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Also on the ballot: offices for United States Representative District 4, State Senator District 28 and State Representative District 55. The State Representative District 55 incumbent will run unopposed while United States Representative District 4 has three candidates and State Senator District 28 has two. Read about them below.

As stated on Franklin County's election webpage, Absentee Ballot Request forms will be accepted beginning Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Ballots will be available to be mailed and voted in-person beginning Wednesday May 15, 2024. The last day an absentee ballot may be mailed to a voter for this election is Monday, May 20, 2024. Requests for absentee ballots must be made in writing and should be mailed or delivered to: Franklin County Auditor, PO Box 26, Hampton, Iowa 50441. Voted Absentee ballots returned by mail to the Auditor's Office must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 4, 2024 to be considered on time to be counted. Voters are advised to keep in mind that postal delivery is now two to five days. Extended and

Saturday hours are available for voter registration and absentee voting in the Franklin County Auditor's Office. In addition to regular hours of Monday through Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM, extended office hours during the 2024 Primary Election season will be as follows: Friday, March 22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, April 18, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, May 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, May 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, June 1, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, June 4, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. or later depending on election activities.

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# Hampton Rotary Club Celebrates 100 Years of Service and Memories

**BY JENNIFER BURNHAM**  
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The 100th anniversary of the Hampton Rotary Club was celebrated at the Hampton Country Club Friday evening, March 22.

The night started with hors d'oeuvres made by the HD-CAL ProStart team. The students and their instructor, Leslie Pralle Osborn, recreated the menu items they made at Invationals.

After grabbing a cocktail or soda at the bar, party goers made their way over to the refreshment tables where ProStart students could be seen serving up their award-winning creations.

About an hour into the event, a slideshow of the rotary's club history was presented, including newspaper clippings and old photos of earlier members and



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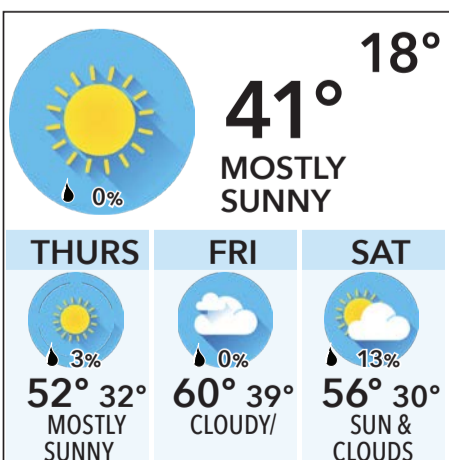
The HD-CAL ProStart team ready to serve hors d'oeuvres at the 100th celebration of the Hampton Rotary Club at the Hampton Country Club. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

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# HD Elementaries' 'Healthy Habits' Event a Hit

**BY JENNIFER BURNHAM**  
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South Side Elementary School was overflowing with students and their family members Thursday evening, March 21 for the district's first-ever "Healthy Habits" event.

From 4 to 6 p.m., students could be seen jumping through hoops, shooting basketballs, doing yoga, trying healthy snacks and learning healthy lifestyle tips at different stations throughout the school. Staff and volunteers were at the stations to help those who stopped by.

Fourth-grader Abby Hearst said her favorite part of the event was the yoga station, which was held in one of the classrooms. The yoga instructor had seven yoga mats unrolled and ready for whoever wanted to participate, holding short sessions every ten or so minutes. The instructor would have the young participants roll a die for a number, which would tell them which yoga pose they were doing next. Hearst said her teacher is Mrs. Peters.

HD Elementary Principal Beth Frenchick said she was pleased with the turnout. "I know that we had hundreds of guests in the building," she said. "Amazing!"

She said they plan to have a family event at North Side in the fall and one at South Side again next spring.

"We recognize the importance of family involvement and how it positively impacts student achievement," she said. "We want to provide safe and enjoyable activities for our students and families."



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Omer Miller 6, celebrates his made basket at the HD Elementary "Healthy Habits" event at South Side Elementary on March 21. Miller is in Kindergarten at North Side Elementary. Photo by News Editor Jennifer Burnham

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Above: Addie Whalen and Janette Acolt, who works at La Luz Centro Cultural, at an informational table for the center at the "Healthy Habits" event at South Side Elementary on March 21.

Below: Ashley and Abby Hearst are all smiles at the HD Elementary "Healthy Habits" event at South Side Elementary on March 21. Photos by News Editor Jennifer Burnham



- The following organizations participated at the event:
- Healthy Harvest of North Iowa
  - Hampton-Dumont ProStart
  - Iowa State Extension
  - Hampton-Dumont Cheerleading
  - Hampton-Dumont Coaching Staff
  - Bulldog Basket Food Pantry
  - CICS
  - Wood Vision Eye Clinic
  - First Bank of Hampton
  - La Luz Centro Cultural
  - Hampton Public Library
  - Dumont Public Library
  - Rolling Prairie Yoga
  - KLMJ
  - Hampton Chronicle
  - Windsor Theatre
  - Dumont Bowling Alley
  - Girl Scouts of North Iowa
  - Preschool-4th grade Staff

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presidents.

Hampton Rotary Club President Mary Amsbaugh followed the presentation with a few words about why she joined the club and how much she's enjoyed it so far. She made sure to point out club members who've gone above and beyond, including Jay Van Wert

who was named "Rotarian of the Year" last year.

HD-CAL ProStart instructor Leslie Pralle Osborn also had the chance to speak, saying how grateful she was and is for all the community support for the ProStart program. The ProStart students will go to Nationals in June.

Community leaders were among those in attendance at the celebration, including Hampton Mayor Steve Bird-sall and his wife, Tammy Horton-Bird-sall. Steve said he received a personal invite to the event and wouldn't have missed it, and they both said they enjoyed the food.



HD-CAL ProStart instructor Leslie Pralle Osborn dropping some food off at one of the tables. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



Above: Hampton Rotary Club President Mary Amsbaugh speaking at the organization's 100th anniversary celebration at the Hampton Country Club on Friday evening, March 22. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



HD-CAL ProStart culinary students Kenzie Moorehead and Jaxson Rew perfecting the presentation of their food at the Hampton Country Club. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.



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**FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR**

Incumbent Franklin County Auditor **Katy Flint** filed her nomination for a second term for her position on March 7.

**Party:** Republican  
**Hometown:** Hampton, Iowa  
**Age:** No response.

**Work Experience:** "Prior to my first term as Auditor, I served at the City Clerk for Sheffield for 6.5 years. Prior to that I held a variety of jobs in retail management, teaching, and more."

**Education:** "Graduated from Hampton-Dumont High School in 2000, Bachelor of Arts in American & World History & Secondary Education from Wartburg College"

**Challenges of current job:** No Response

**Why she's running again:** "I truly have a passion for local government and for Franklin County. I'm constantly looking for ways

to provide the best services to our residents while doing it in the most economical way possible. I also strive for the most accurate, fair, and secure elections in Franklin County. I strive every day to do things better and more efficiently. I feel like I have so much more to accomplish in this position while advocating for Franklin County and local control."

**Goals:** "To continue to work to find ways to create the most efficient county government as possible, being diligent in our spending and not sacrificing services to our residents. To continue to work to execute the most secure elections in our County."

**Hobbies:** "Reading, working out/running, volunteering my time in our community, spending time with my family, and traveling."



**FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF**

Incumbent Franklin County Sheriff **Aaron Dodd** filed his nomination for a second term for his position on March 13.

**Party:** Republican  
**Hometown:** Dike, Iowa  
**Age:** 45

**Work Experience:** "Since 2003, I've worked for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, first starting as a patrol Deputy, then moving to Investigator with the North Central Iowa Drug Task Force and since 2018 serving as the Sheriff."

**Education:** "I earned a degree in Agriculture Business from Hawkeye Community College in 1999"

**Why he's running again:** See goals below.

**Challenges of current job:** "As Sheriff, my team is facing some real hurdles. There has been a steady increase in calls for service year over year, it's challenging to keep up with providing enough coverage for all our communities. Mental health issues are another big challenge, affecting everything from how we care for inmates, budget increases for inmate care, increased travel and costs for Deputies who provide transport for those going to mental health beds. We also see first-hand the effects of long term illegal drug use contributes in the relationship to an increase in mental health issues.

In the past year we successfully achieved several significant goals. My Office received a Barkema Grant to improve our in-car camera system. We completed this camera update the first week of March 2024. This system improves vastly on our previous system, with multiple camera angles, increased storage and ease of use.

I also completed a review and rewrite of the Franklin County

Sheriff's Office Policy Manual, which is a critical step towards reducing liability, providing comprehensive guidance for employee decision-making, and establishing stringent professionalism standards. I have been striving to get Deputies into as many on going education classes, certifications and hands on trainings. This strengthens all of us and makes for a better agency for Franklin County. My Office also provided ALEERT training to all of the school buildings in all of the school districts in Franklin County. This training is for awareness and creates action plans for schools and school staff in the instance of an active shooter or threat."

**Goals:** "This coming year we are looking to continue to expand the Radio project we began in 2021 and to continue adding radio resources to Franklin County Fire Departments. Continue to assist schools as they complete and revise good school safety plans into better ones. Focus the planning to include Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Fire Departments and EMS. This is a significant undertaking for the safety of our students."

**Hobbies:** "I'm married and a father of 4 children. In my free time I love overseeing a small cattle herd on our family farm. I stay busy juggling time between the many activities of my four children. When not doing that, you'll find me involved at Steamboat Rock Baptist Church; I serve as a Deacon, youth ministry volunteer, and a couples Small Group Leader. I grew up on a farm south of Dike, Iowa, which gave me a love for agriculture and rural life. Continue with to increase training and education opportunities for all of our Deputies."



**FRANKLIN COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3**

Incumbent District 3 Franklin County Supervisor **Chris Vanness** filed his nomination for a second term for his position on March 5.

**Party:** Republican  
**Hometown:** Latimer, Iowa  
**Age:** 62

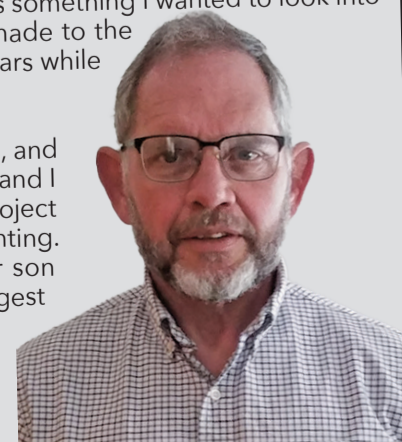
**Work Experience:** "Farm and operate a small excavation business"  
**Education:** "2 year Farm Operations Degree from Iowa State University"

**Challenges:** "My first term has been a learning experience. There's greater difference between how government works and operating a business than I expected. My first term has seen a large reduction from funding because of the action of our State Legislators. At the same time we have a number of unfunded or partially funded mandates to pay for. Those have not been reduced. Another issue is the fees the county retains for services performed for the State have not changed, for decades in some cases, and no longer cover the cost of providing the service. We have been able to offset this loss of funding with increase taxes coming from the last wind farm built, but in a few years that will be at its limit on property taxes paid. There is another wind farm that could potentially build, but that isn't a quick way to produce income and the consensus from residents of the county is unfavorable to more wind energy."

**Why he's running again:** He combined challenges and why he's running again in his email back to the Chronicle. See above.

**Goals:** "When reelected the goal will be to keep taxes paid by property owners as low as possible, maintain competitive wages and benefits to the county employees, and provide needed services for the counties residents. The Board of Supervisors continue to look for areas to cut expenses. One example of this, we recently changed the health insurance policy to a partial self funding plan. Health insurance is a huge expense and was something I wanted to look into when I took office. With the changes we made to the health insurance we can save tax payer dollars while maintaining the current health benefits."

**Hobbies:** "Our oldest daughter, husband, and 3 grandchildren live in the area so Melinda and I get to attend their school, sports, and fair project events. I also like to take our grandkids hunting. We also get some travel time visiting our son and his wife in North Carolina and our youngest daughter in Kansas City."



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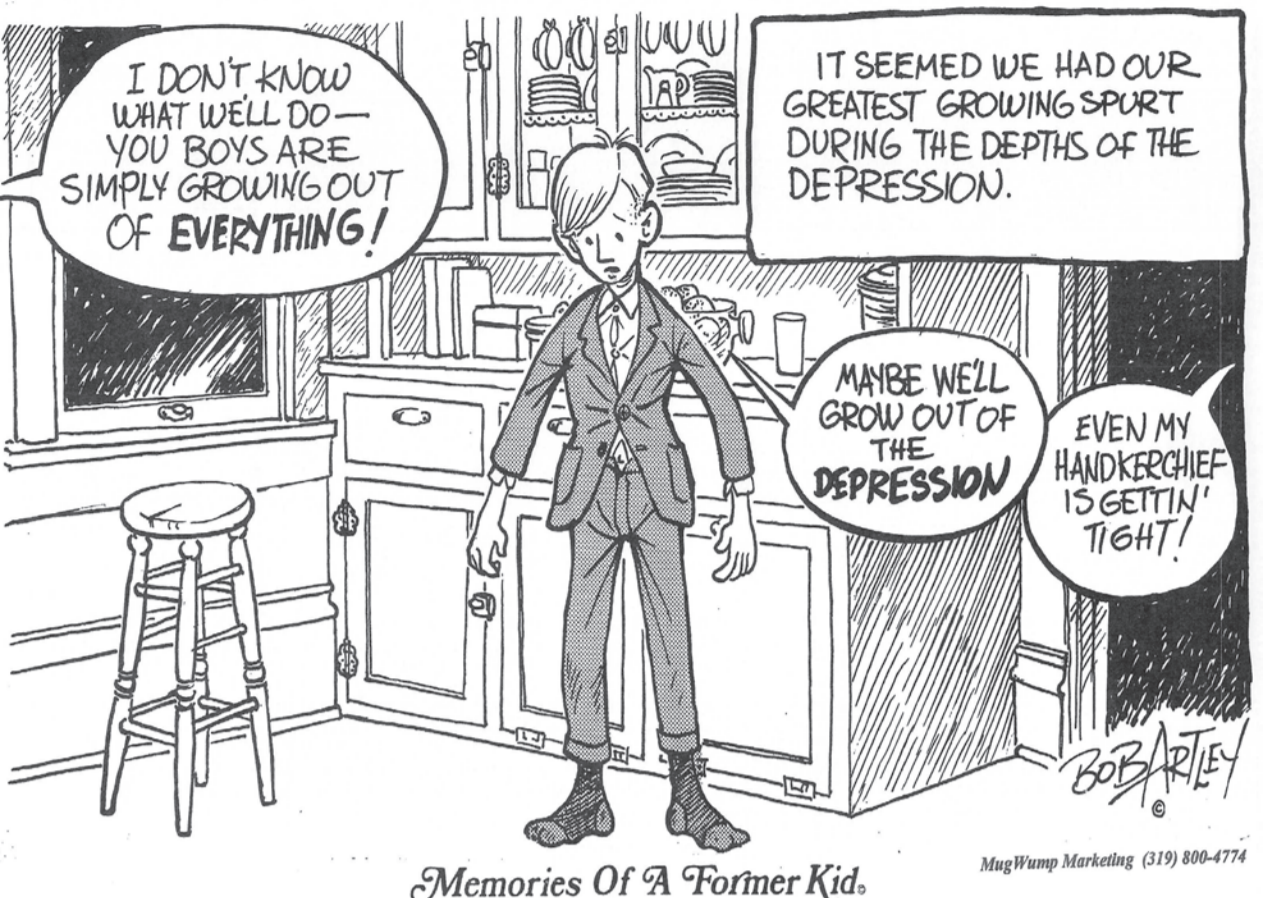
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**Our book meetings will address corporate ag issues**

**BY BARB KALBACH COLUMNIST**

When one of our own does good for themselves, it's worth taking some time to offer praise and acknowledgment.

I am talking about Iowa author Austin Frerick and his new book, *Barons: Money, Power, and the Corruption of America's Food Industry*. It's a deep dive into seven "Barons" in the food industry, their rise to power and the consequences for farmers, workers, consumers and our democracy.

Austin's book gets at the heart of what's driving Iowa's current agricultural system: corporate power, concentration, consolidation, and the rich getting richer on the backs of the rest of us.

The first chapter is appropriately titled "The Hog

Barons". It details how Iowa Select and other giant industrial livestock operations have impacted thousands of people who've had to live with the devastating consequences of corporate greed. My friend and fellow Iowa CCI member -- Hardin County resident Julie Duhn -- is featured. She's been battling Iowa Select and other hog factory corporations for years.

"Since Iowa Select was founded in 1992, the state's pig population has increased by more than 50 percent while the number of hog farms has declined by over 80 percent," Austin writes. "Over the past thirty years, twenty-six thousand Iowa farms quit the long-standing tradition of raising pigs. As confinements replaced farms, rural communities have continued to hollow out."

More pigs on fewer operations means that manure gets concentrated, making it a serious environmental problem rather than a helpful soil nutrient. Iowa's water quality has suffered. We all know this to be true -- corporate livestock factories are polluting our water.

And what happens when the Barons fail? Tyson's recent closing of its Perry meatpacking plant is a case in point. The aftermath is going to be devastating. The workers. The small businesses that depend on the plant. The 9,000 pigs processed each day, where are they going? Thousands of people and their families will be left to pick up the pieces of a broken system.

There are other "Barons" we have to worry about, too. Bruce Rastetter, former governor Terry Branstad and their Summit CO2 pipeline come to mind. Summit wants to take more than a billion gallons of our groundwater each year to operate its pipeline. And on top of that, Summit wants eminent domain authority so it can cash in on federal dollars camouflaged as "clean energy" subsidies. We're not going to sit on the sidelines and let that happen.

Luckily, Austin is an author who is concerned about more than book sales. He wants Barons to have a positive impact. That's why he's doing a series of eight book meetings with Iowa CCI members across the state over the next few weeks. We're headed to towns like Sioux City, Mason City, Iowa Falls, Dubuque, Ames and Hiawatha. We'll be talking about how people can get involved in the fight for clean water and thriving rural communities, and things we need to do to challenge Barons like Iowa Select.

Most people I know are sick and tired of the Big Ag Barons running roughshod over Iowa and calling the shots at our State Capitol. I encourage you to read Austin's book and get involved. You can learn more about our book meetings by going to [www.iowacci.org/events](http://www.iowacci.org/events). Change happens a step at a time, and it's up to us to make it happen. So let's stick with it.

Barb Kalbach is a 4th generation family farmer, Registered Nurse, and board president of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement. Barb can be reached at [barbneal-kalbach@gmail.com](mailto:barbneal-kalbach@gmail.com).



**THE ALTERNATIVE**

**FRITZ GROSZKRUGER THE ALTERNATIVE**

I was lying on the floor doing my back exercises while listening to Joe Rogan interview James Lindsay and something caught my attention. Joe said, "All this falsehood could lead to an extreme left wing ... or extreme right wing

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government." Rogan is a self-described "liberal" yet he interviews anyone regardless of their beliefs. He lets them speak and continues civil conversations with the idea that we can make up our own minds if given enough information. He does have prejudices like anyone and doesn't pretend not to.

I know a lady who told me she had a new-found interest in politics so she watches CNN. I let it go at that. She's so sweet. When I Googled "CNN, Joe Rogan" to find how much reach each media icon has, the first ten results were CNN smearing Rogan. Rogan isn't the only one who is prejudiced.

James Lindsay, by the way, was labeled a conspiracy theorist by Wikipedia. Lindsay collaborated on some hoax articles submitted to academic journals in 2017 and 2018 to test their scholarship and rigor. Those journals validated his crazy premises, demonstrating the journals' lack of legitimacy. A true definition of "conspiracy theorist" is now someone with which we disagree.

Rogan is a force to reckon with. His podcasts eclipse CNN ten times over. Maybe people really do care to hear more than sports and hate dictated by the state. CNN desperately calls Joe Rogan "fringe" even though he is many times more popular.

When I heard the left

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# Week 11 Newsletter



Rep. Shannon Latham

BY REP. SHANNON LATHAM

Week 11 of the Iowa legislative session started with news from the March 15 meeting of the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC). By law, the Iowa Legislature can only budget for 99% of state revenues. Now that we have the REC number, our seven Appropriations budget chairmen receive a number for their respective “budget target.” They will work with their subcommittees to create line items within their respective budgets. I look for budgeting to begin in earnest next week, and the House Appropriations Committee is slated to meet twice next week.

## Celebrating Iowa Agriculture

Iowans have celebrated National Agriculture Week, March 17-23, by sharing ways that agriculture positively impacts our economy, our communities and our families. Iowa leads the nation in the production of corn, pork, eggs and bio-fuels. Iowa ranks second nationally in soybean production. We’re also one of the top-producing states for beef, dairy and turkey. Iowa is second only to California in the total value of ag products sold, however, California has three times the land area and twelve times the population!

## Notable Bills

This week I managed the Iowa Economic Development Authority’s (IEDA) technical bill (House File 2450 / Senate File 2289). This bill provides a mechanism for IDEA to prohibit bad actors from receiving program awards. It also removes outdated IEDA responsibilities. In addition, this bill expands the Manufacturing 4.0 technology program by allowing an



Maci Arjes, who graduated from high school in Franklin County, on the left. Maci is a senior at the University of Iowa, where she’s served as secretary for the past two years of the Iowa College Republicans. She will graduate in May with a major in Business Management and a minor in Political Science. Photo provided by Latham.

employer who employs up to 125 employees to qualify for the program. Currently, an employer with more than 75 employees does not qualify for the program.

Also this week, the Iowa House passed legislation related to expanding access to health care and child care. Summaries of each follow:

Senate File 477 helps expand Iowans access to health care. It allows more qualified international medical graduates to practice here. This bill removes duplicative training and residency requirements to obtain a license. It also outlines certain requirements these applicants must meet before being issued a provisional license. The Iowa Medical Board will evaluate and vet any applicants to ensure that they have obtained the proper knowledge and training.

House File 2655 provides child care center property tax relief. It allows child care facilities to be taxed at the residential rollback rate rather than the commercial rate. Unless they operate out of their home, child care providers are classified as commercial properties and pay a 90 percent rollback rate. This means they pay property tax on 90 percent of their assessed value. Under this plan they will be given the same rollback as residential property, which is 46 percent this year. A person who wishes to qualify for this rollback must file an application with the assessor by

July 1 of the assessment year they want the benefit. They will not have to apply in subsequent years if the property is still used for this purpose.

## AEA Bill

After 11 weeks of difficult discussions, I was glad to see what I believe is the final bill relating to Area Education Agency (AEAs) pass last night off the Iowa House floor. House Republicans fought to protect special education students and to provide clarity for AEAs.

I want to make it clear that I believe AEAs are doing a great job providing support for our children. I have literally shadowed AEA employees and spent time observing teachers in the classroom, so I have seen firsthand how much heart they put into their jobs every minute of every day. As the mother of a child who benefited greatly from 16.5 years of AEA services, I hope the task force comes back with ideas to save money that could be reinvested to hire more therapists. As a business owner, I believe it’s healthy to look at any organization – whether it’s a non-profit entity or a private business – with fresh eyes.

The amended bill that passed last night includes the original House language for the task force/AEA study. It also requires schools to use AEAs for special education services.

The bill that passed last night DOES NOT terminate any AEA employees, nor does it prohibit the AEAs from performing any of its current services. It also DOES NOT change current Early Access services provided by the AEA nor does it put the AEAs under the Department of Education.

This is by no means a perfect bill, however, I truly believe public schools will benefit greatly from it. Last night I voted “yes” for: (1) providing new money designated to increase pay for paraprofessionals; (2) increasing new teacher pay to \$47,500 in Year 1 and \$50,000 in Year 2; and (3) \$22 million of new money designated for the teacher salary supplemental (TSS) pot of money that gives public schools to increase pay for veteran teachers.

This bill also contains a policy that will allow retired teachers to return to the classroom without affecting their IPERS benefits. These teachers can return to schools in a limited capacity after just one month of retirement. This will incentivize experienced teachers to return, perhaps as a substitute teacher, and alleviate some of the workforce challenges facing our schools.

In addition, the bill that passed last night included 2.5% for Student Supplemental Aid (SSA). Schools need to know this number, so they can develop their own budgets.

**Franklin County Veterans**  
Honor flights for veterans are still available.  
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**641.456.5670**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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# 31 Teams Compete at Bridge of Hope Game Show Night



From left to right, members of the Superfriends team: Nathan Pralle, Bridge of Hope Board Chair Linda Wharton, Yolanda Pralle, Paul and Kate Hindin, Tyler and Mandy Strother and host Leon Kuehner. Photo provided by Linda Wharton.

**BY JENNIFER BURNHAM**  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Bridge of Hope North Central Iowa's 12th game show night was held Saturday at the Church of the Living Word in Hampton.

Doors opened at 6:30 p.m. with a trivia game beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments were served and funds raised from the event will go toward the organization's mission to help single moms and their children who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

There were 31 teams made up of all ages, competing in the trivia challenge that included 100 questions. Leon Kuehner was the host for the evening, presenting some real "head-scratchers," according to Bridge of Hope Board Chair Linda Wharton.

Wharton said that competition was fierce but the Superfriends team pulled ahead and won the event with 74 out of 100 correct answers. The Crows placed second with 73 and Hampton Church of Christ #1 and Retz Family tied with 72 each.

"We had a great time at Game Show Night," said Wharton.

Wharton said that they recently hired Hujron Hofer as their new director. Hofer lives in Hampton with her husband, Tim.

Bridge of Hope offers case management services to mothers in need, helping them find a place to live and learn how to budget their own money. Volunteers provide the families in need with emotional support. For more about the program, visit northcentraliowa.bridgeofhopeinc.org.

## 2024 Franklin County Fair Queen Nominations Now Accepted

**PRESS RELEASE**  
FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

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. There will also be an electronic nomination form available. Nominations may also be emailed to fcfair35@yahoo.com. Nominations must be made or post-marked by April 12th, 2024.

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 2024 Franklin County Fair runs July 10 through 14, 2024. The queen will be crowned on Thursday, July 11th 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 Mort's Water Company and donated by Christensen Jewelry, Hampton. Other prizes for the queen at the county level include a generous scholarship.

The queen will also receive a tiara donated by Christensen Jewelry, one dozen long stemmed roses from a local business, a gift certificate from Head Quarters Salon, Hampton, a gift certificate from Wild Bloom Boutique, and a portrait from photographer Lauren Trewin, Sheffield.

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

The second runner-up will receive a gift from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton. Miss Congeniality will be presented with a gift from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton. Miss Outstanding Leadership will be presented with a gift from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton. A Miss Photogenic will be chosen and presented a portrait from Lauren Trewin, Sheffield and a gift from Christensen Jewelry, Hampton.



## Attorney General Bird Challenges TikTok to Protect Kids



**PRESS RELEASE**

DES MOINES— Today, Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird filed to change TikTok's app store age rating to protect kids while the office's lawsuit continues.

In January, Attorney General Bird sued TikTok for deceiving parents by lying about children's widespread access to explicit videos on its social media app. The lawsuit makes the case that TikTok is violating App Store guidelines by claiming a "12+" age rating, despite containing frequent and intense adult material such as sexual content, profanity, self-harm, drugs, and binge-drinking. The temporary injunction will require TikTok to change its App Store age rating to "17+" while the lawsuit is ongoing.

"It's past time for TikTok to be honest with parents," said Attorney General Bird. "As a mom and prosecutor, I am deeply disturbed by TikTok's lying to parents and recommending explicit videos to kids, including videos packed with sexual content and self-harm. That's why I'm taking action to make TikTok raise its App Store age rating to '17+'. I will do everything in my power to stop TikTok's deception and keep kids safe online."

TikTok's deception violates the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act. The lawsuit aims to stop TikTok from misleading parents and users about the availability of inappropriate videos on the app. It also challenges TikTok's misleading statements about TikTok's parental controls, both in the platform's Community Guidelines and in the Google and Microsoft app stores.

## WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

In what 2005 movie does actress Hilary Swank play the role of female boxer Maggie Fitzgerald, who is helped by trainer Frankie Dunn (played by Clint Eastwood)? Answer: Million Dollar Baby.

In what 1989 movie does actor Tom Cruise play the role of Ron Kovic, a Vietnam War veteran who becomes an anti-war activist? Answer: Born on the Fourth of July.

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This week's trivia questions:

According to Scripture, who was the first person to see Jesus after he was resurrected?

How many days did Jesus remain on the earth after his resurrection, before ascending into heaven?

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March 27 is World Theater Day, and American Red Cross Giving Day;

March 28 is Holy Thursday, and Major League Baseball Opening Day;

March 29 is Good Friday, and National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day;

March 30 is Doctor's Day, and Take a Walk in the Park Day;

March 31 is Easter Sunday, National Farm Workers Day, and Crayola Crayon Day;

April 1 is April Fool's Day, and Nature Day;

April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day, and National Children's Picture Book Day.

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This week is National Physicians Week, and National Cleaning Week.

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"Reach your finger here and look at My hands, and reach your hand here and put it into My side.

Do not be unbelieving but believing."

— John 20:27

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Funny quotes from students

"Why is the Statue of Liberty holding an ice cream cone?"

"I'm known for my self-defecating humor."

One day, a teacher was wearing a Harvard sweatshirt, and a student asked if she went to Harvard. A kid replied, "Of course she didn't go to Harvard! She's a teacher!"

"You never teach us anything; you just spend the whole time explaining stuff."

"I had my hair cut short and a student asked if I was okay. He then went on to say that women cut their hair if they're having a mental breakdown, and if I needed someone to talk to, then I could talk to the class."

"I came into work a little more dressed up than usual in a pantsuit. One of my first-graders said, 'Wow! You look like you're going to a real job!'"

Once, in third grade, the vocabulary word was 'deliberate.' One student's sentence was, 'I want to eat a pizza, but I have to wait for them to deliberate.'"

"One year, while teaching kindergarten, we had a bathroom inside the classroom. As we were making a list of steps for using the bathroom appropriately, I tried to get the students to say 'Flush the toilet.' I asked them what they do when they're done going. A little boy, with all the earnestness in the world, stood up and called out, 'You shake it!'"

My parents never allowed violent video games. Just family-friendly board games with questions like, "Who murdered this guy with a pipe?"

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Easter eggs symbolize new life and the resurrection of Jesus. The tradition of decorating eggs dates back to early Christians, who dyed them red to represent the blood of Christ.

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**UNOPPOSED: FROM PAGE 3**

# Iowans fired for patient-care issues, lottery theft, profane text messages



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## STATE LEGISLATOR OFFICES

**Position:** Iowa House of Representatives, District 55  
**Name:** Shannon Latham (unopposed)  
**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** BS from Iowa State University; MBA from University of Iowa  
**Career:** Previously worked as a lobbyist and public relations specialist;  
**Position:** Iowa House of Representatives, District 3



**Name:** Randy Feenstra (incumbent)  
**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** BA from Dordt University; MPA from Iowa State University  
**Career:** Served as the Iowa State Senator for the 2nd district from 2009 to 2021



**Name:** Kevin Virgil  
**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** MBA from Emory University  
**Career:** Former U.S. Army officer

**Name:** Ryan Meltdon  
**Party:** Democratic  
**Education:** BA from Iowa State University; MA from Kansas University  
**Career:** Supervisor of personal lines insurance  
**Position:** Iowa State Senator, District 28



**Name:** Dennis Guth (incumbent)  
**Party:** Republican  
**Education:** BA in Agricultural Mechanization from Iowa State University  
**Career:** Served in the Iowa Senate since 2012

**Name:** Cynthia Paschen  
**Party:** Democratic  
**Education:** BA in Journalism & Mass Communications from Iowa State University  
**Career:** Journalist and community activist



## PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

**This Week's Cup Series Race: Toyota Owners 400**

**Race Details**

Location: Richmond, Va.  
Date: Sunday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.  
Last Year's Pole: Alex Bowman  
Last Year's Winner: Kyle Larson

**Richmond Raceway**

Shape: D-Shaped Oval  
Distance: 0.75 miles  
Banking / Front / Back: 14 / 8 / 2 degrees

**Race Preview**

The Toyota Owners 400 marks the 135th Cup race hosted by Richmond Raceway in the series' history. The .75-mile oval located in Henrico County, Virginia has an asphalt racing surface with 14 degrees of banking in turns 1-4 with 8 degrees on the frontstretch and 2 degrees on the backstretch. This track is similar to an intermediate track but races like a short track. Richmond held its first Cup race in 1953, with Lee Petty taking the win. Richard Petty holds the record for most Richmond victories, with 13 wins total. FOX will broadcast the race with radio coverage from MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

**Top News Stories**

**NASCAR expected to return to Circuit of the Americas in 2025**

According to recent reports, it seems that NASCAR is likely to return to Circuit of the Americas for the fifth year in a row, in 2025. COTA's popularity with drivers, sponsors, organizers and TV has them looking to expand into the previously untapped market of Austin. In fact, COTA Chairman Bobby Epstein, who rents the track to Speedway Motorsports, is pretty confident that NASCAR will return. When asked about the contract status for next year, he said "I don't believe we have a contract yet for next year, but I don't foresee any problem going forward". Later, he indicated that there is a deal for next year. However, NASCAR officials haven't confirmed this, with Marcus Smith, president and CEO of Speedway Motorsports, saying "Nothing is final until the official NASCAR schedule comes out, but we're planning for another big event week in Austin at COTA in 2025." Many drivers have expressed their support for the idea of returning to the road course in future seasons, with Michael McDowell, Christopher Bell, and Alex Bowman among those who have said they would like to continue racing at COTA. Ross Chastain said, "Dang right I want to see it come back. I had some great runs there and super fast cars and just a lot of fun. I hope that Marcus Smith doesn't let it go."

**Last Weekend's Race: William Byron won in Austin**

William Byron won the Echopark Texas Grand Prix at Circuit of the Americas, marking his second victory of the 2024 season. Byron started from the pole and led for 42 of the 68 laps, holding off Christopher Bell to secure the win. Byron's crew also played a crucial role in his victory, with a quick final pit stop that was three seconds faster than Ross Chastain's. This was Byron's 12th career Cup win, and he became the first driver to win multiple races in 2024 after winning the Daytona 500 earlier this season.

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2024	2	3	13.7
2023	6	21	11.0

**2024 Standings**

Cup Series Top Ten					Xfinity Series Top Ten				
Drivers	Points	Top 10s	Drivers	Points	Top 10s				
1) Martin Truex Jr	220	4	1) Austin Hill	222	5				
2) Ty Gibbs	215	5	2) Chandler Smith	213	5				
3) Ryan Blaney	211	3	3) Cole Custer	192	3				
4) Denny Hamlin	206	2	4) Jesse Love	166	2				
5) Kyle Larson	205	2	5) Riley Herbst	165	2				
6) William Byron	183	3	6) AJ Allmendinger	162	3				
7) Christopher Bell	183	4	7) Parker Kligerman	147	2				
8) Ross Chastain	182	4	8) Justin Allgaier	143	2				
9) Chase Elliott	173	1	9) Brandon Jones	139	3				
10) Tyler Reddick	171	3	10) Sheldon Creed	135	3				

**Racing Trivia**

What is the highest number of wins Kyle Larson has achieved within a single season?

a) 5                      c) 9  
b) 7                      d) 10

2021 season and won the championship. (d) Kyle Larson has 10 wins in the season.

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**BY CLARK KAUFFMAN**  
**IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH**

An employee of an eastern Iowa hospital was fired in January for allegedly placing a patient in danger.

State records indicate Megan Manary worked for one year as an admissions coordinator for Eastern Iowa Rehabilitation Center in Coralville until she was fired in December 2023 for allegedly transporting a patient to the second floor of the facility without permission from the clinical staff.

The patient had a seizure disorder and was known to be at risk of suffering severe seizures up to four times per day. Taking the patient to the second floor — where no patients were typically served — reportedly placed the patient at risk because the second floor didn't have the staff or resources to assist the patient in the event of a seizure.

According to the hospital, the Manary was aware of the seizure disorder and of the need to keep the patient on the first floor where immediate assistance could be obtained if needed.

After she was fired, Manary sought unemployment benefits, which led to a hearing before Administrative Law Judge Emily Drenkow Carr, who ruled that Manary was ineligible.

"As an admissions coordinator, (Manary) was aware of the patient's medical status and that she suffered from severe seizures," Carr ruled, adding that Manary's "unilateral decision to take the resident to the second floor while knowing the risk it posed to the patient was a violation of the employer's policy."

Other Iowans whose unemployment cases were recently decided include: Heather Walker, who worked for Linn County as a full-time detention officer from August 2022 until she was fired in December 2023. The county alleged it had received a complaint from an employee about Walker sending a text that stated, "Yup, dumb b--- called." The county concluded the text referred to a colleague who had called in sick, upsetting Walker because it meant she'd have to work a double shift. The county had previously warned Walker for similar conduct when she allegedly sent a co-worker a message that stated, "You know you are a pathetic c---, don't contact me, you stupid b---." Walker was denied unemployment benefits, a decision that was upheld by the Employment Appeal Board, which concluded that Walker "not only sent this inappropriate text about a co-worker to a co-worker on work time, but she then lied about it to the employer."

Jamie L. Pluemer, who was fired from Care Initiatives, an Iowa nursing home operator, for allegedly falsifying patient records. Pluemer, who was a social worker at a care facility, allegedly completed patient-care records by falsely indicating she had given a cognitive test to a resident who was actually on a museum field trip that day. She was denied unemployment benefits.

Joseph Gentile, who worked for Choice

Rehabilitation as a physical therapist from August 2023 to December 2023, when he was fired for allegedly violating the company's patient-privacy policies. On Dec. 8, 2023, Gentile was allegedly asked to treat a patient but left the worksite without doing so and then failed to input the correct treatment codes into a computer. After his employer inquired about the situation, Gentile allegedly accessed the electronic medical records system while off duty and while using a non-work computer, creating a potential breach of security. He was denied unemployment benefits.

Stacy L. Ritchie, who worked for the Woodbury County Courthouse as a full-time senior clerk in the human resources office from March 2020 through her dismissal in January 2024. Ritchie was fired after the human resources director inquired as to why Ritchie hadn't scanned a few workers' compensation files into a computer. Ritchie had indicated the office was short-staffed and she hadn't had time to perform the work. The human resources director allegedly informed Ritchie that if she resigned, she'd get a good job reference from the county, but if she refused, she would be fired. Ritchie resigned and was awarded unemployment benefits, with the judge citing "no evidence" of misconduct.

Herve Nzombo, who worked for the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority, or DART, from May 2023 through October 2023 when he was fired. Nzombo was working on a project for DART that involved signing up employees for wellness screenings. At one point, he notified DART's health care provider, UnityPoint, that 10-12 employees had signed up for screenings, but when DART's human resources staff asked for a list of those workers, Nzombo allegedly admitted he had yet to sign up anyone, had failed to communicate with the staff about the upcoming screenings, and had falsified the information sent to UnityPoint. He had previously been warned about communicating misinformation about benefits to employees and working unauthorized overtime. He was denied unemployment benefits.

Denise Perkins, who worked at the Casey's General Store in Robins until October 2023, when she was fired after her supervisors allegedly captured her on video stealing 19 Iowa Lottery tickets. She was denied unemployment benefits. A felony charge of lottery theft is currently pending in Linn County District Court.

Read more from Clark Kauffman online at [IowaCapitalDispatch.com](http://IowaCapitalDispatch.com)

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LifeServe Blood Center is excited to collect lifesaving blood products at an upcoming blood drive in your community. The drive will be held in the south gym of West Fork Community High School on Friday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please help to spread the word.

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## CODGER: FROM PAGE 4

wing/right wing comment, it rekindled my curiosity regarding the meanings of those words. So, of course, I Googled them.

The first result was on Wikipedia: "Generally, the left wing is characterized by an emphasis of 'ideas such as freedom, equality, fraternity, rights, progress, reform and internationalism' while the right wing is characterized by an emphasis on 'notions such as authority, hierarchy, order, duty, tradition, reaction and nationalism'."

My fellow ridiculously old-fashioned, antediluvian codgers should read those

Wikis with dismay. Freedom as a left wing concept is only so because it violates the rights of others such as with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that violates the owner's right to do business with whomever he chooses. That explains the lunacy of the 'rights' portion as well.

The right wing description is way off as well. Liberals bow down to authority far more than right wingers who value individualism and self reliance over following authoritarian diktat. This notion that all these handouts and regulations are dealt out with voluntary compliance is silly. Liberals

thrive on authority despite public broadcasting's constant harping on right wing authoritarianism.

Being old-fashioned has its benefits, not just for a simple life but for society as we make everyday decisions. Evolved definitions are really just lies. How are we to deal with life when we have lost the power to know the truth?

Listen to a variety of me-

dia and look for inconsistencies. If someone is called "anti-vaxxer" or "unpatriotic" because of resistance to state power, why is that? Cui bono (who benefits)?

Where would CNN, Fox, or MSNBC have stood in 1930s Germany? Alternative sources of information are: DarkHorse Podcast, Jimmy Dore, and Diffen.com is a website dedicated to comparisons.

## Pharmacy fined for life-threatening medication error

**BY CLARK KAUFFMAN**  
IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

A Sioux City pharmacy with a history of regulatory violations has been fined for a medication error that led to a life-threatening situation for a customer.

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy alleges that on Oct. 4, 2023, Greenville Pharmacy in Sioux City incorrectly filled a prescription for a customer who then began taking the drug.

Three weeks later, the customer was treated in the emergency room of a hospital and was then admitted for what the board says was a "life-threatening condition resulting from this medication error."

Greenville Pharmacy was charged by the board with dispensing an incorrect prescription, although the available public documents don't indicate whether the wrong drug or wrong dosage was dispensed. The records give no indication as to whether the customer recovered.

As a result of the licensing board charge, Greenville Pharmacy agreed to have its license placed on probation for two years and agreed to pay a \$2,500 civil penalty.

In 2002, the board charged Greenville Pharmacy with violating a law related to the practice of pharmacy and with the intentional or repeated violation of board rules.

As part of that case, a board investigator reviewed the records of all the controlled substances dispensed by the pharmacy between September 2001 and January 2002, and found that the business had provided customers with controlled substances before the "do not dispense before" date nine times during the four-month period.

A state-registered certified pharmacy technician has agreed to surrender her registration in response to allegations that she stole hundreds of medication tablets.

According to the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, the Monroe Community Telepharmacy discovered in October 2023 there was a discrepancy in its inventory of Adderall, a drug commonly used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The board alleges that a subsequent investigation revealed that pharmacy technician Wendy Atcher had stolen 701 Adderall tablets of varying strengths over the previous seven months.

Without admitting guilt, Atcher agreed to surrender her state registration as a certified pharmacy technician. She will be eligible to apply for reinstatement after one year. No criminal charges

were filed in the case.

The board also alleged the pharmacy had dispensed six prescriptions for controlled substances when the prescription was undated or was dated at least 15 years prior to it being filled. Pharmacists at the business allegedly acknowledged that they believed several customers who regularly had their prescriptions filled prematurely were abusers of controlled substances.

The case was resolved with a consent order requiring Greenville Pharmacy to pay a \$1,500 fine, with its license placed on probation for three years.

In 2005, the board charged the pharmacy with a lack of professional competency due to a medication-dispensing error, failure to perform the required inventory of controlled substances, and failure to comply with the terms of the 2002 consent order.

The board alleged that on some unspecified date, the pharmacy had incorrectly dispensed Toprol-XL, a beta-blocker used to treat high blood pressure, rather than Topamax, a drug used to treat epilepsy that had been prescribed for a 5-year-old child.

A routine inspection then revealed that no inventory of controlled substances had been completed over the previous three years. The board fined Greenville Pharmacy \$500 and its license was placed on probation for three years.

State records indicate that two pharmacists, Robert E. Rehal, 91, and Robert P. Rehal, 57, are officers of Greenville Pharmacy.

In 2002, Robert E. Rehal's license was placed on probation for three years in connection with the allegations of medications being dispensed prematurely.

In 2005, Robert P. Rehal's license was placed on probation for three years in connection with the Toprol-XL dispensing error.

In 2017, Robert P. Rehal, as the operator of Leeds Pharmacy in Sioux City, was charged with violating the duties of a pharmacist in charge. The board alleged Rehal's quality-improvement reports that pertained to dispensing errors did not "adequately address the root causes of dispensing errors." Rehal was issued a warning, fined \$500, and was required to complete 18 hours of educational training on medication errors and patient safety. Read more from Clark Kauffman online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com

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## LA LUZ'S 11TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, March 27, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., La Luz Centro Cultural. Activities and refreshments. All welcome.



## RELAY FOR LIFE BAKE SALE

On Thursday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., First Bank Hampton (Hampton and Latimer locations). All proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life.



## COULTER EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m., Coulter Library Easter Story Time and Easter Egg Hunt (for ages 10 and younger). Refreshments and snacks. For more information, contact Northwest Franklin 4-H Club Leader Val Plagge at 515-230-2463.

## SHEFFIELD'S EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m., Sheffield City Park. Hunt begins at noon. Bring your own basket. Prizes given for all age groups. Easter bunny will be there. If it rains, go to West Fork Wellness Center. Presented by Sheffield Community Club.

## HAMPTON KIWANIS EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m., Band Shell Park. The Kiwanis Club of Hampton is hosting its second annual easter egg hunt. Immediately following the hunt, head over to the Windsor Theatre for a showing of the movie "Hop!"

## GENEVA EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, March 30, from 2 to 3 p.m., the Old Geneva School. For ages 10 and younger.

## HD-CAL PROSTART FOODIE 5K

On Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m., Maynes Grove.

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## CIVIC CALENDAR

### FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

**DETAILS:**  
Monday 8:30 AM  
Franklin County Courthouse

### ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

**DETAILS:**  
Second Tuesday

### GENEVA CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
Second Tuesday of every month  
6:30 PM

### ALEXANDER LIBRARY BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
Third Wednesday of every month

### CAL SCHOOL BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
2nd Thursday of the month  
at 5:30 PM

### FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
Second Thursday,  
4:30 PM,  
Center 1

### ALEXANDER CITY COUNCIL:

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

### HANSELL CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
Second Wednesday every month,  
Community Center 7:00 PM

### HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
Board meets every 3rd Wednesday  
of the month, 5:15 PM-6:15 PM  
Library board meets to discuss  
library business, budgeting, funding  
and happenings.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

**DETAILS:**  
5:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

### FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD:

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

### COULTER CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
Second Wednesday of the month,  
6:30 PM

### LATIMER CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
Second Wednesday,  
6:30 PM

### DUMONT LIBRARY BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
Dumont Public Library  
Second Wednesday of every month

### HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL:

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

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

### FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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

### DOWS CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
First Monday of every month  
6:00 PM

### SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
Every second Monday  
of the month at 7 PM

### HAMPTON DUMONT SCHOOL BOARD:

**DETAILS:**  
Fourth Monday of the month  
6:00 PM

### FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION:

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

### FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

**DETAILS:**  
2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00  
PM at Center 1

### DUMONT CITY COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
Second Thursday  
7:00 PM  
At EMS Center Dumont

### FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS:

**DETAILS:**  
First Tuesday of the Month  
4:00 PM,  
Franklin County Veterans Affairs  
Office

### WEST FORK SCHOOL BOARD:

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

### ISU EXTENSION COUNCIL:

**DETAILS:**  
ISU Extension and Outreach Office  
6 2nd St NW, Hampton, IA 50441  
Regional Coordinators meeting  
every Third Monday of the month at  
6:00 PM  
Appointed regional coordinators  
meet to discuss items of interest to  
the ag community locally

# Bulldogs girls track and field take fifth place at North Iowa Indoor Championship

KEVIN LABOTKA  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

CLEAR LAKE— The Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs girls track and field team finished in fifth place out of 13 teams at the North Iowa Indoor Championship with a score of 36 points at Clear Lake on March 21.

Head Coach Nikki Donnenwerth said she was pleased by the team's performance.

"Charlee Morton went into the meet with the meet record and bested that record by a few feet. It now stands at 40 feet which is a huge indoor mark and she won the event," Donnenwerth said. "The shuttle hurdle quartet from last year of Abby Drier, Lily Hamby, Aubryee Showalter, and Teaghan Bird ran well and placed second by just a few hundreds of a second. Lydia Maas continues to run faster than she ever has at this point in the season and so we're really excited to see what she'll do this year. Overall we're just really excited that everyone keeps improving. The weather hasn't been very cooperative but they are right where they need to be in their training. It's been a great indoor season."

In the Indoor Championship, in the 60-meter dash, Addy Aalbers took 38th place with a time of 9.31 and Kodey Eilderts took 43rd place with a time of 9.40 and Rachel

Wilkerson took 53rd place with a time of 9.77. In the 200-meter dash, Aalbers took 17th place with a time of 31.04 and Eilderts finished in 29th

place with a time of 32.67. In the 1,500-meter run, Lydia Maas finished in eighth place with a time of 5:43.05. In the 3,000-meter run, Lydia Maas

“Overall we're just really excited that everyone keeps improving. Donnenwerth said ”

finished in second place with a time of 12:21.99 and Marlee Maas finished in 12th place with a time of 14:26.11.

In the 60-meter hurdles finals, Abby Drier finished in sixth place with a time of 10.53, Aubryee Showalter finished in 11th place with a time of 10.92, and Teaghan Bird finished in 12th place with a time of 12.46. In the 4x200-meter relay, the team of Hamby, Drier, Showalter, and Bird took fourth place with a time of 1:55.54. In the shuttle hurdle relay, the team of Hamby, Drier, Showalter, and Bird finished in second place with a time of 41.93. In the shot put, Charlee Morton took first place with a throw of

40'05.50 and Maren Subbert finished in 13th place with a throw of 30'10.00. In the high jump, Hamby took ninth place with a jump of 4'08. In the long jump, Aalbers finished in 12th place with a jump of 14'07.75 and Rachel Wilkerson took 20th place with a jump of 11'06.

The team also competed in a meet at Wartburg college on March 19.

In the 55-meter dash, Drier finished in 15th place with a time of 9.94 and Eilderts took 41st place with a time of 8.68. In the 200-meters dash, Showalter took 18th place with a time of 29.38 and Eilderts took 44th place with a time of 32.47. In the 400-meter dash, Madison Arends took 43rd place with a time of 1:20.23. In the 800-meter run, Marlee Maas took 37th place with a time of 3:10.86. In the 1,500-meter run, Marlee Maas finished in 29th place with a time of 6:48.40. In the 3,000-meter run, Lydia Maas took sixth place with a time of 12:06.94.

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Aalbers, Hamby, and Bird finished in eighth place with a time of 1:56.05. In the shot put, Morton finished in first place with a throw of 39'06.75 and Subbert finished in 12th place with a throw of 29'07. In the high jump, Hamby finished in fifth place with a jump of 4'11. In the long jump, Aalbers took 19th place with a jump of 13'11.

# Ridgestone Senior Golf Returns After Long Winter

BY NED BOHACH

The clubs have come to life after a long winter's nap. The shine from them is hard on the eyes as the boys put forth great effort in cleaning them as they put them away for the snooze of winter. Twelve men of valor (or something like that) took to the links with daggers in their eyes waiting for the foe to appear. Since General Severe resigned his post, Frank Schooes and Brad

Mulford (took two to replace Tom) are now the commanders-in-chief. They were both AWOL for the day so the old guy stepped in and took over. Dougy Hahn, DelRay McKee and yours truly took top honors with a sizzling 64. Doug could hardly hold onto his clubs as they were hotter than a fresh forest fire. His drives were booming, his long irons precise, his chipping on target and putting was ker-plunk.

DelRay geez McKeezer did chip a few shots that were used and his chest puffed up after each one. Me, I just drove the card and was a cheerleader for those two guys. The victory won each of us a couple thou...well not quite. The second unit consisted of Dally me man Slagle, Darryl (double rr) Peter and Ed Hert.

Their effort was valiant but fell short as they carded a 68. Not bad for two ailing guys and one healthy one. Ed had to pull them through the afternoon and was exhausted when they finished. No mouth to mouth here, Ed! They won a free trip to the next moon shot but they must buy their own suits!

Third place went to Kim (KC Chiefer) Wills, Philly me man Strand and Cliff (soup) Cameron. They fired a 71 each won one buck, yup that's what their game was worth. The beetle

bomb squad of Bobby jewel Long, Denny (stirway) Foss and Jerry (MC) Nelson they carded a XXXXXXXXIII that's much better than showing a 73 which they had. Longy kept shining his ring, Fossy was gazing at the stumps where trees were and Jerry was talking to himself. All in all folks it was another great day on the links for these oldsters. Fossy told me to not laugh at age, pray to reach it! Cliffy said that growing old should have taken longer. As I rode off into the sunset, remember the older you get the better you get unless you're a banana! Fore until we meet again!

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ter the loss was the disappointment from the team.

"We knew we could have won if a couple of things happened," Terry said. "I shot the ball terrible and we did not have the best game in the first half and that was probably the worst first two quarters we played all year. But you can't ask for a lot more because there are plenty of people who don't get that opportunity. So we felt blessed but we were disappointed we didn't play as well as we could have."

Terry said that he did not feel any extra pressure with the fact that it was the first time the school had made it to the state tournament and that it was a great feeling to make it that far.

"We were a pretty competitive group and we all wanted to win pretty bad," Terry said. "I don't think we felt any pressure about being the first one. I don't know if we put any extra pressure on ourselves but we were 17 and 18-year olds and didn't know any better probably. It seemed like it was a routine thing. We expected to win and there wasn't a game we went into that we did not feel like we were going to win. Not that we were overconfident but that we felt we had the ability and the talent and worked harder than a lot of people."

The team's center Tom Koenigsberg said looking back on the season that it was one of the great experiences of his life.

"Especially at such a young age to be able to have the camaraderie with that group of guys and athletic success that year and other years it was really a great memory and a great experience," Koenigsberg said.

One moment that really stands out to Koenigsberg was how it was a privilege to play with his teammates.

"It was a really good group of good guys and we all got along really well and in team sports the one thing that has to happen is that you function as a team," Koenigsberg said. "And if you don't it is really difficult to win. We had the fortune to get along as we had a group of great young men and that helped our performance on the court."

Koenigsberg said that throughout the season that everyone on the team contributed and that different people stepped up during the season to help the team.

"No one was selfish and it was a unique situation in team sports that I have experienced," Koenigsberg said.

Koenigsberg said that around half way through the season and with the team still undefeated that it was around then when he started to think the team had something special. Koenigsberg said that coach Cuvelier and assistant coach Tom Schockemoehl were outstanding and that the players felt like they were getting individual attention from the coaches.

"Between coach Cuvelier and coach Schockemoehl we had great coaching that year and I think that helped us as well," Koenigsberg said. "The whole team all the way to the managers were great people and we got along well and had a lot of fun and that makes it such a memorable experience."

The quality of the guys on the team, the camaraderie, the great coaching, and the unselfish play of the team and the skill of the entire team were all reasons that Koenigsberg said were reasons for the team's success.

"If you don't have the skills you can't step up in the moment and I think everyone on the team had different skills for different times and as a result when they had the opportunity to step up they did and that just made it all the more fun," Koenigsberg said. "To celebrate someone who stepped in and had a moment was so much fun."

When it came to the final game, Koenigsberg said that he felt like it was a subpar game for him.

"I think I could have performed at a much higher level," Koenigsberg said. "For whatever reason because of the venue or because it was a big game I just remember it was such a big arena that it was a very different place to play. Everyone else seemed to play fine and I just had a subpar performance. They were a really good team but if we had played at our optimum level we would have beaten them I think."

Even though it may have ended in a way that the team he would not have liked, Koenigsberg said that it was a privilege to play at Des Moines.

"It was terrific to be there," Koenigsberg said. "It was thrilling to be there the crowd and the big arena it was a real privilege to be a part of that for sure."



Jerry Rabey, Gary Acct, Jerry Stock, Hal Berding, Chuck Weir, smoghl, manager Bill S  
A photo of the 1974 Sheffield-Chapin boys basketball team roster. Images provided by Doug Peter



The starting five Spartans show honor to the U.S. flag prior to their game in Veterans Auditorium with Orange City Unity Christian. Left to right: Tom Koenigsberg, Terry Peter, Doug Peter, Mark Anderson, and Bob Rabey

The starting lineup for Sheffield-Chapin listens to the national anthem before their game against Orange City Unity Images provided by Doug Peter

# A Look Back at Sheffield-Chapin Boys State Team 50 Years Later



Sheffield-Chapin players and head coach Jim Cuvelier before the team's game against Orange City Unity Christian. Images provided by Doug Peter

BY KEVIN LABOTKA  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

It has been 50 years since the Sheffield-Chapin boys basketball team made it to the state tournament and that season continues to be a fond memory for those involved in the team. Sheffield-Chapin went 25-1 under head coach Jim Cuvelier that year with the one loss coming at the hands of Orange City Unity Christian 62-58 in the quarterfinals. Orange City Unity Christian went on to win the Class A state championship. That season was a special one as it was the first time that a Sheffield team had made it to the state tournament.

Former guard Doug Peter said that heading into the season that the team thought they had a good team but was not sure of how good they really were.

"There were a lot of good teams ahead of us," Doug said. "You need to have a little bit of luck and things just have to fall just right."

Doug said that it was pretty cool for the team to go undefeated throughout the season not only for the team itself but for the community as well.

"When you get a team like that the fans are going nuts and following you everywhere and the community empties out when ball games happen on the road," Doug said. "When we went out to Des Moines to play it seemed like the whole town went."

With the community support and when it became clear how special the team was that year, Doug said that the players felt like the big

men on campus.

"You were getting a lot of pats on the back, that's for sure," Doug said. "We got to go up to

the tv station in Mason City and we were on the sportscast. It was pretty cool we had a send off to go to Des Moines and the fire trucks led us out of town and back into town after the state tournament game and we had a big pep rally and the mayor was there and it was a big deal. I think it was an even bigger deal for all the parents that were involved who were excited for their kids to be on a state tournament team."

According to Doug the team was a run and gun fast pace team where rebounding and fast breaks were areas the team focused on. Doug said that he thinks the team realized how good they were when they beat Lu Verene.

"They were undefeated when we played them and I thought yeah we are going to be pretty good," Doug said.

Doug's cousin and fellow former guard Terry Peter said that one thing that stands out to him about the team is how hard the team worked and another was how well they played together.

Schlachter said. "Kasey Nolte is a returning letter winner and Mallory Rieken, she is probably the most talented player on the team. I get colleges emailing me about her. I think we are going to be a bit more dynamic and I think we are going to surprise people."

As the season gets under way, during the early parts of the season Schlachter said he would like to see the Bulldogs play clean soccer.

"Just communicating and trusting one another," Schlachter said. "Just playing good clean team soccer and the biggest thing we ask from them is to have a positive attitude and show maximum effort. If they put those two things together and play as a team the sky is the limit."

An addition to the coaching staff that can help the team grow is assistant coach Jackie Finley, according to Schlachter.

"We added a really strong assistant coach. She played soccer in college and in South America and I think she is going to be the driving factor for those goals," Schlachter said. "I call her a soccer encyclopedia and with the things I do well and the things she does well I just hope the girls respond positively. The biggest thing is coming together and believing in each other like we believe in them."

As the season moves along and they get past the halfway part, Schlachter said he would like to see the team improve each week.

"I try not to put a lot of pressure on them," Schlachter said. "They put enough pressure on themselves so we should try to alleviate some of that pressure. I want to see them get better each week and take steps forward."

"It was my senior year and we got close to playing in the state tournament the previous year and this one everything came together."

Terry said. "We had real good chemistry and we worked really hard at it and the coaches were really good and they did a great job getting us to where we needed to be."

Terry said that the previous year the team had only lost three games, so during the 1974 season that the players did think about how good they were playing at the time.

"We had a pretty good program going and we were getting better every year," Terry said. "We had good seniors that came together

and we had a really good start to the year and we had some games that were close but we

knew that we had the ability to get to state if things went the way we wanted to."

After the season ended, Doug said that one thing that he said the team felt like they were good enough to go all the way so with falling short that they could have won that game and Doug said that he still feels that way all these years later.

"We got down 17 points in the first half and somehow we found a way to claw back into it and tied the game with about 3:00 left to go," Doug said. "We ended up losing by four and to this day we feel like we probably could have won that day."

Terry said that one thing he remembers the most about that season is how close that final game was.

"We had a poor first half but came back to tie it up and we got beat by four, but the resilience of that team. It was a fun year and we had some really good games and some really good people to work with and it was a great season."

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## Bulldogs Girls Soccer Look to Improve from Last Season

BY KEVIN LABOTKA  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

With the season starting on March 28 with a home game against Iowa Falls-Alden. The Hampton-Dumont-CAL girls soccer team is getting ready for the upcoming season. Last year the team went 2-12 on the year and heading into this season head coach Ben Schlachter said that getting to a .500 record is one goal for the Bulldogs this year.

Schlachter said that one of the biggest things that the returning players can take away from last year and use to help the team this season is learning how to play together.

"We did a lot of team building activities and things they had never done before," Schlachter said. "We had each girl sit with a different team member that they had not gotten to know and just learn about them. Just learning how to come together as a team and start to believe in themselves was the biggest step and I think it showed. We had our first proactive and we were far ahead of where we were at the start of last season."

From what he has seen so far this year, Schlachter said that one reason the team is further ahead than last year is that they are familiar with what he expects from the team as this is his second year as the head coach.

"Just to show them that I am there and coach Finnelly is there because we care for them individually and as a team and that goes further than just the soccer field," Schlachter said. "We want to see them be successful in everything."

There are a few players who can have a big season for the Bulldogs this year.

"Teaghan Bird will provide some senior leadership and she is a tremendous athlete,"

## Upcoming Sports Events

### Hampton-Dumont-CAL

**March 28.** Boys track at Roland-Story, 4:30 p.m.

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**March 28.** Boys soccer vs Iowa Falls-Alden, 7:30 p.m.

**March 28.** Girls soccer vs Iowa Falls-Alden, 5:30 p.m.

**April 28.** Girls tennis vs Charles City at Progress Park, 4:15 p.m.

**April 1.** Girls soccer vs Belmont-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.

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**April 2.** Boys tennis vs Iowa Falls-Alden at Progress Park, 4:30 p.m.

**April 2.** Girls tennis at Iowa Falls-Alden at Assembly Park, 4:30 p.m.

**April 2.** Boys track at Umstead Relays at Eagle Grove, 4 p.m.

**April 2.** Girls track at Clear Lake, 4 p.m.

**April 4.** Boys track at Cowboys Relays at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, 4:30 p.m.

**April 4.** Boys tennis vs Clear Lake at Progress Park, 4:15 p.m.

**April 4.** Boys soccer at Webster City, 5:30 p.m.

**April 4.** Girls soccer at Webster City, 7 p.m.

**April 4.** Girls track at Lady Bulldog Invite at Hampton-Dumont-CAL, 4:30 p.m.

**April 8.** Girls soccer at Humboldt, 5 p.m.

**April 8.** Boys soccer vs Humboldt, 5:30 p.m.

**April 9.** Boys golf at West Fork at Hampton Country Club, 4:30 p.m.

**April 9.** Girls golf at West Fork at Ridge Stone Golf Club, 4:30 p.m.

**April 9.** Boys tennis vs Nevada at Progress Park, 4:30 p.m.

**April 9.** Girls tennis at Nevada, 4:30 p.m.

**April 9.** Boys track at Clear Lake, 4 p.m.

**April 9.** Girls track at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, 4:30 p.m.

### West Fork

**April 1.** Boys Golf at Ridge Stone Golf Club, 4:15 p.m.

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**April 2.** Boys track at Osage, 4:30 p.m.

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**April 4.** Boys golf at Ridge Stone Golf Club, 4:15 p.m.

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**April 4.** Girls track at Lady Bulldog Invite at Hampton-Dumont-CAL, 4:30 p.m.

**April 4.** Boys track at Cowboys Relays at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, 4:30 p.m.

**April 8.** Boys golf at Sunny Brae Golf Course, 4:15 p.m.

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**April 9.** Boys golf at Hampton Country Club, 4:30 p.m.

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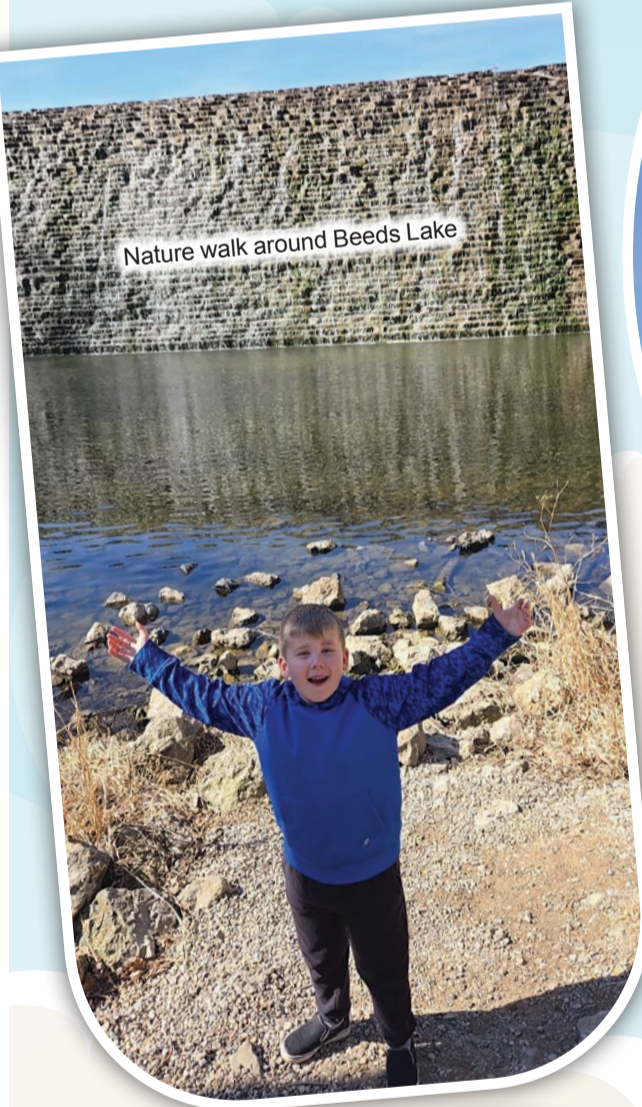
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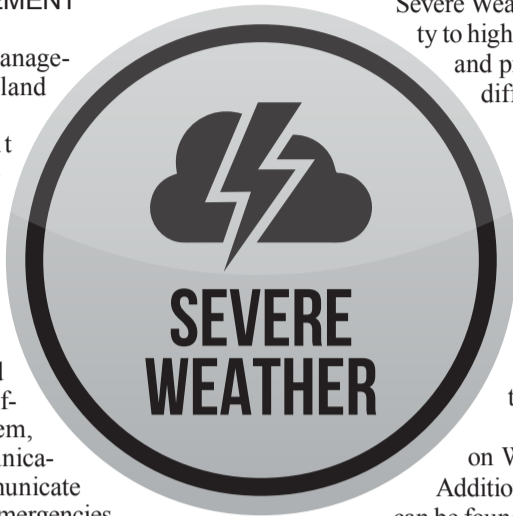
# March 25-29 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa

**PRESS RELEASE**  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Franklin County Emergency Management, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and

Emergency Management (HSEMD), National Weather Service (NWS), and Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA) have joined together to promote Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 25-29.

During this week, residents of Franklin County are encouraged to sign up for the State of Iowa's official emergency notification system, Alert Iowa. Alert Iowa is a communication tool used by counties to communicate information on inclement weather, emergencies, and matters of public safety to you in a timely manner. Alert Iowa is customizable so you only receive the alerts you want to receive. To sign up visit [franklincountyia.gov](http://franklincountyia.gov), scroll



to the bottom of the page and click on the learn more button next to the Alert Iowa icon.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is an opportunity to highlight the importance of being aware of, and prepared for, severe weather through a different focus each day:

- Monday – Lightning Safety
- Tuesday – Tornado Safety
- Wednesday – Preparedness
- Thursday – Hail and Wind Safety
- Friday – Flood Safety

Franklin County will be testing all outdoor sirens in partnership with the annual statewide tornado drill which will take place on Wed., March 27, beginning at 10 a.m. Additional information about the tornado drill can be found on local NWS websites.

For more information on severe weather preparedness, visit [ready.iowa.gov](http://ready.iowa.gov).

*In loving memory of*  
**Harvey Marvin Gerzema**  
1928-2024



Harvey Marvin Gerzema went to his eternal home early Thursday morning March 21, 2024. He slipped away peacefully with Hospice Care surrounding him and holding his hand. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St. Peter's U.C.C. in rural Geneva with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema Funeral Home in Ackley.

Harvey was born January 24, 1928 near today's family farm. About 96 years ago (close to this day), when he was a couple months old the family moved to the present location. He grew into a family of 11 siblings until 3 years later on his birthday he was presented with a baby brother-Ebbel. Harvey doesn't remember ever having a birthday cake as a child. Some of us know about sibling rivalry-ya gotta wonder if some days Harvey entertained the thought that he would've rather had the cake! Ebbel and Johanna Ennen Gerzema had their hands full, but everyone helped out -inside and outside. This family with German heritage worked hard and stood by each other when the time arose

Harvey attended Grant Center School. He was affiliated with St. Peter's U.C.C. near Geneva and was a member of Elliot Keninger Post of Ackley. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards in Ackley and Iowa Falls, visiting with relatives, friends, and neighbors. Harvey never married because (according to him) he didn't want to have to get a divorce! The time he spent with Phyllis Riekema was special to him. She shared her kids, grandkids and great grandkids with him probably reminding him of family get togethers "back in the day". He enjoyed being part of a family. Harvey wasn't really a talker, instead he was an observer. He learned a lot by listening and asking questions which was good because as sole survivor he was able to take over the Gerzema Brothers business matters and steer it to where they had intended. He also became an "understudy"-stepping into a "part" when needed.

Harvey served in the United States Army from 1951-52. He was a Corporal stationed in Korea. Later in life he was able to visit the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. He was very proud of his military service to his country. He became a disciplined person at home and through his experience in the Army. After the service he returned to the farm. He was a hard working farmer as there was no other kind. He led an uncomplicated, contented life doing what was right.

Harvey, second youngest, is the last of E.W. and Johanna's youngsters to join the rest of the family in Eternity. Brother's welcoming him home are: Claus, John, Fred, Matt, George, Art, Ebbel and sisters: Hattie Heins, Johanna Lemke, Mattie Green, Grace Poley, and Lena Gerzema nieces: Darlene Bucholz, Nancy Kornfeld, Rosemary Carlson, and great nephew Mark Bucholz.

Harvey is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and some great great nieces and nephews-plus other relatives, friends and neighbors.

The Gerzema Family would like to thank Heritage and Scenic Manor for "doting" over Harvey as they enjoyed having him with them and will dearly miss him. While at Heritage he would exercise on the stationary bike. I visited one day and asked if he's been on the bike yet. "Yah", he said, "but only for 20 minutes". Holy cow I thought to myself; not sure I could do that! He was 90 something at the time!



Hampton City Councilors and Mayor Steve Birdsall were all in agreement that they didn't want a raise when it came up during their March 25 workshop. Councilor Barry Lamos said it would be a slap in the face to taxpayers. (Full story in next issue.) Photo by News Editor Jennifer Burnham.

## Code Counsel: Hampton Clean Up Days

**BY JIM DAVIES**  
MEMBER AT LARGE,  
HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

The City of Hampton is working with the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce on dates for Hampton residents to get rid of household and yard waste. Please note this is residential only—no businesses. The Hampton residential clean up dates are

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## Family Welcomes Baby Boy

*Jordan and Michaela Hartnett announce the birth of their son,*  
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Banx was born on March 20, 2024, at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion. He weighed 7 pounds and four ounces.  
Banx has one sibling: 22-month old Daxton.  
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• Wednesday, March 27, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 4:30 - 6 p.m. Pathfinders; 6:30 - 8 p.m. SWAG 7-12 Youth  
• Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
• Sunday, March 31, 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service; 10:45 a.m. Classes for all ages  
• Tuesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer  
• Wednesday, April 3, 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer; 4:30 - 6 p.m. LAST Pathfinders; 6:30 - 8 p.m. SWAG 7-12 Youth

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## St. Mary's Catholic

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• Sunday, 8 a.m. - English; 5:30 p.m. - Spanish  
• Weekday Masses: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

## St. Patrick's Catholic

1405 N. Federal St., Hampton  
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• Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - English; 5:30 p.m. - Spanish  
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## CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

**First Christian Church**  
605 Fourth St. NE, Hampton  
• Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday  
• Friday, March 29, Good Friday  
• Sunday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Easter Sunday

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## Richland Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELS/WELS)

300 Elm St., Thornton  
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*Pastor Caleb Helmen*  
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• August - January 10:30 a.m. Church and 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.  
• Bible class Tuesday 10:00 a.m. September through May.

## St. John's Lutheran

1207 Indigo Ave., Hampton  
• 11 a.m. Worship - 2nd and 4th Sundays

## Zion St. John Lutheran

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• Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday  
• Friday, March 29, Good Friday  
• Sunday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Easter Sunday

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

17 Second St. NE, Hampton  
*Nikoli Falenschek, Interim Pastor*

## St. Paul's Lutheran

304 W Main, Latimer  
*Reverend Joel Peter Wagner*  
• Sunday, March 31, 9 a.m. Divine Service; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

## St. Paul's Church

400 Larch St., Thornton

## St. Peter Lutheran Church

502 2nd St. S, Rockwell

## Trinity Lutheran Church

16 12th Ave. NE, Hampton  
*www.trinityhampton.com*  
*Vicar - Jacob Shepard,*  
*Rev. Karl C. Bollhagen, Pastor*  
• Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
• Friday, March 29, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service  
• Saturday, March 30, 7 p.m. Easter Vigil Service  
• Sunday, March 31, 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service; 9 a.m. Easter Service; Easter Sunday  
• 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; 7:30 p.m. Spanish Lutheran Hour on KLMJ, 104.9 FM

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar

*Rev. Tamara J. K. Keen, Pastor*  
• Wednesday, March 27, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Confirmation at Diane Hummel's home  
• Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m. Choir; 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
• Friday, March 29, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service  
• Saturday, March 30, 7 a.m. Bible Study at Jurene Dralle's home; 9:30 a.m. FMSC Meal Pack at Bethel Reformed Church  
• Sunday, March 31, 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service by the Luther League students; 7:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Breakfast; 9:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion; No Sunday School; Easter Sunday  
• Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Confirmation at Diane Hummel's home

## First Lutheran Church - Dows

• Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion  
• Friday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service  
• Sunday, March 31, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast; 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

## 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 Pastor Wendy Johannessen*  
• Sundays, 9 a.m. Worship Service

## Geneva United Methodist

603 Front St., Hamilton  
641-494-7223  
*Pastor Brent*  
• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship

## Hampton United Methodist

100 Central Ave. E, Hampton  
*Pastor Dennis Burns*  
• Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Confirmation Class, & Wacky Wednesday  
• Thursday, March 28, 9:30 a.m. BeFriendsers; 5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
• Friday, March 29, 4 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service at Aredale  
**United Methodist Church**  
• Saturday, March 30, NO Worship Service  
• Sunday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. Adults Bible Study; 11 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service; 11:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLMJ, 104.9 FM; 12:30 p.m. Facebook Broadcast

• Monday, April 1, 1:30 p.m. God's FLOCK  
• Tuesday, April 2, 1:30 p.m. Sewing Ministry  
• Wednesday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Confirmation Class, & Wacky Wednesday

## West Fork United Methodist

2200 Tulip Ave., Sheffield  
*Pastor Wendy Johannessen*  
• Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m. Wacky Wednesday & Choir Rehearsal; 6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

## New Hope United Methodist Parish: Aredale, Bristow, Dumont

*Pastor Dennis Burns*  
• Aredale: Worship, 8:15 a.m.  
• Dumont: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

## United Methodist Church

Morgan/Bradford, 569 100th St., Dows  
Lee Center, 393 Ironwood Ave., Alden  
*Rev. Judy Elderts*  
• Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship service with fellowship time following (Lee Center, odd months; Morgan/Bradford, even months)

## United Methodist

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

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

## Church of the Living Word

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• Vacation Bible School: June 6-10 from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

## Living Well Fellowship

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## Sovereign Grace Church

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

## Hampton Church of Christ

811 4th St. NE, Hampton, IA.  
*hamptonchurchofchrist.com*  
*Pastor Joe Peter*  
• Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Morning Caf; 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)  
• 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 Church

2029 Jonquil Ave., Sheffield  
*Rev. Petri van Rooyen, Pastor*  
Office Hours: M,W,Th, 8-Noon  
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• Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m. RCYF  
• Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
• Sunday, March 31, 8 a.m. Easter Breakfast - RCYF; Easter Sunday

## Hampton Seventh Day Adventist Church

605 4th St. NE, Hampton  
*Pastor Steven Shafer*  
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• Sabbath School Saturday 9:30  
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## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## First Congregational U.C.C.

22 First Ave. SW, Hampton  
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April 3 - Pastor Peggy will provide a morning worship service at Leahy Grove Assisted Living.  
April 4 - Pastor Peggy will provide the devotional for the Prayer Breakfast (8am) at the Rustic Brew, and a church service in the afternoon for the two Hampton nursing homes.

April 7 - Sunday School (9:15am), Sunday Worship Service with Communion (10:30am)

April 14 - Sunday School (9:15am), Sunday Worship (10:30am), Coffee Fellowship (11:30am)

April 21 - Sunday School (9:15am), Worship Service (10:30am)

April 17 - Wednesday - Trustee Meeting (6pm), Cabinet Meeting (6:45 pm)

April 21 - Sunday School (9:15am), Sunday Worship (10:30am)

April 28 - Sunday School (9:15am), Sunday Worship (10:30am)

April 29 - Monday - Newsletter Deadline

April 30 - Tuesday - Sewing Circle (9:30am)

## Immanuel U.C.C.

204 E. South St., Latimer  
*Pastor Joe Dunwald*  
• Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Zion Reformed Church  
• Friday, March 29, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service  
• Sunday, March 31, 7 a.m. Sunrise Service; 7:30 a.m. Breakfast; 8:30 a.m. Egg Hunt; 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service with Communion; EASTER SUNDAY

## St. Peter's United Church Of Christ - Geneva

• Sunday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship

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## In loving memory of

Patricia Ann Schoning  
1937-2024



Patricia Ann Schoning, 86, of Sheffield, passed away March 14, 2024, at the Rockwell Community Nursing Home. The disease that took her life was slow. We all know that she is in a better place now.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at First Grace Baptist Church in Sheffield. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 22, 2024 at the church. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Pat and her family.

Patricia Crandall was born September 7, 1937, in Franklin County, Iowa, the daughter of Everett and Neva (Jones) Crandall. She attended school in Chapin. Pat graduated from Hamilton Business School.

On November 18, 1956, Pat was united in marriage at the Salem Methodist Church in Chapin to Fred Schoning. Two children were born to this union. She was a member of Zion United Methodist Church before it closed. She then became a member of First Grace Baptist Church. Pat worked for the Sheffield Savings Bank, Iowa Public Service (IPS) which became Mid American Energy Company. She was proud of her 38 years at IPS/Mid American, and loved her job.

Pat had a smile that would light up the room. She loved her children, grandsons, and great-grandchildren. Pat and Fred would go to as many of their grandsons school events and sporting events as possible. Pat was very religious and felt close to God. Hardly apart from each other, you would always see Pat & Fred together. Pat and Fred had been married for 67 years.

Those left to celebrate Pat's life and mourn her passing are her husband, Fred; children: Jeff (Mary) Schoning, Atlantic; Sue (Dan) Fields, Sheffield; 5 grandsons: Chris (Courtney); Zach (Ruby); Jared (Britany); BJ (Courtney); Joe (Emily); 10 great grandchildren: Barrett, JJ, Gigi, Izabella, Harper, Maddie, Lincoln, Griffin, Jaxson, and Maverick; siblings: Jim (Carolyn) Crandall; Lucky (Rose) Crandall; brother-in-law: Owen Bergland; along with many other relatives and friends which she called family.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Leona, Bonnie, and Dorothy; and brother Butch.

## Death Notices

## Harvey Gerzema

Harvey Gerzema, 96, of Iowa Falls, formerly of Ackley, passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Scenic Manor in Iowa Falls. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St. Peter's U.C.C. in rural Geneva with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema Funeral Home in Ackley.

## Death Notices

## Jennifer Lyn Evans

Jennifer Lyn Evans, 47, of Iowa Falls, IA passed away at her home in Iowa Falls, IA on March 14th, 2024. The family will hold a Celebration of Life from 3-7 p.m. at 302 Butler St, Ackley, Iowa 50601. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema Funeral Home in Ackley.

## Death Notices

## Judy Kay Fox

Judy Kay Fox, 69, of Webster City, Iowa, passed away Sunday, March 24, 2024 at Franklin General Hospital. Funeral Services for Judy Fox will be 1:00 pm Friday, March 29, 2024 at Linn's Funeral Home Chapel, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126. Visitation will be one hour prior to services. Burial will be at the Friends Cemetery directly following services. The Linn's Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial may be directed to the family c/o Judy Fox Memorial, Linn's Funeral Home, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

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**Praise Him, Sun and Moon**  
*"Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars." Psalm 148:3 NIV*

If all the things which bolster our faith, one of the most powerful is the sublime beauty and power of nature. Almost everyone is moved by a beautiful sunset, or the starry sky on a clear night. Who can fathom how all of this came to be? Scientists try, in their own way, to understand nature in all its complexity, and those of us who consider ourselves students of science enjoy delving into it precisely because the more we learn about nature's intricacies, the stronger our faith becomes. Some fear that too much science and philosophy will turn people into atheists, or at least agnostics, and while this may on occasion be true, the reverse is more likely to be the case. That is, the more we delve into science, whether that be physics and chemistry, or biology and psychology, the more awe-struck we are. Philosophy and science often begin in wonder, and because there is no end to the study of natural phenomena—we can never know everything—there is to know about any subject—the contemplation of nature properly ends in reverence.  
— Christopher Simon

Sunday, Mar. 31, 2024  
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Isaiah 25:5-9  
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1 Corinthians 5:5b-8  
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Luke 24:1-49

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# Britt's Boutique Celebrates One Year in Business



Jiada, Kieden, Kamden and Britt at her celebration Saturday. Photo provided by Britt.

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

Britt Lumley, the owner of Britt's Boutique, celebrated her shop's one-year anniversary with an open house on Saturday.

Britt's Boutique offers girls' and womens' clothing, shoes and accessories.

Lumley originally shared the space with another entrepreneur, who eventually left, leaving her with the entire space. She said she's definitely had ups and downs in the first year, but that she's grateful for her many customers.

"My goals are to keep finding great clothes and offering amazing prices and great quality clothes for years to come," she said. "This milestone feels great. It went so fast and I'm so blessed to have made it a year and can't wait for many more."

Lumley's three young children — Kieden, Kamden & Jiada — helped her celebrate the special occasion on Saturday. The trio manned a lemonade stand in her boutique. They planned to have it outdoors, but moved it indoors after realizing how chilly it was outside.

Lumley said the kids made \$125 from their lemonade stand and that they had a great turnout.

Those who stopped by were also treated to fresh baked cookies and scratch-off tickets with a range of discounts. People could also buy something and get a second item for half off, so long as the items weren't on clearance.

Lumley said she's holding off on hiring helpers for now. "Thank you everyone for all the love and support over this past year," she wrote on Facebook. "I love being here in Hampton and I can't wait for more years to come!"

Her one-year celebration coincided with the Hampton Specialty Shops open house, which ran from Thursday to Saturday.

## Latimer News

CAL Over 60's met at noon in the Latimer Community Center on Tuesday, March 19 with a nice group in attendance. Lois welcomed everyone and then Pastor Petri van Rooyen

of Zion Reformed Congregation gave devotions and table prayer. Sonna McMahon and Jan Mollenbeck served the tables.

Jolene had prepared another hearty meal of baking powder biscuits, gravy with chicken, mixed fruit salad, vegetables and for dessert strawberry chiffon pie.

Pastor Petri's March birthday was recognized and the birthday song was sung to him. Lois gave a humorous reading on the many meanings of the word UP.

The next dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 2. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and invite a guest.

Latimer Park Society met in the community center on Thursday, March 21 with eleven members and 1 guest attending. Sharon Elling presided and called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered with favorite spring animal.

Alan Brown presented the program. He serves on Franklin County Fair Board and Iowa State Fair Board. Alan gave an informative presentation and answered many questions.

Lunch was then served by Shirley Strong and Sharon Elling.

The April 18 meeting will be Guest Day at noon with a potluck salad luncheon. Everyone is encouraged to invite a guest.

### a word to the wise

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# Curveball



## THE IDYLIC LIFE

By Sara Middleton

In this column, I've written a lot about my (now recently deceased) husband. Troy was so many things. He was loving. He was fun. He was talented. He was filter-less. He was tender-hearted. Short-fused. Irreverent. Helpful. Loyal. Troy was a beautiful and complicated person. Troy was also an alcoholic.

I haven't talked about that part of our life yet, because it complicates our story and my grief—not for me, of course, but for people who don't understand loving and losing an addict.

Troy knew he needed to get a handle on his addiction. He knew it made him volatile, though never dangerously, and hard to be around. He knew it was affecting his physical health. And he was working on it.

But then, he slipped off

the wagon one afternoon, and made the mistake of driving. Of course, he got stopped. The court gave him the choice of 10 days in jail or 28 days in inpatient rehabilitation treatment. We talked and talked about it, and agreed to give him the tools to fight his battle by choosing rehab. We chose missing each other now for a long life together later.

It was heartbreaking dropping him off the day he started treatment, but we made the best of it. We talked daily, and Troy was excited about the process and tools for sobriety, and made incredible breakthroughs around the root trauma and shame surrounding his addiction. We even got a few Zoom calls in, and he was looking healthy, feeling proud of himself, and more in control than he'd been in

years.

Then, he got sick. I don't know exactly how or exactly when. All I know is the last 10 days he was in treatment, he sounded more tired and less hopeful, and was visibly feeling less himself. But, it was court ordered that he was there, and he just wanted to finish what he came to do, come home, and start living in recovery.

Well, Troy did make it home. For eight whole hours. He completed treatment and was released on a Monday (three days early because he was sick), and by Tuesday in the wee hours of the morning I was driving him to the emergency room. He just wanted to be home, in his own bed, with our dog Doozer and me, but I could tell he needed to go to the hospital.

The medical professionals did all that they could, but at that point he was too sick and his body was too weak to save him. On Thursday, the day he was originally supposed to get out of treatment, and on his mother's birthday, Troy died. Some days, I get stuck in

feeling like we were handed a raw deal. I fight daily to not feel cheated out of living with a Troy who knew recovery. I ache for his parents and family and friends who, like me, knew he was troubled and also knew he was special. I think all the time about how he looked and sounded on the way to the ER, spending those last days by his side, and watching him take his last breaths. There's a lot that's still so painful.

But, also, I'm so incredibly proud of him! He did it. He beat his demons. It doesn't matter if it was for eight hours or 40 years. He was thrown a curveball, and even in his death, knocked it right out of the park. The very last thing Troy Middleton did was win.

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## Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library



BY KIM MANNING  
DIRECTOR

Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Greg Garcia, 9, who's in the fourth grade. Greg is the son of Iliana and Tony Garcia and his favorite books are "Crenshaw," by Katherine Applegate and "Zoobreak," by Gordon Korman. Greg is a volunteer at the library.



Reader of the Week at the Hampton Public Library is Greg Garcia

Another favorite book of Greg's



# TIME FOR CHURCH!

by Fr. Kevin Earleywine —  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Hampton, IA

I want to invite you to church. Not just me, but we as the greater Hampton area pastors, the pastors of Franklin County, want to invite you to come to church on Sunday. Whether it's been some weeks since you were last at church, or some months or years or decades since you last walked into church, we invite you come to church!

"Well which church?"  
Any church! Just go!

While we as the Franklin County Ministerial Association represent various Christian traditions, we recognize, in a spirit of fraternity and charity, that we are all striving to follow and live as disciples of the same Lord Jesus Christ. Thus there are five major beliefs that we do share in common as fellow Christians.

- 1. God:** We believe in one God who alone is worthy of all worship. But within God's Oneness is a communion of three coequal and coeternal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is Three in One, One in Three.
- 2. Jesus:** The Second Person of the Trinity, God the Son, became Man, being born into the world as Jesus Christ. Jesus was not just another teacher, prophet, or religious leader, but was God Himself who came down to share in our humanity
- 3. Salvation in Christ:** Through the Suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, salvation is offered to us.
- 4. The Bible:** That the Bible is the inspired Word of God.
- 5. Christ's Return:** One day Christ will come again.

As we unpack these five things and what they mean in our various Christian traditions, we do not all share the same theological views. But recognizing our five commonly held general beliefs/doctrines, can give us a common place to start for conversations as fellow Christians striving to follow after Christ.

Over this month following the great celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter, we as the pastors are together doing an outreach invitation to our community. We invite you to come to church! And we invite you to invite others!

Sometimes people say: "I pray at home, so why do I need to go to church?" "I can talk to God anywhere, so I don't need to go to church to do this." "I don't need to go to church to believe in God."

These are things we pastors will be engaging with this month in a series of articles here in the *Hampton Chronicle*. We also will engage these questions in person at our Pastor's Panel. We invite you to come and have an in person conversation with us pastors at our Pastor's Panel on Tues. April 16 at 6:30pm at the Windsor Theater. You are invited to come and ask us various questions around the topic: "Why God? Why Church?" So whether its been a few weeks, a few months, a few years or decades since you've been in a church, we invite you to consider making time for church. We were not meant to engage the mystery of God or the deep questions of life or the challenges of discipleship alone or on our own. We were meant to do it together. Because you are not alone. So come to church! It may change your life.









PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Coulter • Claims 3.10.2024

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes categories like CITY OF COULTER CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT, Snow Removal, Franklin County -Special Election Fees, etc.

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Latimer • Ordinance 2024-03

ORDINANCE 2024-03 PERMIT. Before any person makes a NEW connection with the public sanitary sewer system, a written permit must be obtained from the City.

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Latimer • Ordinance 2024-02

ORDINANCE 2024-02 PERMIT. Before any person makes a NEW connection with the public water system, a written permit must be obtained from the City.

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Latimer • Ordinance 2024-01

ORDINANCE 2024-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LATIMER, IOWA, BY AMENDING 2-5-7 EFFECTIVE 3/1/24.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Franklin General Hospital • Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 FRANKLIN GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Board of Hospital Trustees of this County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows: Meeting Date: 4/8/2024 Meeting Time: 12:00 PM Meeting Location: Franklin General Hospital Board Room

Table with 10 columns: FUND, A Expenditure June 30, 2023 Actual, B Expenditure June 30, 2024 Re-estimated, C Expenditure June 30, 2025 Proposed, D Transfers Out, E Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2025, F Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2025, G Estimated Other Receipts, H Transfers In, I Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation.

Published in the Hampton Chronicle on March 27, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Coulter • Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: City Hall 112 Main St Coulter IA 50431 Meeting Date: 4/10/2024 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

Table with 4 columns: Budget FY 2025, Re-estimated FY 2024, Actual FY 2023. Includes sections for Revenues & Other Financing Sources, Expenditures & Other Financing Uses, and Total ALL Expenditures.

Published in the Hampton Chronicle on March 27, 2024

Got a Legal Notice

to Submit?

Deadline for legal notice submissions is Mondays at noon

CLERK OF COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CASE NO. JVV500724

TO JAMES WENTZEL AND ALL PUTATIVE FATHERS AND JENNA GERMUNDSON OF A CHILD BORN ON THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of Court for Franklin County, a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights in case number JVV500724 which to a child born on the 15th day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

You are notified that there will be a hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights before the Iowa District Court for Franklin County, at the Courthouse in Hampton, Iowa, on the 29TH day of APRIL, 2024, at 1:30 P.M.

The Petitioner's Attorney is Brent J. Symens. Published in the Hampton Chronicle on March 20, 27, April 3, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sheffield • Ordinance No. 175

ORDINANCE NO. 175 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Sheffield, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 22.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sheffield, Iowa, is specific and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

22.01 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. The City Planning and Zoning Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, consists of five (5) members appointed by the Council. The Commission members shall be residents of the City and shall not hold any elective office in the City government.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.6 & 392.1) SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision,

or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the 12th day of February, 2024, and approved this 12th day of February, 2024.

Brad Mulford, Mayor ATTEST: Ashley Francis, City Clerk First Reading: 3/11/2024 Second Reading: waived Third Reading: waived

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 173 on the 28th day of February, 2024.

Ashley Francis, City Clerk Published in the Hampton Chronicle on March 27, 2024

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY HENDRICKSON ESTATE CASE NO. ESPR501932

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY CASE NO. ESPR501932 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MILDRED LOUISE HENDRICKSON, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MILDRED LOUISE HENDRICKSON, Deceased, who died on or about March 9, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on March 12, 2014, the last will and testament of MILDRED LOUISE HENDRICKSON, deceased, bearing date of February 15, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that DELBERT BERGHOFER was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or

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

Dated March 12, 2024. DELBERT BERGHOFER 3901 Aldrin Avenue Ames, IA 50014 Executor of estate

G. A. Cady III, ICIS #IN No: AT0001386 Cady & Rosenberg Law Firm, PLC 9 First Street, SW, PO Box 456, Hampton, IA 50441 Attorney for executor Date of second publication 27th day of March, 2024. Probate Code Section 304 Published in the Hampton Chronicle on March 20, and 27, 2024.

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FRANKLIN COUNTY SANCHEZ EQUITY CASE NO. CDDM500664

In the Iowa District Court for Franklin County Equity case no. CDDM500664 Original Notice by Publication Upon the Petition of Ashley Ann Sanchez, Petitioner and concerning Moises Sanchez Velazquez, Respondent

1. Information for Respondent Named Above

• Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a divorce lawsuit naming you as Respondent.

• Petitioner's contact information during the divorce case: Ashley Ann Sanchez, 102 7th St. NW, Hampton, IA 50441, Franklin County, (641) 812-0220, Ashleyasanchez91@icloud.com

2. Respondent's Deadline for Filing a Response You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county within 20 days after April 3, 2024.

3. Instructions to Respondent Named Above You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county with 20 days after the date provided above. If you do not respond, the court may enter a judgement against you giving Petitioner what he or she asked for in the Petition.

Important Notice to Respondent • You should talk to an attorney at once to protect your interests.

• If you choose not to have an attorney represent you in this matter, go to the Iowa Judicial Branch website for self-represent litigant information and family law forms.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, contact the disability coordinator at: Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice. Disability coordinator contact information available at: http://www.iowacourts.gov/Administration/Directories/ADA\_Access/.

Additional Information for Respondent • You must register to eFile through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/ eFile/ and obtain a log in password to file and view documents in your case and to receive 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, available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

• For court rules on the Protection of Personal Privacy in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Court Rules, Chapter 16. Published in the Hampton Chronicle on March 20, 27, and April 3, 2024.

Advertisement for NEW G20 KODAK PHOTO ORDER STATION. Includes image of a woman at a station and text: Our new G20 Kodak Photo order station is up and running with 4 x 6 prints .30 cents, 5x7 \$1.50 and 8 x 10 for \$3.49, with collages and arrangements also available.



# What's at the Windsor?

BY WINDSOR THEATRE  
MANAGER  
JIM DAVIES

Ordinary Angels, sponsored by Youth For Christ (YFC), will show at the Windsor Theater starting Friday, March 29 through Wednesday, April 3. Showtimes are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., and a 1 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are available in advance at [www.windsortheatre.com](http://www.windsortheatre.com).

Ordinary Angels is a faith-based drama based on true events about a struggling hairdresser who finds a renewed sense of purpose when she meets a widowed father working hard to care for his two daughters. With his youngest critically ill and waiting for a liver transplant, the fierce woman single-handedly rallies an entire community to help.

Ordinary Angels stars Hilary Swank and Alan Ritchson. It is rated PG and has a run time of 118 minutes. The Internet Movie Database gives it 7.8/10.

Hampton YFC Comedy Café will be held Thursday, April 4 at 6 p.m. at the Windsor Theatre. Comedian Derrick Tennant will share his humor and message. Youth will also share their stories and how YFC has impacted their lives. This will be an unforgettable evening of fun and inspiration for the purpose of bringing hope to kids through Youth for Christ!

Because the Comedy Café is on Thursday night, regular showtimes of Ordinary Angels for the week have been modified. Showtimes will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and TUESDAY (April 2) at 7 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 1 p.m. There will also be a special showing on church night, Wednesday, April 3 starting at 6:30 p.m. Note the earlier start time on Wednesday to accommodate churches who are bringing youth groups.

## More upcoming movies and events at the Windsor Theatre:

Saturday, March 30—The Kiwanis Club of Hampton is hosting the second annual Easter Egg Hunt in Band Shell Park at 1 p.m. Following the hunt, head over to the Windsor Theatre for a free showing of the movie Hop at 1:30 p.m. Hop blends state-of-the-art animation with live action, Hop tells the comic tale of E.B., the son of the Easter Bunny, who while fleeing from his responsibilities is accidentally injured by Fred, an out-of-work slacker. As Fred struggles to take care of E.B. both will learn what it takes to finally grow up.



There is no admission charge to Hop, thanks to the Hampton Kiwanis.

Monday, April 1—Hampton Old Time Country Hoedown, 6 to 9 p.m.

Friday, April 5 through Thursday, April 11—Cabrini. In addition to the regular showtimes, there will be an additional showing of Cabrini on Wednesday, April 10 starting at 6:30 p.m. Cabrini is a powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable.

Friday, April 12 through Thursday, April 18—Dune Part 2, the sequel to Dune (2021), is the second of a two-part adaptation of the 1965 novel Dune by Frank Herbert. It follows Paul Atreides as he unites with the Fremen people of the desert planet Arrakis to wage war against House Harkonnen.

Tuesday, April 16—Join pastors of the Franklin County Ministerial Association for a panel discussion. Come with questions surrounding the topic, "Why Church and Why God?" All are Welcome. Starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Windsor Theatre.

Friday, April 19 through Thursday, April 25—Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire. The Spengler family returns to the iconic New York City firehouse where the original Ghostbusters have taken ghostbusting to the next level. When the discovery of an ancient artifact unleashes an evil force, Ghostbusters new and old must unite to protect their home and save the world from a second ice age.

Friday, April 26 through Thursday, May 2—Arthur the King. Arthur the King is based on the remarkable true story of Mikael Lindnord and a stray dog named Arthur as they go on an adventure race in the Dominican Republic. The film is based on Lindnord's real race in Ecuador, focusing on how the dog brings the



team together through the tough parts of the race. No showings of Arthur the King on Saturday night, April 27 and Sunday afternoon, April 28 because of the Arts Council play.

Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 is the play, "Four Old Broads" sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council in cooperation with the Iowa Falls Community Theatre. The Saturday performance is at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. A mystery unfolds with laughter as former burlesque queen Beatrix Shelton and three other gals from Mag-

olia Place Assisted Living with the help of a retired Elvis impersonator try to outsmart the evil Nurse Pat and figure out why so many residents have been moved to "the dark side."

*The Windsor Theatre's answering machine is not functioning correctly. Until it is replaced, if you need to contact the theater, send an email to [windsortheatre@msn.com](mailto:windsortheatre@msn.com) or use the Contact Us link at [www.windsortheatre.com](http://www.windsortheatre.com). Otherwise, call my cell phone at 641-425-4707.*



Ellsworth Community College Excels at National Professional Ag Students Conference

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PRESS RELEASE

IOWA FALLS – Ellsworth Community College proudly announces its outstanding performance at the recent National Professional Ag Students (PAS) Conference held in Springfield, Illinois. The event, which saw participation from over 430 members representing 40+ chapters across 8 states, showcased ECC's excellence in agricultural education and leadership.

Twelve ECC students and five faculty and staff members attended the conference, engaging in a range of activities including contests, workshops, and networking opportunities with industry professionals.

Among the highlights of ECC's achievements at the conference were the impressive results in both individual and team events:

### Individual Events

- Agriculture Sales: Ryanne Dunn – 3rd place
- Animal Health – Vet Tech: Kiley Langley – 9th place
- Career Planning – Agribusiness Systems: Tate Tentinger – 6th place
- Career Planning – Power, Structural & Technical Systems: Nora Ryan – 1st place
- Career Progress – Power, Structural & Technical Systems: David Van Dyke – 3rd place
- Employment Interview – Agribusiness Administration: Anna Dirksen – 8th place
- Employment Interview – Agriculture Equipment & Sales: Lizzy Findling – 7th place
- Precision Ag: David Van Dyke – 5th place

### Team Events:

- Conservation & Natural Resources Specialist: 1st place team (Lydia Oetker, Mikaylan Winters, Jordan Laden)
- 2nd high overall individual – Lydia Oetker
- 3rd high overall individual – Mikaylan Winters
- Farm Business Management Specialist: 5th place team (Tate Tentinger, Ryanne Dunn, Anna Dirksen)
- Floriculture Specialist: 6th place team (Lizzy Findling, Gabe Reimer)
- Sheep & Goat Specialist: 6th place team (Kiley Langley, Hannah Case, Nora Ryan)
- Turfgrass Management Specialist: 2nd place (David Van Dyke)
- 3rd high overall individual – David Van Dyke

In a historic moment for ECC, Nora Ryan and Elizabeth Findling were elected as National Vice Presidents for National PAS. This marks the first instance in which ECC has two representatives serving in a national officer role at the same time. The last time ECC has had a national officer was back in 2011-12.

*For more information, please contact Kevin Butt at [Kevin.Butt@iavalley.edu](mailto:Kevin.Butt@iavalley.edu) or call 641-648-8660.*

*Ellsworth Community College, located in Iowa Falls, is a member of the Iowa Valley Community College District. The District is comprised of Ellsworth Community College, Marshalltown Community College, Iowa Valley Grinnell, and Iowa Valley Business and Community Solutions.*

*The District serves a broad range of students and businesses throughout Central Iowa. For more information, check out the website at [ecc.iavalley.edu](http://ecc.iavalley.edu).*

## Bill addressing law enforcement at state universities moves ahead

BY BROOKLYN DRAISEY  
Iowa Capital Dispatch

A House subcommittee has passed a bill that includes protections for law enforcement at state universities and changes policies for investigations into officer misconduct and decertification.

House Study Bill 738 would bar state universities from adopting or enforcing policies that would prohibit police from enforcing local, state or municipal laws. The bill would have the attorney general investigate complaints made against a university for violations. Laws detailing the process after a complaint has been found to be valid for local entities would be made to include regents institutions.

If the bill becomes law, state universities that have been found in civil court to have "intentionally" discouraged or barred the enforcement of laws would be denied state funds for the fiscal year in which the determination occurred, as it is with local entities.

Speakers at the subcommittee meeting brought up protests and riots that took place in 2020 in the wake of George Floyd's death as reason to ensure officers are able to enforce laws both on and off campus. Iowa Fraternal Order of Police attorney Skylar Limkemann said legislation passed in 2021, known as the "Back the Blue" law, included restrictions on municipalities stopping officers from enforcing the law, but left out the state universities.

West Liberty police officer and former University of Iowa officer Don Strong said when he and other officers were policing protests at the University of Iowa, they were pulled away and told not to enforce the law as protesters damaged state property.

"This bill has been around for four years, we're trying to make sure that the regents officers have the same rights under the law to enforce both state and federal local laws," Limkemann said.

Iowa Board of Regents representative Keith Saunders said police were pulled off the line to protect their safety as thousands of protesters marched and spray painted buildings. Carolann Jensen, another representative for the Iowa Board of Regents, said the sections of the bill requiring universities to let law enforcement enforce laws on campus and provide accommodations for officers injured on the job are redundant, and having the attorney general handle violation complaints would create a conflict, as the attorney general already defends the universities in cases when necessary.

The legislation would allow officers under administrative investigation for a filed



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complaint to request the incident report and any audio or video footage from the incident. It also would remove the word "improper" from code when discussing decertification of officers due to "serious misconduct," leaving it to be defined as illegal actions that include conviction for a felony, bribes and excessive force "in violation of the law," which would also be added in.

It would also allow the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, which handles certification of officers, to privately reprimand an officer or agency for violations. Iowa Law Enforcement Academy President Brady Carney said these changes would place additional pressures on the academy both financially and in its work policing its own certifications, making it harder in general to police bad actors.

City of Waukee lobbyist Doug Struyk also brought up concerns around allowing officers to review their body camera footage and incident reports, saying a goal in interviewing an officer about an incident is to get their perspective and to learn what was going on in their mind at the time.

"When you interview someone, you don't walk in and say here's our entire case, please review this, and then we'd like to talk to you about that," Struyk said.

Subcommittee Chair Rep. Brooke Boden, R-Indianola, said there is a lot of good intent put into this legislation, and that going forward, she and others will work with each other to clarify language and address concerns.

"I think it's very important to protect our regents law enforcement officers equally in making sure that they have state protection," Boden said. "This is an extensive bill that will require some more conversation, but I would like to see it move forward and for all of us to work together."

The bill moves ahead to the House Ways and Means Committee.

*Read more from Brooklyn Draisey online at [IowaCapitalDispatch.com](http://IowaCapitalDispatch.com)*

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Back row, left to right: Miyah Arana, Jett Morton, Weston Jones, Ashton Stock, Harvey Hofer and Ashtyn McWilliams. Front row, left to right: Hudson Bruns, Delilah Mason, Haidyn Bruns, Hayden Carrillo, Alivia McWilliams and Tatum Bird. Photo by Jennifer Burnham.

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

# Hampton Public Library Drama Club to Perform April 10

The young participants of the Hampton Public Library Youth Drama Club have been hard at work since the start of February preparing for their big puppet show on April 10. The drama club practices once a week in the lower level of the library. By April 10, they will have had nine practices. For the first few practices, they stuck with running through lines. Then, they added the puppets a few weeks later. And now they're finally practicing with the large wooden castle backdrop. According to Hampton Public Library Children's Librarian Brenda Van Wert, someone gave them the backdrop years ago, and one of their librarians ended up painting it. The children range in grade level from first to third grade. Van Wert said some students will even participate two or three years in a row. The children are putting on two plays this year. Both are based on books — "Book! Book! Book!" by Deborah Bruss and "The Grouchy Ladybug," by Eric Carle. The performance takes place at 6 p.m. on April 10. "The kids are ready and excited to put these plays on for the public," Van Wert said. "All ages are welcome to come and enjoy this free evening of fun."

# 'The Computer Guy' Shares Tips on Avoiding Scams

BY JENNIFER BURNHAM  
HAMPTON CHRONICLE

A handful of locals attended the online security class led by Hampton City Councilor Patrick Palmer on Tuesday evening, March 19, for tips and tricks on how to protect themselves from online scams.

Palmer, who runs a computer repair company, said he's been in the business since 1996, and that he's been helping locals dealing with online scammers for the last decade.

At the start of his class, Palmer — who goes by "The Computer Guy" — gave an overview of what he'd be covering.

First up, he talked about email scams, also known as "phishing emails." He showed an example of an email from a scammer who claimed they were with Discover, saying the recipient owed them money. The first indica-

tion the email was a scam: the sender's email was, clearly, phony.

"If you click proceed [on the email], they are going to ask you some pretty personal questions about making your banking and have you put in your routing and account numbers to set that up," Palmer said. "I've got so many people that are clicking on these things that they don't have. They don't have a Discover card or an Amazon account or Chase Bank."

After this, he added that local banks have been great about dealing with scamming situations.

Next up was scam calls. According to Palmer, there are three ways to handle the calls: stay calm and hang up, throw them off and fact-check them.

"If these didn't make them money, you would never hear from them again," he said.



Pat Palmer, aka 'The Computer Guy', leading his class at First and Second Vintage Too! on March 19

"If they get one out of 50 to bite, that's a pretty good percentage for them."

He joked that a scammer once called him saying the police would be arriving at his house shortly if he didn't cooperate, and he told them to send Hampton City Police Chief Mark Morrison, as he knows the guy and he likes him. He explained that this frustrated the scammer and things dropped off there.

He also suggested that you ask for the scammer's phone number and say that you'll call them back and Google the number.

The last portion of the class was focused on Face-

book security. He went over cloning and hacking of profiles, emphasizing how important it is for people to set up the two-step authentication and to never share posts unless you're certain you know the author.

All scams have one thing in common, according to Palmer: money. The scammer is trying to get money, one way or another.

Seven people attended the class, which cost \$10. Palmer said he would've liked to see more there, as he's constantly dealing with locals who are falling for scams.

"I work with people dai-

ly and it frustrates me," he said. "The information I present is always topical and we'd have a lot fewer people biting on these scams if they'd just take the classes I offered."

Over the years, Palmer has held around 25 similar classes. He said that he currently receives around two to three calls a day for scams. Palmer has done classes for various local banks, the Chamber of Commerce and service clubs, charging \$75 per class.

Palmer can be reached at 641-420-1234. You can also connect with him on Facebook — his page is called "The Computer Guy."



**Aspen,** daughter of Wendy, brings so much joy and enthusiasm to the La Luz Centro Cultural after-school program. She's a 12th-grade student who attends the program with her

brother Joseph. Aspen's favorite colors are purple, orange, blue, and brown, which reflect her vibrant and diverse personality. Since she started coming to La Luz in the fall, Aspen enjoys playing games, prizes, and spending time with her friends. Outside of the program, she enjoys playing softball, volleyball, and soccer with her nephew. Aspen's dream is to become a softball coach.

**Keep shining, Aspen!**

