

Jaelyn Hickman Sets Up Shop on 1st St SW in Hampton

MATT GROHE,
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Jaelyn Hickman of Hampton has set up shop on 1st SW at Micky's M&P in Hampton, doing business as Jaelyn's Cut and Color where she cuts, colors and more Tuesday through Friday 9-5pm and Saturdays by appointment.

Jaelyn, a 2021 Hampton-Dumont grad, had originally planned to study radiology, but decided to switch career paths a few weeks before graduating, enrolling instead in the original La James College in Mason City where she learned the finer points of providing hair, skin and nail services. Jaelyn threw herself into the program with no regrets, calling her mom two weeks after being immersed in the program and telling her "I love it. This is what I was supposed to do."

Hickman finished her 2,100 hours of instruction and hands-on training on Friday November 14th 2022 and then started right up at Micky's the following Tuesday. Jaelyn has been clipping and styling away there ever since in the booth next to owner Micky who opened the salon last year and offers manicures and pedicures. Jaelyn remarked that, "I love what I do and take good care of ev-

eryone that comes in."

Jaelyn said she has lived in Hampton "almost all my life," and is the daughter of Jay and Amy Hickman. Jaelyn still lives at the family home where she takes care of her two horses, a paint

and a morgan, trains for barrel racing competitions and gives riding lessons. Jaelyn developed an interest in horses early, getting involved first through 4-h in middle school then continuing with

that through FFA in high school, where she also played volleyball, softball and ran track.

Jaelyn was a little worried when she first started that she would just be working by herself and "not have

anyone to bounce ideas off of," but remarked that "my creativity jumped up when I started working with Micky," adding that she's been very busy. Jaelyn is available through the week Tuesday

through Friday for normal hours, but offers services on later hours on Thursday and takes appointments for Saturdays. Haircuts are \$20 plus tax, but other services need to be quoted because it depends a lot on the person's particular circumstance and choice of products. The salon offers Verb products to their customers which are gluten, paraben and sulfate free, can be used on color treated hair, and offer UV protection. Micky's is currently the only place in Hampton to obtain Verb products. Jaelyn does a lot of coloring and highlights, but is multi-talented and can copy any custom cut or style from a photo, which she commonly does for people who want a particular look. Jaelyn's full range of offerings include the aforementioned highlighting and coloring, but she shampoos and styles, and does facials and up dos as well. She also offers a loyalty punch card program where repeat customers get punches for service that add up to discounts of future visits. Jaelyn can be reached at Micky's at 641-456-4465 and messaged through her Facebook page, Jaelyn's Cut & Color where many examples of her work can be found.



Jaelyn Hickman has opened Jaelyn's Cut & Color at 13 1st St SW in Micky's M&P

Carl Barkema Named to South Dakota State University's Dean's List

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Barkema, son of Eric and Pauline Barkema of Alexander, is a student in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and is pursuing a degree in Precision Agriculture with a minor in Agronomy.

Barkema, who graduated from Hampton-Dumont High School in 2022, entered SDSU as a sophomore after completing college credits early through NIACC. His status as a sophomore, and dean's list accomplishment, has enabled him to become a community assistant or CA at SDSU in his dorm this semester, a position which requires at least a 3.0 GPA. Barkema went back to the university Jan 4th specifically to train for the CA position where he will provide "overall leadership" for his floor and will be the "go-to" person for students living in his residence hall. At SDSU Barkema is also involved in the rock-climbing club and Precision Ag club. Area residents may also remember Barkema as a being a standout wrestler for Hampton-Dumont, where he wrestled all 4 years, setting a record for the most all-time wins with 150 victories and 100 pins. Barkema was also involved in FFA and



South Dakota State has announced that Carl Barkema of Alexander, Iowa, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester

the family's farming operation, regularly showing pigs and cattle at the Franklin County Fair. Barkema won a Senior Showman award in 2020, and various other awards that year and in others. Congratulations on earning this academic achievement Carl!

About South Dakota State University Founded in 1881, South Dakota State University is the state's Morrill Act land-grant institution as well as its largest, most comprehensive school of higher education. SDSU confers degrees from seven different colleges representing more than 200 majors, minors and specializations. The institution also offers 39 master's degree programs, 16 Ph.D. and two professional programs.

The work of the university is carried out on a residential campus in Brookings, at sites in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Rapid City, and through Extension offices and Agricultural Experiment Station research sites across the state. SDSU's research expenditures for the 2022 fiscal year were more than \$59 million.

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Hampton Public Library Goes to Infinity, And Beyond

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New Infinity gaming table takes library offerings to another level

Visitors to the Hampton Public Library children's reading area this year may have seen something there that is decidedly not a book and not made of paper, and that's the library's new Infinity gaming table. The wi-fi enabled Infinity gaming system, funded by a grant from the Barkema Foundation, is a tabletop sized interactive gaming device that can engage 4 players at a time and hold over a hundred gaming apps according to Brenda Van Wert, library assistant, who along with patrons is getting familiar with the newfangled gadget.



The Hampton Public Library's new Infinity gaming table is ready for duty.

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Jenna White of Hampton Makes Wartburg Dean's List

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Jenna White, daughter of Michael and Jodi White of Hampton, was named to the dean's list at Wartburg College for the fall 2022 semester. At Wartburg White has been very busy pursuing three degrees in Communications, Graphic Design and Spanish and getting involved in many activities.

The fall 2022 semester marks the seventh time White has been named to the Wartburg dean's list since she matriculated to the college. White, a 2019 Hampton-Dumont grad, was active in the Pro-Start culinary program in high school as well as 4-h, winning both culinary awards and multiple 4-h awards for citizenships, food challenges, horticulture, canine obedience, photography and creative arts. At Wartburg White has worked on the school's Auditorium Tech Crew, completed an internship with Uplift Foundation, and served as the President of the PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) a position she still holds. At Wartburg she has notched awards in print design, public affairs and sports reporting. In Waverly White works Wartburg's OWN, a custom

print and apparel shop run by Wartburg where all revenue is reinvested back into the campus community.

While at Wartburg Jenna also completed several mission trips during spring break. Her freshman year she used her spring break time to travel to St. Louis, then the next year ventured to New Orleans to help

GPA of 3.5 or above in at least four course credits during the term. Three of the four course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls 1,444 students. Wartburg is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Amer-



Jenna White of Hampton has made the Wartburg Dean's List for the Seventh Time

restore hurricane damaged houses and last year went to Florida to work on an experimental farm. Additionally Jenna has been a leader in her SALT group since 2019 and roomed with fellow Hampton native Addie Dean while at the campus.

The Wartburg dean's list honors students who earned a cumulative

and named after the castle in Germany where Martin Luther took refuge disguised as a knight during the stormy days of the Reformation while translating the Bible from Greek into German.

Colin Martinek Named to South Dakota State University's Dean's List

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South Dakota State has announced that Colin Martinek of Rockwell, Iowa, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester. Martinek was also named to the dean's list in the fall of 2021. In 2021 Martinek received a \$1,000 annual scholarship to the school from A Better Life Insurance Company that was "based on service in the community and academic achievements."

Martinek, son of Ron and Beth Martinek, is a student in SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and was a 2021 graduate of West Fork High School where he played golf,

basketball and ran cross country.

Congratulations on earning this academic achievement Colin! About South Dakota State University

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Colin Martinek of Rockwell has been named to the fall 2022 dean's list at SDSU

Kum and Go Store #0001 Has Closed

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Kum & Go has completed the closing of store number one in Hampton and is preparing the property for sale.

Logos have been covered on the building's awnings, but the gas pumps remain in place and windshield cleaning wells still have cleaner and squeegees in them. Two large dumpsters are starting to fill with fixtures, and according to one scrapper on site, some merchandise. A person recycling some things said the company had thrown out unopened packs of cigarettes and chew, which they were retrieving.

Regarding the closing, Kum and Go in a Dec 6th prepared statement by spokesperson Taylor Boland remarked that: "Kum & Go is committed to consistency across stores, including on-site kitchens, fresh food, and fuel, mostly in larger, urban markets. Store 1 in Hampton, IA no longer aligns with our long-term plans for expansion and continued store enhancement. The store will be permanently closing on January 10, 2023, last day of business being January 9, 2023. The building will be listed for sale once closed.

Kum & Go recognizes Hampton as the company's birthplace, where William A. Krause and Tony S. Gentle founded Kum & Go in 1959. It has been a tremendous hon-

or serving and connecting with the Hampton community for over 60 years."

A lot of people around and from the area are sad to see this happening and feel let down by the company's actions to close this store and the Founder's Store in Eldora. In the past month many have shared stories and comments on line

Celebrating



Delmar Benning is celebrating his 90th birthday! Cards can be sent to: 618 6th Ave SW. Hampton, IA. 50441.



Kum and Go Store Number 1 in Hampton sits empty Jan 10th

about the stores, this is the 4th location of #1, and the many years of experiences they have had Krause and Gentle families. The general consensus seems to be that the action feels contrary to Bill Krause's dedication to the community, and it's hard to find anyone happy about it.



Kum and Go Store Closing Notice at the 609 Central Ave W store

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Reader of the Week



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Maverick is the son of Marissa & Colby Peterson and the grandson of Ducky Mueller. Maverick's favorite book is *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss. Check out his shirt!

Library Fun Fact: The Hampton Public Library has many programs for students and children starting the 1st of February. Storytime is at 10:30am and repeated at 6pm and everyone is welcome. Drama Club is an afternoon school program for 1st - 3rd graders held Wednesdays after school, Makerspace is for Middle School students and will include a trip to the new pottery painting business owned by Jerre Greff called First and Second Vintage Too. Makerspace (for students 5th through 8th

grade) will be making glow in the dark playdough, edible cookie dough, Legos, VR Goggles and other fun STREAM projects. STREAM: Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math.

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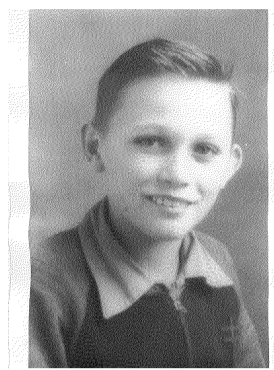
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Look who is turning 90 on January 25th! Happy Birthday to David Koenen! Birthday greetings can be sent to: 1720 Central Ave E. Hampton, IA. 50441.



Lawsons Welcome Baby Girl

Jordan Lawson and Braden Kappel of Coulter announce the birth of their daughter, Oaklynn Leigh Lawson-Kappel. Oaklynn was born on Jan. 12, 2023 at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Oaklynn has two siblings, Addison Kappel age 4 and Calvin Lawson age 1.

Grandparents are Brad and Penny Lawson from Alexander, IA; Nicole Lawson from Coulter, IA; Brad and Sue Kappel from Buffalo City, WI. Great-grandparents are Ruth Lawson from Coulter, IA; Bev Kappel from Ackey, IA; Jane Luiken from Eldora, IA.

Longs Welcome Baby Boy

Phil and Shaylyn Long of Dows announce the birth of their son, Truitt Easton Long.

Truitt was born on Jan. 9, 2023 at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion. He weighed 7 pounds, 13.9 ounces.

Grandparents are Merlyn and Collette Wiarda from Dows, IA; Judy Long from Jenera, OH; Doug and Robin Long from Fostoria, OH. Great-grandparents are John Hanna from Findlay, OH; Gene and Dottie Long from Bluffton, OH.

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Corrections will be printed on page two in the next issue published. The correction will denote the issue, article and incorrect information along with the correction. Digital corrections will also be made, and an editor's note will be added to the bottom of the article in question noting what was inaccurate and noting when the article was amended. If the article was posted on Facebook, Twitter, or any other online medium controlled by the Hampton Chronicle, a post will be made linking to the corrected article, noting the correction.

FOSTER AND EVELYN BARKEMA CHARITABLE TRUST ANNOUNCES 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Over \$992,000 was recently awarded by The Foster and Evelyn Barkema Charitable Trust to 81 organizations during the 2022 grant cycle. Awards ranged from \$25,000 awarded to Hampton Dumont-Cal CSD and Build a Better Belmont

for playground equipment and pledge 2 of 4 for remodeling Ramsay Elementary respectively, to \$500 to Franklin County Public Health for medical supplies and equipment. A complete list appears below.

Foster and Evelyn Barkema, lifelong residents of Alexander, Iowa, created the charitable trust in 2012. The trust is authorized to award grants to tax-exempt organizations which are of a charitable, educational, literary, health or public

service nature. Preference is given to the communities within the Belmont-Klemme, CAL, Hampton-Dumont and West Fork school Districts.

Applications for 2023 grants will be due by September 30, 2023, and

may be obtained after June 15, 2023, by contacting Zoe Brown, PO Box 461, Hampton, IA 50441, or email: barkematrust@hotmail.com.

- 1 - Alexander Public Library...Air conditioning unit\$ 6,500.00
- 2 - Belmont Public Library Foundation..... Large print books; TV for children's room \$ 4,290.00
- 3 - Dumont Community Library Movie licenses; Chairs; Deep Cleaning; adult programs; Wonderbooks\$ 3,285.00
- 4 - Hampton Public Library Microfilm Reader; Children's room flooring and bathroom updates \$ 15,000.00
- 5 - Meservey Public Library Restroom updates \$ 5,000.00
- 6 - Sheffield Public Library Books \$ 1,275.00
- 7 - Dumont Ambulance Service Ambulance engine.....\$ 15,000.00
- 8 - Franklin General Hospital Foundation Cystoscope sets\$ 10,000.00
- 9 - MercyOne North Iowa Foundation. N I C U incubator ...\$ 20,000.00
- 10 - Rockwell-Swaledale EMT. Cardiac monitor/defibrillator. \$ 17,000.00
- 11 - Thornton Volunteer EMS Association Zoll R Series Defibrillator.... \$ 9,195.00
- 12 - Alexander Fire Department Building improvements (1st of 3 year pledge).. \$ 20,000.00
- 13 - Belmont Fire De-

- partment Foundation Remote control deck gun\$ 5,000.00
- 14 - Coulter Volunteer Fire Department New fire station (1st of 5 year pledge)\$ 15,000.00
- 15 - Dumont Volunteer Fire Department Pumper Truck (used)\$ 10,000.00
- 16 - Hampton Fire Department Pumper Truck Pledge (year 4 of 5).... \$ 15,000.00
- 17 - Latimer Fire Department Radios \$ 10,000.00
- 18 - Meservey Fire & Rescue Foundation Bunker gear\$ 10,000.00
- 19 - Rockwell Community Fire Service Extraction tools....\$ 10,000.00
- 20 - .Sheffield Fire Department (City) Firemen's gear.....\$ 20,000.00
- 21 - Sheffield Volunteer Fire Association A ir packs\$ 10,000.00
- 22 - Swaledale Fire Department.... Extrinsication tools.....\$ 15,000.00
- 23 - Thornton Volunteer Fire Department 2 - A E D units.....\$ 3,100.00
- 24 - Belmont-Klemme CSD CNC laser engraver/Display boards \$ 6,000.00
- 25 - CAL CSD elementary Robotic and technology items/ Easi-Scopes. \$ 2,450.00
- 26 - Hampton-Dumont-CAL CSD Library/success center furniture

- \$ 10,000.00
- b Hampton-Dumont CSD Elementary Playground equipment (North Side School); Non-fiction book project \$ 25,000.00
- 27 - St. Paul Lutheran School, Latimer Playground equipment\$ 20,000.00
- 28 - West Fork CSD Playground equipment\$ 20,000.00
- 29 - NIACC Farm upgrade campaign pledge (year 2 of 5).... \$ 20,000.00
- 30 - North Central IA Ag in the Classroom.... A g Education\$ 5,000.00
- 31 - City of Hampton Municipal Band. Music stands and stand cart . \$ 1,080.00
- 32 - Franklin County Arts Council (Windsor Theatre Development Corp.) "Home for Christmas" production\$ 1,000.00
- 33 - Hampton Youth Baseball... Dugouts and backstop for Babe Ruth field\$ 5,000.00
- 34 - Iowa River Players (B.A.A.C.), Rowan. S ti pends for college interns \$ 2,000.00
- 35 - North Central Iowa Fellowship of Christian Athletes Program funding.....\$ 5,000.00
- 36 - Build a Better Belmont Remodel Ramsay Elementary for Colts Corner Daycare pledge (year 2 of 4).... \$ 25,000.00
- 37 - Hampton Comm Christian Day Care..... Resurface parking lot \$ 10,000.00
- 38 - Access, Inc., Hampton Kitchen updates \$ 15,000.00
- 39 - Caring Pregnancy Center, Mason City Baby Bucks program \$ 6,000.00
- 40 - Children's Cancer Connection C a m p for 5 children in our area \$ 2,500.00
- 41 - Crisis Intervention Service Education program\$ 4,642.00
- 42 - Franklin County Food Pantry Personal hygiene and cleaning products.....\$ 5,000.00
- 43 - Greater Iowa Youth for Christ, Franklin County New roof \$ 15,000.00

- 44 - Iowa Ronald McDonald House Charities (Governor's Charity Steer Show)Operational needs at Ronald McDonald Houses in Iowa \$ 20,000.00
- 45 - La Luz Hispana, Hampton Exterior renovation...\$ 10,000.00
- 46 - St. Patrick's Catholic Church Food Pantry, Hampton.. Consumable household products \$ 1,000.00
- 47 - West Fork Food Pantry Generator \$ 5,000.00
- 48 - Wings of Refuge Participant care \$ 10,000.00
- 49 - Franklin County Public Health.. Medical supplies and equipment \$ 500.00
- 50 - Hampton Senior Center Fundraising matching grant (up to \$8,000)\$ 8,000.00
- 51 - Sheffield Care Center Handicap accessible front door...\$ 20,000.00
- 52 - Wright County Public Health Prenatal program\$ 2,275.00
- 53 - Geneva Betterment Furnace/air conditioner for old Geneva school \$ 10,000.00
- 54 - William Schmale Post 171 American Legion, Meservey American Ceremonial Bugle\$ 650.00
- 55 - Relay for Life of Franklin County (American Cancer Society) Cancer research/help those with cancer \$ 20,000.00
- 56 - Scott Twp. Cemetery, Franklin Co., IA Cemetery flags \$ 1,800.00
- 57 - Belmont Historical Society New roof \$ 15,000.00
- 58 - Society to Preserve Antiquated Town Structures Windows and refurbish front steps \$ 2,500.00
- 59 - Wright County Historical Society--Rowan Chapter Siding for Rowan Historical Museum\$ 15,000.00
- 60 - Belmont Police Department Car computers \$ 17,000.00
- 61 Hampton Police Department Office furniture; Gun Safe ... \$ 8,000.00
- 62 - Sheffield Police Department Car computers

- \$ 10,000.00
- 63 - City of Alexander Playground equipment\$ 20,000.00
- 64 - Belmont Trees Forever..... Trees \$ 1,000.00
- 65 - The New Lyric Theater (B.A.A.C.) Deep cleaning and Operational needs\$ 10,000.00
- 66 - City of Dumont City Hall/Public Works roof\$ 20,000.00
- 67 - Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Stone benches for Peace Plaza Park....\$ 5,000.00
- 68 - The Windsor Theater, Hampton Speakers \$ 14,000.00
- 69 - City of Meservey .. Automatic generators for well & sanitary sewer lift station.....\$ 5,000.00
- 70 - Meservey Area Promotional Organization .. Schoolhouse Park updates\$ 4,000.00
- 71 - City of Rowan Playground equipment\$ 20,000.00
- 72 - City of Thornton ... Trees and Office furniture\$ 1,700.00
- 73 - Franklin Wellness Center (Franklin County R.A.C.E.) Capital campaign including new pool system (1st of 5 year pledge).....\$ 20,000.00
- 74 - Belmont-Klemme CSD Scholarships \$ 20,000.00
- 75 - Hampton-Dumont Scholarship Fund Scholarships\$ 100,000.00
- 76 - West Fork Scholarship Fund. Scholarships \$ 20,000.00
- 77 - First Reformed Church, Alexander, IA \$ Ann
- 78 - First Reformed Church, Meservey, IA \$ A
- 79 - Dumont Reformed Church, Dumont, IA \$
- 80 - Immanuel Reformed Church, Belmont, IA \$ Ann
- 81 - Zion Reformed Church, Sheffield, IA \$ Ann

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Why I Hate Democracy

FRITZ GROSZKRUGER, COLUMNIST

A strange thing happened today. Dan Neil wrote about a car powered by an internal combustion engine. He reviews a car most weeks for the weekend Wall Street Journal. Ever since he was embarrassed to discover that what he thought was the best car ever was made by German cheaters, he's over-corrected and found religion in electric cars. As in most single vehicle accidents over-correcting is often worse than no correcting at all.

Volkswagen cheated on emissions tests. It cost them \$30 billion and they pledged to go EV to be popular again.

We can debate the 97% of all climate related scientists' opinions until we are blue in the face but total transition to EVs is not debatable unless aliens land and rescind logic. The electrical grid nationally would have to be replaced. Africa would have to experience a huge population explosion to increase the supply of child miners because cobalt and other battery materials won't just come when called, like our dog. By the way, do you know about the child miners? Better

not look. That's just the small stuff. Look at an aerial photo of a lithium mine. I'll bet you never thought of New York's Central Park as untamed wilderness before. If you did, you could call a lithium mine a roadless, wilderness paradise. But that's okay. You don't live there. That seems to be a huge problem with advocates of "green" this or that. They don't live there.

I was at an appointment with my surgeon and (being a California kid, 72, and still a kid, haha) asked him if that was his Porsche in the parking lot. With a twinkle in his eye he said, "I have a Tesla." At a more recent meeting I mentioned the Tesla again and he said, "It drives me, I don't drive it." He lives in Des Moines and works in Clarion and he says it is a great stress reliever to sit back and let his car drive him around.

I can't imagine the stress of cutting peoples' legs off and gluing new joints in there. There is not one second where I am jealous of his wealth or don't admire his skill.

Another one I admire is Akio Toyoda, the CEO of Toyota, who thinks adoption of electrified vehicles will not happen as quickly as the totalitarian politi-

cians wish. To say Toyoda knows more about vehicles than any politician is the understatement of the year. It is so sad that he risks being branded some sort of heretic at the altar of wacko science. It makes it all the more admirable that he goes out on that staunch limb.

When Tesla began, I pretty much hated Elon Musk. The guy, I don't know, but any company that depends on government subsidies... well, you know me. Tesla's subsidies have run out and they are still there. Only the rich can afford one. So what? Musk has proven his worth recently in the Twitter files. The presidency was bought, not won, in the election.

The protection afforded by constitutional restraints should make the purchased presidency not matter at all. But those restraints no longer exist. It's Wild West Days where the powerful take whatever they want. Note today's headline: "The White House to Ask Congress to Approve F-16s for Turkey." General Smedley Butler must be looking down from his heavenly perch saying, "Wow, it's the racket on steroids."

U.S. Marine Corps Major General, Smedley Butler earned the Congressional



THE ALTERNATIVE
Fritz Groszkruger

Medal of Honor twice. He saw up close how private interests finagle their way to huge profits "reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives."

The racket of war is not so much different from the war on individual freedom being waged by the "green" crazies. The fragile lives in the desert in the path of solar farms, the bats and birds flying into wind farms, and the abused children in the Congo are unnecessary casualties.

To see how chores get done while I heal, search YouTube for "Dawn puts bale in for cows." She proves the column each week and apparently that isn't enough.

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THE IDYLIC LIFE
By Sara Middleton

Seeing The Good

by Sara Middleton

Now that the big winter holidays have passed, we're heading into Valentine season and all of the hearts, flowers, chocolate, and sappy sentiment that comes with it. I used to despise Valentine's Day, because I saw it as a fake holiday created by greeting card companies and retail outfits hoping to get us continuing to spend money after the Christmas season. I have also never cared much for someone buy-

ing me a present because obligation or marketing tells them they should, and prefer my romance simple and heartfelt.

So, a holiday that Google gives me at least ten different origin stories for, most of which have nothing to do with romantic love? Hard pass...that is, until recently. Lately, I've changed my mind and softened my heart to the "greeting card holidays," and it has turned out to be a great decision.

In the dead of Mid-

west winter it's all snow, ice, and "feels like" temperatures with insultingly low to negative numerical values. It's hard to smile when your face hurts, so I can see why people could probably use a pick-me-up and a reason to celebrate something. Anything.

So, now, after years of saying "Bah, Humbug" to Cupid, I now say "bring it on."

Bring on the cheesy sentiments, candy conversation hearts, and seas of frilly pink and red decorations. Bring on the date nights and friend group parties and champagne.

Bring on shoe boxes decorated with sparkles to collect candy and little pun-filled cards from classmates, boxes of

chocolates where half of them are heaven and half are disgusting, and the sappy rom com guilty pleasures that simultaneously bring a tear to and a roll to the eye.

If a holiday, commercialized though it may be, makes us smile, allows us to enjoy something different, and reminds us to tell our nearest and dearest they are loved, it's now a-okay in my book.

Life's too short not to celebrate, so bring it on.

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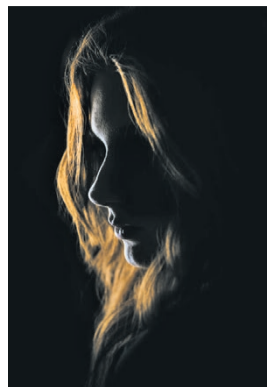
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Wake up Iowa!

January is Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

What can we do?



MICHELLE WATSON,
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It's time Iowans woke up to what is really happening right here in our state and in our own communities. January is "Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month." This is the second in a series of three articles exploring a variety of topics related to this disturbing issue.

The more people who know the signs of trafficking, the smaller the world becomes for those who buy and sell our children," said Linda Smith, founder and president of Shared Hope International.

The goal of these articles, a Shared Hope International and other organizations is to educate the general public - especially those who may be in the direct line to witness human trafficking such as, police officers, health care workers, first responders, teachers, coaches, those in ministry, and people that work in hotels, restaurants, resorts and vacation rental owners.

"We just had department-wide training on human trafficking," said Captain Mike Colby, of the Clear Lake Police Department. "Our training covered topics like how to investigate it, how to help those who have been trafficked and how to recognize it. We also partner with

area agencies in taking a proactive stance. We look for opportunities to partner with non-traditional groups to educate the public on what to look for, how to report suspicious activity and prevention methods to help possible victims of human trafficking."

Melody Stone is an ambassador with Shared Hope International and founder of the North Iowa Coalition Against Human Trafficking, which focuses on intervention efforts in 11 Iowa counties. She serves on the Iowa Human Trafficking Legislative Committee and provides no-cost professional training and prevention education. She also works with Hope For Justice, which provides training to law enforcement and first responders. Stone works with David Gonzalez and Greg Hall, who are both investigators with Hope For Justice.

"My focus is to get David, Greg and I on the road to saturate the area with knowledge about this topic," said Stone.

As a therapist, Stone has had four girls on her caseload from rural communities around Clear Lake who have been trafficked. She said it's important to pay attention to vulnerabilities that teens may have, because traffickers will look for these vulnerabilities and exploit them. Vulnerabilities may include: age, no solid family life, substance abuse in a family,

loneliness, developmental disabilities and kids who are outcasts.

Traffickers can be anyone, according to Shared Hope International. Behaviors traffickers may display include:

- Get jealous easily, seem controlling or exhibit violence.
- Is significantly older than those they keep company with.
- Promise things that seem too good to be true.
- Encourage others to engage in illegal activities to achieve goals and dreams.
- Suggest they know how to help make a lot of money.
- Buy expensive gifts or like to flash money.
- Vague about their profession and can't prove what they really do.
- Get pushy or demanding about sex.
- Want to take suggestive photos, encourage modeling or dancing for money.
- Makes others feel responsible for their financial stability. Very open about financial matters.

Signs that someone may be a victim of trafficking include:

- Unexplained absences from school.
- Runs away from home.
- Fearful, anxious, depressed, tense. Won't make eye contact.
- Inability to speak for themselves.
- Deprived of food, water, sleep, medical

care.

- Minimal contact with family.
- Tattoos or branding of someone's name.
- Sexually transmitted diseases.
- Has multiple cell phones.
- Has few possessions.
- Is not in control of their own identification, cell phone or money.
- Has restricted or scripted communication.
- Shows signs of substance abuse or addictions. Has injuries or signs of physical abuse.
- Presence of an older, overly controlling "boyfriend" who escorts the minor, loiters in the bar, lobby or parking lot.
- Works excessively or unusual hours.
- Protects identity of person abusing them, or minimizes the signs of abuse.

Those who work in the hospitality industry can watch for the following:

- Numerous men going in and out of a hotel room, RV, camper, van or truck in short intervals.
- Trash cans with drug or sex paraphernalia or excessive amounts of alcohol in the room.
- People loitering in hallways outside of hotel rooms or parking lots.
- Portable massage tables in room with lights/cameras.
- Adult men going into private areas with a young person they just met.
- Minors lingering in parking lots, visiting multiple truck cabs, appearing solicitous.
- Vehicles parked for a long period of time, or vehicles that seem out of place (RV parked in a back lot during the day.)

Stone will hold a public educational seminar at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16, at The Dock, 500 Main St., Clear Lake. The movie, "Gridshock," will be shown. This is a

riveting documentary exposing the hidden and disturbing reality behind the sex trafficking demand in Iowa. Stone will also speak on the subject of human trafficking in Iowa.

"Teens always need to remember, you're not looking for them, but they are looking for you," said Stone.

By being more aware of what to look for, the public may be the link needed to rescue someone from the trafficking industry and to see justice done to perpetrators. If you witness behaviors

that you find suspect, contact the numbers listed in the box on this page. If timeliness is important, call 9-1-1.

said Captain Mike Colby, of the Clear Lake Police Department. "We need to have resources in place for those who are trafficked to help them escape and we need harsh penalties for those that traffic others and for those who are consumers of services provided."

Next week: Ways, we as a community, can help in the fight against human trafficking.

SUDOKU

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• Sunday, Jan. 15, 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday School
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Chancel Choir
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p.m. SPRC Hampton/New Hope; 7
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Worship Service
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Sheffield Worship; 10 AM -
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p.m. Worship
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• Sunday, January 29 - Sunday
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Service 10:30am
• Monday, January 30 -
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• Tuesday, January 31 - Friendly
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Worship Service
• Tuesday, January 24, 8 a.m.
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• Wednesday, January 25, 4 p.m.
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• Wednesday, January 11, 5:30
p.m. Confirmation; 6:30 p.m.
Book Club (book being discussed
is, "Etched in Sand" by Regina
Calcaterra
• Sunday, January 15, 9:15
a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.
Worship / Children's Choir /
Communion Sunday / Worship
Leader: Tamara En Tin
• Sunday, January 22, 9:15
a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.
Worship / Worship Leader:
Jill Pliner; Following Worship
- Annual Meeting; Following
Worship - St. Peter's Youth Dinner
• Sunday, January 29, 9:15
a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.
Worship / Worship Leader: James
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Obituary
Norma M. (Freie) DeBour
1926 - 2023



Norma M. (Freie) DeBour
Casperson, 96, of Latimer,
passed away January 9, 2023,
at Bethany Life in Story
City, IA. Norma was born Oc-
tober 26, 1926, at Hampton
Hospital to Leslie and Laura
(Hovey) Freie. She graduated
from Latimer High in 1943.
After graduation, she attended
AIB in Des Moines, attaining
her business degree. She wor-
ked in the Iowa Falls Public
schools as secretary until
1946. On November 17, 1946, she was united in marriage
with Lloyd M. DeBour, and lived on a farm in Marion Twp.
until 1969. Lloyd and Norma were blessed with 3 children:
Randy, Linn, and Sara. Norma was involved in farming,
working in the fields until they moved to town. In 1970, she
began working in the CAL library. In 1974, she transitioned
to working in the high school secretary position, where she
remained until her retirement in July, 1993.

During her life, Norma was passionate about being active
in her community and giving back; saying "we're put on this
earth to serve others." She was an active member of Lutheran
Women's Mission League and her church, St. Paul's Lutheran
in Latimer, where she was a lifelong member. She was a 4-H
leader, member of the Farm Bureau ladies, active in the Red
Hat Society, as well as being actively involved in the Republi-
can Party of Franklin County (holding caucuses in her home).
Norma was a member of the Franklin General Hospital Foun-
dation Board and hospital auxiliary board, even representing
them at the Iowa legislature. Norma served on the Franklin
County Magistrate Commission and Franklin County Com-
pensation Board. For a period she edited the Latimer Star and
was a founding member of the Latimer Park Society.

After Lloyd's passing in 1985, Norma found love again with
Everett Casperson. They were united in marriage September
20, 1986. Norma enjoyed traveling with both her husbands,
visiting many places. She was also passionate about being a
lifelong learner, taking classes almost yearly, until it got „to
the point where I can't find anything to take anymore.“

Norma is survived by her son, Randy (Sue) DeBour; 3
grandchildren, Cara (Brian) Folkerts, Beth Podolan, and Tyler
(Sarah) DeBour and 7 great-grandchildren; brother Glenn
(Jeanette) Freie, sister Evonne Plagge, and numerous nieces
and nephews. Norma was preceded in death by husband
Lloyd DeBour, children Linn and Sara DeBour, husband
Everett Casperson, parents Leslie and Laura Freie, brother
Verne Freie, brother in law Wayne Plagge, and grandson in
law Eric Podolan.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday,
January 14, 2023, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Latimer,
with burial in the church cemetery. A memorial visitation will
be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 13, 2023,
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Latimer. Counsell Woodley
Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Hampton is caring
for Norma and her family.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the CAL education
foundation in memory of Norma.

Services: Memorial services will be held at 10:30
a.m., Saturday, January 14, 2023, at
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"There is no coercion in religion. Sound judgment has become clear from error." Quran 2:256
"I cannot and will not recant anything since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen." - Martin Luther
All true religions accept the idea that one must not coerce others to believe. Muslims say it quite directly: there is no coercion in religion. Christians typically put it this way: let your conscience be your guide, which is to say, don't rely on someone else's judgment of what is true. In Buddhism we are told to not accept anything on blind faith but rather to look and see if its tenets do not appear to be true. All true religion requires us to use our God-given faculties of mind to test the truth of particular tenets. Much of what we believe does indeed fall under the heading of faith, i.e., things we cannot see directly with our eyes (things hoped for but unseen, such as a future life and a benevolent Creator), but this doesn't mean we have to accept these things blindly. The error of coercion in religion is easily seen by looking at its extreme cases: the Spanish Inquisition, or fanatical Islamic groups who advise slaying unbelievers, or parents who try to force their children to believe exactly as they do. Trying to persuade others to believe is one thing; forcing them to believe is a completely different thing, and a wholly absurd thing to even attempt, once we realize that conscience is the ultimate locus of our freedom. Others may control our bodies, but our minds, and ultimately therefore our conscience, is the place where we are free to believe whatever we choose. - Christopher Simon

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Obituary

Phyllis J. Wirtz
1931 - 2023

Phyllis J. Wirtz, 91, of Hampton passed away Monday, January 9, 2023, at Franklin Country View Nursing Facility in Hampton, where she lived for the past seven years.



Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hampton. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will take place in the Hampton Cemetery. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Phyllis and her family.

Phyllis was born on June 27, 1931, to Wayne and Laura (Sorensen) Stevens on a farm north of Mason City. She went to country school through the eighth grade. It was during this time she decided that she was going to be a teacher. She graduated from Mason City High School and Jr. College. Later, Phyllis earned a degree from Drake University.

In 1951, she began her teaching career in Zearing. After three years, she taught in Wellsburg for a couple years. She always taught at the third and fourth grade levels. Phyllis moved to Hampton in 1956, and continued teaching for almost thirty-five years, retiring in 1990.

Phyllis married the love of her life, Art Wirtz in June of 1957. They took many trips together. Art passed away in 1983.

Phyllis soon became a world traveler. She traveled by herself and with others. If she wanted to go on a trip – she went. Her travels included Australia (twice), several trips to Europe, including Greece and to Brazil in South America. She also made numerous domestic trips over the years.

Phyllis was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hampton.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, husband Art, four brothers Allen, Walter, Cleve and Gerald, along with several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Survivors include her brother Ken (Dolores) Stevens of Ardale, her sister Jan Wendt of Hampton, and her sister-in-law Audrey Wirtz of Oregon, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services: Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hampton.
22 1st Ave SW, Hampton, IA 50441

Death Notice

John T. Van Hove

John T. Van Hove, 88, of Urbandale and formerly of Steamboat Rock, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines. Funeral services are pending with the Sietsema Funeral Home in Ackley.

Obituary

William Neill Wright
1929 - 2023

William Neill Wright, 93, of Hampton, Iowa passed away January 14 at ABCM Rehabilitation Center after a hard-fought battle with Cancer. The funeral service will be at First Christian Church, on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10:30am with burial in the Hampton Cemetery. A visitation will be held Monday, January 16 from 4-6 p.m. at Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton. The family will be there to welcome friends and relatives.



He was born January 30th, 1929, to William and Lexie (Nedrow) Wright. Neill graduated from Hampton High School in 1947. Neill worked at the Conoco Gas station with his father for several years, then spent 14 years with Hampton Heating and Air Conditioning until opening his own company, Neill's Heating and Air, retiring in 1991. He also served in the United States Army.

Neill had four children. Randy Wright (Debbie) of Meza, AZ, Murray Wright, Peggy Beavers (Mike) of Corydon, IA, and Stacy Welsh (Rick) of Cedar Rapids, IA.

He married JoAnn Scalise June 11th, 1994, and had three step children. Tony Scalise (Julie) of Coralville, IA, Leatha Cline (Michael) of Kansas City, MO and Michael Scalise (Ann) of Hampstead, NC.

Neill loved golfing, especially with Jo, and spent many hours on different courses around the area. He also enjoyed having his coffee with Jo and watching the wildlife out the window together, talking for hours in the morning.

He was always tinkering and working in his garage workshop and loved tending to his yard, making it picture perfect. He was tough, determined, bold, a bit bossy and always had a story to tell. He also had a big heart and loved to laugh and joke with friends. If Neill wasn't in his shop, you could find him watching his favorite cowboy John Wayne or any western. JoAnn learned to love them as well! Neill and Jo are also sports fans, and he was always ready to watch Kansas City, especially Patrick Mahomes.

He was preceded in death by his son Murray Wright, sister Norma Mittelstadt, his father William Wright, mother Lexie (Nedrow) Wright, and grandparents.

Neill is survived by his wife JoAnn Wright, son Randy Wright, daughters Peggy Beavers and Stacy Welsh, three stepchildren, Tony Scalise, Leatha Cline, Michael Scalise, twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Thank you to the staff at Franklin General Hospital for the great care given to Neill. Thank you to the Care Initiatives Hospice team, you are all very compassionate and made this journey go smoothly for all of us. Thank you to the staff at ABCM Rehabilitation Center for the care & comfort to Neill & our family. Thanks to the wonderful neighbors and friends who were always ready to lend a helping hand throughout the years.

Services: Funeral service will be at First Christian Church, on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10:30am with burial in the Hampton Cemetery.
605 4th St NE, Hampton, IA 50441

Death Notice

Byron John Clark

Byron John Clark, 94, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, passed away Friday, January 6, 2023 at his home in Iowa Falls. Services for Byron Clark will be 10:30 am Friday, January 13, 2023, at the First Congregational UCC Church 520 College Avenue, Iowa Falls. Visitation will be Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Linn's Funeral Home Iowa Falls Chapel. Burial will be at Union Cemetery. Memorial can be directed to the family: Byron Clark c/o Linn's Funeral Home, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

Death Notice

Barbara Jean White

Barbara Jean (Wheeler) White, 91, of Eldora, passed away Sunday, January 8, 2023. Services for Barbara White will be 10:30 am Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Linn Funeral Home Iowa Falls Chapel. Memorials can be sent to the family of Barbara White c/o Linn's Funeral Home 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

Death Notice

Betty Lauffer

Betty Lauffer of Chapin, Iowa passed away January 6, 2023 at Franklin General Hospital.

A celebration of Life will be held January 21st 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Sheffield, Iowa.

Cards of Thanks

Thank You for the cards, flowers, plants memorials and all expressions of sympathy since the passing of our stepdad and uncle, Ronnie Schulz. Memorials will be sent to the West Fork United Methodist Church and the Dumont American Legion.

A special thank you to Pastor Sandi for the comforting message, to Dawn Groszkruger for the beautiful music and the West Fork ladies for the wonderful lunch. The Dumont Legion for their touching military honors that they provided at the grave site. Also, the excellent care Ronnie received at the Sheffield Care Center, and the caring service the Counsel! Woodley Funeral Home provided.

To all of you, your kindness is much appreciated.
The Ron Schulz family.

HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: FROM PAGE 1

The universe of games available on the device spans from the traditional, such as Monopoly, Simon, Backgammon and Candyland to newer offerings such as "Pandemic" where players are

"members of an elite disease control team, (and) the only thing standing in the way of the four deadly diseases spreading across the world."

The Infinity game purchase was pursued as

part of a strategy to get more kids coming back to the library after covid concerns thinned their ranks according to Library director Kim Manning. Casting about for strategies to bring people back in is what led Manning and staff to the table and its purchase. Once the funding was secured Manning sourced the table online and had it delivered to the library to be set up the first week of January. Manning and

Van Wert and staff then tinkered with it, finally figuring out how to create an account and downloading all the free game titles available, which currently number over 90. Manning and Van Wert both admit though that as far as working the device is concerned, the kids may have the upper hand.

The Infinity table is available to all library patrons young and old, in body and spirit, and

is located conspicuously on the north side of the lower level of the library in the children's reading area, prominently anchoring a table that has been given over to its use. Access to the Infinity table is on a first come first served basis during the library's regular hours and no appointment is required. The curious can learn more about the table and it's offering by visiting the Infinity website at <https://infinitygame.com/>, or by calling the Hampton Public Library at 641-456-4451.

The Hampton Public Library is located at 4 S. Federal St and offers many services: Copying, scanning, printing and faxing. They also offer public internet access, 24-hour Wifi and test proctoring. The library is open: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 5:30pm, Wednesday 10am - 7pm and Friday/Saturday 10am to 3pm.

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Franklin County Tourism Board Meets Jan 12th, Makes Plans for 2023

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The Franklin County Tourism Board met for its monthly meeting of the new year at 4:30pm Thursday January 12th. The tourism board meets every 2nd Thursday at 4:30pm in the lower level of First Bank Hampton.

The board is now made up of: Katy Flint Chair, and voting members, Cindy Mollenbeck, Treasurer, Ned Parker, President, Holly Coffee, Marie Boyd, Deanna Koenen, Steph Mulford and Mike Arndorfer. Non-voting members include Jim Davies, and Richard Lukensmeyer, with Bill Hittle and Julie Frericks of the Chamber as staff. Absent Thursday were Coffee, Smith and Mulford.

On the agenda were standard meeting items and discussions of grant



Franklin County tourism Board Meeting January 12th 2023

opportunities, choosing of promotional items for giveaways, coming events and meetings, selection of officers for 2023 and moving the February meeting. Added was discussion and a vote about putting organization funds in a CD for 12 months.

No grants were before the committee and so discussion quickly moved to events. Coming

events include: Latimer Fire Department Breakfast Feb 12th, a coming VA breakfast, or lunch maybe, coming up in "the next week or two," Franklin County Conservation's Moonlight snow and ski which could be possibly February 4-5th, which is the next full moon but is not set yet, and a Tourism Networking Meeting scheduled for Feb 23rd at 5:30pm in

Mayne's Grove.

The Networking event will have light refreshments and groups that attend and have an event they are promoting could potentially get funding of \$1,000 for the event if they show up. The event is expected to last an hour and the Chamber will send out details as the event approaches.

Officers were voted to stay the same for

2023. Mufold and Coffee were added as members in 2023. Marie Boyd offered to vacate her seat if an interested party emerged.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 4:30pm in the lower level of First Bank Hampton at 211 1st Ave NW.

The mission of Franklin County Tourism is "To encourage tourism

in the Franklin County area through the promotions of the area as a destination for day and overnight visitors." The board is looking for volunteers for 2023 and interested parties are encouraged to contact Bill Hittle at director@hamptoniowa.org.

West Fork Dance Team

On Sunday the West Fork Dance Team held a dance clinic with 56 kids in attendance! Fun was had by all! We will be performing Friday night January 20th during the varsity girls basketball halftime. Also watch our State Jazz routine during the Boys Varsity Halftime!

Also on Friday come out and get a Walking Taco during our fundraiser dinner!!!! We will be serving from 4:30-7:30 pm!



Photo from a parent: Breanna Poppen, Kaya Weaver, Gabby Petersen, Tess Enabnit, Olivia Wedmore

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This Week's Racing News
 2023 eNASCAR Coca-Cola iRacing Series schedule
 Now more than a decade into its history, the eNASCAR Coca-Cola iRacing Series heads into 2023 looking ahead to one of its most unique schedules yet. The 18-race campaign mixes stops at many of NASCAR's most iconic venues with a handful of out-of-the-box selections that follow in the real-world sport's footsteps of expanding its horizons with new tracks on the calendar. As in years past, the season kicks off with the Clash exhibition race on January 31, returning to Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum as it did last year, before heading to Daytona International Speedway. From there, a new twist is added to the schedule, with the historic Milwaukee Mile on the schedule two weeks later. Milwaukee joins the legendary Monza circuit in Italy as two non-NASCAR Cup Series circuits to be added to this year's campaign, with the latter representing the first time eNCIS will leave the United States.

All-Time Top Driver's Bio
Jeff Gordon
 Born: Aug. 4, 1971
 Cup wins: 93
 Cup top-tens: 477
 Cup championships: 4
 Jeff Gordon was five years old when he first performed laps on a makeshift racetrack. After his childhood and teen years, Gordon moved on to NASCAR and won Rookie of the Year in 1991. The next year he signed with Hendrick Motorsports and has gained 93 wins during his career, third on the all-time Cup wins list and the most wins in NASCAR's modern era (1972-present). Gordon's 81 pole positions lead all active drivers, and is third all-time. He has won at least one pole in 23 consecutive seasons, a NASCAR record. He is also the active iron man leader for consecutive races participated in with 797 through the 2015 season. In 2009, Gordon became the first NASCAR driver to reach \$100 million in career winnings. Gordon, along with Rick Hendrick, co-owns the No. 48 Chevrolet driven by Jimmie

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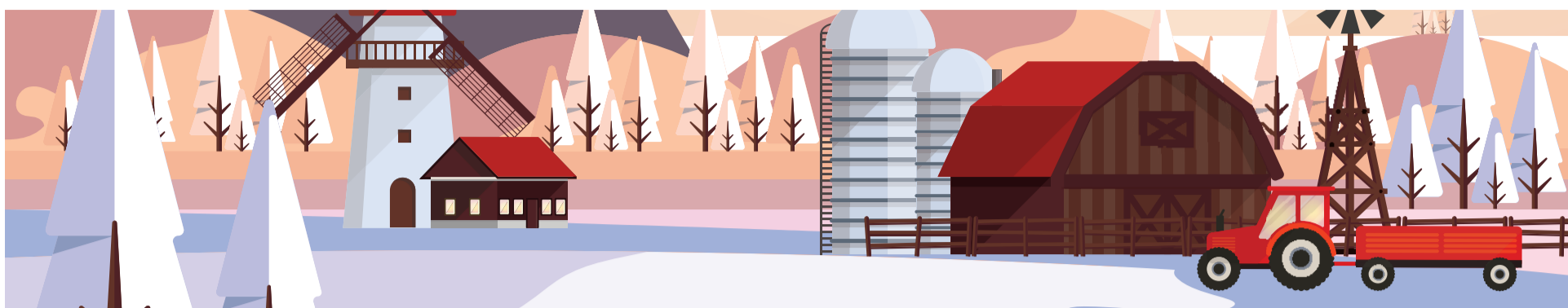
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Coach Stafford Wins 100th Career Game

BY RAY WILSON
 Passing milestones in sports can show the development of a program during a players time or under a coaches watch. Such was the case with the Bulldogs last Friday as Coach Miranda Stafford reached the milestone of 100 career victories as a girls basketball coach. The occasion was a special moment that she was able to share with two of her daughters that currently play for her, and with her middle school aged daughter that cheers on the team from the bench for every game. The Bulldogs took the opportunity offered by the achievement and publicly celebrated the moment with their coach and fans.
 On Monday night, the Bulldogs took on the Humboldt Wildcats. The Bulldogs would have a strong first quarter and lead 10-8 behind aggressive defense, but the Wildcats would counter in the second quarter and take a 19-16 lead into halftime. The 3rd quarter would remain close as the teams continued to battle, but in the fourth quarter the Wildcats pulled away, ultimately earning a 42-36 win. Jordan Valley led the Bulldogs in scoring with 18 points and Lily Hambly grabbed six rebounds in the game.

Friday night saw the Bulldogs in another NCC match-up, this time against the St. Edmond Gaels. Aggressive defense from the Bulldogs allowed them to jump out to an early lead, and continuing that aggressive play through the first half expanded that lead to 30-7. For the second half the Bulldogs were on cruise control, ultimately winning the game 38-14. The Valley twins lead the Bulldogs in scoring and the win would be Coach Stafford's 100th career victory, a special moment of recognition she shared with all in attendance.

On Saturday afternoon the Bulldogs headed up to Britt to take on the West Hancock Eagles. The Bulldogs would start the game in

a defensive battle against the Eagles, and took the lead 8-6 after the first quarter. The Eagles would make adjustments in the second though, flipping the script and heading into the locker room with a 25-13 lead. The Bulldogs were not able to cut the lead down and would lose 45-30. The loss dropped the Bulldogs record to 2-10 overall and 2-4 in the conference.

The girls basketball team will return to action Tuesday evening at home against the Algona Bulldogs, then travel to Clear Lake for a conference game against the Lions on Friday. Saturday is the annual Coaches versus Cancer game in Sheffield against the West Fork Warhawks.



Coach Stafford sharing a moment with her team following her 100th career win

Bulldog Wrestlers Have Busy Week

BY RAY WILSON
 The H-D-CAL Bulldogs went from wrestling in 5 duals heading into the week to finishing the week having wrestled 14. The Bulldogs competed on three different days and saw a lot of

Carter Heilskov all won by fall. Cael Burmester would win by technical fall.

Thursday night had the Bulldogs traveling to Clear Lake for an NCC triangular with Clear Lake and St. Edmonds.

back on track with a tough 1-0 victory at 145, but the Lions would win the next 4 matchups, 3 of them being by fall. Cael Burmester bumped up to 195 and claimed the final victory for the Bulldogs. The Lions would



Karter Janssen celebrating following his win against the Redhawks.

tough opponents during the week. Coach Hansen believes his wrestlers are prepared for this type of competition due to the fact that they wrestled tough competition at the beginning of the season. The Bulldogs are getting ready for the post season and need to utilize this time to be at their best for the coming weeks.

The Bulldogs began their week hosting a quad against Humboldt, Ballard, and Mason City. Humboldt and Ballard are ranked 2A dual teams and showed why against the Bulldogs. Humboldt, ranked 15th, bested the Bulldogs 54-15. The three Bulldog victories in that dual were a forfeit to Carter Heilskov, a 3-0 decision by Jayson Stevens over 4th ranked Cyler Cirks at 113, and a Charlie Showalter pin at 132. The Bulldogs then took on the 9th ranked Ballard Bombers, but the Bombers won the dual 45-24. Bulldogs earning victories were Jayson Stevens with a pin, Jaymes Stevens with a decision, Charlie Showalter with a pin, Taylor Mahler with a decision, and Carter Heilskov with a pin. The final match-up saw the Bulldogs getting a victory over the Redhawks of Mason City by a score of 47-19. Jaymes Stevens, Chase Johnson, and Maddon Evans all took forfeits and Taylor Mahler, Colin Bird, Karter Janssen, and

There the Bulldogs steamrolled St. Ed's by a score of 69-4. Maddon Evans, Carter Heilskov, Jayson Stevens, and Charlie Showalter all won by fall. Brody Strother straight up won a hard fought match by a 3-1 decision. Hector Bunston, Gage Plagge, Taylor Mahler, Colin Bird, Karter Janssen, Sean Heilskov, and Cael

ultimately claim the dual though by a score of 38-33.

On Saturday the Bulldogs headed to New Hampton for the Doc Carr Duals where the Bulldogs would face off with Waterloo West, Albert Lea, Denver, and New Hampton. The team went 2-2 in duals there beating Waterloo West by a score of 65-12



Cael Burmester looking for a pin against Mason City

Burmester would all took forfeits from the Gaels. The dual with Clear Lake was a competitive back and forth battle. The Lions struck first win a pin at 220, but the Bulldogs would win with 4 straight wins. Carter Heilskov, Jayson Stevens, and Charlie Showalter all pinned, while Brody Strother took a forfeit. The Lions answered with a technical fall and pin at 132 and 138. The final score would be 24-17 in favor of the Bulldogs. Taylor Mahler got the Bulldogs

and Denver 48-30, but fell to Albert Lea 52-24 and New Hampton 48-24. Carter Heilskov and Jayson Stevens would go 4-0 on the day. Stevens picked up 4 pins and Heilskov picked up 3 and a forfeit. Brody Strother, Cael Burmester, and Taylor Mahler went 3-1 on the day. The Bulldogs dual record now sits at 6-8 and they are 2-4 in the NCC. Jayson Stevens and Taylor Mahler lead the Bulldogs in individual victories at 22, and Carter Heilskov leads the team in pins with 15 on the season.

The Bulldogs return to action Tuesday as they travel to Garner to face off against the Garner-Hayfield/Ventura Cardinals and the Forest City Indians, with the meet starting at 6:00 PM. Next up after that the Bulldogs host the 55th annuals North Central Conference Wrestling meet on Saturday, with wrestling set to begin at 10:00 AM.



Jaymes Stevens turning his opponent to the mat against Ballard

Warhawk Boys Basketball Welcomed a TIC East Conference Opponent, Rockford, Into Town

Friday January 13, 2023
 The JV game was very much lopsided as it was in the first contest this year, West Fork 68 Rockford 22. Coach Bohman commented after the game about how important it was to stay motivated throughout the year. The JV team remains undefeated moving to 10-0 for the year. Ashyr Wiseman came alive shooting 6-7 from three point line, finishing with 25 points. Jack Ward 14 points; Nolan Shreckengost 9 points; Xavier Baptiste 8 points; Austin Altick 5 points; Parker Eisentrager 5 points.



In the varsity contest it was a back and forth game, but the Warhawks were able to pull away late for a 68-57 victory over Rockford. Playing Dike to a double overtime game the night before and a tough opponent Saturday, this contest seemed as though it could be a trap game. Rockford's energy and effort was one of the best the Warhawks had

seen displayed this year. Coach Trask commented about how impressive their competitiveness and hustle was despite their record. Following the contest coach Trask stated, "Some wins are tough to come by and we have to continue doing the little things to give us the edge in every contest, one game at a time." Cayde Eberling, player of the game (POG) finished with 25 points, 7 rebounds, 4 steals; Ed-ison Maske 14 points, 5 rebounds; Sage Suntken 10 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists.

Saturday January 14, 2023
 In a makeup contest from December 16th that was postponed due to weather, the Warhawk boys basketball team traveled to Saint Ansgar in an early afternoon contest. Warhawks came out with yet another slow start trailing after one period 10-13 and 27-24 at half. The coaches were pleased with how well the guys were battling a much bigger Saint Ansgar team in the paint, boxing out well and finishing with physicality. Sage Suntken caught fire in the second half and that was enough to open up the game. Despite a couple desperation shots that fell through for Saint Ansgar late, Warhawks were victorious 59-54. Coach Trask commented, "Some games the

finesse goes out the window and you have to play physical to come away with wins. I'm proud of how well you guys rebounded, took care of the ball, and won your



individual battles." Sage Suntken (POG) scored 25 points, 5/10 from three, 8/8 front the line, 9 rebounds, 3 assists; Cayde Eberling scored 19 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists; Edison Maske came away with 8 points; Cannen Vold with 4 points, and 6 rebounds.

Warhawk Boys Basketball moves to 9-2 on the season and remains tied for first place in the TIC East with Newman Catholic at 8-1.

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Harr Sets School Record, Bulldogs Earn Conference Victory

BY RAY WILSON

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldog basketball team continues to show progress and growth. The team would play tough in two conference games with a non-conference game to went the week. Junior forward, Scott Harr continues his outstanding season and would break a twenty year old record.



Scott Harr after his record breaking performance against the Gaels

Monday night the Bulldogs would face off against the 5-1 Humboldt Wildcats at home. The Bulldogs would jump out to a fast start behind tough defense and knock down shooting. The Wildcats would rally back in the second quarter and take a 31-28 lead into the locker room. The third quarter would remain close, but the Wildcats would pull away in the fourth quarter and ultimately earn a 66-51 victory

over the Bulldogs. Harr would lead the Bulldogs in points and rebounds, scoring 17 points and grabbing 20 rebounds while dishing out 8 assists. Tucker Heeren would add 12 points. Will Sackville would grab 6 rebounds for the Bulldogs.

Friday night the Bulldogs would host the St. Edmond Gaels in another

NCC clash. The first quarter would be a back and forth battle between the teams, but the second quarter the Bulldogs would start to feed Scott Harr the ball. Harr would take over the game and the Bulldogs would head into the locker room with a 35-26 lead. Harr and the Bulldogs would keep their foot on the gas pedal and win the game 75-60. Harr would score 45 points on 21 for 24 shooting. He would add 9 rebounds, 5 assists, 3

steals, and a block to his stat sheet. The 45 points would set a new school record for points in a single game. The victory would push the Bulldogs to 3-5 on the season and 2-3 in conference play.

Saturday night the Bulldogs would travel to Britt and take on the West Hancock Eagles. The Bulldogs would start the game off strong leading 18-15 after the first quarter. The second quarter would slow the game down, but the Bulldogs would take a 26-24 lead into the break. The game would continue to be a battle between the teams and be tied at the end of the third quarter. The Bulldogs would go cold from the field in the fourth and drop the game to the Eagles 53-43. Senior, Will Sackville would lead the Bulldogs in points with 15 and 6 rebounds. Tommy Birdsell would add 12 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists. The loss drops the Bulldogs record to 3-6 on the season.

The H-D-CAL Bulldogs have a pair of NCC game next week and coaches versus cancer on Saturday. H-D-CAL hosts the Algona Bulldogs on Tuesday night and travels to Clear Lake on Friday night. Saturday the Bulldogs head up to Sheffield for the annual Coaches vs Cancer games that will feature the 9/10 team, junior varsity team, and varsity team.

Warhawk Wrestlers Prepare for First Girls Postseason

BY RAY WILSON

The West Fork Warhawk girls wrestling team has experienced lots of first this past season. They competed in the first sanctioned girls event, they hosted the first girls dual in West Fork history and now they prepare for the first ever sanctioned girls wrestling post-season. The set up will consist of 4 hosting sites and each site will host two separate tournaments on Friday and Saturday. The



Teaghan Bird sprawling away from a shot

top 4 finishers at each weight on each day will qualify for the state tournament in Coralville on February 4th. The West Fork girls will head to Decorah Friday January 27th to compete for the chance to qualify for the state tournament. Coach Prestidge is happy with the girls regional placement saying, "We got a pretty good draw and will have an opportunity to get a couple girls through to state. The girls just have to wrestle their best on that day to make it through."

The girls would wrestle at the Oelwein Girls Invitational on Saturday January 14th. Finishing tenth as a team the Warhawks would have all ten of their wrestlers placed in the tournament in their bracket. Teaghan Bird placed 3rd at 110 pounds winning 3 matches by fall and Ava Gauley placed sixth in the 110B bracket. Preslee Dickman came out placed 8th in the 120 pound bracket and Autumn Stonecypher placed 7th at 125



Gina Schmit celebrating a victory with her coaches

145B bracket and Joslyn Bordwell finishing as the runner-up in the 155 pound bracket. Fernanda Ramirez finished 6th in the 170 pound bracket, Gina Schmit won 5th place in the 170B bracket and finally Ava Brisler finished 6th at 190 pounds.

The Warhawk girl wrestlers will travel to Colfax Friday for the girls tournament and then will be in Hampton as a part of the second North Central Conference tournament on Monday January 23rd.

Other finishes were Kylee Dorenkamp, 8th in the 130B bracket, with Jenny Ramirez getting runner-up in the



Warhawks getting a pin.

Bulldog Girls Basketball Opens Up 2023 on the Road

BY RAY WILSON

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL girls basketball team is a young team that has been growing and learning all season. As the calendar turns over and a new year begins, the high school basketball season also begins to heat up. The Bulldog girls must continue to grow up quickly to be competitive in the NCC. Accordingly, Coach Stafford will look to the few upperclassmen and the sophomore class to lead the team the rest of the season.

The H-D-CAL Bulldogs opened up the season with the tall task of traveling to Osage to take on the 9th ranked Green Devils, starting the game in a defensive battle with the Green Devils and trailing after the first quarter 6-3. The Green Devils would continue to find their rhythm in the second quarter as well, and unfortunately carry that throughout the rest of the game. The 9th ranked Green Devils would eventually win the game 64-20 over the Bulldogs. Jordan Valley led the Bulldogs with 7 points and Brooklyn Valley would add 6 points to the total. Charlee Morton booked 2 points and 5 rebounds with the loss dropping the Bulldogs record to 1-7.

Friday saw the Bulldogs continue their mini-road trip, traveling on Highway 3 to Clarion to take on the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowgirls. The Bulldogs and the Cowgirls battled throughout the first half of the game with the Cowgirls gaining the upper hand and heading into the locker room with a 23-17 lead. The Bulldog shooting went cold though and

the Cowgirls handled the Bulldogs pressure, opening up in the second half, and thereby earning a 48-27 victory over the Bulldogs. Jordan Valley would again lead the Bulldogs in points with 14 and 2 assists and Brooklyn Valley would add 12 more points, 4 rebounds, and 5 steals. The loss dropped the Bulldogs record to 1-8 and 1-3 in the NCC.

Saturday dawned

with the H-D-CAL girls basketball team giving back to the youth of the community by volunteering and coaching at the Hampton Youth Basketball clinic Saturday morning. The Bulldog girls return to action with a pair of NCC home games, Monday against the Humboldt Wildcats and Friday against the St. Edmond Gaels.



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