hampton
- 3:53 PM: Misc/, 800 block of Glendale Park Dr, in Hampton
- 4:07 PM: Misc/, 100 block of 3rd Ave NE, in Hampton
- 4:08 PM: Misc/, Trailer Park, in Hampton
- 4:38 PM: Information, 300 block of 1st Ave SE, in Hampton
- 5:26 PM: Debris on Roadway/ Right-of-Way, Bike Trail West of Town, in Hampton
- 5:58 PM: Misc/, 100 block of 3rd Ave NW, in Hampton
- 6:45 PM: Information, Olive Ave Crossing by the Trail, in Hampton
- 6:46 PM: Illegal Burning, 400 block of 11th Ave NE, in Hampton
- 7:48 PM: Animals (Except Dogs), 200 block of 2nd St SW, in Hampton
- 9:26 PM: Information, City Garage, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 12:07 AM: Disabled Vehicle, I35 170MM SB Off Ramp, Latimer
- 2:22 AM: Disabled Vehicle, 1800 Block Hwy 65, Hampton
- 2:28 AM: Assist Other Agencies, I35 170MM NB, Latimer
- 2:46 AM: Disabled Vehicle, 1600 Block Olive, Hampton
- 4:08 AM: False 911 Calls, 220th East of Grouse, Sheffield
- 7:59 AM: Prisoner Transport, 14th Ave, Eldora
- 8:00 AM: Ambulance Call, Main St, Bradford
- 9:19 AM: Juveniles, Gull Ave, Latimer
- 9:49 AM: Assist Other Agencies, I-35 MM 152, Williams
- 10:05 AM: Phone Call to Return, Lark Ave, Hampton
- 10:59 AM: Fire, I-35 MM 167 NB, Latimer
- 11:51 AM: False 911 Calls, Olive Ave, Hampton
- 1:08 PM: Medical Assist, Barrett St, Coulter
- 1:32 PM: Traffic Complaints, 1300 Blk 140th St, Hampton
- 1:44 PM: Misc, 90th St, Hamp-

ton

- 2:41 PM: Traffic Control, Gull Ave, Latimer
- 3:11 PM: Weather, NE Franklin Co
- 3:39 PM: 10-50 Property Damage, I35 MM 176 SB, Sheffield
- 4:14 PM: Debris on Roadway/ Right-of-Way, 165th St 1/2 W, Hampton
- 4:54 PM: Information, Indigo Ave, Latimer
- 5:00 PM: DNR/Environmental, 220th St, Latimer
- 5:20 PM: Information, 1800 Blk Mallard Ave, Sheffield
- 5:57 PM: Alarm, Killdeer Ave, Hampton
- 6:20 PM: Traffic Complaints, Thrush Ave and 105th St SB, Sheffield
- 7:27 PM: Assist Other Agencies, I35 MM 177 NB, Sheffield
- 7:31 PM: Controlled Burn, Dodd St, Alden
- 9:43 PM: Suspicious Activity, Chapin, Chapin
- 11:24 PM: Welfare Check, Front St, Geneva

Tuesday, July 21
Hampton Police Department

- 6:01 AM: Domestic Matter, 900 Block 4th Street NW, in Hampton
- 8:29 AM: Funeral Assist, 2nd Street NE, in Hampton
- 9:07 AM: 10-50 Property Damage, Central Avenue E, in Hampton
- 9:27 AM: Dog Calls, 1st Street SW, in Hampton
- 11:07 AM: Information, 1st Avenue NW, in Hampton
- 11:25 AM: Ambulance Call, N Federal Street, in Hampton
- 12:01 PM: Dog Calls, 5th Street SW, in Hampton
- 12:05 PM: Services/Traffic Control, Central Avenue W, in Hampton
- 12:29 PM: Juveniles, 7th Street SW, in Hampton
- 1:50 PM: False 911 Calls, 1st Avenue NW, in Hampton
- 2:12 PM: Parking Ordinance, 200 Block 10th Place NW, in Hampton
- 3:47 PM: 10-50 Property Damage, Highway 3 and Highway 65, in Hampton
- 3:57 PM: Fraud, 1st Street NW, in Hampton
- 5:11 PM: Parking Ordinance, 10 Block 1st Street SW, in Hampton
- 5:52 PM: Neighborhood Complaints, 600 Block 7th Street SW, in Hampton
- 9:40 PM: Traffic Stop, 10 Block 2nd Street NE, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 12:21 AM: Traffic stop, South/ Washington, Geneva
- 4:50 AM: Fire/, 3rd St, Chapin
- 7:20 AM: Misc/, Olive Ave, Hampton
- 7:23 AM: Animal on roadway, 210th & Tulip, Aredale
- 9:21 AM: Dispatch, I-35 NB MM 172, Thornton
- 11:13 AM: Located/found property, Olive Ave, Chapin
- 11:36 AM: Debris on roadway/ right-of-way, Highway 3/Olive Ave, Hampton

- 12:52 PM: Information, 90th St, Hampton
- 1:45 PM: Telephone call, Quail Ave, Hampton
- 7:22 PM: Traffic stop, 1200 Block Hwy 65, Hampton
- 8:24 PM: Traffic stop, Main St and RR St, Coulter
- 9:13 PM: Traffic stop, I-35 MM 162 NB, Dows
- 9:52 PM: Traffic stop, 4 St and 1 Ave SE, Hampton
- 10:14 PM: Traffic stop, 900 Block Hwy 3, Latimer
- 10:20 PM: Traffic stop, South St and Van Kirk, Latimer
- 10:28 PM: Traffic stop, Hwy 3 and Gull, Latimer
- 11:33 PM: Phone call to return, 5th St SW, Hampton

Wednesday, July 22
Hampton Police Department

- 6:22 AM: Dog Calls, 2nd Ave SW, in Hampton
- 9:02 AM: Located/Found Property, 5th St NW, in Hampton
- 9:06 AM: Parking Ord., N City Parking Lot Behind ABCM, in Hampton
- 12:42 PM: Juveniles, 7th St SW, in Hampton
- 3:03 PM: Debris On Roadway/ Right-Of-Way, 2nd Ave NW And 8th St NW, in Hampton
- 3:08 PM: Dog Calls, 700Blk Central Ave E, in Hampton
- 9:48 PM: Traffic Stop, 300Blk 2nd Ave NE, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 12:43 AM: Traffic stop – Hwy 3 / Lemon Ave, Hampton
- 1:01 AM: Drug / narcotic violation – 4th St / Barrett St, Coulter
- 6:13 AM: Traffic stop – Hwy 3 East, Hampton
- 9:28 AM: Information – Olive Ave North, Hampton
- 9:50 AM: False 911 calls – Unknown Location, Unknown
- 10:51 AM: Unspecified dispatch – N Franklin St, Ackley
- 11:17 AM: Phone call to return – Franklin / Cerro Gordo Line, Sheffield
- 12:53 PM: Controlled burn – Highway 65, Sheffield
- 1:04 PM: Information – Unknown Location, Franklin
- 1:08 PM: Phone call to return – 10th St NW, Hampton
- 1:26 PM: Information – Mallard Ave, Hampton
- 2:55 PM: Information – Highway 65, Hampton
- 3:20 PM: Warrants - other – Highway 65, Hampton
- 4:03 PM: Traffic complaints – I-35 Northbound, Latimer
- 4:05 PM: Controlled burn – Indigo Ave, Coulter
- 5:18 PM: Misc – Front St, Geneva
- 5:25 PM: Telephone call – Rosewood St, Omaha
- 6:42 PM: Traffic complaints – I-35, Latimer
- 6:46 PM: Animals (except dogs) – Broadway St, Geneva
- 10:29 PM: Traffic stop – Hwy 3 / Nettle Ave, Hampton
- 10:46 PM: Traffic stop – General Location, Latimer
- 11:17 PM: Traffic complaints –

- Hwy 3 / Jonquil Ave, Ackley
- 11:20 PM: Traffic stop – 800 Block Hwy 3, Latimer

Thursday, July 23
Hampton Police Department

- 2:17 AM: Misc/, 5th St SW, in Hampton
- 3:00 AM: Parking ord., 100blk 1st St NW, in Hampton
- 3:36 AM: Ambulance call, 2nd St SE, in Hampton
- 5:02 AM: Ambulance call, 5th St SE, in Hampton
- 10:12 AM: False 911 calls, E Central Ave, in Hampton
- 10:45 AM: Misc/, W Central Av, in Hampton
- 11:14 AM: Neighborhood complaints, 3rd St SW, in Hampton
- 11:19 AM: Information, 12th Ave NE, in Hampton
- 1:41 PM: Phone call to return, 2nd St NW, in Hampton
- 2:57 PM: False 911 calls, 2nd St NW, in Hampton
- 3:37 PM: Ambulance call, 2nd St SE, in Hampton
- 6:20 PM: Medical assist, 2nd St SE, in Hampton
- 6:42 PM: Vandalism, 1st St NW, in Hampton
- 9:15 PM: False 911 calls, Central Ave E, in Hampton
- 11:11 PM: Dog calls, 8th St SW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 6:01 AM: Traffic Stop – Highway 65 Block, Sheffield
- 9:04 AM: Traffic Control – Gull Ave Block, Latimer
- 9:32 AM: Information – 170th St/ Olive Ave RR Crossing, Hampton
- 10:43 AM: Prisoner Transport – 14th Ave Block, Eldora
- 11:54 AM: Controlled Burn – Swallow Ave Block, Geneva
- 11:59 AM: False 911 Calls – S State St Block, Hampton
- 12:59 PM: Controlled Burn – 180th St Block, Latimer
- 1:44 PM: Abandoned Vehicle – Nettle Ave Block, Hampton
- 3:08 PM: Animals (Except Dogs) – Sheffield City Park, Sheffield
- 3:09 PM: Dispatch – Iowa Falls
- 3:36 PM: Phone Call To Return – Indigo Ave Block, Sheffield
- 5:28 PM: Debris On Roadway/ Right-Of-Way – Nettle Ave Block, Hampton
- 6:20 PM: Dispatch – 110th St Block, Greene
- 7:55 PM: Controlled Burn – 140th St Block, Latimer
- 8:56 PM: Traffic Complaints – Lemon Ave Hwy 3, Hampton
- 10:28 PM: Traffic Stop – Hwy 3 Block, Hampton
- 10:53 PM: Traffic Stop – I-35 SB, Latimer
- 11:17 PM: Traffic Stop – I-35 SB, Latimer

Friday, July 24
Hampton Police Department

- 12:00 PM: Debris on Roadway/ Right-of-Way, Hwy 3 EB from Hwy 65, in Hampton
- 12:26 PM: False Pretense/ Swindle, 600 Block 3rd Ave NW, in Hampton
- 1:35 PM: Parking Ord., 200 Block 10th Pl NW, in Hampton

- 5:07 PM: 10-50 Property Damage, Central Ave and 8 St NE, in Hampton
- 5:46 PM: Ambulance Call, 1300 Block N Federal, in Hampton
- 8:19 PM: Telephone Call, City Park, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 12:44 AM: Motorist assist - 800 Block Hwy 65, Bradford
- 4:35 AM: Traffic complaints - 1600 Block Hwy 65, Hampton
- 8:07 AM: Dispatch - Interstate 35 NB, Thornton
- 9:04 AM: Controlled burn - Thrush Ave / 125th St, Geneva
- 11:42 AM: Harassment - Washington St, Geneva
- 2:16 PM: Traffic complaints - I-35 MM 165, Latimer
- 2:22 PM: Suspicious person - Mallard Ave, Iowa Falls
- 2:54 PM: Misc/ - Sheffield
- 5:30 PM: Debris on roadway/ right-of-way - Hampton
- 6:15 PM: Controlled burn - Geneva
- 7:01 PM: Telephone call - 45th St, Alden
- 7:10 PM: Motorist assist - I-35 MM 176, Sheffield
- 7:12 PM: Suspicious vehicle - Vine Ave and 240th, Aredale
- 7:37 PM: Traffic stop - 1400 Block Hwy 3, Hampton
- 8:14 PM: Motorist assist - Mallard Ave, Hampton
- 9:20 PM: Controlled burn - Juniper Ave, Alden
- 9:49 PM: Traffic stop - 1400 Block Hwy 3, Hampton
- 9:56 PM: Traffic stop - 1400 Block 165th St, Hampton
- 10:24 PM: Traffic complaints - I-35 SB 175MM, Sheffield

Saturday, July 25

- 12:22 AM: Alarm - 200 block 1st Ave NE, in Hampton
- 12:45 PM: False 911 Calls - 400 block 1st St SE, in Hampton
- 2:10 PM: Ambulance Call - 700 block 2nd St SE, in Hampton
- 3:00 PM: Trespass Of Real Property - 700 block 1st St NW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 12:02 AM: Suspicious Person - Hwy 3, Hansell
- 12:25 AM: Suspicious Person - I-35 NB, Alexander
- 2:03 AM: Traffic Stop - Main St, Coulter
- 4:43 AM: Traffic Complaints - I-35 NB, Latimer
- 5:34 AM: Ambulance Call - Indigo Ave, Latimer
- 8:09 AM: Controlled Burn - 210th St, Sheffield
- 9:55 AM: 10-57 Hit & Run - Dogwood Ave & 100th St, Dows
- 10:30 AM: Debris On Roadway/ Right-Of-Way - I-35 NB, Latimer
- 11:19 AM: Motorist Assist - Hwy 3 & Gull Ave, Latimer
- 12:15 PM: Warrants-Local - Mason City
- 12:36 PM: False 911 Calls - N Franklin St, Ackley
- 2:42 PM: 10-50 Personal Injury - 230th St & Nettle Ave, Sheffield
- 3:37 PM: Vacation Watch - Tulip

- Ave, Sheffield
- 3:41 PM: Vacation Watch - Vine Ave, Dougherty
- 5:53 PM: Misc/ - 80th St, Dows
- 6:07 PM: Misc/ - Cardinal Ave, Dows
- 7:01 PM: Traffic Stop - 700 Blk Hwy, Coulter
- 7:07 PM: Traffic Stop - 500 Blk Hwy 3, Coulter
- 7:18 PM: False 911 Calls - Eagle Ave, Latimer
- 8:21 PM: Warrants-Local - Mallard Ave & Hardin Rd, Iowa Falls
- 8:22 PM: Booking Information - 5th St SW, Hampton
- 10:39 PM: Domestic Matter - Van Kirk St, Latimer
- 11:10 PM: Motorist Assist - 1100 Blk Hwy 3, Hampton
- 11:29 PM: Misc/ - Hwy 3 & Timber Ave, Hansell

Sunday, July 26
Hampton Police Department

- 3:14 AM: Parking ord., 2nd Ave NW, in Hampton
- 3:15 AM: Parking ord., 1st St NW, in Hampton
- 3:15 AM: Parking ord., 1st St NW, in Hampton
- 7:34 AM: Trespass of real property, 1st Ave SW, in Hampton
- 10:04 AM: Assist county department, 5th St SW, in Hampton
- 10:19 AM: Traffic complaints, EB 3rd Ave SE from Hwy 65, in Hampton
- 10:45 AM: Theft from building, 1st St NE, in Hampton
- 12:14 PM: Open door, 1st Ave NW, in Hampton
- 1:50 PM: Traffic complaints, 2nd Ave NE, in Hampton
- 2:36 PM: Welfare check, Central Ave E, in Hampton
- 2:48 PM: Juveniles, N Federal St, in Hampton
- 3:18 PM: Misc/, 190th St, in Hampton
- 7:23 PM: Animals (except dogs), 1st Ave SW and 3rd St SW, in Hampton
- 10:10 PM: Dog calls, 7th St NW, in Hampton

Franklin County Sheriff's Office

- 1:19 AM: Traffic Stop - 1800 Block Highway 3, Hampton
- 1:40 AM: Drug/Narcotic Violation - 800 Block Highway 3, Coulter
- 2:57 AM: Booking Information - 5th St SW, Hampton
- 7:18 AM: Controlled Burn - Olive Ave, Chapin
- 7:41 AM: Information - D Ave, McCallsburg
- 7:57 AM: False Pretense/Swindle - Finch Ave, Dows
- 9:31 AM: Booking Information - 5th St SW, Hampton
- 10:35 AM: Welfare Check - Beeds Lake Dr, Hampton
- 11:18 AM: Prisoner Transport - 14th Ave, Eldora
- 4:16 PM: Welfare Check - 165th St, Hampton
- 5:55 PM: False 911 Calls - Cardinal Ave, Dows
- 8:11 PM: Traffic Stop - 700 Block Highway 3, Coulter

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

• **Miscellaneous Deed** | Grantor(s): Diane K. Classon Trustee, Diane Classon Living Trust | Grantee(s): Kathleen Hornung, Elizabeth O'Loughlin | Legal Description/Tract: 31-90-22 N2 NE NE | Financials: Consideration: \$255,000.00 | Details/Comments: GWH EXEMPT

• **Warranty Deed** | Grantor(s): Cinda K. McClendon | Grantee(s): Rex Jansonius | Legal Description/Tract: 7-90-19 SW SE, 7-90-19 SE SE, 7-90-19 NE NE, 7-90-19 NW NE, 7-90-19 SE NE, 7-90-19 SW NE | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt

• **Quit Claim Deed** | Grantor(s): Sheryl Stout | Grantee(s): Rex Jansonius | Legal Description/Tract:

nancials: Revenue Stamp: \$1,087.20, Consideration: \$679,875.00 | Details/Comments: GWH EXEMPT

• **Quit Claim Deed** | Grantor(s): Todd Jansonius, Nancy Jansonius | Grantee(s): Rex Jansonius | Legal Description/Tract: 7-90-19 NE NE, 7-90-19 NW NE, 7-90-19 SW SE, 7-90-19 SE SE | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt

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• **Quit Claim Deed** | Grantor(s): Rex Jansonius | Grantee(s): Todd Jansonius | Legal Description/Tract: 7-90-19 SE NE, 7-90-19 SW NE | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt

• **Quit Claim Deed** | Grantor(s): Sheryl Stout | Grantee(s): Todd Jan-

sonius | Legal Description/Tract: 7-90-19 SE NE, 7-90-19 SW NE | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt

• **Quit Claim Deed** | Grantor(s): Janelle J. Medici | Grantee(s): Janelle J. Medici Revocable Trust, Janelle J. Medici Trustee | Legal Description/Tract: 27-91-19 E2 N2 SE | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt, GWH EXEMPT

• **Warranty Deed** | Grantor(s): Alicia

Saldivar Canseco, Alicia Canseco Saldivar | Grantee(s): Alejandro Canseco, Bonifacio Vela Pulido, Bonifacio Vela Pulido, Elvira Candida Maza, Candida Elvira Maza | Legal Description/Tract: 2-91-20 NW NW TRACT | Financials: Revenue Stamp: \$142.40, Consideration: \$89,461.00 | Details/Comments: Deed given in satisfaction of contract

• **Warranty Deed** | Grantor(s): Timothy R. McCandless, Betty A. McCandless | Grantee(s): Benjamin A. McCandless, Jill E. McCandless | Le-

gal Description/Tract: HAMP RIGNS LOT 9 | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt

• **Quit Claim Deed** | Grantor(s): Rose Dannen | Grantee(s): Dana Dannen, Rose Dannen | Legal Description/Tract: 33-92-19 E4 CORNER PART | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt

• **Warranty Deed** | Grantor(s): Connie K. Edwards | Grantee(s): Riley David Flint, Ally Lynn Flint | Legal Description/Tract: HAMP FERRI LOT 17, HAMP FERRI LOT 18 PART | Financials: Revenue Stamp: \$639.20, Consideration: \$400,000.00 | Details/Comments: GWH EXEMPT

• **Warranty Deed** | Grantor(s): Ivan E. Noelck, Karen R. Noelck | Grantee(s): Isaac E. Noelck | Legal Description/Tract: 28-91-20 NE NE | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt

• **Warranty Deed** | Grantor(s): Sterling Hammer Trustee (Cynthia Hammer Trust created under the will of Joseph W. Hammer) | Grantee(s): Sterling Hammer | Legal Description/Tract: 26-93-20 NW | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt

• **Warranty Deed** | Grantor(s): Ivan E. Noelck, Karen R. Noelck | Grantee(s): Isreal E. Noelck | Legal Description/Tract: 31-91-20 N2 N2 SE, 31-91-20 W2 SE NE, 31-91-20 SW NE PART | Financials: Revenue Stamp: EXEMPT | Details/Comments: Revenue Stamp Exempt

See PROPERTY TRANSFERS:

NEIGHBORS: FROM COVER



Volunteers move belongings from Kylee and Jessica Janssen's storm-damaged home after a large tree crashed through the roof during severe storms in Hampton.

them most.

Jessica Janssen later shared her appreciation in a Facebook post, thanking everyone who reached out following the storm.

"I honestly have no words for the amount of help from my



Kylee and Jessica Janssen's storm-damaged home after a large tree crashed through the roof during severe storms in Hampton.

neighbors, friends, [and] family all coming together to help us after the tree fell on the house. We are all safe, and I appreciate all the texts, calls, and messages!!! Thank you all so much!!! We are very blessed!"

The severe storms left their mark throughout the area, with



Volunteers take a brief break during the five-hour effort to move Kylee and Jessica Janssen's belongings from their storm-damaged Hampton home. More than 30 friends, neighbors, and family members answered the call to help.

the Janssens' situation demonstrated another side of the storm's aftermath—one defined not by destruction, but by compassion.

In the midst of fallen trees and damaged homes, Hampton once again proved that its greatest strength isn't found in

its buildings—it's found in its people.

Heather McNealy, one of the volunteers, summed up the community's response best: "You hope you never need this kind of help. But if you do, this is the kind of town you want to live in."

Notice to Bidders: Drainage Water Recycling

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

IDALS NO. FRA912222D

DRAINAGE WATER RECYCLING

FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA

Time and Place for Filing Sealed Proposals. Sealed bids for the work as stated below must be filed before 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, in the office of Bolton & Menk, Inc., 1519 Baltimore Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010.

Time and Place Sealed Proposals Will be Opened and Considered. Sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, in the Conference Room of Bolton & Menk, Inc., 1519 Baltimore Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010, for consideration by the ISU Committee for Agricultural Development at their next meeting. The ISU Committee for Agricultural Development reserves their right to reject any and all bids. Bids will be considered and awarded based on the low Base Bid.

Time for Commencement and Completion of Work. Work on the improvement

shall commence upon approval of the contract by the ISU Committee for Agricultural Development, and as stated in the Notice to Proceed. All work under the Contract must be completed, per Iowa Code Section 468.101, no later than November 30, 2026. Damages in the amount of \$200.00 per day will be assessed for each day the work remains incomplete.

Bid Security. Each bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security, as defined in Section 468.35a of the Iowa Code in the amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid.

Contract Documents. Copies of the project documents are available for a price of \$0.00 per set. Please make your request for a project manual to Bolton & Menk, Inc., 116 North Wilson Avenue, PO Box 68, Jefferson, Iowa 50129, phone 515-766-4423. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest Project No. 10286433 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$0.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or

info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Preference of Products and Labor. Preference shall be given to domestic construction materials by the contractor, subcontractors, material, men, and suppliers in performance of the contract and further, by virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

Sales Tax Exemption Certificates. The bidder shall include sales tax in the bid. Tax exemption certificates and authorization letters WILL NOT be distributed to the Contractor and all subcontractors who are identified.

Payment. Payment for work done will be in accordance with estimates approved

monthly by the Engineer will be paid by the ISU Committee for Agricultural Development through IDALS.

Progress payments will be made in an amount equal to ninety-seven (97%) of the work completed. Final payment will be made not less than thirty (30) days after completion of the work and acceptance by the ISU Committee for Agricultural Development, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 468 of the Code of Iowa, as amended.

Project Description. Work shall generally consist of 49,500 CY of excavation, drainage pump station and controls, 1,400 LF of 10" diameter fusible HDPE force main, 1,500 LF of single wall HDPE ranging in size between 8" to 15", fabrication of a manifold flow control system, related work items, and all incidentals required to complete the project.

This Notice is given by authority of the ISU Committee for Agricultural Development

Kendall R. Lamkey, Associate Dean

Published in the Hampton Chronicle on July 22, and 29, 2026

Ginger Swaney Estate

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Ginger Rae Swaney, Deceased

CASE NO. ESPR502120

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ginger Rae Swaney, Deceased, who died on or about May 17, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on June 16, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Ginger Rae Swaney, deceased, bearing date of October 12, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Timothy Allan Swaney was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are

reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated July 16, 2026.

Timothy Allan Swaney, Executor of Estate

1021 3rd St. NW
Hampton, IA 50441

Taylor Nederhoff, ICIS#: AT0012340
Attorney for Executor
Stockdale Law, PLC
412 Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 786
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

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Franklin Co Claims, 7/21/2026

Publication List by Vendor/Description

Ahrens Brothers Tiling Inc Srvs	703.20	1
AireSpring File 1422 Srvs	584.90	1
Alliant Energy Util	371.72	3
Amazon Capital Services Sup	325.02	2
Heather A Bushbaum Mileage	324.80	1
CDW Government Data Proc	11919.22	1
CenturyLink Srvs	13.08	2
Cintas Corporation Srv/Sup	46.69	1
City Laundering Sup	117.70	1
Column Software PBC Srvs	13.70	1
D&L Sanitation Srvs	653.00	3
Denco Srvs	124888.97	1
First Bank Hampton Princ/Int	225.00	1
Franklin Co Secondary Rds Srvs	185.60	1
Franklin General Hospital Srvs	455.00	3
Franklin REC Util	1400.85	3
GeoComm Inc Maint	305.00	1
Gordon Flesch Co Inc Srvs	70.50	1
Hampton Hardware Sup	87.93	1
Hampton Vet Center Srvs	210.00	1
Hands Up Holdings Srvs	180.00	1
Hardin Co Sheriff Prisoners	6360.00	1
ICEOO Trng	275.00	1
Iowa Attorney General's Office Sup	28.00	1

Iowa Communications Network Srvs	550.00	1
IWWA Dues/Trng	90.00	1
JA Concrete Construction Srvs	8826.00	1
King Const Rep/Parts	285.00	1
Dennis L Knipfel Reimb	118.02	1
Kwik Trip Fuel	445.05	1
Lawson Products Parts/Sup	695.46	1
Todd Lindaman Wk Apprl	177.34	1
Mid American Energy Util	2462.39	7
Linda Miller Well	400.00	1
ODP Business Solutions LLC Sup	145.89	1
Art Pedersen Well	455.00	1
Quill Corp Sup	58.69	1
Router12 Networks Srvs	95.00	1
Streichers Sup	1709.00	2
Superior Welding Sup	373.27	1
Total Response Sftwr/Trng	3085.70	1
Two Rivers Emergency Mgmt LLC HazMat	15275.00	1
US Cellular Srvs	131.66	1
USPS Pstg	1000.00	1
Visa Trng/Sup	872.40	2
Visual Edge IT Srvs	36.89	1
Grand Total	187032.64	
Approved 7/21/26 to be paid 7/22/26.		

Notice of Information Meeting Sub 1-9

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING

SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 9 FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA

RE-EVALUATE REVISED ENGINEER'S REPORT ON REPAIRS TO MAIN TILE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 9:00 AM

TO: A ll landowners, lien holders or encumbrancers of any land within said Subdistrict No. 1 Drainage District No. 9, and to all other person who it may concern, including a tual occupants of lands in said Subdistrict No. 1 Drainage District No. 9.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an informational meeting re-evaluate the Revised Engineer's Report on Repairs to Main Tile for Subdistrict No. 1 Drainage District No. 9 in Franklin County shall be held on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 9:00 A.M. at the Franklin County Courthouse, 121 st Ave NW , Hampton, IA 50444**.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Trustees of said drainage district acknowledge receipt of the Revised Engineer's Report for Subdistrict No. 1 Drainage District No. 9 from Clapsaddle-Garber Associates on January 8, 2024, and that the Trustees said drainage district acknowledged receipt of the Annexation Report for Subdistrict No. 1 Drainage District No. 9 from Clapsaddle-Garber Associates on April 14, 2026.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Trustees for said drainage district, shall the informational meeting set for August 11, 2026, hear comments and objections to the feasibility of such repairs as may be presented by or for any taxpayer in Subdistrict No. 1 Drainage District No. 9, that the report may be amended before final action is taken by the Board of Supervisors.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a copy of the Revised Engineer's Report on Repairs to Main Tile for Subdistrict No. 1 Drainage District No. 9 in Franklin County shall be made available to all interested parties at the informational meeting.

Franklin Co Minutes, 7/21/2026									
PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS July 21st, 2026 A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCounty-BoardsOfSupervisors/streams The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the minutes from the 7/14/2026 Regular Session. All ayes. Motion carried. Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution setting fair market value schedule for the purchase of right-of-way in Franklin County, Iowa. The resolution reads as follows: RESOLUTION 2026-58 A RESOLUTION SETTING FAIR MARKET VALUE SCHEDULE FOR PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, have reviewed the fair market value and Corn Suitability Rating (CSR) for real property to be acquired for road improvements, and rate of payment for moving fence, and hereby establish the following values for factors to be utilized. 1. Right-of-way to equal 100 percent CSR times CSR point valuation factor of property to be purchased, by the schedule below: <table><tr><th>Points</th><th>Factor</th></tr><tr><td>Greater than or equal to 75</td><td>\$165/point</td></tr><tr><td>55-74</td><td>\$150/point</td></tr><tr><td>Less than or equal to 54</td><td>\$135/point</td></tr></table> 2. Temporary easements acquisition value to be 15% of right-of-way fee value. WHEREAS, The above rates are fair and impartial, in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted. Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, provided the Supervisors an update on his department. Jon Petersen approached the Supervisors asking for a traffic sign at a blind driveway. Jay Waddingham will take a look at it, but doesn't think it will be a problem. Chad Murray, Treasurer, provided the Supervisors an update on his department. Jody Hepler, Dispatch Director, met with the Supervisors, and provided them with an update on her department. The Supervisors recessed at 10:00AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 10:15AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution approving a subdivision waiver. The resolution reads in full: RESOLUTION 2025-57 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY APPROVING A SUBDIVISION WAIVER WHEREAS, The Franklin County Subdivision Ordinance 6.2 allows waivers to the requirements set therein, and WHEREAS David P Dudley & Dudley's Corner has asked for a subdivision waiver for the following parcel: Parcel 2026-23, 2026-24, and 2026-25 in the W ½ of Section 25-T92N-R22W, Franklin County, Iowa, to subdivide the land to be able to sell parcels. BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Franklin County Board of Supervisors approves the Subdivision Waiver. Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.		Points	Factor	Greater than or equal to 75	\$165/point	55-74	\$150/point	Less than or equal to 54	\$135/point
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Notice of Bond Sale

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

Time and Place of Sale: Sealed bids or electronic bids for the sale of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026, of the West Fork Community School District, in the Counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa (the "Issuer"), will be received at the Office of the Superintendent until 1:00 P.M. on August 17, 2026. The bids will be publicly opened at that time and evaluated by the Superintendent, Board Secretary and Municipal Advisor and referred for action at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sale and Award: The sale and award of the bonds will be held at the Board meeting scheduled on the same date.

The Bonds: The bonds to be offered are the following:
general obligation school bondS, SERIES 2026, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$6,870,000" to be dated the date of delivery (the "Bonds").

**Subject to principal adjustment per the Terms of Offering.*

Manner of Bidding: Open bids will not be received. No bid will be received after the time specified above for receiving bids. Bids will be received by any of the following methods:

Sealed Bidding: Sealed bids or electronic proposals may be submitted and will be received at the Office of the Superintendent, West Fork Community School District, Rockwell, Iowa.

Electronic Bidding: Electronic bids via PARITY® will be received at the Office of the Superintendent, West Fork Community School District, Rockwell, Iowa. The bids must be submitted through PARITY®.

Official Statement: The Issuer has issued an Official Statement of information pertaining to the Bonds to be offered, including a statement of the Terms of Offering and an Official Bid Form, which is incorporated by reference as a part of this notice. The Official Statement may be obtained by request addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Directors, 210 South Second Street, Rockwell, Iowa 50469, Telephone: 641-822-3234; or Matt Gillaspie, Piper Sandler & Co., 3900 Ingersoll, Suite 110, Des Moines, Iowa 5032, Telephone: 515-247-2353.

Terms of Offering: All bids must be in conformity with and the sale must be in accordance with the Terms of Offering as set forth in the Official Statement.

Legal Opinion: Bonds will be sold subject to the opinion of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Attorneys of Des Moines, Iowa, as to the legality and their opinion will be furnished together with the printed bonds without cost to the purchaser and all bids will be so conditioned. Except to the extent necessary to issue their opinion as to the legality of the Bonds, the attorneys will not examine or review or express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of documents, materials or statements made or furnished in connection with the sale, issuance or marketing of the Bonds.

Rights Reserved: The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and to waive any irregularities as deemed to be in the best interests of the public.

By order of the Board of Directors of the West Fork Community School District in the Counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa.

Lacey Pueggel
Secretary of the Board of Directors of
the West Fork Community School District

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H-D BOD Sp. Meeting 7.16.26

HAMPTON-DUMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 7/16/2026

1. The Hampton-Dumont Board of Education met in a Special Meeting on July 16, 2026, in the District Boardroom. President Erran Miller called the hearing to order at 12:04 pm. Board members Erran Miller, Elisa Van Wert and Brent Hansen were present via Zoom and board member Matt Showalter was present via phone. Board members Stephanie Powers, Steve Severs and Mark Morrison were absent. Also present were: Superintendent Tim Felderman and Board Secretary Amanda Heiden.

2. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.

3. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Hansen, to approve the staffing update as presented. All ayes. Contracts were approved for Craig Johnson as High School Industrial Technology Teacher and as SkillsUSA Advisor.

4. Director Van Wert introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Showalter seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: AYES: Van Wert; Hansen; Showalter and Miller. NAYS: None. The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows: RESOLUTION ORDERING ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONTINUING TO LEVY A VOTER APPROVED PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROPERTY TAX

5. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Hansen, to approve the updates to the 2026-2027 Preschool Handbook as presented. All ayes.

6. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Showalter, to approve the updates to the 2026-2027 Elementary Handbook as presented. All ayes.

7. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Hansen, to approve the updates to the 2026-2027 Middle School Handbook as presented. All ayes.

8. Motion was made by Van Wert, seconded by Showalter, to approve the updates to the 2026-2027 High School Handbook as presented. All ayes.

9. The board held emergency readings, and a motion was made by Van Wert, and seconded by Hansen, to approve the following board policies: 504.06 Student Activity Program and 710.4 Meal Charges. All ayes. The board will hold first and second readings of the policies at the next two meetings.

10. The board quickly discussed promotion strategies for the voted PPEL election.

11. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Van Wert, to adjourn. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm.

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CIJDC CC Meeting Minutes 7.13/7.15.26

Central Iowa Detention
Contract Committee Meeting Minutes
07/13/26
CIJDC Iowa Room
2317 Rick Collins Way, Eldora IA

The meeting was called to order by Bob Thode at 10:04am.

Delegates In Person: Bob Thode, Gary McVicker, Mary Clausen

Others in Person: Kassie Ruth, Justin Cornish, Travis Walker

Agenda: McVicker motioned to approve, Clausen 2 nd MCU.

New Business:

Building and Grounds Updates- Kassie and Bob

Clausen motioned to recommend Midwest Fencing's proposal for outdoor fencing, 2 nd McVicker. MCU.

Board Member & Executive Director Comments

Meeting Adjournment: McVicker move to adjourn at 10:59am 2nd Clausen. MCU.

Respectfully Submitted by: Travis Walker

Central Iowa Detention
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07/15/26
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The meeting was called to order by Lance Granzow at 1:06 p.m.

Delegates In Person: Lance Granzow

Delegates by Zoom: Paul Merten & David Turner

Others in Person: Kassie Ruth & Justin Cornish.

Agenda: Turner motioned to approve, Merten 2 nd MCU.

New Business:

FY27 Contract Updates- Updates presented

Meeting Adjournment: Turner move to adjourn at 1:33 p.m. 2 nd Merten. MCU.

Respectfully Submitted by: Justin Cornish

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Dumont Council Special Session 7.13.26

July 13, 2026

The Dumont City Council met in special session Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Carson Freese presiding. Council Members Mike Day, Valerie Menken, and Wayne Pecha were present. Council members Marty Evans and Lukas Smith were absent. No visitors were present.

Pecha/Day moved to approve the renewal of Liquor License No. LC0041902. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Menken, Pecha; Absent-Evans, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Day/Pecha moved to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Menken, Pecha; Absent-Evans, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Carson W. Freese, Mayor
Rhonda L. Schmidt, Attest

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West Fork CSD Board Minutes July 20, 2026

West Fork Community School District Board Minutes
Official Proceedings – Regular Meeting – July 20, 2026 - Unapproved

The West Fork Board of Education met for its regular meeting in the Supt. Office in Sheffield. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President Holly Henricks. Board members present: Ashley Wilkinson, Travis Butler, Amber Marzen and Erin Suntken. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kruger, Middle/High School Principal Daren Huisenga, Elementary Principal Ashley Flatboe, and West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Pueggel.

Visitors: Abbie Emhoff via Google Meet, and Stephanie Dagle with OPPAI

Marzen made a motion to approve the Agenda. Minutes from June 22, 2026, June 2026 Bills, July 2026 Bills and June 2026 Financials; seconded by Wilkinson. Motion carried 5-0.

Principal's Report:

1. New Entrance at Sheffield is being used

2. Continuing to look for a HS Science teacher

3. Construction progress continues at the Rockwell campus

Superintendent Report:

1. Shared Top of Iowa Conference changes

2. Reminder we will be accepting cash at the sporting events, but will not have change for large bills

Technology update: We are on schedule with summer tasks. New staff devices have been prepared and handed out to most staff. Student Chromebooks are deployed and ready to go. For next year, middle school Chromebooks will not go home with students. We have new carts set up and ready to go.

Food Service update: Stephanie Dagle with OPPIA shared some information about the program and her summer trainings. She is working on a full staff and is excited to start the year.

Stephanie Dagle left the meeting at 5:20pm.

Old Business:

Construction update at the Rockwell Campus: classroom ceilings are getting close to completion. Peterson should finish those towards the end of next week and then begin on the hallways. We have scheduled the Punch List walk-through for August 3rd, at 10:00 am. We are aware that there are going to be three areas that may not be completely done when school starts. The boiler room, the chiller area including the weight room, and the stage in the old gym where the new mezzanine goes. Everything else is anticipated to be complete by the first day of school.

New Business:

Wilkinson moved to approve the school fees, with no changes to fee amounts, other than Adult Lunch prices with an increase of \$0.15 to \$5.15 per State requirements; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Following discussion, Marzen moved to approve the following handbooks for 2026-2027 as presented: Employee Handbook, Sub Handbook, Coaches Handbook, Para/Associate Handbook, Mentor Handbook, MS/HS Handbook, Virtual Academy Handbook, Preschool Handbook, Elementary Handbook; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 5-0.

Following discussion, Suntken moved to approve the 2026 IASB Legislative Priorities for the West Fork Board of Education to be as follows: Teacher Retention & Recruitment, Mental Health, State Supplemental Aid, Drop-out & At-Risk, School Safety, Student Achievement, and Parent and Family Engagement; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board of Directors of the West Fork Community School District, in the Counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, met in regular session, in the Superintendent's Office, 504 Park Street, Sheffield, Iowa 50475, at 5:00 P.M., on the above date. The Board of Directors provided a hybrid option for the members of the Board to participate in the meeting. There were present President Holly Henricks, in the chair, and the following named Board Members: Erin Suntken, Travis Butler, Amber Marzen, and Ashley Wilkinson.

The matter of the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds was discussed. It was the consensus that the District should offer for public sale the bonds described in the following resolution. Director Marzen introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Butler seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Ayes: Marzen, Butler, Suntken, Wilkinson, Henricks. Nays: N/A.

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED

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Deadline for legal notice submissions is Sunday at 7:00 AM

West Fork CSD Board Minutes July 20, 2026

\$6,870,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2026, APPROVING ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURES AND APPROVING OFFICIAL STATEMENT

WHEREAS, at a special election of the qualified electors of the West Fork Community School District in the Counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, held on November 5, 2024, the voters authorized the issuance of \$16,865,000 of General Obligation School Bonds for the District for the purpose of providing funds to remodel, repair, and improve the HVAC and electrical systems at the Rockwell elementary building and the Sheffield middle school / high school building, including related remodeling and improvements; to replace roof sections at both facilities; to replace horizontal runs of the domestic water system piping at the Sheffield facility; and to add a secure entrance at the Sheffield facility; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds it advisable and necessary that bonds authorized at the election be offered for sale for the purpose authorized at the election; and WHEREAS, the Board deems it in the best interests of the School District and the residents thereof to receive bids to purchase such General Obligation School Bonds by means of both sealed and electronic internet communication; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information from its Municipal Advisor, recommending the procedure for electronic bidding so as to provide for the integrity of the competitive bidding process and to facilitate the delivery of bids by interested parties:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST FORK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF CERRO GORDO, FRANKLIN, HANCOCK, AND WRIGHT, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the PARITY® Competitive Bidding System described in the Notice of Sale and the Electronic Bidding Procedures attached hereto are found and determined to provide reasonable security and to maintain the integrity of the competitive bidding process, and to facilitate the delivery of bids by interested parties in connection with the offering at public sale of not to exceed \$6,870,000 General Obligation School Bonds Series 2026.

Section 2. That all electronic bidding shall be submitted in substantial conformity with Iowa Code Section 75.14 and Chapter 554D.

Section 3. That General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026, in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$6,870,000, to be issued as referred to in the preamble of this Resolution, to be dated the date of delivery, will be offered for sale pursuant to published advertisement.

Section 4. That the Secretary of the Board of this School District publish notice of the sale of bonds at least once, the last one of which is not less than four days nor more than twenty days before the date of the sale. Publication will be in the Hampton Chronicle and the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter, legal newspapers published wholly in the English language, published within the County in which the bonds are to be offered for sale or an adjacent County. Notice is given pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 75 that bids will be received and acted upon by this Board at a meeting to be held at 5:00 P.M. on August 17, 2026; the notice must be in substantially the following form:

Section 5. That the preliminary Official Statement in the form presented to this meeting be and the same hereby is approved as to form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, subject to such revisions, corrections or modifications as the Superintendent and Board Secretary, upon the advice of the District's Municipal Advisor, shall determine to be appropriate, and is authorized to be distributed in connection with the offering of the Bonds for sale.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2026.

Butler moved to approve the Open Enrollment requests as presented; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Wilkinson moved to approve a contract with Laura Laugen to serve as an evening Custodian in Sheffield; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Wilkinson moved to approve a contract with Kim Kephart to serve as a School Bus driver; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Wilkinson moved to approve a contract with Madisyn Bonner to serve as MS Science Teacher; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Wilkinson moved to approve a contract update for Samantha Norcross, 2nd Grade Teacher; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Wilkinson moved to approve Korey Engebretson and Mary Nell Fullerton to serve as Long Term Subs as approved by the BOEE; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Wilkinson moved to approve the resignation of Todd Hopes, Rockwell evening Custodian; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Wilkinson moved to approve the resignation of Carter Henry, Assistant MS/HS Ad and MS Boys Basketball Coach; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Board Meeting: August 17th, at 5 pm in Rockwell.

Marzen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm; seconded by Wilkinson. Motion carried 5-0.

Board President – Holly Henricks

Board Secretary – Lacey Pueggel

West Fork CSD Bills July 2026	
West Fork Community School District Board Report - Newspaper 06/30/2026 01:33 PM JUNE 2026 BILLS APPROVED JULY 2026	
Vendor Name Vendor DescriptionAmount	
GENERAL FUND	
AMAZON BUSINESS ELEM SUPPLIES.....	39.59
D&K PRODUCTS GROUNDS MAINT.....	540.40
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS TELEPHONE.....	594.46
HAGERMAN PEST CONTROL PEST CONTROL.....	259.20
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC. CHOIR SUPPLIES.....	134.99
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP ANNUAL FIRE PANEL INSPECTION.....	1,545.71
MENARDS - MASON CITY MAINT. SUPPLIES/TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES ..	1,750.65
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY ELECTRIC.....	89.07
MIDWEST BUS PARTS, INC. BUS REPAIR PARTS.....	526.96
MIKE NUEHRING REIMBURSE TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES.....	560.00
N. WILSON CONCRETE & CONST. BUILDING REPAIRS.....	264.65
NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL BUS REPAIRS.....	1,882.94
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY MAINT. SUPPLIES.....	391.49
R&R GAS & REPAIR TOWING.....	300.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE OFFICE SUPPLIES.....	170.30
XELLO INC. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION - HS CLASSES.....	4,550.00
AMAZON BUSINESS ELEM/MS/HS SUPPLIES.....	784.38
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES.....	122.14
CAMBium ASSESSMENT INC. TESTING.....	170.00
FLOOR TO CEILING BUILDING REPAIRS.....	88.88
HEARTLAND AEA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REGISTRATION.....	1,536.00
IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS TESTING.....	3,299.90
MENARDS - MASON CITY MAINT. SUPPLIES.....	633.34
RelayHubLLC MEDICAID.....	1,058.17
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.....	565.00
WEST MUSIC ALL STATE MUSIC.....	131.65
TOTAL.....	21,989.87
GO BOND	
MASON CITY GLASS SERVICE PHASE II.....	2,899.38
SITELOGIQ PHASE II.....	16,481.51
TRANE U.S. INC. PHASE II.....	39,183.30
TOTAL.....	58,564.19
DEBT SERVICES	
UMB BANK N.A. BOND FEES.....	600.00
TOTAL.....	600.00
ACTIVITY FUND	
MASON CITY RENTALS, LLC CLASS OF 2028 FUNDRAISER.....	288.37
SCHWESOW, JAYCE REF.....	90.00
VROOM, JAXSON REF.....	90.00
AMAZON BUSINESS TECH CLUB.....	339.79
LE DOUX SIGNS UPDATE TRACK SIGNAGE.....	175.00
PARKER, MARK REF.....	150.00
PERRY WRIGHT SOUND SOUND SYSTEM BASEBALL FIELD.....	353.79
RIVERBEND MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP.....	200.00
AMAZON BUSINESS ATHLETIC SUPPLIES.....	99.79
TOTAL.....	1,786.74
West Fork Community School District Board Report - Newspaper 07/20/2026 02:37 PM ACCRUED BILLS FY26	
GENERAL FUND	
AMAZON BUSINESS AT RISK SUPPLIES.....	54.97
BELMONT-KLEMM COMMUNITY SCHOOL SPED OE 2ND SEMESTER.....	39,933.00
CAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPED OE 2ND SEMESTER.....	24,942.07
CEDAR FALLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPED OE 2ND SEMESTER.....	7,730.46
CENTRAL RIVERS AEA 4TH QUARTER 28E.....	23,367.64
CLAYTON RIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OE 2ND SEMESTER.....	32,103.33
CLEAR LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPED OE 2ND SEMESTER.....	14,033.70
D & L SANITATION, INC. GARBAGE.....	1,225.00
DHS CASHIER 1ST FL. MEDICAID.....	33,765.68
HAMPTON-DUMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL SPED OE 2ND SEMESTER.....	23,856.64
IOWA VALLEY PLUMBING & HEATING LLC ICE MACHINE INSTALL.....	472.75
MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPED OE 2ND SEMESTER.....	104,761.59
RUDD-ROCKFORD-MARBLE ROCK CSD SPED OE 2ND SEMESTER.....	23,952.60
WF ACTIVITY FUND REIMBURSE ACTIVITY FUND.....	2,400.00
TOTAL.....	332,599.43
GO BOND	
HENKEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SAFE SECURE ENTRANCE.....	7,188.81
PETERSON CONSTRUCTION PHASE II PROJECT.....	1,333,750.00
TECH ZONE - CENTRAL IA SYSTEMS SAFE SECURE ENTRANCE.....	1,324.21
TOTAL.....	1,342,263.02
CAPITAL PROJECTS	
RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. ERATE PROJECT.....	26,253.77
TOTAL.....	26,253.77
PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	
CEDAR FALLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPED OE 4TH QUARTER.....	235.94
CENTRAL RIVERS AEA TECHNOLOGY.....	13,870.00
HANIG CONSTRUCTION, INC. PARKING LOT REPAIR.....	2,960.00
TOTAL.....	17,065.94
DEBT SERVICES	
PIPER SANDLER & CO DISSEMINATION AGENT.....	2,000.00
TOTAL.....	2,000.00
ACTIVITY FUND	
MATBOSS, LLC BOYS WRESTLING.....	299.00

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Got a Legal Notice to Submit?

Deadline for legal notice submissions is Sunday at 7:00 AM

Franklin Gen. Hosp. Apr/May/June Checks 2026		
April_May_June_2026	Remarks	Total Amount
Vendor Name Internal		
210TH ST BAKERY Total	SUPPLIES	255.00
21ST CENTURY REHAB, PC Total	SERVICE	475,081.12
A & M ELECTRIC INC Total	SERVICE	1,960.94
ABBAS, MEGAN Total	SUPPLIES	910.07
ABBOTT LABORATORIES INC Total	FOOD	302.71
ABM Total	SERVICE	180,273.87
ACCESS INCORPORATED Total	SERVICE	864.00
ACCESS MEDICAL LABORATORIES INC Total	SERVICE	3,022.50
ACCESS TELECARE, PLLC Total	SERVICE	350.00
ACCURATE L & DC LLC Total	SERVICE	320.90
ACKLEY PUBLISHING Total	ADVERTISING	1,203.67
ACUTE CARE INC Total	PROFESSIONAL FEES	12,900.04
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS Total P/R (EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING)		41,414.37
AESCULAP INC Total	SUPPLIES	273.54
AGILITI HEALTH INC Total	SERVICE	61,163.90
AIDVANTAGE US DEPT OF ED LOAD SERVICING Total	EDUCATION	3,000.00
AIRGAS USA LLC Total	SUPPLIES	9,815.66
ALEXANDER, AMY Total	SERVICE	644.91
ALIMED INC Total	Supplies	872.10
AMAZON BUSINESS Total	SUPPLIES	7,513.44
AMERICAN MESSAGING Total	SERVICE	243.97
AMERISOURCE BERGEN DRUG CORP Total	DRUGS	316,968.69
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP TotalP/R (EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING)		
		5,855.24
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO Total	FOOD	1,789.43
ARGOS HEALTH INC Total	SERVICE	22,064.87
ARJO INC Total	Supplies	101.99
ARTHREX INC Total	SUPPLIES	67,595.85
BAKER MECHANICAL, INC DBA BAKER GROUP Total	SERVICE	433.00
BANK OF AMERICA Total	SERVICE	107.45
BARNHART, MARY Total	FUEL	981.66
BASEPOINT BUILDING AUTOMATIONS Total	SERVICE	1,368.83
BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORP Total	SUPPLIES	2,600.61
BAYER HEALTHCARE Total	Supplies	2,080.80
BCG RESEARCH Total	SERVICE	546.25
BIO-RAD LABORATORIES INC Total	SUPPLIES	3,328.68
BIOTE Total	SERVICE	14,060.00
BLANCHARD, CHARLENE Total	SERVICE	445.00
BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORP Total	SUPPLIES	267.75
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC Total	SUPPLIES	2,231.35
BOYINGTON, BRENDA Total	FUEL	299.44
BRANDON KONFRST Total	FUEL	89.90
BRENT'S AG & AUTO REPAIR Total	SERVICE	61.87
BRIGGS HEALTHCARE Total	SUPPLIES	36.30
BROOKE GILLESPIE Total	SUPPLIES	350.85
BROWN'S MEDICAL IMAGING Total	SERVICE	124,690.00
BUTCH GRUELKE AUTO BODY INC Total	SERVICE	7,342.61
BUTLER COUNTY ECLIPSE Total	ADVERTISING	331.50
C.H. MCGUINNESS CO INC Total	SERVICE	1,722.90
CAMPBELL SUPPLY Total	SUPPLIES	2,648.86
CARDINAL HEALTH LLC Total	Supplies	20,833.68
CAREFICIENT, INC Total	SERVICE	7,480.45
CAREFUSION SOLUTIONS LLC Total	SERVICE	13,780.00
CDW GOVERNMENT Total	SUPPLIES	1,108.38
CEC ELECTRIC Total	SERVICE	350.00
CENTER I Total	SERVICE	200.00
CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION Total	SERVICE	3,525.66
CENTURY LINK Total	SERVICE	247.85
CEPHEID Total	SUPPLIES	739.17
CERNER CORPORATION Total	SERVICE	113,478.44
CF DIGITAL Total	SERVICE	15,000.00
CHIPP, JEANENE Total	FUEL	826.50
CLAUSEN, ASHLEY Total	FUEL	508.95
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP Total	SERVICE	6,914.25
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC Total	SERVICE	400.41
CONNECTIONS INC EAP Total	SERVICE	1,311.25
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO Total	UTILITIES	1,670.63
CONSTELLATION ENERGY CORP Total	UTILITIES	48,074.65
COOPER SURGICAL Total	Supplies	270.36
COPIC INSURANCE COMPANY Total	INSURANCE	12,130.00
COUNTRY LANDSCAPES INC Total	SUPPLIES	958.00
CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE Total	EDUCATION	3,149.10

CRS INC Total	SERVICE	98,076.00
CULLIGAN Total	SUPPLIES	2,826.45
CULVER-HAHN ELECTRIC SUPPLY Total	SUPPLIES	4,362.62
CUSTOM LEARNING SYSTEMS GROUP LTD Total	EDUCATION	28,425.00
D & L SANITATION INC Total	SERVICE	2,876.00
DANIEL STEENHARD Total	SERVICE	285.00
DATIX (USA) INC. Total	SERVICE	3,574.44
DAWN HINES Total	FUEL	58.00
DAWN J GROSZKRUGER Total	SERVICE	500.00
DELTA DENTAL Total	P/R (EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING)	23,309.72
DENTONS DAVIS BROWN, PC Total	SERVICE	5,592.44
DIRECT SUPPLY INC Total	SUPPLIES	1,204.52
DIRKSEN, TRACY Total	FUEL	79.75
DITCH, CASEY Total	DUES	59.52
DOLLAR GENERAL CORP Total	SUPPLIES	189.87
DOORS INC Total	SUPPLIES	207.00
DR. ROSEMARIE FREYMARK Total	PROFESSIONAL FEES	1,750.00
DUMONT IMPLEMENT Total	SERVICE	1,151.67
DYE, THERESA Total	EDUCATION	175.00
E & E REPAIR INC Total	SERVICE	628.08
ECOLAB Total	SERVICE	1,703.02
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIVISION Total	SERVICE	2,386.16
EIDE BAILY Total	SERVICE	941.85
ELBERT, LEE Total	FUEL	137.75
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING Total	SERVICE	19.80
EMILY MELENDEZ Total	TRAVEL	2,011.04
EMS LEARNING AND RESOURCES CENTER Total	EDUCATION	4,900.00
E-Z QUIT INC Total	SUPPLIES	144.60
FAGRON STERILE SERVICES, LLC Total	DRUGS	803.92
FAREWAY STORES INC Total	FOOD	1,435.09
FEDEX Total	POSTAGE	144.52
FINN, WILL Total	FUEL	165.30
FIRST BANK HAMPTON - Payroll Total	P/R (PAYROLL)	2,726,838.95
FLOOR TO CEILING Total	SERVICE	9,375.76
FOSTER'S INC Total	SUPPLIES	1,211.84
FRANKLIN GENERAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY Total	POSTAGE	179.65
FRANKLIN GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TotalP/R(EMPLOYEE WITHOLD-ING)		540.00
FRANKLIN GENERAL HOSPITAL-General Total	REFUND	687.00
FRANKLIN GENERAL HOSP-Payroll Withhold Total P/R (EMPLOYEE PEDICS Total		
SUPPLIES		329.25
MT SHEARING Total	SERVICE	272.26
MULTIVIEW INC Total	SERVICE	40,101.60
NAPA AUTO PARTS Total	SUPPLIES	278.04
NETWORK SERVICES COMPANY Total	SUPPLIES	3,797.67
NEW PIG CORP Total	SUPPLIES	137.21
NIACC Total	EDUCATION	1,601.00
NIACC FOUNDATION Total	ADVERTISING	50,000.00
NICCUUM, STACIE Total	FUEL	27.55
NIHON KOHDEN AMERICA, INC. Total	SUPPLIES	314.82
NOVA BIOMEDICAL Total	SUPPLIES	888.18
NUERING'S LAWN & TREE SERVICE INC Total	SERVICE	2,268.00
OEHLERT, MEGAN Total	FUEL	394.75
ONNEN COMPANY INC Total	SUPPLIES	11.95
OPTUM FINANCIAL Total	SERVICE	1,480.35
OWENS & MINOR Total	SUPPLIES	807.91
PALO ALTO COUNTY HOSPITAL Total	DRUGS	274.21
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO Total	FOOD	2,698.39
PARA HEALTHCARE ANALYTICS LLC Total	SERVICE	1,912.50
PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF MASON CITY Total	SERVICE	4,225.00
Patient Refunds Total	Refund	9,574.71
PAYTON JEFFREY PLAGGE Total	SERVICE	4,200.00
PEPSI-COLA Total	FOOD	7,283.24
PERFORMANCE HEALTH SUPPLY INC Total	SUPPLIES	435.96
PHASE TWO LLC Total	SERVICE	5,204.00
PHENIGENS HOLDINGS Total	SERVICE	10,000.00
PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER Total	POSTAGE	2,381.57
PITTSBURG PAINTS Total	SUPPLIES	527.28
POINTCLICKCARE TECHNOLOGIES INC Total	SERVICE	11,043.62
POSTMASTER (HAMPTON) Total	POSTAGE	312.00
POWERS, STEPHANIE Total	FUEL	288.95
PRECISION DYNAMICS CORPORATION Total	SUPPLIES	60.45
PRICE, KIM Total	FUEL	365.40
PRITCHARDS GMC Total	SERVICE	172.05

PROEDGE HAMPTON Total	SUPPLIES	56.24
PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL CARE LLC Total	SERVICE	168,773.69
QUIDEL CORPORATION Total	SUPPLIES	6,344.07
R COMM WIRELESS Total	SERVICE	899.40
R W SOUND Total	SERVICE	1,914.45
RADIATION DETECTION CO Total	SUPPLIES	259.95
RADIO ON THE GO Total	ADVERTISING	3,849.50
RADIOLOGISTS OF NORTH IOWA, PC Total	SERVICE	4,387.16
REAGAN OUTDOOR OF ROCHESTER Total	ADVERTISING	1,848.00
REBEKAH AULT Total	SUPPLIES	1,189.31
RELIABLE 1 HEATING/AC/PLUMBING Total	SERVICE	20,939.84
REMINDER PRINTING CO Total	ADVERTISING	711.25
RICOH USA INC Total	SERVICE	782.76
RIVER CITY FENCE COMPANY Total	SERVICE	9,454.53
ROBERTS, ASHLEY Total	FUEL	1,199.13
RQI PARTNERS, LLC Total	EDUCATION	19,974.57
RURAL IOWA HOSPITAL BENEFITS TRUST Total	SERVICE	2,028.81
RURAL PHYSICIANS GROUP Total	PROFESSIONAL FEES	324,510.29
RX CARE ASSURANCE Total	SUPPLIES	34.64
SAILER, SANDRA Total	SERVICE	150.00
SCARROTT, ROBERTA Total	SUPPLIES	14.98
SCHIPPER, MARLA Total	FUEL	632.95
SECURITAS HEALTHCARE LLC Total	SUPPLIES	309.50
SFM MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY Total	INSURANCE	44,804.00
SHAFFRATH, KRIS CODER Total	CONTRACT LABOR	4,366.80
SHARED IMAGING LLC Total	SERVICE	50,085.00
SHARED MEDICAL SERVICES INC Total	SERVICE	20,100.00
SHEFFIELD PHILHARMONIC Total	SERVICE	75.00
SHIVE HATTERY INC Total	SERVICE	2,665.16
SHUPE, BRAD Total	FUEL	457.10
SIEMENS HEALTHCARE DIAGNOSTICS INC Total	SUPPLIES	16,557.52
SIGHT SCIENCES INC Total	SUPPLIES	3,854.81
SIMITREE Total	SERVICE	3,000.00
SIOUX FALLS TOWER SPECIALISTS, INC DBA VIKOR Total	SERVICE	
		1,166,940.25
SMITH & NEPHEW INC Total	SUPPLIES	14,667.12
STAPLES ADVANTAGE Total	SUPPLIES	11,045.76
STERICYCLE INC Total	SERVICE	200.80
STERIS CORPORATION Total	SUPPLIES	6,873.25
STROTHER, LEANN Total	SERVICE	675.00
STRYKER SALES CORPORATION Total	SUPPLIES	44,833.44
SURGICAL PRODUCT SOLUTIONS Total	SUPPLIES	2,381.50
SUSAN JAY Total	SERVICE	100.00
SYSCO IOWA INC Total	FOOD	85,839.26
SYSMEX AMERICA INC Total	SUPPLIES	386.10
TECHNICAL SAFETY SERVICES, LLC Total	SERVICE	1,040.50
THE SHREDDER + MEDSHRED Total	SERVICE	126.00
TRANE US INC Total	SERVICE	4,573.00
TRI-ANIM HEALTH SERVICES Total	SUPPLIES	60.60
TURNER, NICK Total	SUPPLIES	24.60
ULINE Total	SUPPLIES	1,112.00
UNIVERSAL MEDICAL Total	SUPPLIES	5,402.00
US CELLULAR Total	SERVICE	2,603.91
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AWG Total	EDUCATION	5,955.00
VANESSA MILLER Total	EDUCATION	2,499.37
VAXCARE HOLDINGS Total	SERVICE	169.49
VERIZON Total	SERVICE	80.02
VISA Total	SERVICE	28,453.72
VISUAL EDGE IT DBA VIET, LLC Total	SERVICE	2,477.20
WATSON, KYA Total	FUEL	321.18
WEISS, SAMANTHA Total	EDUCATION	301.18
WELLMARK BC/BS OF IOWA Total	INSURANCE	407,987.65
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL Total	FUEL	7,331.06
WILLMS, MICHELLE Total	FUEL	582.91
WOHLFORD, JODI Total	FUEL	150.80
WOLTJER, CANDICE Total	SUPPLIES	22.47
WORKSPACE INC Total	SUPPLIES	21,862.90
WORLD OF TROPHIES Total	SUPPLIES	148.08
XYGENT INC Total	SERVICE	26,564.80
ZEILA MICHELLE GONZALEZ Total	EDUCATION	190.00
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION Total	SUPPLIES	2,217.42
Grand Total		8,515,452.60

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July 9, 2026
The Dumont City Council met Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Carson Freese presiding. Those present were Council Members Mike Day, Marty Evans, Valerie Menken, Wayne Pecha and Lukas Smith; representing the Fire and Ambulance Departments were Fire Chief Zach Lewis, Crew Chief Pam LaRue and Sarah Zidlicky. Visitors present were Mercedes Alden, John Bierbrodt and Gaylen Graveman.

At this time, the City Council conducted a nuisance appeal hearing regarding the property located at 514 Third Street. The property owner appeared before the Council and discussed proposed measures for repairing and maintaining the porch. The property owner stated that he intends to address the necessary repairs gradually and will make reasonable efforts to maintain the property in a clean and orderly condition, including keeping the property mowed and trimmed.

Menken/Evans moved to discontinue further requests for veterinary documentation regarding the breed of the dog at 217 Second Street. The motion further required that a fence be installed at the property no later than the November Council meeting. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, a concern was brought forward regarding the need for improved public notification and communication procedures in the event of future boil water advisories.

Smith/Evans moved to approve the minutes from our June 11, 2026 Council meeting as published. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Day/Pecha moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance similar to the City of Greene's ordinance regarding amendments to the Restricted Residence District regulations. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the potential installation of a concrete pad at the recycling area. The Council agreed to obtain two estimates: one for placing concrete directly beneath the recycling container and another for extending the concrete pad two to three feet beyond the container wall to improve access when the recycling containers are exchanged.

Smith/Pecha moved to obtain quotes for GPS mapping of the City's water and sewer lines. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried, ayes all.

Day/Evans set the Public Hearing on vacating alley West of Main Street and 5th Street West of Main Street at 6:00 p.m. at our August 13, 2026 Council meeting. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Day introduced **Resolution No. 2026-8 ANNUALLY DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL LOCATION FOR POSTING PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH IOWA CODE CHAPTER 21.4** and moved for its passage. Pecha seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes. A copy of Resolution 2026-8 can be viewed at City Hall. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed outstanding nuisance abatements and discussed follow-up actions. Smith/Pecha moved to send follow-up letters to property owners whose properties remain in non-compliance. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Smith/Pecha moved to approve payment of this month's bills as presented along with Airgas, Fire Department pay and Kwik Star when they arrive. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried. The bills are as follows:

GENERAL		
Public Safety-Ambulance/Fire/Law Enforcement		
Dumont Telephone	phone/internet	109.18
MidAmerican Energy	utilities	152.95
U.S. Cellular	unlimited data plan	43.79
Library		
Birds & Blooms	one year magazine renewal	13.89

Deb Eisentrager	reimb. for disposing three monitors	15.00
Dumont Telephone Company	phone/fax	42.63
Food Network Magazine	one year magazine renewal	19.97
Ingram Library Services	books	178.64
IPERS	IPERS	398.94
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes	412.26
MidAmerican Energy	utilities	259.02
Mid States Parking Lot, LLC	painting parking stalls	275.00
Mort's Plumbing & Heating	filter	24.72
Visa-Dumont Community Library	books/DVDs/case of paper	257.97
Cemetery		
Diane Gronewold	cemetery contract #4	1667.00
City Hall/General		
Dumont Telephone Company	phone/fax/internet	190.71
IPERS	IPERS	378.15
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes	502.95
Jodi L. Angstman	mileage to Hampton	17.40
Love and Lace	memorial	115.00
MidAmerican Energy	utilities	152.57
Office Express	office supplies	193.45
On The Go Media	Help Wanted ad	70.00
Rhonda L. Schmidt	reimb. for certified mailings/mileage	36.88
Roberts, Stevens & Prendergast	May and June legal services	831.25
Treasurer-State of Iowa	state taxes	99.06
Wellmark	insurance-payroll	523.17
Park & Recreation		
MidAmerican Energy	utilities	47.68
Street Lights		
MidAmerican Energy	utilities	1103.65
GENERAL FUND		8132.88
GENERAL FUND PAYROLL/6-2026		4027.99
TOTAL GENERAL		12160.87
ROAD USE TAX		
AGCO Finance LLC	Ferris mower repairs	739.95
Bruening Rock	29.75 ton 1" road rock	458.15
Dumont Harken Lumber	cement to install speed signs	20.36
IPERS	IPERS	831.15
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes	979.74
MidAmerican Energy	utilities	124.58
Mid States Parking Lot, LLC	painting parking stalls	2010.00
Napa Auto Parts	V-belt for mower	74.98
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	State taxes	211.87
RUT FUND		5450.78
RUT FUND PAYROLL/6-2026		4244.41
TOTAL RUT		9695.19
WATER		
Hawkins	chlorine	629.55
Iowa DNR	Annual Water Use fee 2027	68.35
IPERS	IPERS	239.30
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes	370.02
Jay Skarr	service call/labor water issue	303.80
Jodi L. Angstman	mileage	17.40
Microbac Laboratories, Inc.	water analysis	17.50
MidAmerican Energy	utilities	108.06
PeopleService, Inc.	monthly service-July/May extra 2026	1437.41
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	state taxes	127.08
Treasurer-State of IA	wet tax-May/June 26	840.83
Wellmark	insurance-payroll	209.26
WATER FUND		4368.56

WATER FUND PAYROLL/6-2026		1118.33
TOTAL WATER FUND		5486.89
SEWER		
Dumont Harken Lumber, Inc.	tee post clips-fence at lagoon	15.96
Dumont Post Office	billing postage 6-30-26	170.80
Dumont Telephone Company	phone	38.72
IPERS	IPERS	201.65
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes	313.15
JC Cross Co	new blower at lagoon	4306.63
Jodi L. Angstman	mileage	17.40
Microbac Laboratories, Inc.	wastewater analysis	1046.00
MidAmerican Energy	utilities	1170.81
PeopleService, Inc.	monthly service-July/ May extra 2026	1437.40
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	state taxes	117.63
Wellmark	insurance-payroll	209.26
SEWER FUND		9045.41
SEWER FUND PAYROLL/6-2026		939.22
TOTAL SEWER FUND		9984.63
LANDFILL/GARBAGE		
Butler Co. Solid Waste Comm.	disposal fee-July 2026	2694.50
IPERS	IPERS	104.22
Internal Revenue Service	Fed/FICA taxes	128.53
Jendro Sanitation Services	June 2026 collection + 12 yd.-Sandbaggin' Day	2733.64
Jodi L. Angstman	mileage	17.40
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	state taxes	27.34
Wellmark	insurance-payroll	104.64
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND		5810.27
LANDFILL/GARBAGE PAYROLL/6-2026		530.68
TOTAL LANDFILL/GARBAGE		6340.95
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		32807.90
PAYROLL-JUNE 2026		10860.63
TOTAL		43668.53
DUMONT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE-JUNE 2025		
Allison Hardware & Floral	memorial	50.00
Franklin General Hospital	paramedic assist	224.00
TOTAL AMABULANCE		274.0

H-D CSD YTD Salaries 2025-2026			
Hampton-Dumont CSD YTD Earnings Report 7/2/2026 This report uses Fiscal data, sorted by Last Name, First Name			
Employee Name.....	Gross Wages		
Aalbers Daniel R.....	92,322.48		
Aalbers Michelle K.....	71,893.51		
Abernathy Sarah C.....	28,185.33		
Aburto Jessica N.....	32,981.84		
Adams Amy M.....	72,402.16		
Allen Brad L.....	57,828.45		
Andersen Carrie S.....	71,942.39		
Anderstrom Elaine G.....	138.19		
Arana Danielle M.....	7,192.00		
Arana David R.....	9,890.00		
Aukes Karen.....	17,063.76		
Baez Janet.....	209.38		
Bagley Joel A.....	4,285.00		
Baird Sarah M.....	79,824.36		
Balderas Remigio S.....	42,764.84		
Baltes Tracy L.....	24,575.13		
Barkema Jennie M.....	53,365.75		
Barkema Pauline C.....	43,998.46		
Beal Courtney L.....	575.58		
Becker Aaron J.....	9,591.27		
Becker Tabetha A.....	22,706.08		
Behn Sarah N.....	4,224.18		
Bender Susan M.....	27,952.11		
Benson Robert E.....	3,112.20		
Bertram Angelique M.....	33,670.00		
Berven Stephanie L.....	8,002.91		
Bird Brandon A.....	72,402.07		
Bishop Noah.....	54,178.50		
Blair Angela.....	3,637.79		
Blau Janell R.....	20,032.11		
Bockhaus Anthony Paul.....	8,742.05		
Bohmke Sarah K.....	24,877.88		
Borcherding Kristin M.....	2,405.00		
Brass Pamela S.....	29,505.92		
Braun Leann M.....	64,956.10		
Braun Mya.....	335.00		
Bretz Nicholas S.....	72,331.71		
Brinker Brody J.....	50,351.58		
Brokens Rebecca S.....	76,090.32		
Brooks McKayla R.....	24,620.38		
Bruns Traci L.....	63,255.54		
Burgess Peggy.....	13,745.05		
Burlingame Hannah V.....	58,677.86		
Burmester Jill R.....	86,543.53		
Buseman Wendy S.....	76,821.57		
Butson Sara N.....	64,801.19		
Calles Hilda.....	8,469.40		
Carr Elizabeth J.....	8,585.00		
Carr Terence P.....	50,379.27		
Castro Rodriguez Cecilia Maria.....	146.57		
Cavazos Flor E.....	30,730.14		
Chapin Brandon.....	580.51		
Chaplin Kari L.....	70,872.78		
Chesnut Matthew R.....	61,952.30		
Colman Christina M.....	8,835.00		
Conlon Denielle J.....	73,832.54		
Crow Taylor M.....	5,264.10		
Devries Randy D.....	55,015.02		
Dickerson Teaya L.....	12,952.37		
Dietz Emma E.....	1,091.25		
Dillon Dollie M.....	72,966.26		
Diosdado Brenda E.....	36,451.17		
Donnenwerth Kyle.....	10,477.78		
Donnenwerth Nicole D.....	14,407.87		
Drier Melissa M.....	65,338.83		
Eckhoff Jennifer Lynn.....	3,697.29		
Eiklenborg Trevor.....	69,116.01		
Eilderts Emleigh A.....	73,644.62		
Enslin Vogel Kelsey L.....	11,501.00		
Epple Dustin D.....	68,826.49		
Felderman Tim.....	174,900.00		
Ferch Michael A.....	9,806.24		
Finley Jacqueline M.....	7,192.00		
Fischer Megan.....	3,186.25		
Flint Riley D.....	6,880.76		
Foell Kimberly Kay.....	27,799.55		
Folkerts Brian L.....	59,911.25		
Frankle Jeanette Ann.....	38,881.16		
Freerks Hannah J.....	42,633.94		
Frenchick Beth L.....	101,308.35		
Fullerton Mary Nell.....	4,155.00		
Fulton Mary A.....	41,077.12		
Garcia Ilana.....	268.00		
Gibney Aaron.....	8,041.66		
Gifford Amanda Jo.....	14,602.81		
Gomez Ana I.....	22,389.68		
Gonzalez Marie A.....	24,866.39		
Green Adrian T.....	23,046.03		
Groff Nicole.....	4,770.00		
Gronewold Diane K.....	27,778.88		
Grotzinger Kimberly K.....	11,247.59		
Guffey Susan E.....	69,288.60		
Hall Grace.....	15,864.70		
Hansen Patrick E.....	9,212.75		
Hansen Sarah L.....	7,306.46		
Hansmeier Michala R.....	66,060.90		
Hanson Emmalynn E.....	9,423.46		
Harms David A.....	20,476.42		
Harr Katherine M.....	82,985.77		
Hartman Hope C.....	1,060.00		
Hearst Ashley.....	16,720.61		
Heeren Arizona J.....	6,234.51		
Heiden Amanda E.....	59,022.57		
Heiden Tyler J.....	67,443.03		
Heilskov Lisa M.....	65,962.97		
Hildebrand Samantha J.....	28,103.32		
Hilsman Dawn M.....	33,304.00		
Hilton Rachele A.....	42,521.96		
Hindin Katherine A.....	70,188.62		
Hisler David K.....	10,180.93		
Hoegh Scott L.....	9,720.67		
Hofmeister Ashley.....	48,291.66		
Holm Cortney S.....	42,656.55		
Holmes Marianela E.....	4,695.45		
Holub Makayla R.....	497.77		
Homer Debra Jan.....	9,476.40		
Hoogestraat Alexis.....	7,705.00		
Hovenga Jody J.....	29,134.43		
Hovinga Colleen Marie.....	1,747.57		
Hovinga Sarah E.....	51,675.41		
Humrichouse Tina M.....	71,308.22		
Ites Jared H.....	48,595.35		
Janes Rana L.....	42,702.77		
Janssen Kolette K.....	8,541.00		
Johnson Chad E.....	3,371.00		
Johnson Michelle K.....	68,119.14		
Johnson Staci L.....	63,567.02		
Jones Stacey D.....	11,421.03		
Karpouzian Daniel B.....	42,352.32		
Keehn Jeromy L.....	9,353.30		
Kingland-Hanson Carolyn A.....	3,910.00		
Kirschbaum Owen J.....	4,046.00		
Kline Taryn M.....	33,326.91		
Knipfel Suzy.....	891.00		
Koch Anna C.....	52,180.39		
Koenen Jennifer M.....	113,931.96		
Kofoot Marcus A.....	2,754.00		
Krull Cynthia J.....	77,571.57		
Krull Katherine A.....	2,160.18		
Kurth Carl W.....	85,159.82		
Lange Cassidy Kay.....	61,155.08		
Larson Judith K.....	54,849.69		
Larson Kacy.....	4,945.00		
Leal Ludivina S.....	51,385.97		
Lee Karlie R.....	17,893.18		
Lewis Anne M.....	60,247.26		
Lewis Katelin E.....	42,574.32		
Lewis Kathilyn A.....	11,510.86		
Lewis Lisa L.....	105,184.38		
Loggins Kimberly L.....	7,282.30		
Lohoff Jessica.....	4,040.00		
Lokenvitz Matthew J.....	90,481.95		
Maas Zachary J.....	676.43		
Magner Christy M.....	62,770.10		
Magner Samuel.....	30,190.42		
Mahler Taylor Jason.....	4,046.00		
Martinez Alycia P.....	913.14		
Martinez Partida Magaly A.....	21,049.01		
Martzahn Jane M.....	13,919.74		
Mason Caitlin.....	24,224.66		
McCallum Ashlynn Sue.....	22,023.75		
McClenahan Michele M.....	17,833.28		
McGuire Stephanie M.....	3,613.37		
McNealy Hayley R.....	47,936.89		
Meador Caitlin Ann.....	60,347.92		
Meador Kelly J.....	64,319.91		
Menken Tyler J.....	26,379.53		
Meyer Bridget E.....	25,633.81		
Meyer McKenna L.....	42,965.93		
Michelson Kayla A.....	42,324.57		
Miller Cole Lane.....	72,638.25		
Miller Erin Linn.....	51,160.58		
Miller Sarah E.....	86,029.17		
Miller Sarah L.....	50,373.11		
Miller Tiffany Ann.....	40,716.31		
Miller Todd M.....	1,735.14		
Miller Vernon.....	10,045.39		
Mitchell Karen L.....	6,515.32		
Moorehead Dustin G.....	91,000.18		
Moorehead Traci A.....	93,062.89		
Mourlam Logan G.....	4,046.00		
Mulder KayLee M.....	21,419.01		
Mulford Stephanie M.....	23,093.43		
Muller Colin K.....	49,374.41		
Murphy Ron M.....	20,861.90		
Murphy Trevis V.....	31,023.70		
Nannenga Elizabeth A.....	77,274.17		
Nelson Nicole Andrea Plymesser.....			
	66,636.33		
Nolte Angela N.....	2,428.08		
Nolte Susan A.....	23,296.26		
O'Brien Kyle J.....	73,088.95		
Olmstead Adam M.....	11,976.10		
Olmstead Melinda J.....	18,666.15		
Osborn Shondale F.....	4,495.00		
Pecha Verla F.....	11,538.76		
Perez Joseph C.....	70,714.31		
Perkins Deanna.....	53,487.03		
Peters Lacey N.....	68,771.13		
Peters Michelle M.....	74,958.43		
Philgreen Joan M.....	82,342.07		
Pineda Lucy.....	6,719.42		
Plagge Erin.....	50,159.18		
Plagge Lisa R.....	72,619.44		
Poppe Emma.....	7,787.32		
Powers Colt H.I.....	18,606.00		
Powers Remington Joseph.....	1,394.00		
Pralle Osborn Leslie Brianne.....	3,747.00		
Prantner Nichole M.....	84,738.77		
Primrose Areli Yasmin.....	22,934.80		
Rew Troy E.....	81,569.43		
Rihner Tamara J.....	33,415.30		
Rodriguez Mikyla Zoe.....	33,471.60		
Rodriguez Toni L.....	38,115.21		
Rojas Jessica N.....	327.82		
Rotgers Jenna G.....	9,559.94		
Rust Laura Kate.....	2,840.00		
Rust Marshal.....	3,580.90		
Sanchez Hannah.....	1,621.50		
Sauke Christopher D.....	25,209.72		
Schall White Jodi S.....	83,133.70		
Scheideman Malinda S.....	145.00		
Schipper Daniel S.....	56,876.53		
Schirmer Dale L.....	8,504.78		
Schlachter Benjiman D.....	3,022.00		
Schlachter Nicole D.....	16,702.52		
Schrock Ashley F.....	27,589.71		
Schrock Madelynn M.....	755.64		
Schuler Karen.....	195.75		
Servantez Gracie.....	8,041.66		
Shafraath Gerald L.....	3,806.84		
Shear Danny W.....	18,675.27		
Sheeler Abby L.....	62,778.56		
Shelton Paul A.....	20,160.95		
Sheriff Lucinda T.....	1,060.00		
Showalter Kelli C.....	74,887.85		
Simmons Melissa S.....	4,047.00		
Simmons Rebekah G.....	44,678.36		
Smith Marlin M.....	82,761.22		
Soderberg Elizabeth R.....	8,811.19		
Soesbe Tara.....	8,471.22		
Spradlin Anthony K.....	165,049.61		
Spradlin Michelle M.....	45,182.25		
Spradlin Quinci K.....	3,839.85		
Squires Christina.....	4,695.21		
Stafford Miranda L.....	71,481.33		
Stevens Brittany.....	78,955.98		
Stevens Daniel.....	78,898.29		
Stewart Shiona L.....	24,899.09		
Stock Joslyn Karla.....	26,325.09		
Strickler Abigail S.....	20,921.37		
Subbert Kari A.....	59,136.90		
Swieter Stephanie K.....	7,572.97		
Tendall Taylor.....	51,679.57		
Thompson Lance.....	108,754.72		
Toomsen Erin K.....	67,910.65		
Toomsen Jessica.....	17,219.23		
Torgerson Mark R.....	41,616.70		
Trosky Katie L.....	21,659.54		
Trosky Matthew M.....	113,651.97		
Tweeten Jamie Lynn.....	16,753.83		
Ubben Rebecca S.....	34,265.77		
Ubben Trisha L.....	69,771.76		
Uribe Raquel.....	385.26		
Valenzuela Trinity.....	8,041.66		
Vallebo Alexandra R.....	61,660.63		
Vallery Dawn M.....	71,330.69		
VanDePol Meghan L.....	42,883.70		
Varellmann Alicia Elaine.....	69,600.94		
Voelker Ethan T.....	42,031.11		
Vosburg Alexis A.....	81,191.68		
Wagner-Ites Danae.....	13,515.00		
Walton Heath L.....	71,441.86		
Walton Jennifer K.....	37,438.72		
Wehrhan Amanda R.....	60,152.86		
Weiser Christina S.....	13,488.10		
Westhoff Sarah E.....	60,107.40		
Whipple Raylie Dayle.....	30,569.60		
White Michael L.....	5,283.47		
Wikert Wendy S.....	70,642.57		
Willett Savannah M.....	8,541.00		
Wills Diane S.....	6,028.64		
Wrich Ashley Ann.....	1,860.62		
Zakeer Robert Thomas.....	22,151.92		
Zakeer Tara.....	46,509.83		
Zamora Angelica.....	20,944.65		
Zobrist Katherine A.....	39,272.48		
Total Wages.....	10,155,405.40		
Employee Count.....	286		

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SPORTS

West Fork builds experience while extending winning tradition

BY JASON EATON
RadioOnTheGo Sports

After making consecutive state tournament appearances, the West Fork softball team entered the 2026 season with several players taking on larger or unfamiliar roles.

The Warhawks responded by finishing 15-8 overall and 9-5 in Top of Iowa Conference play. West Fork Head Coach Sadie Winfrey says the team handled the transition better than some may have expected.

“Going into it, you know, we had some big shoes to fill, going to the state tournament the last two years,” Winfrey says. “So, you know, there were a lot of changes that were made and new roles that were having to be played. And overall, I’m really proud of them and maybe the new things that they were thrown into, the new roles that they had to come out with — you know, a winning season. So, they did what they needed to do, and they stayed true to, you know, the team that they had seen before. And I’m really



proud of how they were able to do that.”

West Fork was 7-6 following a June 18 loss to North Butler but found its rhythm during the second half of the season. The Warhawks won five consecutive games, including conference victories over Newman Catholic, Central Springs and Saint Ansgar.

West Fork closed the regular season with wins over Mason City and Nashua-Plainfield. The Warhawks then defeated Central Springs 10-2 in the opening round of the Class 2A Region 8 play before falling to East Marshall in the regional quarterfinals.

Winfrey says the Warhawks had consistent production throughout their batting order

this season.

“Offensively, they’ve really been working on their hitting,” Winfrey says. “And I think that showed this year, as we had a pretty solid nine in the lineup; it wasn’t always the first few batters were going to show up. So I think that’s the most thing I’d be proud of. They continue to work offensively, and it’s showing through our lineup.”

Junior Brooke Rother led West Fork at the plate and handled most of the team’s pitching duties. Several younger players also stepped into new positions and gained varsity experience throughout the season.

Seniors Abby Schoning and Brylee Dickman helped guide that young group after each spent five seasons at the varsity level. Schoning served as the team’s catcher, while Dickman played in the outfield.

West Fork will return several experienced players next season, including Rother, Talia Pommrehn, Aizley Winfrey and Josephine Schmidt as they prepare for the 2027 season.

Clarksville reigns supreme, repeats as 1A softball champions

BY JON MOHWINKLE
RadioOnTheGo Sports

The Clarksville softball team has added another championship to a historic legacy, earning the Class 1A championship by defeating Edgewood-Colesburg 5-2 Friday, as aired on 99 The Wave.

After grinding out the double elimination portion of the bracket, the title also didn’t come easy. The Vikings rattled off three hits and took a 1-0 lead after the first inning. But the Indians responded in the bottom of the second when Gia Hoodjer doubled to drive in Emersyn Miller. Edgewood-Colesburg’s Faith Dugan



hit a solo home run in the third, then Hannah Wangness doubled to drive in Cate Lodge to tie the game. Then in the fourth, Clarksville took the lead for good when Eve Jordan went deep.

That was followed by Reagan

Wedeking singling to drive in Lodge, completing the scoring. Sydney Lovrien’s elite pitching kept the Vikings off the board the rest of the way. For her efforts throughout the tournament, Jordan earned All-Tournament Team Captain honors.

Lovrien and Lodge were also named to the All-Tournament Team.