

Franklin County Fair Board shows off convention center renovations



The Franklin County Convention Center is ready for summer events after completing a major renovation.



New Improvements to the Franklin County Convention Center were demonstrated at an open house on Saturday, March 20.

BY TRAVIS FISCHER

The Franklin County Convention Center showed off its new renovations with an open house event on Saturday, March 20.

Four years ago, the Franklin County Fair Board announced their plans for a \$1.2 million series of building improvements to the convention center. After years of fundraising and preparations, the renovation project finally got underway last November.

Now that work has come to fruition as the newly remodeled convention center officially opens back up for events.

“It feels really good,” said Franklin County Fair Board President Jon Baltes. “We’ve spent a lot of hours up here designing.”

To celebrate their grand re-opening, the fair board hosted an open house, inviting the community to see all the work that has been done to the building over the winter.

On the exterior, the building has been lined with a canopy, including a car port for people to drop off visitors without worrying about weather. Exterior lights have also been installed around the building to improve nighttime visibility and security.

“That’s the first thing you’ll notice,” said Baltes.

Inside, the entryway has been remodeled with new walls and flooring. The ticket counter has been opened up, giving more space for staff to work and an exterior window has also been added to the office, allowing people to pick up tickets without having to enter the building.

Going into the main room, a new wall has been installed to dedicate some extra space for kitchen staff to bring out food and tables without being in view of the larger area. The ceiling has been lowered with new lighting while the walls and ceiling sport new trim.

Out of sight, but not out of earshot, a new sound system allows guests to control which areas of the room get the most volume, allowing partygoers to enjoy music upfront while people can still converse in the back.

Wall mounted screens are also available to facilitate visual presentations during events.

On the south side of the main hall, a new bar area has been built next to the kitchen and additional storage space has been added to keep chairs, tables, and equipment.

While the convention center is mostly done, there are still some odds and ends to finish up. The fair board is still looking to raise a final \$50,000 to cover the remain-

ing expenses.

There are also some improvements that had to be saved for later in order to keep the project close to the target budget. Initially it was planned to have dividers installed in the main hall, which would allow it to be broken up into separate smaller rooms. While the building could support this addition in the future, that will have to be an improvement for another project.

Likewise, plans for a paved parking lot proved too costly to move forward with.

Nevertheless, this is the most substantial renovation done to the convention center in decades.

“I think we’re ready for the next 40 years now,” said Alan Brown, board member and co-chair of the fundraising committee.

Brown’s favorite new addition to the building is the second meeting room, which has been expand-

ed from the old bar area. Equipped with a viewing screen of its own, the smaller room can be used for smaller gatherings or as a preparation area in conjunction with main hall events.

“I see so many possibilities for it,” said Brown.

People will have plenty of opportunities to see the new improvements for themselves as the convention center already has a tightly packed schedule of events lined up for 2021.

“I think it’s pretty much booked for the whole summer,” said Baltes.

After a summer of pandemic related shutdown and a winter of construction, the fair board is eager for the community to see what their donations have supported over the last four years.

“We’re really super thankful for all the people that supported us,” said Baltes.

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COVID-19 activity sees slight bump while public health races to get vaccine out

BY TRAVIS FISCHER

Vaccination clinics continue in Franklin County but while COVID-19 activity has slowed considerably recent weeks it has not gone away completely.

In Franklin County, approximately 4,460 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to county residents, with 1,579 residents completing their two-dose vaccination and 66 receiving their single-dose vaccination.

As of Monday, March 22, the county is reporting a total of 1,105 individuals testing positive for COVID-19 since the pandemic began, an increase of five from the previous week (last week’s article erroneously stated 1,110 cases. The correct count was 1,100). With 1,061 cases considered recovered, there are currently 24 active cases in the county, a minor increase from last week.

Of the total positive cases, Franklin County Public Health is reporting that 80 are elderly (age 81+); 213 have been older adults (61-80); 305 have been middle aged (41-60); 368 have been young adults (18-34); and 139 have been children.

As of Saturday, there is one patient hospitalized with COVID. No new deaths reported keep the fatal case count at 20.

In the county, 5,111 individuals have been tested at some point during the pandemic, with a total of 18,169 tests being performed on Franklin County residents. In the last 14 days, 1.7% of all tests have been positive for the virus.



Reynolds anticipates all Iowans to become eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in April

BY TRAVIS FISCHER

Governor Kim Reynolds announced that all Iowans could become eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as early as April 5.

The latest update from the White House is projecting an increase in supply for next week that is expected to increase even more in April. If the vaccine allocation is sufficient, Reynolds plans to expand eligibility to all Iowans.

“More vaccines means even more opportunities to vaccinate even more Iowans,” said Reynolds during her weekly press conference. “Getting vaccinated is the most important thing that each of us can do to ensure that our state’s recovery from COVID-19 is both strong and sustainable.”

While many of the top priority groups have received at least their first dose of vaccine, opening up eligibility to even more people will continue to fuel demand on the still finite supply. For older and less technologically adept Iowans, this has led to frustrations in scheduling an appointment.

To help level the playing field, the state has established a dedicated team of schedulers that

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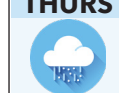


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Within a couple hours, the store was re-opened and business was back to normal.

“Everything is good now,” said Emergency Management Coordinator Joel McWilliams. “It was a pretty small deal, but you never know.”

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Adam Akers is Franklin County's new Executive Director of Veterans Affairs

Akers ready to help area veterans navigate benefits

BY TRAVIS FISCHER
Franklin County veterans have a new local resource to help them manage their benefits. As of the first of March, Adam Akers is the new Executive Director of Franklin County Veterans Affairs. "Things are good," said Akers. "I feel like I am off to a good start as the new

director here for Franklin County." Since starting, Akers has been spending his time learning the role, organizing the office, and developing guidelines for his work. Akers' job is to help area veterans navigate the bureaucracy of the veterans benefits system, aiding them with filling out paperwork and making sure it

gets to the right place. "If veterans, or any service member has a service connected disability, I can help get them qualified for veteran benefits," said Akers. Franklin County is home to, as of 2019, at least 150 veterans receiving some kind of benefit. From retirement benefits to medical compensation, there

are a wide range of benefits that those who have served may qualify for.

While veterans don't necessarily have to go through the Veterans Affairs office to get their benefits, Akers says that it's often helpful to have somebody that can make sure paperwork is submitted correctly the first time. Particularly due to the ever changing nature of procedures and benefits.

"It can be overwhelming for some because there's a lot of information to gather," said Akers. "The process changes all the time. Maybe a form changes or a benefit changes. It changes constantly in one area or another."

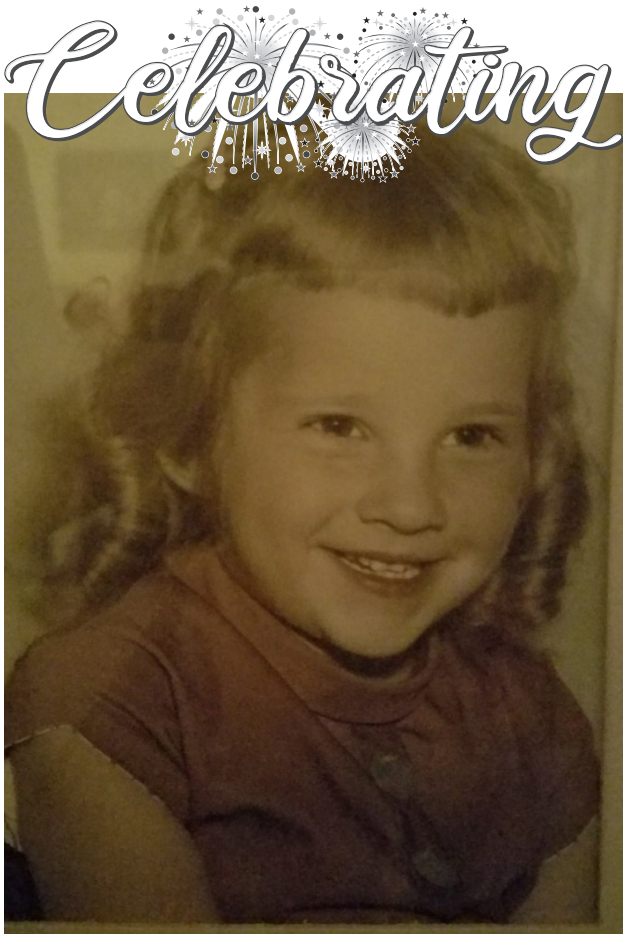
Akers is working on new ways to keep people educated on what services veterans may or may not be qualified for and what information is needed to apply.

The job is a good fit for Akers, who spent 22 years working in the National Guard, including eight years of fulltime work in various capacities.

"Looking back, the majority of that, especially on the full-time side, is taking care of soldiers," said Akers. "I look at this job in the same way. It's dealing with soldiers again and taking care of veterans and soldiers like I used to."

Akers has already begun working with some veterans in the area and hopes to meet many more as he grows into his new role.

"Veterans, new or old, whether they've been in this office or not, please don't be afraid to stop by or give me a call," said Akers. "I look forward to be an assistance to everyone."



HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY TO JANE MORTON

Jane turned 70 on March 18th 2021! Although there are hopes of celebrating with family and friends in the future, her family would like to invite you to help honor her and show her some love with a card shower to celebrate her 70th birthday. Cards will reach her at 1088 Jonquil Ave., Hampton, IA 50441.

2021 Franklin County Fair Queen Nominations Being Accepted

Candidates are now being accepted for this year's Franklin County Fair Queen Contest. A complete list of queen contest rules and a ballot can be obtained at the fair office, or the name and address of a candidate can be called to the fair office at 641-456-2049. Nominations may also be emailed to fc-fair35@yahoo.com. Nominations must be made or postmarked by April 30th, 2021. 2020 fair queen nominees will automatically be included in this year's contest.

Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 21 and may be nominated by organizations, schools, churches and individuals. A county fair queen candidate must reside in the county, or if she lives in an adjoining county, most of her activities must be in Franklin County or be an active member of a Franklin County 4H or FFA club.

Contestants must be active in at least one worthwhile organization in their community, such as a church group, girl scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is not limited to 4-H or FFA membership.

The 2021 Franklin County Fair runs July 14 through 18. The queen will be crowned on Thursday, July 15th at 5:00 p.m. She will reign at the fair and represent Franklin County

in the Iowa State Fair competition in August.

A crystal trophy will be presented to the queen sponsored by KLMJ Radio On The Go and donated by Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.

Other prizes for the queen at the county level include a generous scholarship sponsored by Humboldt Mutual Insurance Association, Franklin REC, Steven Pearson, CPA in Hampton and AmericInn in Hampton.

The queen will also receive a tiara donated by Christensen Jewelry, one dozen long stemmed roses from Carol's Flower Box, Hampton, a gift certificate from Orange Possum, Hampton, a gift certificate from Head Quarters Salon, Hampton, and a portrait from Wolf Photography, Dumont.

The first Runner-up will be presented a bracelet from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.

The second runner-up will receive a bracelet from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.

Miss Congeniality will be presented with a bracelet from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.

A Miss Photogenic will be chosen and presented a portrait from Wolf Photography, Dumont and a bracelet from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.

HD-CAL Speech earns All-State honors

The HD-CAL Speech Team traveled to the State Individual Speech contest in Waverly on Saturday, March 13.

Twenty-six performers participated in 41 events at the speech contest between the varsity and freshman teams. Of them, 34 earned a Division 1 rating and seven earned a Division 2 rating.

Two large group events earned All-State Honors: "Basketball," a choral reading featuring Benji Sauke, Jordan Severs, Jordan Cady, Will Sackville, Mario De La Cruz, Jace Spurgeon, and Tony Valenzuela; and "The Other Room," an ensemble acting performance featuring Elle Westhoff, Kale Folkerts, Michael Rosenberg, Alondra Morteo, Jakie Utte, and Max O'Dell.

All-State nominations will be announced this week.

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people 65 and over can utilize by calling 211. As there are still many seniors that have yet to get scheduled for their vaccine, the state will continue to restrict this service to those 65 and up for the immediate future.

“We’re going to watch that closely for at least another week,” said Reynolds.

The State of Iowa administered 168,791 doses to Iowa residents last week, bringing the total to 1,231,634. This includes 656,610 doses of Moderna, 587,905 doses of Pfizer, and 34,139 doses of Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.

461,479 individuals have completed their two-dose vaccination series thus far.

Combined with the 34,139 that have received the one dose J&J vaccine, that brings the total of vaccinated Iowans to 495,618.

As of Sunday, March 14, there have been 345,785 individuals positive with COVID-19 in the state, increasing the 342,885 total from the week prior by 2,900, a drop in new cases from the previous week.

The state has performed a total of 4,477,055 tests on 1,613,696 individuals since the pandemic began, including 2,847,822 PCR tests and 1,477,055 antigen tests. In the last week the state has processed 41,823 PCR tests and 40,011 antigen tests.

The state has also

stopped reporting on the number of individuals considered recovered, making it impossible to know current number of active cases at the moment.

In the last week, 7% of new cases have been among the elderly (age 80+), 16% among older adults (60-79); 29% among middle aged adults (40-59); 44% among young adults (18-39); and 4% among children.

116,408 Iowans have undergone serology testing for coronavirus antibodies, which would indicate that they have had the virus. Of that number, 21,714, about 19%, have tested positive for antibodies.

Of the 1,176 individuals tested in the last week,

1,018 of them (86%) have tested positive.

Hospitalizations rose up last week, with 171 hospitalized as of Sunday, an increase of ten from the week prior. Still, ICU cases are down, with just 37 in an ICU.

Reported deaths dramatically decreased last week, with just 34 deaths being added to the state total, less than half of what was reported the previous week. This brings the state’s death total to 5,675.

In total, approximately 3,332 elderly (58.73%); 1,955 older adults (34.45%); 339 middle aged adults (5.97%), 46 young adults (.81%), and at least one child (.04%) have died from

the virus since the pandemic began.

Seven new deaths have been reported from long term care facilities, bringing the total count to 2,225.

Hopefully though, that number will go no higher as Iowa is reporting zero outbreaks in any of the state’s long term care facilities for the first time in nearly a year. Not since the first outbreak was reported last April has the state been free of COVID-19 in their long term care facilities. However, with the vaccination of most residents and staff complete, it is hoped that these facilities can finally prepare to open back up to family visits.

First Security Welcomes Erica Studer

The First Security Bank & Trust Board of Directors and President/CEO Kurt Herbrechtsmeyer are pleased to announce that Erica Studer has joined the First Security team in Hampton as a Retail Advisor.

As a Retail Advisor, Studer will be responsible for a wide range of responsibilities. Primarily, she will handle customers’ day-to-day transactions and answer questions about First Security’s products and services.

“Erica has proven to be a huge asset to us already,” said Kayleigh Bass, Lead Retail Advisor at the Hampton First Security location. “She is hardworking and knowledgeable and has adapted to her new role very well!”

Studer was born and raised in Hampton and is a 2009 graduate of Hampton-Dumont High School. She also attended North Iowa Area Community College.

Before joining First Security, she worked at Fareway for 14 years and, while in high school, she worked for several years at AmericInn.

Studer and her husband, Lance, enjoy family outings, hikes, and walks in the community with their children, Lane (age 4) and Raelynn (age 2), as well as their two dogs, Mia and Cheyenne. Studer also

enjoys crafting with her Cricut machine.



Latimer News

Latimer Park Society met in the Community Center on Thursday afternoon, March 18 with 13 members in attendance. President Sharon introduced the guests from First Bank Hampton who spoke to the group about the bank soon opening a branch in Latimer. Dave Heuberger told about how the decision came about including sale of the building to First Bank. The three ladies who worked in the closed bank will be retained and work in the new branch and a loan officer will come out from the main bank. Dave said the city of Latimer has been a great help with the project and with the many changes that need to be made. Plans are to open the bank on April 5. The

new phone number is 641-579-6100. Gift packages were given to the Park members.

President Sharon conducted a business meeting. The Park Society is leading a project to have electronic door openers installed. An committee will check with the Latimer City Council as to their ideas and help. It was voted to transfer our bank account to the First Bank Hampton Latimer branch. It was moved to hold regular meetings in April and May if possible.

A light lunch of rolls and coffee was served by the executive committee. Members were able to pay their yearly dues. Sharon had a door prize of a spring wreath and Ida was the winner.

Youth Adventure and Military Program Open House

The Central Iowa Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps is holding a new member Informational Open House Monday, March 29, 2021, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. This open house will be held at the Iowa Falls American Legion Post, 709 S Oak St, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Sea Cadets is a leadership and adventure program for youth age 13-17 that have a desire to learn about the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army, and Air Force. There is a junior program available for youth age 10 – 13. Depending on the rate achieved in the Naval Sea Cadets, former cadets may be eligible to enlist in the armed forces at an advanced pay grade. Being a member honorably discharged from the Sea Cadet Corps is looked upon favorably by selection boards for military academies and ROTC program scholarships.

Through exposure to rigorous, authentic, and inspiring training experiences, the Central Iowa Division aspires to endow cadets with the knowledge, skills, and positive mindset to successfully pursue a meaningful future of their choice. While many of our cadets do successfully ascend to the Armed Forces upon high

school graduation, there is no military obligation associated with participation in the cadet program.

Any potential cadet wanting to train this summer must sign up prior to May 1. Training is available this summer and one weekend a month throughout the year.

For more information, email command@iowacadets.org, see <http://www.iowacadets.org>, call 641-752-0861, or see Central Iowa Sea Cadets on Facebook.

Evan Koenen named to Dean’s List at Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Evan Koenen of Hampton, IA has been named to the fall 2020 trimester Dean’s List at Palmer College of Chiropractic’s Main campus in Davenport, Iowa.

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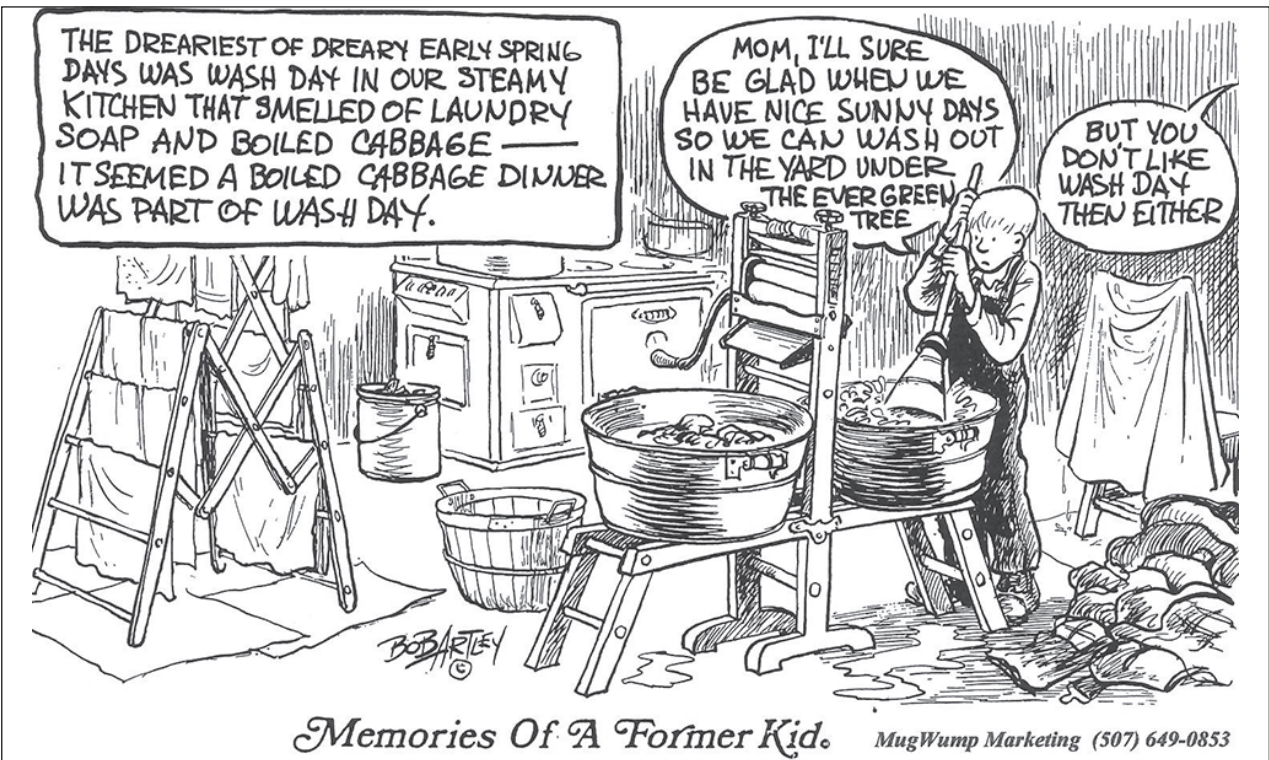
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American Rescue Plan: Good for Iowa Families



Sen. Amanda Ragan

Women have been especially hard hit by the pandemic. Throughout the country, more than 2.5 million women have dropped out of the workforce in the past year. Female participation dipped to 57%, its lowest point in more than three decades.

The American Rescue Plan—the largest relief package for families in recent U.S. history—will have a huge, positive impact. For example, the federal legislation signed into law on March 11 provides \$110 billion to expand the Child Tax Credit. Experts say the bill could slash child poverty by almost 50%, and help many women get back to work.

Millions of parents will get \$3,600 per child this year. Single parents making less than \$75,000 and couples making less than \$150,000 will receive a monthly tax credit of \$300 for every child under 6 and \$250 for every child 6 and over.

While this is a great step to helping families get their finances back on track, more can be done.

At the state level, we have many opportunities to

build on the federal stimulus package. Senate Democrats support a COVID Recovery Plan that would help families bounce back by:

- * Expanding access to child care, including expanding Iowa’s child and dependent care tax credit (SF 437; SF 177; SF 186).

- * Expanding access to preschool, which is suffering a significant loss in funding as a result of the pandemic (SF 189).

- * Ensuring eligible Iowa employees qualify for up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave from work (SF 137).

Other good news in the American Rescue Plan includes:

- * More than \$400 billion in public health spending—or roughly 21% of the stimulus package—for a national vaccination program, testing expansion, a public health jobs program and other measures to combat the virus.

- * \$358 billion for safely reopening schools and emergency paid leave for those who test positive for COVID-19.

- * \$420 billion for direct stimulus payments to individuals.

- * \$350 billion to extend unemployment benefits and supplement state unemployment insurance payments.

- * \$50 billion to expand health care access through the Affordable Care Act.

I’ll dig into other aspects of the American Rescue Plan in my columns over the coming weeks.



THE ALTERNATIVE
Fritz Groszkruger

The Oakland A’s have offered a six-person suite at RingCentral Coliseum in exchange for one Bitcoin. Previously priced at \$64,000, a bitcoin can get one for \$60,000 at its current value. They’ve received about 60 inquiries so far.

Other teams in other sports offer the option of being paid in Bitcoin, but their prices are based on dollars. The Athletics’ offer means one Bitcoin will buy the suite no matter what amount of dollars buys a Bitcoin. If the dollar crashes it would take lots of dollars to buy that suite.

What would make the dollar crash and what effect would that have? I’ve

said this before but will again because it is an explanation even I can understand. I’ve seen first hand the rules of supply and demand because farmers produce commodities with a posted price.

If there were 10 billion bushels of corn reported to be available by the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and then a new report found that number to be 13 billion, the price of corn would crash. I’ve seen it lots of times.

I have a friend who was talking about meeting a guy who was blabbing on and on about Biden’s \$1.9 trillion Covid relief handout. He was depicting it as a big change from the previous administration. Well, what do you know? Trump signed a \$2 trillion bailout bill and the guy forgot about that.

The thing is that the \$4 trillion (4,000 billion) came from the decreased value of all the other dol-

lars available. Like the increased corn bushels, what we have isn’t increased in number, but decreased in value.

When we look at the zooming stock market it is a matter of relationships, dollars to stocks. Trump encouraged (actually begged) Fed chairman Jerome Powell to print more money to create an illusion of prosperity. The rising prices of stocks are mostly a reflection of devalued dollars and when consumers complain to businesses about rising prices they should instead look toward the federal government.

With the blame misplaced, little can be done to stop the trend toward further income inequality. Rising prices hurt low income and fixed income people the most. The low income, or more accurately, their elite advocates, lobby for help through more handouts. The handouts will come from borrowing, printing, or taxing

the movers and shakers of the economy.

The United States stature in the world is based on our currency as the world’s standard of exchange. When banks and world industry finds that U.S. currency shrinks their positions, they will look elsewhere for a more reliable medium of exchange.

China’s currency has not gained favor yet because their centrally planned economy is still not as reliable as ours. But the use of Bitcoin at RingCentral Coliseum shows the early stages of the rejection of the dollar. When the rest of the world follows suit, watch out.

Any responses to The Alternative may be sent as a letter to the editor or to Fritz’s email address 4selfgovernment@gmail.com. His blog, www.alternativebyfritz.com, is now being updated regularly. It’s diverse, like the universities claim to be.

Game Changer



AGE OF THE GEEK

Travis Fischer

I may have mentioned it once or twice last year, but I really liked “Final Fantasy VII Remake.” In fact, with “Cyberpunk 2077” not entirely living up to expectations, I’m comfortable proclaiming it to be my 2020 Game of the Year.

I literally bought my PlayStation 4 primarily to play “Final Fantasy VII Remake” (that and “Marvel’s Spider-Man”) and I have been satisfied with that purchase. Yes, I bought an entire console dedicated to playing pretty much that singular game.

Unfortunately, the PS4 was already pretty late into its lifespan by the time I got around to picking it up. Likewise, this means that “Final Fantasy VII Remake” was also a later-in-life entry to the system’s library.

Once upon a time, that’s where it would end. Old games were for old systems. New systems were for new games.

These days though, the transition from one console generation to the next is much blurrier.

Nobody would claim that the newly released PlayStation 5 has a stacked library of new games. The first year or so of any new console’s life is typically marked with a fairly limited selection of things to play.

Thus, forwards-compatibility has become a key feature for any newly released video game console.

The concept is pretty simple. Take the most popular games from your current system and update them for your new one. Some game developers even offer this upgrade for free. If you own the game for the PlayStation 4, you can simply put it into your newly acquired PlayStation 5 and download the shiny new version.

(Others, ::cough::Nintendo::cough::, simply slap the word “deluxe” on the box and ask you to buy the game again at full price.)

And so, in this new tradition, we have “Final Fantasy VII Remake Intergrade,” the PlayStation 5 version of the game.

Publisher SquareEnix recently announced the updated version and have been touting all the improvements that players will see when they load the game up on their

next-gen system.

In looking at the comparison videos, I would be lying if I said I could tell the difference between the PlayStation 4 and PlayStation 5 versions. There are sharper textures, better lighting, and more particle effects, but overall even looking at them side by side a casual observer would be hard pressed to identify which is which.

It’s a testament to how far the gaming industry has come that there is so little left to improve on when it comes to graphical fidelity.

When I was younger, a new generation of video game systems represented staggering leaps in visual quality. In the span of a decade we went from 2D sprites made with fewer colors than your average Crayola box to fully 3D models and environments. The mid-late 90s saw entirely new genres of games invented out of thin air as 3D gaming found its footing.

Today, 20 years later, the industry is largely resigned to making increasingly marginal improvements on those same games. Controls and cameras have improved. Graphics look sharper. But overall, not much has changed in the last two decades of gam-

ing.

It would be nearly impossible to mistake an NES game for an SNES game, and even more impossible to mistake one for an N64 title. However, I’d wager that you could take a random selection of games from the last three generations of PlayStation consoles and have a difficult time telling which game belongs to which system.

That’s not a criticism so much as a simple observation. We’ve gone as far as we can go. Sure, you can always make textures sharper and add more polygons and particle effects, but these improvements have been offering diminishing returns for a long time now.

So, will I be purchasing a PlayStation 5 purely to play a slightly prettier version of “Final Fantasy VII Remake?” Of course not. That would be silly.

I’ll be buying one for its inevitable sequel, which I expect will look just as good as its last generation predecessor. Maybe slightly better.

Travis Fischer is a news writer for Mid-America Publishing and feels for the younger generations that never got to be wowed by Mode 7 or Blast Processing.

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Front Row News



Rep. Shannon Latham

Week 10 of the 2021 Legislative Session was a big week of debate! To give you an idea of how long our debates were, this week we passed six bills and last week we passed 67. Floor debate was spirited on bills such as Divisive Concepts (Critical Race Theory) and Second Amendment rights. Bills that passed through the House were messaged to the Senate for the senators' consideration.

Also this week, bills that passed through the Senate were messaged to the House. Now these bills will work their way through the committee process in the House. One such bill that I have been assigned to chair in subcommittee is Senate File 356. This bill limits civil liability for people involved with agricultural tourism.

This week action was taken on another bill of interest to North Iowans. House File (HF) 787 is the Butchery Innovation bill introduced by my good friend and colleague Rep. Chad Ingels. This bill was passed March 16 by a subcommittee assigned through the Economic Development Budget Subcommittee. I hope to see it pass through the full budget sub soon.

House File 787 creates a fund to provide financial assistance – grants, low-interest loans and forgivable loans – to expand or refurbish a small-scale meat processing business, licensed custom locker, or mobile slaughter unit. This bill also creates a task force to explore the feasibility of establishing an artisanal butchery program at a community college or a Regents institution.

Now onto some of the issues that made headlines this week...

Free Speech

Protecting free speech on Iowa's campuses and in our K-12 schools has been a top priority for House Republicans across many different committees this session. A school's role is to educate, not indoctrinate students into a certain political ideology. That's why this week the House passed HF 744 to prohibit faculty and staff from intentionally violating the free speech of students and allowing disciplinary measures if violations occur. It also requires free speech training at all Regent universities for students and faculty.

Divisive Concepts (Critical Race Theory)

Divisive concepts further divide our nation by teaching people to hate our nation and stifling the speech of anyone who disagrees. Critical Race Theory teaches to label, stereotype, and demonize people based on their race, gender, or sexual identity, rather than to judge people on the con-

tent of their character. That's why this week the Iowa House passed HF 802.

Firearms Manufacturer Immunity

Firearms are neither good nor evil. Guns can be used for good or evil, but it is the responsibility of the person holding the gun. House File 621 reestablishes that the responsibility for heinous acts relies solely on the perpetrator of the act, not on the manufacturer of the firearm or ammunition. However, manufacturers would still be able to be held accountable for defective firearms or ammunition.

Constitutional Carry

The right to keep and bear arms is a right, not a privilege, granted through the Second Amendment. House File 756, called the 2nd Amendment Omnibus Bill, passed the House after 11 P.M. last night. This bill does not eliminate background checks as many are being misled to believe. This bill may actually increase the amount and frequency of background checks on gun purchases.

Here's how the process works right now if I purchase a gun from a licensed dealer:

I get a permit, which requires a background check, and that permit is good for five years.

Anytime I purchase a gun in those five years, I show my permit.

If I commit a crime that would make me unable to pass a background check one year after getting my permit, I can purchase guns for more years. Because I have a permit, no background check is required on my purchase.

Here's how the process would work under the bill:

I could still get a permit if I choose. If I don't, I go through a background check every single time I purchase a gun.

Here's how the process works now when purchasing a gun through a private sale:

The seller asks to see my permit.

I flash the seller my permit. The seller doesn't know if that permit is still valid. Doesn't know if I've done anything to render me incapable of passing a background check since being issued the permit.

If the seller sells the firearm without asking to see my permit, it is an aggravated misdemeanor for both the seller and me. It is punishable by up to two years in jail and a fine between \$625 to \$6,250.

If it is determined that the seller knew or reasonably should've known that I am prohibited from buying a firearm, he/she is issued a class D felony.

Here's how the process would work under this bill:

The seller MUST KNOW that I am not prohibited from purchasing a firearm. If the seller does not know me well enough to be sure, he/she can visit a licensed dealer to run a background check on me.

If I am caught with a firearm that I should not have, it will be traced back to the seller. The seller will be subject to a Class D Felony, which is punishable by up to five years in prison plus a fine of at least \$750 but not more than \$7,500. The seller also will lose his/her right to carry or purchase a firearm.

CONCLUSION: Sellers will not want to take this huge risk, so more background checks will occur on private sales under this bill.

Stay in Touch

It was a pleasure this week to welcome Larry Sailer of Iowa Falls. Larry spoke with me and Speaker Grassley about mental health, property tax relief, and property easements.

Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns about bills and issues. You're welcome to send an email to Shannon.Latham@legis.iowa.gov or message me on my political Facebook page (@ShannonLathamIA).

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What's for Lunch?

HAMPTON-DUMONT CSD & CAL CSD

Monday, Mar. 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, Tropical Fruit. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Baby Carrots, Pears.

Tuesday, Mar. 30: **Breakfast:** Sausage Cheese Biscuit, Mandarin Oranges. **Lunch:** Creamed Chicken on a Biscuit, Cottage Cheese (5-12), Peas, Peaches.

Wednesday, Mar. 31: **Breakfast:** Mini Pancakes, Sausage Patty, Orange Wedges. **Lunch:** Pizza Boat, Corn, Apple Slices.

Thursday, Apr. 1: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon Roll (K-12), Cereal/Toast (HdS), Peaches. **Lunch:** Super Nachos (tortilla chips, taco meat, cheese), Broccoli, Peaches.

Friday, Apr. 2: **NO SCHOOL:** Good Friday

SUDOKU

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

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

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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7	8	4	1	8	9	5	2	6
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FROM THE LOG

HAMPTON POLICE REPORTS

Monday, March 15:
• 12:01 a.m.: Shirley Dass, 83, Hampton, charged with failure to obey traffic control device.
• 2:22 a.m.: Report of a dropped 9-1-1 call in the 500 block of 1st Ave. NE, Hampton.
• 9 a.m.: Officers received information.
• 10:30 a.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil matter.
• 10:40 a.m.: Report of a violation of a no contact order in the 100 block of 8th St. NW, Hampton.
• 12:11 p.m.: Report of an injured bird in the 200 block of 6th St. SW, Hampton.
• 2:39 p.m.: Report of a 9-1-1 hang up call in the 100 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.
• 6:20 p.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil matter in the area of 4th Ave. SE, Hampton.
• 7:39 p.m.: Report of a disturbance in the 100 block of 4th St. SE, Hampton.
Tuesday, March 16:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Vera Dayle Martin

NOTICE TO CREDITORS, HEIRS, AND SURVIVING SPOUSE TO ALL PERSONS REGARDING VERA DAYLE MARTIN, DECEASED, WHO DIED ON OR ABOUT MARCH 4, 2021:
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• 8:33 a.m.: Report of a junk ordinance nuisance in the 100 block of 5th Ave. SE, Hampton.
• 10:11 a.m.: Officers received information.
• 10:28 a.m.: Report of a subject seeking information in the 10 block of 4th St. SE, Hampton.
• 1 p.m.: Report of a stolen vehicle recovered in the 300 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton.
• 1:40 p.m.: Officers responded to a medical rescue call in the 1300 block of N Federal St., Hampton.
• 1:57 p.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil call.
• 2:32 p.m.: Report of an item found in the area of 3rd Ave. SE, Hampton.
• 2:48 p.m.: Report of credit card fraud in the 700 block of W Central Ave., Hampton.
• 3:44 p.m.: Report of harassment/violation of a no contact order.
• 9:31 p.m.: Officers received a request for a welfare check.
Wednesday, March 17:
• 12 a.m.: Report of a possible gas leak in the 300 block of W

Central Ave., Hampton.
• 7:10 a.m.: Brody Buck, Waterloo, arrested in the 900 block of 3rd St. NW, Hampton, for theft, 2nd, OWI, 2nd offense, eluding, driving on a suspended license, assault on a person of a certain occupation, stop sign violation, two violations, speed, two violations, operating without interlock device, reckless driving, and failure to maintain control.
• 1:28 p.m.: Report of a scam call.
• 1:39 p.m.: Officers responded to a lift assist request in the 100 block of 1st Ave. NW, Hampton.
• 1:42 p.m.: Report of a theft in the 10 block of 4th St. SE, Hampton.
• 3:50 p.m.: Report of a lost article in the 200 block of 1st St. SW, Hampton.
• 11:12 p.m.: Report of an assault in the 500 block of 1st St. NW, Hampton.
Thursday, March 18:
• 4:27 a.m.: Report of harassment.
• 11:45 a.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil matter in the 100 block of 8th St. NW, Hampton.

• 2:48 p.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil matter in the 10 block of 3rd Ave. NW, Hampton.
• 3:33 p.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 call in the 1700 block of E Central Ave., Hampton.
• 3:34 p.m.: Report of a junk ordinance nuisance in the 200 block of 3rd Ave. NW, Hampton.
• 6:14 p.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil matter in the 300 block of 5th St. SE, Hampton.
Friday, March 19:
• Officers received one general call.
• 1:17 a.m.: Report of people outside of an apartment in the 400 block of 12th Ave. NW, Hampton.
• 5:09 a.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil issue in the 100 block of 8th St. NW, Hampton.
• 8:15 a.m.: Report of a traffic complaint.
• 1:52 p.m.: Officers provided extra patrol in the 100 block of 12th Ave. NE, Hampton.
• 2:34 p.m.: Report of harassment in the 10 block of 10th Ave. NW, Hampton.
• 3:03 p.m.: Report of a 9-1-1 hang up call.

• 4:49 p.m.: Report of a juvenile fight in the 700 block of 2nd St. NE, Hampton.
• 5:14 p.m.: Report of a traffic complaint in the 1600 block of E Central Ave., Hampton.
• 6:19 p.m.: Report of missing juveniles in the 100 block of 2nd Ave. SE, Hampton.
• 9:41 p.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil matter in the 500 block of W Central Ave., Hampton.
Saturday, March 20:
• 9:04 a.m.: Report of a suspicious situation in the 500 block of 1st Ave. NW, Hampton.
• 11:10 a.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil matter in the 100 block of 8th St. NW, Hampton.
• 11:31 a.m.: Report of a driving complaint in the 100 block of 8th St. NW, Hampton.
• 2:48 p.m.: Report of harassment/threat in Iowa Falls.
• 3:30 p.m.: James Wentzel, 46, Hampton, arrested in the 500 block of W Central Ave., Hampton, for failure to appear on trespassing charge; posted bond and released.
• 4:14 p.m.: Report of a miscellaneous civil matter in Des Moines.
• 5:32 p.m.: Report of a 9-1-1 hang up call in the 900 block of 4th St. NW, Hampton.
• 7:57 p.m.: Officers received a no contact order complaint in the 700 block of 7th Ave. SW, Hampton.
Sunday, March 21:
• 12:54 a.m.: Report of a noise complaint in the 400 block of 12th Ave. NW, Hampton.
• 1:01 a.m.: Report of a disturbance in the 10 block of S Federal St., Hampton.
• 1:37 a.m.: Report of a vehicle complaint in the 1900 block of Hwy. 65.
• 4:31 a.m.: Report of an open end call in the 300 block of W Central Ave., Hampton.
• 6:47 a.m.: Officers received a car alarm call in the 400 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.
• 10:09 a.m.: Report of an unwanted subjected in the 600 block of W Central Ave., Hampton.
• 1:21 p.m.: Report of a junk ordinance in the 300 block of 9th St. NW, Hampton.
• 2:30 p.m.: Officers responded to a rescue call in the 400 block of 12th Ave. NW, Hampton.
• 3:23 p.m.: Report of a dropped 9-1-1 call in the 1200 block of E Central Ave., Hampton.
• 3:50 p.m.: Report of a vehicle complaint in the 400 block of 1st St. NE, Hampton.
• 5:57 p.m.: Officers had a report of an animal issue in the 1000 block of Val Kay Ct., Hampton.
• 7:31 p.m.: Report of a traffic complaint in the 900 block of 3rd St. NW, Hampton.
• 8:14 p.m.: Report of a junk ordinance nuisance in the 500 block of 8th Ave. SW, Hampton.
• 9:40 p.m.: Report of harassment/threat in the 100 block of 5th Ave. NE, Hampton.
• 10:06 p.m.: Report of harassment/threat in the 400 block of 12th Ave. NW, Hampton.
• 10:47 p.m.: Corey Casady, Hampton, arrested in the 300 block of 5th St. SW, Hampton, for disturbance and on a Story County warrant.

65 and 130th, Hampton.
• 5:42 p.m.: Officers responded to a medical assist call in the 200 block of Main St., Latimer.
• 6:54 p.m.: Report of a dog call in the 300 block of Gilman St., Sheffield.
• 7:39 p.m.: Officers assisted Hampton Police Department in the 100 block of 4th St., Hampton.
• 9:33 p.m.: Report of a car/deer accident in the area of Hwy. 65 and 240th St., Sheffield.
• 10:15 p.m.: Officers responded to an ambulance call in the 200 block of 2nd St., Dumont.
• 10:57 p.m.: Report of debris on the roadway in the area of Hwy. 65, Hampton.
Tuesday, March 16:
• Officers received one general call.
• 12:51 a.m.: Officers received a call advising of slick road conditions in the area of Hwy. 3 and Mallard, Hampton.
• 6:05 a.m.: Report of a vehicle in the ditch in the area of Iowa Falls.
• 7:09 a.m.: Report of a deceased dog.
• 7:55 a.m.: Report of a dispatch call.
• 11:27 a.m.: Officers assisted Hampton Police Department in the 300 block of 5th St., Hampton.
• 12:53 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call to I-35, northbound.
• 12:56 p.m.: Report of a dog call in the area of Hwy. 65, northbound, Hampton.
• 1:36 p.m.: Report of property found in the 700 block of Kildeer, Hampton.
• 8:42 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call to I-35, northbound, Latimer.
Wednesday, March 17:
• Officers received two general calls.
• 7:40 a.m.: Officers assisted Hampton Police Department.
• 7:52 a.m.: Brody Alan Buck, 24, Waterloo, arrested for assault on a peace officer, eluding, theft, 2nd, failure to maintain control, reckless driving, OWI, 2nd, driving under suspension, driving on the wrong side of a two way highway, failure to obey stop sign, two violations, speeding, having no insurance, and failing to have interlock device; also have a warrant out of Cerro Gordo County.
• 2:51 p.m.: Report of stolen property in the 1600 block of Grouse Ave., Latimer.
• 4:38 p.m.: Report of a dog found in the 1800 block of Olive Ave., Sheffield.
• 5:10 p.m.: Officers transferred a prisoner to Bremer County jail.
• 5:57 p.m.: Toyusi Johnson, 41, Des Moines, arrested by Iowa State Patrol for OWI, 3rd, having no SR 22 insurance, driving while barred, and speeding; subject posted bond.
• 6:43 p.m.: Officers received a request for a welfare check in the area of Barrett St., Coulter.
• 11:12 p.m.: Officers assisted Hampton Police Department in the area of 1st St., Hampton.
Thursday, March 18:
• 7:03 a.m.: Officers transported a prisoner to Bremer County jail, Waverly.
• 9:04 a.m.: Officers responded to a medical assist call.
• 11:06 a.m.: Officers provided court security at the Courthouse, Hampton.
• 1:08 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity.
• 2:28 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call to the 3200 block of 270th St., Dows.
• 5:31 p.m.: Miguel Leyva Moor, 20, Hampton, arrested by Hampton Police Department for violation of a no contact order; subject posted bond.
• 8:34 p.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle in the area of 70th and

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PUBLIC NOTICE Franklin Co. BOS 3.15.2021

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MARCH 15TH, 2021
Be it duly noted that these minutes are UNOFFICIAL.
The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Michael Nolte, Gary McVicker, Chris Vanness present.
Chairman Nolte led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to approve the Agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to approve the Board Minutes and Drainage Minutes dated 3/8/21. All ayes. Motion carried.
Public Comment & Board Committee Reports: Vanness attended Conservation Board. McVicker attended Tourism. He noted that the Convention Center Open House is March 20th and all Supervisors should plan to be there. McVicker also attended Second Judicial District. Nolte attended Franklin County Farm Bureau at a request by the board.
Jay Waddingham, County Engineer met with the Board regarding various items. Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to approve Franklin County Utility Permit Application for Lumen (CenturyLink) for Telecom construction that will bore 902' and plow 4258' and place 3 handholes along Quail Ave & Central Ave East in Hampton, Iowa for Job N.827954. All ayes. Motion carried. Waddingham present the board with the 5 Year plan and maps for consideration.
A department meeting was called to order at 9:30AM. Full details can be obtained from the County Attorney's office.
Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to open the FY21/22 Budget Public Hearing. There were no public comments. The Auditor noted that the Mental Health Regional Levy will be reduced by request of

the region. Other than that, no comment had been received. Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to close the public hearing at 9:35AM. Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to approve a resolution approving the FY21/22 Budget. The resolution reads as follows:
RESOLUTION #2021-20
ADOPTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Monday, March 15th, 2021 to receive comments regarding the proposed FY21/22 Budget.
WHEREAS, the FY21/22 Budget of expenditures and revenues as was published, per Public Notice, in the March 3rd, 2021, issue of the Official County newspapers, Hampton Chronicle and The Sheffield Press, and presented at the public hearing on March 15th, 2021
THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed FY21/22 Budget as was presented and published. Budget certification attached.
Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: McVicker, Nolte, Vanness. The Resolution was duly adopted.
Carissa Sisson, Assessor, gave the Board an update to happenings in her department. She updated the board on some proposed change in legislation and deadlines her office has.
Katy Flint, Auditor, gave the Board an update to happenings in her department. They had two special elections on March 2nd and are interviewing to fill an upcoming vacancy due to retirement. They are also working through the new election laws and updated the board about restricting due to the 2020 Census.
The Human Resource Director, Audrey Emery, met with the board and provided proposals for the new electronic timecard that will be implemented. After discussion, it was

the consensus of the Board that all county employees and departments will utilize the new system once in place. Emery will provide training sessions for both department heads and employees. There was also discussion regarding the withholding schedule of employee benefits. All benefits will be spread out over 24 pay periods in the year. This change will take effect July 1st, 2021. More details will be provided to employees in the upcoming weeks.
There was continued discussion regarding drainage repairs and utilizing an engineer. The Auditor proposed an idea of continuing to use CGA, but if a project was under a threshold, the project would then be turned over to the county to utilize independent contractors. There were questions about liability insurance and contractors. The Auditor will do some information gathering. Discussions will continue.
Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to approve the special election invoices. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to appoint Rick Rieken to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Board. All ayes. Motion carried.
The Auditor gave the board information regarding payments made to the libraries within the county. They were slightly overpaid. A budget amendment will be done in the future to account for the increase and the Auditor will send a letter to all the library directors letting them know what has happened.
Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to approve the payment of a claim to Pralle's Wash City. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by McVicker to adjourn at 11:30AM until, March 22nd, 2021 at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
ATTEST:
Michael Nolte, Chairman
Katy A Flint, Auditor

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PUBLIC NOTICE Hampton City Council • Minutes

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
The Hampton City Council Regular Session was called to order at City Council Chambers via Zoom teleconference by Mayor Russell Wood at 6:00 p.m. Due to heightened public health risks surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Federal, State and local public health requirements of social distancing, it was determined that holding a "normal" meeting was impracticable and the only individual physically present in the city hall was City Manager Dunt. All other participants including city staff and elected officials participated remotely via Zoom teleconference. The agenda for this meeting also displayed instructions for the public to call in and participate in this open meeting. Public Works Director Doug Tarr and Police Chief Bob Schaefer participated via telephone. Council members partic-

ipating electronically were Steve Birdsall, Patrick Palmer, Richard Lukensmeyer, Jim Davies, Barry Lamos and Bill Hodge. Mayor Wood called for a motion to approve the agenda.
Motion by Birdsall to approve the agenda. Second by Lukensmeyer. Motion approved unanimously.
Council Workshop report. None.
Public Comment: None.
Public Hearing: Public Hearing regarding proposed FY 2022 Budget: Mayor Wood announced it was the time and place for a public hearing regarding the FY 2022 Budget. Mayor Wood opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. City Manager Dunt outlined the details. Mayor Wood then offered opportunity for public input. None. Mayor Wood closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.
Mayor Wood introduced Resolution 2021-04 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022." Mayor

Wood referred reading of the resolution and/or comments to the City Manager. Motion by Palmer to approve Resolution 2021- 04, second by Hodge. Roll call vote. Ayes: Lamos, Birdsall, Palmer, Hodge, Lukensmeyer and Davies. Nays: none. Resolution 2021-04 was unanimously approved.
Old Business: None.
New Business: Councilman Davies read the February 18, 2021 minutes of the Hampton Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Motion by Palmer, second by Davies to acknowledge receipt of Hampton Planning & Zoning Commission minutes recommending approving a moratorium on new bars and nightclubs with a liquor license in the A-T and C-1 Zoning Districts. Motion approved unanimously.
Resolutions and Ordinances: City Manager Dunt presented Ordinance No. 387: "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION OF ANY NEW BARS, TAVERNS,

NIGHTCLUBS, OR ANY OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS WITH A LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE ARTERIAL TRANSITIONAL (A-T) AND DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL (C-1) ZONING DISTRICTS" (first reading) Motion by Lukensmeyer, second by Palmer to approve the first reading of Ordinance 387. Roll call vote. Ayes: Davies, Lukensmeyer, Palmer, Hodge, Birdsall and Lamos. Nays: none. Ordinance 387 first reading approved.
Consent Agenda. None
Staff reports given by Police Chief Schaefer, Public Works Director Tarr and City Manager Dunt.
Council Reports given by Lukensmeyer, Palmer, Birdsall and Hodge. No Mayor's Report given. Motion to adjourn by Birdsall at 6:38 p.m. Second by Lukensmeyer. Motion approved unanimously.
Adjournment 6:38p.m.
Attest: Ron Dunt, City Manager
Mayor Russell Wood

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Coulter • Minutes and Claims

CITY OF COULTER UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING
City of Coulter Council Meeting at Coulter City Hall called to order at 6:30pm on March 10, 2021 by Mayor Joel Lohrbach. Meeting available via Zoom. Agenda displayed Zoom instructions for public participation. Council members present: Lon Allan, Cristie Larsen, Machele Raska, Anthony J. Stadlander, and Dan Tilkes. Public present: Myron Lawler. Tilkes motioned to approve the Agenda, Allan second. Motion approved unanimously. Mayor Lohrbach called the 2021-03 Adoption of FY22 Budget to order at 6:30pm. No written or public comments received or presented. Tilkes motioned to close the Public Hearing, Larsen second. Motion carried unanimously. Tilkes motioned to approve Resolution 2021-03 Adoption of FY22 Budget, Stadlander second. Ayes: Allan, Larsen, Raska, Stadlander, Tilkes. Nays: None. Motion approved unanimously. Scott Bahr with Tri County Insurance addressed the Council regarding insurance for the

05/21-05/22 period, approximately 20% rate increase. Also discussed: Cyber Security and Fire Dept CDL requirements. First reading of Ordinance Amendment 2021-50 amending Title VI Physical Environment Chapter 13 Utilities, Storm Water Management, 6-13-7 Service Charge. Amendment increases Storm Water rate from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and removes exemption from City Properties. No written or public comments received or presented. Motion by Tilkes to approve the first reading of 2021-50, Raska second. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Larsen to waive the second and third readings of 2021-50, Tilkes second. Ayes: Larsen, Tilkes. Nays: Allan, Raska, Stadlander. Motion failed. Second reading of 2021-50 will be 04/14/2021. First reading of Ordinance Amendment 2021-51 amending Title VI Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities, Billing Charges, 6-5-9 Refuse Collection Rates. Amendment increases Sanitation rate from 17.75 to \$18.75 effective July 1st. No written or public comments received or presented. Allan motioned to approve first reading of 2021-51, Tilkes second.

Motion carried unanimously. No motion to waive second and third readings of 2021-51. Second reading of 2021-51 will be 04/14/2021. Mayor Lohrbach addressed mowing bids for Coulter Cemetery and City properties. Ad will be placed in the Hampton Chronicle to run two consecutive weeks. Bids accepted through April 12, 2021. Stadlander motioned to approve Koenen Lawn Care contract for 2021 season, Raska second. Tilkes abstained. Motion carried. Raska motioned to close Community Center Handicap Parking for CVFD Grab-N-Go Fish Fry, Allan second. Motion carried unanimously. Closure from 12:00pm on 03/25 until 12:00pm on 03/26. Larsen motioned to obtain City Sam's Club Plus membership, Raska second. Ayes: Larsen, Raska, Stadlander, Tilkes. Nays: Allan. Motion carried. ACH Utility Bill payment options through Unitrend Bank and Trust discussed. City cost will be \$10.00 per month for a 12-month period, reevaluated annually. Stadlander motioned to approve, Raska second. Motion carried unanimously. Myron Lawler present to discuss updates to the Coulter Cemetery Rules and Reg-

ulations. Stadlander motioned to approve, with changes, Tilkes second. Motion carried unanimously. Updated Rules & Regulations available at City Hall or Cemetery Board members. Non-action Items Discussed: Fire Station roof repairs completed by Marshall Construction, fundraising progress sign for the new Fire Station, combined Coulter Fun Day & Fire Department fundraiser on 04/11. Hwy 3 Coulter sign, 34 Barrett Street, transferring of LOST revenue to negative Storm Sewer Fund balance also discussed. Allan motioned, Tilkes second, to approve February 10, 2021 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously. Stadlander motioned, Raska second, to approve February 16, 2021 Budget Workshop minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously. Raska motioned, Larsen second, to approve the bills presented for payment totaling \$12,750.80. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Tilkes to adjourn, Allan second. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm. Claims approved for payment:
EXPENDITURES
AgSource -Water Testing49.00
Alliant -Utilities2562.73

Auto Parts -Plow25.97
Better Homes -Subscription28.00
City of Latimer -Lagoon95.78
Country -Subscription30.00
D & L -Sanitation1811.25
Dudleys -Fuel & Supplies233.98
Employees - City -February Wages1130.87
Employees - Library -February Wages776.69
Erran Miller -BLS Recertification234.00
Frontier -Communications217.64
First Bank Hampton -Storm Sewer Loan545.82
Douglas Jorge -Snow Removal350.00
Marshall Construction -City Shed & Fire Station1445.00
Meredith -Books33.81
MicroMarketing -Books694.10
Mid-American -Legal Publishing167.22
Midwest Living -Subscription18.00
Mort's Plumbing -Furnace Maintenance130.50
Mort's Water -Snow Removal540.00
Pralle's -Washes28.25
Sandy Fire -Annual Service637.25
Taste of Home -Subscription25.97

USPS -Stamps55.00
VISA (City) -Zoom & Sign41.99
Karen Zander -February Cleaning15.00
IPERS -Retirement367.49
IRS -Federal Payroll Tax449.48
Total\$12750.80
FEBRUARY RECEIPTS BY FUND
General11129.42
Road Use1747.75
Employee Benefit34.40
Emergency14.40
Debt Service312.14
Sanitation1996.25
Sewer2945.45
Storm Sewer701.60
Water3225.60
Water Deposit50.00
Total\$22157.01
MARCH EXPENSES BY FUND
General5580.75
Fire Department1198.58
Library2008.69
Sanitation1811.25
Sewer672.96
Storm Sewer545.82
Water932.75
Total\$12750.80
Joel Lohrbach, Mayor
ATTEST:
Janet Hanson, City Clerk

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FROM THE COURTHOUSE

Civil Court
The court handled one child support matter.

District Court

- Andres Gomez, 32, Latimer, pled guilty on March 16 to Disorderly Conduct - Fighting or Violent Behavior (pled from Assault). Gomez was sentenced to 10 days in jail and \$537.64 in costs.
- Austin Mehmen, 18, Hampton, pled guilty on March 16 to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mehmen was fined \$105 plus 15% surcharge and \$60 in costs.
- Ronald Riser Jr., 52, Hansell, pled guilty on March 12 to OWI Second Offense. Riser was sentenced to seven days in jail, fined \$1,875 plus 15% surcharge, and \$100 in costs. An additional charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance Marijuana First Offense was dismissed.
- Gariel Guerrero, 19, Hampton, received a deferred judgment on March 15 to OWI First Offense. Guerrero was placed on one year of no supervision, assessed a \$1,250 civil penalty, and \$460 in costs. An additional charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance Marijuana First Offense was dismissed.

Small Claims

- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Lowell Freyholtz, Hampton. Judgment for the plaintiff on March 16 in the amount of \$2,993.88 with 2.06% interest from February 2.

Real Estate

The Franklin County Recorder's Office recorded the follow-

ing real estate transactions:

Warranty Deed: Marilyn Arends to Jean Arends; Tr NW1/4 6-92-22; 2020-0411.

Warranty Deed: Marilyn Arends to Roy Arends; Tr SE1/4 31-93-11 Exc; 2021-0412.

Warranty Deed: Murrel and Rosalyn Symens to Brent Symens; Tr E1/2 SW Fr1 1/4 31-92-20 Exc; 2021-0414.

Warranty Deed: Steven Schipper to Gregory Harms; Tr SW1/4 SE1/4 26-93-19; 2021-0417.

Warranty Deed: Mary Jo and Robert Charleston Jr. to Curtis Christopherson; SW1/4 NW1/4 12-93-19; 2021-0419.

Warranty Deed: Alicia Saldivar and Alejandro Canseco to Justin Schoop; Lot 11 Riggins Add Hampton; 2021-0422.

Warranty Deed: Lowell and Gwana Wirtjes to Compro Casas; Lot 4 Blk 2 Val Kay Ct Hampton; 2021-0427.

Warranty Deed: Eric Erickson to Joshua and Jessica Rowe; Tr SE1/4 19-91-19; 2021-0428.

Court Officer Deed: Estate of Clinton Poley to Kaitlyn Porter; Parcel 2020-45 NE1/4 SW1/4 13-91-19; 2021-0430.

Court Officer Deed: Estate of Clinton Poley to Tanner Brass; Lot 3 Blk 1 Thompson's Add Hampton; 2021-0431.

Warranty Deed: Deb Witte to BP Rentals; N1/2 SE1/4 Blk 6 Harriman's Add Hampton; 2021-0443.

Quit Claim Deed: Ethan and Aren Carr to Ethan Carr; Tr Lot 1 Blk 10 Borst's 2nd Add Sheffield; 2021-0439.

Re-Record Warranty Deed: Jessica Rowe; Tr Lot 10 SE1/4 19-91-19; 2021-0448.



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PROBATE
Merlin D. Plagge

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Merlin D. Plagge, Deceased.
CASE NO. ESPR501656

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Estate of Merlin D. Plagge, Deceased, who died on or about February 14, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on February 28, 2021, the last will and testament of Merlin D. Plagge, deceased, bearing date of May 27, 2011, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Don R. Plagge was/were appointed executor(s) of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated March 9, 2021.

Don R. Plagge
Executor of the Estate
1146 Quail Ave.
Sheffield, IA 50475

John E. Coonley, ICIS#: 00007542
Attorney for the Executor
Coonley & Coonley
121 First Ave. N.W.
P.O. Box 397
Hampton, IA 50441
641-456-4741
Date of second publication: Wednesday, Mar 24, 2021
Probate Code Section 304

PROBATE
Duane George Swanson

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Duane George Swanson, Deceased.
CASE NO. ESPR501657

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Duane George Swanson, Deceased, who died on or about February 3, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on March 2, 2021, the last will and testament of Duane George Swanson, deceased, bearing date of November 14, 2021, and the First Codicil to the Last Will and Testament of Duane George Swanson dated January 24, 2017 was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Jean Marie Swanson was/were appointed executor(s) 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.

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Dated March 9, 2021.

Jean Marie Swanson
Executor of the Estate
831 110th Street
Hampton, IA 50441

John E. Coonley, ICIS PIN No: 00007542
Attorney for the Executor
Firm Name: Coonley & Coonley
Address: 121 First Ave. NW, P.O. Box 397, Hampton, IA 50441
Date of second publication: Thursday, Mar 24, 2021
Probate Code Section 304

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Drainage District 25, Franklin County

NOTICE OF DRAINAGE ELECTION
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 25, FRANKLIN COUNTY
SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021
POLLS OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

JOHN SNYNER'S HOME – 1106 CARDINAL AVE, DOWS, IA 50071

To all landowners within Drainage District 25 which includes all or parts of Sections 4, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 20 of Morgan Township 91 North, Range 22 West.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition signed by a majority of persons owning land within Drainage District 25 has been filed in the office of the Franklin County Auditor.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors, acting as Trustees of Drainage District 25, has canvassed said petition and ordered an election to be held on the 10th day of April, 2021, with polls opening at 1:00 P.M. and closing at 5:00 P.M. located at John Snyder's Home, 1106 Cardinal Ave, Dows, IA 50071

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED

that three trustees will be elected and will hold office until the fourth Saturday in January next succeeding the election. On the third Saturday in January next succeeding this election, an election shall be held at which three trustees shall be chosen, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and each shall qualify and enter upon the duties of the office on the fourth Saturday of the same January. On the third Saturday in each succeeding January, an election shall be held to choose a successor to the trustee whose term is about to expire. (Code of Iowa §468.518.)

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that landowners eighteen years of age or older and any railway or corporation owning land in the district assessed for benefits shall be entitled to one vote only. (Code of Iowa §468.510 and §468.515.) Only one individual per joint owner or corporation may vote.

Published by order of the Franklin County Board of Supervisors, as Trustees for Drainage District 25.

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NOTICE OF PETITION
Bautista and Lopez CDDM500576

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF TERESA CENON BAUTISTA AND ALEXIS JONATHAN SOSA LOPEZ

Upon the Petition of TERESA CENON BAUTISTA, Petitioner And Concerning ALEXIS JONATHAN SOSA LOPEZ, Respondent.

Case No. CDDM500576
ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: ALEXIS JONATHAN SOSA LOPEZ

You are notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and Dis-Establish Paternity has been issued by the Iowa District Court

for Franklin County in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as the respondent in this action. The name and address of the attorney for the petitioner is Megan R. Rosenberg, 9 First Street SW, P.O. Box 456, Hampton, IA 50441. The attorney's phone number is 641-456-2555; facsimile number: 641-456-3315.

You are further notified that you must serve a motion or answer on or before the 5th day of May, 2021 and within a reasonable time thereafter file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Franklin County. If you do not, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

THIS CASE HAS BEEN FILED

IN A COUNTY THAT UTILIZES ELECTRONIC FILING. Therefore, unless the attached signature page contains a hearing date for your appearance, or W!less you obtain an exemption from e-filing from the Court, you must file your Appearance and Answer electronically. You must register to e-file through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at https:// www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/EFile and obtain a log in and password for the purposes of filing and viewing documents on your case and of receiving service and notices from the court. FOR GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION ON ELECTRONIC FILING, REFER TO THE IOWA COURT RULES CHAPTER 16 PERTAINING TO THE USE OF THE

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, also available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website. FOR COURT RULES ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY IN COURT FILINGS, REFER TO DIVISION VI OF IOWA COURT RULES CHAPTER 16.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at (515) 574-3751. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.) Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

IMPORTANT
YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Latimer City Council • Minutes and Claims

THE LATIMER CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA GOTO MEETING. INFORMATION WAS POSTED WITH THE AGENDA AS TO HOW PUBLIC COULD ATTEND VIRTUALLY. MAYOR MARK JOHANSEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS: LANDON PLAGGE, SHAUN KOENEN, ERIC BRUNS, CATHERINE CROOKS AND RANDY DEBOUR ANSWERING ROLL CALL. MAYOR JOHANSEN LED ALL IN ATTENDANCE IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Plagge made a motion to approve the agenda as printed and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Maintenance reported that he installed the new floor in the office. Found a water leak at the Dugger Funeral Home and got the water shut off inside. There was also a water leak by Lubben's Trailer. The water main leak on Reynolds and also a smaller leak in East Park.

City Clerk reported that she was sworn in as the interim city clerk for Swaledale this week and will be helping them through their budget process. She registered for an IM-FOA conference for April and has been working on getting the ACH payments changed to deposit into the new checking account.

Mayor Johansen reported that he had several questions regarding

the garbage letter and clarified that it was a general letter.

Plagge made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2021 meeting and was seconded by Koenen. Motion passed unanimously.

After review of the bills presented by the City Clerk, Bruns made a motion to approve the bills to be paid and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Next the council reviewed the Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Report, with any questions directed to the clerk.

Koenen made a motion to approve the liquor license for Latimer Golf Inc effective 4/1/21-10/1/21. This motion was seconded by Crooks and passed with majority vote as Plagge and Bruns abstained due to conflict of interest.

There was discussion held regarding the ash trees on city property. Plagge made a motion to hire Koenen Lawn Care to treat the trees in East and West Park. Bruns seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 7:00 pm, Crooks made a motion to open the public hearing and was seconded by Koenen. Motion passed unanimously. No community members were present for comment, so Plagge made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Following the public hearing and review of the proposed budget for FY 2022, DeBour made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-

15, adopting the proposed budget for FY 2022. This motion was seconded by Bruns and passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The City Council held the first reading of Ordinance 2021-04 amending the salaries for the municipal officers (2-4-1, 2-4-2, 2-4-3). Following the reading, DeBour made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-04 including a 5% increase for council members per meeting (increased to \$37 per meeting), a 5% increase for the Mayor (increased to \$1,890 per year) and also a 5% increase for the Mayor Pro-Tem (increased to \$525 per year). This motion was seconded by Koenen and passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Council discussed waiving the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2021-04 amending the salaries for the municipal officer, followed by a motion by Plagge to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of this ordinance. This motion was seconded by Bruns, and passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion regarding the lawn spraying on City properties for the upcoming season and it was decided to continue with Koenen Lawn Care agreement of \$3,052.10 per year with a motion made by DeBour and seconded by Bruns. Motion passed with majority as Koenen abstained due to conflict of interest.

Bruns made a motion at 7:05 pm to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Plagge. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Johansen, Mayor

ATTEST:
Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

General

Alliant Energy, electricity for city sign \$28.10
Auto Parts, belt, FD supplies, misc \$536.50
Bank Iowa, credit card payment \$106.62
Cady & Rosenberg Law Firm, attorney \$236.02
EFTPS, Federal and FICA taxes \$50.00
Fastenal, community center supplies \$321.12
Frontier, phone service \$107.90
Hampton Chronicle, publishing \$67.16
Hampton Hardware, shop supplies \$171.61
IMFOA, Spring Conference \$4.27
IPERS, retirement \$125.00
Melissa Simmons, phone reimbursement \$231.65
Menards, supplies \$40.00
MidAmerican Energy, electricity \$77.03
Mort's Water, plug \$1,009.07
North Central Building Supplies, Community Center back recover \$11.34
Office Elements, office supplies \$2,254.74
Sandry Fire Supply, LLC, hoses \$52.80
Shell Steenblock, community center cleaning \$2,086.52
Treasurer, State of Iowa, State Taxes \$112.50
Wayne Pralle, phone reimbursement \$160.65
TOTAL \$7,294.10

Road Use Tax

EFTPS, Federal and FICA taxes \$497.08
IPERS, retirement \$354.31
MidAmerican Energy, street lights \$536.50
Treasurer, State of Iowa, State taxes \$250.95
TOTAL \$1,638.84

Water

AgSource Cooperative Services, testing \$25.50
EFTPS, Federal and FICA taxes \$294.14
Frontier, phone service \$72.19
Hawkins, chemicals \$2,026.33
IPERS, retirement \$226.87
Latimer Post Office, postage \$72.00
MidAmerican Energy, electricity \$360.74
Mort's Water, water leak fixes \$4,007.47
Municipal Supply, replacement water meters \$847.50
Franklin REC, electricity - water tower \$279.42
Treasurer, State of Iowa, WET tax payment \$305.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, State taxes \$125.10
Westrum Leak Detection, finding water leaks \$9,164.76
TOTAL \$9,164.76

Sewer

Auto Parts, generator supplies \$27.26
EFTPS, Federal and FICA taxes \$294.10
Frontier, phone service \$72.19
IPERS, retirement \$226.86
Joel Lohrbach, lift station generator \$345.00

Latimer Post Office, postage \$72.00

MidAmerican Energy, electricity \$48.91

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment \$33.00

Treasurer, State of Iowa, State tax \$125.10
TOTAL \$1,244.42

Garbage

EFTPS, Federal and FICA taxes \$236.29
IPERS, retirement \$190.89
Joel Lohrbach, garbage truck service \$532.00
Landfill of North Iowa, scale tickets and annual dues \$529.90
Latimer Post Office, postage \$72.00
Mason City Recycling Center, processing charge \$396.90
Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax \$70.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, State tax \$82.20
TOTAL \$2,110.18

Storm Water

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment \$23.00
TOTAL \$23.00

Payroll checks from all funds \$6,038.78

Receipts for February 2021

General \$1,952.81
Road Use \$4,957.98
Employee Benefits \$146.31
Emergency \$26.28
Water \$6,416.28
Sewer \$3,620.47
Garbage \$4,983.61
Storm Water \$2,283.36

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BAPTIST**Faith Baptist**

Hwy. 3 E., Hampton
Senior Pastor, David Koenigsberg; Associate Pastor of Connecting, Brad VanHorn

- Wednesday, Mar. 24, 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 3:45-5:15 p.m. Ignite @ CLW (K-6th Grade); 5:45 p.m. CIA (7th-8th Youth); 7:00 p.m. Aftershock (9th-12th Youth)
- Thursday, Mar. 25, 7:00 p.m. Authentic Manhood
- Sunday, Mar. 28, 8:45 a.m. Prayer
- Tuesday, Mar. 30, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
- Wednesday, Mar. 31, 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 3:45-5:15 p.m. Ignite @ CLW (K-6th Grade); 5:45 p.m. CIA (7th-8th Youth); 7:00 p.m. Aftershock (9th-12th Youth)
- Thursday, Apr. 1, 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Prayer Service
- Sunday, Apr. 4, 9:30 a.m. Resurrection Sunday Worship Service Updates or changes will be posted on our Facebook page

CATHOLIC**St. Mary's Catholic**

611 Sherman Ave., Ackley
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
Fr. Frantz Agustin, Asse Pastor

- Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (January through April)
- Mondays, 8:30 a.m. and Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Weekday Masses

St. Patrick's Catholic

1405 N. Federal St., Hampton
 Livestream still available on Facebook pages or website
Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Priest
Fr. Frantz Agustin, Asse Pastor

- Sunday, 8:00 a.m. English Mass (January through April)
- Sundays, 5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. Week Day Mass
- Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

First Christian Church
 605 Fourth St. NE, Hampton
Pastor Alan Berneman

- Sunday, Mar. 28, 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Service
- Sunday, Easter Sunday; Food Pantry Sunday; 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Worship

• Wednesday, Apr. 7, 10 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting
EPISCOPAL

St. Matthew-by-the-Bridge Episcopal

507 Railroad St., Iowa Falls
 • Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Family Worship Service

LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ Of
Latter Day Saints

Hampton / *Miguel Sosa Garcia, Branch President*

• Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship Service; Spanish Activities

LUTHERAN**Our Savior's Lutheran**

121 Prospect, Ackley
 • Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Divine Service (Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th); 11 a.m. Fellowship

• Tuesdays, 4 p.m. Tuesday School

• Sunday, Mar. 28, 10 a.m. Palm Sunday Services with Holy Communion with Pastor Dan Buhs

• Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Services with Pastor Dan Buhs

• Sunday, Apr. 4, 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Services with Holy Communion with Pastor Dan Buhs

Richland Evangelical Lutheran

Church (ELS/WELS)
 300 Elm St., Thornton
 641-455-3562
Pastor Robert A. Harting

• 10:30 a.m. Worship service; 11:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class

• Thursday Lenten Services, 7 p.m.

• Maundy Thursday Service, Apr. 1, 7 p.m.

• Easter Sunday, Apr. 4, 8:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran

1207 Indigo Ave., Hampton
Pastor Dan Hanson

• 11 a.m. Worship - 2nd and 4th Sundays

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran

17 Second St. NE, Hampton
 Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday

Pastor Dan Hanson

• 9 a.m. Worship

• Worship Broadcast: 9 a.m. Online; St. Paul Lutheran Church of Hampton Facebook Page

• 8 p.m. Sundays, Radio: KLMJ/104.9 FM

• Wednesday, Mar. 24, 7 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service

• Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday

• Friday, Apr. 2, 7 p.m. Good Friday

• Sunday, Apr. 4, 7-9 a.m. Easter Sunday

St. Paul's Lutheran

304 W Main, Latimer
Pastor Travis Berg

• Wednesday, Mar. 24, 4:30 p.m. Public Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Lent

• Wednesday, Mar. 31, 4:30 p.m. Public Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

• Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, Apr. 2, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service

• Sunday, Apr. 4, 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Easter Sunday Service

St. Paul's Church

400 Larch St., Thornton

Trinity Lutheran Church

16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton

The Rev. Karl Bollhagen, Pastor and Vicar Adam Baumann

• Wednesday, Mar. 24, 7 p.m. Midweek Lenten

Worship Service with Holy Communion

• Sunday, Mar. 28, 9 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

• Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion - This will be also be broadcasted "live" on KLMJ/104.9 FM

• Friday, Apr. 2, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service - This will be also broadcasted "live" on KLMJ/104.9 FM

Saturday, Apr. 3, 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service with Holy Communion

• Sunday Radio Broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Lutheran Hour on KLMJ/104.9 FM; 10:15 a.m. Radio Worship Broadcast on KLMJ/104.9 FM

METHODIST

Ackley United Methodist

416 Hardin St., Ackley
Pastor Dave Wagner

• Sundays, 9-9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship Service

First United Methodist

510 Thompson St., Sheffield
Pastor Sandi Gobeli

• Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with social distancing guidelines. Masks will be required. There will not be fellowship before or

after service.

Geneva United Methodist

603 Front St. • 641-494-7223
Pastor Brent Hamilton

• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

Hampton United Methodist

100 Central Ave. E, Hampton
Pastor Lewis Flanigan

• Wednesday, Mar. 24, 5 p.m. Confirmation Class

• Thursday, Mar. 25, 9:30 a.m. BeFrienders

• Saturday, Mar. 27, 5 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, Mar. 28, 9 a.m. Lenten Study, Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; 11:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast KLMJ/104.9 FM; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast

• Monday, Mar. 29, God's FLOCK

West Fork United Methodist

2200 Tulip Ave., Sheffield
Pastor Sandi Gobeli

• Sundays, 9 a.m. Worship with masks and social distancing

New Hope United Methodist Parish:

Aredale, Bristow, Dumont

Pastor Gayle Wilcox

• Aredale: Worship, 8:30 a.m.

• Dumont: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 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 And Presbyterian

Dows - Alexander

Pastor Alaire Willits

• Sundays, 9 a.m. Dows Sunday School; 10 a.m. Dows Joint Worship at Presbyterian Church on first two Sundays each month and at United Methodist Church on remaining Sundays

• Thursdays, 9 a.m. Presbyterian Women

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Chapel

202 Fairview St., Dows

515-852-4520 or 816-686-8813

Pastor Bruce Klapp

• Sundays, No Sunday School through the summer; 10 a.m. Worship Service; Second Sunday of each month is a potluck following the service

(5:30 p.m. third Sunday of each month is Food and Fellowship)

• Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Meal; 6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study

• First Saturday of each month, 8 a.m. Men's breakfast

• Last Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. Ladies' meeting (L.I.F.T.)

Church of the Living Word

420 First Ave. NE, Hampton

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www.clwhampton.org

• Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Celebration Service

• Wednesdays, 1:15 p.m. Ignite Youth (K-6 grade); 6 p.m. Middle School and High School Youth

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Sovereign Grace Church

109 N Eskridge St., Dows

Pastor Doug Holmes

www.sgcdows.com

• Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; 11:15 a.m. Worship at First Presbyterian in Dows

Hampton Church of Christ

420 Fourth St. SE, Hampton

hamptonchurchofchrist.com

Pastor Joe Peter

• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Morning Café; 10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering

Sixth Street Church of Christ (Acapella)

909 Sixth St. SW, Hampton

Minister Jim Zacharias

• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship; 4:30 p.m. Worship

• Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. Bible Study

PRESBYTERIAN

Aplington Evangelical Presbyterian Church

917 Howard St., Aplington

Rev. Michael McLane

• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with fellowship following services

REFORMED

Dumont Reformed

912 Third St., Dumont

Pastor Chris Meester

• Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday

School; 10 a.m. Worship (nursery care provided each week)

• First Monday of the month, 1 p.m. Reformed Church Women (RCW)

• Wednesdays, 7 p.m. RCYF (High School youth group from 8-12 grade)

• Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

• Friday, Apr. 2, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service

• Sunday, Apr. 4, 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service Church; 10 a.m. Easter Service

• All times and schedules are subject to change due to pandemic. You can join us online Youtube and Facebook:

Dumont Reformed Church, website: dumontreformed.com, and Dumont Cable 1000

First Reformed

214 Brown St., Alexander

• Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Worship; 10:30 a.m., Coffee and fellowship

Zion Reformed

2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield

Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor

• Wednesday, Mar. 24, 7 p.m. RCYF

• Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

• Inside serices at 9:15 a.m. (Safety guidelines to be followed) People may also remain in their vehicles on church grounds listening to the service on their radio, 104.3. People may also log onto www.zionreformed.com and click on "sermons" to watch the Sunday service.

SEVENTH DAY

Hampton Seventh Day Adventist

P.O. Box 464, Hampton

Pastor José LaPorte

• Saturdays, 9:45 a.m. Bible Study; 11 a.m. Worship

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Congregational U.C.C.

22 First Ave. SW, Hampton

Rev. Linzy Collins, Jr.

• Thursday, Apr. 1, 9:30 a.m. Adult Class

• Sunday, Apr. 4, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Immanuel U.C.C.

204 E. South St., Latimer

Pastor Joe Dunnwald

• Wednesday, Mar. 24, 4 p.m. BSF; 7 p.m. PPRC

• Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

• Friday, Apr. 2, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Godd Friday Prayer Vigil; 7 p.m. Good Friday Service

• Sunday, Apr. 4, 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service; 9:30 a.m. Easter Communion Service

• Tuesday, Apr. 6, 9:30 a.m. Clergy Cluster

• Wednesday, Apr. 7, 4 p.m. BSF

St. Peter's U.C.C.

496 B Raven Ave., Geneva

StPetersLAUCC@gmail.com

• Sunday, Mar. 28, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and Worship with Worship Leader: Jill Pliner, Lenten Study following Worship

• Sunday, Apr. 4, 7 a.m. Early Easter Morning Service; 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

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LOG: FROM PAGE 6

Apricot, Dows.

- 9:17 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Maynes Grove, Hampton.
- 10:03 p.m.: Officers received information in the area of Hwy. 57, Ackley.

Friday, March 19:

- Officers received a report for four controlled burns.
- 3:45 a.m.: Officers received information.
- 4:28 a.m.: Report of a dog call in the 300 block of 3rd St., Chapin.
- 8:04 a.m.: Report of a disabled vehicle.
- 8:16 a.m.: Report of a dropped cell call.
- 8:45 a.m.: Officers responded to a medical assist call in the 900 block on N Elm St., Dumont.
- 9:24 a.m.: Officers responded to a medical assist call.
- 12:13 p.m.: Report of an Amazon scam.
- 1:22 p.m.: Report of theft from vehicles.
- 2:19 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call to Butler County in the area of Hwy. 3 and Vine.
- 4:08 p.m.: Report of neighborhood complaints in the 400 block of N 3rd St., Sheffield.
- 4:49 p.m.: Officers assisted Hampton Police Department in the 700 block of 2nd St., Hampton.
- 5:14 p.m.: Officers assisted Hampton Police Department in the 1600 block of Hwy. 3, westbound, Hampton.
- 5:40 p.m.: Report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Grant St., Coulter.
- 6:09 p.m.: Tray Von Leon Butler, 28, Des Moines, arrested by Iowa State Patrol for driving while barred and on a Polk County warrant for failing to appear; original charges of driving while barred and traffic offense; held to appear.
- 6:27 p.m.: Report of a theft from a building in the 10 block of Marston St., Coulter.
- 6:38 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 2000 block of Tulip Ave., Sheffield.
- 8:07 p.m.: Officers assisted with a property exchange in the 100 block of 8th St., Hampton.
- 8:57 p.m.: Juan Antonio Roldan, 29, Ackley, arrested in the area of 220th and Timber for OWI; held to appear.

Saturday, March 20:

- Officers received a report for two controlled burns and received two general calls.
- 2:39 p.m.: Report of trespassing in the 700 block of E Gilman St., Sheffield.
- 2:40 p.m.: Report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Mallard.
- 3:46 p.m.: James Donald Wentzel, 46, Hampton, arrested by Hampton Police Department on a Franklin County warrant for failing to appear; original change of trespassing, 1st offense; subject posted bond.
- 5:06 p.m.: Officers received information in the area of Hwy. 65.
- 5:16 p.m.: Report of a vehicle fire in the 1700 block of Vine Ave., Hampton.
- 6:18 p.m.: Report of a dispatch call to I-35, northbound.
- 8:20 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 600 block of S Akir St., Latimer.
- 8:35 p.m.: Officers responded to an ambulance call in the 900 block of 3rd St., Dumont.
- 8:46 p.m.: Moses Hernandez, 41, Latimer, arrested for having no drivers' license, OWI, 1st, leaving the scene, failure to maintain control, and open container; held to appear.
- 10:21 p.m.: Report of a trailer without tail lights in the area of Killdeer, Latimer.

Sunday, March 21:

- Officers assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, received a report for one controlled burn and received two general calls.
- 10:14 a.m.: Officers assisted Hampton Police Department.
- 11:31 a.m.: Report of an animal on the roadway in the area of Geneva black top, Hampton.
- 11:46 a.m.: Report of a dog call in the area of Hwy. 3, Hampton.
- 12:02 p.m.: Richard Eugene Brooks McLachlan, 26, Woodbury, Minnesota, arrested by Iowa State Patrol on charges of eluding, possession of drugs/paraphernalia, speeding, stop sign violation, unsafe passing, and improper lane change; held to appear.
- 3:23 p.m.: Report of a 9-1-1 hang up call in the area of Beed's Lake, Hampton.
- 3:49 p.m.: Report of a garbage complaint in the 800 block of Nettle Ave., Hampton.
- 5:29 p.m.: Officers received information in the 200 block of West St., Latimer.
- 7:55 p.m.: Report of a suspicious material found in the 1400 block of Thrush, Hampton.
- 8:09 p.m.: Report of an abandon

don vehicle in the area of Spruce and Hwy. 3.

- 8:45 p.m.: Report of a suspicious person in the 2400 block of Hwy. 65, Sheffield.
- 11:01 p.m.: Corey Casady, 34, Nevada, arrested by Hampton Police Department on a Story County warrant for violation of a no contact order; held for transport.

BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

Monday, March 15:

- Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with three medical calls, assisted four motorists, received a report for two controlled burns and received five general calls.
- 6:01 a.m.: Officers processed a burglary report in the 300 block of Lincoln St.
- 9:11 a.m.: Officers responded to a fire call in the area of W Dow St. and N High St.
- 12:57 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Hwy. 3 and Sinclair Ave. South.
- 4:51 p.m.: Officers executed an arrest warrant in the 400 block of 6th St.
- 5:59 p.m.: Report of a structure fire in the 500 block of N Mather St.
- 11 p.m.: Officers executed an arrest warrant in the 200 block of W Railroad St.

Tuesday, March 16:

- Officers assisted three motorists, received a report for one controlled burn and received nine general calls.
- 12:44 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 200 block of S Walnut St.
- 7:17 p.m.: Officers executed an arrest warrant in the 400 block of 6th St.
- 8:23 p.m.: Officers executed an arrest warrant in the 13400 block of 110th St.

Wednesday, March 17:

- Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, received a report for two controlled burns and received 12 general calls.
- 10:21 a.m.: Report of vandalism/criminal mischief in the 200 block of 3rd St.
- 10:58 a.m.: Officers conducted a transport in the 400 block of 6th St.
- 11:54 a.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 300 block of 7th St.
- 12:27 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 13500 block of Ivy Ave.
- 4:30 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm call in the 900 block of N Cherry St.
- 6:15 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 900 block of 3rd St.
- 10:01 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm call in the 500 block of Beaver St.

Thursday, March 18:

- Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, received a report for one controlled burn and received nine general calls.
- 2:24 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of N Center St. and Hwy. 3.
- 2:33 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person/vehicle in the 400 block of N Cherry St.
- 12:17 p.m.: Report of a structure fire in the 300 block of Parriott St.
- 1:10 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 300 block of Allan St.
- 7:25 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of 270th St. and Hwy. 14.
- 9:45 p.m.: Officers executed an arrest warrant in the 100 block of E Washington St.
- 11:49 p.m.: Officers responded to an alarm call in the 300 block of S Traer St.

Friday, March 19:

- Officers executed 11 traffic stops, assisted with five medical calls, assisted one motorist, received a report for seven controlled burns and received 10 general calls.
- 12:08 a.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 cell call in the 900 block of S Mather St.
- 9:42 a.m.: Report of harassment by phone/mail/person in the 400 block of 6th St.
- 11:21 a.m.: Officers had a report of an animal issue in the 27200 block of Sinclair Ave.
- 3 p.m.: Report of a fraud in the 300 block of E Poisal St.
- 7:34 p.m.: Joshua Dean Rogers, 29, Allison, arrested for driving while license is denied/revo-

oked and OWI; held to appear.

Saturday, March 20:

- Officers executed three traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, received a report for four controlled burns and received 10 general calls.
- 12:17 a.m.: Report of a domes-

tic/family matter in the 200 block of W Main St.

- 6:55 a.m.: Report of a domestic/family matter in the 500 block of Howard St.
- 11:19 a.m.: Officers completed a transport in the 400 block of 6th St.
- 3:53 p.m.: Report of a grass/field fire in the 300 block of Packwaukee St.

Sunday, March 21:

- Officers executed seven traffic stops, assisted with four medical calls, assisted one motorist, received a report for one controlled burn and received three general calls.
- 2:16 a.m.: Officers conducted a bar check in the 200 block of N Main St.
- 6:19 a.m.: Kent Marlyn Kuhlers, Meservy, arrested for OWI, 1st offense; held to appear.
- 5:43 p.m.: Officers executed an arrest warrant in the 400 block of E Courtland St.
- 8:20 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of 270th St. and Temple Ave.
- 11:45 p.m.: Report of an accidental 9-1-1 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St.

Obituaries

Kay Lynn Paullus (Juhl)

1938-2021

In Memoriam
Kay Lynn Paullus (Juhl)

January 22, 1938
— March 10, 2021

Kay Lynn Paullus, 83, formerly of Latimer, IA and Leesburg, FL, passed away peacefully with family present on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, in Loudon, TN.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne. They were married for 62 years. Kay was the last surviving of five siblings - Barbara Juhl Hansen, Helen Juhl Stangl, and Gerald Juhl, and Beth Juhl Wiley.

Kay was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and great aunt. She was a homemaker and a loving friend to many. She can be remembered as the "original Martha Stewart" for being so very talented in all her many creative endeavors.

She was an active member of the St. John's Lutheran Church of rural Hampton, IA for many years.

Those who mourn her passing are her daughter, Andrea, and son-in-law, Sam Gregov, of Vonore, TN, and two grandchildren Damon and Natalie - both of Knoxville, TN.

Plans are being made to scatter her ashes this summer on Lake Tellico in Tennessee.

CLICK FUNERAL HOME
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Obituaries

William Hamilton

†2021

William Hamilton, 95, of Iowa Falls, passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Scenic Manor in Iowa Falls. Visitation was from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021 at the First United Methodist Church in Iowa Falls with burial in the Union Cemetery. The funeral service was streamed on the First United Methodist Church's Facebook page. A Celebration of Life will also be held later in the summer.

Services: Mar. 22 at 11:00 a.m.
Visitation: Mar. 21 at 2:00 p.m.

SURLS FUNERAL HOME
IOWA FALLS, IOWA

Scott Holze

1958-2021

Visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at the Sietsema Vogel Funeral Home in Hampton. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at the Sietsema Vogel Funeral Home in Hampton.

Scott Holze, 62, of Sheffield, passed away Thursday at the MercyOne North Iowa Hospice in Mason City, Iowa. He was born November 11, 1958, in Hampton, Iowa, to Richard William and Margaret "Peggy" Fielding Holze.

Scott graduated from Hampton High School and attended North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City. He served his country in the United States Navy. Scott was united in marriage to Connie Hegarty on May 26, 1990, in Sheffield, Iowa.

Scott worked at Seabee Corporation, Deckers, and Stock Trucking. He enjoyed guns and target shooting, fishing, his dogs, and feeding the birds.

Scott is survived by his wife Connie of Sheffield, son Storm (Sara) Holze of Aredale, step-daughters Tallie (Jeff) Kehm of Mason City, Brandy (Todd) Franke of Dumont, step-son Beau Carlson of Hampton, grandchildren Brantley, Brezlynn, and Huxley Holze, step-grandchildren Gunner, Sawyer, and Spencer Kehm, Leighcen, Landon, and Loudon Franke, Blayke, Ashtyn, Brendyn, Addasyn, Bostyn, and Emilie Carlsen, sister Lisa Lynn (Chuck) Smedra of Longmont, Colorado, sister Laurie Ann (Randy) of Florida, sister Linda Jo (Cory) Stewart of Waukee. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services: Mar. 24 at 11:00 a.m.
Visitation: Mar. 23 at 4:00 p.m.

SIETSEMA VOGEL FUNERAL HOME
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Obituaries

Vera "Dayle" Martin

1926-2021

Vera "Dayle" Martin, age 94 formerly of Coralville and North Liberty died peacefully on March 4, 2021 at Rehabilitation Center of Hampton in Hampton, Iowa.

Private family services are planned for May 3rd at 1pm with burial to take place at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Iowa City. These services may be viewed by family and friends through the livestreaming feature on the funeral home website @ www.gayandciha.com at Dayle's page under obituary. Donations in Dayle's name can be made directly to MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, 232 2nd Street SE, Mason City IA 50401 (https://www.mercyone.org/northiowa/find-a-service-or-specialty/hospice-care/donations). To share a thought, memory or condolence with Dayle's family please visit the funeral home website @ www.gayandciha.com.

Vera Dayle Martin was born December 28, 1926, in Sweetland Township of Muscatine County, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph S. and Lois R. (Darting) Martin. Following graduation from Columbus Junction High School in 1945, Dayle attended nursing school in Grand Island Nebraska. Later she worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company in Mt. Pleasant. After her marriage to Donald Martin in 1947 the growing family lived in Mt. Pleasant then later in Des Moines County. Following the birth of the 3 children, the family relocated to North Liberty where they constructed a home on West Cherry Street. In 1984 Donald, Dayle and daughter Jane moved to Coralville where they built a home on 18th Avenue. In 1987, Dayle retired from Procter & Gamble after 23 years.

After Dayle and Donald raised their children they enjoyed more time with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. After retirement, Dayle volunteered at the Johnson County Senior Center for several years. She was a regular at the nearby recreation center in Coralville for swimming and exercises. Dayle was known as an avid flower and vegetable gardener. Likewise her expert cooking was a big attraction for family events she hosted. Her mastery of complex board games and puzzles was legendary. Dayle revived her talents for arts and crafts. She completed and distributed a book of her lifetime of memories dedicated to her parents. Dayle was an out-going and energetic member of her community and active in her church. She was among a group of parents who successfully promoted educational services for Jane and other disabled children when none existed in Johnson County.

Increasingly, Dayle cared for her husband and daughter at home until Donald's 2005 move to Lantern Park Care Center and Jane's 2006 death. In 2008 Dayle moved nearby to independent living in Coralville. In 2011 she relocated to Hampton where she resided until her death.

Dayle is survived by her children, Dan Martin (Deb), Gaye Janssen (Rick), 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and brother Bill Martin (Elaine).

Dayle was preceded in death by Donald, her husband of 63 years, her daughter Jane, 6 sisters and their spouses, 1 infant sister, 2 brothers and their spouses, her parents and one grandson-in-law.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW
APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2021

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- Each individual must have knowledge of property values in the county by reason of their occupation.
- The current vacancy needs to be filled by an individual who is either a licensed real estate broker or real estate agent or has experience in the construction field.
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Members meet in the month of May every year and possibly November of odd numbered years. This board typically meets 4 to 5 times annually.

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Iowa Medicare Beneficiaries Targeted by Medicare Card Scams

Iowa seniors and Medicare beneficiaries are encouraged to be aware of current Medicare card scams in our state. To learn more about Medicare scams impacting Iowans, register for our live event on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at <https://bit.ly/3s0g8Ua>.

"It's important for Iowans to protect their Medicare number and not give it to unknown callers," SHIIP/SMP Director Kristin Griffith said. "Medicare will rarely contact you by phone, and if so, you can also hang up and call Medicare back to confirm that the call is legitimate and not a scam."

Medicare scams include the following:

Scammers falsely tell Medicare beneficiaries that Medicare is issuing new Medicare cards. Medicare isn't issuing new cards and Medicare employees don't contact participants through unsolicited calls, emails, or visits. Medicare communicates with beneficiaries via mail.

Scammers falsely allege Medicare is issuing new plastic or metal Medicare cards or black and white Covid-19 Medicare cards. The scammers state that in order to get your new card, you need to provide personal identifying information such as your Medicare

number, birth date or even financial account numbers. Medicare will never ask for your personal information or Medicare number unless you contact Medicare yourself.

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"Spoofing" is a process often used by scammers. Spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity. Scammers also often use "neighbor spoofing" so it appears that an incoming call is coming from a local number, or spoof a number from a company or a government agency like Medicare or Social Security Administration that you may already know and trust.

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2015 grad takes over as head coach for the Bulldogs



Former Hampton-Dumont quarterback Cole Miller, shown in a sequence of photos dropping back to pass in a home game in the 2014 season, was approved as the head coach of the Bulldogs on Monday, March 22

FILE PHOTO

BY KRISTI NIXON
HAMPTON — Following approval of the Monday, March 22 Hampton-Dumont school board, 2015 H-D graduate Cole Miller will be the new Bulldog head coach in Fall 2021.

This comes after just one season as an assistant coach under Andy Bruemmer in 2020 in which the team finished 3-5, including a 28-18 playoff loss to Iowa Falls-Alden.

Miller was a part of the Bulldogs' two of three straight playoff teams from 2014-15 for H-D under coach Jerry Shafrath, who retired after the 2016 season. He will become the third coach since Shafrath retired.

As part of those playoff runs, Miller quarterbacked the Bulldogs to a record of 16-5 in those two seasons and started his sophomore year for an overall record of 18-13. In 2015, his senior season, the Bulldogs were 10-2 and ended the season in the state quarterfinals.

For his efforts, he earned third team all-state quarterback honors from the Iowa Newspaper Association.

Miller set a school mark for five touchdown passes in a game and went on to a successful career at Buena Vista University in which he set school marks for the Beavers as a four-year

starter.

"I'm very grateful and excited to have an opportunity to give back to a program, school district and community that did so much for me when I was growing up," Miller said when asked about taking over the program via message.

He faces a tall task despite having a returning starting quarterback, a pair of receivers and a running back but will need to replace much of the offensive and defensive lines. Not only that, the Bulldogs moved up from Class 2A to Class 3A this coming season and will face long travel issues along with it. The closest road trip in the new district is an hour away, the longest, an hour and 59 minutes one way.

It brings a fresh perspective to the Bulldogs.

"So exciting," athletic coordinator Christi Weiser said. "He brings in experience for as young as he is. We talk about people who want to come in and grow. As a coach for football and basketball, he shows he seeks out knowledge. Teaching on the court, field and hallways and passionate about teaching our kids. He's done a good job putting together a staff. We had some great candidates in interview. It was really...and it was always nice when it comes down to what comes down to the best fit. We didn't have a bad option amongst our candidates."

"We're excited about the experience he brings."

In other news during the school board meeting, Weiser asked the board on their thoughts on sending a letter to the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union on whether to support a sanction of girls' wrestling. There were a few girls compete in eighth grade wrestling this past season.

"Doesn't mean we'll start a program," Weiser said. "But there are opportunities to begin to arise and we're about creating opportunities. Hopefully, the union will sanction girls' wrestling."

There was also a presentation to consider eSports at the high school.

"I think it's great," Weiser said. "I wouldn't have said that two years ago. I'm not a video games person, but the passion and knowledge, and niche of people in our society who compete and seek out practice and opportunity to grow and learn. Many of those students have another part to fit into. I'm excited that our board is open to the possibility. Good presentation. Tony Spradlin has worked for over a year to navigate what it would be and how funding would work. I'm excited about the possibility for our students."

Scott Hoegh was also approved as the 2021 volunteer girls' tennis coach this season.

How to Prepare When Applying for a Business Loan

New publication explains steps to take to help get your new business idea funded

If you're looking to start a new business or expand on something you're already doing, you may be in need of a loan. If so, there are certain steps you can take to help make the process go better and increase your chances of being funded.

Craig Chase, program manager for Farm, Food and Enterprise Development with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, has authored a new publication called "Getting Your New Business Idea Funded."

The publication helps borrowers learn to think like lenders, being prepared to show a well-prepared business plan, balance sheet and "The 5 Cs" of what lenders look for when evalu-

ating a borrower: character, conditions, capital, collateral and capacity.

"Put yourself in the lender's perspective," said Chase. "If you were the lender, these are the things they are thinking of when they decide whether to lend you money."

Chase said many farmers and other entrepreneurs are looking to try something new with their operation, to help diversify or to respond to market changes created by COVID-19. One popular topic has been direct marketing, whether it's for meat sales, produce or something else.

In simplest form, a loan agreement with a lender obligates the borrower to repay the loan on time, including an amount of interest to cover the risk to the lender. Interest rates and other conditions will vary based on the perceived level of risk to the lender, and the borrower's ability to manage risk.

Chase said borrowers need to explain the context of their business, how different resources will be used and how revenue and

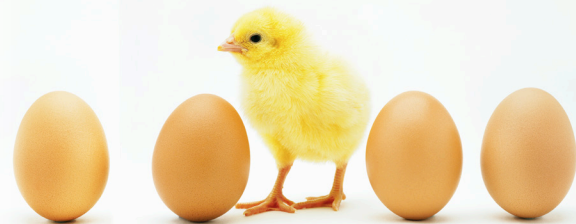
profits will be created. He said it's important not to assume the lender is familiar with the type of business to be funded, because they may not be.

"If there are holes in the plan or a lack of information, someone has to fill in those details," he said. "If the farmer doesn't give the right kind of information or enough information, often it's the lender who fills in the blanks, and often it's in the lender's favor."

The publication also includes a 10-point checklist borrowers should consider before applying for a loan, including a review of their credit score, loan to asset ratio, cash flow and working capital.

The information was reviewed by Paul Dietmann, senior lending specialist with Compeer Financial of Wisconsin, who contributed content and reviewed it for accuracy.

For more information, Chase can be reached at 515-294-1854 cchase@iastate.edu. Or visit the Farm, Food and Enterprise Development site online.



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This Week's Cup Series Race: Food City Dirt Race

Race Details

Location: Bristol, Tenn.
Date: Sunday, March 28, 3:30 p.m.
Last Year's Pole: Brad Keselowski
Last Year's Winner: Brad Keselowski

Race Preview

The Food City Dirt Race marks the 121st Cup race hosted by Bristol Motor Speedway in the series' history. Sunday's Food City Dirt Race will be the first Cup race in history hosted at "The Last Great Colosseum". "Racin' the way it ought'a be" is the slogan that this raceway uses and because it is the shortest track with the highest banking, it makes for exciting racing. The last Cup race on dirt was in 1970 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh where Richard Petty won. Heat races on Saturday will determine the lineup for Sunday's race. The race will be aired on FOX at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 28th.

Bristol Motor Speedway



Last Weekend's Race: Ryan Blaney won at Atlanta

Ryan Blaney passed Kyle Larson for the lead with eight laps left and went on to win Sunday's Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Blaney took the air out of an otherwise dominating performance by Larson, who had to settle for second place after winning the first two stages and leading 269 of 325 laps. Blaney's first victory at Atlanta and the fifth of his career extended the streak of different NASCAR Cup Series winners this season to six. The victory was the fifth straight at the 1.54-mile track for Ford drivers.

Ryan Blaney			
Born: Dec. 31, 1993 Crew Chief: Todd Gordon Car: Ford			
Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2021	1	3	15.0
2020	1	17	13.8

2021 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten				Xfinity Series Top Ten			
Drivers	Points	Top 10s		Drivers	Points	Top 10s	
1) Denny Hamlin	277	5		1) Austin Cindric	277	5	
2) Kyle Larson	234	5		2) Daniel Hemric	231	5	
3) Joey Logano	214	3		3) Harrison Burton	212	4	
4) Martin Truex, Jr.	212	4		4) A.J. Allmendinger	194	4	
5) Brad Keselowski	206	3		5) Justin Haley	193	4	
6) Kevin Harvick	203	5		6) Jeb Burton	187	5	
7) Ryan Blaney	191	3		7) Myatt Snider	179	2	
8) William Byron	188	4		8) Justin Allgaier	171	2	
9) Christopher Bell	183	3		9) Jeremy Clements	165	3	
10) Chase Elliott	183	2		10) Brandon Jones	155	3	

Top News Stories

Dale Earnhardt, Jr. to participate in NASCAR's iRacing events

Longtime iRacing proponent Dale Earnhardt Jr. will be among the drivers when the eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series makes its 2021 debut on the dirt at the virtual Bristol Motor Speedway on March 24th, driving the No. 88 Degree Chevrolet. The eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series debuted last season during the initial pandemic slowdown and features a 10-race season that complements NASCAR's real-life racing schedule. The mid-week competition will broadcast the first five races of the season in prime time on FOX Sports 1, and NBC Sports will air the final five with schedule and details to be announced at a later date. Series organizers have announced some details about this week's race format and schedule. Coverage on FS1 begins at 6 p.m. ET Wednesday, with the first of three 20-lap qualifying heats to start at approximately 8 p.m. ET. Qualifying to set the fields for the qualifying heats will take place at 7:50 p.m. ET, with drivers using the best of two laps. Seven drivers will advance from each heat to make up a 21-car field for the feature. The nearly two-hour block before the heats will be for open practice, and FOX Sports' Race Hub will feature live look-ins as drivers get their feel for the .533-mile track's surface. The main event, set for an 8:40 p.m. ET grid, is scheduled for 70 laps.

Racing Trivia

Which driver won seven consecutive races at Bristol?

- a) Richard Petty c) Darrell Waltrip
b) Jimmie Johnson d) Cale Yarborough

Answer: (c) Darrell Waltrip

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Iowans Can Now Apply for 2021 Hemp Licenses Online

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Launches New Web Database to Streamline Hemp Licensing

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig announced today that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has launched a new database that allows Iowans to apply for or renew their hemp licenses online for the 2021 growing season. Applicants can find the link to register at iowaagriculture.gov/hemp. The deadline to apply for the 2021 growing season has been extended to May 1. The hemp online licensing system is the latest in a series of technology investments by the Iowa De-

partment of Agriculture to make it faster and easier for Iowans to obtain their annual licenses. "The Department is committed to investing in new technologies, like this online hemp licensing system, to continue modernizing our processes. It also allows the Department to provide better customer service to Iowans applying for or renewing their hemp licenses," said Secretary Naig. The new online system also offers benefits for law enforcement officials. Hemp licenses and certificates of analysis (COA) will include a QR code to make it easy for law enforcement to scan and determine the authenticity of the documents quickly. Individuals who are interested in growing, selling or transporting hemp or hemp seed in Iowa must obtain an

annual license. For detailed instructions on how to apply for a hemp license, visit iowaagriculture.gov/hemp. The commercial hemp production program does not license cannabidiol (CBD) products for human consumption, extraction or processing in Iowa. The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals regulates Consumable Hemp Products. Additional information for retailers and processors is available at dia.iowa.gov. Growers are advised to do their research and confirm there is a viable, profitable market for commercial hemp production before they make an investment in seed and equipment. For more information about the state's hemp program, contact the program administrator Robin Pruisner at Robin.Pruisner@iowaagriculture.gov.



Custom Rate Survey Shows Costs for Iowa Farming

New data shows what Iowans charge and pay for custom farming

AMES, Iowa – Many Iowa farmers continue to hire at least some of their fieldwork and livestock work to be done by others, and new data from a popular survey provides ranges and averages of what is being paid. The "2021 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey," conducted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, covers the amounts charged and paid for common crop and livestock services. Tillage, planting, harvesting, manure hauling and livestock transportation are all included, along with dozens of other tasks and data points. The publication is highlighted in the March edition of the Ag Decision Maker, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/> along with updates on county-level corn and soybean yields,

and a farm bill crop payment estimator for 2021-2022. Compared to last year, most custom rates saw a decline except for the cost of farm labor, according to Alejandro Plastina, associate professor in economics and extension economist at Iowa State University. "It's a reflection of the profitability situation in farming," said Plastina, who sent 361 surveys by the U.S. Postal Service in February and 198 by email. The results were based on 118 responses and 3,785 custom rates submitted. Fourteen percent of the respondents perform custom work, 16% hire work done, 45% indicated doing both and 25% did not indicate whether they perform or hire custom work. The cost of combining corn ranged from \$22 to \$45 per acre, with an average of \$35.10 per acre. The cost of combining soybeans ranged from \$22 to \$46 per acre, with an average of \$34.20. The cost to mow hay ranged from \$8 to \$15 per acre, with an average of \$11.35 per acre. The aver-

age cost for baling small square bales was \$.59 per bale, \$9.35 for large square bales, \$10.80 for large round bales without wrapping, and \$13.20 for large round bales wrapped. New information in this year's survey includes rates for seeding cover crops, combining corn with a reel and scouting crops with fixed wing drones. Plastina said the survey is a useful starting point for negotiations and farm discussions, but it is not intended to be the sole factor used to set price. Other factors include the availability of machinery in a given area, timeliness and skills of the operator, field size and shape, field conditions and the performance characteristics of the machine being used. "This is a reference guide of 118 respondents," he said. "It's a poll of opinions of what these people expect to charge and what they expect to pay for custom work." For more information, Plastina can be reached at 515-294-6160 or plastina@iastate.edu.

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